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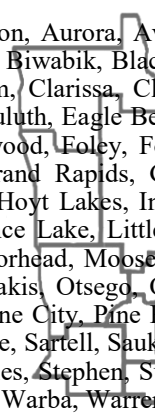

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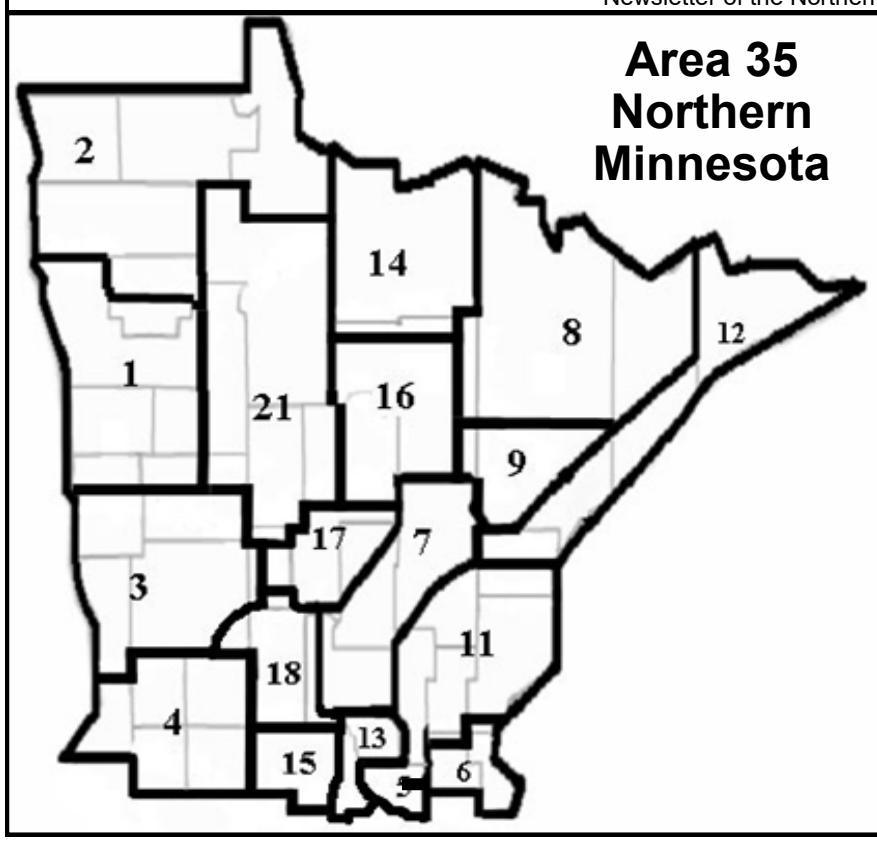

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District 1 - Ada, Crookston, Erskine, Fertile, Fosston, Mahnomen, Naytahwaush, Red Lake Falls, Twin Valley

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, New York Mills, Midway, Menahga, Wadena, Waubun

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)

** 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, 6:30 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

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AREA 35 MEETING MINUTES - UNAPPROVED

Area 35 August 2026 ACM Minutes
Aitkin, MN
August 2, 2026

Call to Order: Area Chair Denise R called the meeting to order at 10:30 am August 2, 2026, we opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Open Special Assembly session
Welcome to GSRs! 15 people online

Recognition of Past Delegates in Attendance: Diane R. Panel 74; Steve L. Panel 72

Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) From District 8.
They are asking to Publish the 2022 72nd Conference action from the Trustee Committee "Procedures for a Partial or complete Reorganization of the General Service board, the A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine Boards into the AA Service manual appendixes with a footnote in Concept III directing to this appendix addition.

Discussion:
-Steve L informed the 6 pages of suggested procedure to reorganize the GSB and the Boards of A.A.W.S. INC, and the Grapevine INC, to be added to the Service Manual. They passed this at the 72nd and it has been hidden. This will bring it out to the light of day. I was expecting it to come out in the service manual last time, it didn't. We had seven different discussions on this, and most people don't even know what it is. This is approved by my home group and District 8. We hope to get this approved and sent to the Conference Committee.
-One concern about placing this in Service manual is more people will see it and more people will want to pick it apart. And want to change it.
- Discussion of the Service Manual readability and how people use it.

Motion made by Pat M 76 made a motion we pass this PAI. Craig D8 seconded. Motion passes

Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) From Area Chair
Asking to increase the price of the Grapevine to be self-supporting including the magazine, digital and online subscriptions as well as costs related to the to creating a podcast.

Discussion:
-We cannot continue to sustain financial losses of the GV. We cannot continue to use contributions given to the General Service Board to cover GV shortfall. We continue to use our prudent reserve, which is now at approximately 5 months, we typically keep the prudent Reserve at 9 to 12 months. Bills vision was for the Grapevine to be self-supporting. By increasing the price of Grapevine subscriptions across the board either print or digital we would allow those that want Grapevine to support it. Therefore, we wouldn't need to use contributions given to the GSB to cover the Grapevine short fall. At the West Central Regional Forum, the question was asked "How much of a cost increase would it be for each GV subscription to be self-supporting? The answer given by a member of the GV board was six to eight dollars to be self-supporting.
-What is the breakout of actual cost between digital and magazine increase of 14 dollars how would it all work out.
-The GV is supposed to be self-supporting, but a change happened in the 70" s when the GV had a surplus and the funds were combined into all three funds. The idea was funds were going into the Reserve funds. So, when there was a deficit. The idea of self-supporting has lost its way. The way to fix that would be how the reserved fund is structured. If the price goes up more people will drop it and it. The cost of accounting for all our boards shows they are being managed, is horrible. The way money is being spent terribly all over the place. We could outsource the circulation part of GV and save three to four hundred thousand dollars. Another thing, the top 12 AA people make 2.7 million dollars combined.
-Appreciate background provided. We had a good discussion in our district. The question that's going up as things go on GV is considered an ordinary course? When you read Bill's letter during ordinary course, the AA GV should be self-supporting, it indicates that there will be times when the GV is not self-supporting, is this one of those times. The shift of using digital could be considered an ordinary course.
- Looking at the pricing strategy it looks like a four dollar increase over the next 4 years. This is according to the newest Grapevine 5-year Plan. From 36.00 to 40.00 dollars.
-This energy drink costs 4.00 dollars pretty sure it's not good for me, this is important stuff.
-Looking at the shenanigans at the Service Board how much longer can we sustain as a loss.
-Shared this PAI with our group on our medallion Sunday, there were 50 people there. As a group, everyone agreed. Only one person raised their hand that they subscribed. Do we still need the GV if people are not going to subscribe?
-GV has an open meeting, possibly pass the basket at that virtual meeting.
-I had a meeting with GV setting them out, people did not know what they were.
-I brought this up at my group we voted unanimously not to support the price increase. We do not know how much it would cost.
-GV saved my life and brought me to AA. When the cost of everything is going up. Bills writing was very deliberate. He hoped it would be self-supporting.
-Has everyone thought about printing less editions
-Remind everyone that by bringing the PAI forward we are asking the conference to solve the problem. We don't have to do it. We are letting them know we think it's important but want it to be self-supporting.
-Delegate informed as of first Qtr., we have three thousand more subscriptions.
-Does it do what is supposed to do, it saves lives.
-Grapevine is more than just the magazine. The only way GV gets money is through subscriptions and sales of books etc. The podcast cost a lot of money. But the podcast is free.
-Group discussed as the proposal is written suggested that we are telling what they should do.
-Podcast only has a few stories, you can listen to the magazine has many stories. Digital subscription lets you get you go back to all the stories written

Loren DCM D 1 made motion to approve the PAI, Janet DCM D 6 seconded, motion Passed.

Discusses:
-Minority opinion the idea is good the process of trying to solve the problem is not going to solve the problems

Close out the virtual portion of our meeting with the Responsibility Statement.

Open the Area Committee meeting.

Additions to agenda: None

Approve Minutes from the June Area Committee Meeting minutes: Loran DCM D 1 motion to approve the minutes Chad O. Area Treatment chair seconded the motion. Motion passes.

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Points of order:
Two-minute limit for sharing at the mic.
When speaking or asking questions, go to the mic.
Avoid crosstalk as it makes it hard to hear.

OFFICER REPORTS
Delegate – Pat M P76
Good morning Area 35 hope everyone is doing well summer is wrapping down fast in Reference to the final conference reports it will be out digital August 31st hard copies will be out approximately 6 weeks later to purchase at a cost of $5.00 which I feel is very reasonable I think it would be best if we go through the Area 35 Literature Rep. Mike because when we order literature in bulk we save on shipping.

What I was thinking is DCMS let your GSRS know ask your GSRS talk to their groups and see how many would like a printed copy of the final conference report and get back to Mike Area 35 Literature Chair and anyone in area 35 that would like a final conference report please let Mike know here is Mike's contact information

Mike's phone number is 320 390 0956 are email Mike at literature@area35.org

Please let Mike know by are at the Fall Assembly in service with Faith without works is Dead P76 Delegate Pat M

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – VICKI R
I attended NAAD meeting on July 1st
I attended the Delegate report backs with Pat in both Virginia on July 18th and Perham on July 19th
I attended District 6 service workshop on July 25th, 2026
I attended the planning meeting for WSRSC on July 26th
I also attended the NAAD meeting last night, Aug 1st
Mark has put a flyer on the website for January Workshop: Brooke C is the speaker, Jan 16-17th, 2027 at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. There is a link to reserve a room on the flyer. Cutoff for room reservations is Dec 18th, 2026.
In service with Gratitude
Vicki R
Alternate Delegate

