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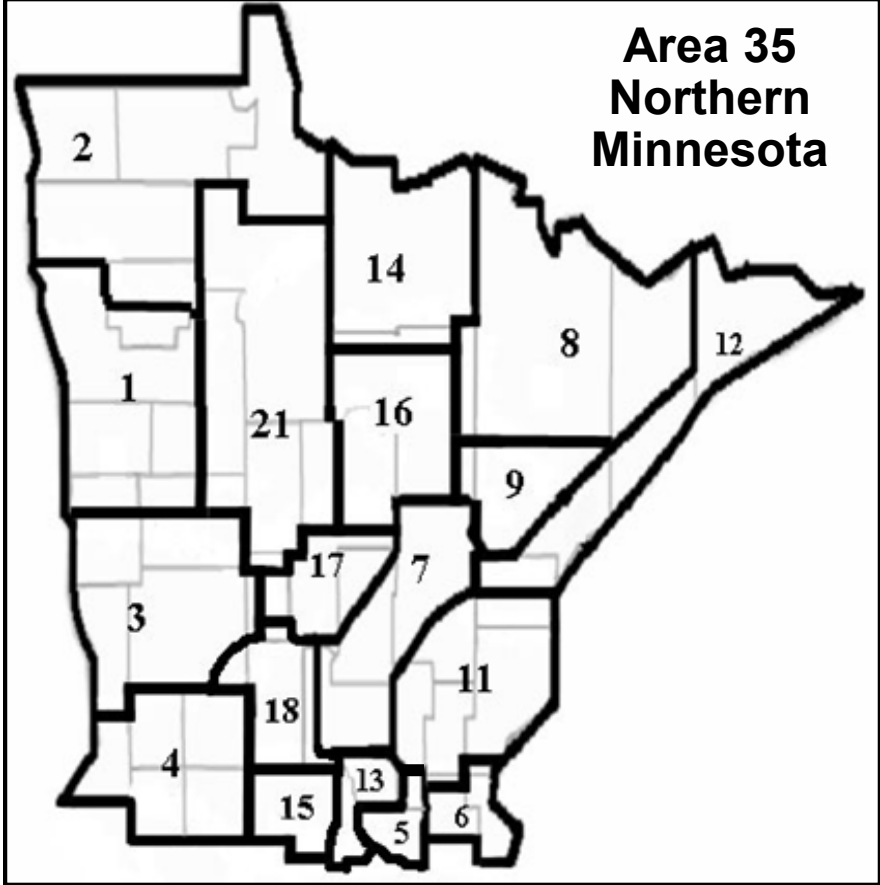
Area 35

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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, Goodland, Hill City, Lawrence Lake*, Longville, Remer
- District 21** - Akeley, Bagley, Bemidji, Blackduck, Cass Lake, Debs, Menahga, Onigum, Park Rapids, Red Lake, Shevlin, Solway, Squaw Lake, Walker

Zone II

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

** 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 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, 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)

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
Last Sunday of month, 5:00 p.m.
Lakes Area Alano Club
1604 Jefferson St
Alexandria, MN 56308

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 Thursday 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, 5:30 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

Area 35 August ACM Minutes
Aitkin, MN
August 3, 2025

Call to Order: Area Chair Vicki called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, August 3, 2025, opened with the Serenity Prayer. Hybrid Special Assembly using Teams – Welcomed GSR’s to Attend for the purpose of discussion and vote on Proposed Agenda Item-

Recognition of Past Delegates in Attendance: Panel 66 Kelly D.

- 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 policies. 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.

Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) Discussion-
PAI needs 2/3rd substantial unanimity to pass-
Tom T from District 9 – Motion to accept PAI as is “That the current new code of conduct voted in by the GSB and the new Compliance Committee be repealed. The 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and all of our 6 Warrantees of Article 12 of the Charter stand by themselves and make a comprehensive code of conduct for all”- Chuck GSR seconded-

DISCUSSION-
-Tom read top points of PAI- Code of Conduct was emailed out- read through parts of it-
- the Twelve Steps/ Traditions/Concepts are not specific enough to be considered a Code of Conduct, they Steps/Traditions/Concepts are suggestions only and hold no legal value- We need to have a legal Code of Conduct to ensure that AA as a whole does not get sued for things like “sexual harassment”
-We are required to follow the laws of the land, just because we are AA, we still need to have follow the laws.
-This is for GSB only, it’s not us but maybe it trickles down to us
- Warranty 3-one person doesn’t have control over another person
- Warranty 5- we are not punitive- what are we going to do?
- Worry we are getting into the legal business which feel it is an outside issue
- We are mixing Spiritual with the Legal
- **Motion- yeah 39, nay 8 47 total vote 31 is 2/3 substantial unanimity**
- **motion passes to send PAI to GSC**
Log off Teams 11:06 (5 GSR’s attended virtually)

Additions to agenda: Discuss Zoom as a virtual option - Send Officers/Committee Chairs to WCRF

Approval of June 1st ACM Minutes: Cathy R. motioned to approve the minutes, Jess S. seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

OFFICER REPORTS
DELEGATE – DIANE R.

Delegate Report for August 3, 2025

First, I would like to correct a misprint I made. It was District 11, which was in Isanti at the Report Back and not District 16.

I would like to thank District 13, District 21, District 15, District 8, District 3, District 1, and District 2 for having me present the Report-Back from the General Service Conference. This included two tailgates, two potlucks, and one with coffee, donuts, and fruit. It also included some district meetings. It is wonderful to see A.A. fellowship in action. Thank you all for your service.

Registration is open for the West Central Regional Forum, which will be held from September 19-21, 2025, in Omaha. There is flyer information available on the table. For those who cannot attend in person, a “live audio only” option is being offered. Pre-registration is encouraged, but on-site registration will also be available.

If you plan to attend in person, please make your room reservations by August 28, 2025, to secure the rate of \$137.00 per night. The pre-registration QR code is on the table, or I can email you a link. You can also register at aa.org by navigating to the Calendar of Events and selecting the West Central Regional Forum.

The AA Grapevine Corporate Board will have a vacancy for the position of Non-Trustee Director following the General Service Conference in April 2026. The Board of Trustees has requested that the AA Grapevine Board’s

recommendation be presented for this position to the trustees’ Nominating Committee for review by its January 2026 meeting. Since resumes need to be screened and applicants interviewed by members of our Corporate Board in a timely fashion, the process must begin well in advance. They plan to review resumes in the second half of November so that we can schedule interviews during December of this year. They therefore ask that completed resumes be submitted by Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

Steve L., Past Delegate, and I received a letter from the secretary of the GSC Committee for Report and Charter. It stated, Your proposal in Area 35, was included in the discussion of the following agenda item, “Consider a request to expand Article Three in the Conference Charter to protect the co-Founders’ writings,” by the Conference Committee on Report and Charter. This agenda item resulted in the following Committee Consideration: The committee recommended that the General Service Board classify all AAWS and AA Grapevine literature written prior to 1971 as Recovery, Service, or Archival/Historical; review existing policies and consider proposing additional policies as appropriate for updating each classification, and that a progress report be provided to the 2026 General Service Conference. Once again, thank you and Area 35 for your participation in the General Service Conference process.

Just a reminder: We have an Election Assembly coming up in October at the Area 35 Fall Assembly. Please review all resumes for the delegate position. The Delegate and the Alternate Delegate will be elected from these resumes.

Nominations will also be taken for the positions of Area Chairperson, Area Secretary, and Area Treasurer. If you would like to nominate someone for these positions and you are a voting member of the assembly, please ask them if they are interested in the position before nominating them. We have many A.A. members who would make excellent officers. Please help us choose the best candidates.

More than 34,000 members and guests from over 90 countries were present to celebrate the International Convention in Vancouver.

The 8th and 11th floors at the General Service Office will be consolidated to the 11th floor only. This will not only realize a savings in occupancy costs but also allow for better collaboration and effectiveness among all departments and services we provide. This consolidation will require modifications to our 11th floor office space to accommodate our Publishing and Communication Services Departments, which currently are on the 8th floor.

In order to keep associated costs and disruption to services to a minimum, the office will be operating remotely beginning Monday, August 11, and will do so for the duration of the project, which is expected to be about 10-12 weeks. Please know that our mail and shipping operation and our phones will be operational throughout. Unfortunately, visiting the office during this time will not be possible, but GSO tours will resume when the project is completed.

If a group is interested in submitting a Theme, Presentation Topics, and Workshop Topics for the 76th General Service Conference, there is form to fill on the back table. Suggestion deadline is October 13, 2025.

In service with patience, kindness, and love. Diane R., Area 35 Delegate.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – PAT M.

Hello, I'm Pat M and I'm also an alcoholic and your panel 74 alternate delegate I had a great opportunity to sit down with Denise R Area 35 secretary and we put together a flyer for the 2026 winter workshop thank you Denise it was a pleasure working with you .

I have been traveling with our delegate Diane R to the districts for the conference report don't really been enjoying my time with her and the district I have been attending the North American alternate delegates meetings online and I've also been attending the West Central delegate meetings as an observer I find them most interesting I also attended joint workshop with area 35 and 36 I will be attending the West Central regional forum.

I've been in contact with districts asking them to present at the winter workshop so far I have not ran into any problems with that our guest speaker Jimmy D from Dallas Texas I will be asking the Dcm's and Gsr's from the districts that are presenting to take Jimmy D out to eat lunch and Dinner

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area 35 Alternate Delegate.
Pat M

AREA 35 MEETING MINUTES

CHAIR – VICKI R.

Since the June ACM I set up and attended the Joint Area 35/36 workshop. Due to technical difficulties, I was unable to join the Officer’s breakout room. We are challenged by Teams, and so I’m gathering any issues anyone has had and will work with Terry to set up training to address them. Please talk to me or email me about any problems you have.

There were 43 attendees; 17 from Area 35; 24 from Area 36; and 2 (State Corrections Chair and SCI representative)I’ve sent out emails with information about this meeting and set up the Teams meeting link for interested people to attend and vote. I have been working with Grand Ely Lodge to be sure our room is set up.

Remember to reserve your room by tomorrow – Aug 4th to get the Area rate: Fall Assembly

Grand Ely Lodge cut-off - Aug 4th (the flyer says Sep 5th so note the difference)
Reserve under: NMAA Fall Conference
Sat Oct 4th and Sun Oct 5th
218-365-6565

Past Delegate Jim K has agreed to proctor the upcoming elections at the Fall Assembly for Area Officers, please be sure to encourage GSRs to attend and encourage people who you think will do a good job as an Area Officer to stand.

Marc N is still looking for both support during this rotation and someone willing to take over Archives

In grateful service,
Vicki R
Area Chair

SECRETARY – DENISE R.

Hello Area 35,
First, I want to say thank you to everyone that sent cards, emails, texts with well wishes and prayers for my family and me as we grieve the loss of my mom who died July 6th. The good news is she had 46 years of sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous. Because of that we were able to share many wonderful years together sharing this program with each other, our family and the still suffering alcoholic. It is such a blessing that not many families get to have, and I am forever grateful for that. Thank you for all your support during this time-

With all that I was able to complete and distribute the June Area Committee Meeting minutes. Our Ad hoc committee meeting did get postponed, but we were able to meet July 15th, and I will have information on our discussions in the Ad Hoc Committee update.

I did bring copies of what we voted for at the Spring Assembly on “Voting Members”. They are on the back table, please grab one if you have any questions or are uncertain if you are a voting member and what your responsibilities are.

I also was able to attend the Joint Area 35/36 Committee meeting on July 12th, joining the Officer’s meeting room. We had some trouble with members logging into our meeting room, so I don’t know if we discussed all that we might have. I did agree to prepare the minutes from the Workshop but as of, yet I have only received the Corrections breakout room report and Accessibility Room Report. I will see if there are any others that need to be shared and get those minutes completed by end of August.

I do plan on attending the West Central Regional Forum in Omaha and look forward to being there in person this year.

Please send your reports to me by next Sunday August 10th.
Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Denise

TREASURER – HEIDI B.

Hello Area 35 – A quick look at June and July are below. Printed Income, Expense and Contribution Statements and Previous Year Comparison reports are on the back table and will be emailed to the DCM’s and Area Committee Chairs, Officers and Past Delegates this week. Please share these reports with your groups. And remember to check my totals against contributions that your group has sent to me.

<u>Income:</u>	<u>June/July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	\$10,962.02	\$29,769.37
Birthday, Special	\$192	\$425
Literature	\$1606.40	\$8,388.49
Grapevine	\$0	\$472.50
Other	<u>\$150.05</u>	<u>\$3,479.75</u>
Total Income:	\$12,910.47	\$42,535.11

<u>Expenses:</u>		
Events	\$175	\$8,667.67
Literature	\$2,165.18	\$9,373.63
Grapevine	\$0	\$720.48
Other Expense	<u>\$3,441.96</u>	<u>\$22,521.56</u>
Total Expense:	\$5,782.14	\$41,283.34
Net Profit:	\$7,128.33	(\$1,251.77)

I’m finally caught up with the reconciliation of the Area 35 bank account. I appreciate your patience with me these last few months while I tend to my family. All reports and statements have been sent to the Financial Oversight Committee for review. Recently, I received a letter (and contribution) from a group asking if the Area would be paying for the additional Delegate resume mailing and yes, the Area will be paying for that expense. I attended the officers meeting during the Joint Area 35/36 virtual meeting and found it very informative. We have \$22,049.57 in the checking account with \$6062.75 in our prudent reserve.

*****Friendly reminder, please include your group name and number** when sending in your contributions so that I can credit the proper group. A group name alone may not be enough. Many groups have the same name and checks arrive from home addresses with no known group in the city listed on a personal check, and without a phone number for following up. If I can’t find your group number, your contribution will be credited to your district. If you don’t know what your group number is, please contact Phyllis at grouprecords@area35.org. Checks should be made out to NMAA. Thank you for allowing me to serve! Heidi

COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – Jess S.

We reviewed all financial reports (Jenn & Scott) and found no mistakes. Jenn gave the report to the Area Committee.
Short and sweet.
Scott

WEBMASTER – TERRY P.

Since the last meeting I have been mostly busy with learning how to work every day after 11 months of being unemployed. Keeping me exceptionally very busy but grateful for the change. I attended the joint workshop and spent most of the time working on getting everybody to their breakout rooms. We ended up with 90+% in their respective spots. Met with Vicky ahead of the workshop to walk through the room setup process. Made several regular updates, mostly flyer and calendar updates. The majority are from Mark, thanks for keeping me busy Mark. Happy to help with technology issues including how-to sessions. However, only 7 people have attended the 3 or 4 I have hosted previously. Willing to help but cannot do so if you do not reach out. Let me know what you need to help carry the message.

Thank you ,
Terry Pitts
Area 35 Webmaster

NORTHERN LIGHT – JENNIFER T.

The Northern Light Committee had no submissions to review today. We took a field trip and got a tour of our area archives from Cathy and Marc.

I have a room booked for the fall assembly and will see you all there. I am grateful for the grace shown to me in this rotation of service; I have gotten back much more than I have contributed.

AREA 35 MEETING MINUTES

DISTRICT 3 – MELVIN S.

