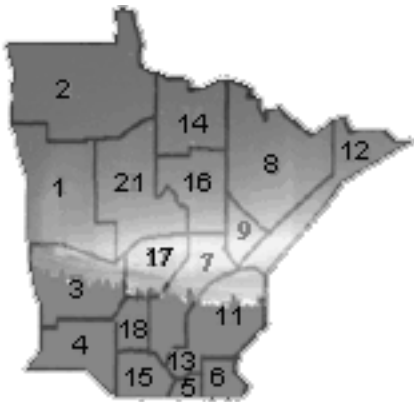


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Our Past Delegates

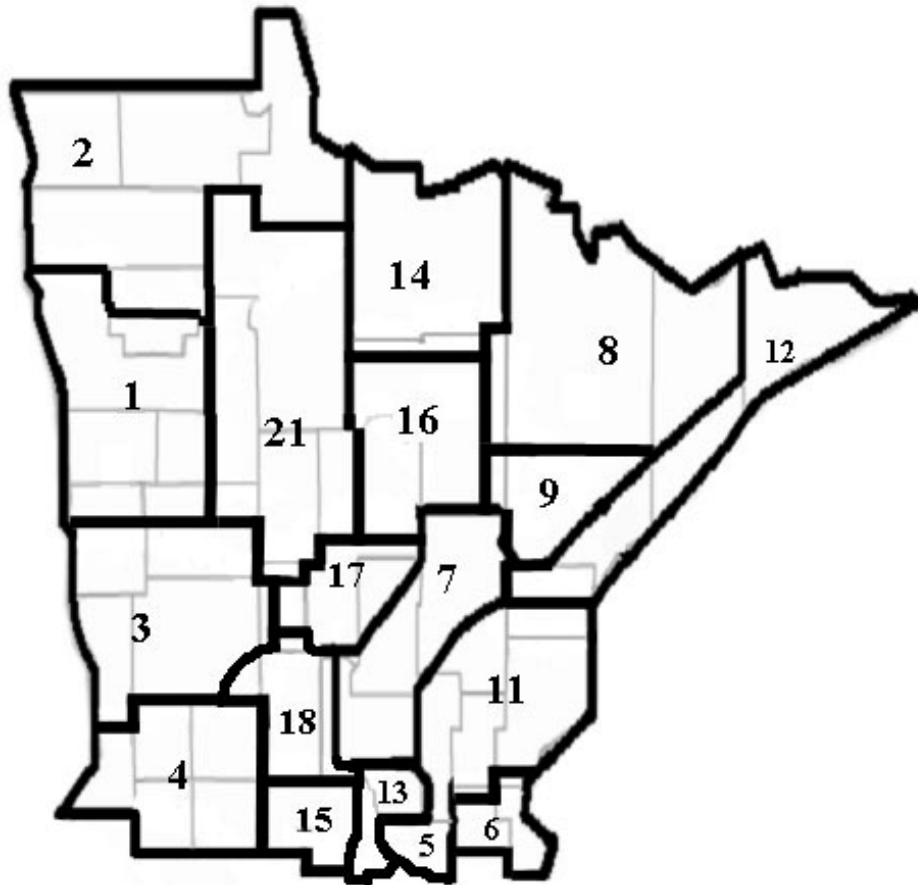
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				Panel 2 Arthur R. (deceased)	1952-1953

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 3f 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.

(from The A.A. Service Manual, pages S44-S45)



**Area 35
Northern Minnesota**

Zone I

- District 1** - Ada, Crookston, Erskine, Fertile, Fosston, Mahnommen, Naytahwaush, Red Lake Falls, Twin Valley, Waubun,
- District 2** - Badger, Baudette, Grygla, Hallock, Halma, Middle River, Rainy River (Ontario, Canada), Roseau, Stephen, Thief River Falls, Warren, Warroad, Williams
- District 16** - Bowstring, Boy River, Cohasset, Deer River, Grand Rapids, Hill City, Lawrence Lake*, Longville
- District 21** - Akeley, Bagley, Bemidji, Blackduck, Cass Lake, Debs, Menahga, Onigum, Park Rapids, Red Lake, Shevlin, Solway, Squaw Lake, Walker

Zone II

- District 3** - Audubon, Barnesville, Battle Lake, Cormorant, Deer Creek, Detroit Lakes, Dilworth, Elizabeth, Erhard, Fergus Falls, Frazee, Hawley, Henning, Lake Park, Moorhead, Osage, Ottertail, Pelican Rapids, Perham, Underwood, Wadena
- District 4** - Alexandria, Browns Valley, Carlos, Elbow Lake, Evansville, Glenwood, Herman, Kensington, Morris, Osakis
- District 15** - Albany, Avon, Cold Spring, Holdingford, Lake Henry, Melrose, 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** - Bethel, Cambridge, Forest Lake, Harris, Isanti, Lindstrom, North Branch, Rock Creek, Stacy, St. Francis
- District 7** - Aitkin, Baxter, Brainerd, Fort Ripley, Garrison, Ironton, Little Falls*, McGregor*, Palisade, Pierz, Pillager*
- District 11** - Askov*, Braham, Finlayson*, Grasston, Henriette, Hinckley*, Isle, Lake Lena, Malmo, Moose Lake*, Mora, Ogilvie, Pine City, Quamba, Sandstone, Wahkon, Willow River
- District 13** - Kimball, Rice, St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park
- District 17** - Backus, Cross Lake, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Pillager*, Pine River
- District 18** - Browerville, Cushing, 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, Orr, Palo, Pike, Tower, Virginia, Zim*
- District 9** - Chisholm, Floodwood, Goodland, Hibbing*, Keewatin, Kelly Lake, Lawrence Lake*, Nashwauk*
- District 12** - Askov*, Beaver Bay, Brimson, Brookston, Cloquet, Duluth, Esko, Finland, Finlayson*, Fredenberg, Grand Marais, Grand Portage, Hermantown, Hibbing*, Hinckley*, Knife River, Lawrence Lake*, Lutsen, Mahtowa, McGregor*, Moose Lake*, Nashwauk*, Pike Lake, Proctor, Sawyer, Silver Bay, Foxborro (Wisconsin), Side Lake, Superior (Wisconsin), Toivola, Two Harbors, Zim*
- District 14** - Effie, International Falls, Nett Lake

** 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

<p>District 1 Sunday, April 19, 2:00 p.m. Fertile Community Center 101 S. Mill St. Fertile, MN 56540</p>	<p>North Branch, MN 55056</p> <p>District 7 3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m. First Lutheran Church 424 8th St. S. Brainerd, MN 56401</p>	<p>District 13 1st Monday of Month, 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Salem Lutheran Church 90 Riverside Drive S.E. Saint Cloud, MN 56304</p>
<p>District 2 2nd Sunday of Odd Months, 2:00 p.m. First Lutheran Church 210 Park Ave. N. Middle River, MN 56737</p>	<p>District 8 Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m. General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m. • Friday, December 7, 2007 Palo, MN</p>	<p>District 14 Not currently active.</p>
<p>District 3 3rd Sunday of Month, 10:00 a.m. Perham Alano Club Hwy 34 Perham, MN 56573</p>	<p>District 9 Last Sunday of Month, 6:00 p.m. Hibbing Alano Club 3725 1st Avenue Hibbing, MN 55746</p>	<p>District 15 1st Monday of Month, 8:00 p.m. Albany Community Center 741 Lake Ave. Albany, MN 56307</p>
<p>District 4 2nd Saturday of Month, 5:30 p.m. Call D.C.M. for location (it rotates) Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Round Robin at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>District 11 1st Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Catholic Church Basement Finlayson, MN 55735</p>	<p>District 16 3rd Wednesday of Month, 7:30 p.m. United Methodist Church 1701 S.E. 5th Ave. Grand Rapids, MN 55744 Handicap Accessible, Non-Smoking</p>
<p>District 5 3rd Monday of Month, 7 p.m. St. John Lutheran Church 13045 Fremont Ave Zimmerman, MN 55398</p>	<p>District 12 3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30 p.m. Duluth Alano Club 3009 Restormel St. Duluth, MN 55806</p>	<p>District 17</p> <p>District 18</p>
<p>District 6 3rd Thursday of Month, 7:30 p.m. Spring Lake Lutheran Church 8440 Erickson Rd. N.E.</p>		<p>District 21 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m. Bemidji Alano Club 1225 Anne St.</p>

Delegate's Report

Greetings to everyone in Area 35!

It was good to return home from the 59th General Service Conference, April 26 – May 2, 2009, held in Manhattan, New York at the Crowne Plaza. I hope you all received your postcards and the early bird edition of Box 4-5-9 that I sent out last Saturday. We did not receive Box 4-5-9 at the conference and the day they arrived at my home I sent them to you.

We all met our new General Service Manager, Phyllis H. and she chaired some of the conference along with Leonard B.

Once again our fellowship made history by not completing business until 2:10 a.m. on Saturday morning. So, by 2:20 a.m. I was in my room. I tried to sleep but the “thinker” wouldn't quit and I had to be back at 8:00 a.m. so needless-to-say there was no sleeping for JoAnne.

On Saturday we were in attendance at 8:00 am and had brunch, and then farewell talks were given by outgoing Class A Chairman of the Board, Leonard B. The new Chairman of the Board is Ward E. D.D. of New York City, who has been a Class A Trustee since 2004. Paul C. and Ray M. General Service trustees said their farewells, next we heard from Dorothy W., Trustee-At-Large U.S. and Herb G. Class A. nonalcoholic trustee. The final two goodbyes were given by Bob M., East Central Regional Trustee and Howard L., Southeast Regional Trustee and they were both very touching. I had a difficult time maintaining my composure.

My conference “Buddy” Jean S. got to the conference a day early, went sight seeing, and had a terrible fall and broke her arm. She was to have surgery when she returned to Pennsylvania.

I've received some news of the upcoming Regional Forum that will be held September 11-13, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud, MN and I hope you will encourage people to attend as it's almost in our back yards as far as travel is concerned.

This will be short, I've been ill with some bug since I returned home and just finished a course of antibiotics.....no swine flu! (oink, oink)

I'm starting to write my report back to give to the Districts and I'm really looking forward to seeing all of you shortly at the June Committee Meeting and the day after that I'll be in Aurora, MN.

In Service,

JoAnne, Panel 58 Delegate

Alternate Delegate's Report

Hello Area 35,

Well we are winding down this rotation; I can't believe how quickly it passed. We have one zonal forum left to do in zone four the date August 8th location to be announced.

I am in the process of scheduling the guest speaker for next years January workshop.

I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify the difference between the “zonal forums” and Area standing committee workshop. Traditionally each standing committee chair does a workshop in each zone during his or her rotation, Archives, C.P.C, and Treatment. Corrections, Literature, Grapevine, N.L, e.t.c. Sometimes they combine and have one or more (Treatment Corrections.) They do these with the participation and help from the Districts in that particular zone.

A zonal forum (which was voted on and approved by the Area 35) are held one in each of the four zones two per year, so at the end of each rotation each zone has had a forum. The Area Officers do the presentation, with the help and support of the respective zones.

The Area pays the expenses incurred in the zonal forums. The topic is typically service. We ask the zones to discuss what they feel they need and the Area presents. Some examples in the past have been the G.S.R. school, service structure, e.t.c.

I hope this clarifies the intent, and the difference between to two.

If you have any questions or I can be of help please don't hesitate to contact me.

In service

Dan H.

Area 35 Alternate Delegate

If you think the program is too simple, go out and drink some more. By the time you get back you'll be simple enough for the program.