CHAIR – DENISE R
Greetings Area 35,
For the month of July I was busy working with Jennifer on Budgets for 2027 making sure they are as accurate as possible with the information we have. The budgets in the Northern Light are slightly different than the budgets we will be voting on at the Fall Assembly.
The Financial Oversight Committee met on Zoom in June to review June Finances. We have added Dan, DCM from District 5 to the Committee as Dean DCM from District 15 was not able to participate consistently do to health reasons. Thank you Dan!
I attended the Joint Area 35/36 Committee meeting that was held on July 11. Matt, Area 36 Chair did a great job leading the meeting and I believe it was very beneficial for both Area's. I will submit a separate report for the minutes.
I attended the Area 15 Southern Florida Assembly that was held with a hybrid option so I could observe how they do business and hear their Delegate's Conference Report. I find it very interesting to see the process of other Area's and how the Area Chair handles business. Their Delegate was the Chair of the Conference Literature Committee and was very open to answering questions concerning the 5th Edition Big Book and how the process to remove the word Eskimo was handled as Committee Chair. I appreciated her transparency and willingness to answer questions.
I was able to attend the workshop District 6 held at the Isanti Alano Club along with many other Area Officers and Committee Chairs. Thank you Janet, DCM of District 6 for the invitation to attend and speak about the Area Chair position responsibilities. Janet did a great job leading the workshop! It was good to meet new District 6 members and fellowship with you all. The pork was amazing!!
Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Denise R.
Area 35 Chair

SECRETARY – PEGGY M
Hope everyone is having a great summer!
I typed the minutes from the ACM June 7th and submitted them to NL editor.
Thanks to everyone who filled out the survey about updating the Area Actions book. I received 25 surveys. I worked on a graft to present the results see handouts. I presented the survey results. To the Area Officers. We will have an update and discussion later today.
I attended the Joint Area 35/36 Workshop on Saturday July 11, 2026. There were several interesting items discussed, such as equipment for hybrid meetings. Area 36 has an Inventory document for their equipment. We discussed how we might work together on events and potential areas of cooperation.
I will attend the Area 35 Treatment Workshop August 29th, 2026, in St. Cloud and the Fall Assembly in October.
Reports are due August 9, 2026.
Grateful,
Peggy M
Area 35 Secretary

TREASURER – JENNIFER T
June beginning checking balance $13,280.00 and ending balance $14,682.71

Deposits were $5,486.06 and payments were $4,083.35.

We have reached the halfway point in the year to evaluate where we are compared to last year:

YTD Literature sales in 2026 are $5,707.80 compared to June 2025 they were $8,838.54

YTD Group contributions in 2026 are $23,462.04 compared to last year, $24,781.37

YTD Birthday contributions so far in 2026 are $180.00 compared to last year $135.00

	Curr Mon 26	June 2025	Curr YTD	YTD 2025
Income.	$5,486.11	$7,608.07	$32,418.88	$3,7232,81
Expenses	$3964.69	$3,157.24	$45,113.87	$48,308.50

I am optimistic that we are currently doing well, considering the increase cost of postage, printing, and other routine expenses this year. The decrease in literature sales may be a trend, as Vicki likes to say, more will be revealed. We budgeted for approximately $4,583.33 in group contributions, currently bringing in approximately 50% of the annual budgeted income. Budgets for 2027 are in the Northern Light for discussion in your groups and districts.

COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
The Financial Oversight Committee met online in July to review the June Financial Reports. Denise R., Jennifer T., Dan from District 5, and I attended. Jennifer answered our questions, and all Area 35 financial records were exact.
We also discussed the upcoming budget and two 2027 events in Area 35: the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference, held in Area 35 every eight years, and the West Central Regional Forum, held every 16 years. Area 35 should plan for Area Committee attendance and reimbursement, including room rates of about $120.00 per night. Districts should also plan to ensure strong representation at the conference.
In Service with Patience, Kindliness, and Love,
Diane R

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DISTRICT 15 – DEAN D

Hello from District 15!
Our District meeting is held on the 1st Monday of every month at the Albany Community Center at 7:00 pm. Attendance is typically 8-10 people. I am also the GSR for the Avon Tuesday night group. Our district has 2-year rotations, and this is my first as a DCM so I'm relatively new to service work but gain direction from my District 15 team. Most of our positions are filled except for the Grapevine Report.
On March 28th we hosted the Stearns County Roundup at the River of Life Church in Cold Spring. We had a wonderful turnout of approximately 200 people. We had a fellowship hour followed by a meal catered by the Old Creamery restaurant in Rice MN. After the meal we had a very good Alanon Speaker from Cold Spring as well as a long-term AA member from Hibbing. We've decided to put on a 2027 Stearns County Roundup and are setting March 13, 2027 as our tentative date. We have held the round up at River of Life Church in Cold Spring and intend on having it there again but need to wait til after the 1st of the year to lock in the facility and catering.
One of the topics that was discussed at our District meeting on June 1st was building attendance in our groups. Several of the groups have reported declining attendance at AA meetings, including the Avon Tuesday night group. The Cold Spring Alano club continues to have strong attendance and has many fellowship opportunities including a monthly potluck and bonfire on the 1st Saturday of every month, weather permitting. District 15 will be reaching out to area treatment centers to donate books if needed. Fund balance in the District 15 AA account is approximately $5.356.17 and has been very stable.
We also had a member of the St. Cloud Intergroup speak at the District 15 meeting about the twelfth step and gave examples of how we can assist other alcoholics. John D. also gave us a SCI update of area events and ways to get more involved with AA. We are changing out September 1st meeting to the 8th of September at the Albany Community Center at 7:00 and will have Pat M. speak about his experience at the GSO Conference.
Thank you.
Dean D.
District 15 DCM

WEBMASTER – MARK R

I have created a "Staging" website to introduce changes and a "new look" to our existing area35.org website! With the help of online documentation and Claude ai (artificial intelligence), I have been learning CSS & PhP (CSS is Cascading Style Sheets – it is design code for determining how your website looks and functions visually), (PhP is Hypertext Preprocessor – it is the core programming language (server-side scripting language) that powers WordPress (website editor tool).
I created a flyer containing information on how to access the "Staging" website to review our proposed initial changes.
The flyers were available at the back table here at the June ACM for DCMs and GSRs to take back to their Groups. I have implemented a new "Theme" named TWENTY-TWELVE (WordPress uses "Theme Templates" for use in creating and maintaining your Website designs. This is a current supported "Theme" whereas our existing "Theme" is very old and outdated with minimal functionality. We would like to discuss and vote on moving forward with our new Theme and website design at the August 2026 ACM. At that time if further discussion is necessary for any reason, we can hold it for the Fall Assembly. I will be emailing out the PDF Flyer to our Area Officers Chairs, Past Delegates, and all DCMs so it can get circulated as soon as possible.
I was asked by Pat M (Area 35 Delegate) if I could help District 7 and be part of the Technology Team for the 2027 WCRAASC. I accepted and look forward to helping where ever I can be of service!
I'm working on an online form for Group Records so Individuals, Groups, and GSRs can register online. Once filled in, it can be automatically sent via email to our Group Records Chair!
I will be attending and helping out our Area Treatment Chair at the first Area 35 Treatment Workshop to be held at the Alano Society of St Cloud on Saturday, August 29, 2026 starting at 1pm. This will be a hybrid event.
Yours in Service,
Mark R
Area 35 Web Master Chair

NORTHERN LIGHT – TERRY P

Present- Verbal report given

GROUP RECORDS – LEE ELLEN O

ACM Report from Area 35 Group Records Registrar
Greetings all, I am currently fishing in Canada on a remote lake 500 miles away, so I am unable to present my report in person, (you all know how much I regret that).
Group records had a busy month in July. I received 57 emails regarding group information or meeting questions, I directly answered 26 of them and forwarded the balance to Area 36 or Member Services. I had one help email and have the sense of fulfillment from being a part of "HAVING THE HAND OF AA ALWAYS BEING THERE" Mark R. has been working hard to make my life easier. The Group Records Forms will be on the Website also. Thank you, Mark.
I attended a Service Workshop in Isanti. They do such a great job of hosting and organizing. Thank you District 6.
Finally, I have folders for those Districts that have Inactive Files. Please see Vicki to pick up your file. Districts 3, 5, 6, 9, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21 all have files to pick up. Thank for all your continued work with the inactive files.
I will see you on Oct. 3rd in Baxter.
Lee Ellen
Area 35 Group Records Chair

DISTRICT 7 – MICHAEL M

Mike M not present Report given by Denise R.
Greetings from District 7! Our District meeting is held on 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.
Our District 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. Our Treatment Chair has continued to reach out to Treatment Centers in the area. We also attended the Crow Wing county transition fair, and it was a success. We will also be doing two workshops this year a CPC luncheon and a sponsorship workshop with Alanon participation. As of now we have all our chair positions are full. Our annual picnic was a big success lots of people and fellowship.
Yours in service
Mike M

DISTRICT 13 – CHAD H

Greetings from District 13,
Here is what has been going on in District 13 since our last meeting.
I attended the Area 35/36 Joint Workshop via Zoom. It was great to see everyone and collaborate on what is happening in each other's areas. I attended the DCM breakout session and had the opportunity to briefly discuss activities and challenges within our respective districts. I also participated in the Treatment Committee breakout session, where a great deal of valuable information was shared.