District 3 meets every 3rd Sunday at noon at the Perham Solutions Club-house. At our July meeting Diane, Rico and Pat attended with Diane giving her report from GSC. Then we had a brief but enthusiastic district meeting. We talked about the funds to send Paul C and I to the Fall Assembly in Ely and the WCRAA forum (it’s getting expensive)

Our Treatment Chair, Stan, has been running into problems getting speakers to visit Rewind in Perham. This is kind of a halfway house situation, and they are seeing the same speakers from the Perham Solutions Group over and over again. So, we are planning to visit some of our smaller meetings to possibly get them into service work and start a speaker list. We also take speakers into Lake's counseling in Detroit Lakes. All four county jails, Clay, Becker Ottertail and Wadena have members bringing meetings in.

Some groups in District 3 are seeing double to triple in meeting attendance, Lots of visitors to the Lakes along with snowbirds.

In Service, Melvin

GROUP RECORDS – PHYLLIS K.

ACM Report 8-3-25
GSR/Contact People: +10 and -3
Meeting Guide: +7, -3 people and 1 meeting added; 1 address change; and 1 meeting folded
District Changes: 0
New Groups: Aitkin Speaker Meeting and North Branch Big Book Brotherhood
Group Changes: 1 address change
Northern Light: +8 people and -2; 4 address changes
Help: Checking a meeting in Blackduck
2 Groups reactivated: Walker 12 X 12 and Came to Believe in Princeton

DISTRICT 16 – DAVE C.
Not Present/No Report

LITERATURE – MIKE U.
Greetings everyone I'm mike and I'm your area 35 Literature Chair at are Literature/Grapevine committee we had 8 dist. attending some dist. are putting big books in libraries since our last ACM I have attended area 35/36 workshop area 36 reported that they purchase all their big books and literature through inner group I also bring meetings into Isanti county jail Kanabec County jail and Rush city prison I will also be attending the West Central regional forum in September. Thank you for allowing me to serve Mike Urman.
Not Present- No Report

DISTRICT 12 RICH G.
Terry A. gave verbal report

DISTRICT 5 – CHAD O.

Hello, District 5 meets on the 3rd Monday of each month. We meet at Trinity Lutheran church in Princeton at 7pm. Our treatment chair has been working with Nystroms on speaking opportunities there again. Seems they have a new person who is a supporter of the AA program, and the talk is we should be able to begin speaking there again shortly, they are working out a few more details on their end. More to come on this in the near future.

The Mille Lacs county fair starts on August 6th and runs through the 10th. District 5 has an AA booth and the volunteer list started off slowly, but things picked up in the last week. Our CPC/PI chair has said he will fill any open slots we have which is awesome, we will now have at least 1 person at the booth for the entire time.

District 5 has service opportunities at the Mille Lacs County jail every Tuesday, and the Sherburne County Jail on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Sherburne County has opportunities for both men and women to take meetings into the jail and Mille Lacs is still just men. Our Corrections chair continues to talk with them about getting a women's meeting started there. Volunteers are currently filling all opportunities, but we can always use more volunteers. We all know that many hands make light work.

We have purchased business cards with a QR code to our meeting list on our new website and will begin passing them out at our Alano clubs, treatment centers, and the like, and will also have them at the AA booth. We were considering using just the QR code going forward as the meeting list will always be accurate, well, as accurate as it can be when we know new meetings begin and old one’s fold. It was referred to as being like a forever stamp, but we had everyone bring it back to their groups for discussion and it was decided that there were still people that wanted the traditional meeting card we have been using forever, as they feel being able to hand someone a card with the meetings on them was beneficial. We also were told a story where someone was in a treatment facility where phones were not allowed and saw the meeting card and was able to plan on meetings once he was done with treatment, so we will be updating the meeting card, and including the QR code on it as well. We're hoping to get this done in the next month.

Discussions are being had about the upcoming rotation at the district, every-

one is bringing it back to their groups, discussing the positions, so hopefully we will see some new folks that are interested in service work at the district in the next few months. We also discussed the upcoming new delegate position for area 35, and I read the letter sent by Jennifer T. to all at the meeting. Thank you, Jennifer, for your honesty and your amends. I really do love this program. That's all I have for now; I’m looking forward to seeing everyone in Ely in October.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 5 DCM.
Chad O.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – RANDY A.

Greetings Area 35 – I’ve been a bit detached the past few months because of a family situation. My nephew recently passed away a week and half ago. He had been ill for quite some time, including the past few months. I was his legal guardian, so I had to make all his medical decisions for him. He was only 40 years old, needless to say this was a bit overwhelming and stressful because it involved almost daily trips to the hospital as well as planning his funeral and other responsibilities. None the less, I’ve still been able to do the service commitments that Area 35 has entrusted me to do. It is a “design for living” that works in a rough going. It is imperative that we follow and work on our spiritual principles on a daily basis to the best of our abilities.

I attended the Joint Area 35 Service workshop online in July, I’ve made several PI contacts for PSA for local radio stations, I sent an email to the New Area 36 PI chair regarding commitments to the State Fair, unfortunately have had no response from them yet... we will do a follow up email and send information out the DCM’s before the Fall Assembly. Remember, Public Information in alcoholics anonymous means carrying the message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic by informing the general public about the AA program. We get in touch with responding to the media, schools, employers and industries and other organizations which can report on the nature and purpose of AA and what it can do for alcoholics. The traditions are our guide when doing PI service work and are an essential tool and guideline.

This morning our meeting opened at 9:08 am with the serenity prayer, introductions were made – we had 8 in attendance. We had 3 agenda topics- PI/ CPC Luncheons. Website updates and State Fair information. District 6 is planning a CPC Luncheon in the preliminary stages and have had some dis-sention amongst a few groups in the districts over finances, they are in the process of sending out letters. District 9 is planning their PI Luncheon on September 26th in Hibbing at the memorial building. The groups will be selling the tickets, and it includes Al-Anon participation. District 13 discussed website updates and it is back up and running well. Thank you to all the committee members for their reports and participation.
Yours in Service,

Randy A.
Area 35 PI chair

DISTRICT 2 – KIM B
Not Present- No Report

DISTRICT 4 – JAY B.
Not Present- No Report

TREATMENT – KYLE H.
Present by phone for Treatment Committee meeting- No Report Received

DISTRICT 6 – JULIE N.

Hello area 35,

Summertime is the best time of the year. Everyone is so busy and spreading love. District 6 meets the third Thursday of the month at Spring Lake Lutheran Church 7 PM. Come join the excitement if you are in town.

District has been busy with our local County Jail as well helping out district 11 at Kanabec County Jail in Mora. We Take three meetings a week. District 6 has seven people attending the makings of the luncheon for the professionals. We are excited. We have set the date for Friday, October 24, 2025, 11:30 to 1230. We set the cost of tickets for \$15. We will have the groups buy tickets for the professional of their choice. We are ordering 100 tickets. We have some conflicts with groups about them, buying the tickets and why District is not paying out of pocket for it. This is a great way to get all groups involved.

As of right now, District 6 is preparing for Omaha and Ely. Our website is up and running for the most part.
See everybody soon.
Godspeed Julie N

AREA 35 MEETING MINUTES

DISTRICT 7 – JESS S.

Greetings from District 7! Our District meeting is held the third Thursday of each month, at the First Congregational Church in Brainerd (415 Juniper Street, Brainerd, MN) at 7:00 pm.

There were 19 in attendance at our June meeting. In July, our Area 35 Delegate visited with her report from the General Service Conference.

Our CPC/PI Chair continues to distribute pocket cards that read “If you want to drink, that’s your business. If you want to quit, that’s our business” with our district hotline number and meeting schedule attached. The committee has also formed a sub-committee and has begun planning for the Luncheon in October, watch for the flyer! Grapevine/Literature chair is active in providing literature and also takes care of our district hotline, he said calls are low each month & we should work on getting our cards out to some new locations. We have a new Treatment Chair who is excited about serving the district in this position! I’m glad to report that our district website is up and running at this time as well. District7aa.net

Our District Picnic was a hit this summer & we just wrapped up at the Crow Wing Co Fair where we had a booth all week. Also, a big Thank You to Mary Ann in Aitkin as well, for reaching out and a booth getting set up for the week at the Aitkin Co Fair. Thank you to ALL of the volunteers who signed up to man the booth in shifts; we couldn’t have done it without you! We had a new tablecloth and banner made this year for such events. I recently attended the Joint Area 35/36 Workshop via zoom & learned a lot in the Corrections breakout room. I am also registered for the upcoming Corrections Workshop & for the West Central Regional Forum in September, I am unsure of whether I’ll attend in person or online. I also have my room booked in Ely, I’ll see you at Fall Assembly!

In Service, Jess S

CPC – MARY S.

Hello, my name is Mary S., and I am your CPC Committee Chair. I do not have much to report today. I was unable to attend the August Area Committee Meeting due to travel and family gatherings. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have questions or concerns in your District and I would be happy to attend a District Meeting if you would like. I live in District 16 and due to vacations and the busyness of the summer months, not much has been happening in our District. Please feel free to share any and all ideas you have for contacting Professionals in your Districts to share at our next meeting together. I am looking forward to hearing what has been happening in Northern Minnesota. Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 35
Yours in Service
Mary S.

DISTRICT 18 – STEVE T.

We meet the first Tuesday of the month at Long Prairie Alano Club. Our correction chair suggested that we collect recovery materials from members of our district. Every inmate that attends the AA meeting in Todd County Jail is given a packet of material including a Big Book, district meeting schedule and other books. The district pays for Big Books.

We have been in contact with Morrison County Veteran Service Office about being part of Camp Ripley’s fall education day. I have been attending AA meetings throughout the district thanking them carrying the message to the newcomer and their financial support to district, area and New York, Encouraging them to become involved in service work.

Dower Lake camp out is next weekend with the speakers, delegate report and a potluck. Two things I have noticed about AA. We like to get together and eat.
Yours in Service,
Steve T.

DISTRICT 15 – FRED T.

My name is Fred, I am an alcoholic, DCM for District 15.

Our meeting is on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00pm. The 1st Saturday potlucks at the Cold Spring Alano continue to be well attended with 50 plus people. This past week the Wednesday night group at Cold Spring had an open speaker meeting. Roger K from Sauk Rapids shared his story.

I attended Diane’s Delegate report given at the St. Cloud Alano for District 13. I gleaned more the second time hearing it. Andrea our Corrections Chair, has resigned from that position. I am looking forward to attending the West Central Regional Forum coming in September in Omaha.

In Service,
Fred

ARCHIVIST – MARC N.

Since the June ACM I have had an opportunity to display archive items and to talk about AA history. To prepare for the display I selected several examples that show how our message has been carried forward in the past. For the talk I searched the internet for early AAs not as well-known as Bill and Bob, Jack Alexander, Sister Ignatia, and Sam Shoemaker.

I had a couple inquiries about the book Courage To Change by Forest Richeson. This is a book about AA’s beginning in Minnesota. We have three in the archives; it is out of print. It’s not an archives concern but for anyone interested, I searched for used books, a few are available but high cost.

A fellow AA has stepped up to help organize our archived magazines, more info will be available later. A couple other volunteers are transferring tapes to digital format and scanning paper documents.

The preservation of audio files remains a priority for me.
Thanks for the opportunity to serve,
Archivist Marc N

ARCHIVES - CATHY R.
Gave a Power Point Presentation-

DISTRICT 11 – KATHY M.
Present- No Report given

DISTRICT 14 –
No DCM

GRAPEVINE – TERRY A.
I am Terry, I am an alcoholic and Area 35 Grapevine Chair. Greeting Cards now available using cartoons from Grapevine Magazine, Happy Anniversary, Thinking of You, Congratulations, 4 different cards in a box of 24 cards- \$36 a box.
Grapevine Challenge- 69,000 groups in United States and Canada. Let’s get 10% of all groups to get a group subscription. Let’s get one more person from each group to subscribe to a Grapevine App. This will bring Grapevine Inc. To solid financial health and allow us to contribute to General Service Board Reserve Fund.
Yours in Service,
Terry A. Grapevine Chair

DISTRICT 1 – LOREN G.
Not Present- No Report

DISTRICT 13 – PEGGY M.
Area Committee Meeting Report August 2025

Thank you, Diane, for coming to St. Cloud in June for the delegate report. We had a great potluck with a good turnout.

I have been attending AA meetings without GRSs to explain the benefits of having a GSR and report District activities. The new District Flyer is helpful. AA members are sometimes surprised by what the District does.

I attended the Area 35/36 workshop and thought it was helpful and interesting. We have a new PI chair. The committee has been working on our biggest PI issue of recreating the District 13 website. A small committee built a new website. Our first website materialized, and we are thinking about continuing with the original until March 2026. It is familiar to AA members and is currently more robust. We are working on new meeting schedules with a barcode and phoneline texting.

Changed our Elections for District positions to September to facilitate smooth transition into the next rotation. I have spent the last month inquiring about who might be interested in District work. Most of our District positions have at least one nominee.

We nominated Denise R. for Delegate.

At our last District meeting we combined the CPC and PI committee to balance the workload of PI. The CPC position has been vacant for the last four rotations; we are excited to have a nomination for CPC in the next rotation.

We have secured Scott J. from Aurora as our Service History speaker for our November workshop in St. Cloud. Thank you, Mary Area CPC, for this recommendation.

I attended the International AA conference. I paid for registration.

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I booked my room for the WCRAA form in Nebraska this September. And the Area Assembly in October is up in Ely.

We facilitate GSR work on the District committees by meeting before the District meeting. We are taking meetings into correctional facilities, Detox, and treatments centers.

Continue to meet with District Chairs, Officers, and Area committee members during the month to keep information flowing from GSRs to District and Area.

Thank you all for your work!

Grateful, Peggy M. DCM D3

DISTRICT 21 – NO DCM
Brent T. gave verbal report

CORRECTIONS – MARK R.

As your Area 35 Corrections Chair, my main duties are to lead and coordinate the work of individual A.A. members, Groups, and Districts to carry the A.A. message to alcoholics in Correctional Facilities in Area 35. This includes County Jails, Detention Centers, MCF Prisons and Federal Prisons. To provide a clearing house of information in Area 35 with respect to Correctional Facilities work, coordinating the exchange of ideas and resources between Area 35 Districts. I’m here to assist all District and Individual A.A. members in Carry the Message of Alcoholics Anonymous into every Corrections Facility in Northern Minnesota. Please contact me at any time for help, or to answer any questions you or members of your District may have. I’m here for you, and for those less fortunate who happen to be incarcerated!

In addition to the above-mentioned duties, I maintain a directory (spreadsheet) of all Area 35 County & State correctional facilities and ensure contact list with all County & State correctional facilities in Area 35 are up to date. Also, maintain a contact list of groups and individuals currently bringing A.A. to correctional facilities.

Lastly, maintain a contact list of individuals willing to be Temporary Contact volunteers for the CTCP, and constantly search for A.A. members in Area 35 who would be willing to volunteer to be Temporary Contacts for men and women incarcerated in our Minnesota Correctional Facilities.