Area Chair Report

Greetings all Area Trusted Servants:

It is a very busy time of year for many of us, especially our Delegate who is out visiting the districts to report on the General Service Conference. Hopefully we will have had a District 5 Workshop and a Zonal Forum by the time we get together at the June Committee Meeting. I have been keeping busy with making arrangements for the Spring and Fall Assemblies in 2010. I have confirmed Detroit Lakes for the Spring Assembly and will be signing the contract this week. I am waiting for more input about the Fall Assembly, but currently have received sites from Grand Rapids, Bemidji, and Thief River Falls, which I have contacted for more information. I have been asked by the St. Louis County Human Service Conference to put on a Public Information Workshop at this year's conference. Luckily, my sponsor has put on a few of these in the past, so I am currently researching whether or not I am able to do this. I will be talking with the District 12 and Area PI Chairs for their thoughts. I am hoping that we will have quite a few Delegate Resumes to review for the Fall Assembly. I believe that our group conscience requires that we have more than two choices for Delegate and Alternate Delegate to provide the best possible candidates for our fellowship. I am sending out an email today with a copy of the Delegates resumes to all DCMs. Well it is time for me to start on some spring projects, so I will close for now.

Yours in service,
Jay A., Area Chair

Treasurer's Report

Greetings Area 35: Mud and Construction season has arrived in Northern MN, signs that Winter is at last behind us for a day or two. That is a thought which cheers and warms my heart! Summer is around the corner and with this comes a multitude of opportunities for fellowship and fun in sobriety. I have been busy with the demands of everyday life, rearranging schedules and attempting to attend and participate in the various upcoming workshops and other service opportunities. Contributions continue to arrive and fill the mailbox, thus resulting in the need for thank yous and other means of giving recognition for those contributing to the services you have requested of your committee chairs and Officers. I trust that you are continuing to keep us all in mind as we consider the needs of the Area and make every attempt to keep up with these requests and expectations. One thing the Area is discussing and that will be brought up in old business at the June committee meeting will be the need for a Treasurer Audit. I believe this will prove to be a valuable tool for aiding in the accuracy of our financial discussions. I look forward to JoAnne's report from the Conference and hearing more about the discussion regarding Self-Support and Tradition 7. It is bound to be interesting hearing from the other Area's on these vital topics. Please keep JoAnne in your thoughts as she travels to the various Districts to deliver her report. And thank you JoAnne for all that you have done for Area 35.

Yours in Service,
Beth E.

Secretary's Report

Greetings Area 35.

What a busy, happy life this is. Not much to report here. I managed to save up enough money that I had the great pleasure and privilege to accompany JoAnne to New York when she went to the GSC, which was a wonderful time. Mostly for me. She, and the rest of the delegates at the 2009 GSC, worked harder than any previous GSC ever. I know because I was there and saw it with my own eyes. They were in discussing agenda items until 11:30 pm on Thursday night and I think 2:30 am on Friday, I mean Saturday morning. They broke their own record from last year of staying later than any previous conference in the history of conferences. And let me tell you in case you were wondering how it went, she didn't miss one thing. Despite what I am certain was marked personal discomfort and exhaustion, she never once got up and left the room. She was there for every single second. Your Area was in very capable and responsible hands. I only hope we continue to fulfill our responsibilities as AA members and provide and elect leaders who are even half as willing, accountable, responsible, and trustworthy as the leaders we have elected in the past. Their only break (besides meals) was to travel to the General Service Office where we visited the archives and the staff. But enough about the GSC, she'll tell you all about it at her report backs and I don't want to spoil the surprise. I am privileged to be attending and presenting at the upcoming Zonal Forum being held in Zone II in Cold Spring on June 6, and I'll see you all in Aitkin on the 7th! Thanks for letting me be an active part of this awesome process, where I constantly learn and grow despite myself.

Sarah K.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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ARCHIVES

Greetings, not a lot to report this time. We are still getting group history form from our groups and those that haven't please take a little time and fill them out. Looking forward to doing a workshop in Zones 2 and 3 this summer yet. Looking for some ideas for these workshops. As lucky as I am once in a while we will be stopping in Sioux Falls for there Spring Conference May 8 and 9 on our way back from a well deserved vacation.

Yours in service

Bob K.

Area Archives Chair

CORRECTIONS

I would like to thank everyone for their support of the Treatment/Corrections Workshop we had before the Assembly, both presenters and attendees. It was well attended and well presented.

I would also like to express my gratitude to everyone who came to the committee meeting and breakout session during the Assembly. the help and input with the agenda items is greatly appreciated.

Our Districts continue meet their existing meeting obligations. Thanks to all who work as temporary contacts and the district chairs and DCMs who have been helping coordinate these contacts. This is such vital 12th step work. We will always have something available for anyone who is interested in this service work.

We are starting to compile a list of the meetings being brought into facilities and I will include those in the Corrections files.

Thank you all for your support.

Krishna

LITERATURE

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GRAPEVINE

Hello everyone. I am looking forward to hearing JoAnne's report on the GSC. I know she did a wonderful job and represented us well. The only thing I have to report is that the AA Grapevine just released a new book, **Voices of Long-Term Sobriety: Old Timers Stories from the AA Grapevine.** They just sent me a copy which I will bring with me to the Area committee meeting to show everyone.

Yours in service Laurie R.

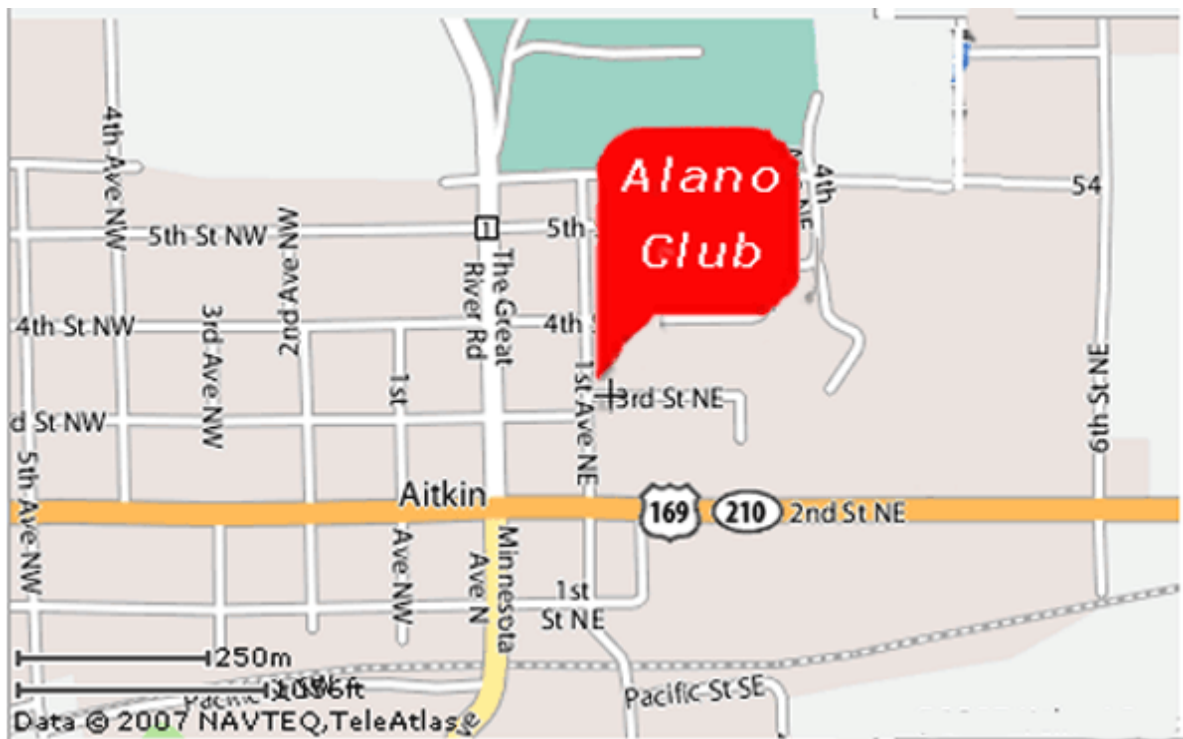
Inclement Weather Procedure For Area 35 Events

1. Area Chair calls to cancel and/or re-schedule.
2. Based on DOT report, national weather service, individual safety being paramount
3. Chair asks for weather reports from all DCM's from respective districts either by email Or phone for those that don't have computers.
- 4 Chair notifies the Alano society in Aitkin on food preparations and possible re-schedule to following Sunday.
5. Chair contacts webmaster results put on Area 35.org and reschedule date and time.
6. Districts contact their DCM in inclement weather for updates on cancellation.

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.

Come join us!



Submissions to the Northern Light

General submissions to the *Northern Light* are very welcome! Feel free to send letters or articles that are pertinent to general service in Alcoholics Anonymous in Northern Minnesota. However, 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.

Submissions are preferred electronically using a Word document to the Area's newsletter e-mail address: northernlight@area35.org. (If I don't reply to your email, please try again or try ed@paradigmwebdesign.net, as sometimes mail gets stuck in the spam filters.) Most other file formats can also be accepted. You may also send articles or letters to my postal address, listed on page 2. The deadline for each Issue 3s printed on the front page.

Letters to the Editor or opinion articles should have a title. Please include the name of the city where the author is from. If you have any questions regarding submitting an item for the *Northern Light*, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you!

Ed A. , Editor

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

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TREATMENT

Greetings from your alcoholic Treatment Chair.

I want to thank everyone who attended the Area 35 Corrections/Treatment workshop on Friday April 3, 2009. We had great participation and attendance at the event. Thank you to all the district chairs that assisted with the workshop and presented.

I was able to attend the Spring Assembly in Brainerd and greatly enjoyed the experience. We were able to meet as a treatment committee and I was also able to chair the Treatment breakout session to discuss agenda items. Thanks to all who participated in the breakout session and provided information.

I am continuing to work with Area 36 with their temporary contact program. It has been a bit of a slow start to the year but we have been able to find contacts for all those requesting. Thanks to all of the members in each area who continue to work in carrying the message into treatment centers around Northern Minnesota. Thanks you for the continued opportunity to serve.

Yours in Service,

Jim K.

NORTHERN LIGHT

Greetings Area 35,

I've had problems getting this issue out on time. I don't know where time goes, but I nearly missed the deadline.

I had promised a friend of mine that I would pull a trailer out to Milwaukee and help move furniture for her daughter who will be attending school out there. Of course this took place the same week I needed to prepare to get the Northern Light ready for publication. I was sitting in Milwaukee drinking coffee when it suddenly occurred to me.

To make a long story short, we did get her daughter moved, and as you can see, the Northern Light is printed. All I can say is that 500 miles is a long way to pull a U-haul trailer!

Everything else is going well on this front. I'm still looking for articles – Area 35 AAs have been strangely quiet.

Yours in Service,
Ed A.

GROUP RECORDS

Hello! I hope all is well with you and yours. The good work continues with the Meeting Locator.org. I am certain you all will be on the edge of your seats when we go live, which will be taking place soon. I will continue to manage the group records to the best of my ability and please let me know if there is anything I can do. I was glad to attend the Spring Assembly in Brainerd. Thanks again for the opportunity to serve. Audrey

WEBMASTER

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RENT-A-SPONSOR

- o **Are you tired of being told like it is?**
- o **Still looking for that easier, softer way?**
- o **Had enough of that same old time-tested direction?**

No Reading! No Writing! No Deadlines!

STANDARD FEATURES INCLUDE:

- *Listening to your sniveling without constant reference to the Big Book or Steps!
- *Co-signing your excuses and rationalizations!
- *Work only the Steps you want, in the order you choose!
- *Learn the secret of giving it away before you even have it!
- *Why "walk the walk" when you can just "talk the talk?"
- *Remember, it's better to look good than to feel good!
- *Why save your ass at the cost of losing your face?

