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Area 35 Northern Minnesota

Wadena

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)

Zone I

District 1 - Ada, Crookston, Erskine, Fertile, Fosston, Mahanomen, Naytahwaush, Red Lake Falls, Twin Valley, Waubun,

District 2 - Badger, 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, Baudette, 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,

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

District Meeting Location Information

District 1

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

District 2

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

District 3

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

District 4

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 MEETING MINUTES - UNAPPROVED

Area Committee Meeting

December 7th, 2025 Minutes

Call to Order: Area Chair Vicki called the meeting to order at 10:30am on Sunday December 7th, 2025, opened with the Serenity Prayer

Recognition of Past Delegates In Attendance: Scott A., Panel 57/59 of Area 36, Michael "Jake" J. Panel, 64, Kelly D. Panel, 66, Christine G., Panel 68

Additions to agenda: None

Approval of August 3, 2025 ACM Minutes: Motion to Approve Cathy R. seconded John J., motion carried.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – DIANE R

December ACM Delegate Report.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area 35 Panel 74 delegate for the past two years. This role has been both exciting and humbling. I especially appreciated the opportunity to meet and connect with many dedicated members in service to Alcoholics Anonymous. I truly enjoyed every moment. I was honored to bring your voice to the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you again for the honor to serve.

Throughout my term, I worked hard to keep you informed by sharing updates from the General Service Board, General Service Conference, Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, and Grapevine / LaViña.

Pat M., our Alternate Delegate, has been very involved and very supportive. Pat attended most report backs from the Conference and most pre-conference meetings. I do not think that he missed a WCR Delegate meeting. Pat was knowledgeable and ready to step in if I could not have fulfilled my delegate position. I am deeply grateful for Pat's help and support throughout the past two years. I am confident Pat will be an excellent, well-informed delegate for Area 35, thanks to his commitment and involvement in Alcoholics Anonymous.

It was a wonderful experience to serve with members of the Area 35 Committee and Assembly. I have met so many dedicated and committed members who love Alcoholics Anonymous as much as I do.

The West Central Service Conference will be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, February 27 to March 1, 2026. The theme is Humility in Action. If you register by February 1st, registration is \$30.00 and after that it is \$35.00. Room rates are \$135.00 per night (including taxes and fees) if you book before January 29, 2026. You can find this information on West Central Region website. Hopefully, all area committee chairs and officers can attend and know that they will be reimbursed. I recently sent out a complete list of Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs) to Area 35. This is a list of all PAIs that were sent in for the General Service Conference for 2026. Please note that most of the PAIs will not be considered and are still subject to change. One that was on the list to be considered has been sent back to committee to consider, Changing the Preamble.

There were two recent letters from the General Service Office. One is telling us that they are about \$1million total contribution less than last year and \$843,000.00 less the budgeted amount for contributions for 2025. They are currently about \$1 million behind in Accounts Payable to our printer. I listened to the Northeast Regional Forum on 12/5/25, it was said that they now plan to have a draw down out of the Reserve Fund. Grapevine and LaViña on Budget, although they are expected to have a deficit again this year. The second letter talked about the Retro-fit for the New York office is behind schedule. The contractors ran into asbestos and had to get permits to remove it. They will remove the asbestos in the next weeks and then start on the retrofit which will take 10-12 weeks. GSO stated that the cost of the removal of the asbestos will be covered by the contractors and will not result in more cost of Alcoholics Anonymous. Looks like they will not be back in the office until late February or March.

The newest dates for the 2027 West Central Regional Forum in Northern MN Area 35 are September 10 to 12, 2027. They have not finalized the contract yet with Holiday Inn in Duluth. It was supposed to be finalized by the end of November but there is no word on that yet.

In the last couple of months, I have looked for places to hold the 2027 West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (WCRAASC). On December 3, 2025, Pat and I visited Breezy Point Resort in the town of Breezy Point. The dates are March 5-7, 2027. We are in the process of finalizing that contract. It should be signed next week and a deposit made in the next few weeks. We also worked with our West Central Administrator, Kathi.

Dennis B., Area 36 Panel 41, Past Delegate gave us a book, A Path with Responsibility, for our Archives. He put together a book of Tom A's writings when he was a trustee. Dennis had asked Tom A. to do an article every month as trustee so he could include it in the St. Paul Intergroup newsletter. He had asked many other folks - but nobody ever did what was asked of them.

I have a copy of the book in PDF which I will send to Marc N., our Archivist. Just a note: This will print as a half-sheet on a 8.5x11 sheet of paper if someone prints it out. That is on what is known as "A5" paper (essentially a 'half-sheet').

I mailed out Final Conference Reports to all districts or handed them to district members at the Corrections Workshop. I have some left over, so please take some back for your groups.

Thank you for your continued support and service to Alcoholics Anonymous. It has been an honor to serve as your delegate.

In service with patience, kindness and love,

Diane R.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – PAT M

Hello Area 35,

Pat M your panel 74 alternate delegate, This is my last report as the alternate delegate of area 35. It's been a pleasure to serve area 35 as your alternate delegate. I should have everything ready for the new Alternate Delegate Vicky for the winter workshop being held in Hibbing Minnesota at the Red Rock hotel suites on January 17th and 18th of 2026 our guest speaker Jimmy D was looking very forward spending time with GSR and DCM. I have attended my last North American alternate delegates meeting, I really enjoyed participating in those meetings. One of my highlights at the North American alternate delegates meetings was working with other panel 74 alternate delegates where we did a presentation on the warranties. I really got to know the other Alternate Delegates, it really was an honor to work with those Delegates

Yours in service your Alternate Delegate Pat M

CHAIR – VICKI R

Area 35 Chair Report ACM –December 7, 2025

Since my last report for the NL I've finalized the agreement for Fall Assembly 2026:

The Lodge at Brainerd Lakes

6967 Lake Forest Road

Baxter, MN 218-822-5572

I'm working on locations for 2027 Spring and Fall Assemblies and have gathered proposals to review. I attended the Grapevine Workshop 22. Terry and the other presenters did an excellent job in both giving important information about the Grapevine and how to navigate the website and the writing workshop for those interested in submitting a story.

I've been preparing files and information for the incoming Chair, Denise. I've summarized 2026 budgets received in the master file. I've set up a meeting at the bank for both incoming and outgoing Chairs and Treasurers to change the signature cards – Dec 12@ 1:30pm Draft budgets are due to me by Dec 19th, 2025 so they can be submitted to the Northern Light for the deadline of Jan 1, 2026.

It has been an honor and a true pleasure to serve as Chair this past rotation. The amount of time and effort you put into service to AA is humbling.

In grateful service,

Vicki R Area Chair

SECRETARY-DENISE R

Good Morning, Since we last met, I was able to complete and distribute the minutes from the Fall Assembly. I am working on updating the Area Actions Book and should be able to finish it soon and then get 1,000 copies printed for distribution. I have been in conversation with our incoming Area Secretary, Peggy. We will meet to discuss the Secretary position, and I will also pass the "Secretary Laptop" to her for use in the next rotation.

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At this time there is no Area Chair laptop to pass to the next Chair; therefore, I will need a laptop to use. I have included \$500 in the budget to cover that. As the incoming Area Chair, I am tasked with choosing the Committee Chair positions for the next rotation which I have worked on since the Fall Assembly. More to come on that later.

This will be the last meeting that I will serve as Area Secretary, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve in that capacity. As always, I have learned many new things. These last 2 years have been filled with a lot of personal hard times caring for my mom before her death this last July. Being committed to the Secretary position and having service work to do gave me strength to keep moving with God's help.

Thank you for allowing me that time. I look forward to serving you as Area Chair the next 2 years. We will see what God has planned for us in helping the still suffering alcoholic.

In Service,

Denise R

TREASURER-HEIDI B

AREA 35 TREASURER REPORTS

Here is a quick look at October and November. Printed Income, Expense and Contribution Statements and Previous Year Comparison checking account reports are printed (and in the back) 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. We have \$23,488.28 in the checking account with \$6,062.00 in our prudent reserve. There are contribution envelopes on the back table = however please note that the address to send in contributions will change Jan 1. Do not use these envelopes after December.

Income:	Oct/Nov
Contributions	\$7,828.68
Birthday, Special	\$0
Literature	\$1,397.30
Grapevine	\$534.50
Other	\$584.40
Total Income:	\$10,344.88

***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 personal checks arrive with a home address and no known group in the city listed on a personal check, and no 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.

I will be meeting with the incoming Treasurer, Jennifer, at the Service Workshop. We will be updating the bank account with incoming Chair and Treasurer next week.

I started coming to these ACM's 10 years ago as a district chair, then as a DCM, Area Secretary, Northern Light Editor and Area Treasurer. I didn't think I was ready to hang up my Area service hat, but life happens. And this year life has been extremely difficult with the loss of my brother, dad and father-in-law. I've had to switch gears and give most of my time and attention to my family. Maybe someday I'll return to service, we'll see where life brings me. I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve these last 10 years. It's been an amazing decade! I'm extremely grateful.

COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE-SCOTT A

I reviewed September, October, and November 2025 Finance Statements and found no errors. Scott A

WEBMASTER TERRY P

Present- Verbal Report

NORTHERN LIGHT-JENNIFER T

Northern Light report The committee met and approved a flyer request, we discussed adding a sample event flyer template to the website for making submissions easier. We also discussed adding a guideline for flyer submissions as a possibility in the future. Ideas of highlighting a district in each edition was brought up, to invite participation from our membership and find out what topics are on their mind.

DISTRICT 3- MELVIN S

District 3 meets every 3rd Sunday at noon at the Perham Alano Club. This will be my last report as I am rotating out, and Paul C. will be taking over as District 3 DCM. I have been DCM for about 3 1/2 years now. The experience has been rewarding although exhausting. I also feel that District 3 is in a little better shape than when I first came on board after the Covid fiasco. I have tried to visit and connect with the groups in our spread-out district. The active District 3 committee chairs have also been working hard to bring the district back together again, and our District 3 website keeps looking better all the time. Along with Paul C stepping up, we have Caroling taking over the Literature position as well as some new GSR's. All are pretty enthusiastic, which is a good sign. We still have the Alt. DCM, Corrections, and Grapevine positions open. We are taking speakers into 2 treatment centers and 4 County Jails, Ottertail, Clay, Wadena and Becker Counties. I do appreciate the fellowship and help from the Area 35 Chairs and fellow DCM's; I've learned so much, thank you. In Service, Melvin

GROUP RECORDS- PHYLLIS K

As this rotation ends, I'd like to say I enjoyed visiting with many of you and feel encouraged that our AA groups are alive and well. There were multiple GSRs added and expiring. Many changes to the Meeting Guide contacts and the mailing list for the Northern Light.

