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Delegate's Corner

Hello My Fellow 74'ers!

The Delegate's Workshop is in 1 week! Holy smokes! My life is richly blessed and beautifully full and at times leads to a sense of feeling overwhelmed and I am reminded to slow down and take it a moment at a time. I have received all the background material for the agenda items for the 75th General Service Conference and thanks to our wonderful webmaster have been posted to the area website. I look forward to our time together at the Delegate's Workshop to explore and learn more about the agenda items.

I attended the District 5/Area 74 2026 Conference Committee Elections and will be co-chairing the outreach committee with Bryon B. I look forward to that experience.

On Wednesday, February 26 the 75th General Service Conference held a sharing session and I was honored to be the delegate presenter.

I attended the conference of delegate's past and present in February and met all of the East Central Region's nominations for our next trustee, that person will be elected at the 75th General Service Conference. I did leave the conference a bit early as I had to be in New York City Monday for the Westminster Kennel Club Dog show. What a wild weekend that was! Sorry the article is so short, feel free to reach out and we will see you at the Delegate's Workshop!

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**Very Important!! Please include group number, group name,
and address of group location or point of contact**

If there is only a group name and location, or contact address, please include this. Thank You, Area 74 Treasurer
treasurer@area74.org

FROM THE AREA 74 AREA CHAIR/ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Good day, I hope you're enjoying the snow but ready for spring as I am. A bit of my activity as I serve Area 74 as the alternate delegate and your area chair. Most recently I had the opportunity to attend the East Central Region or the ECR if you will, 51st Annual conference of delegates past and present, which was held in Champaign IL February 7th to the 9th. I am always amazed by the dedication of our long-time fellowship members, from past and current delegates to current and past trustees. Their willingness to serve at all levels of our fellowship, both in the East Central region Trustee position or as the trustee at large is truly commendable. This is the second conference of delegates past and present I have attended, and I listened with a different perspective this year knowing that an opportunity to serve as a delegate may be just over the horizon. We'll see what God's plan for me is on that, but I am willing and eager to serve the fellowship in whatever manner I can. One of the most exciting opportunities I had in Champagne Illinois was to bond with the other 13 alternate delegates that currently serve in the ECR along with myself. We as a group held our own little meeting and discussed and organized a committee to make a presentation in October of 2025 during the monthly NAAD (North American Alternate Delegates) zoom meeting we have the opportunity to attend along with the other Alt/ delegates of the other 92 areas of the United States and Canada. Our subject will be how to engage people to serve at the area level.

Due to Nicholas's unavailability, I served as a delegate for a day and had the opportunity to vote in the election of new members for the committee of the CDPP. Additionally, a vote was conducted on the motion proposed by an ad hoc committee concerning the three-year trial. The CDPP conference aimed to adjust the schedule to better align with events in New York at the general service conference. The motion passed with a vote of 54 to 1. I cast a yes vote on behalf of area 74.

Another opportunity available to me is attending our Area's monthly meetings, which are conducted via the Zoom platform by Area 74's standing committee chairs. So far, I have attended sessions on Archives, CPC, PI, Structure and Guidelines, Corrections, and the Monthly DCM Zoom meeting. Additionally, District 5 has recently formed a conference committee following an election to organize the upcoming 2026 East Central Region Conference, which will be held in conjunction with the Area 74 conference next year.

One of the objectives as area chair is to ensure a consistent flow of information to our groups through our DCMs and GSRs so that groups can discuss and vote on current motions to be presented at our assemblies. This process aims to achieve a group consensus for your GSRs and DCMs to bring forward at the area assemblies. The newsletter, Area servant contact list, and monthly DCM Zoom meetings can be used to disseminate this information to the groups. Clearly worded motions will play a key role in this process.

Thank you for letting me be of service!

Bill D. Area74 Alternate Delegate /Chair.

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2024-25

3/8/25	Delegate's Workshop	Wausau, WI
4/11/25	Area 74 Standing Committee Wkshp	Rhineland, WI
4/12/25	Area 74 Assembly	Rhineland, WI
5/16-5/18/25	Area 74 Spring Conference	Sturgeon Bay, WI
7/3-7/6/2025	AA International Convention	Vancouver, British Columbia – Canada
7/12/25	Area 74 Area Committee Meeting	1858 S. Michigan St Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI
8/22-8/24/25	East Central Regional Forum	Indianapolis, IN
10/17/25	Area 74 Standing Committee Wkshp	Rhineland, WI
10/18/25	Area 74 Election Assembly	Rhineland, WI

****NOTE FROM THE DELEGATE:** The servants of Area 74 are excited to provide the **dates for the Area 74 Service Structure**. We are lucky to live in an area that hosts many conferences, workshops and fellowship events. As your trusted servants, we sometimes miss the chance to participate in local events because they conflict with the service events you have entrusted us to conduct. We hope that, by providing the Area 74 service structure dates in early fall; they can be considered as you plan your service and fellowship events for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you.

NOTE FROM CO-EDITORS: We have combined the general events and the Area 74 Service Structure events into one calendar.