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One particularly interesting discussion involved Area 36's work with sober houses and step-down units, including providing rides and bringing meetings directly to residents. We also discussed at length the importance of face-to-face outreach and how much more effective it can be than communicating solely by telephone.
At our last District meeting, we had a lively discussion regarding the first PAI presentation. Unfortunately, the second PAI was received after our District meeting had already taken place, so that information was distributed via email. We also discussed several topics that were presented at the June ACM.
The new Area 35 website was reviewed, and the feedback thus far has been very positive. We also discussed changes to the Northern Light distribution process. Follow-up questions were sent to Terry P., the Northern Light editor, and I appreciate the quick response that was provided. Additional discussion topics included reimbursement for the National Conference and the question of voting rights for Area 35 Communications Committee members.
We were also pleased to welcome a new Alternate GSR to the meeting and were able to get them registered.
District 13 continues its efforts to visit all groups within the district and encourage groups that currently have only contact information on file to register a GSR and participate in District meetings.
I would also like to share a few highlights from our officers and committee chairs. I want to note that each of our committee chairs has several members actively serving alongside them. It has been wonderful to see this level of participation, and I am grateful to be working with everyone during this rotation.
Archives
The Archives Chair position has been vacant for several rotations. We are actively working to fill this important service position.
Alternate DCM
Michele B. is working on developing a topic for the Fall Service Workshop while also assisting the DCM with various projects and responsibilities that have arisen over the past few months.
Literature
Nick H. has been actively working with district groups and the Area 35 Literature Chair to ensure that the literature needs of our groups and members are being met.
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
Nick B. has been working closely with the Literature Chair to obtain CPC-related A.A. materials for distribution to professionals during outreach efforts. The committee is also continuing to explore hosting a CPC luncheon and developing a newsletter for distribution. In addition, CPC will be staffing a booth at the Project Connect event in October.
Public Information (PI)
Grayson has been actively working with the committee on literature distribution, the A.A. phone line, and the Beginners Meeting. The Beginners Meeting is doing exceptionally well and, for the first time in many years, has more than enough volunteers. It is wonderful to see such strong participation.
The committee was also contacted by an assisted living facility interested in starting a meeting. They are currently developing a plan and seeking volunteers to help support this effort.
Corrections
JJ, our Corrections Chair, reported that the women's meeting at the Stearns County Jail resumed on July 1, 2026, and currently has three female volunteers. The facility utilizes tablets, and JJ informed participants of the A.A. resources available through that platform.
At the Benton County Jail, attendance at the A.A. meeting has reached as many as 14 participants.
I plan on attending the upcoming Area 35 Treatment workshop in August and look forward to seeing everyone.
Respectfully submitted,
Yours in service,
Chad H. District 13 DCM

LITERATURE – MIKE B
Literature has been a little bit slow, With the exception of people wanting the 4th edition of the Big Book. A lot of people are wording those before the 5th edition is released. I will be attending the fall assembly and the corrections workshop this fall as well as any other events I may be invited to.
Yours in service,
Mike B

DISTRICT 1 – LOREN G
Present verbal report given

DISTRICT 14 –UNKNOWN
Absent no report given.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – TERRY A
Present Verbal report given.

DISTRICT 8 – CRAIG T
Present verbal report given.

DISTRICT 21 – TREVOR G
Present verbal report given

TREATMENT – CHAD O
Hello All, At the August ACM I discussed the Bridging The Gap volunteer list. About 4-5 years ago several people from many districts signed up to be a BTG volunteer. Being a BTG volunteer means that you're willing to take someone leaving treatment to several AA meetings, to introduce them to the fellowship, provide meeting cards, show them the meeting guide app, etc. This is not signing up to be a sponsor. Some clients in treatment fill out a request to be contacted by an AA member to take them to meetings. These requests come to me, and I'm able to connect the client with an AA member from the BTG list. I felt the list was "stale" so I sent out emails to the DCM's in the districts that had BTG volunteers. I provided names and phone numbers for the DCM's to contact the people on the list to see if the volunteers were still interested in being on the list. These emails were sent out a couple weeks ago and I'm happy to report that a few DCM's have gotten back to me. Confirming my suspicions, I have found out that this was a good idea as we have had volunteers move out of state, pass away, or simply no longer wish to be part of the program. The email was sent to DCM's in the following districts; 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,15,16 and 21. If you are the DCM from one of these districts and have not gone through your list yet, I ask you to please do so as soon as you can, and get back to me, so I can get the list up to date. I plan on promoting the BTG volunteer sign up at the fall assembly. We can definitely use more volunteers, as some districts have nobody or only a couple of volunteers. I'd hate to get a request and not be able to connect a client with a volunteer. The program works ! I've connected 2 clients with AA volunteers in the last 2 months. We also discussed the upcoming Area 35 treatment workshop at the St. Cloud Alano on 08-29-26 from 1-5. This is a hybrid workshop and I'm excited for the event.
Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Chad O. Area 35 Treatment Chair.

DISTRICT 16 – MARY S
June and July were very busy in my personal life, with some health issues that came up and company that visited us as a result. So, I am afraid I don't have a lot to report.
I have visited 14 out of 25 AA Groups in District 16. I hope to visit the Lat 11 groups before the nights get longer and the snow begins to fly. It's been enjoyable attending AA meetings in the District that I don't attend on a weekly basis. Of course, the groups I still want to attend are the ones that are farthest away from where I live. But that's okay with me. I like the drive. It's peaceful and after the meetings, I'm usually in a pretty good place emotionally. On the way home from Longville AA meeting, I encountered three black bears and a couple of deer. Nature at its best.

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Districts 16,18 and 9 presented a Founder's Day Workshop in Grand Rapids. It was well attended. Scott J, Aurora presented AA History and Kim K was our AA speaker at the end of the day. It turned out very well.
This Friday and Saturday, I attended the 20th Annual Weekend with Bill and Lois. The Speakers were really good, and I am glad I attended.
Now as we head into Fall, there will be more going on with the Fall Assembly coming up. Our District meetings have been well attended, and all positions continue to be filled by capable folks. It feels really good.
I apologize that I don't have more to report, but it is what it is.
Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 35 as the District 16 DCM
Mary S

DISTRICT 18 – CYNTHIA K
District 18 has been enjoying summer and all the hot weather it has brought. The Legacy Campout in Motley was well attended with 40+ people at the AA/Alanon speaker portion of the campout. Dower Lake Campout is coming August 7, 8, 9 – there are still camping sites available or just come for the speakers.
We've had potlucks to discuss our delegate, Pat's trip to NY and to go over the PAIs related especially to the Grapevine. Our Literature/Grapevine chair is working on a flyer to be handed out at meetings and posted at the Alano clubs in the district reminding members of the benefits of the GV and urging them to subscribe.
We have had 5 new volunteers to take meetings into the jail – 3 of them are women willing to share that there is a way out.
I am working with the WCRAASC as secretary and am excited to be part of the process of spreading the word of Alcoholic Anonymous. Also planning to attend the Fall Assembly.
Worked on the list of inactive groups with LeeEllen and found that the 25 meetings listed were no longer in existence so will be passing the info on.
In Gratitude,
Cynthia
DCM District 18

CPC – JARRIN V
Present verbal report given

DISTRICT 4
Absent. No report given.

DISTRICT 11 –BRADLEY L
Our district meeting is on the 1st Thursday of the month, at 7:00 PM at the Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson. We also meet at the 6:30 in that same evening to study the service manual st the same location.
Quite month.
Added a calendar to the website draft, listing events in our district. Plan to have it running this month.
We still have the secretary spot open.
Yours in service, Bradley L DCM District 11

ARCHIVES –MIKE U
Present verbal report given.

ARCHIVIST – MARC N
I opened my report stating that my dog ate report that I had prepared so I wrote a few notes during the meeting today. Well, just like in grade school, I lied, it was an attempt at an excuse. Reality is that I struggled to prepare a report for this ACM, I think my reports have become too repetitive.
I attended the Area35/36 joint meeting and joined the archives breakout. The area 36 discussion points involved cost of repository space, ability to include display and workspace, how often and how many visitors we have, and digitizing efforts. My part of discussion involved the cost sharing
when exhibiting archives at events. It seems that area 36 budgets and covers travel and lodging for events, area 35 asks that events pay travel and lodging.
On July 11 Paul and Drew collectors of alcoholism, recovery, and AA memorabilia visited. We went through some packaged items and found some large photos that may have been displayed years ago, some magazines and some books that had relevance unknown to me. They left with a few items that they did not have and will make copies, then return the originals to me.
Looking ahead to the 2027 WCRAASC we are planning the archive display. Plans are to focus on Northern Minnesota AA. We would like to know of the ethnic heritage of our Northern Minnesota AAs. Maybe we could get donations of Big Books of the nations of our ancestors.
We will no longer do the archive open house
on third Sunday every month. We will welcome visitors to archives by appointment.
Thank You for this opportunity to serve. Marc

DISTRICT 12 – ADDY R
Greetings from District 12. We decided to not meet for our District meeting in June due to the severity of the wildlife smoke that evening. We are preparing for the St. Louis County Health and Human Services Conference held at the DECC in Duluth in early October. We have already secured space and will have a table for professionals and others to receive information about Alcoholics Anonymous.
Duluth Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous secured the bid to hold the MNYPAA conference in Duluth in 2027. District 12 plans to offer support again to this amazing conference. And remember, Young is defined as young at heart.
I have not received a recent report from our treatment chair about his previous report of being able to hold a meeting in an outpatient treatment setting in Cloquet. Our corrections chair report continued meetings in Carlton County, St. Louis County and Douglas County.
Yours in Service
Addy R.

DISTRICT 9 – TOMMY J
Tom T. Alt. DCM will be giving my report,
District 9 meets the last Sunday of each month (except July). We meet at th Hibbing Alano Club at 6:00 pm unless it is a holiday and then it is scheduled for the Sunday before.
Greetings everyone! I hope everyone has been having a great summer. I wish I could be there with you all today. Things have been going well in District 9 lately, some of our members were able to attend the Delegates report back that was held in Virginia with District *, there were about 17 people there. It was nice to have several of our past Delegates there to share experience and wisdom. The report was well done by our Delegate, Pat M., along with our alternate Delegate, Vicky.
We did participate in the "Founders Day Workshop" with District 16 and 8. It was a great event with very good attendance and the speakers and presenter were fantastic. It's always good to learn more about the beginning of our AA program and the development of "How It Works".
I have not been involved as much lately as I was hoping to be, I have been working 60-70 hours per week. I am incredibly grateful to have an AlT-DCM to help me out during this time. We ae looking into a tri-District workshop with District 8 and Districts 16, and we are looking forward to having Chris J., our District Grapevine Chair, attend our August 30th District meeting to share about Grapevine. We understand he has a great slide show presentation to share with our District.
Thank you for allowing me to serve.
Tommy J. District 9 DCM

GRAPEVINE – CHRIS J
Hello Area 35! I've ordered the new Gratitude book from Grapevine, and it has been quite popular. I had the opportunity to meet the Area 36 Grapevine chair, and that was fun to pick his brain. He gave me a few flyers promoting digital subscriptions. We had an enjoyable breakout session at the ACM. It always fills me with excitement to talk about Grapevine and the ways in which we can get the word out and hopefully make it more self-supporting.