Area 35 Northern Minnesota

April 4-5, 2009, Spring Assembly

Cragun's Resort, Brainerd, MN

The Area Chair (Jay A.) opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Additions to the agenda: WCRF 2011; Getting the background information creating a procedure for annual or biannual audit of the treasury. Past delegates in attendance were acknowledged: Jerry S., Tim C., Susie A., Tom A., Scott J., Bruce B. *Motion to Amend Committee Meeting Minutes Seconded and passed unanimously.*

~~~~Area Officer Reports~~~~

®**Delegate** -The WCRAASC was great! I was able to attend the Delegate's only meeting plus the Past/Present Delegates meeting. Thanks so much for allowing me to attend this year. I received the minutes from the breakout sessions and forwarded on the information. I also received a summary of the evaluations. It is heart warming to see people "Get in the Car" and travel long distances to attend the conference...its so much fun and good fellowship having a meeting before we get there and one on the way home. I did buy a copy of the Conference on Call CD. I was appointed that the agenda items background discussion was not taped. I'll turn the CD's over to the Archives. This year there were 4 new Panel 59 Delegates in attendance and their "Minute highlights" of their areas as a practice run before the General Service Conference. On March 28th, Sarah, Dan and I traveled to Bemidji to attend and present at their Sponsors' meeting. It was a fun day! Participation from the audience was excellent and many questions were asked and information shared. There was even a car load that showed up from District 2. The questions scheduled already for the Delegate's report back are: District 8 – Aurora MN on June 1st; June 6 – Zone II Forum; June 8 – District 13 and 15 at the Albany Community Center; District 16 – Zimmerman; June 18 – District 12 – Duluth; June 20 – District 21 – Bemidji Alano – Gratitude Hall. I need to hear from the DCM's in Districts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 16, & 18. I'll be there with me this weekend and I'll show you my calendar of events.... The WCRF will be here before we know it, September 11-13, 2009. Roger, the DCM from District 13 has agreed to be the committee chair and he will discuss this today. After going over the information that Roger sent me, I do know one thing; we'll need host of volunteers too. So please be of service to make this Forum an eventful one....we'll let everyone know just how hospitable Area 35 Northern Minnesota is! Roger emailed me the information that he received from GSO last week. I received GSO after talking with Roger and received a phone call on Monday. I never received a flyer and was wondering why. Guess what! While I was attending the awesome Correctional Institute Workshop last night, Fed Ex left a box on my doorstep with fliers. So please pick some up. If you haven't been to a Forum, now is the opportune time to do so. I got a flier earlier in the week from my home group, thanks Neil! **Financial:** For the 12 months ended 12/31/08 (all figures pending final C.P.A. audit) G.S.O. actuals: Contributions from A.A. groups and members: \$1,901,300. Less cost of production, royalties and shipping \$6,948,350. Interest income: \$5,758. Total Income: \$13,391,517. Total GSO Expenses: \$13,696,394. Net Operating Income (expense): \$(304,877). A.A. Grapevine Inc.: Sales less cost of products: \$1,740,417. Plus interest earned. Total Income: 1,806,617. Expenses: \$1,901,303. Income (loss) from operations: \$(94,686). LA (76,264). Net Income (expense): (170,950). Salaries - 2008 – GSO seeks to follow Concept XI, which states, "We believe that each paid executive, staff member, or consultant should be compensated in reasonable relation to the value of his or her similar services or abilities in the commercial world." The order of the following is the number of employees followed by a list of their titles. Administrative, A.A. Staff Supervisory, and Exempt Professionals - 35 - \$37,200 to \$245,400. Supporting personnel - 42 - \$31,200 to \$58,000. **Publications:** Gross Sales - 2008 - \$952,500. Actual sales, unaudited were \$918,185 or 3.60% under budget. Operations – In December they processed 1,848 pay orders and 551 complimentary orders. **vine:** As of March, all 12 issues of the grapevine will be staple-free and in full color. To meet non-profit periodical postal requirements and to protect subscribers' anonymity, the grapevine will be "Grapevine: AA's Meeting in Print." The 2009 Grapevine budget was presented is based on anticipated paid circulation of 100,000 copies. This is a reduction of approximately 10% from the 2008 results. Total magazine income is expected to be \$2,003,700 a decrease of \$72,300 from 2008. Total direct costs are expected to be \$932,000 an increase of \$105,000 from 2008. Gross profit on the magazine for the year 2009 is estimated at \$1,071,800, a decline of \$177,500 from 2008. Gross profit on other magazine related items of \$634,000 is an increase higher than 2008.

9. The 2009 Budget includes the increase in the price of books (\$2) effective January 1, 2009. Budgeted costs and expenses of \$1,939,300 in 2009 compare with \$1,901,300 for 2008. A loss of \$38,000. A loss of \$167,000 is anticipated in 2009. La Vina's 2009 budget was presented. After deducting costs and expenses of \$145,720, the La Vina budget reflects a loss from operations of \$95,776 compared to the 2008 loss of \$76,260. CPC – The committee considered the suggestion to discontinue the practice of

showing full faces of anyone portraying an A.A. member in Conference-approved video projects and requested that the staff secretaries on all of the service committees collect statistics on this question. Another item that needs attention is area 35 hosts the WCRAASC in 2011. A committee needs to be formed today to research out hotels in Northern Minnesota. I have a copy of the guidelines of what we will need, so for right now I'm asking for people to be on the committee.....so, who's going to volunteer to be of service? On a sad note, John S. Trustee and director on A.A.W.S. passed on a few days ago. When I receive more information from GSO I share it with all of you. Please keep his family in your prayers. District 16 is sending me your district minutes. I do read them. It won't be long before I leave for the General Service Conference which is slated from April 26 to May 2, 2009. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support and I'll do the best job I can for Area 35....In Service, JoAnne N

®**Alternate Delegate** - Thank you for sending me to the West Central. I found it very informative and got a sense that we are aligned very closely on most of the agenda items. I attended the meeting, and found it very informative to have that many trustee's and past trustee's in attendance to share their experience. The delegate meetings were very informative as well. Over the years, the conference was incredibly informative and worthwhile. I attended a workshop in District 16 and also participated in a workshop in District 21 with Sarah and JoAnne. Thank you to District 16 for the rotation. We will be doing the next Zonal Forum on June 6<sup>th</sup> in Zone 2, and the last Zonal Forum of this rotation on August 8<sup>th</sup> in Zone 4. Thanks to all districts that send me your minutes. Dan H

®**Area Chair** - No report submitted. Jay A

®**Secretary** – Hi all. First, a correction to the minutes from the February Committee Meeting: they were incorrectly titled "December Committee Meeting minutes." Thank you for the opportunity to attend the WCRAASC. I actually was in a conundrum after the extensive discussions regarding the financial status of the Area at the February committee meeting. I thought that I should not attend; however, I had to drive our Delegate and another DCM, so I was stuck, and after experiencing all the wonderful information shared there, and learning so much, I decided that the way AA finances work is that if the service is important, we support it financially by contributing. I personally find these service functions invaluable to helping me establish my opinion, rather than just my opinion. And truly, supporting the Area, District, and your GSR to attend things like the WCRAASC is an investment in the future of AA. We are like a family and these service functions are like our training sessions. We learn how to better serve AA as a whole and try to ensure that the AA message continues to remain strong, and reach those who still suffers. I was also privileged to be asked to present at a District 21 workshop which was wonderful too. It was informative, educational, and a lot of good sharing and questions. I also attended the Treatment/Corrections workshop Friday April 3 in Brainerd, another wonderful, informative workshop. Please get me your reports by today or email me by the end of the week. I want them included in the minutes. If you want me to email you these minutes, please let me know via a phone call or email. Thanks for letting me serve, Sarah K

®**Treasurer** – Greetings Area 35. Hot off the press and on the back table you will find reports for Period II, which ran from February 17th to March 26th. First you have the Group Contribution Report; which shows a total group contributions of \$2,935.78 and Birthday contributions totaling \$17.00. Thus our total Contributions for Period II were: \$2,952.78. If your group has any discrepancies please let me know so that I can make the correction as soon as possible. Your contributions make Service work in Area 35 possible. The 2nd report you will find is the Statement of Expenditures Report which itemizes the expenses of each Officer and Committee Chair. Again, please bring any discrepancies to my attention. Thirdly, you have the Contribution Report which shows all contributions and totaled expenses on one page for Periods I & II, the Year to Date totals, the 2009 Budget or expected totals (please remember this is a guideline and is not expected to be exact amounts) and the difference between the YTD and the budgeted guideline (the budget variance). Expenses for this period for the Area Events were \$4,840.59. Expenses from the Officers and Chairs was \$4,840.59. Therefore the total expenses was \$4,890.59. On the back of this page you will find the Budgeted Statement of Retained Funds. The ending balance on January 1, 2009 of \$11,576.06, Plus the YTD Income of \$7,147.19 minus YTD Expenses of \$9,164.63. This gives us a Balance Remaining on March 26th of \$9,558.62. Prudent Reserve (two months operating expenses, rounded to the nearest \$1000) of \$6000. Hence our net available for service on March 26, 2009 was \$3,558.62. At this point of time we had some major expenses, including the January Workshop, the WCRAASC in Casper, Wyoming and our contribution to the General Service Conference of \$1200. Typically, at the Spring Assembly we are into our Prudent Reserve as I expect we will be this year as well. I remember being a bit panicky last year at this time, and Jay let me know that this is normal. As some of you may remember from the February Committee meeting, I delivered some figures which were a bit less than encouraging. My humanness had come shining through. I transcribed some figures incorrectly. I am sincerely sorry and apologize deeply for the mis-information and for not taking better care in preparing my reports. My character defect came shining through once again. As I continue to work on this, I am continually amazed at your patience with me. Thank you for this opportunity to learn from these mis-judgments and calculations and for the opportunities to experience my

humanity and to express humility in making my amends. I am still amazed that you are giving me yet another opportunity to figure and manage Area 35's finances. Thank you very much for your trust in me. As a result of my imperfections a committee was formed to look back and discuss how to better track and

manage these funds. I believe this is an item to be discussed under new business, in which we will be discussing the possibility of a treasury audit. I must admit that on one hand this scares me and on the other, I actually find it to be a comforting thought. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunities you are entrusting me with, I continue to be blessed and to grow. As it is with most of us... I learn best my making mistakes and being allowed to rectify those errors. Yours in service, Beth E

~~~Committee Chair Reports~~~~~

@Cooperation with the Professional Community – Jon already shared the minutes from our meeting this morning. To all who are here for their first time, thank you for being here. Dee K

@Treatment -I want to thank everyone who attended the Area 35 Corrections/Treatment workshop on Friday, April 3, 2009. We had great participation and attendance at the event. Thank you to all the district chairs that assisted with the workshop and presented. We met this morning as a committee with nine members in attendance. Districts 5, 7, 8, 12, and 21 were represented. Skip from district 5 continues to bring meetings into Riverplace 1 times per month. He is also staying in contact with the Sherburne County Jail program. Bob from district 7 began bringing informational meetings in the Focus center in Brainerd. He stated that many of the groups in the area have taken over or had a history of bringing meetings into the local treatment facilities. Sherman from district 21 is working with Pine Manor to try to provide information for temporary contacts. He is also going in 1 time per month to provide a speaker and an informational meeting. Finally he is working with groups to try to provide sponsors for individuals attending the Evergreen House outpatient program. Butch and Pat from district 8 shared how a local treatment center has all their patients attending a beginners meeting that the district sponsors. They also have a Saturday night meeting at the Detox center. Pat reported that she had been meeting with different administrators discussing concerns that they have. She will be working with a new women's halfway house to provide information regarding the Bridging the Gap program. Tim the treatment chair from district 12 has been providing literature and speakers at the HRC in Superior. He discussed how past problems have caused difficulties with bringing meetings into the facility. He has also been working with the local district 12 corrections chair to collaborate efforts. Thanks to all the AA members who continue to work with treatment facilities and carry this life saving message to those who still suffer. Yours in service, Jim K

@Archives Chair - Good morning. After yesterday's marathon run down to Tech 3 I decided I needed to start a fitness routine. We had several present in our archives meeting Saturday morning who shared their activities with archives activities within their districts. (Bob also read the Archivist's report. See below.) Yours in service, Bob K