BOLD = AREA 74 events UNBOLD = General AA events in our area

Ask The Delegate:

During my term as Delegate, I will share with you, the Fellowship of Area 74, questions that I get asked each month and my reply. I believe that if one person, group, committee has that question, others will as well.

Have a question?

Email it to delegate@area74.org

Call / Tex 414-803-9906

PLEASE SEND ITEMS, ARTICLES, DISTRICT NEWS, STANDING COMMITTEE ARTICLES, GROUP OPINIONS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE UPCOMING ISSUES OF YOUR AREA 74 NEWSLETTER

PLEASE SEND YOUR 2024 DISTRICT MONTHLY

MEETING INFORMATION TO

AREA74NEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM

OR

PO BOX 192 STURGEON BAY, WI 54235

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Hello Area Grapevine Chairs,

The AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour podcast needs your help!

We're seeking recommendations for guests on the AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour podcast.

We're looking for members who...

- are **lively**;
- are **good storytellers or communicators**; and
- have a good Internet connection.

We're hoping to interview "garden-variety drunks" who have been sober at least a year. No special AA skills, service positions, or attributes necessary!

If you know someone you think would be a good speaker on the podcast, send us their contact info. And ask your GVRs to help! (We do not accept self-recommendations.)

Please write podcastscheduling@aagrapevine.org with your ideas, and please pass it on. We appreciate you!

In gratitude, The Podcast Team

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CHECK WITH YOUR DCMs & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO**DISTRICT MEETING March 2025 LIST**

DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
1	Thursday	2nd Thur	6:30 PM	Nativity Lord Parish 2270 S Oneida St Door #4 Green Bay, WI	
2	Sunday	2nd Sun	2:00 PM	Genesis Club 1213 N Appleton St Appleton, WI	
3	Thursday	3rd Thur	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Zoom info wiaadistrict3.org Wisconsin Rapids, WI	
4	Thursday	1st Thur	6:00 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S. Main St Amherst, WI	
5	Weds	2nd Wed	6:45 PM	Alano Club 12 2926 Pomona Dr Zoom 829 0126 1204 PWdistrict05 Eau Claire, WI	
6	Thursday	3rd Thur	7:45 PM	Club 76 76 E Central Zoom 742 549 8793 Chippewa Falls, WI	
7	Sunday	3rd Sun	5:00 PM	TBD Marshfield, WI	
8	Thursday	1st Thur	7:00 PM	Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellen St Wausau, WI	
9	Sunday	1st Sun	2:00 PM	1st American Lutheran , 511 Madison St Oconto, WI	
10	Saturday	15th	9:00 AM	1st United Methodist 724 Arbutus contact DCM for Zoom Rhinelander, WI	
11				No information Available	
12	Saturday	1st Sat	9:00 AM	Hayward Serenity Club, 10339 S Florida Ave & Zoom Hayward, WI	
13	Friday	1-Fri	5:00 PM	PIRC 410 Lakeshore Drive West Ashland, WI	
14	Sunday	2nd Sun	6:00 PM	New Richmond Alano; 1448 N 4th Street New Richmond, WI	
15				No information Available	
16				No information Available	
17	Friday	Last Fri	5:00 PM	401 Kimberly Iron Mountain, WI	
18	Saturday	1st Sat	11:00 AM	308 Cleveland Ave - Rm.201 Gossard Building Ishpeming, MI	
19	Monday	3rd Mon	5:30 PM	Delta Drop In 1500 N 19th St Escanaba, MI	
20	Saturday	1st Sat	11:00 AM	United Methodist Church, 1212 Morrison St Germfask, MI	
21	Tuesday	1st Tues	6:00 PM	Portage Lake United Church, 1400 E. Houghton Ave Houghton, MI	
22	Thursday	1st Thur	5:30 PM	115 Club or Zoom: 399 417 5176 PW 115 Sturgeon Bay, WI	
23	Weds	1st Wed	5:00 PM	Spooner Health (Enter ER Door) 1280 Chandler Dr Spooner, WI	
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Area 74 of Alcoholics Anonymous
Area Committee Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2025 | Reiter Center | Three Lakes, WI

The meeting opened at 9:31 AM with a prayer from Theresa from district 16.

Attendance:

- 9 virtual attendees, 40 in-person attendees. Total 49 attendees.

Opening remarks:

- Chair reviewed housekeeping notes and who has a voice and vote at area committee meetings.