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I was invited to District 6's service workshop but was unable to attend. I look forward to traveling to Hibbing for their district meeting on August 30. I'm also excited for Duluth's Roundup 9/11-9/13 at the Holiday Inn. I'll be sure to blow up some balloons to assure the grape suit doesn't have any sour grapes.
Thanks for letting me serve!
Chris J
Area 35 Grapevine chair

DISTRICT 6 – JANET R
Greetings Area 35, My name is Janet. I am an alcoholic, and I'm the D.C.M. for district 6 our district meetings are held the third Thursdays of the month at Spring Lake Lutheran church in North Branch. If you're in the area, stop by, we'd be glad to have you. Currently, we have a couple of service positions open in our district CPC- PI and grapevine. Our treatment chair has been working with treatment facilities to bring in meetings. Our district has been working pretty diligently on p. I stuff getting together an information packet that we plan on distributing to churches and libraries with in our district, our CPC committee just recently had their service workshop meet the service Structure, we had a very nice turnout. I would like to thank those that came and participated. I think it was a success. I would like to thank all of the area Members that came to share their experiences of service at our service structure meeting much gratitude to each and every one of you.
Thank you for letting me serve.
Janet R DCM District 6

DISTRICT 3 –PAUL C
District 3 positions that remain open are ADCM, Corrections Chair, PI/CPC, and a GV/LV Chair.
The Detroit Lake's Game Night at the Alano Club is thriving. It draws 10-15 members on a reg basis each month. They have even moved outdoors in the warm weather.
The Ottertail City Thursday night meeting at th Methodist church was able to work things out with the Pastor and continues to meet there. I don't know the details, but it sounds like calm communications prevailed'
We hosted our Area Delegate on July 19 to her his report on the General Service Conference. His attendance and work on behalf of the Area are well appreciated.
The E-voting Committee will be meeting soon to determine how to move forward with investigating e-voting options.
Paul C. District Chair

CORRECTIONS – JEFF O
Hello Area 35, it's been a busy summer with going to transition fairs. I went to Red Wing and Faribault. They were both really good turnouts. We have Lino lakes right around the corner. Dave A from area 36 is going to that, and I have also asked Mark R. from our area to join him at Lino Lakes. Thank you so much, Mark. As I was diagnosed with bladder cancer and I'll be taking that journey.
We have the workshop nailed down October 24th, Jack and Jim's in Duelm,Minnesota. I have flyers available online. Don't forget to register. We have a great lineup. For this year. The stories will be unbelievable as Troy from Iowa tells us how he got sober in prison, and we also have Valerie M from coordinator, and there will also be a few more speakers.
At our committee meeting today, we had a few districts talk about what was going on in their District. District 5 has been going into Sherburne County Jail. Brought big books to Sherburne. District 11 Isanti County Jail meeting filling in February September was a challenge moose Lake Willow River sandstone Federal prison Rush city Pine County in Canobie County jails lots of help from other districts sandstone closed to AA Rush city is now closed to 20 people the meetings have been getting out of handle was 60 inmates for one meeting. District8 St. Louis County starting to let people in Virginia. Bridging the gap needs clarification on ability to serve at state faculties.
Thank you Jeff O

DISTRICT 5 – DAN R
Greetings from District 5. We are in the swing of the Mille Lacs County Fair! Thank you to all who signed up and participated! We also have our MEAT the District on August 16th at the Elk River Alano in Otsego from 3-6. Come for the food and fellowship!!
In service,
Dan R.

DISTRICT 2 – GREG B
Absent no report given.

Lunch Break 12:00 reconvened 12:45 Opened with the Serenity prayer.

OLD BUSINESS
Background – At Feb. 2026 ACM there were three items brought forth for discussion.
Electronic voting, electronic payments, and DCM orientation. The DCMs felt they did not need orientation. We had two committees working on electronic voting and payments.

-Electronic Voting Update-Paul C.
The voting committee has not met since the last ACM. We have a time set to meet and follow up from our first meeting. We will look forward to something at the Fall Assembly.

-Actions Book Update-Peggy M.
Thank you to all who filled out the short survey about the Actions book. Here are the results of the survey.
- Most everyone knows what the Actions Book is;
- Most do not use the Actions Book;
- Most use the print version; or electronic or both
- Most know what the Trusted Servants Guidelines are in the Actions Bok
- Most want education on what it is for and how to use it.

Question: Do you have suggestions to improve the Area 35 Actions book. Here are the replies.
- Consistent in what is updated each rotation'
- Better organized'
- Works great, leave it alone. Three votes.
- Promote its value and purpose as a resource.
- Online access and searchable. Five votes.
- Add to GSR Orientation.
- Provide education about the Area Actions Book. Thirteen votes.

The results and the comments were reviewed and discussed in the Area Officers meeting this am. Two recommendations came out of the committee.
- The Area Officers will provide education on the Actions Book at GSR orientation and the Area Committee if needed.
- A new heading in the table of contents of the Actions Book under section M for motions. This section will document all the motions from the ACM and Assemblies. They will be grouped together in Panels. Starting with the current panel, 76.

Discussion:
No questions or comments.

West Central Regional AA Service Conference
The update I have right now is we have almost 30 volunteers, 26 people Have volunteered. If anyone wants to be added to the list, please let me know. We formed a smaller work committee, getting started. Does anyone have any questions right now?
Question: Is there a hospitality committee for the event?
-Mark D7 has volunteered to head up the hospitality committee. This committee is not fully formed yet. If you are interested, I will make note of that and Mark will contact you.
Question: Is this something that each District could start putting money toward?
-We still have to meet with the facility to find out about tech and hospitality rooms; we know we can bring in some food. Not sure yet. We do not know what kind of donations we need, money or food. We will have a better idea as we move forward.

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In 2027, Area 35 will be the hosts in the West Central Regional Alcoholics anonymous service conference (WCRAASC) to be held at 9252 Breezy Point Dr, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472. March 5-7, 2027.

New Website Update Mark
We are ready to implement the new website. It has been ready since the last ACM. We sent everybody home to discuss this with your District with the plan to vote on it today. We will continue after we get it into place and have people use it. We might have to work out some bugs or make some enhancements, but we are ready to proceed with it.

Dan R. DCM D 5 Motion to approve the website that has been redone. Jeff Area 35 Corrections Chair seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Go ahead with the website.
Discussion: None

Northern Light- Terry P
Nothing much new to add since my last report. The only thing I would add to it is that we need to move the Budgets 2 months ahead of time. Last month's minutes we had that in September; we would move that to June. I talked with Denise about this and it can work and meet the deadline of 2 months before the Assembly. We do have the option of reducing the number we print. We have less than 200 left over. I have not worked out the new printing cost. But one thing we could do is just print what we have on the mailing list and not bring them here.
Discussion:
-I understand you are cutting some of the printings of the Northern Light. Historically Northern Light was not used for sending out minutes from our meetings and Assemblies. The minutes were sent out to groups. The Area decided to print the minutes in the Northern Light to save money. Saved a huge cost. To save money we stopped sending out the budgets to groups. Concern about the message getting to groups in enough time to discuss and make informed decisions. The Northern Light is a vital service in this Area. I hate to see them cut back on services.
-Printing costs are going up. We recognize that the Northern Light is a communication source. We plan to make sure everything gets out in a timely manner. We would save roughly two thousand dollars. That was the ask, how do we save money. That's what we were asked to find out and report.

Communications Committee Voting-Terry P
Nothing new here to report on the Communications Committee voting. Except it was a good example today while voting for the PAIs. I voted on this in my home group and gave my opinion. We discussed this at length in our committee this am. My opinion doesn't need to be counted twice. We Propose that Group Records, Northern Light, and Webmaster change to non-voting Positions. This goes back to the groups for the Fall Assembly.
Discussion:
-My group wondered if taking away the vote could potentially limit the input they would have for future votes that might impact them.
-No, we still could go to the mic and express our opinion. We can still take part in the discussion.
Discussion:
-We discussed the in our home group, removing voting rights, we have the right of participation. The other Area Chairs are in the same position, and they vote, It's no different for them. If anyone does not want to vote, that's fine. We are worried about taking away the right to vote for future positions. We don't want to decrease enthusiasm for service. We felt the right to vote is part of the position and taking that away would discourage people from doing service. We thought of GSO since the staff voted, at one third of the vote; it might skew the power of the GSR. That is not the case here at the Area. We have 478 groups if they want to come and vote, taking away three people's votes does not hamper the GSRs' power. We will vote on this at the Fall Assembly. One thing to add, there are other things voting members do such as making motions, and seconding motions that would be lost too.

Area 35/36 Workshop -Denise R.
Area 35 and 36 had the joint workshop July11, 2026. Matt Area 36 Chair sent an agenda in advance. Twenty-seven people attended, approximately 9 or 10 from Area 35. I'd like to see that increase. We broke into groups for discussion. I attended the main room for officers. We talked about the differences between our Assemblies. Area 36 hold their Assembly for one day only and its hybrid, typically 80 in person and 25 online. They find they are running out of time to get the work done. They were interested in our Assembly. How we do things and how many people attend. I shared how people want to get home on Sunday mornings. We seem to get our work done. We discussed maybe doing PAIs together. I did send Matt our PAIs to look over. Vicki had many questions for their webmaster and if they use electronic voting and how they do their hybrid meetings. Overall, I thought it went well. Next year we will host and they will have new leadership since they have elections opposite us. So maybe we can give them some tips in July. Any comments?
A reminder the Fall Assembly is October 3rd and 4th in Baxter, the room reservation is cut off on September 2nd. Be sure to book your room.

NEW BUSINESS

2027 Budgets
The July/August 2026 Budget in the Northern Light has changed. Updated Budgets are on the table. The new Budget has these changes:

-We added $650.00 dollars for Liability Insurance to the Archives budget.
-Transfer funds from Alt. Delegate category to Area events. Due to the January Service Winter Workshop, the speaker is driving. Travel was increased to 800.00 to cover those costs.
-Our ACM lunches will increase from 10.00 dollars to 12.00 dollars.
-We now know the cost of our rooms for the WCRAASC so lodging will change. See flyer for costs.

Any Questions? Please take this back to your groups for discussion. We will vote on the 2027 Area Budget at the Fall Assembly.