@Northern Light Editor - No report submitted. In service, Ed A

@Group Records Chair -I did not attend the WCRAASC in Casper, WY but I understand we were well represented. I am continuing to navigate the bulk mail system. On May 1st, there are new requirements for bulk mailing that roundup flyer mailers may need to know. You will be required to utilize some form of address service, choosing from return service or change service, etc. So just a heads up to the roundup committees who mail their flyers in addition to inserting them in the Northern Light. There is also a unique possibility for changing our mail status from bulk mailer to a periodical. Doing so will likely save us some money and will ease the transition upon rotation, at least financially; the transfer cost is around \$50. The statewide meeting locator is moving along. We meet about every 6 weeks using web and teleconferencing. Our last meeting was 3/28 and our next meeting is 5/9. This is an exciting process and I appreciate the opportunity to be involved. I also appreciate the pressure this puts on the accuracy of group records and will do my utmost to ensure the integrity of the data. Stop by and see me in the back of the room and I will make your group information changes on the spot for you. Hooray for technology! And as always please call or email anytime and I will try to help you in any way I can. Thanks for the opportunity to serve. Thank you. Audrey S

@Area Webmaster - No report submitted. Dan R

@Public Information- We had 21 people in attendance at our action committee meeting, with 5 visitors and 4 new CPC or PI chairs. Districts present at our meeting this morning were: 8, 6, 7, 3, 9, 5, 13, 1, 21. We discussed the need for zonal workshops in Zone III and IV. Zone III is having their workshop on June 13th from 1-3 pm at the Isanti Alano Club. The District chairs shared current activities including phone lines, luncheons, distributing information to professionals, putting on presentations in schools, dealing with anonymity breaks at the public level, and how to get more informed and more people involved. A letter has been drafted to send to Captain Bobo (sp?) regarding AA presenting at the re-integration session for returning troops. The State Fair booth was also discussed. I want to send a special thanks to Heidi. I just don't know where I would be without her. She is SUCH a wonderful person! Yours in service, Jon C

@Literature - We had 15 in attendance in our meeting this morning where we discussed the upcoming July 2009 price increase. I'd order now! If you email me I can order for you. Look for the new prices in the June catalog. Questions were brought up about all the changes being made to pamphlets and how much that costs. We discussed how the requests come from the districts to the area. The Districts present shared their current literature activities. Thanks for sending me to the WCRSC. It was a wonderful time of service and fellowship. Yours in service, Mike V

@Archivist -I attended the West central Regional service conference in Casper Wyoming and am grateful the Area sent me. The drive out was horrible but the conference was great. I attended the Archives breakout session and was able to offer some advice and get some advice at this session. I brought the Archives display to the big Ole round-up in Alexandria in March. This was the first time the display has been at this round-up due to a conflict with another event. I hope to be able to attend next year. There was a tremendous interest in the display and Mike had a run on the book "Experience, Strength and Hope." Several wanted to read the story "Lone Endeavor." The cataloging of the collection is making progress and I am getting a severe resentment to staples. The collection is missing the entire Area record from 2004 to Spring Assembly 2007. if anyone can provide me with copies of the minutes of Assemblies and Committee meetings and financial reports I will be very appreciative. The digitalizing of the cassette tapes is making progress. This will never be a complete collection since there are large gaps in the tapes. I will have the Display at the Superior round-up in 2 weeks. I will have the full display at the West Central Regional Forum in September. I cannot bring the display to the Duluth round-up this year due to the date conflict with the forum. Try as I might I have not yet been able to be in 2 places at once. Please keep those district minutes coming. My address and e-mail are in the Northern Light. Thanks again for this opportunity to be of service to the fellowship and Area 35. Brad I

@Grapevine- I only have two things to report. First, the Grapevine is having a contest to celebrate their 65th Anniversary. They are asking for answers to the sentence "the Grapevine is..." submit your thoughts at agrapevine.org or mail them to Contest Room 1040, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115. Secondly, some Grapevine books have increased in price, so you might want to stock up from our collection today. Some of our districts present at this mornings meeting reported some difficulties getting chairs filled, and getting people to subscribe, and others shared having great success in both areas. Yours in service, Lori R

@Corrections- 13 attended our morning meeting. As I was unable to attend the WCRAASC, I feel I was doing the area a disservice by not having a feel for the larger picture and a sense of the region, even though I prepared by reviewing the background information. So, we dedicated some time to going over existing business, obligations and plans and then we had an impressive discussion on the agenda items which showed that many members are putting thought and time into service work. Thank you all for guiding me through the land of agenda items. As for specifics, pertaining to signing legally binding documents in correctional facilities, as usual it boils down to each individuals decision, but we did have some suggestions. One was that the volunteer could announce to the inmates that they have signed the paper. More on that during our agenda item discussion. Thanks for letting me serve. Krishna Z

~~~DCM Reports~~~~~

**@District 1-** (Pricilla's daughter is expecting twins! So the report was given by Maria.) A Big Book study group has been started in Crookston, called the Carrying the Message group meets at 6:30 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. At the Crookston Public Library. Children are welcome to come and read or play on the computers. The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling was held on Sat., March 14 hosted by Al-anon. There was good participation and involvement. Thanks to all who helped. 75 people attended. Districts 1, 2, 16, and 21 will once again be joining together to host our delegate's report back on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Bemidji Alano Club. I am missing you all and wish you a productive weekend filled with laughter and fellowship. I am hoping these twin boys will come soon and we'll all be able to breathe a little easier! Staying sober through service, Pricilla A

**@District 2-** Good morning. At our last district meeting we had 8 in attendance. We always have a great time. I apologize for not making the last meeting in Atikin. We had a round-up that weekend and I think it was the best one yet. Our attendance was 153 and 132 at our banquet. We usually get 120, so we actually have some money in the bank now! We had some excellent speakers and Charlie really stirred up some interest in sponsorship. I went to a meeting up in Badger and spoke, and now have 3 more people interested in speaking at meetings and one interested in getting into service work. We have a good time up there; meetings are growing and we are trying to get the message to more Native Americans in the area. I would like to thank everyone for the great time we had at the workshop in Bemidji. You all did a great job and thanks for the time you give to others. Art A

**@District 3-** Thanks to the alternate DCM for covering for me the last few months as I traveled 1900 miles from 85 degree weather just so I could be here today! We are well represented this weekend and have added two new GSRs recently. Our website is top notch and is regularly updated and our phone line is up and running well. WE have a GSR school event on May 16<sup>th</sup> and are currently on a new group push where we are handing out packets to groups we visit who haven't been involved in the district. We also have a big speaker event coming up in September titled "Carrying the AA message Effectively Through Sponsorship, Workshops, And the AA home Group." Keep checking our calendar on the website for more events. We have filled our vacant CPC chair which is a relief.

Thanks Terry! All of our committee people are preparing for the spring and supper push. Our district meetings are held in Perham and are well attended because we have donuts!! I have brought our GSRs consciences and look forward to sharing them. WE are also continuing to work on area events like the upcoming Zone II Forum, the Regional Forum in September, and the Spring 2010 Assembly. Love you all! Thanks for letting me hang out with you! Bill D

**@District 4** - Good morning. District 4 asked me to go to the WCRAASC to get background information, after which I gave a report at the district meeting which was the same weekend as the Roundup, so attendance was low. I handed out group voting ballots to assist GSRs with the vote. Attendance at meetings is good. The moral of the story is not to schedule the business meeting during a round-up. Your trusted servant, Bruce W

**@District 5**-Greetings and blessings from all of us in District 5. It is good to be with all of you here this weekend and I am truly grateful for the honor and privilege to be of service. We all know that are here this weekend that it will be filled with love, compassion, laughter and fellowship, as we come together for the good of Alcoholics Anonymous. We have been quite busy in District 5 with many items on our calendar so far this year. We met as a District on Monday, March 16th and went over the agenda items for this weekend's Spring Assembly. We have scheduled JoAnne to do her report back from the General Service Conference with us on Monday June 15th at 6:00 pm. We our having a District Inventory on Monday, May 18th at 7:00 pm. As some of you know Tom A. has graciously accepted our invitation to help us out. He emailed a very lengthy and thorough Inventory List and it was distributed among all of us at our last District meeting in preparation for this upcoming event. We truly welcome this opportunity to look at our growth as a District and ways that we can all be of better service to Alcoholics Anonymous. A special thanks again to Tom for taking the time to help us grow as trusted servants of this fellowship. We have recently added another new GSR to our District. Jack J. is from a new group that recently started at the Elk River Alano Club on Friday mornings at 10:00 am. I would like to welcome him and Squad 10 at 10 to our list of 40 meetings and thank them for the opportunity I had to visit them and talk to them about service and District 5. They wasted no time getting registered as a group with GSO and electing a GSR. We also had two more groups from the Milaca Alano Club, the Thursday, 11:00 am Grapevine meeting and the Sunday night 6:00 pm meeting get registered with GSO. The list of groups left to get registered in District 5 is becoming less and less as we now have over 90% . Thanks to all the groups thus far that have done this important task. Our Monday night "A Different Way" group held their 2nd annual open speaker meeting on March 30th. Sue S. our Corrections chair shared her experience, strength and hope with us and did a wonderful job. Thanks to her and that group for providing a great night of fellowship. I attended the Area Corrections/Treatment Workshop here in Brainerd last night. Special thanks to Jim K. and Krishna Z. and all the presenters for passing on a mountain of information. You all did a great job! I attended the West Central Conference in Casper, Wyoming February 27th thru March 1st. How does one put into words what an amazing and spiritual experience this was?! The passion and love amongst this fellowship and it's members anywhere you go continues to keep me forever grateful and humble. Although I have been working on trying to keep my DCM reports shorter there are so many I feel I need to thank. JoAnne and Sarah my traveling partners for the safe trip to and from with wonderful conversation and laughter, Beth and Kathy my roommates that had to put up with my snoring (so they say), my many good friends from right here in Area 35 that attended that weekend along with meeting so many others from different states. I like to thank all that worked on putting the Conference together from the Delegates to the greeters and for the opportunity to be a part of something so powerful! This years Agenda Items were discussed with passion and enthusiasm and I learned so much and was able to pass that information on to District 5 to help us when we went over them as a group. Special thanks to JoAnne and the Area for allowing me the opportunity to moderate the DCM breakout session there and Sarah for taking the minutes. We had 49 in attendance and had a great discussion. It was good to hear and see how other DCM's from other areas do service. And last I would like to thank District 5 for the opportunity to serve and for their support in allowing me to attend this conference. Yours in service, Kelly D

**@District 6**- Things In district #6 are going well, thanks to all the GSRs and District chairs; they make it easy for me. I have learned a lot this first year and hope to carry the message and do a better job this next year. Thanks for letting me serve. Jack J

**@District 7**-Hello, I am Lee Ann a very grateful recovering alcoholic. All of our positions are filled in District 7. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with registration this weekend. Welcome to all GSR's attending today. You are a vital link in keeping AA operating as a whole. Next month we will be going over our calendar and planning our 2009 events. Last year was extremely busy - we got a lot accomplished. All our events/workshops will be on the area 35 website [www.area35.org](http://www.area35.org), so please check that for upcoming events and please print them and share them with your groups. We have had some new faces at our district meetings and all are very eager to be of service. It's awesome to see. Bob, our Treatment Chair, held the 1st Informational Meeting for patients in treatment and their families at the Focus Treatment center in Brainerd, on February 26th. He said that it went very well. This will take place every other month. The meeting was very well received, from what Bob shared. Thank you, Bob for putting this together. Our meeting visits will begin in April - we have been working on putting together packets that include information on the 7th Tradition, GSR positions, group change forms, contact information for the area and the AA help Line, The AA Group and information on getting involved at the District/Area level. Through this we will also update the meeting information. We currently have about 78 meetings in District 7. Our groups are growing by leaps and bounds, so everyone has offered to help with the meeting visits. Arden, the Alternate DCM and Tim our CPC attended the West Central Regional AASC and helped so much in sharing background information during our 2 discussions in March. So I feel very prepared in representing the District during this weekends agenda. Thanks to Arden and Tim, the GSR's and others in District 7 that hung in there for a couple of late nights. On a sad note, Tim B., our past Treatment Chair passed away on March 3rd. He will be deeply missed. Please keep his family in your prayers. Hi funeral was a wonderful testimony to who Tim was and you could see the effect he has had on so many people in his life. This year, so far, has been a lot easier than last year. When I quit being scared that I wasn't going to do everything right, and I gave it to God, its amazing how well things went after that. Thanks everyone for allowing me to be of service - it's a humbling experience and its an honor. Peace. Bless you! LeeAnn H

**@District 8**-I am glad to see such a great turnout here this weekend from District 8. I attended the WCRAASC and heard a wide perspective of views from the whole region. It was a nice ride out there; we had a full car, and were stuck with the same people for over 20 hours. Just kidding. It was great; I'd do it over and over. Our district is hard at work trying to carry the message through service. It is great to serve the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Yours in service, Robert (Butch) R

**@District 9**- Good morning. All things area well in district 9. Our chairs are busy; corrections is working with 9 facilities, trying to get volunteers involved. At our district meeting we filled all our positions and we now have an alternate DCM. We also have new people attending the meeting, some of whom are here today. I have been talking to past DCM about some things going on with the district, including self-support, to get his experience and suggestions. I will be bringing up for discussion at the next district meeting how we can work together to support groups. We have about 13 people attending our meeting and about 29 meetings in our district, which is a testament to them sharing information. GSRs who attend the district meeting are working together and sharing their experience with other groups. I want to thank our district for supporting me to attend the WCRAASC. I had a wonderful trip with Beth E., our area treasure. Yours in service, Robert Sanders, (612)990-4227, [tredispenc@aim.com](mailto:tredispenc@aim.com).

**@District 11**-We just held our meeting on the 3rd of March. I brought the agenda items which we discussed portions of, but some were upset because they didn't have enough time to go over the background information. Unfortunately, we have time crunch with discussion of agenda items. 16 people were present at that meeting. Now we will be discussing when to have JoAnne give her report back. Thank you, Doug N

**@District 12**- Hello everyone. We are doing well, our action committees are really putting a lot of time and effort into the committees. Treatment and Corrections are working together to reach the treatment and correctional facilities. Our PI and literature are trying to get a luncheon set up. We had an additional meeting to distribute the background information and then we had a snowstorm, so then I tried to reach all the GSRs to get them the information in the following weeks. We are getting more people involved in district and I am hoping it will continue to grow so we can have the active and involved district that should be. Tim H

**@District 13**- Good morning. I enjoyed the WCRAASC and was also able to attend the Southern MN Assembly to hear there discussion on the State Fair Booth, and to work on presenting for returning service people at their reintegration meetings. We had two meetings for agenda items, one to hand out and one to discuss. We have a new PI chair and a new ad hoc committee in charge of the phone line. We are looking for a new CPC chair and hopefully will fill that soon. We are bringing meetings in to treatment facilities, two jails, and one prison. I need to work on motivating some of our district action committee chairs to attend Area events. We are looking forward to the WCRF in September and have a host committee in place! In service, Roger R

**@District 15**- Not present-no report submitted. Sandy H

**@District 16**- Greetings from District 16. We recently put on a sponsorship workshop in March which was well attended with over 40 participants. Ideas for further workshops were generated and the groups are talking about various options. Thank you Dan for helping out with this endeavor. May 1st is the date of the District Public Information breakfast, Information and invitations are being sent out to various professionals. Our treatment needs are being covered by individuals and groups ranging from speaker meetings to informational meetings. We hope to expand the number of people involved. Corrections recently shipped two requests for women to correspond with soon to be released inmates, and the women are being contacted. Our literature chair has stuffed our racks with new pamphlets. Yours in service, Mary C

**@District 17**- Currently no DCM.

**@District 18**- Not present-no report. Doreen L

**@District 21**- Good morning family of choice. Things are going well in 21; there is a long way to go. We are trying to do the next right thing and things seem to fall into place. One thing we are working on is increasing GSR attendance. 3 years ago today we resurrected the jail program in District 21. Now we have 2 meetings a week for both men and women. All our action chairs are bringing enthusiasm and gratitude and it just grows and grows and in contagious. We had 11 pp from 21 here this weekend including all our action chairs. CPC/PI had 2 presentations in the schools. Our treatment chair has brought passion to many different treatment centers and put on informational meetings there as well. Our Grapevine chairs is visiting many groups, and as a result there were 3 new sub-

scriptions this month. A week or two ago Dan, JoAnne and Sarah brought their enthusiasm to our district and it went well; there were about 30 or so people there. We plan to have a meditation workshop and a Big Book study weekend this summer. We had a special meeting for the background information and tried to do our best to go over it. 2-3 months ago we switched to meeting every month as a district. We get to carry the message, and stay sober, just one more day. How blessed we are. Harold S