Roll call:

Officers

- Delegate – Nicholas S
- Chair/Alt. Delegate – Bill D
- Registrar – Katie D
- Secretary – Shane R
- Treasurer – Brent H

Standing Committee Chairpersons

- Archives – Paul Y
- Archivist – Jeff E
- Cooperation with the Professional Community – Mike N
- Corrections MI – James H
- Finance – Bill L
- Grapevine – Bryon B
- Literature – Mike H
- Newsletter – Jeff C and Michelle Z
- Structures and Guidelines – Sunny L
- Treatment and Accessibilities – Adam G

District Committee Members (DCMs)

- District 1 – Mike N
- District 2 – Dylan
- District 3 – Allan B
- District 4 – Paul H
- District 5 – Pat T
- District 7 – Justin H
- District 8 – John R
- District 10 – Don K
- District 12 – Johni B
- District 13 – Sunny L
- District 18 – Pat A
- District 20 – Nikki D
- District 21 – Jon J
- District 22 – Melissa P

Approval of ACM minutes from 12/07/2024:

- **Motion (seconded):** Approve 12/07/2024 ACM minutes. **Vote: passed unanimously.**

Reports:

- Appendix A

Workshop: Moving Forward in 2025 (Nicholas S and Bill D):

- Nicholas gave a recap of why we are trying a new schedule in 2025, the purpose of the area committee meeting (ACM), difference between the ACM and area standing committees, and his hope for the ACM and standing committees moving forward:
 - Ensuring the health and wellbeing of the area,
 - Providing a safe place for questions and concerns to be addressed,
 - Provide a place for standing committees to gather and work,
 - Opportunity for more robust discussions about how the area is supporting twelfth step work.
- Bill shared a list of thoughts regarding the standing committees, including:
 - Do you have a regular scheduled zoom meeting for your committee?
 - If so, maybe post in the Now and Then Newsletter to gain new members.
 - Do you know who the DCMs are who are assigned to your committee?
 - Committee structure. Tracking committee efforts. Utilize resources, including those outside of the area (i.e. national conferences) and service sponsors or people who have previously served.
 - Reach up to the districts to invite participation.

Bryon B asked that the information Bill shared be included in the minutes and posted on the website.

Pat T suggested a full list of standing committee meeting schedules be posted regularly in the newsletter.

Archives Report:

• Paul Y, archives chair, and Jeff E, archivist, shared a report and pictures regarding his committee's work. Michelle asked about potential for perception of affiliation with the Catholic Church with the proposal of having permanent archives storage in this location.

Bill D reiterated that this is a discussion and that a motion will likely be prepared before the next assembly. Paul shared that the full report will be made available in the newsletter.

Old Business:

- Finance Committee Discussion
 - Bill L, finance committee chair, asked for any questions or recommendations for the committee.
 - DCM Melissa shared a website (GSA.gov) which helps provide information regarding costs that servants may incur while performing service work, which may be helpful to the committee.
 - Archives Chair Paul Y shared his personal experience with lack of knowledge regarding the financial aspects of his service position when he started in the role. Suggested that this information be shared ahead of rotations.
 - Newsletter Michelle Z shared her experience from when she was on the finance committee.
 - DCM Pat shared that specific parameters need to be given to the finance committee for consideration rather than having each new rotating committee making their own judgments.
 - Past Delegate Jeff C shared the history of financial reimbursement guidelines and reminded everyone that these guidelines already exist for the finance committee to use. Also shared the warranty of no personal punity and the need for privacy within the committee.
 - Secretary Shane R shared that after discussions in 2024, he expected that the finance committee would come back today with more of an update on what the finance committee has done to address their struggles and the concerns of the area rather than asking the ACM for recommendations on how to move forward.
 - Delegate Nicholas S shared that the committee has discussed aspects of how the committee functions, including structure, how to be more intentional in time and discussion, committee operation and voting structure. Nicholas also shared his experience as a GSR and advanced money for service expenses.

Alt. Secretary Vacancy – position remains open, flyer is posted in the newsletter.

Second IT Servant – Allan B found a second person to assist with duties. This is not an elected position.

Sharing personal information of area 74 servants in the newsletter – there is a previous motion regarding this which will be shared at the next assembly.

Update from District 22:

- Melissa shared her feelings about the difficulties with getting people involved in service, particularly the number of meetings that servants are expected to attend, and suggests decreasing the frequency of various service meetings at the area level, inviting the alternate DCMs to participate in place of the DCMs, and inviting district standing committees to participate in the area standing committees
- Area 74 Spring Conference:
 - Registration platform is not open currently, hoping to have this ready by Saturday, February 15. Hotel block is open for reservations. There is a \$25 non-refundable resort fee in addition to the reservation fee. Total cost will be just over \$200/night. Reminder that while this might be a bit more expensive than what we usually anticipate for a conference, we are only doing one conference this year, so the total cost is less than what we would likely spend if participating in more than one conference each year. Part of reservation includes a personal coffee mug. Groups/districts are welcome to donate funds to go towards the hospitality room.

New Business:

- Corrections WI Vacancy: Johni B expressed interest in serving in this position.
 - DCM Don asked about having this vacancy addressed on agendas prior to filling today, would potentially have more people who are expressing interest and wanting to participate.
 - **Motion (Seconded):** Appoint Johnny B as Area 74 Corrections WI Chair replacement today to fill remainder of current term. **Vote:** passed by simple majority.
- Area Assembly, April 12, 2025 – Bill D requested feedback on start time
 - Nicholas requested a couple hours for discussing conference agenda items.
 - Need for delegate to hear from GSRs was reiterated by another member.
 - Paul Y asked that time be set aside for the motion from archives.
 - Workshop topic ideas:
 - How to set an assembly agenda.
 - Suggestion that this workshop be offered at the ACM since the ACM is responsible for setting the assembly agenda.
 - Spirit of rotation (this was the selected topic).
 - Additional feedback included preference for a later start time for driving, earlier start time as many people will be here already the night before for the ACM, removing the GSR/DCM orientation from the agenda and have this be a separate, virtual event (such as monthly or quarterly), earlier lunch time.
 - Request for clarification on what's happening that Friday night. This is the area standing committee workshop.
 - Bill requested a sense of the body on the following:
 - Assembly start time 8 am.
 - Decision made to start at 8:30 am.
 - GSR/DCM orientation during the lunch hour that day:
 - Additional suggestions include scheduling a virtual orientation in March to prepare new servants for the April assembly, do the orientation the Friday before the assembly. Decision made to hold the orientation the Friday evening before the assembly.

Delegate's Workshop:

- Saturday, March 10, ~10am start time. Location: Wausau. Committees meet to review agenda items and structure their own lunch times. Presentation on the agenda items for the GSRs to take back and discuss prior to the April assembly. Will not utilize Survey Monkey again this year. Workshop will not be hybrid – no virtual component.
- Reminder that the background information is protected and if on the website needs to be secured. Nicholas shared that there will be a pop-up box acknowledging the protected nature of the information which needs to be agreed to before proceeding to the information.

Standing Committee Participation at the Spring Conference:

- There will be an opportunity for the committee chairs to present on their work to help build interest. Reminder that February is a short month so please get items to newsletter early.

The meeting closed at 3:07 pm.

Submitted by Shane R, Area 74 Secretary

APPENDICES w/ REPORTS can be found on the Area74.org Website when updated

The latest monthly Archives Committee meeting discussion centered around our desire for a permanent repository for Area 74 archives materials. Currently the materials are in possession of our Archivist, Jeffery E., and stored in his basement office and garage. The materials when moved to this location required two full pick-up truck loads. There are 20 some totes, laptop, scanner, displays and other miscellaneous items.

The ability to access and research the collection leaves a bit to be desired due to limited space. The goal that we had discussed when this rotation began was to digitize what we could and purge items that were not pertinent to the Area. Some things belong to the districts and others are so common that we don't need to keep them in our collection.

When I attended the 2024 NAAAW, I felt a need to make our history more accessible to our Area. I saw examples of how other Areas and Districts did things. There are much better ways than tasking the Archivist with maintaining our collection until the next rotation. We have some very interesting materials and they need to be shared with more than an occasional conference. The dark side of not having a permanent home for Archives also came to light. One group lost their entire archives when the Archivist simply disappeared from AA. Another group's Archivist passed away and when some group members went to retrieve the collection, the family claimed they inherited the material but were willing to sell it to the group. I listened to several other stories that illustrated the drawbacks of Archives being personally maintained by an Archivist.

I hope that issues of accessibility and security are enough to establish a need for this action. Let's talk about a solution. First, a conditioned space that is secure is required. A quick check revealed rental units in the Area cost about \$100/month and would be heated and lockable. A unit would be between 50-70 square feet in size, which is enough to hold everything we have. We would have to sort and remove items as needed and return them appropriately.

This Summer we displayed our Archives at Wausau's Alano Club to help celebrate their 50th anniversary. At a display close by, St Anthony Spirituality Center was represented by their Spiritual Director. The next display was staffed by our DCM from the district that includes Wausau. And with the Area Archives Chair grouped in one corner, we progressed into one rather long AA meeting. This resulted in an invitation to St Anthony's with the purpose of seeing if our vision of a repository could become a reality with their help.

The building in question is somewhat centrally located in the Area. At 300 E. Fourth Street in Marathon, Wisconsin (see sarcenter.com), so the UP would get shorted a bit on proximity as would the far northern districts in WI. We consider the location to be a strong "pretty good". The building was built in 1919 and added onto in the 1960s. This historic structure is built like a fortress, and it is beautiful. It is extremely well maintained.

During our inspection visit, Jeffery and I asked lots of questions. The space would be ideal with many rooms available for use. There are AA meetings on the premises, weekend spirituality workshops with onsite lodging for up to 80 guests, 24-hour onsite security, internet access and beautiful grounds for relaxation and meditation. The place would be ideal for sorting and digitizing materials, having day long or several day workshops, or doing personal research. Per 7th Tradition, we would pay a monthly rental fee for our use. The amount is to be negotiated with the Director at St Anthony's. Their board would review our situation and respond when we give them our proposal. During our visit, Jeffery had his phone recording many things that would possibly work into a usable space, I kept my tape measure busy checking to see if the rooms that looked good would accommodate our needs.

Every AA is part of AA history. Please share this information with DCMs so it can be discussed at District Meetings. GSRs, please discuss this with your groups so we can get an informed Group Conscience. Thank you to the Archives Committee members who met to help us talk about this action. Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Paul Y. Archives Chair

Motion From Archives Committee

The Area 74 Archives Committee recommends that we contract with St Anthony's Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI to house the Area Archives and develop a system for display. This contract and incidental costs shall not exceed \$1000.00 annually

Background and Rationale

The Rationale and Background information was published in February Now & Then on page 8. Please refer to the "From the Area 74 Archives" article

District 13 Motion to add to Area 74 Financial Request Guidelines

MOTION

Area 74 treasury will offer up to \$250.00 to all Area 74 Past Delegates to attend the East Central Region Conference of Delegates Past and Present to participate in the annual East Central Regional service business meeting. If approved, the Structures and Guidelines Committee will add to the Area 74 guidelines in the appropriate section.