Calendar of Events - Terry P.
Area 35 Treatment Committee Workshop August 29, 2026, St. Cloud Alano Club.
Fall Assembly Oct. 3-rd and 4th Baxter MN room reservation by Sept. 2, 2026.
Corrections Workshop Area 35/36 Oct. 24th Foley MN.
January Service Workshop Jan. 16th and 7th Alexandria MN

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. Closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted,
Area 35 Secretary
Peggy M

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2027 BUDGET - PROPOSED

2027 Budget — Position: Delegate

	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	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$50	$10	$100	$50	$10	$10		50.00	$10				$290.00
Travel	$20	$20	$30	$75	$20	$20		$40	$20				$245.00
Lodging	$330		$330	$314				$396					$ 1,370.00
Subscript													$ -
Supplies				75.00									$ 75.00
Printing			150.00	200.00	200.00		300.00						$ 850.00
GSO		$3,000											$ 3,000.00
Other	25.00		$35				600.00						$ 660.00
Budgeted	**425.00**	**3,030.00**	**645.00**	**680.00**	**230.00**	**30.00**	**900.00**	**486.00**	**30.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**$6,456.00**

2027 Budget — Position: Alt Delegate

	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	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$165	$10	$65	$50				65.00		50.00			$405.00
Travel	$309	$13	$21	$27	$13	$13		$38	$13	$24		200.00	$670.90
Lodging	$690		$244					$396					$1,330.00
Subscript													$0.00
Supplies							60.00						$60.00
Printing	100.00			80.00		60.00			50.00				$290.00
GSO													$0.00
Other	50.00		$35										$85.00
Budgeted	**1,314.00**	**22.90**	**365.00**	**157.00**	**13.00**	**73.00**	**60.00**	**499.00**	**63.00**	**74.00**	**-**	**200.00**	$2,840.90

2027 Budget — Position: Chair

	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	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$50	$10	$50	$50	$10	$10		$50	$10	$50		$200	$490.00
Travel	$30	$30	$30	$45	$30	$30		$30	$30	$45		$200	$500.00
Lodging	$165		$122	$157				$198		$300			$ 942.00
Subscript							$238						$ 238.00
Supplies													$ -
Printing		$60		$100	$60	$60		$100	$60				$ 440.00
GSO													$ -
Other	$25		$35										$60
Budgeted	**270.00**	**100.00**	**237.00**	**352.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**238.00**	**378.00**	**100.00**	**395.00**	**-**	**400.00**	**2,670.00**

2027 Budget — Position: Secretary

	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	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$50	$10	$50	$50	$10	$10		50.00	$10	50.00			$290.00
Travel	$60	$35	$60	$75	$35	$35		$100	$35	$70			$505.00
Lodging	$330		$244	$314				$396		300.00			$ 1,584.00
Subscript													$ -
Supplies													$ -
Printing													$ -
GSO													$ -
Other													
Budgeted	**440.00**	**45.00**	**354.00**	**439.00**	**45.00**	**45.00**	**-**	**546.00**	**45.00**	**420.00**	**-**	**-**	**$2,255.00**

2027 Budget — Position: Treasurer

	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	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$20	$10	$20	$20	$10	$10		-	$10	20.00			$120.00
Travel	$41	$35	$31	$53	$35	$35		$0	$35	$50			$315.00
Lodging	$165		$122	$157				-		150.00			$ 594.00
postage							500.00						$ 500.00
Supplies													$ -
Printing				200.00				200.00					$ 400.00
GSO													$ -
Other	25.00		$35										$ 60.00
Budgeted	**251.00**	**45.00**	**208.00**	**412.00**	**45.00**	**45.00**	**500.00**	**200.00**	**45.00**	**220.00**	**-**	**-**	**$1,944.00**

2027 Budget — Position: Archivist

	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	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$30	$10	$40	$30	$10	$10		30.00	$10	40.00		50.00	
Travel	$65	$30	$40	$55	$30	$30	360.00	$65	$30	$55		250.00	
Lodging	$330		$244	$314				$396		390.00			$ 1,674.00
Subscript							100.00						$ 100.00
Supplies							300.00						$ 300.00
Printing													$ -
GSO							.						$ -
Other	25.00			35.00			7,400.00						
Budgeted	**450.00**	**40.00**	**324.00**	**434.00**	**40.00**	**40.00**	**8,160.00**	**491.00**	**40.00**	**485.00**	**-**	**300.00**	**$10,760.00**

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2027 Budget — Position: Archives Chair

	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	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$30		$30	$30				30.00		30.00			$150.00
Travel	$54	$29	$55	$50	$29	$29		$60	$29	$50			$385.00
Lodging	$330		$244	$314				$396		390.00			$ 1,674.00
Subscript													$ -
Supplies													$ -
Printing													$ -
GSO													$ -
Other	25.00		$35										$ 60.00
Budgeted	**439.00**	**29.00**	**364.00**	**394.00**	**29.00**	**29.00**		**486.00**	**29.00**	**470.00**			**2,269.00**

Corrections — 2027 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	ransition Fai Statewide Corrections	Dist *Travel* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	50.00	10.00	100.00	50.00	10.00	10.00	100.00	50.00	10.00	120.00		50.00	$ 560.00
Travel	75.00	30.00	175.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	200.00	75.00	30.00	35.00	490.00	30.00	$1,230.00
Lodging	330.00		$244	$314.00			100.00	$396.00				$300.00	$1,684.00
Subscript			35.00										$ 35.00
Supplies										300.00			$ 300.00
Printing										150.00			$ 150.00
Literature													$ -
Workshop													$ -
Other	25.00		30.00				150.00			700.00			$ 905.00
Budgeted	**480.00**	**40.00**	**584.00**	**394.00**	**40.00**	**40.00**	**550.00**	**521.00**	**40.00**	**1,305.00**	**490.00**	**$380.00**	**4,864.00**

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	WCR *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	50.00	10.00	$50.00	$50.00	10.00	10.00		$50.00	10.00	$50.00	60.00	$ 300.00
Travel	50.00	$30.00	$50.00	$50.00	$30.00	$30.00	45.00	$50.00	45.00	$50.00	135.00	$ 565.00
Lodging	330.00		$244.00	$314.00				$396.00		$300.00		$1,584.00
Subscript												$ -
Supplies												$ -
Printing												$ -
Other	25.00		$35.00				500.00					$ 560.00
Budgeted	**455.00**	**40.00**	**379.00**	**414.00**	**40.00**	**40.00**	**545.00**	**446.00**	**55.00**	**400.00**	**195.00**	**3,009.00**

2027 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	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$65	$10	$90	$65	$10	$10		65.00	$10				$325.00
Travel	$46	$20	$27		$20	$20		$33	$20				$186.00
Lodging	$330		$122					$396					$ 848.00
Subscript													$ -
Supplies													$ -
Printing													$ -
GSO													$ -
Other	25.00		$25										$ 50.00
Budgeted	**466.00**	**30.00**	**264.00**	**65.00**	**30.00**	**30.00**	**-**	**494.00**	**30.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**$1,431.00**

2027 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	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$80	$10	$80	$50	$10	$10		50.00	$10	50.00			
Travel	$30	$10	$10	$10	$10	$10		$30	$10	$10			
Lodging	$330		$244	$314				$396		300.00			$ 1,584.00
Subscript													$ -
Supplies	30.00						25.00						$ 55.00
Printing	10.00						25.00						$ 35.00
GSO													$ -
Other			$35										
Budgeted	**480.00**	**20.00**	**369.00**	**374.00**	**20.00**	**20.00**	**50.00**	**476.00**	**20.00**	**360.00**	**-**	**-**	**$2,065.00**

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2027 Budget — Position: Literature Chair

	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	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$100		$100	$100				100.00		100.00			$500.00
Travel	$20	$30	$30	$40	$30	$30		$50	$30	$40			$300.00
Lodging	$330		$244	$314				$396		350.00			$ 1,634.00
Subscript													$ -
Supplies													$ -
Printing													$ -
GSO													$ -
Other	25.00		$35										$ 60.00
Budgeted	**475.00**	**30.00**	**409.00**	**454.00**	**30.00**	**30.00**	**-**	**546.00**	**30.00**	**490.00**	**-**	**-**	**$2,464.00**

2027 Budget — Position: NL

	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	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$45	$10		$50	$10	$10		$50	$10				$185.00
Travel	$45	$35		$48	$35	$35		$75	$35				$308.00
Lodging	$165			$157				$198					$ 520.00
ubscript													$ -
postage		560.00		560.00	560.00	560.00		560.00	560.00				$ 3,360.00
Printing		$430		$430	$430	$430		$430	$430				$2,580.00
GSO													$ -
Other	$25												$25
udgeted	**280.00**	**1,035.00**	**-**	**1,245.00**	**1,035.00**	**1,035.00**	**-**	**1,313.00**	**1,035.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**6,978.00**

2027 Budget — Position: Public Information

	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	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$80	$10	$40		$10	$10		80.00	$10				$240.00
Travel	$48	$24	$27		$24	$24		$35	$24				$205.00
Lodging	$330		$122					$396					$ 848.00
Subscript													$ -
Supplies													$ -
Printing													$ -
GSO													$ -
Other													
Budgeted	**458.30**	**33.80**	**188.60**	**-**	**33.80**	**33.80**	**-**	**510.76**	**33.80**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**$1,273.00**

2027 Budget — Position: Treatment

	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	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$50	$10	$50	$50	$10	$10		50.00	$10	50.00			$290.00
Travel	$60	$35	$60	$75	$35	$35		$100	$35	$70			$505.00
Lodging	$330		$244	$314				$396		300.00			$ 1,584.00
Subscript													$ -
Supplies													$ -
Printing													$ -
GSO													$ -
Other													
Budgeted	**440.00**	**45.00**	**354.00**	**439.00**	**45.00**	**45.00**	**-**	**546.00**	**45.00**	**420.00**	**-**	**-**	**$2,225.00**