- District Chairs: +12
- DCMs: +14. The new DCM list is submitted to date.
- Districts 2, 5, and 14 haven't voted yet. Group Changes:
- 1 group in Nisswa closed-Thursday at 7pm
- New Groups that came through registration and are added to the Meeting Guide:
 1. The Depth and Weight Group in Superior
 2. Easy Does it Group in Ironton
 3. The Ely Thursday 12 noon group
- These groups are pending at Fellowship Connection awaiting activation:
 1. Women's Happy, Joyous, & Free in Baxter
 2. Day by Day Group in Esko

HELP: assisted living manager trying to get a contact for a client in Elbow Lake If GSRs/Contact People/District Chairs are continuing, just submit their names and info. No form needed. Forms are really important for the new people.

The change form is posted on: <https://hibbingaread9aa.com> <https://eastangedist8.com> <https://grandrapidsareamnaa.com> Please feel free to download and copy. Please submit your forms in a readable fashion for our next group records chair.

Thanks,

Phyllis K

DISTRICT 16- DAVE C

Not Present – No Report

LITERATURE-MIKE U

Present – Verbal Report

DISTRICT 12 – RICHARD G

Addy gave verbal report

DISTRICT 5 – CHAD O

Hello all, District 5 meets the 3rd Monday of each month at Trinity Lutheran Church in Princeton at 7pm. Our district continues to take meetings into the Sherburne County jail on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month, we bring both men's and women's meetings into the jail. We bring a men's meeting into the Mille Lacs county jail every Tuesday night. I'm told we are very close to a women's meeting starting here also.

AREA 35 MEETING MINUTES - UNAPPROVED

District 5 had nominations for all positions at our last meeting in November, we had at least 1 nomination for each position except our corrections chair, and since the meeting I've learned that we now have someone willing to take on that role as well. Some are brand new to the district, and we have some GSR's taking on new roles as their GSR term was up. We will vote on all positions at our upcoming meeting in December and I'm so happy that District 5 is continuing to grow with new faces and fresh ideas.

I was asked at the beginning of my rotation what my goal was for the district. My response was to leave it a little better than before, and that this was not going to be my goal or goals and that we needed to do this collectively, that everyone at the meeting has a voice and we will move forward together in whatever we do. It takes a village, this is not an I program, it is a we program. I'm just someone with a title that has a key to the building.

We had some challenges and thanks to some very talented people we now have a new district website, that we own, and will not have to worry about going down again, in the same way. We now have a "forever" meeting card for district 5 that is as up to date as the information we have, we can add, delete, or modify meetings by simply contacting our webmaster, yes, we added a webmaster to district 5 as a service position. There are still some challenges, as the treatment facility we were speaking at is steadfast in not letting us back in, again, it was learned that this was due to policy changes, not anything we did or said. I know personal and policies change at these facilities so we will periodically check in with them for anything new. It's sad as I know our volunteers really liked going in to share hope with them, plant seeds, and a way out. We will be looking for other opportunities to bring the message. I want to thank everyone at district 5 for helping me to grow in my recovery. You have made me a better person by allowing me to serve as the district 5 DCM.

Thank you also to everyone here at area 35, I've met some really great people, all who were willing to help in any way they could, all I had to do was ask, and trust me, that's still hard to do at times. I've learned so much and I know I've got a lot more to learn. It's awesome to be a part of this fellowship. God bless.

Chad O.

DCM District 5

PUBLIC INFORMATION – RANDY A

Present- Verbal Report

DISTRICT 2 – GREG B

Hello, my name is Greg. I am an alcoholic and DCM for District 2. Our District meetings are held the 1st Sunday of the odd months. At our November meeting we elected a Chair and Vice Chair. We discussed ideas on getting others involved in service. We formed a Tradition 9 Committee and we are planning a pizza party and presentation beginning at noon before our January meeting, January 4th at Twin Rivers Club house in Thief River Falls. I will be contacting all meetings in our District and getting out flyers and information. Hopefully we will have a good turnout and inform more members on service. Thank you

DISTRICT 4 – JIM T

Present- Verbal Report

TREATMENT – KYLE H

Not Present- No Report

DISTRICT 6 – JULIE N

Holiday Greetings Area 35!

For the past three and a half years, I've had the honor of serving as District Committee Member (DCM) for District 6. We've met faithfully on the third Thursday of each month at Spring Lake Lutheran Church, and I warmly invite you to join us at 7 p.m. — especially for our holiday party on December 18. When I first stepped into this role, I thought I had a very organized plan... but as it turns out, God had a much better sense of direction (and humor). I began as the alternate DCM and quickly learned that service work comes with equal parts responsibility, growth, and laughter.

Thanks to traveling with wonderful members like Mike U, Aaron and three car loads attending events across the Northwest, Having fun!!! I was able to meet remarkable people who serve AA in countless ways. One of my favorite memories will always be the fall assembly where I brought a box of costumes — proving once and for all that we truly are not a glum lot, even during business meetings.

District 6 has never struggled to make service work inviting. From tailgates to gatherings to tubing down the Rum River, we learned that fellowship and fun help keep people engaged. I'm especially proud that by the end of my term, our CPC/PI committee grew from a "one-person show" into a strong team of eight — a true sign of healthy service and shared commitment.

As I step down as DCM, I am not stepping away from service. I will continue serving District 6 as Treasurer and will gladly support any committees that need a helping hand. I serve not for recognition, but in humility and with a desire to follow God's will. I want to let you all know we have filled all positions at District and we have our future DCM here, Janet, and our Alt DCM, Theresa.

Thank you, Area 35, for being a true family to me.

Godspeed,

Julie N, Outgoing DCM District 6

DISTRICT 7 – JESS S DCM

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. We average 15-20 members at our district meetings. We've welcomed a couple of new GSRs recently & a couple new meetings as well.

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. We did decide to postpone our CPC Workshop, we're hoping to tackle that in the upcoming months. Our Treatment Chair has continued to reach out to Treatment Centers in the area, unfortunately most of them are still doing without much collaboration with Alcoholics Anonymous. Our Literature Chair recently created some Newcomer Packets, complete with a few AA brochures & our District 7 schedules & pocket cards that have been distributed. Our Corrections Chair was recently elected in September & we are excited to have an active member in that seat. She plans to attend the Crow Wing County Jail Transition Fair this week, along with our new Treatment Chair. It was recently brought to my attention that there may be an underlying reason that our AA hotline isn't receiving many calls, so I've been digging into that. Some issues have also presented with our District 7 website but I met with the creator of the site and believe to have it under control now, I just need to update some of the meeting times.

I attended the Corrections Workshop via Teams in October & truly enjoyed it, even though I couldn't be there in person. Unfortunately I had to call in sick the day of the Shakopee Transition Fair but I hear it went well and I plan to be a Temporary Contact for a few women who signed up for the CTCP program that day.

Since this is my last report, I wanted to make a special Thank You to my Alternate DCM, Mark N, as he has really stepped up to help me in this role every single time I have needed to ask him to. With young children and a very busy life, I'll be honest in saying the role of DCM has been set on the back burner more than once, but never have my district members, Mark especially, not stepped up to help fill the gaps. Along with Amends for my partial absence in this role, I just wanted to say Thank you to those who have helped me keep things on track. I have learned so much in this role and appreciate this fellowship more than ever, today. I am grateful for you all and I am truly grateful to have been able to be of service at all to District 7 and Area 35.

In Service, Jess S

CPC - MARY S

My name is Mary-I am an alcoholic. Thank you for allowing me to serve as the C.P.C. Area 35 Committee Chair this rotation. I have learned a lot and I've enjoyed the position.

I have been elected by District 16 to be the D.C.M for the next rotation. I'm looking forward to serving District 16. I don't have much to report today, other than I have always enjoyed meeting and working with others in Alcoholics' Anonymous. It's an amazing organization and it's up to us to keep it alive for future generations. As it states in our AA Service Manual, page 91 "Our Twelfth Step-carrying the message – is the basic service that the AA Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principals; it is a society for alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die."

Thanks Again-

AREA 35 MEETING MINUTES - UNAPPROVED**DISTRICT 18 – STEVE T**

District 18 meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Long Prairie Alano Club. Meeting time is 5:30.

Todd County Jail meeting has a good number of members taking the meeting in and a schedule of who is going in has been developed. Morrison County Jail Thursday night meeting is going strong, and a second group will be taking a meeting in on Sunday night.

Our district was able to have a booth at Camp Ripley for retired veterans. Approximately 125 veterans attend. District 7 allowed us to use their tablecloth and banner. Thank you District .

District 18 is looking at doing a sponsorship workshop on April 18. Upcoming events include, Eagle Bend Christmas party on December 14. Courage to Change group will be holding the round Robin on February 7th. Drunks on Ice on February 21st.

There is a Wednesday 7pm meeting at Bricks truck stop and restaurant in Motley. It is a book study meeting. New officers for district have been elected, some offices not filled.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Steve. T.

DISTRICT 15 – FRED T

My name is Fred, I'm an Alcoholic, DCM for District 15. The district meeting is held at the Albany Senior Center the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm. We had volunteers for some of our service positions that were open. New DCM Dean D., Treasurer Brad M., Secretary Tom V., Literature Larry S., Treatment Lori L., and Public Information Fred T. also one new GSR. We had more literature sales as new people are coming into the meetings. Attendance has been increasing in most groups. We are busy organizing the Stearns County Roundup that is set for March 28, 2026. Mike "Jake" J. from Hibbing will be the AA speaker and Cathy T. from Cold Spring will be the Alano Speaker. It will be at the River of Life Church in Cold Spring.