MOTION FROM AREA 74 NEWSLETTER

In part, Article IV, Section 7. of the Area 74 Guidelines states:

The Newsletter is entitled the “Now and Then”. The newsletter is the medium for communication of Area 74 business. Published monthly, the editorial staff are responsible for determining the content of each issue. However, materials submitted by any Area Officer will be printed, when provided in a timely manner.

MOTION: The verbiage :

All submissions for publication in the Area 74 newsletter should only include first names, last initials, and other non-personal identifying information. should be added to Article IV, Section 7 of the Area 74 Guidelines

Background information:

There is no guideline stating that The Newsletter should not include personal identifiers. There were documents created by a Past Editor and the previous Co-Editors – “Rules of the Now and Then” and “Duties & Responsibilities of the Co_Editors” but we are aware of no other guidelines other than the Area 74 Guidelines. These and other documents have been passed on from previous editors and have become ‘tradition’. There is no mention of anonymity in any of those documents.

Some members of the Area 74 Committee have stated they don’t want too much personal information published in the Now and Then. Last names, addresses, and phone numbers could jeopardize personal anonymity and/or personal safety. It is the right thing to do to ensure those identifiers are not published in the newsletter.

In addition, the Now & Then Co-Editors have reported that The Newsletter will publish items sent from members of the Area 74 Area Committee, Groups, individual AA Members from Area 74, and other relative announcements from other A.A. General Service entities – such as the General Service Board, Inc, its affiliates, and the General Service Office. As Co-Editors of the Now & Then, we feel the Groups have not instructed the newsletter to edit those submissions for publication including the names involved in the information, just improve the format when necessary. The standing committee (consists of 2 Co-Editors) does not edit submissions. Occasionally, the N&T communicates with the author(s) of the article to help with making the submission make more sense upon publication, but those changes are made with acknowledgement of the author or is edited by the author not the Co-Editors. Therefore, we ask that The Area 74 Assembly give guidance to the current, and future Editors of the Now & Then by determining the level of anonymity The Newsletter should follow.

The N&T Co-Editors are submitting this motion to help further define the newsletter editors’ role with the newsletter and ensure that the role of the committee members is clear for us and future Editors to adhere to. The Newsletter committee has been following their own ‘traditional’ policy but have not been instructed by the Area 74 Assembly to do so. It has not been codified by assembly action as far as we can determine in conjunction with research by other members of the Area 74 Area Committee. The N&T Co-Editors recommend that the door should be left open for further influence by themselves or future editors. Our job is to publish what the Area 74 fellowship wants, not our desires or opinions.

This motion is to clarify a current issue with the publication. The background information leads us to the need for establishing further guidelines for the future of The Newsletter but that will take much longer to establish and not solve the immediate issue.

The wording below is included in the Background Material for future reference if N&T guidelines are created.

‘All submissions for publication in the Area 74 newsletter should only include first names, last initials, and other non-personal identifying information. Any item submitted for publication that includes such information will be returned to the submitting party for editing. The Now & Then will publish no information that identifies individuals beyond their first names, last initials, or service position without the consent of the individual.’

List of Area Standing Committee Zoom Meetings

Treatment & Accessibility`	4 th Friday of the Month Time 6PM	ID. 534-8299-691 P.W h4z1FR
Corrections	4 th Sunday of the Month 5:30 central Time Reoccurring Monthly	ID. 891 5542 2038 PW. 227073
Literature	TBD	
P.I.	Last Wednesday of Month 7pm Central	ID 830-3370-6847 PW. PI
C.P.C.	3 rd Tuesday 6pm Central	838-8679-0086 PW.478881
Archives	3 rd Wednesday 7 PM central Time	ID. 817-3019-4808 PW. 737159

75th General Service Conference Committees

Below are the final agenda items for the 75th General Service Conference (GSC) committees as of February 2025, and includes standing items for each committee, ongoing items from the prior Conference, and new items that are being forwarded to the Conference.

Agenda Items

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2026 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2026 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2026 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, distribution process and 2024 Evaluation Summary.
- E. Discuss 2024 progress report on Conference improvement.
- F. Review feedback from 2024 Delegate Chairs on quarterly communications.
- G. Discuss plan to print and distribute the comprehensive summary of the 2025 General Service Conference Inventory.
- H. Discuss 2024 progress report on Conference Inventory.
- I. Consider the request to suspend oral presentations of all Area Service Highlights and continue printing highlights in the final report. (PAIs 20 and 32)
- J. Consider a proposed pilot for a Harmony and Effectiveness Session. (New Item)

II. Cooperation with the Professional Community

- A. Review progress report on AAWS LinkedIn page.
- B. Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals.
- C. Review content and format of CPC Kit and Workbook.
- D. Review progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org.
- E. Discuss shared experience in informing professionals how A.A. can serve as a resource for unhoused and neurodivergent alcoholics.