Our 3rd DOC Transition Fair was at MCF-ST Cloud. Thank you to Paul C (A35/D3) who volunteered with David A (A36). We received 16 CTCP IN-SIDE Request forms (8 for each Area). I found Temp Contact for all 8 in Area 35! Our 4th Transition Fair was at MCF-red Wing. Thank you to John D (A35/D13) and Brian M (A36) for volunteering. This facility is all Juveniles. We only received 1 request, and it was for Area 36. The next Transition Fair is August 7th at MCF-Lino Lakes – Paul H (A35/D3) and Patrick W (A36) are volunteering. Following Lino Lakes is MCF-Moose Lake which is on September 9 – Ricco R (A35/D9) and Scott N (A36) are volunteering.

**Corrections Action Committee Chair
Report**

We had a total of 9 members join us for our Corrections Committee meeting from 8 different Area 35 Districts! Below is our report from our sharing sessions. Thank you all for attending and for your wonderful Corrections Service Work!

Jeff O. (District 6 Corrections Chair), Jeff brings meetings into Isanti County jail. Jeff also brings meetings to MCF Rush City every other week. Jeff has just helped facilitate A.A. meetings at Kanabec County Jail in Mora, MN on Tuesday nights. He and 3 others are bringing in 3 separate meetings every Tuesday to both Men and Women at Kanabec County Jail! Jeff is volunteering to represent Area 35 at the MCF-Stillwater Transition Fair November 19th!

Gary H. (District 11 Corrections Chair), Gary takes meetings into MCF-Rush City and Pine County jail. There are volunteers Carrying the Message of A.A. at Sandstone Federal prison, Willow River, and MSOP. Right now, there are no volunteers at MCF-Moose Lake. District 11 is one of our largest the most Corrections Facilities within – Gary is looking for Men and Women volunteers to help Carry the Message!

Melvin S. (District 3 DCM & Corrections Actions Chair), District 3 continues to bring A.A. meetings to Wadena, Ottertail, Clay, and Becker County jails. Melvin verified the group(s) in Moorhead continue to facilitate A.A. meetings for Men and Women in Clay County Jail. The volunteer at Ottertail County jail is out due to surgery. The Jail Coordinator there is hesitant to allow other to help, Melvin is working on that – seems this person is seeking

volunteers willing to come in with bibles, not just Alcoholics Carrying our message.

Ricco R. (District 9 Corrections Chair), There are no corrections facilities in District 9. Ricco volunteers to bring meetings to MCF-TOGO on a monthly basis. Ricco will be attending the MCF-Moose Lake Transition Fair on Sept 9, 2025. Ricco had been working with **Tony S. (A35, D8 Corrections Chair)** to get A.A. meetings the Northeast Regional Corrections Center (NERCC) however, for some reason, no one has been able to contact Tony for a few months. We pray Tony is doing okay and hope to hear and work with him again soon!

JJ. (District 13 Alt-Corrections Chair), JJ helps facilitate A.A. meetings at Benton and Stearns County jails. Stearns County jail. meetings are on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month. Need more men & women to volunteer! A few women have stepped down volunteering at Benton County, looking for more volunteers there. Mark R has been handling volunteers for the Thursday night A.A. meetings at MCF-St Cloud – there are 11 volunteers now! Due to a volunteer not being able to fulfill their commitment to the MCF-Red Wing Transition Fair on July 15th, John stepped up and represented Area 35 at this Fair. Thank you, John!

Paul C. (District 3 Alt-DCM), Paul helps bring an A.A. meeting into Wadena County Jail. They have just started a 2nd meeting and are bringing meetings every Tuesday and Thursday now.

Matthew (District 7), Welcome to Matthew who joined our meeting and is a first-time attendee in the Area 35 ACM! Matthew just started helping bring meetings into Aitkin County Jail on Wednesdays. He is hoping to do more when work slows down where-ever he may be needed!

Corey C. (District 12), Welcome to Corey who also joined our meeting and is a first-time attendee at the Area 35 ACM! Corey just moved into the Duluth area from the great State of Texas! Corey was involved in volunteering in Texas and is looking to help us out with Corrections Service work here in Area 35. Currently he is taking A.A. meeting into St Louis County jail on Friday’s and has also just started to attend the District 12 monthly meeting.

Mark R. (Area 35 Corrections Chair), Continue to volunteer to bring A.A. meetings into Mille Lacs County Jail on the 2nd Tuesday each month. I also have a group of 11 volunteers bring A.A. meetings in every Thursday at MCF-St Cloud prison. We average 24 men in attendance, and these meetings have all been very spiritual in nature! Looking forward to receiving the Northern Minnesota CTCP requests from the Transition Fair coming up at MCF-Lino Lakes next Wednesday, August 7th and finding Temporary Contacts to reach out to these men! I worked with Kathy (District 11 DCM) and created Meeting Flyers for MCF-Willow River, MSOP, MCF-Moose Lake, Sandstone Federal Prison, MCF Rush City, Pine and Kanabec County Jails to assist District 11 in attracting volunteers (both Men & Women) to help Carry the Message of A.A. into those less fortunate who are incarcerated. I want to thank Kathy and the District 11 Corrections Chair (Gary H) for their continued Corrections Service Work and District 11 for donating A.A. Literature to MCF-Willow River who was in dire need. I would like to extend a special “THANK YOU” to Mike U (Area 35 Literature Chair), Jeff O (District 6 Corrections Chair), Julie N (District 6 DCM), and Kristina L (District 6/7 Corrections Volunteer) for stepping up and helping their neighboring District 11 in getting the new meetings started at Kanabec County Jail! I attended the Joint A35/A36 Workshop on July 12th, my report has been given to our Secretary for publication. I attended Diane’s Delegate report of the voting results of the GSC Agenda Items (for a 2nd time!) at the St Cloud Alano club hosted by District 13 and District 15 – thank you Peggy and Fred! In closing, I would also like to thank John D (District 13 Corrections Chair) for working with the District in donating AA Big Books to Stearns County Jail!

SWCC Status Report

To date, we have only received 3 RSVPs for the Corrections Workshop Lunch Buffet.

Please RSVP soon so we know how much to order!

Chuck R. (D18) and myself are working on the printing of all handouts for the 2025 Workshop Folder. The cost of having a professional printing do the work is very expensive so Chuck and myself will be handling this on our own as I did last year. We will be making 100 folders for those in attendance as well as extras that can be shared with others unable to attend. Thank You Ricco & Diane for handling in-person registrations, Joseph S. for Greeting, Chuck R./Paul C. for handling the cash for the Lunch Buffet, Aaron A for Sound, Terry P. for the Online Meeting & Camera, Mike U. for Literature, and Area 36 for handling Grapevine! SWCC meets on the 1st Wednesday of each Month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 6, 2025

JOIN TEAMS’ MEETING SERIES:
Statewide Corrections Committee (SWCC) Monthly Meeting
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST)
Occurs every month on the first Wednesday

Yours in Humbled Service and Love, Mark R

DISTRICT 9 – TOM T.

AREA 35 MEETING MINUTES

Area Committee Meeting, Area 35 – Aitkin, MN.
August 3, 2025

Hi, my name is Tom, and I am an Alcoholic. I’m the DCM for District 9 for this rotation.

My home group is the Hibbing Monday Night Downtown group which is a closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.

District 9 is submitting a PAI, (Proposed Agenda Item), to the Area at this ACM. It started with one AA individual presenting it to our Monday Night Downtown Group, where it was passed unanimously, and then passed on to District 9. We had input from our groups at our last District Meeting, and it was voted on and passed unanimously, and so we are carrying this PAI forward to Area 35 today, to be discussed and voted on.

Thanks to Phyllis K., and others that helped, we now have an operational website again. It took many hours of dedication and hard work, but I believe we have ended up with a better website than we originally had and we have control over it that can be passed down to our future Web Managers. Our PI/CPC planning committee is working on the upcoming PI Luncheon. It is progressing very well, and we are already selling tickets to our groups and AA members so they can distribute them to the professionals in the community. We will supply a great lunch, appropriate literature and speakers for AA and Alanon. It will be held at the Memorial Building in Hibbing on September 26.

We are also working on developing a Fall Workshop, jointly with District 8.

I will be attending the West Central Regional Forum in Omaha Nebraska in September and the Fall Assembly in Ely.

In service, Tom T

DISTRICT 8 - JOHN J.

Greetings Area 35:

District 8 meets monthly; our district meetings occur in the 1st full week of the month and rotate Monday through Friday with different groups volunteering to host. We will be holding our elections for the next rotation at our September District meeting. Our Delegate gave her report to our District on June 4th. Our district website has mysteriously started working again! However, we will still be exploring our options to get a new website up and running, as we are not confident that it will continue to stay up and operational. We are still planning on holding a fall District workshop and have decided on October 18th. More details to follow. The Biwabik Sunday Night Group’s last Blast from the Past vintage tape speaker meeting will be August 9th. The Aurora Big Book group will be hosting an Open meeting on August 16th, and the Ely Women’s group will be hosting their open Speaker meeting on September 9th. Please contact me if you would like any of the specifics on these open meetings. Thank you to District 8 for allowing me to serve.

In Service, John J

OLD BUSINESS

-Ad hoc Committee updates- We have been discussing when the Area voting procedures uses 2/3rd Substantial Unanimity and when to use Simple Majority. At this time, we could only verify that we use 2/3rd Substantial Unanimity for Fall elections, voting on Proposed Agenda Items and possibly the Area Budget. We have no policy that clarifies this procedure and in the past the decision has been left to the discretion of the Area Chair. We would like to create a policy on how/when to use 2/3 Substantial Unanimity vs. Simple Majority. The Service Manual page 25 suggests a standard for Substantial Unanimity is typically employed for issues that are controversial or complex as well as elections. A Simple Majority is typically defined as one-half plus 1 vote cast and is generally used for simple or routine matters. The use of Substantial Unanimity can help promote unity in the Area body. Please review the proposed new policy with your GSR’s for discussion and vote at Fall Assembly.

“Before any business has begun, We suggest the Chairperson confirms with a vote from the body what business items should use 2/3 Substantial Unanimity for passage of a vote and what passes with a simple majority.

NEW BUSINESS

-Archives Presentation- by Cathy R. - some items presented on PowerPoint- Many editions of the Big Books- Tapes of First Trustees speech-speech given by Ebby, West Central Regional Conferences etc. Many editions of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, all items in archives are available to you- it is not a library to check things out, you remain onsite to review. Contact the Archivist Marc, or Cathy Archives Chair to visit. Marc posed some questions, one being how does the archives help the still suffering alcoholic? It is through us by getting information from the archives and passing it on. Members' contributions to archives are very important to keep our archives in good condition. The Archives Repository is open before and after ACM’s and by appointment. In early 2000’s an action was passed to put the archives on our webpage, which didn’t happen. Hopefully soon there will be an index on the webpage for what’s available from our archives. Archives do not get as many items as they used to be-sending in event flyers, district minutes, any recordings from meetings so we can document our history. This is a spiritual program, it’s not about money, it’s about participation.

-Discussion to go back to using Zoom as a virtual option- Zoom is much more hackable and data privacy- there is no control over data privacy- Microsoft Teams has tighter controls- There has been issues with Teams- - Microsoft 365 is a great for streamlining and keeping access to previous rotations emails and documents- -Not to stop using Microsoft 365 but to add Zoom as a virtual option- possibly using Teams for internal committee meetings also the option of using Zoom for external meetings or events - a little more than 40 people joined the Area 35/36 joint meeting held on Teams, 5 people that couldn’t get into the breakout rooms, 2 that were beyond the control of Teams- -how many people attended workshops to learn teams? 5, 2, 0 no one else responded- part of the issue is people don’t want to make the effort to learn. Webmaster is willing to help and understand how to use Teams -at a breakout session from joint workshop it was asked what participants thought of the Teams experience and if they would prefer Teams or Zoom- 100% said Zoom -I can use teams however we have had problems with others logging in every time we have used it- It's not about me being able to use it, it’s about others and being more accessible to them. -Literally hundreds of different workshops, meetings etc. From FB Groups I attend use Zoom- never seen anything other than Zoom- Trustees from GSB, Delegates, etc... all on Zoom platform -Teams is not as accessible to the general AA members- we want to be accessible- not asking to discontinue using Teams- just add Zoom as an option when we are asking others to join us like at the GSR Workshop, Area 35/36 joint workshop any hybrid Assemblies/ etc... - Pro/Con Discussion at Fall Assembly - I don’t understand technology- the 3 or 4 times I have used Teams there has always been an issue- when I attend with zoom, they send me a link, and I just click on the link- much easier -Zoom can be secured through the use of settings- doesn't understand how we could lose anonymity using zoom -Recording meetings using Teams is anonymity break as it records everything- faces, transcripts, chats etc... if you record using Zoom it also records if you Chat? - I can’t rename myself on Teams as I can on Zoom - Zoom is used by the Office of Alcoholics Anonymous and the West Central meeting – with all the online meetings I attend I have never seen anywhere else use Teams - -Office 365 is wonderful - we are wasting people’s time if we have a 2-hour meeting and we spend 30 minutes figuring it out- I was kicked out of breakout room using Teams had to be teleported back in- not a good use of time- doesn't feel it is the platform for us- -Sending Officers to West Central Regional Forum(WCRF) – Last October the GSR’s were part of the vote to pass the budget which included sending only Delegate and Alt Delegate to WCRF it was felt we couldn’t afford to send more- Treasurer’s report now is that we have a little over \$20,000 plus a prudent reserve- what do you think GSR’s would think if we made a decision to send Area Officers and Chairs to the WCRF?- Do we want to reconsider that? - If you go keep your receipts and request for reimbursement at the Fall Assembly to see what GSR’s say- -In the past for all the years that I served the Area we have always sent the committee chairs – how can you serve and understand service if you don’t go to the WCRF and Conference- if members commit to serve, they should be allowed to go and serve- -DCM’s how do you think your GSR’s would respond- there are quite a few GSR’s in attendance today- ♦ When we voted to lower expenses, I asked my group, and I couldn’t vote today without discussing it with the group-

-I would love to go to the WCRF-I did not go to the WCRSC last year because of the nonsupport- I like the idea if we save receipts and take a vote on it at the Area Assembly- we are trusted servants of the fellowship we make a commitment to serve and be involved- my Group is still trying to pay me back from the spring assembly- we are a small group of 4-5 people with no reserves- most people still only contribute \$1 or \$2 to the pot- We need to contribute more -Area Officers/Committee Chairs if they want to go, save your receipts for the Fall Assembly to see if the GSR’s will approve- -Voted at Fall Assembly for the Officers/Chairs to attend virtually- trying to save money by allowing them to attend virtually instead of in person- -maybe we need a biannual budget? We need a new way to revisit for times like this when we have money and also at times where money is tight-having a more fluid budget- -ideas from my groups was that it was important for people to attend these events- - Wyoming Newsletter from the WCRSC mentioned that “their friends from Minnesota were missing in large numbers” I think we need to try and have a presence. - in the next 2 years these events will be in Minnesota- that will be cheaper- - 2027 every Chair and every Officer should be at the WCRSC and WCRF as it is here in MN -I think it will make some people angry, GSR’s, if we bring receipts back expecting reimbursement-

-Calendar of Events-

-On page 24 of Northern Light
Fall Assembly coming up October 4th and 5th in Ely

AREA 35 MEETING MINUTES

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Motion to Adjourn- Heidi seconded by Bud- Approved-
Closed with Responsibility Statement – 2:00pm