~~~2009 Agenda Item Discussion~~~~~

(Some of the agenda items were paraphrased, as were the discussions.)

®Agenda:

- A. Review suggestions for theme of GSC.** Breakout session recommendations: Our common welfare should come first; Faith-The Joy of Living; Finding Our Strength Within; Maximum Service to God and Others; Setting an Example-Attract Into Service.
- B. Discuss presentation topic ideas for the 2010 GSC.** Breakout session recommendations: Strength Through the 12 Steps; Strength Through Prayer; Strength in Service.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for 2010 GSC.** Breakout session recommendations: Understanding Unanimity; The Value of Our Past; Tiers of Sponsorship; Not Just a Meeting; Unity.
- D. Review the GSC Evaluation form.** Breakout discussion: agree-everyone equal on floor presentation.

® Cooperation with the Professional Community:

- A. Consider draft video segments directed to professionals in the employment/human relations field.** Breakout discussion: can't see it, already paid for. All in favor of video segments.
- B. Review contents of CPC kit and workbook.** Breakout discussion: nothing to vote on. Kit was already updated.
- C. Discuss specific possible uses of GV and La Vina in CPC endeavors.** Breakout discussion: grey pages will confuse others regarding us being affiliated with outside enterprises/agencies etc. But, it also has a lot of good information. Hard time promoting it when its no longer our meeting in print. Could include them in workbook kits. Leave order forms with the professionals.

®Corrections:

- A. Review contents of kit and workbook.** Breakout discussion: Consensus: yes, keep doing it.
- B. Consider alternatives to biennial mailings to corrections professionals.** Breakout discussion: considered alternatives; suggestion: shorten the letter and a contact name and information to be added to the letter. Many were sent out, and response was poor. Maybe GSO should work through local areas to send out the letters; GSO could send out and allow Areas to edit the letters and update with their own information before mailing it back, and then offer follow up with the correctional facility.
- C. Consider updating the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."** Breakout discussion: Yes, everyone was in agreement to update it. Apparently they missed some stuff in the last update. Request update of language. *Straw vote (of assembly): substantial unanimity in favor of updating.*
- D. Discuss issues that may be involved in AA members' complying with the rules of correctional facilities, such as signing "sponsorship agreements" or legally binding documents.** Background: a request was made for GSO to create information regarding how to deal with rules and regulations of correctional facilities, and to add to the agenda an item asking for discussion on issues that might come up in dealing with correctional facilities. Specifically dealing with the correctional facilities "Rape Report Act," which includes training for volunteers where they are signing legally binding documents. Breakout discussion: Don't necessarily need to create new literature to address this. Rather, we should share information and experience instead that can be added to existing literature like the guidelines.

®Finance:

- A. Review material submitted...pertaining to the conference advisory action that the trustees finance committee gather input from the fellowship on the benefits and liabilities, both spiritual and practical of fully funding GSO services to the fellowship... by the voluntary contributions of AA members and groups.** Background and breakout session discussion: consensus was that our traditions clearly state we ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. 1991: 65% of our literature income came from outside entities. Are we being fiscally responsible. Negates ability to exercise the power of the purse because they can just use literature to subsidize. Other side: literature still ends up in hands of alcoholics. Groups buying books is in effect a contribution to GSO. (Many other points were raised regarding the practical issues this item brought up.) Floor discussion: Suggestions were made to help individuals, the Area, and groups increase focus on self-support and being prudent, including that the GSR can educate the group on self-support or the Area can mail out contribution envelopes with the minutes, as well as the suggestion that GSO should focus on being prudent and cutting costs (email instead of mail). Also raised were concerns that literature sales are usurping contributions, and that individuals need to take responsibility for this by contributing more and talking about self-support. We also must consider the potential problems and dangers with relying so much on literature sales, and that we ought to have/put a plan in place, with the goal of being fully self-supporting, to increase contributions and we need to make a commitment to work towards increasing self-support. The truth is that we are not self-supporting, they keep spending and if they need more money, they raise literature prices (without even telling all trustees on the board.) We need to be strict: tell them, you cannot spend anything other than what we send you. *Straw vote: Unanimously in favor of becoming self-supporting.*
- B. Discuss request to produce a Seventh Tradition poster.** Breakout discussion: Not in favor of this. Floor discussion: Not in favor of this.
- C. Discuss other aspects of self-support.** No discussion.

®AA Grapevine:

- A. Review contents of AA Grapevine and La Vina Workbook.** No discussion.
- B. Consider request to rescind the 2007 Conference Advisory Action recommending that the Grapevine and La Vina include a section on the medical, legal, and social aspects of alcoholism.** Breakout discussion: Consensus was to get rid of the grey pages. Floor discussion: We need to also walk the walk and submit our stories and be involved in the Grapevine. *Straw vote: Substantial unanimity in favor of removing the "Grey pages."* Minority opinion: We are living in fear here. There is nothing wrong with them. We ought to be friendly with our friends and learn about stuff like this; it might be helpful in the future and worthwhile to have in the Grapevine. Don't see that any traditions are being violated here. We have the Dr.'s opinion in the big book which is the same thing. (Clarification was offered regarding the parliamentary procedure. As we are not in formal proceedings (no official votes) and so there is no minority opinion after the straw vote, but all should speak during general discussion.)
- C. (Paraphrased) Consider request that the 2004 Conference Advisory Action be rescinded regarding distribution and subscription limitations placed on the Grapevine as well as the requirement that they adopt standardized sales practices and pricing structures for AA purchasers.** Breakout discussion: Overwhelming majority against rescinding this. Do not sell Grapevines in facilities or change pricing. Floor discussion: It would benefit us to be able to buy the Grapevine at a bookstore. How will selling books to other facilities lower our subscription prices? If we give them a discount, they get profits from raised prices, not us. Give them a subscription form. *Straw vote: substantial unanimity against rescinding this advisory action.*

®Literature:

- A. Review the revised draft pamphlet "The AA Member- Medications and Other Drugs."** Breakout discussion: We didn't have any actual changes to review to see what we are approving, so we will let JoAnne use her best judgement. Floor discussion: none.
- B. Review the revised draft pamphlet "AA for the Native North American."** Breakout discussion: Again, didn't see the stories so we can't review. JoAnne will have to decide if the content is appropriate.
- C. Consider the request that the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" be revised toward eliminating or revising outmoded ethnic, cultural and vocational references.** Breakout discussion: Some material was outdated. Still don't know what updates will be. Floor discussion: We have the common problem, that is all we need to decide. *Straw vote: mixed, slightly more opposed to updating it.*
- D. Consider a request to develop a new special needs recovery pamphlet for newcomers and prospective members.** Breakout discussion: Came from a GSO staff member who serves on this committee. Felt we already have effective pamphlets and service material for this: "So You Think You're Different," and several AA guidelines, as well as a *Special Needs Workbook* which has already been created and is a service piece which will not go through conference approval, but it was made for a committee that does not yet exist. There are too many special needs; how would we make a pamphlet for this. Floor discussion: Is there a need? Why aren't service pieces approved by conferences? Are committees looking at the workbook? It starts a slippery slope of more and more books on how to work with alcoholics, and that is why we have the Big Book. It tells us how to work with other alcoholics. That is all we need. It's concerning when

things come out of committee rather than from the fellowship, especially when they come up repeatedly under different committees. We'll be paying for something we didn't ask for, and spending money we didn't give them and they don't have. Stop creating new pamphlets and use what we have. The label "special needs" needs more study and discussion, and a working definition of what it is. Concern is that the focus will become differences rather than commonality: alcoholism. *Straw vote: Substantially opposed.*

*****In the interest of time, it was suggested that from this point on we only cover "consider" items and those that were listed on the hot topic list. Straw vote: unanimous agreement.**