III. Corrections

- A. Review content and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
- B. Review progress report on development of a pamphlet on the transgender
- C. Review Data from Tablet Vendor Edovo. (New Item)
- D. Review Corrections Survey. (New Item)
- E. Consider request to update Appendix IV in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* to include other awards and commendations received by AA since 1951. (PAI 65)*

Note: This item was forwarded from the Literature agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution Plan (EDW).

IV. Finance

- A. Consider a request to reaffirm the 1975 Advisory Action that delegates emphasize to the groups the effect that inflation has had on the contribution of dollar and the necessity for adjusting contributions accordingly, to support services provided by the General Service Board. [*Floor Action from the 74th General Service Conference*].
- B. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.
- C. Review the Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members.
- D. Review the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$7,500 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member.
- E. ~~Review initial draft of the supplemental financial reporting of the actual and evolving costs of various services provided by the GSB. Withdrawn. The trustees' committee agreed to take no action on this consideration.~~
- F. Review Self-Support Packet.
- G. Consider a request to remove the phrase, "A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all" from page 10 in the A.A. Service Manual. (PAI 72)*

Note: This item was forwarded from the Report and Charter agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution Plan (EDW).

V. Grapevine/LaVina

- A. Review AA Grapevine Workbook.
 - B. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2026 or after.
 - C. Review the 5-year financial plan for La Viña.
 - D. Review the progress report on a plan for a more effective La Viña subscription procedure, fulfillment process and customer service experience.
 - E. Review the financial reporting system for the Grapevine and La Viña.
 - F. Consider request to revise the pamphlet "Grapevine and La Vina: Our meetings in print." (PAI 79)
 - G. Review report on "AAGV/La Viña media platforms." *
- Note: This item was forwarded from the Public Information agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution Plan (EDW).

VI. Literature

- A. Annual review of recovery literature matrix.
- B. Review draft of the revised pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated."
- C. Review draft of the revised pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American."
- D. Review progress report on the development of the Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos* - Spanish.
- E. Review progress report of the Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- F. Review draft of the developed video animation of the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated."
- G. Review draft of revisions to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- H. Review progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the Asian and Asian American Alcoholic.
- I. ~~Consider request that the terms "Indian and Eskimo" be removed from the February 19th entry in *Daily Reflections*.~~ (PAI 11) Item was withdrawn since change requested in the PAI was applied in March 2022,
- J. Consider request that the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Service be included in the current publication, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. (PAI 23)
- K. Consider request to update the book *Living Sober*. PAI PAIs 34, 64, 106, 90, 92, 121,122)
- L. Discuss Plain Language Big Book review process.

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Review GSO general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection
- B. Review dates for the 2029 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) progress report and draft plan
- D. Discuss the process of Simple Majority Items.
- E. Consider request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders Literature. (PAI 36, 93, 96)
- F. Consider a request to develop guidelines for the roles and responsibilities of temporary replacement delegates. (New Item)
- G. Consider request to prioritize a list of selection criteria to inform the committee selection process.(New Item)

VIII. Public Information

- A. Review the 2025 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
- B. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):
 - 1. Review PSAs for Relevance and Usefulness
 - 1. Review the 2025 report on the "Relevance and Usefulness of Audio and Video PSAs."
 - 2. Review plan for evaluating Spanish and French language PSAs.
 - 2. Review progress report on the Mesmerize Point PSA distribution channel.
 - 3. Consider suggestion to develop new video PSA. (New Item)
 - 4. Review report and tracking of distribution of PSAs.
- C. Review report on the GSO Podcast, "Our Primary Purpose."
- D. Review report on AAWS YouTube Channel."
- E. Review report on "Google Ads."
- F. Review report on "Meeting Guide app."
- G. Review report on GSO's A.A. website.
- H. ~~Review report on "AAGV/La Viña media platforms."~~
Note: This item was forwarded to the AA Grapevine/LaViña agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution Plan (EDW).
- I. Review report for "AAWS Online Business Profiles."
- J. Review progress report on developing communications to address anonymity and social media.
- K. Review progress report on analytics reporting.
- L. Review progress report on communicating with young people.