Respectfully Submitted
Denise R
Area 35 Secretary

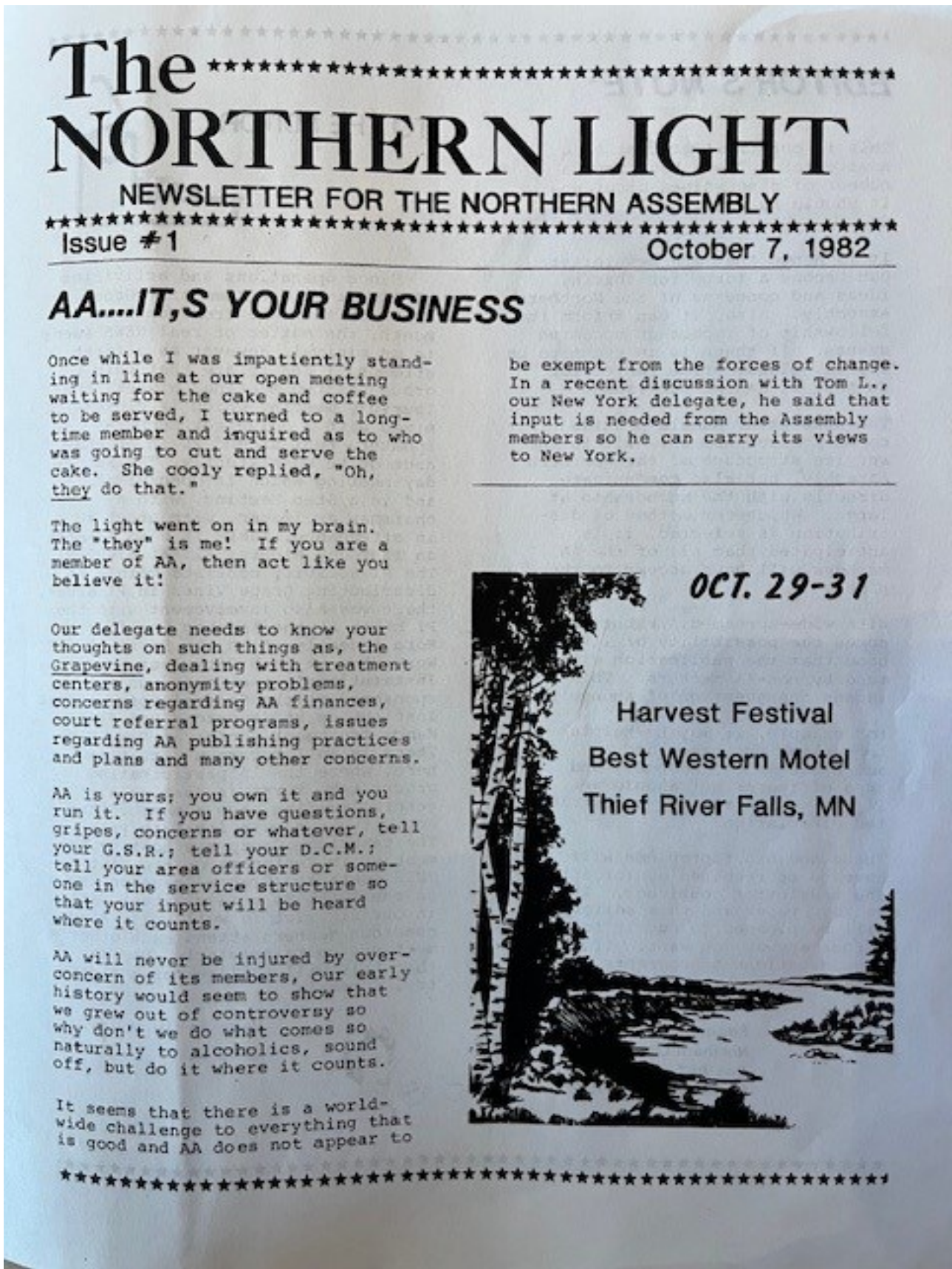
Proposed Voting Policy for 2/3rd Substantial Unanimity

Before any business begins at an Assembly or Area ACM the Area Chair reviews the business items to discuss. Any potential complex or controversial business items are to be voted on by the body whether to use Substantial Unanimity or Simple Majority.

Again, before any business begins, Voting members of the Assembly or Area Committee may request the Chairperson to take a vote from the body on any item the member deems controversial or complex on whether to use Substantial Unanimity or Simple Majority.

Motion to approve the use of Substantial Unanimity would pass using simple majority vote

OUR FIRST ISSUE OF THE AREA
NEWSLETTER:



Pondering AA on a Warm Minnesota Summer Afternoon:

How Effectively Are We Sharing and Providing Answers to Those Still Suffering from this Fatal Disease: We Now have 90 years of Experience. What Would Bill W. and Dr. Bob say to Us if they Could Come Back to Evaluate the Status of what they Started?

This letter arises from my sometimes curious mind while sitting on our deck on a fine summer day. It is an outcome from a lunchtime discussion with my sponsor regarding a number of my observations of the content of the July/August, 2025 Northern Light. I raise the issues presented in this letter as a matter of concern for the District, and perhaps for all of AA as what I believe is an important topic for those of us who live and attend meetings in Area 35. In a broad sense, these observations touch upon the larger issue of communications between and among us.

Here in the 21st century are we taking advantage of various means of sharing information in a timely, easily accessible manner more in conformance with today's society's expectations? While that major topic is discussed, can our well-documented success story also examine what we need to alter, if anything, to come to the aid of the 21st century person dying from alcoholism? The disease hasn't changed since 1935 when AA was founded; society has changed.

I ask you to read these comments in which I offer in a non-condemning, but honest examination of our newspaper, The Northern Light, created in 1982. None of my observations are intended to criticize the current or past editors; I am not finding fault with the many officers at the Area and District levels who take time to write reports. On the contrary, members of AA who, before their current assignment, have perhaps never written a newsletter article, produce for our society great words for thought and reflection. This newspaper captures for future AA's what has been accomplished by our society over the years, so it's an historical guidepost and we can understand how things have changed...or not.

So what is a relevant list of concerns, shortcomings or down right out-of-date AA practices in newsprint which, from my limited perspective, deserve attention? Can we undertake a process for purposes of communicating more effectively to newcomers, or to people unaware that their living problems stem from the disease for which we have found answers? What various methods of communication can be adopted to communicate with alcoholics, either those in recovery or those who yet don't realize they have a problem? In short, what is the purpose of The Northern Light?

I will ask that this article appear in the upcoming edition of The Northern Light. Since the newspaper is delivered to a relatively small number of subscribers, I will also send a copy of

this letter to the DCM in each of our districts so they can assist in distribution of it to members of each group.

I also will request that it be given time for discussion at the Fall Assembly in Ely sometime during the gathering October 4 & 5.

Thank you for considering this message as part of your commitment to Alcoholics Anonymous. Should you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact me at: jbtoreen@gmail.com or 320-287-3092. Thank you.

I READ IT IN THE GRAPEVINE

MAY 1992

Ham on Wry

FROM THE TWIN PORTS AREA INTERGROUP newsletter in Duluth, Minnesota comes this story about a Minnesota drunk who recently built a house right on the Minnesota-Wisconsin border. However, he was a little bit confused about just which state he actually lived in, so he hired a surveyor to determine his precise address.

The surveyor's verdict of "Wisconsin" brought a whoop of delight from the drunk who cried, "Thank goodness! No more of those awful Minnesota winters!"

AUGUST 1957

Delegates' Corner

BY: A. A. S. | WILDER, MINNESOTA

From Minnesota... - Delegates to the General Service Conference have had a busy time since April--but not too busy to tell us about it

MY FIRST GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE is now a memory, but those few days in New York will never be forgotten. The vital function of General Service Headquarters to our wonderful AA movement became very vivid to me, and I was filled with a feeling of the magnitude and humility of our way of life.

Only a few short and happy years ago AA touched my life; a new group of three members was formed. We met at my home, and I still remember how eagerly I waited for the literature from Headquarters in New York, and how wonderful it was to look through it for the first time after it arrived. I soon found that I had an affiliation with other AAs in other groups, and very soon I learned to know our friend Pat, Minnesota's first AA.

This year at the Conference I met one of Pat's two sponsors, and we talked one night until the early morning hours. Our conversation illustrated so clearly the gratitude we should all have for the existence of our General Service Headquarters. Here is the story:

Pat found the AA "Big Book" in the Minneapolis public library. He opened it to the section "How It Works,"--and a ray of hope came into his life. Somewhere he found the courage to write to New York. People there in turn wrote a letter to the AAs in Chicago. Two men from the small group there took time off and bought railroad tickets to Minneapolis--to give away the wonderful thing they had been given and thus did AA take root in Minnesota. . . .

That morning last spring as I closed my eyes to get a few hours' sleep before our next Conference session, some horrible thoughts flashed through my mind: "What if there had been no place for Pat to write for help!" "What if there had been no letter from New York to Chicago?" "What if there had been no distribution of the Big Book?" I knew then that you could have written "Finished" to many useless and wasted alcoholic lives, because I and most of the AAs in Minnesota owe our very lives to the fact that those letters had a channel--a pipe line--to follow. At our next Conference session when one of the GSH staff members stated, "Direct correspondence with the groups is the life line of service," my heart said a grateful "Amen."

We have been given something very precious in the Third Legacy of General Service. The small staff at Headquarters who now are of service to 7000 AA groups are devoted and dedicated people, and I am confident that when all our members understand the very important part the Conference and General Service Headquarters have played in their own sobriety--and the part they will play in the sobriety of those who are to follow--their hearts cannot help but be filled with gratitude.

Bill W.'s forthcoming new book, "AA Comes of Age," which the Conference learned had now gone to the printers; the projected 90-minute TV show; and the proposed two new pamphlets, tentatively entitled "What Kind of Old Timer Are You?" and "You and Your 1,999,-999 Partners in AA," will be of great service in linking every AA member to our worldwide movement.

As I sit at home writing these few words about the Conference my heart again murmurs a grateful "Amen" and "Thanks." Being a delegate is a mountain-top experience.

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JUNE 1980

Once Over Lightly

HE WAS IN THE SAME SHAPE as a woman alcoholic that G. R. of Minnesota wrote about. She was a cultured, intelligent person, whose drinking had progressed to a point where she had shakes that registered about seven on the Richter scale. She couldn't drink from a glass, because she spilled the booze before it reached her mouth. She was afraid to drink from the bottle, because the top rattled against her teeth and might chip them.

Finally, she hit on the idea of pouring the liquor into a metal handbasin. It was while she was half sucking, half lapping like a dog out of the basin that the brutal truth struck home--social drinkers didn't act that way! . . . And so to AA.

APRIL 1999

A Place of Either/Or

BY: ALF S. | ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

My name is Alf and I am an alcoholic. I was born in July 1915, and I had my first drink of alcohol in 1925, at the age of ten. It happened this way. Because of prohibition, moonshine was delivered to customers in tin cans. Our brand was called Minnesota 13, and we supplied Al Capone in Chicago. A young man (who later died of alcoholism) poured a little moonshine into a tin cup, added water, and placed it in my hands. I drank it down and my love affair with alcohol began immediately.

My drinking progressed and during my college days in the nineteen-thirties, I first saw tears in my mother's eyes. She and my father came to see me in the county jail where I'd been kept overnight after being stopped by the police while leaving an all-night place called the Bloody Bucket. Perhaps some of you have memories of a place such as that. My road to the pain and darkness that comes with alcoholism had begun.

In 1934, Bill W. was in the hospital in New York, and in Akron, Ohio, Dr. Bob was still getting drunk, even though he was attending Oxford Group meetings. This was also the year when I began attending Oxford Group meetings held at St. Olaf College. Even while getting good grades, I was deep into my alcoholism, knowing that something was wrong and looking for a way to control my behavior while using alcohol.

Attending Oxford Group meetings failed to relieve most of us of the desire to use alcohol, plus most of us didn't care to be preached at about sin and conversion. Pat C., the first AA member in Minnesota, told me how he was living on Skid Row, heard about an Oxford Group meeting being held at a plush hotel in Minneapolis, rented a cheap suit from a pawn shop, went to the meeting, rejected it all, turned his suit in, got a cheap bottle of wine, and got drunk again. My experience with the Oxford Group was identical with Pat's. I rejected it.

My marriage to Genevieve occurred in 1942, and I was still searching for a way to control the effect drinking alcohol had on my behavior. I read Jack Alexander's article on early AA experience that year, hoping that someday it might reach me. AA had arrived in Minnesota in 1940 when Chan F. from Chicago brought the message to Pat C., and because of him, the good news was brought to me in 1944. Two members with only a few months of sobriety drove a great distance to tell me that if I were an alcoholic, as were they, I was at an either/or place in my life. Either I could continue to drink (and if I were alcoholic, tragedy would enter my life), or I could drive a hundred miles to a home where AA meetings were being held once a week.

The words they spoke were true, but I continued to drink until September 6, 1951, when I surrendered at what I term gut level. There were no AA groups in a two-county area surrounding my home, but an alcoholic with almost a year of continuous sobriety moved to my town, and I called him. The circumstances surrounding this call are called coincidence but to me are a miracle. He told me that all we needed was two persons and God to have an AA meeting. He had no car, so for our first meeting I drove him and his wife to our home. He and I met in our living room and the wives met in the kitchen. At the first meeting we discussed how living the AA way of life would eventually bring balance into the work, play, love, and spiritual aspects of our one-day-at-a-time existence. Our topic came from a small pamphlet printed by the AA group in Akron, Ohio. During the business part of that first meeting, we decided to send five dollars to what we called the "headquarters" in New York City.

It took us a month before we had our third member, but at the end of a year we had about twenty coming to my home. After forty-six years, the group is still in existence. Of those three members, two never drank alcohol again. After many years of continuous sobriety, I relapsed but never stopped going to AA meetings. God was always there for me, and sobriety, one day at a time, returned to me as soon as I became completely honest with myself in all areas of my life.

I served as secretary for the small number of groups we had in southern Minnesota, and in July 1955, the only year the delegates had met outside of New York, I, Genevieve, and our three young children drove to St. Louis for the Second International Convention. There with the delegates seated on the stage, Bill W. made his talk about all that had happened since 1935 and asked us to vote as to whether or not the General Service Conference should become permanent. The vote was taken, and to me, it seemed a unanimous decision that now guidance and direction of our Fellowship belonged to the members. God as expressed through our group conscience became the ultimate authority for our group purposes, working through the General Service process. I still get a warm feeling when I pass by old Kiehl Auditorium in St. Louis. There I met Bill and Lois W., Ebby T., who brought the message to Bill, Father Dowling, Dr. Tiebout, Sam Shoemaker, Nell Wing, Bill's secretary, and many others to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude. I was elected to serve as delegate for Panel 7 (1957-58), the first elected from that Minnesota area after it became permanent.