2027 Budget — Position: Webmaster

	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	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$50	$10	$60	$50	$10	$10		50.00	$10	60.00		100.00	
Travel	$36	$36	$37	$57	$36	$36		$64	$36	$57		140.00	
Lodging	$330		$244	$314				$396		320.00		120.00	$ 1,724.00
Subscript			35.00										$ 35.00
Supplies													$ -
Printing													$ -
tech							1,650.00						$ 1,650.00
hosting	25.00						700.00						
Budgeted	**441.00**	**46.00**	**376.00**	**421.00**	**46.00**	**46.00**	**2,350.00**	**510.00**	**46.00**	**437.00**	**-**	**360.00**	**$5,045.00**

Audio Tech — **2026 Budget — Position: Audio Tech**

	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	Wcr *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	10.00	10.00		$50.00	10.00	10.00		75.00	10.00			$ 175.00
Travel	50.00	36.00		50.00	36.00	36.00		45.00	36.00			$ 289.00
Lodging	150.00			$150.00				$190.00				$ 490.00
Subscript												$ -
Supplies												$ -
osting/Web												$ -
Other	25.00											$ 25.00
Budgeted	**235.00**	**46.00**	**-**	**250.00**	**46.00**	**46.00**	**-**	**310.00**	**46.00**	**-**	**-**	**979.00**

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	2027 Budget				Position: FOC								
	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	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals		$10			$10	$10			$10				
Travel		$20			$20	$20			$20				
Lodging													$ -
Subscript													$ -
Supplies													$ -
Printing													$ -
GSO													$ -
Other	25.00		$35										
Budgeted	**25.00**	**30.00**	**35.00**	**-**	**30.00**	**30.00**	**-**	**-**	**30.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**$180.00**

Area Events

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb. *Mtg.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	Total Budget
Meals								-
Travel	250.00							250.00
Lodging								-
Rent	700.00	$175.00	$1,000.00	$175.00	$175.00	$1,400.00	$175.00	3,800.00
Coffee	300.00		$300.00			$1,000.00		1,600.00
Printing			$100.00			$500.00		600.00
Other								-
Budgeted	**1250.00**	**175.00**	**1400.00**	**175.00**	**175.00**	**2900.00**	**175.00**	**$6,250.00**

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

Position	2027 Budget	2026 Budget	
Delegate	$ 6,456.00	6,586.00	
Alt Delega	$ 2,840.90	2,494.28	
Chair	$ 2,670.00	2,961.88	
Secretary	$ 2,255.00	1,967.03	
Treasurer	$ 1,944.00	3,766.06	
Archivist	$ 10,760.00	9,774.62	
Archives	$ 2,269.00	1,300.00	
Correction	$ 4,864.00	4,067.28	
CPC	$ 3,009.00	3,139.76	
Grapevine	$ 1,431.00	1,561.00	
Group Rec	$ 2,065.00	1,837.00	
Literature	$ 2,464.00	1,790.00	
Northern I	$ 6,978.00	7,014.62	
PI	$ 1,273.00	1,533.42	
Treatment	$ 2,225.00	2,642.43	
Webmaste	$ 5,045.00	4,607.25	
Audio Tecl	$ 979.00	1,288.95	
Area Event	$ 6,250.00	12,780.00	
FOC	$ 180.00	100.00	
	$ 65,957.90	**$ 71,211.58**	
	$ 55,000.00	$55,000.00	Projected Contributions*
	$(65,884.90)	$(71,211.58)	Projected Expense
	$(10,884.90)	$(16,211.58)	Projected Loss

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Area 35 Fall Assembly

October 3rd-4th 2026

The Lodge at Brainerd Lakes
6967 Lake Forest Road,
Baxter MN

Room Rates:
Hotel - $179.00 + $33.80 (taxes/fees)(includes breakfast)
To make **reservations** please call: **218- 822-5634**
Reserve under: **Block Code 100226NOR**
Cut off - Wednesday Sept 2nd 2026

Saturday, October 3rd
9:00 AM Registration
10:00 AM Assembly Convenes

Sunday, October 4th
9:00 AM Assembly Reconvenes

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

CORRECTIONS WORKSHOP

Area 35 & 36 together to serve the Incarcerated People of Minnesota

Saturday, October 24, 2026
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Jack & Jim's Event Center
11025 Duelm Road NE
Foley, MN 56329

REGISTER FOR IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Coffee and Cake for all! Lunch Buffet for $20

Guest speaker Valerie M.
With nine years of experience with the Minnesota Department of Corrections, she has served in several roles before finding her passion in Religious Services. Today, she coordinates, trains, and supports volunteers who provide faith-based programming, helping create opportunities for growth, hope, and positive change within corrections.

Guest speaker Troy F.
Currently serving as Area 24 Corrections Chair, Troy brings a powerful perspective as a formerly incarcerated person. He will share his inspiring journey through incarceration, recovery, and sobriety, and the impact of carrying the message into correctional facilities.

To register by mail, include your name, telephone number and check for lunch if desired to: JJH - 6166 16th Ave SE - St Cloud - 56304
Questions or concerns? (320)828-6174

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

Face It All in the Fall

Pequot Lakes Fifteenth Annual Fall Fourth and Fifth-Step Retreat

Have you been putting off completing your fourth and fifth steps? Have you *ever* done them? If so, how long has it been since you completed your last fourth and fifth? Would you benefit from completing a new one? Have you told yourself that you don't have the time, the place, or the instructions to get the job done? Well, now you do. Simply attend this retreat. Al-anons are welcome, too.

What: A place and time to complete fourth and fifth steps, both for first-timers and for anyone desiring or needing a fresh inventory.

When: Friday, October 23, 5:00 PM until 10:00 PM (supper provided)
Saturday, October 24, 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM (treats provided)

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 30985 Front Street, Pequot Lakes
***See reverse side for map.**

Schedule: Friday will offer guidance on fourth steps, followed by quiet time to work on individual inventories. Various types of fourth-step inventory guides will be provided, and fourth-step mentors, sponsors, and others will be available to help those working on inventories.

Saturday will be used to finish fourth steps, followed by fifth steps. A number of persons trained and experienced in hearing fifth steps will be available, so you may select a sponsor, a counselor, a member of the clergy, another AA member, or someone else of your choosing.

Just imagine, in less than a day you will complete these two vital steps that can lead to a lifetime of contented sobriety. All that is required is willingness.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling Joe A. at 218-562-5073.

FOUNDER'S DAY MINNESOTA

FOUNDER'S DAY MINNESOTA
86 YEARS STRONG IN THE UPPER MIDWEST
Celebrating Sobriety. Honoring One Year Milestones. Building Community.

—JOIN US FOR A FULL DAY OF FELLOWSHIP & CELEBRATION—

FEATURED SPEAKERS

10a
Debbie D.
Concord, CA
Alcoholics Anonymous

3:15p
David E.
Chicago, IL
Al-Anon

7:30p
Brent H.
Los Angeles, CA
Alcoholics Anonymous

EVENT DETAILS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2026
8:30a–MIDNIGHT

LOCATION
DOUBLETREE BLOOMINGTON MINNEAPOLIS SOUTH
7800 Normandale Blvd, Bloomington, MN

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Powerful AA & Al-Anon Speakers
- AA History Panel
- Al-Anon & YPAA Workshops
- Call-Up Step Meetings
- Hospitality Suites
- Banquet Dinner Tickets Available
- Dance & Celebration

TICKETS
$25 Pre-Registration
$30 At the Door
$60 Banquet

HOTEL
HOTEL ROOM BLOCKS AVAILABLE
HOSPITALITY SUITES AVAILABLE
Hospitality Suites & Hotel Information Available
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GRATITUDE DINNER POTLUCK

Presented by: The Staples Tuesday night Experience, Strength and Hope group of A.A.

Saturday November 21st

Church Of Christ
27343 490th St.
Staples, MN 56479

5:00 Fellowship
5:30. Dinner
A Round Of GRATITUDE To Follow!

Turkey And Potatoes Provided
Please Bring A Dish To Share

43rd Annual St. Cloud Roundup

October 24, 2026
NEW LOCATION: CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH
1200 Roosevelt Rd, St Cloud, MN 56301

The Miracle of It!

Full Day of Events!

Speakers • Meetings • Fellowship • Raffle Drawing & Prizes

Morning Schedule

9:00 am
Registration and Hospitality Opens

10:00 am
Welcome/Opening Remarks

10:15 am
AA Speaker - Jen A., Minneapolis, MN

11:15 am
Brief Break

11:30 am
Call Up Meeting

Afternoon Schedule

12:30 pm
Fellowship/Lunch - Connect with a newcomer

1:30 pm
AA/Al-Anon Count Up

1:45 pm
Al-Anon Speaker - Melody V., St. Cloud, MN

2:45 pm
Brief Break

3:00 pm
TBD

4:15 pm
AA Speaker - Timothy F., Zimmerman, MN

Evening Schedule

5:30 pm
Fellowship/Dinner
(join us in hospitality for pulled pork)

6:30 pm
AA/Al-Anon Count Down

6:45 pm
AA Speaker - Theresa F., North Hills, CA

8:00 pm
Ice Cream and Fellowship

Parking

Ample free parking

Lodging

Holiday Inn & Suites St. Cloud
Phone: 320-253-9000

Homewood Suites St. Cloud
Phone: 320-252-5900

Online Registration
https://www.stcloudroundup.org

$15.00 Pre-Registration Ends 10/19/26

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Registration:
Pre-Registration $15.00
Registration $20.00

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TUESDAY NIGHT SOLUTIONS
Open A. A./Al-Anon 22nd Annual Speaker Meeting

Saturday November 21, 2026

United Methodist Church
1701 S. E. 5th Avenue

Grand Rapids, MN

- **5:30-6:30 Pot Luck Bring A Dish To Share**

7:00 Al-Anon Speaker Ruth-Ann T. Grand Rapids, MN

8:00-8:15 Break

8:15 AA Speaker Clint M. Brainerd, MN

November is gratitude month in A.A. Share your gratitude.

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ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

What is my business????????

Me: My ex is saying this about me to my daughter.

Sponsor: It's none of your business.

Me: My ex is using the child support money I give him to buy himself new clothes.

Sponsor: It's none of your business.

Me: My ex is taking his new wife to Europe for their honeymoon.

Sponsor: It's none of your business.

(Notice a theme here?)