In Service,

Fred

ARCHIVIST – MARC N

Archivist Report ACM December 2025:

Hello. I'm Marc an alcoholic, your archivist, and I may or may not have yellow toenail fungus.

I have had a long conversation with the incoming archivist, I will allow Denise to make the introduction.

At the area meeting in Ely a past Archivist from Area 36 asked about an event that happened many years ago. I sent him a scanned page from the book "Courage to Change" by Forest R and a copy of an interview with Pearl conducted by Tom A past Archivist, past Delegate, and past Trustee. Our past Delegate Pearl N's husband found camera equipment that belonged to Henrietta S's ex husband. Pearl returned the items when she travelled to the GSC.

Preservation of audio recordings slowed for a while. We received another speaker recording and it was added to archived audio recordings. We don't have speaker audio recordings from several years, maybe because of the data loss issues.

The archives committee searched our stored magazines for articles relevant to AA, I scanned the articles from a few magazines. There are more to scan, but many of the magazines are larger than my scanner. The magazines will be preserved in archival bags so that they can be part of our events display.

I did a bunch of scanning while doing a research project that involved searching for history of the Duluth Roundup. There was a lot of interesting history from the 50s and some district meeting minutes from a few years. A lot of the history was labeled and sorted as Duluth Alano. I suspect that a lot of our Northern Minnesota memories might be stored as alano history. I also did a shallow dive into my home district archivable materials and will be scanning the items of significance to the district soon, there were a lot of documents that are archived at GSO and Area 35.

John, an archives volunteer has been scanning documents. After my brief time scanning the old paper documents I have realized how tedious this task is. Due to the age of the paper it is necessary to scan one page at a time, a document feeder would be hazardous to use.

These all are reasons to keep collecting our NMAA history. Please ask how to record speakers, how to document events, and how to get it added to our archives. After hearing how well the Grapevine workshop was received I want to remind those who write articles for Grapevine, AA Literature, or Northern Light to send the article to Archives. Even if it is not published we want it to be archived.

Thank You, it is a blessing to have this opportunity to serve.

Marc N.

ARCHIVES CHAIR – CATHY R

Archives Chair December 7, 2025 Final Report

I had the opportunity to participate in the PI Luncheon Committee for District 9. That was surely a privilege. We were very successful – with a turnout of 38 attendees from a variety of different professions within the Hibbing area. For the Archives, I put together a summary of the work process, the brochures and thoughts that were used. If anyone wants to put together a PI Luncheon, please take a look at the book I put together. This rotation in Archives has been a wonderful and informative service opportunity. Marc is a fantastic person to work with.

Thank you,

Cathy R, Archives Chair

DISTRICT 11 – KATHY M

Not present – No report

DISTRICT 14 – NO DCM?**GRAPEVINE – TERRY A**

Present- Verbal Report

DISTRICT 1 – LOREN G

Not Present

DISTRICT 13 – PEGGY M

Area Committee Meeting Report December 2025

We had our final district meeting on Monday December 1, 2025. What a celebration of service. We had about 20 people attending to highlight all the fantastic work done throughout the rotation. We accomplished many things we set out to do successfully in the past two years.

It has been a busy and productive rotation for our District. We had open communication and collaboration among our members; this enhanced participation and awareness of carrying the AA message to alcoholics. Here are the highlights.

- We attracted new GRSs to the District ·
- District committee members and GRS were high in attendance at Assemblies and ACMs and events ·
- We updated printed new meeting schedules and distributed them ·
- Participated in the Project Connect outreach to homeless each year ·
- Held three informative, highly attended workshops, our November workshop Scott J was terrific ·
- Created a District information flyer for DCM to hand out at meetings ·
- DCM attended most of the AA meetings in the District ·
- Created and approved our 2026 budget ·
- Literature sales large were high, provided literature to groups and facilities ·
- Reviewed and up-dated "Guidelines for Service" for our District Actions book ·
- We brought AA meetings to Correctional facilities, Jails, Treatment centers and local Detox centers ·
- Participated in corrections correspondence and attended Corrections workshops ·
- Maintained our website and phone line, added a bar code to our schedules and meeting cards ·
- One of most wonderful things over the last year is how many GSR continued and will stay working in the District as Officers and Committee Chairs.
- We have new GSRs from their groups attending District meetings getting ready for the next rotation. ·
- We have filled all our District positions except Archives. We have decided to hold our Treatment Action Chair for next rotation. Treatment work will continue through the CPC and PI committee ·
- All members contributed and together we had a very strong and productive rotation.

One GSR voiced that he absolutely loves this service work, looks forward to meetings and feels like District 13 is a family.

Thank you all for your work!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as DCM

Grateful, Peggy M. DCM D13

AREA 35 MEETING MINUTES - UNAPPROVED**DISTRICT 21 – T**

Present- Verbal Report

CORRECTIONS – MARK R

Area 35 Corrections Chair & Action Committee Report for ACM December 7, 2025

This will be my last report as your Area 35 Corrections Chair. I have been Blessed for having over 80 A.A. members in Northern Minnesota volunteering to Carry the Message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those still suffering in over 40 County Jails, 8 Minnesota Correctional Facilities (State Prisons), and 3 Federal Prisons. Many hours are spent organizing meetings, working with jails and prisons to get volunteers approved, as well as managing schedules and rosters. God has Blessed Alcoholics Anonymous with all of you wonderful men and women of our Fellowship!

I continue to search for A.A. members in Area 35 who would be willing to volunteer to be Temporary Contacts for men and women currently incarcerated in our Minnesota Correctional Facilities who will soon be released back into our communities. As a CTCP OUTSIDE volunteer, you are the Bridge between the A.A. member on the INSIDE and the A.A. Fellowship on the OUTSIDE. We are in need of many more Temporary Contacts for this important program! Please, get involved in this wonderful A.A. Service Work – here is a quote from Bill W.'s reminder back in 1955: "Our Society, therefore, will prudently cleave to its single purpose: the carrying of the message to the alcoholic who still suffers." Am I? Are you?

I hosted my third and final SWCC Corrections Workshop on October 25th, held at Jack & Jim's Event Center in Duelm, MN. From the evaluations and the attendance, we can say it was a success, and possibly the best one to date. A big "Thank You" to the 73 who attended In-Person (most ever) and the 15 attendees on-line! We had awesome feedback for our keynote speaker, DOC Commissioner Paul Schnell. I have to report, Commissioner Schnell was asked a question about why we cannot get A.A. back in to MCF-Oak Park Heights, Paul was unaware but replied he would be talking to that Warden the following Monday. I'm happy to report, trees were shaken, fruit has fallen, and John K from Area 36 has been contacted by those responsible at MCF-Oak Park Heights and it appears once again, we will be Carrying the Message of A.A. back in!

I attended the A.A. Service History Workshop at the St Cloud Alano Club hosted by District 13 on Saturday, November 15, 2025. It was an awesome event and I learned a lot from the guest speaker/presenter Scott J. (past Area 35 Delegate, Panel 38 1988-1989). He was full of information and wisdom, if I get the chance to hear him again, I will! On November 19, 2025 the final DOC Transition Fair for 2025 was held at MCF-Shakopee. This is our only Minnesota Correctional Facility for women. It was our busiest fair with over 30 Incarcerated Women filling out Temporary Contact requests for both Area 35 & Area 36. We received 14 CTCP requests for Northern Minnesota (Area 35). I worked with 8 different Area 35 District to locate Temporary Contacts for these 14 requests. I'm happy to report we were able to get each request assigned a volunteer! Thank you to the DCM's and/or Corrections Chairs/Volunteers from the following Districts who stepped up to the plate – District 1(1 request), District 3(3 requests), District 4(1 request), District 7(2 requests), District 11(1 request), District 12(2 requests), District 13(2 requests), and District 21(2 requests)!

I will be working with our incoming Area Corrections Chair Jeff O. in the next few weeks to turn over all I have (which is a lot!). With 100's of documents and PDFs in OneDrive, and maybe about the same in Outlook) I have a lot of mentoring and information to pass on to Jeff.

I will be attending the West Central Regional Service Conference in 2026. However, not as the Area 35 Corrections Chair but as the Area 35 Web Master! Again, I want to thank all of our Area 35 Groups, all of our District Officers and Chairs, all of our Area 35 Officers, Chairs, past and present Delegates for allowing me the honor of being your Area Corrections Chair for the past 3 years. Yes, 3 years, I was Blessed to become friends with our last Area 35 Corrections Chair, Arden A. Upon his passing, I was honored to take over for him to complete his rotation. Those were big shoes to fill and I pray that doing my best, I was able to do so.

Corrections Action Chair Committee Meeting Report (There were 10 in attendance)

JEFF O. (District 6 Corrections Chair), Jeff is the outgoing Corrections Chair for District 6. Every other Wednesday he brings A.A. in to MCF-Rush City. Every Tuesday he brings A.A. in to Kanabec County Jail. During certain months throughout the year, Jeff takes A.A. in to Isanti County. If all goes as it should here in a couple of hours, Jeff will be taking my place as the Area 35 Corrections Chair. As you can see from above, Jeff is committed to Corrections Service work and I'm confident he will continue the legacy and help us grow Corrections Service work in Area 35 at the Group, District, and Area levels! Thanks Jeff for all your work this past rotation.

GARY H. (District 11 Corrections Chair), Gary takes meetings into MCF-Rush City and Pine County jail. Every other Wednesday Gary takes a meeting into MCF-Rush City prison where they average 40-50 men in attendance. Every Tuesday, Gary takes a meeting into Pine County jail. He also facilitates a meeting for the women incarcerated there. We need female volunteers in the area to Step Up to help run the women's A.A. meetings at Pine County jail. Meetings going well at Sandstone Federal prison, MCF-Moose Lake, and MCF Willow River. Thanks Gary for all your work this past rotation.

RICCO R. (District 9 Corrections Chair), Ricco is the out-going Corrections Chair for District 9. There are no corrections facilities in District 9. On the 3rd Wednesday each month, Ricco volunteers to bring meetings to MCF-TOGO. Rico is looking forward to volunteering for the Transition Fairs in 2026. Thanks Ricco for all your work this past rotation.