So the year 1957 found me at the General Service Conference in New York. My name was drawn out of the hat to serve on the Committee of Conference and Charter. Our small committee held meetings in a hotel room, and Bill was always present. He would stretch out his long legs on the bed and talk about his Wall Street days, his spiritual experience, and his concern that even though AA might change in the future, the Twelve Steps should not. An attorney, nonalcoholic, named Bernard Smith was a great help to our committee. He drew up a document for us which, after being presented on the floor for a vote, was accepted by the delegates. The terms of this document make it almost impossible to change the Twelve Steps.

Another thing we accomplished during my term of service was the removal of the word "honest" from the requirement for membership. Prior to this the requirement for membership had been given as "an honest desire to stop drinking alcohol." Now the doors of AA opened even wider as the only requirement for membership became simply a desire to stop drinking alcohol.

Alcoholics Anonymous was spreading over the entire world. At the Conference I noticed a short bald-headed man sitting not far from me. I asked where he was from. I was told he was not a delegate but an observer for Norway. I'm Norwegian, and he and I became close friends. After the Conference I brought him back to Minnesota to show the few small groups we had that now AA was even in Norway. I hauled him around to speak at many groups in southern Minnesota, and the members were always impressed.

Another example of how we tried to impress early members was how my friend Icky S. from Texas used to do it. Icky was an early delegate and trustee. Part of his drunk story included this escapade. During the war he was a demolition expert, and he continued working with explosives after the war. He received a contract to blow up a bridge. While drunk, he blew up the wrong bridge! Ebby T. stayed at Icky's home for some time while trying to stay sober. Bill always called Ebby "my sponsor," even when Ebby was drinking. In 1966, at the age of seventy, Ebby died sober.

Other memories of the Conference include the delegate who asked our general manager, Hank G., who was conducting the session, "Why do we delegates have to stay in this fleabag of a hotel?" The blood rushed to Hank's face; he remained silent and marched out of the room. In a few minutes he returned and said, "If you wish to see fleabag places, I'll give you a tour within a few blocks of here where I used to stay while drinking." I remember the dedication of staff members such as Hazel R., Ann M., and Nell Wing. In my mind's eye, I can still see us passing our Big Books around for everyone to sign, including Bill. I still see Lois making coffee and Bill playing the fiddle at their home. Other memories: Bill walking around with the manuscript of *AA Comes of Age*, shouting out, "I finally got it finished!"; Naomi B., delegate from Kentucky, and I sitting next to him before his talk about the book, his head bowed and his hands folded as though in prayer. He compared our Fellowship to a cathedral; the Steps being the solid floor, the Traditions becoming the walls holding us together, and beautiful spire representing our service. Naomi began to cry. Her tears flooding down soaked her dress! Tears of joy.

Years later when I had my relapse, Bill really became my friend through one-on-one visits, telephone calls, and letters. He was never judgmental and assured me that the sobriety I'd had in the past would always be a part of me. During this difficult period, I never stopped going to AA meetings, and Bill always tried to help and encourage me, even getting me certain vitamin tablets at a wholesale pharmacy in New York. They had, he thought, helped his depression. Bill died in 1971, and my last drink of alcohol the second time around did not occur until March 3, 1977, which is now over twenty years ago. I believe Bill knows that I am sober today. When I think about it, I get a glow, much better than the glow alcohol produced at the beginning of my drinking days. Thank you, God.

One last word about my relapse. Bill wrote in the "Twelve and Twelve" that "unless one attains some degree of humility, one is condemned to drink again." For me, humility is being honest with myself in all areas of my life and accepting what I find during the examination of my conscience. I was dishonest in one area, and I drank. Today, in the eternal Now, I am honest in that area of my life, and I have no desire to drink--a gift granted me, I believe, by the God of my understanding. As long as I remain honest with myself and try to live by the directions given in the Twelve Steps and the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, I believe the miracle will continue.

WANTED
Missing Northern Light Issues

The years 1990 and 1991

Volume XI- Jan/Feb 1992
March/April 1992

Volume XIII- Jan/Feb 1994
Sept/Oct 1994
Nov/Dec 1994

Volume XVI- Sept/Oct 1994
Nov/Dec 1994

All of 1995

Volume XVI- Sept/Oct 1996
Nov/Dec 1996

All of 1997

Archives Trivia

1. In what year did AA begin to decline outside contributions?
2. How many steps were Aas talking to newcomers about in 1938?
3. What was Bill referring to when he said "I will always remember those three days among the greatest experiences of my life"?
4. In 1951, the Lasker award was given to AA. Where was the award presented?
5. The grapevine began publishing in 1944 in NYC, Was it the first local AA bulletin or magazine?

Read more about AA history in AA comes Of Age



Trivia answers on page 17

Reprinted from our 1984 Northern Light

Scott J. Wants To Know...

WHO IS YOUR G.S.R. ?...WHERE IS HE ?

"Hi! My name is Scott and I am an Alcoholic. I have heard that we have about 450 A.A. Groups in our Area. But I noticed at our last Assembly that there was only 95 G.S.R.'s present. Now this is fantastic and we are starting to grow. I have two questions that keep running through my mind...Where were the other 355 G.S.R.'s and who are they ?

Now I know who the G.S.R. is for my home group. She is the person that we thought could **best serve our group**. She is capable of carrying the message to and from the District and Assembly. She has been sober over two years. She is a Home Group member. She rarely misses a home group meeting. She is active in our group and the district. So you see, I know who she is and where she is. Now, who was your G.S.R.? And where is he ?

Maybe he has been sick for the last two years. I hope he gets well soon. Or did he take a vacation right after elections and hasn't gotten back yet. Maybe he is just too busy lately. Maybe he passed away a year ago last may and your group has not had time for elections. That is understandable. Maybe when you had elections and voted him in he wasn't there and you forgot to tell him about it. You did have elections didn't you? Maybe he wasn't a home group member or switched to another home group and forgot to tell you. Maybe you wouldn't listen to his G.S.R. Report, so he felt bad and quit. Shame on you. Maybe he got tired of being G.S.R. 10 years in a row and got a bad attitude and quit. And in all the confusion, excitement and enthusiasm with all the qualified memebbers to replace him you just seemed to forget about the G.S.R. elections. That's how it goes sometimes.

Being a G.S.R. can be a tough job. There is a lot of responsibility that goes along with it; Not to mention all the rewards for the member and his group. I know that every group out there has somebody capable of fulfilling these great responsibilities and I know that we all belong to the best A.A. Group in the world but if you want to make your group just a little bit better, elect yourselves a sober active G.S.R. By the way G.S.R. stands for General Service Representative.

Well, good luck in finding your new G.S.R. or maybe your old one. He will only be as good as your group will allow him to be and if you do not find one in your group someday some smartaleck like myself will show up at your A.A. meeting and ask you two simple questions...**Who is your G.S.R. and where is he?** [this article also applies to hers]" (Signed, Scott J.)

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A.A. CORRECTIONS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

MCF-WILLOW RIVER MEN's A.A. MEETINGS
(86032 County Highway 61, Willow River, MN 55795)
(Mondays & Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm)

A.A. 12th STEP SERVICE

Help Carry the Message to the most difficult to reach, those Incarcerated People who are not Free to attend A.A. Meetings!

There are no Second Class A.A. Members. Some are locked up behind physical bars, but their minds are Free. Some members are not physically locked up, but their minds are in Prison!

This is a wonderful opportunity to help Carry the Message of A.A. to those less fortunate that happen to be Incarcerated. Throughout the world, there is a need for A.A. Members to volunteer for this special Service Work! It is the experience of 1000's of Corrections Volunteers in A.A. as well as the General Service Organization, that we should have several volunteers rotating at Federal, State, and County Corrections Facilities to give Incarcerated People the most robust and diverse Experience, Strength, and Hope possible coming from the variety of volunteers and their shared experiences!

For more information or application forms, please contact:

Robert Bitsko, MSW, LADC – Robert.Bitsko@state.mn.us (218) 485-2466
(Clinical Program Therapist 3/Positive Changes Program)



Thank you for your Willingness to Serve and Carry the Message of A.A.!

A.A. AREA 35 DISTRICT 6 CORRECTIONS

Freedom, It's An Inside Job Help Unlock A.A.'s Message of Hope

REDEMPTION  RESTORATION

MCF-RUSH CITY PRISON MEN's A.A. MEETINGS
(7600 525th Street, Rush City, MN 55069)
(Every Other Wednesday 7:30pm-8:30pm, See Jeff O or Mike U for Schedule!)

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APPROVAL PROCESS CRITERIA

At least (1) year of sobriety Not on probation or parole Not have been incarcerated in last year
Successfully completed Application and Orientation



For more information or application forms, please contact:

Jeff O. at (763) 732-3290
Mike U. at (320) 496-0416
(A.A. Volunteer Contacts)

Valarie Martin at – valarie.martin@state.mn.us (320) 358-0490
(Volunteer Coordinator, MCF-Rush City)

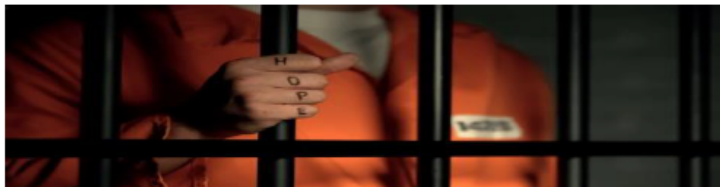
Thank you for your Compassion and Willingness to Serve!



Joint Minnesota Area 35 & Area 36 Statewide Corrections Committee

CORRECTIONS WORKSHOP

October 25, 2025 (9:30 AM to 3:30 PM)
Jack & Jim's Event Center, 11025 Duelm Road NE, Foley, MN 56329
IN PERSON AND ONLINE!



Commissioner Paul Schnell, Minnesota Department of Corrections

Patrick W., My AA Group - Beltline - Hopkins

Emiliano R., My AA Group – Into Action Men's Group – Bloomington Alano

Question & Answer Session

(Step to the Mic, Raise your hand online, ask our Guests anything about today's topics!)

Sandwich, Soup, and Salad Buffet Lunch for only \$18.00 - FREE Coffee ALL DAY!



Online Registration Link: [2025 SWCC Workshop Registration Link](#) or QR Code



Workshop Lunch RSVP Link: [2025 SWCC Workshop Lunch RSVP](#) or QR Code

For more information, please contact:

Carter L correctionsmn@gmail.com / David A. corrections@area36.org / Mark R. corrections@area35.org



A.A. CORRECTIONS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

MCF-MOOSE LAKE MEN's A.A. MEETINGS
(1000 Lakeshore Drive, Moose Lake, MN 55767)
(Mondays 5:30pm-7:00pm)

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Chaplain Carl Seim – carl.seim@state.mn.us (218) 485-5066
(Chaplain, MCF-Moose Lake)

or

Lt. John Swenson – john.swenson@state.mn.us (218) 485-5085
(Volunteer Services)



Thank you for your Willingness to Serve and Carry the Message of A.A.!

Upcoming Events in Area 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

Save the Date

Area 35 & Area 36 Statewide

2025

CORRECTIONS SERVICE WORKSHOP

Statewide Corrections Committee



October 25, 2025

From 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
In-person at Jack and Jim's Event Center
11025 Duelm Road NE, Foley, MN 56329
or
Online Hybrid via TEAMS

Featuring Speakers and Topic Presentations

Awesome On-Site Lunch Sandwich Buffet Available for purchase!

For more information, contact:

Carter L. (SWCC Chair) at correctionsmn@gmail.com or
Mark R. at corrections@area35.org or David A. at corrections@area36.org or
Tracy Jo at altcorrections@area36.org

50th Anniversary

Area 35 Winter Workshop
"Humility In Action"

January 17th-18th, 2026
Red Rock

Hotel
1402 East Howard Street Hibbing, MN 5546

Guest Speaker -Jimmy D. Dallas TX

Room Rates: Standard Rooms- \$140/night
Standard Rooms have the following types:
1 Queen bed (occupancy-2)
1 King bed (occupancy -2)

Suites - \$240/night - (Occupancy - 4)
1 King Bed
1 Queen Sleeper Sofa
1 Full Air Mattress

To make reservations please call: 218-231-3501
Reserve under: Area 35 Winter Workshop Cut Off Date: November 1,2025

Saturday, January
8:00 AM Workshop Registration
9:00 AM Workshop Convenes

Sunday, January
9:00 AM Workshop Continues

Contact information: Pat M 320-241-3909

The Area 35 Service Workshop is designed 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!

To strive toward the Area action of making the Service Workshop self-supporting, there will be a registration fee of \$25.00

42nd Annual St. Cloud Roundup
November 1, 2025 • St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center
10 - 4th Avenue South • St. Cloud, MN 56301



The Program
of Action

Speakers • Meetings • Fellowship • Raffle Drawing & Prizes

Full Day of Events!

7:00 a.m.
Registration Opens
7:30 a.m.
Big Book & Al-Anon meeting
10:30 a.m.
Steve L., AA - Owatonna, MN
1:30 p.m.
Deb L., Al-Anon - Owatonna, MN
4:30 p.m.
Emily S., AA - Wausau, WI
7:30 p.m.
Deb H., AA - Akron, OH



Parking

The ramp is located underneath the Convention Center. Enter through the Green Mill/Kelly Inn lots.

- Free parking after 5:00 p.m. M - F (all ramps)
- Free parking Sat - Sun (all ramps)

Lodging

Kelly Inn
100-4th Ave S.
St Cloud, MN 56301
Phone: 320-253-0606

Ask for St. Cloud Roundup group rate. Register under St. Cloud Roundup by 9/30/25.

Online Registration

<https://www.stcloudroundup.org/register.html>

\$15.00 Pre-Registration Ends 10/27/25

Information:
320-281-9444
stcloudroundup@gmail.com

Registration:
Pre-Registration \$15.00
Registration \$20.00

Watch the website
for the full agenda
of the day's activities!



SCAN ME

Trivia answers

- 1. 1945
- 2. 6
- 3. July, 1955, the 20th (AA Convention in St. Louis)
- 4. San Francisco Opera House
- 5. No. The Cleveland Central bulletin, The Los Angeles Eye Opener and several others preceded it, but the grapevine caught on nationally.

AREA OFFICER & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

DELEGATE- DIANE R

I attended the Dower Lake Campout and gave my report back from the conference around a Saturday afternoon campfire. Thank you, District 18, for inviting me to share. It was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship.

On the third Sunday in August, I attended the online West Central Regional Meeting, which is our yearly business meeting. By the time you read this, the West Central Regional Forum in Omaha will have concluded. Please keep in mind that in 2027, Area 35 will host the West Central Regional Forum. All Area Officers and Committee Chairs should attend this, Forum. Additionally, in 2025, we will host the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (WCRAASC). We want to ensure we have sufficient funds to send all Area Officers and Committee Chairs to this event as well. We should make sure we have funds for both.

The next WCRAASC will be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. It is always an excellent opportunity to meet others from our region and to gather information on all agenda items so our area can have an informed group conscience. They also plan to have it as a hybrid event. More information will be available in the next couple of months as they are still busy planning.

Our Regional Trustee, Charlie H., attended the General Service Board weekend in New York, the first weekend in August. The Trustee’s Literature would like the 5th Edition Big Book ready to be brought to the 76th General Service Conference for approval. The Conference Literature Committee is reading and grading final stories for the book.

