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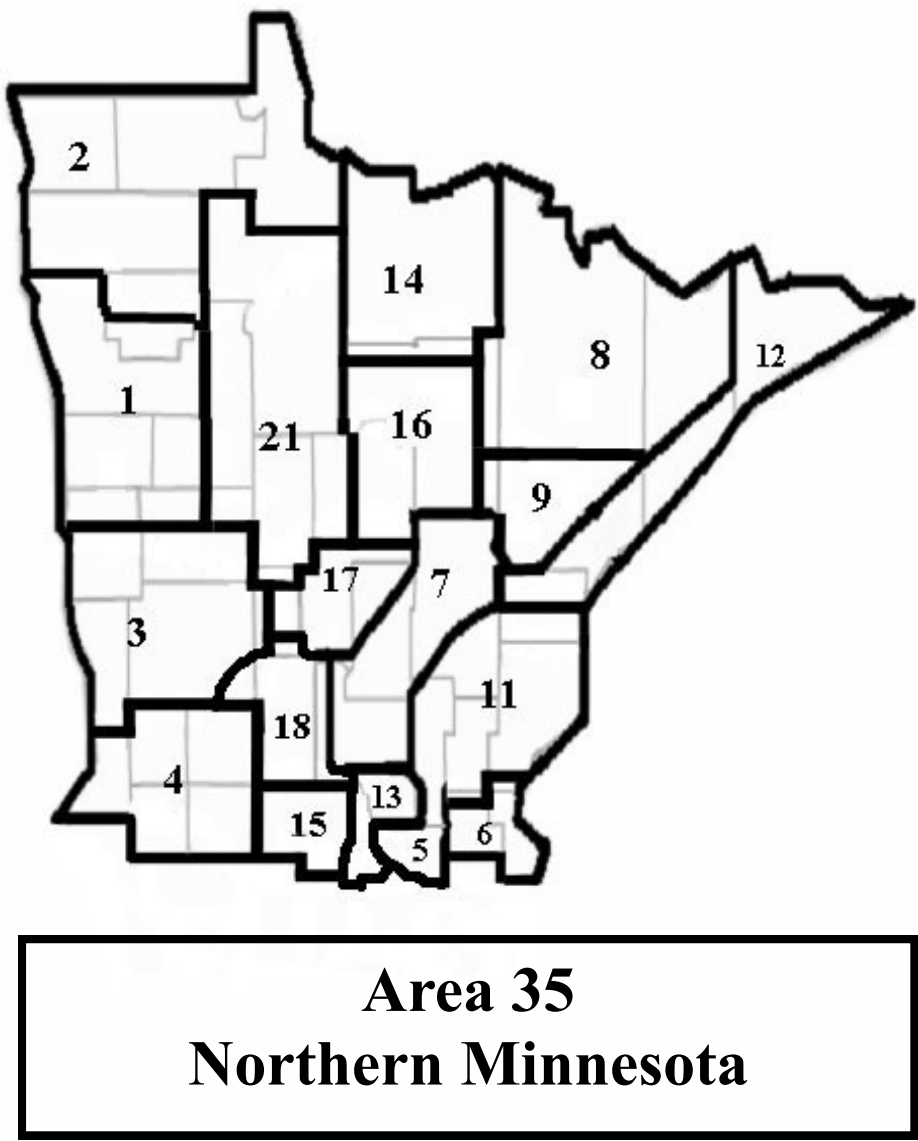
OUR PAST DELEGATES

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

The Delegate’s Duties

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

 - Attend the Conference meeting in April, fully prepared. Immediately upon election, every delegate is put on the G.S.O. mailing list to receive Conference materials.
 - Communicate the actions of the Conference to area committee members and encourage them to pass on this information, and the delegate’s enthusiasm, to groups and to intergroups/central offices. If an area is too large for the delegate to cover in person, he or she will ask area officers and committee members to share the load.
 - Be prepared to attend all area, state/provincial, and regional service meetings and assemblies. From these meetings, delegates come to better understand their own areas and can make suggestions for the Conference agenda. Here, too, they come in contact with A.A. members who might not be reached otherwise.
 - Help area committees obtain financial support for the area and G.S.O.
 - Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the A.A. Traditions.
- Remind G.S.R.s to inform groups and individuals about the A.A. Grapevine and Conference-approved literature.
 - Cooperate with G.S.O. in obtaining information—for example, making sure that up-to-date information reaches G.S.O. in time to meet the deadline for each Issue of the A.A. directory and helping carry out the triennial membership surveys.
 - Visit groups and districts in the area whenever possible.
 - Work closely with committee members and officers, sharing experience throughout the year. After G.S.R.s and committee members have reported on the Conference, learn from these A.A.s how groups and members have reacted.
 - Assume added responsibility if the area chair and alternate chair are unable to serve. Or, if an area committee is not functioning effectively, the delegate may take an active role in remedying the situation.
 - Keep the alternate delegate fully informed and active, so that the alternate can replace the delegate in an emergency.
 - Late in the second term, work with newly elected delegates to pass along a basic knowledge of Conference proceedings and problems.
- (from The A.A. Service Manual, pages S44-S45)