TONY S. (District 8 Corrections Chair), Tony is the out-going Corrections Chair for District 8. Tony will stay on to help as an alternate until the District finds a new Chair! Tony is looking for information on how to get books to individual incarcerated men and women. I will get Tony in contact with Patrick W. who is the Pink Can coordinator for Area 36. Thanks Tony for all your work this past rotation.

JOHN D. (District 13 Corrections Chair), John is the out-going Corrections Chair for District 13. JJ was nominated and voted in as the new Corrections Chair for the next rotation. John continues to take A.A. into Benton & Stearns County jails. Women's meetings to start next Tuesday at Stearns County jail! Thank you John for all your work this past rotation.

PAUL C. (District 3 Alt-DCM), Paul takes A.A. meetings into Wadena County jail. He has started a 2nd men's meeting! Men's meetings are on Mondays & Thursdays with 2 meetings each day! There is also a women's meeting as well. Thank you Paul for all your service work in corrections.

MELVIN S. (District 3 DCM & Corrections Actions Chair), Melvin is the out-going DCM for District 3. He has been one of our Corrections Action Chair Committee members and has been greatly involved. District 3 continues to bring A.A. meetings to Clay, Wadena, Ottertail, and Becker County jails. There have been groups closing down in Moorhead and it is unknown how the meetings are being attended at Clay County jail. Melvin is working on that and will be working with the new Corrections Chair as well. In all the other County Jails, A.A. meetings are going well.

BEN (District 6 Incoming Corrections Chair), Ben is the new Corrections Chair for District 6. He attended his first District meeting last week and has been in contact Isanti County to look at volunteers and needs there. Ben is attending meetings with Jeff O. at MCF-Rush City and is already working on some changes with their meeting format. This was Ben's first ACM. Welcome aboard Ben, great to have you with us!

ELAINE (Area 36), Elaine was just visiting us from Area 36. She is a friend of Ben's and is interested Service Work!

MARK R. (Area 35 Corrections Chair), I have been facilitating A.A. meetings at MCF-St Cloud prison on Thursday nights. Currently, I have 8 volunteers helping out. We average 22-25 men. I also take a meeting into the Mille Lacs County jail on the 2nd Tuesday each month, we average 14 men in attendance. I have a background application for Benton County Jail and looking at helping out there when I can.

Yours in Grateful Service, Mark R

Northern Minnesota A.A. Area 35 Corrections Chair

corrections@area35.org (320) 266-4831

DISTRICT 9 – TOM T

Hi, my name is Tom, and I'm an alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 9 this rotation and my home group is the Hibbing Monday Downtown Group. It has been a real honor and pleasure to serve as DCM for District 9 and Area 35 for the past 2 years. When I look back I know it has never been what I have done, but what we have done to commit ourselves to the betterment of AA. it has been a wonderful experience, and I have gained a lot of interest in reaching the still suffering Alcoholic as well as having a great time doing it. It's been nice to learn that just because we don't agree with someone else's point of view on a topic, we can still be friends. The process of having our offices filled has been interesting yet invigorating to see some people willing to serve unexpectedly and others decline, that I hoped would have stood for a position. We only have 2 yet to be filled and for us that's progress. We are looking forward to hosting the upcoming 50th Winter Workshop in Hibbing. We have formed a committee to serve whatever the needs are. I do hope each one in this room can attend. I know I have always been blessed with new information in the Workshops I have attended, or participated in, in the past. It's rewarding to be of service in AA, I thank all of you for my sobriety

Tom T. DCM – District 9

AREA 35 MEETING MINUTES - UNAPPROVED

DISTRICT 8 – JOHN J

Greetings Area 35: District 8 meets monthly; our district meetings occur the 1st full week of the month and rotate Monday thru Friday with different groups volunteering to host; although the next rotation is considering changing the meeting to a standardized place & time. We held a Literature & Grapevine workshop on October 18th. Even though the attendance was light, the workshop was very informative and those who were there had a good time. The Cook Sunday Night BB Group will hold an open speaker meeting on January 3rd. On a personal note, I have found my rotation of DCM very educational and a great experience, and as always, I thank District 8 for the opportunity to serve.

In Service,

John J

Lunch Break 12:00

Reconvened 12:45

OLD BUSINESS

-Ad hoc Committee Updates-

Final Guidelines Adhoc Committee-

We would like to officially name an Area Committee that has already been meeting but has never been officially formed- The Trusted Servants positions are Group Records Registrar, Audio Engineer, Webmaster and Northern Light Editor. Since this committee mostly deals with communications of one sort or another, we would like to call it the Communications Committee-

Questions? Comments?

- ♦ I don't think we need to name them, this is overkill -
- ♦ What do they normally do? -
- ♦ Isn't it in the Actions Book under the responsibilities for the Northern Light Committee already that says NL Committee to approve submissions for NL and Website etc... -
- ♦ No nothing stated about Northern Light Committee, it has always been assumed- check page 82 Actions Book -
- ♦ Who votes on this committee? all but Audio Sound – we are not changing that- just giving the committee a name is all - The Committee has 2 DCM's -
- ♦ First year Audio Sound didn't know where to go at the breakout session- it would be a good idea- felt lost coming in - No Chair for Committee

Steve T make motion to form communications committee with the 4 trusted servants listed and 2 DCM's,

Peggy second,

Motion carries

NEW BUSINESS -

Vote: to change signers on checking account

Jess S. Motion to Remove Vicki R and Heidi B, add Denise R and Jennifer T as key executives and signers for Wells Fargo checking and savings accounts and remove "of Alcoholics' Anonymous" from the account name

Mike seconded- to clarify we want to remove Alcoholics' Anonymous from the name for Anonymity purposes -

Motion carries

Approve slate of Area Committee Chairs

- ♦ Archives Committee Chair- Mike U
- ♦ Archivist Marc N
- ♦ Audio Sound Technician- Aaron A
- ♦ CPC Chair – Jarrin V
- ♦ Corrections Chair – Jeff O
- ♦ Grapevine Chair- Chris J
- ♦ Financial Oversight – Diane R
- ♦ Group Records Chair – Lee Ellen
- ♦ Literature Chair – Mike B
- ♦ Northern Light – Terry P
- ♦ Public Information Chair – Terry A
- ♦ Treatments Chair – Chad O
- ♦ Webmaster Chair – Mark R

Motion made by Cathy R. to approve slate of Area Committee Chairs

Julie N. Seconded

Motion carried

Select DCM's to Committee's- Communications Committee – District 7, 13 Literature Committee – District 1, 14 Public Information Committee – District 8, 21 Treatment Committee – District 16, 18 Financial Oversight Committee – District 15 - Calendar of Events – Jennifer Archives Committee – District 12, 9 Grapevine Committee – District 6, 3 Corrections Committee – District 5, 2 CPC Committee – District 4, 11

Motion to Adjourn Cathy R.

Seconded by Mike U.

Meeting Adjourned 12:35pm with the Responsibility Statement

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UPCOMING EVENTS

*See area35.org for printable flyers

Sponsorship Workshop



Saturday, February 7th 11:30am-3:30pm
Gratitude Hall at Bemidji Alano Club

Speakers and open discussion panel on both sides of sponsorship

Please bring a dish to share. Coffee will be provided.

Any questions contact : Lisa E 612-483-3370
Mike D 218-766-2920
Erin K 507-259-2545
Dean P 218-760-9687

This is a free workshop!

14th ANNUAL WAY OUT GROUP ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, March 21st

Join us for the 14th anniversary celebration of The Way Out Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. Come spend the day with us for food, fun and fellowship. Michael D from Sioux Falls, SD will be putting on a workshop and sharing his story. Agenda for the day:

- 1 – 5 PM Workshop put on by Michael D
- 5 – 7 PM Fellowship and Dinner - Potluck, bring a dish to share
- 7 PM Speaker – Michael D

Questions? Contact Adam L 651-269-0560 or Jarrin V 320-333-8510

Location: Central Lutheran Church 11103 School St NW Elk River, MN 55330



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Alexandria, MN
March 6-8, 2026

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FRIDAY – MARCH 6

3:00 pm Registration Opens
4:00 pm AA & Al-Anon Mtgs
5:30 pm AA & Al-Anon Mtgs
6:45 pm Welcome
7:00 pm Al-Anon Speaker
Jenny P-W, Thunder Bay, ON
8:15 pm AA & Al-Anon
Count-Up
8:45 pm AA Speaker
Julie L., Fargo, ND
10:00 pm Ice Cream Social &
Open Candlelight Meeting

SATURDAY – MARCH 7

6:00 am AA Mtg
8:00 am Registration Opens
9:00 am AA & Al-Anon Mtgs
10:15 am Announcements
10:30 am Al-Anon Speaker
Tammy G., Milaca, MN
1:30 pm AA Speaker
Mike D., Sioux Falls, SD
3:00 pm Ask-It Basket Panel
hosted by Guest Speaker Panel
5:45 pm Preamble
6:00 pm Al-Anon Speaker
Linda H., Hibbing, MN
7:15 pm AA & Al-Anon
Count-Down
7:45 pm AA Speaker
Dominic S., Marshall, MN
9:00 pm Ice Cream Social &
Newcomer Call-Up Meeting

SUNDAY – MARCH 8

6:00 am AA Mtg
8:00 am Doors Open
8:15 am Open Gratitude Meeting
10:15 am Announcements
10:30 am AA Speaker
Roger J., Big Stone, SD
11:30 am Roundup Closing



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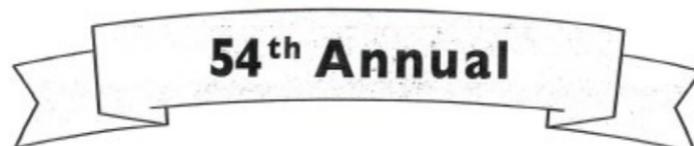
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Previous years attended: ___ Requesting Scholarship? ___



Iron Range Get-Together

May 1st & 2nd, 2026

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Location: Red Rock Inn

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"Tropical Shirt Night" JOIN IN.