VIII. Publication Information contd

- M. Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials.
- N. Review report from the A.A. Membership Survey working group.
- O. Review progress report on Young People 's video project.
- P. Review content and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. Discuss the A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition:
 - 1. Review list of editorial updates.
 - 2. Review progress report on the development of a new section. "Amendments" to be added to the Twelve Concepts for World Service.
 - 3. Consider a request to remove the word "woman" from the Concept IV essay. (PAI 75,124) Note: Item 3A on the preliminary agenda, "Consider a request to remove the phrase, "A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all" from page 10 in the A.A. Service Manual. (PAI 72)" was forwarded to the Finance agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution Plan (EDW).
- B. Consider a request to expand Article Three in the Conference Charter to protect the co-Founders' writings. (PAIs 81,15, 26 and 109)
- C. Review progress report on exploring the creation of a corresponding Trustees' committee for Report and Charter.
- D. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

X. Treatment and Accessibilities

- A. Review progress report on Military Outreach Project.
- B. Review progress report on shared experience from Fellowship on outreach efforts to A.A. members in the military and veterans.
- C. Review progress report on the Accessibilities Resources flyer made available on aa.org.
- D. Review progress report on the update of service material with shared experience from neurodivergent alcoholics.
- E. Review revision of the conference-approved flyer "Where do I go from here" (F-4).
- F. Review content and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
- G. Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.
- H. Review resource lists for Remote Communities and Cooperation with Elder Community.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 1. Southeast Regional Trustee
 - 2. East Central Regional Trustee
 - 3. Trustee-at-Large/U.S.
- B. Review slate of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Review progress report of the revised pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different?"⁺
- F. Review Censure Process Proposal.(New Item)
- G. Consider the request to include the version of A.A. *Comes of Age*, Lasker Award text in the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.(PAI 24 and 63)* Note: This item was forwarded from the Literature Agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution Plan (EDW)

XII. Archives

- A. Review content and format of Archives Workbook.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss the upcoming 2025 International Convention.
- B. Review progress report on the development of new declaration to be adopted at the 2030 International Convention.
- C. Consider that all Sovereign States flags be a part of the Flag Ceremony at an International Convention. (PAI 10)
- D. Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums.
- E. Review Final Report of the Subcommittee on Regional Forums Improvements.
- F. Review Report from Subcommittee to Review Regional Forums Request for Information (RFI) Forms.

2025 International Convention East Central Region Hospitality Room Committee Report

Greetings Past and Present Delegates of the East Central Region also known as the Extremely Cordial Region, and other conference attendees. A Hospitality Committee was established from those people that volunteered at last year's Conference of Delegates Past and Present. At our first meeting a Chair, Secretary, Hotel liaison, and Volunteer Coordinator were appointed. We are still in need of a Treasurer. Tom Hensold is the Chair, Jim Hankinson is the Secretary, Bob Denihan is the Hotel Liaison and Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider as Volunteer Coordinator.

The Committee has met twice so far and has had a lot of discussion as to what we can and cannot do and have in the hospitality room. It was suggested that we do not have coffee because it would be cost prohibitive. At our first meeting we discussed the budgets from the 2015 and 2020 International Conventions to try and come up with a recommendation. The committee felt it would be reasonable to reach out to the 14 Delegate Areas with a recommendation that each Area contribute \$200 to the Committee to establish a Budget of \$2800.

The East Central Regional Hospitality Room at the 2025 International Convention of A.A. in Vancouver British Columbia will be at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver Hotel and Conference Centers Lord Byron room located at 655 Burrard Street. The room is located on the Fourth floor by the elevators.

We discussed in the committee meetings on what to have in the room, maybe a power point presentation with something from every Area of the East Central Region, 5 display boards featuring the Areas of the five States of the East Central Region, have each Area of the region create a one-page highlights of their Area, ECR Bookmarks and pins. As far as food and beverages are concerned, all that must be provided by the hotel and just is not feasible cost-wise, it was mentioned that the hotel may have a coffee station set up nearby.

The most important thing we will need is Volunteers to be present in the Hospitality room and show why we are the Extremely Cordial Region.

Look forward to receiving a request for volunteers from Nicohlas, the Volunteer Coordinator.

Canada here we come!!!

Motion:

2025 International Convention ECRC Hospitality Suite Funding Proposal February 9, 2025

That each of the 14 delegate areas of the East Central Region contributes what they can to fund the 2025 International Convention ECRC Hospitality Suite, with a goal of \$200 per delegate area. Contributions will be used to buy display and hand-out materials. The 2025 I/C ECRC Hospitality Committee will be authorized to develop hand-out materials. Any unused monies will be distributed proportionately among delegate areas that fund the Suite.



**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
AREA 74**

*CPC Stands for
COOPERATION WITH
THE PROFESSIONAL
COMMUNITY*



AREA 74 CPC ONLINE MEETING



**WHEN: 3rd Tuesday of each Month;
6pm Central/7pm Eastern**

**MEETING ID: 838-8679-0086
PASSWORD: 478881**

**CONTACT INFO:
Mike N-A74 CPC Chair
920-228-2019
nvyflyguy@gmail.com**

65TH ANNUAL

CLUB 12

BANQUET & DANCE

Darkest Before The Dawn
Formal Event

Early Bird Price (Jan. 1st - Feb. 14th) \$45.00

Regular Price (Feb. 15th until sold out) \$55.00

THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT!