Me: Fine – so what IS my business???????

Sponsor: Get a hula hoop and set it on the ground. Step inside it. Everything inside that hula hoop is your business. Everything outside it is NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

Me: But, but……

Sponsor: NO BUTS!

Me: So what do I do with those things that are none of my business that I don't know what to do with?

Sponsor: Get a box. Write down that thing that is none of your business. Fold up the piece of paper. Pray to God for peace, joy and happiness for your ex in the situation that is bothering you. Then pray for Acceptance for yourself to know that God's in every single situation and that He is in control. And then, let it go.

I went out and bought the smallest hula hoop I could find and a lovely box to be my God box. My hula hoop hangs by my front door to remind me of what is my business. I no longer use it just with my ex but with friends, coworkers, and people at the grocery store. My God box is pretty full but I still find room to add to it but not as often as I used to. Today, when a person, place, thing or situation bothers me, I know immediately to pray and trust God to handle the person, place, thing or situation in His perfect way.

In Gratitude,
Cynthia K
Little Falls, MN

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AREA OFFICER & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

DELEGATE- PAT M

Hello Area 35 I'm Pat M and I'm Alcoholic and your P76 Delegate I had the privilege of visiting District 21 I'm giving a conference report back there's a lot of great conversation a lot of about to process how to conference operates.

August 23 The Second planning Committee meeting for the WCRAASC was held it's all coming together I will let our Chair Jess report on the progress

August 27th attended the West Central Regional delegates meeting I had the opportunity to share on the progress of the planning committee for the WCRAASC

Charlie or West Central Regional trustee reported the end of July numbers for AAWS and GSB joint finances a total of 17 letters about the E word (Eskimo). Group contributions 6% over budget based on 2025 contributions literature cells one bad note 8% below budget but margins still good with pricing crease two factors that they did not look at PLBB we're selling well but they have tapered off now and people holding off buying big books prior to the 5th edition looking at an early 2027 but there will be no sales revenue for the 5th edition in 2026 which they were hopeful to get but they will not.

Office 6% below budget this year $941,000 in the black YTD as of the end of July the board is cautious of the promises made to the fellowship to put money back into the reserve fund Charlie told the board that around the end of the year it will be ordering $300,000 fifth edition at $7 per copy so that will be a layout.

In the third quarterly meeting report of trustees and members of the general service board of alcoholics anonymous Inc under professional community treatment accessibility There is a new Language Subcommittee the committee will meet at least twice in the fourth quarter and present a progress report at the 4th quarter meeting the Sub
committee will discuss the accessibility issues created by language perceived as derogatory in AAWS literature and communication and report back to the committee in the fourth quarter the committee noted the importance of recognizing outdated and offensive.
language and may be a potential barrier to alcoholic seeking help from AA the committee also noted that it may be beneficial for all trustee committees to undergo a similar review process.

My personal I think this is something we should pay close attention to
Both of the PAI to the conference are under consideration at this time. And the reason that the new 5th edition BB will cost $20 is because 34% the group are contributing and for literature sales being down.

In service with Faith without works is Dead P76 Delegate Pat M

ALTERNATE DELEGATE-VICKI R

I attended the Delegate online meeting with Pat on Aug 26, 2026.
I set up a meeting for the ad hoc committee to research an online voting option on Aug 27th. Committee members attending were myself, DCM District 3 Paul C; DCM District 18 Cynthia K; and Area Treasurer Jennifer T. The committee reviewed an option Jennifer brought forward and will each practice with the tool. We plan to meet again on Thursday Sep 14, 2026.
See the website flyer for the January Workshop: Jan 16-17th, 2027 at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. There is a link to reserve a room on the flyer. Cutoff for room reservations is Dec 18th, 2026.

In service with Gratitude
Vicki R
Alternate Delegate

CHAIR-DENISE R

Greetings Area 35, It has been relatively quiet this last month since the August Area Committee Meeting. Thank you all for the great discussions involving the Proposed Agenda Items we had and the ability to move them forward. I am hopeful that the Trustee's will allow them to at least be on the Agenda so the appropriate Conference Committees may discuss them for the 77th General Service Conference. I have been working on getting things in place for the Fall Assembly being held at the Lodge in Baxter. Working with other Officers to discuss what we could do for the Fall Assembly since it is a non- voting Assembly we have more time for other things. We have come up with an idea using the Area Committee Chairs to present on a topic. There was a few Chairs willing to help! We hope it will be a good time to share experience and discuss the principles of our program. I have continued to make minor changes to the budget in preparation for our discussions and voting. The Financial Oversight Meeting met via Zoom as we continue to fulfill those responsibilities of the Committee. I attended the monthly meeting for the 93 Area Chairs and had great discussions on topics that are relatable to all Area's. It has been so interesting and beneficial to connect with other Area Chairs to see what their Area does and doesn't do. Grateful to attend and learn. I continue to attend a weekly Service Meeting where we are going through the 12 Concepts again. Always something new to learn. I also attend a weekly meeting with others who want to continue to learn our history and how it relates to us today. We are now reading The Language of the Heart, reading Bill's Grapevine writings. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Assembly October 3rd and 4th!
In Service,
Denise R. Area 35 Chair

SECRETARY PEGGY M

Hi everyone!
Since the August meeting, I typed the minutes from the ACM and submitted them to the Area.
I am participating in the WCRAASC work group. I will be doing mailing and Flyers. Jess and I are working on the flyer for the event.
I attended the Area 35 Treatment Committee Workshop on August 29th.
See you all at the Fall Assembly!
Thank you,
Grateful,
Peggy M.

TREASURER – JENNIFER T

No report given

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

WEBMASTER – MARK R

Created an entry-capable PDF online Sign-Up form for Bridging The Gap volunteers. Once filled in, it can be downloaded, then attached in an email which then can be sent to our Treatment Chair, Chad O. at: treatment@area35.org.
I have been performing normal duties of posting Area 35 Group event flyers on the Events Calendar as well as in our Flyers & PDFs page at area35.org website.
Routine maintenance and security reviews of our Outlook Accounts in both Microsoft 365 Administration Center and Microsoft Entra Administration Center. Continue to monitor website access (hits), Outlook issues and statistics on who is using Outlook as well as volumes of emails in/out of User's accounts. Monitoring security in LinkSky (Website, WordPress) & Microsoft Entra (Outlook).
There were some minor issues when we cut-over to the new website "Theme", on our Production Website, the Initial page and all other selection pages are not rendering in "Full Screen" mode. There is also an error message at the bottom of each page when scrolling to the bottom. This message was cleared up on the Staging web pages but cannot resolve it on the Production page. In working with Brandon (District 8 & 9 Website volunteer) and Claude (AI), I plan on syncing the Staging site and then doing a full and complete replacement of the Production site with Staging. This will be done overnight in the near future. We are unsure if this will clear the issue(s). In addition, there are issues where the selection page is not replacing the landing page causing you to scroll down to see your selection. Because of these issues and the fact we have "No" support for WordPress and our Web Hosting company has no support available/experience either, I'm looking at an alternative Hosting company – more to come soon!

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Purchased a refurbished Dell Laptop which will be used by Aaron (Area 35 Sound Engineer). This laptop will support his access to Office 365 (Outlook & OneDrive) but mostly to support the Sound Mixing System's software!
We had our first Technology Sub-Committee meeting on Monday, August 3rd. In attendance were David & Brian who led the Technology Committee for the 2026 WCRAASC as well as Terry P and Aaron A who our on the 2027 Technology Committee with me. We discussed what we will be using. We think we have everything we need as far as equipment however; we may need to get a Video Mixer that will enable us to switch between cameras for the On-Line attendees – we may be able to borrow or rent the Video Mixer from Area 34 rather than purchase more equipment (TBD)!
Attended our second 2027 WCRAASC Committee meeting on August 23rd. Discussed the Break Out sessions and how we will handle the Zoom Break-Out rooms (we will use laptops with cameras to capture these sessions). Also discussed the available conference equipment that Breezy Point Resort has for us to use. We will record (AUDIO ONLY!) the Workshop using our normal Area 35 Sound Mixing System as Aaron does already at our ACM's and Assemblies.
I will be attending the first Area 35 Treatment Workshop to be held at the Alano Society of St Cloud tomorrow, Saturday, August 29, 2026 starting at 1pm. This will be a hybrid event-I will manage the Zoom meeting, camera & sound.
I will be attending the Fall Assembly the first weekend in October. I will be facilitating the 2026 SWCC Corrections Workshop Hybrid meeting (via Zoom) using the Area 35 Camera as we have done in the past – the workshop is later in October.
Yours in Service,
Mark R
Area 35 Webmaster Chair

NORTHERN LIGHT – TERRY P
No report submitted

GROUP RECORDS – LEE ELLEN O
August 2026 was one of my busiest
months as Registrar. I processed 130 forms and added two new meetings to aaminnesota.org. Completing this work required more than 100 emails and many phone calls to ensure
the information was registered correctly.
At the August ACM, many of you received reports on inactive meetings in your districts. Thank you for your efforts to resolve them. This worthwhile project likely will not be completed during my tenure, so please do not feel pressured to finish it immediately. I also have a smaller project for each district: identifying the 109 unknown groups in our Area. Many may simply be missing a phone number or email address for the GSR
or contact person. I will provide DCMs with lists of their districts' unknown groups, and perhaps a willing volunteer can help follow up.
One of the most rewarding parts of my role is helping fellow alcoholics who are beginning their journey in AA. They may need meeting guides or local contact information. I responded to five HELP emails and ultimately spoke with several people.
One inactive meeting may reopen
with four eager newcomers taking the lead, thanks in
part to Mike B., Literature Chair,
who generously sent them pamphlets to support their efforts. I am proud to be part of Alcoholics Anonymous and grateful for the opportunity to serve.
Humbly yours,
Lee Ellen
Area 35 Group Records Registrar.