Friday, May 1st

5:00 PM ... Registration Opens

8:00 PM ... AA Speaker: Chenoa C. – Winnipeg, Canada

OPEN MEETING FOLLOWING AA SPEAKER

Saturday, May 2nd

10:00 AM ... Out of State Panel

1:00 PM ... AFG Speaker: Jim L. – Minneapolis, MN

3:00 PM ... Call-Up Meeting

7:00 PM ... AFG Speaker: Terry S. – Minneapolis, MN

8:00 PM ... AA Speaker: Michael D. – Sioux Falls, SD

??? till 11:00 pm ... 9th Traditional Ice Cream Social

IRGT Pre-Registration Form
A.A. \$13.00 _____ A.F.G. \$23.00 _____
Al-Anon \$8.00 _____
Name _____
City/State/Zip _____
Group Name _____

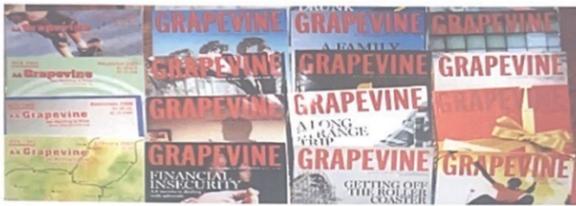
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GRAPEVINE WRITING WORKSHOP

Share Your Message of Experience, Strength and Hope



Saturday, March 7th, 2026, from 11:30am – 3:30pm
Gratitude Hall, 3802 Greenleaf Ave. NW
Bemidji, MN 56601

Potluck lunch so bring a dish to share.
Bring a notebook and pen/pencil or your computer as writing time will be provided.
Professional writers (from AA) will be available to answer questions and give assistance/guidance.

For FREE Registration Contact:
Mike D. (218) 766-2920 or Lisa E. (612) 483-3370

2026 West Central Regional Service Conference

Feb 27 - Mar 1, 2026

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Pre-Registration before Feb 1st = \$30
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Mail in form below with check by 2/15/26 or
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Lodging Reservations = \$135 (taxes + fees included)
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Miscellaneous Info

For more conference information, visit <https://westcentralregion.org>.

Attend in person or virtually (Link provided after Registration).

Unlimited coffee pass available for \$30, buy in advance, or pay per cup at the Conference.

To register by mail, send this portion with your check made payable to West Central Region. Mail by 2/15/26 to WCRAASC, PO Box 196, Cedar Rapids, IA 52410

Name: _____ Area: _____ City: _____ State: _____

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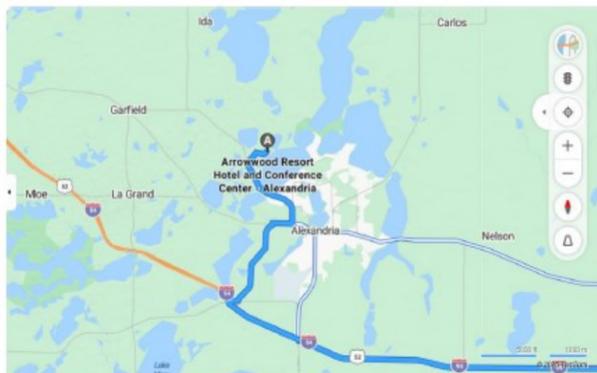
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Area 35 Spring Assembly

March 28th - 29th, 2026

Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center
2100 Arrowwood Lane NW
Alexandria, MN 56308

Room Block under NMAA: \$159.00 plus \$29.21 tax/fees
Cutoff Date February 20th
Phone: 320-762-1124 or
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Saturday, March 28th
9:00 AM Assembly Convenes
Sunday, March 29th
9:00 AM Assembly Reconvene

All DCMs, GSRs, Area Officers and Committee Chairs, Past Delegates are encouraged to attend as well as all others interested in carrying the AA message to the alcoholic still suffering.

9th Annual

DRUNKS ON ICE

FISHING EXTRAVAGANZA

Chili and Cornbread Cook Off

Saturday February 21 2026



Fishing contest on Lake Alexander just East of Lincoln off of Highway 10

Lake access South of Scandia Valley Town Hall on Lakeveiw Drive

Pot Luck Supper

Chili and Cornbread Cook Off With Speaker Meeting

to follow at

Scandia Valley Town Hall

3518 320th St.

Cushing, MN

Social Hour 5:00

Contest Judging 5:30

Dinner 6:00

AA Speaker 7:00

Alanon Speaker 8:00

50/50 Raffle

For Fishing Contest questions call Scott S. 218 - 296 - 3795

Delegate	2026 Budget											Position: Delegate
	Service Wkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	GSC Duties Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	50.00	10.00	100.00	50.00	10.00	10.00		50.00	10.00			\$ 290.00
Travel	50.00	20.00	75.00	20.00	20.00	20.00		40.00	20.00		1,500.00	\$ 1,765.00
Lodging	149.00		203.00	159.00				179.00				\$ 690.00
Subscript												\$ -
Supplies				50.00								\$ 50.00
Printing	40.00		100.00	200.00	200.00		300.00					\$ 840.00
GSO							2,200.00					\$ 2,200.00
Other	25.00		35.00				600.00					\$ 660.00
Budgeted	314.00	30.00	513.00	479.00	230.00	30.00	3,100.00	269.00	30.00	-	1,500.00	6,495.00

Details: Printing costs are for printing out WSRAASC flyers, Background Information, Agenda Items, Conference Report Back Advisory Action etc. Supplies such as three ring binders, pens, markers, paper, printing ink. Other is registration and cost of the conference: breakfast, parking, the airport, leaving car airport, luggage and an extra extra expense for New York in case of flight cancelation and spending an extra night. District travel -traveling to districts to discuss agenda items, report back from the conference, and other requests from district meetings to attend their district meetings

Alt Delegate	2026 Budget											Position: Alternate Delegate
	Service Wkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	80.00	10.00	100.00	80.00	10.00	10.00		80.00	10.00			\$ 380.00
Travel	15.00	15.00	70.00	30.00	15.00	15.00		16.00	15.00		200.00	\$ 391.00
Lodging	300.00		405.00	364.00				426.00			200.00	\$ 1,695.00
Subscript												\$ -
Supplies			60.00				100.00					\$ 160.00
Printing												\$ -
Other	25.00		34.00									\$ 59.00
Budgeted	420.00	25.00	669.00	474.00	25.00	25.00	100.00	522.00	25.00	-	400.00	2,685.00

2026 Budget											Position: Archivist
Account	Feb. Mtg. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg Conf Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Total Budget	
60.00	10.00	90.00	10.00	10.00		75.00	10.00	100.00			
35.00	21.00	31.00	21.00	21.00	84.00	25.00	21.00	63.00			
298.00		350.00				380.00		285.00			
					39.00						
					320.00						
					7,100.00						
25.00								35.00			
0	31.00	471.00	31.00	31.00	7,543.00	480.00	31.00	483.00			

2026 Budget											Position: Archives Chair
Account	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Total Budget	
0	10.00	80.00	60.00	10.00	10.00		60.00	10.00			
0	20.00	65.00	50.00	20.00	20.00		30.00	20.00			
0		300.00	150.00								
0		35.00									
0		15.00									
0	30.00	495.00	260.00	30.00	30.00	-	90.00	30.00			

Archivist	2026 Budget											Position: Archivist
	Service Wkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg Conf Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	60.00	10.00	90.00	10.00	10.00		75.00	10.00	100.00		90.00	\$ 455.00
Travel	35.00	21.00	31.00	21.00	21.00	84.00	25.00	21.00	63.00		215.00	\$ 537.00
Lodging	298.00		350.00				380.00		285.00			\$ 1,313.00
Subscript						39.00						\$ 39.00
Supplies						320.00						\$ 320.00
Printing												\$ -
Facility Rent						7,100.00						\$ 7,100.00
Other	25.00								35.00			\$ 60.00
Budgeted	418.00	31.00	471.00	31.00	31.00	7,543.00	480.00	31.00	483.00	-	305.00	9,824.00

Misc: Bookshelves

Archives	2026 Budget											Position: Archives Chair
	Service Wkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	60.00	10.00	80.00	60.00	10.00	10.00		60.00	10.00			\$ 300.00
Travel	50.00	20.00	65.00	50.00	20.00	20.00		30.00	20.00		50.00	\$ 325.00
Lodging	150.00		300.00	150.00								\$ 600.00
Subscript	25.00		35.00									\$ 60.00
Supplies			15.00									\$ 15.00
Budgeted	285.00	30.00	495.00	260.00	30.00	30.00	-	90.00	30.00	-	50.00	1,300.00

Corrections												
2026 Budget												
Position: Area 35 Corrections Chair												
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. ACM Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June ACM Budget	Aug. ACM Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. ACM Budget	Transition Fall Statewide Corrections	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	50.00	10.00	100.00	50.00	10.00	10.00	100.00	50.00	10.00	120.00		\$ 510.00
Travel	75.00	30.00	175.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	200.00	75.00	30.00	35.00	490.00	\$ 1,200.00
Lodging	150.00		270.00	189.00			100.00	185.00				\$ 894.00
Subscript			30.00									\$ 30.00
Supplies										300.00		\$ 300.00
Printing										150.00		\$ 150.00
Literature												\$ -
Corr Workshop												\$ -
Other	25.00		30.00				150.00			700.00		\$ 905.00
Budgeted	300.00	40.00	605.00	269.00	40.00	40.00	550.00	310.00	40.00	1,305.00	490.00	3,989.00

CPC												
2026 Budget												
Position: CPC												
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	80.00	10.00	120.00	80.00	10.00	10.00		80.00	10.00		60.00	\$ 460.00
Travel	80.00	45.00	165.00	60.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	80.00	45.00		135.00	\$ 745.00
Lodging	320.00		405.00	350.00				400.00				\$ 1,475.00
Subscript												\$ -
Supplies												\$ -
Printing												\$ -
Other	25.00		80.00				500.00					\$ 605.00
Budgeted	505.00	55.00	770.00	490.00	55.00	55.00	545.00	560.00	55.00	-	195.00	3,285.00

Grapevine												
2026 Budget												
Position: Grapevine												
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	30.00	10.00	60.00	50.00	10.00	10.00		50.00	10.00			\$ 230.00
Travel	15.00	15.00	60.00	25.00	15.00	15.00		20.00	15.00			\$ 180.00
Lodging	150.00		380.00	360.00				380.00				\$ 1,270.00
Subscript												\$ -
Supplies												\$ -
Postage												\$ -
Other	25.00			35.00								\$ 60.00
Budgeted	220.00	25.00	500.00	470.00	25.00	25.00	-	450.00	25.00	-	-	1,740.00