Information from an online Forum reported 7th Tradition of Self Support is \$4.643 million, down 17% from last year. AAWS publishing’s gross profits were \$4,346, up 19% from 2024. Program Service Expense before Depreciation -is \$9.34 million, up 2%. Operating surplus before depreciation of \$56,452.

Grapevine has an operating shortfall for the first half of the year of \$240,908. General Fund support of La Vina is \$250,654. The General Service Board has authorized \$2.1 million from the Reserve Fund for the Retro-Fit and \$350,000 drawdown to Grapevine. That would leave 5.1 million in the reserve fund.

I hope to see everyone at the Area 35 Fall Assembly in Ely, October 4 and 5. It is an election assembly where we choose our next Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chairperson, Area Secretary, and Area Treasury. We have a busy agenda so come and participate and enjoy the fellowship.

In Service with Patience, Kindliness, and Love, Diane R.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE-PAT M.

Hello area 35

I am a alcoholic and I've been attending reports back with Diane. I heard her report back many times now and I always seem to learn something new every time. I've Been attending the West Central regional Delegates meetings as an observer. I've learned a lot by just listening.

I have been putting the final touches on our winter workshop which will be held in Hibbing at the Red Rock hotel and suites. Our guest speaker is Jimmy D from Dallas Texas.

I have talked to all the districts that I will be asking to present at the workshop. I will give the districts their presentation topics at the fall Assembly.

I am going to ask the GSR'S and the DCM'S from the districts that are presenting to take Jimmy D out for lunch and supper. I think it would be a great time to sit down and visit with Jimmy D.

If anyone has questions about the winter workshop, has problems making a reservation or any questions just call me at 320-241-3909.

Your Alternate Delegate Pat M

CHAIR-VICKI R.

Since the August ACM I have started the process of finding locations for Spring and Fall Assemblies in 2026/2027.

I have prepared the Fall Assembly Agenda.

I made a few deposits that came my way. Note: Please send contributions to:
Heidi B
NMAA
1102 E Camp St
Ely, MN 55731

In grateful service,
Vicki R
Area Chair

TREASURER – HEIDI B

First is the Income, Expense & Contribution Report for Period 4, July 1 - Aug 31, 2025

Second is the Prev Year Comparison Report for Aug 31, 2025

Let me know if you have questions.

Heidi B

Please send contributions to:
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Ely, Mn 55731

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107884 · 48646-Perham Solutions Group	229.00		419.62	641020 · 10680-Life Begins Here Group	0.00	184.00
635785 · 78689-St Mary's of the Lake	0.00		400.00	648541 · 99843-Our Common Welfare	0.00	300.00
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4000-03 · District 03 Contributions - Other	<u>0.00</u>		<u>200.00</u>	699424 · 6022 Thurs There Is A Solution	0.00	85.00
Total 4000-03 · District 03 Contributions	429.00		1,724.62	710094 · 73044 Sober Sailors Group	100.00	100.00
4000-04 · District 04 Contributions				717883 · 112369-Joe & Charlie BB	100.00	100.00
107752 · 13822-107752 Tues Night Win- ners	50.00		150.00	726095 · 109491 Happy Hour Group	0.00	25.00
171076 · 92690-Thurs As Bill Sees It	0.00		25.00	727272 · 223629 Design For Living Group	0.00	200.00
637112 · 26999-Wed 7pm Non Smokers	0.00		75.00	NEW0519 · Women's Renewal Brainerd	0.00	85.00
661987 · 37888-Noon Step & Tradition Grp	75.00		75.00	4000-07 · District 07 Contributions - Other	<u>85.00</u>	<u>85.00</u>
663064 · 104638-Elbow Lake AA	0.00		75.00	Total 4000-07 · District 07 Contributions	565.48	3,709.15
663819 · 104638-Womens 12 X 12 Group	0.00		50.00	4000-08 · District 08 Contributions		
672301 · 99006-Friday 1 P.M. A.A. Group	25.00		25.00	107486 · 96157 Biwabik Sun Night Group	90.00	270.00
717046 · 90330-12 & 12 Step Trad Study	<u>100.00</u>		<u>225.00</u>	107537 · 19851 Virginia Wed AM	0.00	100.00
Total 4000-04 · District 04 Contributions	250.00		700.00	107553 · 94034-Aurora Big Book	50.00	225.00
4000-05 · District 05 Contributions				107732 · 103232 Ely Wed. Nite AA	125.00	125.00
103178-165310 Elk River Squad14	0.00		50.00	107876 · 45232 Orr Tues. Nite AA	0.00	100.00
122111-77677 Squad #2 Group	100.00		325.00	107970 · 106181 Virginia Fri Nite Open	75.00	75.00
404288 Elk River Squad 4	100.00		275.00	120255 · 46826 Palo Kitchen Table #1	108.67	307.34
451270 Hopes Up North	0.00		31.00	121792 · 49288 Pike Sandy Group	125.00	125.00
117918 · 95029-Becker Group	50.00		100.00	126501 · 92589 Alango Friday Night AA	0.00	100.00
147266 · 14751-Lost & Found AA Grp	0.00		250.00	126625 · 235599 Gilbert Tues. AA	150.00	250.00
674610 · 96059-Big Lake BB Group	0.00		168.00	142087 · 84297-Cook Sun. Night Big Book	95.00	95.00
704281 · 5616-The Way Out Group	0.00		400.00	171078 · 25414 Ely Monday Womens	198.27	484.64
709933 · 35289-Twelve And Twelve On Main	0.00		20.00	674017 · Happy, Joyous & Free Grp Ely	200.00	500.00
724470 · 6019-There Is A Solution Group	0.00		200.00	699684 · 27081-Wed. Back To Basics AA	100.00	100.00
4000-05 · District 05 Contributions - Other	<u>0.00</u>		<u>250.00</u>	716110 · 6836 Lake Vermillion 12x12	150.00	200.00
Total 4000-05 · District 05 Contributions	250.00		2,069.00	4000-08 · District 08 Contributions - Other	<u>275.00</u>	<u>325.00</u>
4000-06 · District 06 Contributions				Total 4000-08 · District 08 Contributions	1,741.94	3,381.98
000078280-107566 St Francis Gro	0.00		25.00	4000-09 · District 09 Contributions		
105893-667106 Friday 12x12	100.00		100.00	107762 · Thursday Morning Downtown	0.00	50.00
369901 Isanti 530 Thursday BB	40.00		160.00	107763 · 110173 Thurs Morn Downtown Hibb	0.00	40.00
389013 North Branch BB Study Gr	50.00		100.00	107764 · 110172-Hibbing Downtown Group	0.00	150.00
525033 Insite & Hope	0.00		150.00	107765 · 13824 Tues 8PM Hibbing Alano	0.00	92.00
107656 · 95486-Bethel Community Group	25.00		25.00	107861 · Nashwauk Fri. Nite Group	0.00	45.00
107681 · 97742-Cambridge Community Group	50.00		100.00	121039 · 42543 Zim Group	50.00	100.00
107870 · 37224-North Branch Community	0.00		200.00	128162 · 83295 Sunday 12x12 Step Group	30.00	80.00
124462 · 77760-Squad 3 Isanti Thurs	0.00		188.23	138250 · 110174 Hibbing Sat Morning	50.00	100.00
132584 · 58560-Rock Creek Wed AA	0.00		200.00	138435 · 94618 Sun. Balkan Group	0.00	35.00
137319 · 83177-Sun. Night Squad 4 Isanti	9.80		59.47	179485 · As Bill Sees It - Hibbing	0.00	25.00
140016 · 85613-Fri AM AA North Branch	0.00		200.00	611186 · 24189 Mon Morning Group	40.00	70.00
167901 · 7282-Thursday Night 7 pm AA	50.00		200.00	634677 · Happy Hour 6 pm Hibbing	0.00	50.00
171884 · 17191-Unity AA	0.00		120.00	646421 · 83126 Sun Morn Daily Reflection	0.00	50.00
307923 · Daily Reprieve Group	82.70		691.70	694149 · 12541 Tues Afternoon Hibbing	0.00	100.00
666121 · 24817-Isanti Mon Night Open	0.00		26.49	719309 · 8471-Hibbing Thursday Noon Grp	0.00	30.00
684775 · 91822-A Woman's Way Group	0.00		80.00	4000-09 · District 09 Contributions - Other	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
684788 · 26582-Wed Nite AA 6 PM	0.00		135.00	Total 4000-09 · District 09 Contributions	195.00	1,042.00
699264 · 14361-Long Lake AA	0.00		50.00			
4000-06 · District 06 Contributions - Other	<u>49.00</u>		<u>152.00</u>			
Total 4000-06 · District 06 Contributions	456.50		2,962.89			

4000-11 · District 11 Contributions				
685046-12729 Tues BB Group Mora	30.00	50.00	000515959 Wed Big Book	0.00 38.00
107885 · 49354 Pine City AA Group	0.00	150.00	000522093 Marcell Friday Nooner	0.00 100.00
122533 · 41787 Thurs Ogilvie AA	50.00	100.00	444912 Primary Purpose	0.00 300.00
141987 · 97036 Quamba Mon AA	90.00	90.00	107766 · 110454 Hill City AA Group	80.00 80.00
646266 · 109567 Happy Joyous & Free	0.00	20.00	117890 · 25115 Mon Night BB Grand Rapids	0.00 100.00
647203 · 33873-Willow River AA	50.00	100.00	118696 · 14449 Fri Night Longville	52.00 154.00
724683 · 19974 Moose Lake Vision of Hope	33.25	84.75	120344 · 103049 Effie Group	0.00 425.00
Total 4000-11 · District 11 Contributions	253.25	594.75	259068 · Warba Discover AA	0.00 150.00
4000-12 · District 12 Contributions			616207 · 7371 Thurs. Night BB Study	125.00 175.00
000717035 Work in Progress	0.00	55.00	625896 · Wednesday Womans AA Group	0.00 300.00
264855 Living in the Solution	0.00	300.00	657490 · 13699 Tues Night Fireside Group	0.00 100.00
???? · It's Quitting Time Friday Grp	0.00	75.00	665046 · 14170 Tues Nite Solutions Group	0.00 200.00
107573 · 100551 Crossroads AA	0.00	17.65	689522 · 25254 Mon. Noon BB	0.00 25.00
107708 · 239226 Phoenix AA Group	0.00	25.00	696926 · 99576 Cohasset North Group	175.00 375.00
120024 · 42375 Old Towne Group	0.00	50.00		432.00 2,522.00
120338 · 83744 9am Sun Basic Text	250.00	250.00	224034 Monday Night Mens	0.00 600.00
123391 · 9916 A Vision for You Group	0.00	250.00	294129-270179 Crosslake ThurN	25.00 50.00
125933 · Rule 62 Group	75.00	150.00	117809 · 100544-Crosslake Monday Night	0.00 150.00
126822 · Piedmont AA Group	30.00	30.00	123762 · 100545 Crosslake Tuesday Night	0.00 179.00
127270 · 94477 Back to Basics	100.00	200.00	655611 · 105957 Friday Night BB	0.00 100.00
129540 · 78869 St. Scholastica AA	0.00	60.00		25.00 1,079.00
132613 · 67747 Serenity Club Inc.	0.00	250.00		
133564 · 9922 Lester Park Thursday BB	50.00	200.00	000403632 Motley Women's Group	0.00 40.00
135592 · Duluth "Nuts at Noon" Grp	50.00	150.00	107722 · 102265 Eagle Bend AA	0.00 100.00
140763 · 6615 Thurs.Noon Big book	250.00	250.00	107785 · 19219 Little Falls AA Club	0.00 250.00
167706 · Proctor AA Group	150.00	150.00	107787 · 14377 Long Prairie Alano	0.00 100.00
635620 · 47870 Pattison Park Group	0.00	225.00	132913 · 47111 Parkers Prairie AA	60.00 230.00
637117 · 42746 On Awakening Group	0.00	100.00	637835 · 25133 Monday Courage To Change	0.00 300.00
643667 · 22195 Not a Glum Lot	0.00	180.00	688753 · Back To The Basics Group	0.00 100.00
694141 · Chester Creek Group	0.00	50.00		60.00 1,120.00
698824 · 6053 There Is A Solution Women	22.00	101.00		
708011 · 81170 Steps at Copper Top	0.00	139.00	000036121 - 683774 Womens Way	84.00 134.00
4000-12 · District 12 Contributions - Other	93.00	93.00	000433960 Lake Ladies	24.00 84.00
Total 4000-12 · District 12 Contributions	1,070.00	3,350.65	000528405 Womens Welcoming AA	22.00 74.00
4000-13 · District 13 Contributions			000649886 Thurs Nite UpFront AA	0.00 25.00
000020416 - 726022 Thursday Gp	0.00	50.00	006788-107880 Lakes Region G	122.00 320.00
000057181 St Mary's Noon Tuesda	40.00	40.00	92561-121088 Akeley AA Group	0.00 200.00
0000377 · Womens AA Group (Sat. 1030 am)	125.00	150.00	107658 · Blackduck AA	0.00 107.00
107498 · 26978 Wed Happy Hour group	300.00	500.00	139141 · 76830 Spiritual Awareness Group	0.00 268.50
107580 · 102570 Early Evening Group (Tue)	0.00	100.00	145909 · 38031 Nooners AA Group	243.00 358.00
107601 · 6564 Thurs Candlelight Group	0.00	300.00	158263 · 82268 Straight-Talk Group	0.00 20.00
118117 · 60484-Sauk Rapids AA Group	0.00	50.00	662565 · 13687 Living Sober Group	0.00 62.00
120679 · 30646 West End 12 Step Group	300.00	300.00	663310 · 77955 Squaw Lake Tues	0.00 246.00
123538 · Fri. 10 A.M. Big Book	0.00	50.00	679835 · 105769 Big Book Study Bemidji	350.00 1,320.00
126445 · 13260 Tues Morning AA	75.00	250.00		845.00 3,218.50
139018 · 42404 Older Adult Group	175.00	200.00		8,583.17 33,364.54
146993 · 6651 Thursday Morning BB	70.00	180.00	B674610 · 96059 Big Lake BB	3.00 3.00
695600 · Rice Thursday Group	0.00	40.00		3.00 3.00
697239 · 109894 Heard it Through the GV	0.00	200.00		0.00 20.00
718334 · 5123 Keep It Simple	250.00	650.00	B107861 · Nashwauk Fri. Nite Group	142.00 142.00
721677 · 7385 Thursday Night BB Grp	100.00	100.00		142.00 142.00
Total 4000-13 · District 13 Contributions	1,435.00	3,160.00		
4000-15 · District 15 Contributions			662565-13687 Living Sober	0.00 5.00
487780 The Garage Group	0.00	50.00	B663310 · Squaw Lake Tues. AA BDays!	0.00 50.00
722310 · 99595 Cold Spring GV	0.00	300.00		0.00 55.00
107603 · 37651 AA Group of St. Joseph	0.00	100.00		0.00 60.00
107767 · 110646 Holdingford Group	0.00	200.00		145.00 280.00
107797 · 19359 Melrose AA Group	0.00	200.00		
107881 · 47996 Paynesville Wed Night Grp	0.00	105.00		0.00 148.00
107951 · 65281 Tues Night AA Sauk Centre	175.00	175.00		0.00 148.00
118632 · 94078 Avon Tues. Night Group	0.00	100.00		0.00 1,910.00
118837 · 21679 Watkins Thurs. Night AA	100.00	100.00		0.00 259.55
674373 · 83490 Cold Spring Sun. Night BB	0.00	50.00		0.00 146.00
679438 · 7529 Thurs Night Fellowship	0.00	50.00		0.00 744.00
695601 · 695601-93665 Cold Spring Mon Ni	150.00	150.00		179.00 651.50
719372 · 71937-34287 New London Sunday G	0.00	350.00		3,153.40 11,519.49
4000-15 · District 15 Contributions - Other	150.00	150.00		150.00 420.00
Total 4000-15 · District 15 Contributions	575.00	2,080.00		0.00 0.30
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5100 · Committee Meeting Rent	175.00	175.00	525.00	525.00	700.00
5120 · Grapevine Inventory	202.96		923.44		
5125 · AAWS Literature Inventory	4,053.68		11,807.55		
5200 · Service Workshop					
5201 · Coffee	0.00	0.00	339.56	500.00	500.00
5202 · Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
5203 · Room Rental	700.00	0.00	2,648.20	3,000.00	3,000.00
5204 · Speaker Expenses	0.00	0.00	220.72	1,400.00	1,400.00
Total 5200 · Service Workshop	700.00	0.00	3,208.48	5,100.00	5,100.00
5300 · Spring Assembly					
5301 · Room Rental	0.00	0.00	2,987.09	3,200.00	3,200.00
5302 · Coffee	0.00	0.00	1,966.24	500.00	500.00
5303 · Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Total 5300 · Spring Assembly	0.00	0.00	4,953.33	3,900.00	3,900.00
5350 · Zonal Forums	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
5400 · Fall Assembly					
5401 · Room Rental Costs	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	1,500.00
5402 · Coffee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	374.00
5403 · Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Total 5400 · Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	2,074.00
6550 · Finance Oversight Committee					
6550-01 · Meals	0.00	15.00	58.86	45.00	60.00
6550-02 · Travel	0.00	18.72	22.00	56.16	74.88
6550-04 · Other	0.00		25.00		
Total 6550 · Finance Oversight Committee	0.00	33.72	105.86	101.16	134.88
Total Expense	5,131.64	208.72	22,273.66	9,626.16	12,058.88
	7,078.93	-208.72	27,169.72	-9,626.16	-12,058.88
6100 · Delegate					
6100-01 · Meals	0.00	60.00	87.51	520.00	720.00
6100-02 · Travel	0.00	60.17	111.48	2,637.80	2,755.50
6100-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	489.71	1,025.17	1,367.92
6100-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
6100-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	530.42	915.00	915.00
6100-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	2,850.00	2,850.00
6100 · Delegate - Other	0.00		156.84		
Total 6100 · Delegate	0.00	120.17	3,625.96	7,997.97	8,658.42
6200 · Alternate Delegate					
6200-01 · Meals	10.00	10.00	190.00	230.00	490.00
6200-02 · Travel	20.00	20.00	150.00	1,160.00	1,830.00
6200-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	599.64	1,031.64	1,719.64
6200-05 · Supplies	25.00	100.00	75.00	200.00	200.00
6200-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	89.00	50.00	100.00
6200-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	199.00	50.00	50.00
Total 6200 · Alternate Delegate	55.00	130.00	1,302.64	2,721.64	4,389.64
6300 · Chairperson					
6300-01 · Meals	10.00	10.00	141.44	230.00	380.00
6300-02 · Travel	9.15	20.00	140.70	132.00	382.00
6300-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	325.43	556.00	895.90
6300-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	59.22	150.00	150.00
6300-06 · Printing	93.48	60.00	1,744.37	430.00	690.00
6300-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Total 6300 · Chairperson	112.63	90.00	2,461.16	1,548.00	2,547.90
6400 · Secretary					
6400-01 · Meals	11.00	10.00	72.00	120.00	240.00
6400-02 · Travel	26.91	35.00	133.44	185.00	355.00
6400-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	220.72	150.00	330.00
6400-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	25.00	50.00	50.00
Total 6400 · Secretary	37.91	45.00	451.16	505.00	975.00
6500 · Treasurer					
6500-01 · Meals	10.00	10.00	89.96	230.00	520.00
6500-02 · Travel	60.14	20.00	139.30	140.00	360.00
6500-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	102.64	300.00	300.00
6500-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	91.80	250.00	250.00
6500-06 · Printing	56.37	40.00	282.22	240.00	400.00
6500-07 · Postage	158.75	90.00	355.56	360.00	450.00
6500-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	103.52	550.00	550.00
Total 6500 · Treasurer	285.26	160.00	1,165.00	2,070.00	2,830.00
7000 · Archives Chair					
7000-01 · Meals	12.00	10.00	181.49	155.00	310.00
7000-02 · Travel	30.00	53.00	52.87	232.00	410.00
7000-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	157.07	250.00	725.00
7000-05 · Supplies	14.00	0.00	14.00	0.00	100.00
7000-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	425.00
Total 7000 · Archives Chair	56.00	63.00	405.43	662.00	1,970.00
7100 · Archivist					
7100-01 · Meals	10.00	10.00	74.40	150.00	220.00
7100-02 · Travel	71.47	24.00	294.99	158.00	446.00
7100-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	188.89	593.00	593.00
7100-04 · Facility	0.00	1,150.00	0.00	4,500.00	6,800.00
7100-05 · Supplies	0.00	700.00	0.00	700.00	700.00
7100-08 · Other	1,150.00	0.00	4,540.00	50.00	50.00
Total 7100 · Archivist	1,231.47	1,884.00	5,098.28	6,151.00	8,809.00