CHAIR LITERATURE – MIKE B
No report given

TREATMENT – CHAD O
No report given

PUBLIC INFORMATION – TERRY A
No report provided

CORRECTIONS - JEFF O
No report given

CPC - JARRIN V
No report given

ARCHIVIST – MARC N
Hello, I'm Marc, an alcoholic and your archivist.
August has been a quiet month so far as exhibits and research requests. I did spend a little time at the repository doing my own research. Most of my activities were the ongoing cassette to mp3 conversions. A project that will culminate in a presentation at the fall assembly had me chasing down a few rabbit holes while researching Grapevine history.
Thank you for allowing me to serve

ARCHIVES – MIKE U
No report given

GRAPEVINE – CHRIS J
No report given

Statewide Corrections Committee (SWCC) Chair Report
No report given

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Upcoming Events in Area 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

2026 Service Events

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 - Baxter, MN

Oct 24 Corrections Workshop - Duelm, MN

Dec 6th - ACM - Aitken

PLEASE POST

"But we do have expenses..."

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

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

Region, Country, World
"I want the hand of A.A. always to be there..."

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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 Middendorf
delegate@area35.org

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NORTHERN LIGHT PRIMARY PURPOSE:

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

- Publish an informative and attractive newsletter to the Area in a timely fashion.
- Encourage District reports and be available to work with Districts on communications. One or more of the N.L. Committee should try to attend area events to report on what's happening in their areas. If they are unable to attend, encourage local members to write short articles about events and happenings to be published in the N.L.
- Provide encouragement for writing articles, particularly to D.C.M.s and Area Action Committee Chairs. This should include the strong encouragement to submit their reports for each issue, if no report is submitted it will be stated, example "Northern Light Report - NOT GIVEN" this is currently being done in the Southern Minnesota Area newsletter.
- Keep informed of activities and issues going on within Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. The N.L. Committee could subscribe to the Grapevine or other pertinent A.A. news sources.
- Gather useful service information to publish from sources within the Area, Region and A.A. as a whole. Obtain, read and use other Area newsletters.
- Listen to comments from the Area on the content of the N.L.

EDITORIAL POSITION & 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 1 Sided	Printing Costs 2 Sided	Insertion Fee	Total Cost
750	$ 82.50	$127.50	$ 30	$112.50/157.50
1000	$ 110	$ 170	$ 30	$ 140/200

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

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE MOST CURRENT ADDRESS!!!

RELATED FLIER INSERTION INFORMATION

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

Northern Light Deadlines for 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**

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Area 35 Event Flyer Guidelines

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

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

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

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

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

Acronyms

(Spaghetti Soup)

AAWS - Alcoholics Anonymous World Service

ACM - Area Committee Meeting

BB - Big Book (Alcoholics Anonymous)

BTG - Bridging the Gap

CCS - Corrections Correspondence Service

CFCP - Correctional Facility Contact Program

CPC - Cooperation with the Professional Community

DCM - District Committee Member

FC - Fellowship Connection

FOC - Finance Oversight Committee

GSB - General Service Board

GSC - General Service Conference

GSO - General Service Office

GSR - General Service Representative

GV- Grapevine

GVR - Grapevine Representative

ICYPAA - International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous

NL- Northern Light

NMAA - Northern Minnesota Area Assembly

PI - Public Information

Panel - The Two Year Rotation a Delegate Serves (Ours is an Even # Starting with Panel 2 in 1952)

WCRSC - West Central Regional Service (Conference)

WCRAASC - West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (same as above)

WCRF - West Central Regional (Forum)

WCRAAF - West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Forum (same as above)

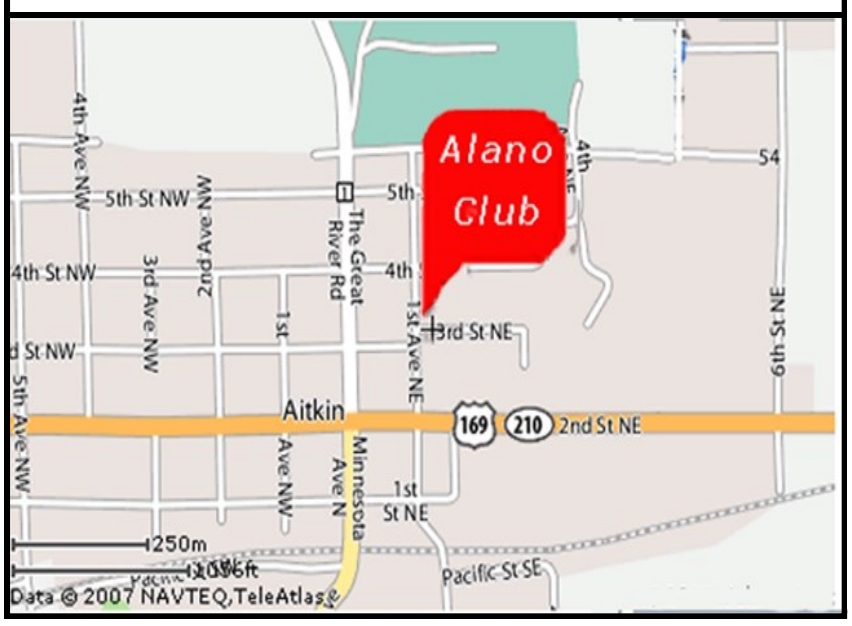
AREA 35 EVENTS INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

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

AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Where is the Aitkin Alano Club?

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



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OUR PAST DELEGATES

Panel 74 2024-2025
Diane R

Panel 72 2022-2023
Steven L

Panel 70 2020-2021
Jim S

Panel 68 2018-2019
Christine G

Panel 66 2016-2017
Kelly D

Panel 64 2014-2015
Michael “Jake” J

Panel 62 2012-2013
Jim K

Panel 60 2010-2011
Jon C

Panel 58 2008-2009
JoAnne M N

Panel 56 2006-2007
Jerry S

Panel 54 2004-2005
Charlie C

Panel 52 2002-2003
Tim C

Panel 50 2000-2001
Tom A

Panel 48 1998-1999
Susie A

Panel 46 1996-1997
Bill P
(deceased)

Panel 44 1994-1995
Bruce B

Panel 42 1992-1993
Greg G
(deceased)

Panel 40 1990-1991
Bob J

Panel 38 1988-1989
Scott J

Panel 36 1986-1987
Louie H

Panel 34 1984-1985
Bob P
(deceased)

Panel 32 1982-1983
Tom L
(deceased)

Panel 30 1980-1981
Don M
(deceased)

Panel 28 1978-1979
Garfield (Duffy) S
(deceased)

Panel 26 1976-1977
Vern R
(deceased)

Panel 24 1974-1975
Gordon B. H
(deceased)

Panel 22 1972-1973
Frank P. J
(deceased)

Panel 20 1970-1971
Clarence B
(deceased)

Panel 18 1968-1969
Dave H
(deceased)

Panel 16 1966-1967
Arno A
(deceased)

Panel 14 1964-1965
Donald F
(deceased)

Panel 12 1962-1963
Donna T
(deceased)

Panel 10 1960-1961
Bob B
(deceased)

Panel 8 1958-1959
Pearl N
(deceased)

Panel 6 1956-1957
Waldo H
(deceased)

Panel 4 1954-1955
Wendell H
(deceased)

Panel 2 1952-1953
Arthur R
(deceased)

Q: Why list our past Delegates?

A: They are a resource to you!

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

The Delegate’s Duties

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

- 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.

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Area 35 Fall Assembly
October 3rd & 4th, 2026
The Lodge at Brainerd Lakes

AGENDA

_____ 9:00 a.m. Registration
_____10:00 a.m. GSR Orientation & Action Chair Committee Meetings
11:30 a.m. Lunch - on your own
1:00 p.m. Assembly Convenes
_____ Call to Order-Open with the Serenity Prayer
_____ Why We Need a Conference
_____ Recognize Past Delegates
_____ Recognize GSRs
_____ Add to Agenda
_____ Approve 2026 Spring Assembly Minutes
_____12 Points to Assure our Future Presentation (1 Hour) (Points 1-4)
2:30 p.m. Break
2:45 p.m. Continue- 12 Points to Assure our Future (1 Hour) (Points 5-8)

OLD BUSINESS

_____ West Central Regional Service Conference
_____ West Central Regional Forum
_____ Online Payment update-Zelle – Square
_____ Committee Northern Light Cost Saving ideas

4:45 p.m. BREAK
5:00 p.m.
_____ GSR Sharing Session
_____ DCM Sharing Session
_____ Area Officers and Area Chairs Meet
_____ Open AA Meeting

6:00 P.M. Dinner (On Your Own)
7:30 p.m. Continue Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

_____ Communications Committee Voting Privilege
_____ 2027 Budget Approval
_____ Prudent Reserve

OFFICER REPORTS

_____ Delegate – Pat M
_____ Alternate Delegate –Vicki R
_____ Chair – Denise R
_____ Secretary –Peggy M
_____ Treasurer – Jennifer

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS

_____ District 15 – Dean D.
_____ WEBMASTER – Mark R.
_____ NORTHERN LIGHT – Terry P.
_____ GROUP RECORDS – Lee Ellen O.
_____ District 7 - Michael M.
_____ District 13 – Chad H.
_____ LITERATURE – Mike B.
_____ District 1 – Loren G.
_____ District 14 – Unknown
_____ PUBLIC INFORMATION – Terry A.
_____ District 8 - Craig T.
_____ District 21 - Trevor G.
_____ TREATMENT – Chad O.
_____ District 16 – Mary S.
_____ District 18 – Cynthia K.
_____ CPC – Jarrin V.
_____ District 4 – Jay B.
_____ District 11 - Bradley L.
_____ ARCHIVES – Mike U.
_____ ARCHIVIST – Marc N.
_____ District 12 - Addy R.
_____ District 9 - Tommy J.
_____ GRAPEVINE – Chris J.
_____ District 6 – Janet R.
_____ District 3 – Paul C.
_____CORRECTIONS – Jeff O.
_____ District 5 – Dan R.
_____ District 2 - Greg B.

SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Big Book Meeting
9:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes

_____ 12 Points to Assure our Future (1 Hour) (Points 9-12)
_____ GSR Sharing Session Report
_____ DCM Sharing Session Report
_____ Area Officer Sharing Session Report
_____ Calendar of Events
_____ Ask It Basket (Past Delegates)
_____ Adjourn

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