* Budget does not include literature purchases

	Purchases	Sales
2025 Grapevine	1146.89	1134.00
2024 Grapevine	726.71	390.43
2023 Grapevine	926.13	1258.38

Group Records												
2026 Budget												
Position: Group Records												
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	60.00	10.00	100.00	60.00	10.00	10.00		60.00	10.00			\$ 320.00
Travel	30.00	30.00	60.00	30.00	30.00	30.00		30.00	30.00			\$ 270.00
Lodging	155.00		270.00	330.00				185.00				\$ 940.00
Supplies									20.00			\$ 20.00
Postage							60.00					\$ 60.00
Printing	20.00			20.00				20.00				\$ 60.00
Other	25.00		35.00									\$ 60.00
Budgeted	290.00	40.00	465.00	440.00	40.00	40.00	60.00	295.00	60.00	-	-	1,730.00

Literature												
2026 Budget												
Position: Literature												
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	45.00	10.00	75.00	75.00	10.00	10.00		75.00	10.00			\$ 310.00
Travel	54.00	20.00	75.00	30.00	20.00	20.00		30.00	20.00			\$ 269.00
Lodging	175.00		300.00	318.00				358.00				\$ 1,151.00
Subscript												\$ -
Supplies												\$ -
Printing												\$ -
Other	25.00		35.00									\$ 60.00
Budgeted	299.00	30.00	485.00	423.00	30.00	30.00	-	463.00	30.00	-	-	1,790.00

* Budget does not include literature purchases

	Purchases	Sales
2025 Literature	14169.33	12916.79
2024 Literature	6157.93	1908.78
2023 Literature	13,749.73	14,044.56

Northern Light												
2026 Budget												
Position: Northern Light												
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	90.00	10.00		90.00	10.00	10.00		90.00	10.00			\$ 310.00
Travel	50.00	26.68		40.00	26.68	26.68		35.00	26.68		100.00	\$ 331.72
Lodging	160.00			180.00				200.00				\$ 540.00
Subscript												\$ -
Postage		560.00		560.00	560.00	560.00		560.00	560.00			\$ 3,360.00
Printing		650.00		650.00	650.00	650.00		650.00	650.00			\$ 3,900.00
Other	25.00											\$ 25.00
Budgeted	325.00	1,246.68	-	1,520.00	1,246.68	1,246.68	-	1,535.00	1,246.68	-	100.00	8,466.72

PI		2026 Budget					Position: PI Chair						Total Budget
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget		
Meals	36.00	10.00	80.00	60.00	10.00	10.00		60.00	10.00			\$ 276.00	
Travel	13.00	17.00	22.00	18.00	17.00	17.00		9.50	17.00			\$ 130.50	
Lodging	115.00		449.00	320.00				320.00				\$ 1,204.00	
Subscript												\$ -	
Supplies												\$ -	
Printing												\$ -	
Other	25.00		25.00									\$ 50.00	
Budgeted	189.00	27.00	576.00	398.00	27.00	27.00	-	389.50	27.00	-	-	1,660.50	

Treatment		2026 Budget					Position: Treatment						Total Budget
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget		
Meals	50.00	10.00	125.00	50.00	10.00	10.00		50.00	10.00			\$ 315.00	
Travel	75.00	35.00	150.00	55.00	35.00	35.00		55.00	35.00			\$ 475.00	
Lodging	300.00		405.00	350.00				400.00				\$ 1,455.00	
Subscript			80.00									\$ 80.00	
Supplies												\$ -	
Printing												\$ -	
Other	25.00						500.00					\$ 525.00	
Budgeted	450.00	45.00	760.00	455.00	45.00	45.00	500.00	505.00	45.00	-	-	2,850.00	

Webmaster		2026 Budget					Position: Webmaster						Total Budget
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget		
Meals	90.00	10.00	100.00	60.00	10.00	10.00		90.00	10.00		100.00	\$ 480.00	
Travel	95.00	30.00	175.00	35.00	30.00	30.00		73.55	30.00		150.00	\$ 648.55	
Lodging	280.00		405.00	190.00				339.90			100.00	\$ 1,314.90	
Subscript	25.00						1,600.00					\$ 1,625.00	
Supplies												\$ -	
Hosting/Web Technology							600.00					\$ 600.00	
Other	25.00		35.00									\$ 60.00	
Budgeted	515.00	40.00	715.00	285.00	40.00	40.00	2,200.00	503.45	40.00	-	350.00	\$ 4,728.45	

Hosting: aaminnesota.org, area35.org
Tech: MS365 monthly fees

Audio Tech		2026 Budget					Position: Audio Tech						Total Budget
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget		
Meals	75.00	10.00	150.00	75.00	10.00	10.00		75.00	10.00			\$ 415.00	
Travel	59.00	36.00	127.00	50.00	36.00	36.00		45.00	36.00			\$ 425.00	
Lodging	300.00		270.00	376.00				426.00				\$ 1,372.00	
Subscript												\$ -	
Supplies												\$ -	
Hosting/Web												\$ -	
Other	25.00		35.00									\$ 60.00	
Budgeted	459.00	46.00	582.00	501.00	46.00	46.00	-	546.00	46.00	-	-	2,272.00	

FOC		2026 Budget					Position: FOC				Total Budget
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget		
Meals		10.00			10.00	10.00			10.00	\$ 40.00	
Travel		20.00			20.00	20.00			20.00	\$ 80.00	
Lodging										\$ -	
Subscript										\$ -	
Supplies										\$ -	
Postage										\$ -	
Printing										\$ -	
Other	25.00		35.00							\$ 60.00	
Budgeted	25.00	30.00	35.00	-	30.00	30.00	-	-	30.00	180.00	

Area Events		Area Events									Total Budget
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	State Fair Booth	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget		
Meals	150.00									150.00	
Travel	250.00									250.00	
Lodging	275.00	150.00		150.00	150.00			150.00		875.00	
Rent	2500.00	150.00	3,900.00	150.00	150.00		2,405.00	150.00	100.00	9,505.00	
Coffee	600.00		500.00				1,500.00			2,600.00	
Printing										-	
Other			100.00				500.00			600.00	
Budgeted	3775.00	300.00	4500.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	4405.00	300.00	100.00	\$ 13,980.00	

*** Printing costs are for flyers. Service Wksp travel expenses for speaker and Past Delegate

Position	2026 Budget	2025 Budget			
Delegate	\$ 6,495.00	8,658.42			
Alt Delegate	\$ 2,685.00	4,389.64			
Chair	\$ 3,756.00	2,547.90			
Secretary	\$ 1,630.00	975.00			
Treasurer	\$ 3,835.00	2,830.00			
Archivist	\$ 9,824.00	9,619.00			
Archives	\$ 1,300.00	1,970.00			
Corrections	\$ 3,989.00	2,939.00			
CPC	\$ 3,285.00	1,882.46			
Grapevine	\$ 1,740.00	1,483.48			
Group Records	\$ 1,730.00	830.00			
Literature	\$ 1,790.00	1,509.00			
Northern Light	\$ 8,466.72	5,947.00			
PI	\$ 1,660.50	1,302.22			
Treatment	\$ 2,850.00	1,210.00			
Webmaster	\$ 4,728.45	3,131.57			
Audio Tech	\$ 2,272.00	1,002.00			
Area Events	\$ 13,980.00	11,844.00			
FOC	\$ 180.00	134.88			
Grand Total	\$ 76,196.67	\$ 64,205.57	63475.6	\$ 730.00	
	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	Projected Contributions*		
	\$ (76,196.67)	\$ (64,205.57)	Projected Expense		
	\$ (26,196.67)	\$ (9,205.57)	Projected Loss		
	\$ 45,950.47	2025 Group Contributions at 11.30.25			
	\$ 51,121.87	2025 Total Income (without Grapevine and Literature Sales)			

AREA OFFICER & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

DELEGATE- DIANE R

This is my last report as your Area 35 Delegate. What a wonderful experience it has been. Thank you for all your support for the last two years. I want to express my deep gratitude for the privilege of serving our fellowship. You kept me informed and asked those tough questions. You said what needed to be said. I thoroughly enjoyed every moment. We had interesting conversations so I knew what the group the conscience was of our Area. Without your service and commitment, it would not have been possible.

I attended the West Central Delegates meeting. We had interesting discussion on the new monthly self-support letter sent from AAWS. Books and literature are going up. Books are going \$3.00 per book, and pamphlets are going up 15%. This happens on February 1. The General Service Board is taking money from the Reserve Fund again. These are the talking points.

- The board approved a drawdown from the Reserve Fund of up to \$750,000.
- The draw was prompted by a need to cover regular AAWS and GSB expenses in order to continue services.
- The shortfall in cash is due to contributions falling behind budget by nearly \$1,000,000.
- Regarding the commitment of up to \$2.1M for the retrofit, to date we have drawn \$246,869.
- Assuming that the entire amount authorized for the retrofit and AAWS and GSB operations are drawn, the balance in the fund is expected to be \$8,924,729 by April, when cash disbursements for the retrofit are expected to be completed. This represents 4.80 months for AAWS, GSB, and AAGV operating expenses.

I signed the contract to have the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (WCRAAASC) at Breezy Point on March 5-7, 2027. Pat will put together a committee from the Brainerd Area for that Conference. Please plan to attend that event. It is held every eight years in our Area.

This year's WCRAAASC will be held at the Double Tree Downtown in Cedar Rapids Iowa. Make sure you reserve your room by January 29, 2026. Registration is \$30.00 before February 1, 2026. After February 1, 2026, it is \$35.00. You can attend online also. Attending in person or online is a wonderful way to be informed about the Agenda Items for this year's General Service Conference. You can discuss these Agenda Items with your group and bring your informed group conscience to the Area 35 Spring Assembly.

On the last Sunday in December, I attended the District 9 meeting. We started with meal and pot luck desserts at 5:00. Lots of tasty food and good fellowship before the meeting. They asked me to explain what the delegate does and what to expect in the new year. We had wonderful conversations and discussions. Such a wonderful way to end my rotation with being invited to my home district.