7200 · Corrections					
7200-01 · Meals	10.00	10.00	30.00	75.00	245.00
7200-02 · Travel	27.63	30.00	195.01	412.00	912.00
7200-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	110.36	125.00	310.00
7200-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	220.00
7200-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
7200-07 · Postage	0.00	0.00	10.95	92.00	92.00
7200-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	150.00
7200-09 · Transition Fairs	0.00	0.00	0.00	110.00	110.00
7200-10 · Corrections Workshop	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	850.00
Total 7200 · Corrections	37.63	40.00	896.32	864.00	2,939.00
7300 · CPC					
7300-01 · Meals	0.00	10.00	108.57	220.00	405.00
7300-02 · Travel	0.00	9.60	60.90	79.70	303.46
7300-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	267.43	536.00	874.00
7300-05 · Supplies	0.00		14.00		
7300-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	50.00	300.00	300.00
Total 7300 · CPC	0.00	19.60	500.90	1,135.70	1,882.46
7400 · Grapevine					
7400-01 · Meals	10.00	10.00	160.33	180.00	265.00
7400-02 · Travel	17.00	17.33	138.42	138.65	288.48
7400-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	528.72	540.00	880.00
7400-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	25.00	50.00	50.00
Total 7400 · Grapevine	27.00	27.33	852.47	908.65	1,483.48
7500 · Group Records Secretary					
7500-01 · Meals	10.00	10.00	128.88	130.00	190.00
7500-02 · Travel	0.00	30.00	17.00	160.00	250.00
7500-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	267.43	280.00	280.00
7500-05 · Supplies	20.00	20.00	20.00	60.00	60.00
7500-07 · Postage	6.30		46.80		
7500-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	53.52	50.00	50.00
7500 · Group Records Secretary - Other	0.00		10.00		
Total 7500 · Group Records Secretary	36.30	60.00	543.63	680.00	830.00
7600 · Literature					
7600-01 · Meals	0.00	10.00	65.00	120.00	190.00
7600-02 · Travel	84.00	21.00	297.52	231.00	411.00
7600-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	110.72	520.00	858.00
7600-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	25.00	50.00	50.00
Total 7600 · Literature	84.00	31.00	498.24	921.00	1,509.00
7700 · Northern Light					
7700-01 · Meals	0.00	10.00	40.00	90.00	130.00
7700-02 · Travel	0.00	35.00	103.30	195.00	290.00
7700-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	157.07	268.00	437.00
7700-06 · Printing	1,424.00	415.00	2,873.00	1,660.00	2,490.00
7700-07 · Postage	805.56	425.00	2,241.41	1,700.00	2,550.00
7700-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Total 7700 · Northern Light	2,229.56	885.00	5,414.78	3,963.00	5,947.00
7800 · Public Information					
7800-01 · Meals	10.00	10.00	128.38	90.00	160.00
7800-02 · Travel	32.87	33.68	199.10	221.04	317.22
7800-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	534.86	280.00	450.00
7800-06 · Printing	0.00		12.50		
7800-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	250.00	50.00	50.00
7800-09 · PI Workshop Expenses	0.00	0.00	272.92	325.00	325.00
Total 7800 · Public Information	42.87	43.68	1,397.76	966.04	1,302.22
7900 · Treatment					
7900-01 · Meals	0.00	10.00	0.00	130.00	200.00
7900-02 · Travel	0.00	70.00	0.00	230.00	350.00
7900-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	0.00	440.00	610.00
7900-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Total 7900 · Treatment	0.00	80.00	0.00	850.00	1,210.00
7950 · Webmaster					
7950-01 · Meals	10.00	10.00	72.23	180.00	280.00
7950-02 · Travel	17.89	26.68	52.21	195.56	445.79
7950-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	157.07	258.00	597.90
7950-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Total 7950 · Webmaster	27.89	36.68	281.51	683.56	1,373.69
8000 · Web Technology					
8000-07 · Web Hosting	0.00	0.00	0.00	251.28	251.28
8000-08 · Software Products	323.71	0.00	1,208.41	1,506.60	1,506.60
Total 8000 · Web Technology	323.71	0.00	1,208.41	1,757.88	1,757.88
8050 · Audio Technician					
8050-02 · Travel	0.00	38.25	0.00	276.75	404.00
8050-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	0.00	258.00	598.00
Total 8050 · Audio Technician	0.00	38.25	0.00	534.75	1,002.00
	4,587.23	3,753.71	26,103.65	34,920.19	51,416.69
	-4,587.23	-3,753.71	-26,103.65	-34,920.19	-51,416.69
	2,491.70	-3,962.43	1,066.07	-44,546.35	-63,475.57

AREA OFFICER & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

	Aug 31, 25	Aug 31, 24
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1000 · Area 35 Checking Account	21,863.77	19,560.94
1100 · Savings - Prudent Reserve	6,061.75	6,061.24
Total Checking/Savings	27,925.52	25,622.18
Total Current Assets	27,925.52	25,622.18
TOTAL ASSETS	27,925.52	25,622.18
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	18,725.52	18,725.52
32000 · Retained Earnings	8,133.93	11,824.55
Net Income	1,066.07	-4,927.89
Total Equity	27,925.52	25,622.18
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	27,925.52	25,622.18

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

WEBMASTER – TERRY P

Since the last meeting I have been mostly busy with learning how to work every day after 11 months of being unemployed. Keeping me exceptionally very busy but grateful for the change. I attended the joint workshop and spent most of the time working on getting everybody to their breakout rooms. We ended up with 90+% in their respective spots. Met with Vicky ahead of the workshop to walk through the room setup process. Made several regular updates, mostly flyer and calendar updates. The majority are from Mark, thanks for keeping me busy Mark. Happy to help with technology issues including how-to sessions. However, only 7 people have attended the 3 or 4 I have hosted previously. Willing to help but cannot do so if you do not reach out. Let me know what you need to help carry the message.

NORTHERN LIGHT – JENNIFER T

I have to admit to getting complacent with my service position as I look forward to rotating out. I start getting excited about something new. Old behavior tells me “happiness is right around the corner”. I also admit I am the last person to know what makes me happy. As I contemplate what is next in service, my sponsor gives me an ominous warning, don’t let service become your home group and replace working one on one with another alcoholic. My sponsor reminds me, I work with others not because they are alcoholic, because I am alcoholic. So I have been busy working one on one with sponsees, while not neglecting my responsibilities in service. I was able to attend the Heartland Roundup In Park Rapids with 400 others, it was a great event

LITERATURE – MIKE

No report given

TREATMENT – KYLE H

No report given

GROUP RECORDS-PHYLLIS K.

Hi everybody,
Thank you for continuing to register new groups. We are nearing the end of this rotation. Please help your DCM refresh all the groups in your district by making a list of which groups are no longer meeting, which groups have new GSRs and officers, and any changes of address, day, time, or type. Email me this information as soon as you can so I can get everyone refreshed to start the new rotation. Thank you!

GSRs/Contact People: +11 and -4
Meeting Guide: +10 and -4; One time change for a meeting and 1 meeting folded
Northern Light: +12 and -4
Help messages:
1) A church requesting help locating a contact for a Crosslake group
2) Are meeting lists downloadable?
3) Connection for Detroit Lakes for October-district 3
4) How do I find meetings in Aurora?
5) How do I know if a resident in my sober house really attended a meeting?
New Groups:
1) Big Book Brotherhood in North Branch
2) Friends of Bill W. Group in Walker
3) Play the Tape Group in Mora
Reactivated Groups: Free to Choose Group in Bemidji
Thank you for allowing me to serve. You are the bright spot of this job!
Phyll

PUBLIC INFORMATION – RANDY A

Hello Area, 35! I hope everyone had a great holiday weekend, the last one of the summer. This past month I attended the Aurora Big Book Open Meeting; they had excellent speakers Al- Anon and AA as well as a great potluck dinner. I I also attended the Keep it Simple Weekend in Eveleth last week, which was very good and well attended, it was good to see old friends and some past delegates in attendance. I also attended the District Meeting in Tower Mn. To find out what was going on in the district as they are going to have elections in September at the next meeting and will be voting in a new DCM.

A lot of the districts currently have quite a few openings. So if anyone is willing to serve, bring them to a district meeting or have them get involved in group service. There are many opportunities to be of service, remember our 3rd legacy is very important in Alcoholics Anonymous. I also inquired to Area 36 PI to see if they would accept individual members to sit at the PI Booth at the State Fair – they said yes and they did send out a few openings and sent a few out but I don’t know if anyone went or not. I know that St. Cloud Intergroup stated that they had a slot on August 29th. We will be voting on the issue at the next Area Assembly to see if our Area wants to re-commit to this service. The 1st was to Keep it as is- No commitment. 2nd was to re-commit and sign-up list –3rd was to see if we could send members from Area 35 on an individual basis. The last one (3) was accepted by Area 36 PI, for this rotation but that could change, and the new incoming PI Chair would have to work that out.

And finally, I am looking forward to attending the WCRAAF in Omaha and have made arrangements. It should be quite interesting and informative to attend. We have lots of AA events coming up in the next few months so there is no reason to be bored. These events are a great way to meet new people and to reconnect with old friends.

Yours in Service, Randy A.

CORRECTIONS - MARK R

Continued praise and gratitude to A.A. members who are volunteers in Area 35 Districts, and Groups, and presently taking regular meetings into County Jails and Minnesota Correctional Facilities. Many hours are spent organizing meetings, working with jails to get volunteers approved, and managing rosters.

I continue to be available to help our Area 35 District Corrections Chairs & DCMs with their respective Corrections opportunities and questions/concerns.