E. Consider request to add a sentence to the pamphlet "A Newcomer Asks" that encourages newcomers to obtain and study the Big Book. Breakout discussion: yes, in support of this. *Straw vote: mixed-near even split.*

F. Consider request to change the title fo the pamphlet "44 Questions" to "Frequently asked Questions about AA." Breakout discussion: No. Floor discussion: No need to change. Too nit-picky. Costs? (Unknown-minimal). *Straw vote: substantial unanimity opposed to changing it.*

G. Discuss whether there is a need to develop Conference-approved literature that focuses on the topics of spirituality, and agnostics or atheists/nonbelievers in AA. Floor discussion: There's an entire chapter in the Big Book on this. *Straw vote: unanimously opposed developing any literature on this topic.*

H. Consider request to publish a book of stories from members living in remote communities. Breakout discussion: Majority opposed. Too broad of a community. Hard to get an adequate cross-section. Use the Grapevine. Floor discussion: Use the Grapevine. Don't need to cater to everyone, use what we have. We do have special editions of the GV which are devoted to the remote communities; maybe they could extend this to cover more. *Straw vote: substantial unanimity against publishing this book.*

I. Consider request to develop a second volume of Daily Reflections. Floor discussion: Is it needed? Will it raise money, which we need? Too much literature publishing. Financially we ought not incur more printing cots. We don't have much literature like this and it might be nice to update it with some new stuff. Use the Grapevine-have members send in reflections. *Straw vote: substantial unanimity opposed to creating another volume.*

J. Consider request to develop a video on the GSR. Floor discussion: Read the GSR kit, the Service Manual, and you won't need a video. Have an orientation for new GSRs. *Straw vote: Substantial unanimity opposed to developing a video.*

@Policy and Admissions:

D. Consider a request to formulate a procedure for filing a minority appeal directly with the GSC, as described in Bill W's commentary on Concept V. Breakout discussion: unanimous agreement to consider this request. Floor discussion: Why do we need a process when the *Service Manual* covers it. *Straw vote: substantial unanimity in favor of this.*

E. Discuss proposal requesting a GSC inventory. Breakout discussion: consensus to discuss-do an inventory. Floor discussion: Yes, should have an inventory, but the delegates should be actively involved and be able to offer input. General Service Board might have to cut out some workshops and presentations to allow time to study the concepts and conduct the inventory, and the inventory should focus on the office and how they're doing business. *Straw vote: unanimous agreement-do an inventory.*

@Public Information:

A. Consider 2008 annual report from the trustees' committee on PI regarding GSO's AA website. Breakout discussion: report contains changes and updates and summary of actions. It is just a report. Voted yes. Floor discussion: none. *Straw vote: unanimously in favor.*

B. Consider request to add the text "Provide initial motivation" to the section "What AA does NOT do" in the pamphlet "AA At A Glance." Breakout discussion: unanimously opposed to adding this. *Straw vote: unanimously opposed.*

D. Consider draft wall poster for young people with information about AA. *Straw vote: substantial unanimity opposed.*

E. Straw vote: unanimously opposed.

F. PSAs

4. Review revised draft script of "Combination Radio PSAs on CD" and consider recording revised script. Floor discussion: we should talk about how they are spending our money. We are creating these and spending what we don't have. Write a letter, use your voice and tell them how we feel about this. We voted on and passed these things at the conference-even when we are in the minority-and we sometimes have to live with the group conscience. We need to take responsibility for this and educate our delegates. *Straw vote: substantial unanimity opposed to updating.*

G. Consider draft of the AA Videos for Young People project. Floor discussion: I am a young person and a sponsor helped me; face-to-face contact, not a video. *Straw vote: substantial unanimity opposed to creating.*

H. Consider draft 2010 AA Membership Survey Questionnaire. *Straw vote: substantial unanimity in favor of.*

I. Consider the need to clarify the importance of not breaking the anonymity of living AA members in memorial announcements when one of the Fellowship dies. Breakout discussion: maybe we could add it to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity." Most were opposed to addressing this. We can't control what everyone does. Floor discussion: PI chairs have information regarding our anonymity at the public level we could use. Maybe it is our individual responsibility as an AA member to educate our own families, or add it to wills. *Straw vote: substantial unanimity opposed to this clarification.*

@Report and Charter:

A. The AA Service Manual

1. Consider adding the term of non-trustee directors to the section describing trustee directors are selected on page S75. *Straw vote: unanimously in support of this.*

2. Consider suggestion to add the GSR preamble to the AA Service Manual. *Straw vote: Substantial unanimity opposed to this.*

3. Consider proposal that every change to the Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service be approved by the GSC. *Straw vote: Unanimously in support of this.*

4. Consider suggestion to change the title "Conference Language" on page s19 to "Glossary of Conference Terms." *Straw vote: Substantial unanimity in support of this.*

5. Consider suggestion to add text regarding the desirability fo business or professional background for regional and at-large trustees to the section "Qualifications of an Effective Trustee" on page s63. *Straw vote: Unanimously against it.*

7. Consider suggested revision regarding the term of service of Appointed Committee Members on page s70. *Straw vote: Unanimously in support of this.*

8. Consider request to clarify language on page s65 regarding nominating a regional trustee in the same year as nominating a trustee-at-large. *Straw vote: Substantial unanimity in support of this.*

10. Consider suggestion to insert the page reference "(see page s63)" in the section on Regional Trustees found on page s65. *Straw vote: Substantial unanimity opposed to this.*

11. Consider suggestion to add cross-references to area numbers and area names. *Straw vote: Substantial unanimity in support of this.*

@Treatment Facilities:

B. Discuss proposal that Treatment facilities include literature to specifically address out patient treatment facilities. Breakout discussion: unanimously opposed to this. *Straw vote: unanimously opposed.*

C. Discuss request that the conference committee on treatment facilities expanded to include service to special needs committees and that the name be changed. Breakout discussion: in favor of this. Floor discussion: odd appendage to the Treatment Facilities committees. Isolates and separates groups-destroys

our unity. Why treatment? Why not all categories? It fits in everywhere-not just one thing. It should stand on its own if we have it, cuz every committee has special needs. *Straw vote: Substantial unanimity opposed to this.*

@International Conventions/Regional Forums:

B. Consider a broadcast of the 2010 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony. Breakout discussion: started in 2005. 14 General Service Offices accessed the site and 63 areas did. The cost is covered by the convention entrance fees. Our opinion is, whatever. *Straw vote: substantial unanimity* ““whatever” vote.

@GSR SHARING SESSION REPORT: Copies of the minutes were made and distributed to all GSRs. If you would like to obtain a complete copy, please contact the GSR chairperson, secretary, or any GSR who was present. The questions discussed were: How or who can bring agenda items, how do we encourage newcomer to commit to a home group, how do we safely address singleness of purpose, how do you separate Alano finances from AA finances, and how do we educate ourselves as trusted servants. Questions raised for discussion at the Fall Assembly: 1) Are we being prudent with our group’s funds? 2) How do we encourage groups to contribute to the three entities: District, Area and GSO? 3) How can we contribute without a prudent reserve? 4) How do we encourage more fellowship before and after meetings? 5) How do we organize a business meeting where members actually show up? 6) How can we as a group of GSRs encourage rotation? This is Area 35 and I love this place!

@DCM SHARING SESSION REPORT: Thanks to LeAnn H. for taking minutes. She is extremely thorough, so be aware of that if you ask her to take minutes, she’ll take it all down! All DCMs have volunteered to fill the 11 positions JoAnne requested for the WCRF in Northern MN, September 2009. We also discussed the upcoming elections and rotation. The consensus was to vote in September for the new chairs to get them to come to the Fall Assembly with the current chairs. It was mentioned that nominees need to be approached beforehand rather than blind siding someone at the meeting, and they need to be willing to do the work. We can’t just force them in there if they aren’t going to do the work. We need to make sure they have the time, understand what is expected of them in the position, and are willing to follow through with the commitment. They may not be qualified but if they are willing, they can learn. We should read the directions in the *Service Manual* for the requirements of the position and we should encourage rotation. We also discussed that it is sometimes better to leave the position open than fill it with someone who has no interest in doing the work and spread the work among current chairs. Get GSRs to ask pp from their groups to take positions. Get information to the GSRs about the service structure and their responsibilities, and fulfilling DCM responsibilities to the new GSRs. We discussed the GSR school in District 3. And we talked about trusting in God to lead people in their positions; if they are willing God will do the rest, and that the Districts will not fall apart when we rotate out. Strong sponsorship is needed to support people in the positions. Also, JoAnne doing the “impact” items was very helpful.

~~~~OLD BUSINESS~~~~

**@State Fair Booth:** (Background: John (CPC Chair) requested all GSRs and DCMs discuss with their groups whether they want to continue staffing and supporting the State Fair Booth. So, do we think this a good expenditure? This item was discussed extensively at the February Committee Meeting, including how financially prudent and effective it is, how well it succeeds in reaching the newcomer, and staffing issues. Eventually a motion was made not to participate, but it was brought up that since this was sent to GSRs for discussion/input of the groups, we should wait until the Spring Assembly. A Motion was made to table the previous motion: 2nded ~15 in favor, ~5 opposed. It was to be tabled to be added to the agenda for Spring Assembly.) At the Spring Assembly Jon C. Posed the question and provided the above summary as well as some background information including volunteer involvement and costs associated with it. Area 36 discussed this in March, and the Area 36 PI chair informed Jon that they are in favor of continuing the booth at this time may be seeking more support from us both in volunteers and financially. *Floor discussion:* Someone reported that there were pretty equally mixed opinions on this at Area 36 assembly; they had a pro/con discussion covering issues of prudence, prime location, and effectiveness in carrying the message. They are committed for 2009, but are still considering 2010. If they are committed we should hang in there to support them-it would be bad to pull out on them now. Maybe we could suggest a more in depth form for volunteers to fill out documenting and measuring what is going on during each shift-who came up, what was taken, etc., so we can have a more informed opinion on the effectiveness of the booth. Big decision-don’t make it quickly-really think about it. Maybe moving to the healthcare area instead of our current location might help. We can’t document and measure the effect our presence at the fair might have on others. The amount of literature taken from a staffed booth is much less than that at an un-staffed booth-we should consider that option (we don’t have that option with the state fair as they require a staffed booth). **The person (Robert) who made the motion at the February committee meeting NOT to participate in the State Fair booth withdrew this motion. The second was also withdrawn. A Motion was made for Area 35 to support the State Fair booth this year with 2 days of volunteers, with financial support not to exceed \$500. (2nded) Discussion on the motion:** the majority of districts which shared were in favor of this. Other DCMs shared being split on this or being opposed. There was a slight majority to near even split of GSRs who shared in favor this. Sharing from the floor was mixed with a majority in favor of continuing with it this year, but many questions were raised about continuing it in the future, including: are we promoting AA? (It was pointed out that we don’t call people in or try to vocally or actively promote AA.) Does it imply affiliation? Are we abducting our responsibility? Is it doing good/needed? Is it financially prudent? All agreed that a better record keeping method should be in place to record visitors to the booth so we can have this information when we consider doing the booth again in the future. It was also agreed by the majority that literature does go better at unstaffed booths, but this isn’t an option with the State fair booth. Are there other more effective alternatives, like participation in treatment fairs or PI presentations. If we want to do this, we need to support it financially through out groups and districts. *Vote was called (Who votes: GSRs or alternates, DCMs or alternates, Area Officers and Area Action Committee Chairs) Vote: substantial unanimity in favor of continuing to support the State Fair booth for the 2009 year with 2 days of volunteers and financial support not to exceed \$500. Motion passed.*

**@Area 35/36 Joint Workshop Format:** (Background: Per Jay’s request, as he was unsure what the format should be, Niles created the schedule and the format changed for 2008 from the previous years. There was mixed response to this. At the December Committee meeting, Jay emailed a copy of both formats to the DCMs to take to the groups, Area Chairs, and Area Officers for consideration of which format they would prefer. He got 9 responses-4 from Area Officers, 3 DCMs and 3 Committee Chairs. 7 in support of using the old format where every committee and each of the officers met separately. 2 liked the new format where 3 general themes were created and every committee and officers were divided and assigned to one of the 3 themes.) **Jay asked for a straw vote on who wanted the original format: substantial unanimity in favor of going back to the original format.** Floor discussion: if we are going to do this annually, we should set an annual date and a policy that the second year chair be in charge of organizing and setting up the event. Jay agreed. Area Officers will discuss at the June Area Committee Meeting.

**@2008 Area 35/36 Joint Workshop report back:** (Background: Per Area policy, the area chair, Jay, should be composing a report on this to be included in the Northern Light.)

**@Fall Assembly 2009:** At Barker’s Island facility room rental costs total \$1,000.

**@Spring Assembly 2010:** Zone II: Districts 3, 4, 15. DCMs from Zone II need to contact Jay with names of facilities for the 2010 Spring Assembly.

**@Fall Assembly 2010:** Zone I: Districts 16, 1, 2, and 21. DCMs from Zone I: 16, 1, 2, and 21, need to contact Jay ASAP with names of facilities for the 2010 Fall Assembly.