Finally, thank you again to each and everyone of you for commitment and service to Alcoholics Anonymous. Let us continue to honor our thirty-six principles, to keep Alcoholics Anonymous alive and well into the next generations. May we never forget where we came from or the lessons of the past. May we always be guardians of our Twelve Step, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts. Study them, know them and live them. Have tough discussions with each other. I love every one of you. Thank you for your sobriety, recovery, and service to the program I love. May God Bless Alcoholics Anonymous.

With Patience, Kindness, and Love,
Diane R. Area 35 Delegate (Past Delegate by the time you read this.)

ALTERNATE DELEGATE-PAT M

Hello Area 35 I'm Pat M your panel 74 Alternate Delegate and I'm an alcoholic

Well it's that time of year again we're coming up on our winter workshop the 50th anniversary January 17th and 18th at the Red Rock hotel and suites in Hibbing Minnesota I should have everything ready for our new Alternate Delegate Vicky
Our guest speaker Jimmy D is looking forward to having lunch with GSR and dinner with DCM this will be a great time to sit down and visit with Jimmy D I do not believe you will be disappointed visiting with Jimmy he I and Diane had had some very wonderful conversations with Jimmy
I have attended my last North American Alternate Delegates meeting one of my biggest highlights of attending these meetings was when the west central region 74 Alternate Delegates did a presentation on the warranties it was an opportunity to get to know each other .
It's been an honor to serve as your Alternate Delegate and what was so special was to serve with Diane our Area 35 Delegate I am going to miss working with Diane it was always enjoyable and fun thank you Diane Looking forward to serve as your panel 76 Delegate and working with the incoming Alternate Delegate Vicky R
Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Alternate Delegate

Pat M

CHAIR-VICKI R.

Greetings Area 35,

I have been working on uploading files to One Drive for the incoming Area Chair and cleaning up the email account. I have also been working with the incoming Area Chair on the transition of positions. I organized and turned over the files and copies I had here to Denise.

I worked with outgoing and incoming committee chairs and summarized the draft 2026 budget for the area, including the Area Events budget. The incoming Chair and Treasurer met with me and Heidi (outgoing Chair and Treasurer) at Wells Fargo bank on Dec 12 to change signatories on the Area accounts

I have continued to gather information to book facilities for 2027 Spring and Fall Assemblies, and will complete that into Jan. I will visit a location next week.

I will see you at the January Workshop! Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area 35 Chair, it has been a growing and humbling experience.

In Love and Service,
Vicki R
Outgoing Area Chair

SECRETARY DENISE R.

Greetings Area 35,

Since the Area Committee meeting, I have completed and distributed the minutes from December ACM.

I have worked on the Area Actions Book to update that with all motions and actions from this rotation. It took me a bit of time and help from smarter people than me to figure out how to add to/edit the book. Learning something new again! I am just finishing that up and will then print them for distributing at the February ACM.

I have met with the incoming Secretary, Peggy to help her get off to a good start and answer any questions.

I also attended the Stateline Retreat in Las Vegas for the first time, a wonderful 3 Legacy Retreat!! I am hoping to return next year to gain more knowledge and experience. It was an absolute pleasure to meet Jimmy D. who will be our speaker at our 50th Anniversary of the Winter Workshop!! I was also able to meet and have conversations with many other members who are deep into our 3 legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service.

While I transition to the Area Chair position there has been some things that need to be done now like choosing Area Action Committee Chairs. Thank you to those that have stepped up to serve! I look forward to a new rotation of service with you all.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Area 35 Secretary the last 2 years. I have grown and learned so much again and look forward to see what God has planned for Area 35 in this new rotation.

Grateful to be of service,
Denise R

TREASURER – HEIDI B

I have reconciled the checking and savings accounts for Dec and have closed out the books for the year. You can see income vs expenses for December and for 2025 below. We finished 2025 with \$50,654.09 in group contributions from 241 groups.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy new year! Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 35.

Heidi B

<u>Income:</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	\$4,703.62	\$50,654.09
Birthday, Special	\$0	\$329
Literature	\$1,899.00	\$14,815.79
Grapevine	\$142.50	\$1,276.50
Other	<u>\$.05</u>	<u>\$20,934.74</u>
Total Income:	\$6,745.17	\$71,917.83
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Events	\$205.80	\$10,014.04
Literature	\$0	\$14,169.33
Grapevine	\$0	\$1,146.89
Other Expense	<u>\$2,617.72</u>	<u>\$39,975.09</u>
Total Expense:	\$2,823.52	\$65,305.35
Net Profit:	\$3,921.65	\$6,612.8

AREA OFFICER & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS**COMMITTEE CHAIRS****WEBMASTER – TERRY P**

Hello everyone,

Working on getting things ready to turnover. Removed the password protection from the Archives page, so it is officially part of the website. Spent a couple hours with Mark on Teams to walk through the job at a high level so we could record it to refer to later. Looking forward to seeing what Mark does in the next 2 years. He promised actual fireworks coming from our computers so we'll see. Did the same with Jennifer to get ready for the next challenge. Looking forward to that position, which I have already started. Ordered computers for chair and corrections to facilitate Denise and Jeff serving, which have been received in good condition. They were the same models we purchased last time but \$50 dollars less each. As always appreciate the opportunity with you all.

Terry

NORTHERN LIGHT – JENNIFER T

I was told that this position would enable me to have the pulse of AA during this rotation. I found that to be true. Thank you for this opportunity to step out of my comfort zone and learn something new!

I have handed over the computer to Terry P. who will assume the role from here. The newsletter is in good hands with Terry.

GROUP RECORDS – PHYLLIS K

Greetings to all. My name is Lee Ellen O, and I am the new Area 35 Group Records Chair.

My first order of business is to thank Phyllis K. for everything she did as Area Group Records Chair for the past 2 years. She has such organizational skills, technical abilities, knowledge of AA and compassion for the still suffering alcoholic, and she used those elite qualities every day that she held this position. Thank you, Phyllis. Thank you!
She and I have been training, emailing and phoning since mid-December, and I will do my best to not mess up her recording system any more than I already have. I am in no position to give you numbers from the records right now, but I can tell you that I have made a million computer entries (several) for new positions, new names, changed names, new addresses, different meeting times, etc. Therefore, my next report will inform you of what has happened in the Area Group Records (as far as the numbers go), I won't make myself look worse and tell you everything.
I would like to share that all of you Area 35 DCM's can have access to the Fellowship Connection app to see their groups, GSRs, contact people, group ID numbers and district chairs. It just takes an email from you to member-services@aa.org. They will give you read-only access to the database of our Area. This is something that you will be expected to do for yourselves so that you will be able to provide your groups with the correct information on our Change Forms before they are sent to me. There is usually information missing from the Change Forms that I have seen so far, so your cooperation will be much appreciated.

Thats a Wrap Folks,
Lee Ellen O
Area 35 Group Records Chair

LITERATURE – MIKE U

No report given

TREATMENT – KYLE H

No report given

PUBLIC INFORMATION – RANDY A**CORRECTIONS - MARK R**

This is my last report as your Area 35 Corrections Chair for the Northern Light. I have been Blessed for having over 80 A.A. members in Northern Minnesota volunteering to Carry the Message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those still suffering in over 40 County Jails, 8 Minnesota Correctional Facilities (State Prisons), and 3 Federal Prisons. Many hours are spent organizing meetings, working with jails and prisons to get volunteers approved, as well as managing schedules and rosters. God has Blessed Alcoholics Anonymous with all of you wonderful men and women of our Fellowship!

We have done a wonderful job obtaining A.A. Volunteers to be Corrections Temporary Contacts but much more work needs to continue to happen in this space! As a CTCP OUTSIDE volunteer, you are the Bridge between the A.A. member on the INSIDE and the A.A. Fellowship on the OUTSIDE. We are in need of many more Temporary Contacts for this important program! Please, get involved in this wonderful A.A. Service Work. Remember Bill W.'s reminder back in 1955: "Our Society, therefore, will prudently cleave to its single purpose: the carrying of the message to the alcoholic who still suffers." Am I? Are you?

The new schedule for DOC Transition Fairs will be coming out at the beginning of February 2026. I have advised our incoming Area 35 Corrections

Chair Jeff on this so he will be reaching out as soon as he receives the email from DOC Transition Fairs Program Coordinator. I was Blessed with many wonderful volunteers and I'm sure Jeff will be as well.

I have been working with our incoming Area 35 Corrections Chair Jeff O. for the past few weeks and turned over all I have (which was a lot!). With 100's of documents and PDFs in OneDrive, and maybe about the same in Outlook) Jeff should be "locked" and "loaded" and should be ready to go for this next rotation. I told Jeff I will always be there for him to ensure he is successful in this new journey.

I will be attending the West Central Regional Service Conference in 2026. However, not as the Area 35 Corrections Chair but as the Area 35 Web Master! Again, I want to thank all of our Area 35 Groups, all of our District Officers and Chairs, all of our Area 35 Officers, Chairs, past and present Delegates for allowing me the honor of being your Area Corrections Chair for the past 3 years. Yes, 3 years, I was Blessed to become friends with our last Area 35 Corrections Chair, Arden A. Upon his passing, I was honored to take over for him to complete his rotation. Those were big shoes to fill and I pray that doing my best, I was able to do so.

Happy New Year to all our wonderful A.A. Group members, Groups, District Officers & Chairs, and Area 35 Officers, Chairs, and our Alt-Delegate and Delegate.!