For the past 4 ½ years, I have been blessed to have put in a position to be a Trusted Servant in A.A. Corrections Service work! Not only did God bless me as the District 5 Corrections Chair, but then He presented me with the opportunity to be the Area 35 Corrections Chair and the Statewide Corrections Chair, each for almost 2 rotations (3 ½ years). During this time, we have grown a Northern Minnesota A.A. Corrections Volunteer base of a known 12 to over 60!
I want to take this opportunity now before the end of my rotation to thank all our Area 35 Corrections Volunteers that have stepped up and have helped with our CTCP requests, DOC Transition Fairs, and their continued Service Work growing our volunteer base to Carry the Message of Alcoholics Anonymous in to the Incarcerated Person in our County Jails, and State Prisons. A thank you letter and recognition certificate have been sent to all of them – Aaron A, Adam C, Brad L, Carter L, Chuck R, Diane R, Dillon S, Frank K, Gary H, Jarrin V, Jason G, Jason L, Jeff G, Jeff O, Jennifer T, Jessica S, JJ H, John D, John K, Joseph S, Julie N, Kateri P, Kevin K, Kristina L, Melvin S, Mike U, Patrick W, Paul C, Paul H, Peggy M, Ricco R, Rick A, Steven S, Terry P, Tony S, and Wayne O.

The MCF-Lino Lakes Transition Fair was held on August 7, 2025. Representing A.A. from Area 35 was Paul H. (D73 DCM), and Area 36 was Patrick W. (A36 Pink Can Chair). It was a great fair but there were only a few CTCP requests received and those were for Area 36. Again, a big thank you to our A.A. members who have volunteered for the rest of the DOC Transition Fairs MCF-Moose Lake (Ricco R), MCF-Rush City (Mike U), MCF-Willow River #2 (Mike U), MCF-Shakopee (Jessica S), and MCF-Stillwater (Jeff O). God Bless you all for doing this awesome Service Work!

AREA OFFICER & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

FACILITY	TRANSITION FAIR DATE	APPLICATION DUE DATE
MCF-Willow River #1	April 8, 2025	March 14, 2025
MCF-Faribault	May 21, 2025	April 23, 2025
MCF-Saint Cloud	June 4, 2025	May 7, 2025
MCF-Red Wing	July 15, 2025	June 17, 2025
MCF-Lino Lakes	August 7, 2025	July 10, 2025
MCF-Moose Lake	September 9, 2025	August 12, 2025
MCF-Rush City	September 23, 2025	September 16, 2025
MCF-Willow River #2	October 14, 2025	September 16, 2025
MCF-Shakopee	November 4, 2025	October 7, 2025
MCF-Stillwater	November 19, 2025	October 22, 2025

CPC - MARY S

No report given

ARCHIVIST – MARC N

During August I traveled to a District 9 meeting at the Hibbing Alano. The intent was to discuss the role of a district archivist. In my opinion a district archivist should preserve items that influence(d) the groups within the district. Items such as district meeting minutes, event fliers, news or stories from individuals or groups that relate to AA life, and more. These need not cost a lot, most can be stored digitally. A scrap book could be utilized to present the artifacts at district or group meetings as a method to make AA attractive. The most important work of AA is to be there when anyone reaches out for help, this is accomplished best by AA member’s personal conversations.

There were a few questions about area archives:

Why does it cost so much? The cost is due to renting a secure and accessible, climate-controlled storage space.

Have there been rodent or insect issues? To date I have not seen evidence of rodents or insects.

Are the artifacts insured? No. I searched for insurance, it gets complicated and is costly.

Can AA members listen to the audio recordings? Yes, by requesting of the archivist who will send an mp3 file. There is a plan to add a catalog of audio recordings to the area website.

District Secretaries: please send meeting minutes to archivist. Please send as email attachment or if handwritten via postal mail. These are now stored in digital format.

Do you know of anyone who has written an article or story for submission to the Grapevine Magazine or maybe the fifth edition Big Book? If so, please encourage them to send a copy to our archives.

Does your District or Alano have an archive exhibit? Please send a picture of the display or a description of the archival method.

ARCHIVES – CATHY R

No report given

GRAPEVINE – TERRY A

No report given

STATEWIDE CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE (SWCC) CHAIR REPORT

Our committee continues to work hard to promote A.A. Corrections Service work throughout the State of Minnesota!
Below are some of our accomplishments since our August 6, 2025 meeting.

General Status

Chuck R. and Mark R. have completed all printing of the 22 documents that make up the handouts for this year’s SWCC Corrections Workshop! On October 11, we are meeting at Mark R.’s home in Clear Lake, MN to stuff 100 folders for the in-person attendees at the Workshop. As we did last year, all content is in PDF format and anyone not in attendance or online can ask for the PDF(s) to be sent to them via email! Mark and his wife Karen will be making a Prime Rib dinner for all our hard work.
Thank you to the Area Literature and Grapevine chairs for their attendance - Mike U. (Area 35) for attending the Literature table, and Tom W. (Area 36) for handling the Grapevine table! And thanks to our Area Corrections Chairs Mark R. and David A. for their guidance as well as their budgeting for this Workshop this year!
The SWCC meets on the 1st Wednesday of each Month. Our next meeting is September 3, 2025

JOIN TEAMS MEETING SERIES:

Statewide Corrections Committee (SWCC) Monthly Meeting
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST)
Occurs every month on the first Wednesday

Yours in Service,

Mark R



“There are several mantras in Alcoholics Anonymous that have developed over the decades. — If you have the urge to pick up the first drink: go to a meeting; read your big book; call your sponsor; find another alcoholic to work withl. Once upon a time you couldn’t go to a meeting 24/7 there were 2 in the country and they weren’t even AA meetings, they were Oxford group meetings. We didn’t have a big book. We relied on each other and on working with the still suffering alcoholic. And these alcoholics were not cleaned up in a 28 day Rule 25 stay. They were shaky, sick and going into delirium tremens. The first 100 worked with these drunks lovingly and willingly because they knew that this work would keep them sober. These first 100 are not just names on a page. They were real people with personalities and defects of character. They all have stories, some funny, some poignant, some horribly sad. And these stories are still relevant and useful. I have a suggestion for your next —topic discussion meeting. Instead of doing gratitude or resentments read a story from —Experience, Strength and Hope and discuss how the author felt,”

(Brad I.) Submitted by Marc N. from 2011 Northern Light

Upcoming Events in Area 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

2025 Service Events

October 4-5: Fall Assembly
Ely, MN

Dec 7: Area Committee Meeting
Aitkin, MN

2026 Service Events

Jan 17-18th Service Workshop
Hibbing, MN

Feb 8, 2026: Area Committee Meeting
Aitkin, MN

February 27-March 1, 2026
West Central Regional AA Conference
Cedar rapids Iowa

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“But we
do have
expenses...”

When you “put money in the basket”
you support your group and A.A. worldwide.
You help make sure that:

- Your group gets meeting space
 - Phones get answered
- Alcoholic inmates get Big Books
- Professionals get correct information about A.A.
 - Loner A.A.s get letters
 - Newcomers get literature and meeting lists
- A.A.s around the globe share experience, strength and hope



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“Concerning any given service, we pose but one question: ‘Is this service really needed?’ If it is, then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who seek AA.”

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



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.

1st Sunday in February

Agenda Items are distributed to Area 35 electronically or DCM Can request a hard copy from the Delegate.

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

Diane R.
Area 35 Panel 74 Delegate
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(218) 929-7846

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, Jennifer T.

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. **A \$20.00 fee will be added for a submission larger than 8 1/2 x 11.**

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
1102 E Camp St
Ely, MN 55731**

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 2025 are as Follows:

- ◆ **October 31, 2025:** 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
- FC - Fellowship Connection
- 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)

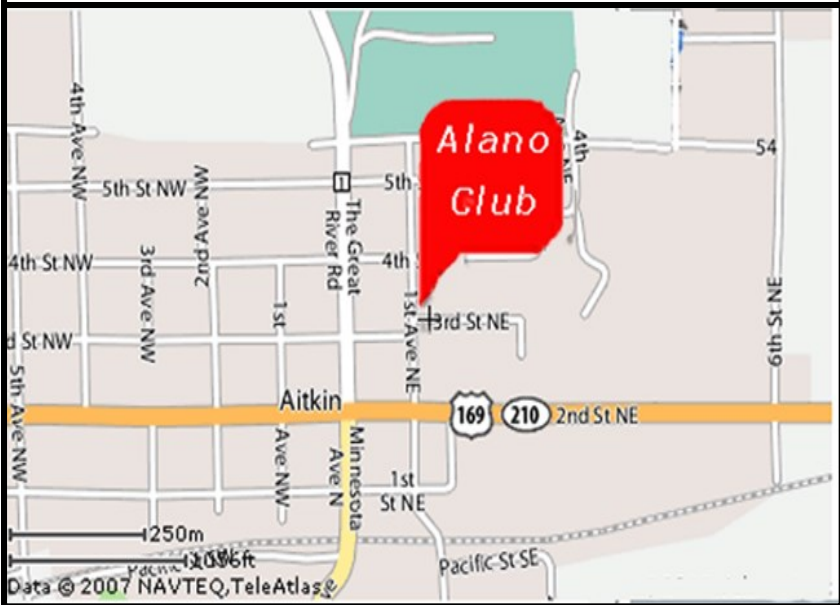
AREA 35 EVENTS
INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

- 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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Newsletter of the Northern Minnesota Area 35 Assembly					
OUR PAST DELEGATES					
<u>Panel 72</u> 2022-2023 Steven L	<u>Panel 44</u> 1994-1995 Bruce B	<u>Panel 18</u> 1968-1969 Dave H (deceased)			
<u>Panel 70</u> 2020-2021 Jim S	<u>Panel 42</u> 1992-1993 Greg G (deceased)	<u>Panel 16</u> 1966-1967 Arno A (deceased)			
<u>Panel 68</u> 2018-2019 Christine G	<u>Panel 40</u> 1990-1991 Bob J	<u>Panel 14</u> 1964-1965 Donald F (deceased)			
<u>Panel 66</u> 2016-2017 Kelly D	<u>Panel 38</u> 1988-1989 Scott J	<u>Panel 12</u> 1962-1963 Donna T (deceased)			
<u>Panel 64</u> 2014-2015 Michael J	<u>Panel 36</u> 1986-1987 Louie H	<u>Panel 10</u> 1960-1961 Bob B (deceased)			
<u>Panel 62</u> 2012-2013 Jim K	<u>Panel 34</u> 1984-1985 Bob P (deceased)	<u>Panel 8</u> 1958-1959 Pearl N (deceased)			
<u>Panel 60</u> 2010-2011 Jon C	<u>Panel 32</u> 1982-1983 Tom L (deceased)	<u>Panel 6</u> 1956-1957 Waldo H (deceased)			
<u>Panel 58</u> 2008-2009 JoAnne N	<u>Panel 30</u> 1980-1981 Don M (deceased)	<u>Panel 4</u> 1954-1955 Wendell H (deceased)			
<u>Panel 56</u> 2006-2007 Jerry S	<u>Panel 28</u> 1978-1979 Garfield S (deceased)	<u>Panel 2</u> 1952-1953 Arthur R (deceased)			
<u>Panel 54</u> 2004-2005 Charlie C	<u>Panel 26</u> 1976-1977 Vern R (deceased)				
<u>Panel 52</u> 2002-2003 Tim C	<u>Panel 24</u> 1974-1975 Gordon H (deceased)				
<u>Panel 50</u> 2000-2001 Tom A	<u>Panel 22</u> 1972-1973 Frank J (deceased)				
<u>Panel 48</u> 1998-1999 Susie A	<u>Panel 20</u> 1970-1971 Clarence B (deceased)				
<u>Panel 46</u> 1996-1997 Bill P (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 Fall Assembly
Oct 4th - 5th, 2025
Grand Ely Lodge, Ely, MN

<p>AGENDA</p> <p>_____ 9:00 a.m. Registration</p> <p>_____ 10:00 a.m. GSR Orientation & 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>_____ Additions to Agenda</p> <p>_____ Approve 2025 Spring Assembly Minutes</p> <p>OFFICER REPORTS</p> <p>_____ Delegate – Diane R</p> <p>_____ Alternate Delegate – Pat M</p> <p>_____ Chair – Vicki R</p> <p>_____ Secretary – Denise R</p> <p>_____ Treasurer – Heidi B</p> <p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>_____ Voting Procedures/Using Substantial Unanimity</p> <p>_____ State Fair – Is Area 35 willing to re-commit?</p> <p>_____ Add Archives to Area Website (see Marc’s proposal)</p> <p>NEW BUSINESS:</p> <p>_____ Purchase equipment (\$2,000) to have a hybrid option</p> <p>_____ Reimb Area Officers and Committee Chairs for WCRF</p> <p>_____ Sharing Session – Pro/Con Zoom versus Teams</p> <p>_____ Sharing Session – Norther Light</p> <p>COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS</p> <p>_____ Financial Oversight Committee – Scott A</p> <p>_____ District 7 - Jess S</p> <p>_____ WEBMASTER – Terry P</p> <p>_____ NORTHERN LIGHT – Jennifer T</p> <p>_____ GROUP RECORDS – Phyllis K</p> <p>_____ District 2 – Kim B</p> <p>_____ District 11 – Kathy M</p> <p>_____ LITERATURE - Mike U</p> <p>_____ District 8 – John J</p> <p>_____ District 15 – Fred T</p> <p>_____ PUBLIC INFORMATION – Randy A</p> <p>_____ District 1 –</p> <p>_____ District 21 –</p>	<p>_____ TREATMENT – Kyle H</p> <p>_____ District 5 – Chad O</p> <p>_____ District 14 –</p> <p>_____ CPC – Mary S</p> <p>_____ District 6 - Julie N</p> <p>_____ District 9 – Tom T</p> <p>_____ ARCHIVES – Cathy R</p> <p>_____ ARCHIVIST – Marc N</p> <p>_____ District 4 – Jay B</p> <p>_____ District 18 – Steve T</p> <p>_____ GRAPEVINE – Terry A</p> <p>_____ District 12 – Richard G</p> <p>_____ District 16 – Dave C</p> <p>_____ CORRECTIONS – Mark R</p> <p>_____ District 3 – Melvin S</p> <p>_____ District 13 – Peggy M</p> <p>2:30 pm Break</p> <p>2:45 pm Continue with Committee/DCM Reports</p> <p>4:50 p.m. BREAK</p> <p>5:00 p.m.</p> <p>_____ GSR Sharing Session</p> <p>_____ DCM Sharing Session</p> <p>_____ Area Officers and Area Chairs Meet</p> <p>_____ Closed AA meeting</p> <p>6:00 P.M. Dinner (On Your Own)</p> <p>7:30 P.M. Assembly Reconvenes</p> <p>SUNDAY</p> <p>7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Big Book Meeting</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes</p> <p>***Finish Business/Reports (If Any)</p> <p>_____ GSR Sharing report back</p> <p>_____ DCM Sharing report back</p> <p>_____ Area Officer and Area Chair report back</p> <p>Elections: Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer</p> <p>_____ Ask It Basket</p> <p>_____ Calendar of Event</p> <p>_____ Adjourn – Responsibility Statement</p>
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