~~~~NEW BUSINESS~~~~

@Area 35 Financial Status: (Background: There was concern expressed that we were into our prudent reserve. However, it turned out that the Contributions and Expenditures sheet had a calculation error on it which Beth corrected (as noted in the February Meeting minutes). Definitely go back and tell your groups of the financial need at the Area level. Jay asked for volunteers among past Area Treasurers to form an ad hoc committee to look into this, which he will sit in on it as well. It was decided that this will also be a topic of discussion at the Spring Assembly and so will be on the agenda. The ad hoc committee met and came up with a chart of expenses and contributions and found that 10 groups have contributed about 30% of our total contributions to the Area.) Treasurer-Beth updated us that currently, as of the end of this weekend, Area 35 is \$80 into our prudent reserve. A DCM from a financially active district, Butch R. District 8, shared his experience with self-support in his district: Most groups in District 8 follow the suggested guides for donating to each of the three entities, they have business meetings, they are actively involved in the service structure, and they are willing to dig deep and contribute. There are four ways to encourage contributions: force, shame, sponsorship, example. The latter of the two is the greatest way to encourage contributions. District 8 has also always been prudent with money-we share rooms and watch expenses. This came about from a District which has traditionally already been strong in this, and I just get to carry it on. I continue to visit groups and carry this message, asking for additional help when we need it. We all chip in and contribute where we can, like baking treats for events rather than buying.

@Proposal to Conduct an Audit of the Treasury: Dan H., alternate delegate, reported the ad hoc committee suggestion that it is prudent to conduct an audit of the treasury. Many other Areas are already doing this. We will need to decide who will do it, and when will we do it. This came up because we found some errors in treasury reports where there were significant discrepancies in our finances. An audit will help ensure that our reports are accurate and reduce errors.

Having a standard software to be used by the treasurer will help keep things consistent, thus reducing transposing errors. Discussion from the floor was in support of doing an annual audit. *Jay requested that the body allow the ad hoc committee consisting of Tom A., Jay A., Dan H., Beth E., to look at the possibility of coming up with an annual auditing procedure. The body, by vocal agreement, showed their support of this.*

@It was brought up that at the February Committee Meeting Jay requested that DCMs and groups discuss ways for the Area to cut costs: Discussion: Several options were put forth including, email thank you letters rather than mail them to save costs. A suggestion was then made to ensure email formats are accessible to all. It was also brought up that the thank you letters also include contribution envelopes which are useful to increase reoccurring self-support. Or, the DCM could pick up a stack of letters to distribute when visiting the groups. DCMs visiting groups is very effective-ask for help if you as a DCM can't do it alone. Start looking at renting facilities from other places that are cheaper. We have to be cautious with this in how we care for rooms, as we'll have to pay for custodial services which can be more than conference rooms. Also, the comfort levels of other facilities are far less. Who will provide coffee? Why do we need to stay in hotels-we could stay with others, or we could camp. A lot of this goes back to my own inventory-what am I doing? What am I contributing? How am I spending money as area chair? As archivist? Be prudent in expenditures. Only 20% of the groups have given this year. Maybe that is the problem. We could pass the basket in the Area Assembly. GSRs discuss this with your group.

@West Central Regional Forum, September 11–13, 2009: This is a great opportunity for our Area, which we only get once every 16 years, so encourage your GSRs and everyone you know to take advantage of it. We have formed a host committee and at our DCM meeting we got more volunteers: Registration-Gayle S.; Literature-Doug N.; Greeters-Kelly D.; Translations-Doug N.; Workshops-Hal S.; Ask It Basket-Randy A.; AA meetings (room scheduling)-Bruce W. & Bill D.; Coffee-LeAnn H., Art A., & Robert S.; Ice cream-Audrey S.; Hospitality Queen-Mary C.; Attraction committee (to encourage attendance at the event)-Neil S. We'll be meeting in June and August regarding this and to get updates from the chairs and Roger R. will be acting as sort of our head honcho to organize our meetings and get updates.

@West Central Regional Service Conference, March 4-6, 2011: JoAnne suggested we start working on this now, at least to get a facility, and requested an ad hoc committee be formed. She asked for volunteers from Districts, Area Chairs and Officers, DCMs and asked that everyone go out in their local areas to find an appropriate facility-it will need to be near an airport. Jay volunteered to research Duluth/Superior; Christine volunteered to research St. Cloud; Butch R.; Dan H., Sarah K., Jim K., and Audrey also volunteered to help.

@Delegate Nominations for Panel 60 Delegates: Jay will send to all DCMs by email, and he handed out resumes for the new Area 35 Delegate, which will need to be turned in to the Area Chair, Jay A., **by the June committee meeting.** Jay will then turn them over to the Northern Light to be included in the July/August edition for all groups to review. We must/should have more than one name for delegate and every district should consider carefully who they ask to stand as our next leader. Good leadership is absolutely vital to AAs ongoing health, well-being, and existence.

@A request to get the background information sooner: JoAnne spoke to this. Our conference agenda item background information was and is distributed to the Area Delegates every day by February 15th. Then the delegate makes copies to distribute at the February Committee Meeting (the last Sunday in February) to all DCMs who are then responsible to distribute the information to all GSRs and groups. *Discussion:* One suggestion was to have the district hold two district meetings during the month of March, the first one shortly after the February Committee Meeting (during the first week of March) to distribute the materials and the second to get the groups' feedback. The reason we can't get the background information earlier from GSO is because the deadline for agenda items from the fellowship is January 15, then the board sets the agenda at the January Board Meeting, and then they send out the information by February 15 to all the delegates. Perhaps the Area Delegate could mail out the discs right when she gets them. Why can't we change the January deadline for background information? Focus on information that is most important to your group. Districts would have a hard time fronting the expenses for making copies for each group. Maybe we could not have a conference with agenda items every year, but every two years-it would save money.

@Ask it Basket: Thanks to all who participated! It was an exceptional weekend!

1. Can we audit GSO? We can't, but they are audited annually by an outside firm.

2. Is AA living (GSO) above our means a lot of businesses are laying off and watching budget/expenses? GSO is also. We are retiring people and not replacing them at GSO, but when we ask for services or are asked for services, we also need to start saying no to these requests.

3. What is with the straw vote? This is a voting assembly right? This is different than the last one agenda item discussion we had. No, the straw vote is how we have always done this. We just try to get a sense of the room to give to JoAnne.

4. In other Areas they bring back past area chairs, why do we ask the past delegates to come back? No one asks us to come back. We feel a great responsibility to come here and continue to give to AA, and help where ever we can, to support you, and to help you find your group conscience. Besides, with all the money the Area put in us over the years, they own us!

5. How can we approach professionals without breaking the attraction rather than promotion? Share personal experience with our own doctors, judges, lawyers, and definitely use our district committees to organize outreach, and utilize the CPC/PI workbook suggestions like organizing luncheons.

6. If we develop a second Daily Reflections will AA get the profit? Yes, we have a publishing company that produces and sells literature.

7. Do our AA employees in NY, get paid hourly or salaried and do they get bonuses? I don't think they get bonuses. The financial report is in the back of the final conference report. They do get retirement benefits; in fact, 15% of our budget goes to retirement benefits.

8. Can we impeach an officer in our District? 93-94 edition of the service manual had a section on what if the DCM fades away, which suggested that after missing one district meeting remind them, after two remove them. If the problem is them showing up but not fulfilling duties, I am not sure what to say. Look it up in *The Service Manual*.

9. Why are Area Committee Meetings always in Aitkin and not rotating? Likely, it is a current group conscience decision. A few years ago they considered rotating and it proved to be more of a hassle than it was worth. It has been working best, centrally located, food is provide and the facility is available. Then we don't have to worry about where the next one is being held and we don't have to rush around trying to find facilities. We have enough trouble finding places for assemblies, let alone the ACM which meets so frequently.

10. Are we (AA) trying to think of ways to save money? Mostly. Some individually, some collectively as area servants. We try to car pool to share expenses, watch travel costs, share rooms, etc. At the GSC I heard committee members complain because the GM was telling them to cut expenses by 10%. The area chair tries to negotiate cheaper room prices and coffee deals. So I think we are mostly constantly looking for ways to be prudent.

11. Why do panel numbers rotate? It comes from numbering all the conferences from the very first conference and since the Delegates serve for two years, it is every two years.

12. You tell duly addicted pp to go elsewhere, what about Dr. Bob who was taking pills and drinking, would you tell him to go elsewhere? This is likely from Friday night. For clarification, I apologize to anyone who felt I was referring to duly addicted people. As long as you have a problem with alcohol you are more than welcome to attend meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous. But if you are *not an alcoholic* we should be directing people to the right fellowship. We are most likely the most negative impact on NA by harboring addicts rather than referring them to NA.

13. How do you get home group members to donate more? Talk about money. As simple as that, it works. There are all different kinds or plans out there, the \$3 plan, the 12x12x12, putting the lowest denomination bill in your wallet in, but if you talk about it in your groups, contributions will continue to grow. It is hard to talk about, and some pp might leave (when you talk about money the guilty pp leave!) But to get more money you have to talk about it and lead by example.

14. Are there any rules of policies in place regarding passing a second basket around in an AA group to collect money for an AA member's need or for a potluck? I don't know of any specific policies or procedures. But in my opinion, in "What AA Does and Doesn't Do", it says AA doesn't provide financial assistance to its members. Think of what the newcomer who sees this might think? Are there other ways to raise the money other than passing a basket. Could

you approach each member individually after the meeting. Same deal with the potluck, maybe it could be collected later, after the meeting is closed.

15. How do I change my home group from an open to a closed meeting? Attend the business meeting, or start one if you don't have one. Discuss the differences between both and get a group conscience. It's up to the group to decide. If that doesn't work, you could start a new one.

16. Why do we keep revising pamphlets. Why not keep them the same or throw them away. In 12 step work we do the foot work. I think most pp agree with that, but sometimes pamphlets are very useful tools to leave with others or help inform others. When you have literature, it gets outdated and needs updating. It's a fine line between what we need to update and what is ok.

17. Look at all the time wasted. We could have been carrying the message to others. Why are we wasting time to tear apart a video. Who is "they?" They want this/they want that. All these stupid political issues scare me away from service. Don't we have enough to worry about with just staying sober? Well, They are us. Anyone can submit an item to the agenda. At times it does seem time gets wasted, but it is essential to getting a group conscience. And more important, our discussion helps us to stay down the middle and find what is best for AA as a whole, rather than taking an extreme side. Our videos also reflect on AA, especially if they are poorly made, and that will affect the newcomer. Every word means something, literature carries the message, and it's our responsibility to look at it. It's not the most glamorous job, but it needs to be done. Besides, I was on a 12 step call with a shot gun and that wasn't very glamorous. We should focus on our multiple responsibilities, and I don't feel that any time is wasted. This allows us to go out there with AA and make it available to those still suffering.

18. Why can't the coffee be down here? It would have been more expensive to bring it down here; they would have charged us more.