Zone I

- District 1** - Ada, Crookston, Erskine, Fertile, Fosston, Mahnomén, 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** - Braham, 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** - Finlayson*, Grasston, Henriette, Hinckley*, Isle, Lake Lena, Malmo, Moose Lake*, Mora, Ogilvie, Pine City, Quamba, Sandstone, Wahnkon, Willow River
- District 13** - Kimball, Rice, St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, Foley
- District 17** - Backus, Cross Lake, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Pillager*, Pine River
- District 18** - Browerville, 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** - Beaver Bay, Silver Bay, Brimson, Brookston, Cloquet, Duluth, Esko, Finland, Fredenberg, Grand Marais, Grand Portage, Hermantown, Knife River, Lawrence Lake*, Lutsen, Mahtowa, Pike Lake, Proctor, Sawyer, Silver Bay, Foxborro (Wisconsin), Side Lake, Superior (Wisconsin), Toivola, Two Harbors
- 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</p> <p>2nd Sunday of even months, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Fertile Community Center</p> <p>101 S. Mill St., Fertile, MN 56540</p>	<p>District 6</p> <p>3rd Thursday of Month, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Spring Lake Lutheran Church</p> <p>8440 Erickson Rd. N.E.</p> <p>North Branch, MN 55056</p>	<p>District 13</p> <p>1st Monday of Month,</p> <p>7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.</p> <p>St. cloud Alano Club</p> <p>127 7th Ave. NE</p> <p>Saint Cloud, MN 56304</p>
<p>District 2</p> <p>2nd Sunday of Odd Months, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>First Lutheran Church</p> <p>210 Park Ave. N.</p> <p>Middle River, MN 56737</p>	<p>District 7</p> <p>3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>First Congregational United Church</p> <p>415 Juniper Street</p> <p>Brainerd, MN 56401</p>	<p>District 15</p> <p>1st Monday of Month, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Albany Community Center</p> <p>741 Lake Ave.</p> <p>Albany, MN 56307</p>
<p>District 3</p> <p>3rd Sunday of Month, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Perham Alano Club</p> <p>Hwy 34</p> <p>Perham, MN 56573</p>	<p>District 8</p> <p>Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>email DCM at dcm8@area35.org it rotates.</p>	<p>District 16</p> <p>1st Wednesday of Month, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>United Methodist Church</p> <p>1701 S.E. 8th Ave.</p> <p>Grand Rapids, MN 55744</p> <p>Handicap Accessible, Non-Smoking</p>
<p>District 4</p> <p>2nd Saturday of Month, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>email DCM at dcm4@area35.org</p> <p>for location (It Rotates)</p> <p>Potluck at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Round Robin at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>District 9</p> <p>Last Sunday of Month, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Hibbing Alano Clubs</p> <p>3725 1st Avenue</p> <p>Hibbing, MN 55746</p>	<p>District 18</p> <p>1st Tuesday of Month, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Long Prairie Alano Club</p> <p>21 2nd Ave.</p> <p>Long Prairie, MN 56347</p>
<p>District 5</p> <p>3rd Monday of Month, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Freshwaters Church</p> <p>12475 273rd Ave NW</p> <p>Zimmerman, MN 55398</p> <p>Questions? email DCM at dcm5@area35.org</p>	<p>District 11</p> <p>1st Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Peace Lutheran</p> <p>2177 Hwy 18</p> <p>Finlayson, MN 55735</p>	<p>District 21</p> <p>2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Bemidji Alano Club</p> <p>1225 Anne St.</p>
<p>District 12</p> <p>3rd Thursday 6:30 p.m. email DCM at dcm12@area35.org for rotating location!</p>		<p>Districts 10, 14, 17, 19 and 20</p> <p>Not currently active or unknown!.</p>

DELEGATE'S REPORT

Greetings Members of Area 35,

I am writing this letter just a few days after our Aitkin Committee Meeting and just a day before I am supposed to leave for the West Central Regional Service Conference. I am hoping that weather permits safe travels for myself and others who are planning on traveling.

I want to thank everyone who was able to attend the Aitkin Committee meeting where background information and agenda items were handed out. I mailed out CDs and hard copies to the DCMs and Action Chairs that were unable to attend. If there is anyone who did not receive the agenda items and background information, please contact me and I will get a copy to you. I again encourage all DCMs and GSRs to develop some type of a plan to gain a group conscience of your respective group members. This will help add to the process of becoming an informed group conscience at the Spring Assembly.

I have just completed all the forms for the conference, booked my flight, and set up ground transportation for the GSC so I guess that makes my trip official. I am looking forward to the opportunity to represent Area 35 at our GSC and am humbled by the trust you have given me to do so.