SATURDAY MARCH 8TH

4PM- SOCIAL HOUR

5PM- AL-ANON SPEAKER

Bob K. Eau Claire, WI

6PM- DINNER

7PM- AA SPEAKER

Gary G. Rochester, MN

8PM- DESSERT & DANCE

LOCATION: FLORIAN GARDENS
CONFERENCE CENTER
EAU CLAIRE, WI 54701

TICKETS- \$55 PER PERSON

SUNDAY MARCH 9TH

11AM- SOCIAL HOUR/BRUNCH

12PM- AA SPEAKER

Matt D. Minneapolis, MN

LOCATION: ALANO CLUB 12
2926 POMONA DRIVE
EAU CLAIRE, WI 54701

BRING A DISH TO PASS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
KRISTINA S. @ 832-656-2083
- OR -
ALEXIS L. @ 715-338-5245

2025

District 19 Intergroup

WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT

March 15th, 2025

Door prizes • 50/50 Drawing • Bucket Raffle

Corrections: 4:00pm

GSR: 5:00pm

Dinner: 6:00pm

Please bring a dish to pass.

Central United Methodist Church
322 S. Lincoln Rd., Escanaba MI 49829

Please use rear entrance.

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Came to Believe Group

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

JOIN US!

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
512 McClellan St.
Wausau, WI, 54403

**MAIN DISH PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS**

 5:30 PM: DINNER 

—**SPEAKERS**—

7:00 PM: NICHOLAS S. (AREA 74 DELEGATE)

7:30 PM: DEBBIE D. (CONCORD, CA)



HYBRID EVENT ZOOM ID: 892 1155 4684 PASSWORD: 740147

This is a Disabled Accessible Facility

CONTACT PERSON: Lindsey S. 715-370-1431



AA 2025 HOT TOPICS Panel Discussion

**Sunday 3/16
12pm-3pm**

Serenity Club in Hayward, WI
10339 S. Florida Ave

HYBRID

<https://meet.google.com/zva-pcqv-khd>

Sponsored by AA District 12

Eleva Step Group Annual Western WI. Traveling Potluck & Open Speaker Meeting

Saturday April 5, 2025

- Potluck Supper and Fellowship at Eleva Lutheran Church
- 50533 S. 2nd St. (one block west of HWY 93 on W. Pine St.)
- Hot Beef sandwiches will be provided
- *** Please bring a dish to pass! ***

Schedule of Events

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Corrections Workshop

AA Panel - Sponsored by District 05

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Social Hour

5 PM - 6PM Potluck Supper

6 PM Al-Anon Speaker: Lynn B. Eau Claire, WI.

7 PM AA Speaker: Gary S. River Falls, WI.

For more information: Contact Dennis Turner (715-318-3397)



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AA Workshop hosted by District 10

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Registration at 9 a.m.,
including a continental breakfast.

Workshopping begins at 9:30 with
Steps 1-3, continuing until 3 p.m. with
the remaining 9 steps.

With special guest speaker
Nicholas S., Area 74 Delegate

Buffet Lunch served at
Noon, food and beverages
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Literature will be available
Courtesy of Area 74 Literature Chair



"The elevator's broken...
we'll have to take
the steps..."

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21 West Timber Dr.
Rhinelander, WI.



12 TRADITIONS WORKSHOP!!!

HOST: A.A. DISTRICT 04

SPEAKERS: BILL AND JOANNE N., FROM TEXAS

WHEN: SATURDAY APRIL 26, 2025, 9:00AM- 4:30PM

WHERE: 2617 CLUB, 1578 STRONGS AVE.,
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481
(SOUTH ENTRANCE, DOWNSTAIRS)

COME AND PARTICIPATE IN A DEEP-DIVE INTO OUR TRADITIONS WITH BILL AND JOANNE. OUR HOSTS HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE AND INSIGHT INTO OUR TRADITIONS. LUNCH, COFFEE, SODA AND BOTTLED WATER TO BE PROVIDED ON SITE.

THE WORKSHOP IS ALSO AVAILABLE BY ZOOM, COURTESY OF AREA 74.

U.P. Traveling Intergroup

Spring Into Recovery

50/50 Raffle!

Door Prizes!

Great Fellowship!

**In District 17
Saturday April 5th**

Activity Times

- Corrections @ 3 p.m.
 - GSR Meeting @ 4 p.m.
 - Dinner @ 5 p.m.
 - Speakers @ 6 p.m.
- (Central Standard Time)

Location

First Lutheran Church
1210 Stevenson Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI

Chicken: "Fried and baked
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you wish!"



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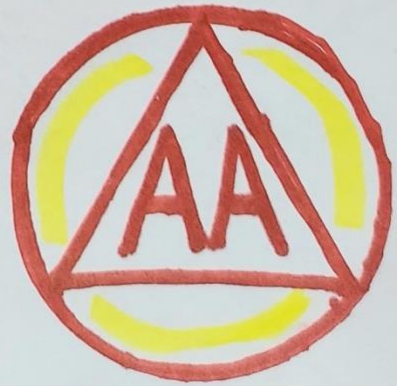
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107 N. First Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

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Spring Conference 2025
PO BOX 558
Sturgeon Bay WI 54235

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with QR Code
<https://doorkewauneeaa.org>



Mail back by: May 10th

One Form Per Person

\$45

Registration

Includes all 3 days
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Saturday Night Plated Meal

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- Chicken
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April 30th Deadline

AA Al-Anon Guest

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