With warm thanks and appreciation,

Mark R

CPC - MARY S

No report given

ARCHIVIST – MARC N

2023 & 2024 (Panel 74) review of Archivist Actions:

Donations, additions to archives:

- 1 Big Book 4th edition
- 2 Plain Language Big Books
- 2 12 & 12
- 3 Service Manuals
- 2 GSC Agenda Items
- 2 GSC Reports
- 2 GSO Annual Reports
- 1 Grapevine Book
- 24 monthly GV magazines
- Lots of GV magazines to help fill out our collection
- 1 written member long timer questionnaire
- 1 Book about life of a Trustee
- 1 set of event speaker audio
- 4 oral speaker audio
- 3 Display Pieces
- 3 PI&CPC presentation folders
- Area ACM and Area Meeting minutes and audio
- District meeting minutes from 4 districts
- 2 Delegate Reports post GSC

Archive activities:

- Archives were displayed at Area Assemblies
- Archives were displayed at 5 events
- Archivist history talk at 1 event
- 3 research projects
- A couple visits by appointment
- Several visitors on ACM days
- More than 600 hours of preservation work

In Humble Service,
Archivist, Marc N

ARCHIVES – CATHY R

No report given

GRAPEVINE – TERRY A

No report given

Statewide Corrections Committee (SWCC) Chair Report

No report given

Upcoming Events in Area 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

2026 Service Events

**Jan 17-18th Service Workshop
Hibbing, MN**

Feb 1st - ACM - Aitken

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

March 28-29 - Spring Assembly - Alexandria, MN

June 7th - ACM - Aitken

Aug 2nd - ACM - Aitken

Oct 3-4th - Fall Assembly - location TBD

Dec 6th - ACM - Aitken

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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

Pat M
delegate@area35.org

NORTHERN LIGHT PRIMARY PURPOSE:

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

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

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

EDITORIAL POSITION & Communications 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.

Communications COMMITTEE: The 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.

Communications 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 Communications 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, Terry P.

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
1596 Jefferson Ave SW
Bemidji MN, 56601**

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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 2026 are as Follows:

- ◆ Feb 28, 2026: Flier will be included in the March/April Issue
- ◆ May 2, 2026: Flier will be included in the May/June Issue
- ◆ June 29, 2026: Flier will be included in the July/Aug Issue
- ◆ Aug 31, 2026: Flier will be included in the Sept/Oct Issue
- ◆ Oct 31, 2026: Flier will be included in the Nov/Dec Issue

Area 35 Event Flyer Guidelines

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

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

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

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

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

Acronyms

(Spaghetti Soup)

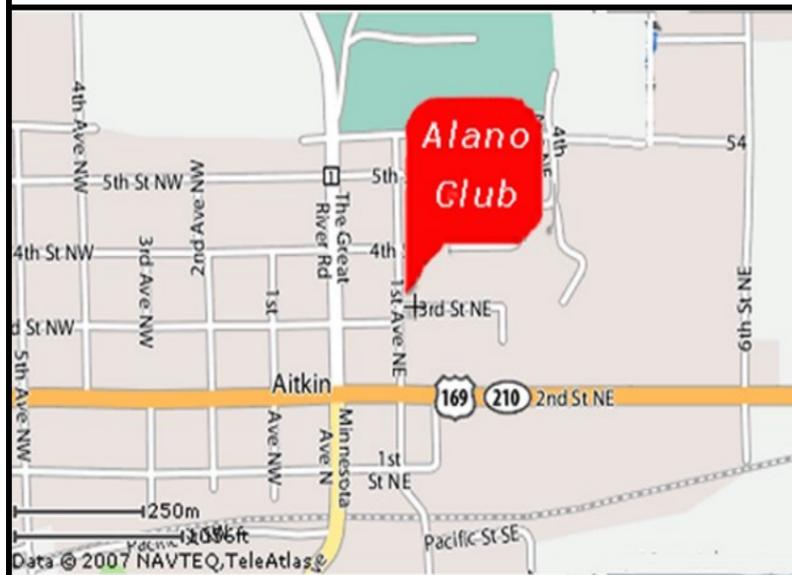
- AAWS - Alcoholics Anonymous World Service
- ACM - Area Committee Meeting
- BB - Big Book (Alcoholics Anonymous)
- BTG - Bridging the Gap
- CCS - Corrections Correspondence Service
- CFCP - Correctional Facility Contact Program
- CPC - Cooperation with the Professional Community
- DCM - District Committee Member
- 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



OUR PAST DELEGATES

Panel 74 2024-2025 Diane R	Panel 42 1992-1993 Greg G (deceased)	Panel 16 1966-1967 Arno A (deceased)
Panel 72 2022-2023 Steven L	Panel 40 1990-1991 Bob J	Panel 14 1964-1965 Donald F (deceased)
Panel 70 2020-2021 Jim S	Panel 38 1988-1989 Scott J	Panel 12 1962-1963 Donna T (deceased)
Panel 68 2018-2019 Christine G	Panel 36 1986-1987 Louie H	Panel 10 1960-1961 Bob B (deceased)
Panel 66 2016-2017 Kelly D	Panel 34 1984-1985 Bob P (deceased)	Panel 8 1958-1959 Pearl N (deceased)
Panel 64 2014-2015 Michael "Jake" J	Panel 32 1982-1983 Tom L (deceased)	Panel 6 1956-1957 Waldo H (deceased)
Panel 62 2012-2013 Jim K	Panel 30 1980-1981 Don Me (deceased)	Panel 4 1954-1955 Wendell H (deceased)
Panel 60 2010-2011 Jon C	Panel 28 1978-1979 Garfield (Duffy) S (deceased)	Panel 2 1952-1953 Arthur R (deceased)
Panel 58 2008-2009 JoAnne M N	Panel 26 1976-1977 Vern R (deceased)	
Panel 56 2006-2007 Jerry S	Panel 24 1974-1975 Gordon B. H (deceased)	
Panel 54 2004-2005 Charlie C	Panel 22 1972-1973 Frank P. J (deceased)	
Panel 52 2002-2003 Tim C	Panel 20 1970-1971 Clarence B (deceased)	
Panel 50 2000-2001 Tom A	Panel 18 1968-1969 Dave H (deceased)	
Panel 48 1998-1999 Susie A		
Panel 46 1996-1997 Bill P (deceased)		
Panel 44 1994-1995 Bruce B		

Q: Why list our past Delegates?

A: They are a resource to you!

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

The Delegate's Duties

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

- Attend the Conference meeting in April, fully prepared. Immediately upon election, every delegate is put on the G.S.O. mailing list to receive Conference materials.
- Communicate the actions of the Conference to area committee members and encourage them to pass on this information, and the delegate's enthusiasm, to groups and to intergroups/central offices. If an area is too large for the delegate to cover in person, he or she will ask area officers and committee members to share the load.
- Be prepared to attend all area, state/provincial, and regional service meetings and assemblies. From these meetings, delegates come to better understand their own areas and can make suggestions for the Conference agenda. Here, too, they come in contact with A.A. members who might not be reached otherwise.
- Help area committees obtain financial support for the area and G.S.O.
- Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the A.A. Traditions.
- Remind G.S.R.s to inform groups and individuals about the A.A. Grapevine and Conference-approved literature.
- Cooperate with G.S.O. in obtaining information—for example, making sure that up-to-date information reaches G.S.O. in time to meet the deadline for each Issue of the A.A. directory and helping carry out the triennial membership surveys.
- Visit groups and districts in the area whenever possible.
- Work closely with committee members and officers, sharing experience throughout the year. After G.S.R.s and committee members have reported on the Conference, learn from these A.A.s how groups and members have reacted.
- Assume added responsibility if the area chair and alternate chair are unable to serve. Or, if an area committee is not functioning effectively, the delegate may take an active role in remedying the situation.
- Keep the alternate delegate fully informed and active, so that the alternate can replace the delegate in an emergency.
- Late in the second term, work with newly elected delegates to pass along a basic knowledge of Conference proceedings and problems.

AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING

Agenda

Aitkin, MN

February 1, 2026

<p>_____ 9:00 A.M. Action Chair Committee Meetings (9:30 a.m. Financial Oversight Committee)</p> <p>_____ 10:30 A.M. Area Committee Meeting</p> <p>_____ Call to Order Open with the Serenity Prayer</p> <p>_____ Recognize Past Delegates</p> <p>_____ Add to Agenda</p> <p>_____ Approve Minutes from December 7th ACM</p> <p>OFFICER REPORTS</p> <p>_____ Delegate – Pat M.</p> <p>_____ Alternate Delegate – Vicki R.</p> <p>_____ Chair – Denise R.</p> <p>_____ Secretary – Peggy M.</p> <p>_____ Treasurer – Jennifer T.</p> <p>COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS</p> <p>_____ Financial Oversight Committee- Diane R.</p> <p>_____ District 15 – Dean D.</p> <p>_____ WEBMASTER – Mark R.</p> <p>_____ NORTHERN LIGHT – Terry P.</p> <p>_____ GROUP RECORDS – Le Allen</p> <p>_____ District 7 – Michael M.</p> <p>_____ District 13 – Chad H.</p> <p>_____ LITERATURE – Mike B.</p> <p>_____ District 1 – Loren G.</p> <p>_____ District 14 –</p> <p>_____ PUBLIC INFORMATION – Terry A.</p> <p>_____ District 8 – Craig T.</p> <p>_____ District 21 – Trevor G.</p> <p>_____ TREATMENT – Chad O.</p> <p>_____ District 16 – Mary S.</p> <p>_____ District 18 - Cynthia K.</p> <p>_____ CPC – Jarrin V.</p> <p>_____ District 4 – Jay B.</p> <p>_____ District 11 – <u>Bradley L.</u></p> <p>_____ ARCHIVES – Mike U.</p> <p>_____ ARCHIVIST – Marc N</p> <p>_____ District 12 – Addy R.</p> <p>_____ District 9 – Tommy J.</p>	<p>_____ GRAPEVINE – Chris J.</p> <p>_____ District 6 – Janet R.</p> <p>_____ District 3 – Paul C.</p> <p>_____ CORRECTIONS – Jeff O.</p> <p>_____ District 5 –</p> <p>_____ District 2 – Greg B.</p> <p>12:00 P.M. Lunch</p> <p>12:45 P.M. Reconvene</p> <p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>_____ </p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>NEW BUSINESS:</p> <p>_____ Electronic Voting</p> <p>_____ Electronic Payment Options</p> <p>_____ GSR Orientation</p> <p>_____ DCM Orientation</p> <p>_____ West Central Regional Service Conference</p> <p>_____ Winter Workshop Evaluations</p> <p>_____ Calendar of Events</p> <p>_____ Adjourn - responsibility statement</p> <hr/>
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Please remember to include your group service number on all contributions.
This will ensure that your contributions get credited to your group.

**Mail Area 35 Group contributions to: NMAA
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Bemidji, MN 56601**