19. Please give us some advice regarding a DCM who is not doing their local duties but will attend area functions. This was covered above under number eight. See also the "Servants or Senators" article which was passed around during the GSR orientation and was also published in the Northern Light—we all need to act in that fashion. Also, too often we accept mediocrity when something should be said about it so we can really fulfil our duties, and be willing to serve.

19. How or who can vote-in district chairs. It depends on district, generally DCMs, GSRs, and action committee chairs. At area committee meetings: Area officers, action committee chairs, and DCMs. When discussing before DCMs visiting districts, it would also help if area officers and chairs would go visit district meetings. It makes a big difference. It would really help to inspire people too.

20. Can anyone any alcoholic attend the General Service Conference? No, attendance is limited to delegates, GSO staff and trustees and we invite guests from foreign countries. That is the beauty of what we are doing now. Somehow we need to get our group consciences to NY. It would be impossible to have every AA member there, it would be completely unmanageable, how would we vote? That is why we have this service structure.

21. Is there any way to cut back expenses to the conference? The approximate cost to GSO to send our Delegate to the General Service Conference is \$4,3000, and our Area pays \$1,200. As for the WCRAASC, very rarely have I seen anyone being anything other than fiscally prudent with the area money. Yet, they still need to eat at these things.

22. Would it be more prudent to host assemblies in low contributing zones to help them save money. I don't think it would be prudent. What would be prudent is what was talked about here this weekend; to go talk to them and encourage support. The rotations that were set up allow the assemblies to move every year from zone to zone in the area so every zone has the same chance to have a voting assembly near their group.

23. I want a large print AA Comes of Age. What are you going to do about that? One of the things I have done is go to the Forum and ask the GSO. If we go to the forum and ask for it, maybe if they hear it enough they might listen. Just keep on trying.

24. Who supervises GSO? Good Question. Simple answer—the trustees of the General Service Board do. See page S72 of the 2008-2009 *Service Manual* for a more detailed explanation on this.

25. Can AA, since it is a business, receive a bail out? I hope not!

26. What is your most memorable travel experience in service? Tom A. I could talk all afternoon on this. IF you go to the WCRAASC it is always a snow storm weekend. Several of our trips have been amazing. I also took the opportunity to go to Stepping Stones when Susie was delegate. I was given the key by the lady watching it and told to make myself at home. I made a pot of coffee, went and sat at the desk in Wits End, put my feet up on the desk, and read the paper. Then I spent the day looking through Bills library. You would think the most memorable would be going to the GSC, but really it was going around to each of the districts and giving report backs. They just rolled out the red carpet. It was amazing. Scott J. Shared that he had an opportunity to meet Lois Wilson and Jack Norris. From these old-timers and our history book *AA comes of Age* we learn how they were of service. Many of us now think service is sitting in a group or being here, and it is, but never forget that true service is carrying the message of recovery from one alcoholic to another.

27. I just wanted to thank all of you. This is the best assembly ever.

In closing, the room gave a rousing send off to JoAnne. And she spoke: AA been berry berry good to me. ;) One thing I do know is that it has been a very humbling and grateful experience for me. And just when you get it, you are a has-been! A few weeks ago I noticed I have that second year delegate look. Busy, busy, do what you have to do. We do the best we can. I am not the most eloquent speaker, but I do the best I can. I also found out how opinionated I am, which didn't seem to surprise my husband or some other members of the Area. What has kept me here all these years is the people here. I never came to be delegate, I came to do the work. One of you here could be delegate someday. Think about it, long and hard. Thank you. Thank you so much for this opportunity. I love all of you.

@We closed with the Lords Prayer.

**GSR Sharing Session
Area 35 Spring Assembly April 5, 2009**

Dean opened the session with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions were made

Secretary minutes were read and then approved.

There was 77 GSR's present, with 29 being new GSR's.

An end time of 6:00 p.m. was decided.

Dean read page S40 from the service manual, it was requested since there were so many new GSR's for Dean to continue to read all of the Sharing Session pg S40 from the Service Manual. .

The hat was passed, for copies of minutes and questions. \$90.00 was collected.

Questions were answered from Fall Assembly. (Answers are below)

New questions were formed. (Questions below)

Dean closed the GSR Sharing Session with the Lord's Prayer.

Yours in Service

Gayle Seberson

GSR Sharing Session Secretary

Answers from Fall Assembly Questions

How or who can bring Agenda Items? This question was answered by Jay Anderson (Area Chair) Bring the agenda item to him either yourself or through your DCM.

How do we encourage newcomers to commit to a home group? Encourage the newcomer by leading by example. Explain what a home group is. Pg 28, Questions and Answers on Sponsorship pamphlet. Present 24-hour medallions. Suggest go to some other meeting in area for 6/7 weeks before committing to a home group. Greet the newcomer by giving them a phone list and talking one on one with them. Encourage sponsorship.

How do we SAFELY address Singleness of Purpose? Mention in opening statement. Read the closed meeting side of the blue card. Refer to pamphlets Problems Other Than Alcohol & The AA Member: Medications and Other Drugs. Sponsorship, learn and teach what Singleness of Purpose is and why it is important to AA as a whole. Respect AA. Go to Box 459 Literature Vol 50 No 2 April-May 2004 on AA's website www.aa.org.

How do you separate Alano finance from AA finances? Make sure there are separate treasurers, Alano is a business. As service workers, we can educate others and ourselves by reading the literature available, "AA Guidelines Relationship Between AA and Clubs (MG-03). Sticking with Tradition 6.

How do we educate our groups about the difference between Alcoholics Anonymous and the Alano Society? Educate ourselves as trusted servants. Read the literature available, "AA Guidelines Relationship Between AA and Clubs (MG-03) Read and understand Tradition 6.

Questions for Fall Assembly

Are we being prudent with our group's funds?

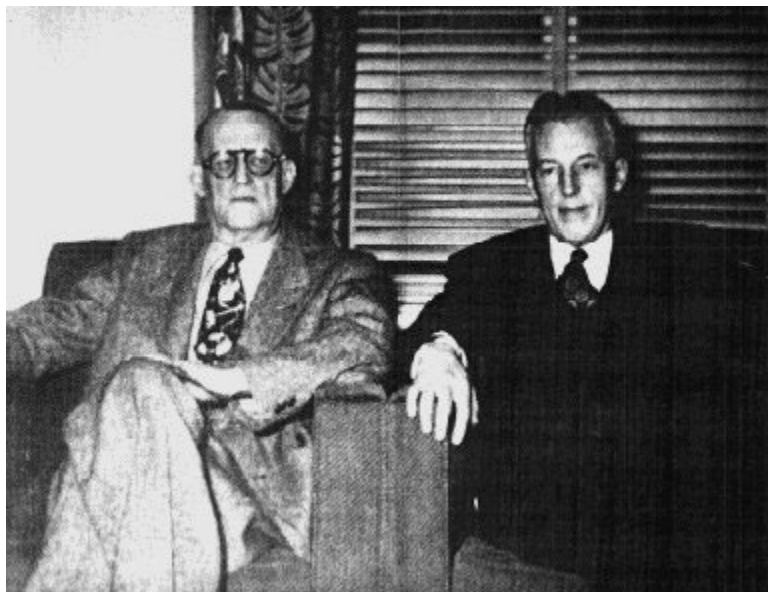
How do we encourage groups to contribute to the three entities, Districts, Area and GSO?

How can we contribute to three entities without a prudent reserve?

How do we encourage more fellowship before and after meetings?

How do we organize a business meeting where members actually show up?

How can we as a group of GSR's encourage rotation?



**A.A. co-founders
Dr. Bob and Bill Wilson**

2009 – AREA 35 SCHEDULE

St. Cloud Roundup

May 16, 2009
 Moose Lodge
 1300 3rd Street N.
 Waite Park, MN

Zone 2 Zonal Forum

June 6, 2009
 Cold Spring Alano Club,
 Cold Spring, MN 1-4pm

Area Committee Meeting

June 7, 2009 9:00 a.m.
 Aitkin Alano Club, 322 1st Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN

Zonal CPC/PI Workshop

Isanti Alano Club
 Isanti, MN

Area Committee Meeting

August 3, 2009 9:00 a.m.
 Aitkin Alano Club, 322 1st Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN

Zone 4 Zonal Forum

August 8, 2009
 Location TBA

Fall Assembly

October 3-4, 2009
 Barker’s Island, Superior, WI

Area Committee Meeting

December 7, 2009 9:00 a.m.
 Aitkin Alano Club, 322 1st Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN

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Upcoming Events in Areas 35 & 36

GOPHER STATE XXXVTH ANNUAL ROUNDUP

May 23-25, 2009 — Sheraton Bloomington Hotel,
 Minneapolis South, 7800 Normandale Blvd.,
 Bloomington, MN — FOR MORE INFO:
www.gopherstateroundup.org

Joint Area 35/36 Workshop

August 29, 2009
 Elk River, MN 12-5pm

2009 West Central Regional Forum

September 11-13, 2009 — Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
 75 - 37th Ave. So. - St. Cloud, MN
 320-253-9000

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 the *Grapevine* or other pertinent A.A. news sources.
- Gather useful service information to publish from sources within the Area, Region and A.A. as a whole. Obtain, read and use other Area newsletters.
- Listen to comments from the Area on the content of the *N.L.*

EDITORIAL POSITION & N.L. COMMITTEE:

Editor - The Editorial Chair is an elected position held during a two-year rotation.

Desirable qualifications: Current or past working knowledge of the printing business. Knowledge of current computer printing programs. The person should also consider the time needed to complete the task required. The candidate should have a working knowledge of A.A. as a whole, i.e., prior experience in service work such as G.S.R., D.C.M., or related position.

N.L. Committee - The N.L. Committee consists of two D.C.M.s in Area 35. Currently, these have been picked randomly at the start of the new rotation. They also 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. Seek advice and help from former N.L. Committee members and editors.

N.L. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Committee meets every other month before the start of the Area Workshop and at Spring and Fall Assemblies. Additional meetings may be called for if needed between these times.

Twelve Concepts for World Service (Short Form)

- I. Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.
- II. The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.
- III. To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."
- IV. At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in a reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.
- V. Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.
- VI. The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.
- VII. The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purpose for final effectiveness.
- VIII. The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.
- IX. Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.
- X. Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.
- XI. The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.
- XII. The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

June 7, 2009

- ___ 9:00 A.M. Action Chair Committee Meetings
- ___ 10:30 am Area Committee Meeting
- ___ Call to Order Open with the Serenity Prayer
- ___ Past Delegates
- ___ Add To Agenda
- ___ Approve August Minutes

OFFICER REPORTS

- ___ Delegate- JoAnne N.
- ___ Alternate Delegate – Dan H.
- ___ Chair- Jay A.
- ___ Secretary-Sarah K.
- ___ Treasurer-Beth E.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS

- ___ TREATMENT-Jim K.
- ___ District 8-Butch R.
- ___ District 12 Tim H.
- ___ PUBLIC INFORMATION-John C/
- ___ District 5-Kelly D.
- ___ District 18-Doreen L.
- ___ GROUP RECORDS-Audrey S.
- ___ NORTHERN LIGHTS-Ed A.
- ___ District 4-Bruce W.
- ___ District 7-Lee Ann H.
- ___ CORRECTIONS-Krishna Z.
- ___ District 1-Priscilla A-W
- ___ District 11-Doug N.
- ___ C.P.C-Dee K.
- ___ District 3-Bill D.
- ___ District 6-Jack J.
- ___ GRAPEVINE-Laurie R.
- ___ District 9-Robert S.
- ___ District 21-Harold S.
- ___ WEBMASTER-Dan R.
- ___ DISTRICT 17-
- ___ ARCHIVES-Bob K./Brad I.
- ___ District 2-Art A.
- ___ District 13-Roger R.
- ___ LITERATURE-Mike V.
- ___ District 15-Sandy H.
- ___ District 16-Mary C.

OLD BUSINESS

- ___ Area Treasury Audit

NEW BUSINESS

- ___ General Service Conference Report-JoAnne N.
- ___ Calendar of Events

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- ___ TBA
 - ___ Adjourn