I just received this year's quarterly contribution report for Area 35 of contributions made to the GSO for 2011. Results indicate that we are up approximately 1% (41.64% in 2010, 42.66% in 2011) from 2010 to 2011 for the number of registered groups who contribute. This is growth but still indicates a significant way to go in terms of the number of groups we have that participate fully in the fellowship. I encourage you to continue to have conversations about the 7th tradition in your home groups and districts.

I am looking forward to attending the WCRSC this weekend in Billings and hope that weather allows for safe travels. I thank you for sending me to this event. I will be riding out with Roger, Neil, and Jake hopefully by car rather than snowmobile. Thanks to all of you for this opportunity to serve Area 35 and our fellowship.

Yours in Service,
Jim K.
Area Delegate

ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

Greetings Area 35,

It was great to see such a great turnout for our Feb Committee Meeting with the blizzard warnings. Kelley followed protocol and we made the decision to hold it together as area officers. That's how we do things in AA, together. It was fun watching Kelly run her first committee meeting...great job Kelly. I am hoping we are seeing the fruits of growth in our area with people being willing to show in good numbers at our workshop and committee meeting. Jana did a great job on her first Northern Light also. I am looking forward to my trip to Montana with others from our Area. Should be an experience. I am willing to help in any way I can so feel free to contact me. Thanks again for letting me serve Area 35. May God use us in the best way possible to carry the message of AA in and out of the Fellowship.

God bless each of you
Michael (Jake) J.
Alternate Delegate

AREA CHAIR'S REPORT

Greetings Area 35,

Well we had our first Area 35 Committee Meeting in Aitkin on February 26th of the new rotation and I was so grateful to see such a good turnout with the weather conditions not so favorable for many. The decision to not cancel and reschedule I hope was a good one and everyone had safe travels home after that meeting. After returning home I thought about what a "wonderful world" I am apart of when I am surrounded by people in Alcoholics Anonymous. I appreciate all of you for your support and patience as I continue to learn my position as Area Chair.

I have scheduled our joint workshop with Area 36 for Saturday, July 21, 2012 from 12:30- 4:30. It will be held in St. Cloud. Scott, DCM for District 13 is looking for a location and hopefully we will know soon where it will be held. Thanks Scott, for your willingness to help find a location and also host this event! Our past workshops with Area 36 have proven to be very informational and I hope you all mark your calendar and plan to attend this great event.

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AREA CHAIR'S REPORT CONTINUED

I am excited and happy to announce that our Fall Assembly will be held in International Falls this year. As you know this is in District 14 which has been one of our “dark” District's. Margie from that area was instrumental in helping me get this set up. I want to thank her for all she did to help make this a reality. She along with our fellow AA's in that area are very excited about hosting this event. What a great opportunity this will be for growth in that area! Just a little bit of history....the last time we had an Assembly there was in 1996 and it was at the same location then known as the Holiday Inn now known as the AmericInn today. You can go to our Area 35 website calendar and get the information needed to register. Hope to see you all there!

I am in the process of looking for locations for our Spring and Fall Assemblies in 2013. I have emailed all DCM's in Zones 1 and 2 and have asked them for any information they can give me on locations in their areas that would meet our needs for our Assemblies. I look forward to hearing back from them with some possibilities. I plan to attend the WCRAASC, I am supposed to be leaving in a couple of days. Old man winter has come back with a powerful punch in northern Minnesota and I am praying that all of us that plan to attend will be able to make the road trip safely to Montana. I look forward to this Conference every year. With the discussion of our agenda items and the fellowship we are a part of with all our fellow AA's from our region.

Our Spring Assembly (oh how I love that word Spring) is approaching fast. What an exciting time for all of us to go over the Agenda Items together and send our new Area 35 Delegate Jim K. off to the conference with our voice from Northern Minnesota. I look forward to being a part of this will all you!

I have been very busy responding to daily emails I receive from many and passing them on to those that can be of further help. I am amazed everyday at the willingness of so many to be of service when asked, thank you all! I came across a saying recently that I would like to share with you “Be a Fruit Loop in a world of Cheerios.” I think the program of Alcoholics Anonymous is filled with many Fruit Loops, what do you think?

As always thank you for this opportunity to be of service, I am truly grateful and humbled to be a part of something so wonderful!

In love and service,
Kelly D.
Area Chair

SECRETARY' REPORT

Greetings to Area 35!

As I write this I am looking forward to our next Area Committee Meeting in Aitkin. This will be my first Area meeting in which I will be taking minutes and I am excited about the responsibility! Thank you for your trust in me. I plan to attend the WCRAASC in Montana. My learning curve is steep at this point. I've been a member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 29 years, but due to one reason or another, not taken the steps to getting involved on an area level. I am very excited and so happy to serve Area 35. Remember.... If you are not receiving the minutes by email and you want to, please contact me.

Thanks for allowing me to continue learning and growing in service,
Mary S.
Area Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Greetings from the WCRAASC in beautiful down town Billings,
It's only been through the grace of God and the program and fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous that I haven't found it necessary to take a drink. Well, I'm better prepared and I have plenty of checks and vouchers. We drove all night and arrived at Billings at 5:15 AM.

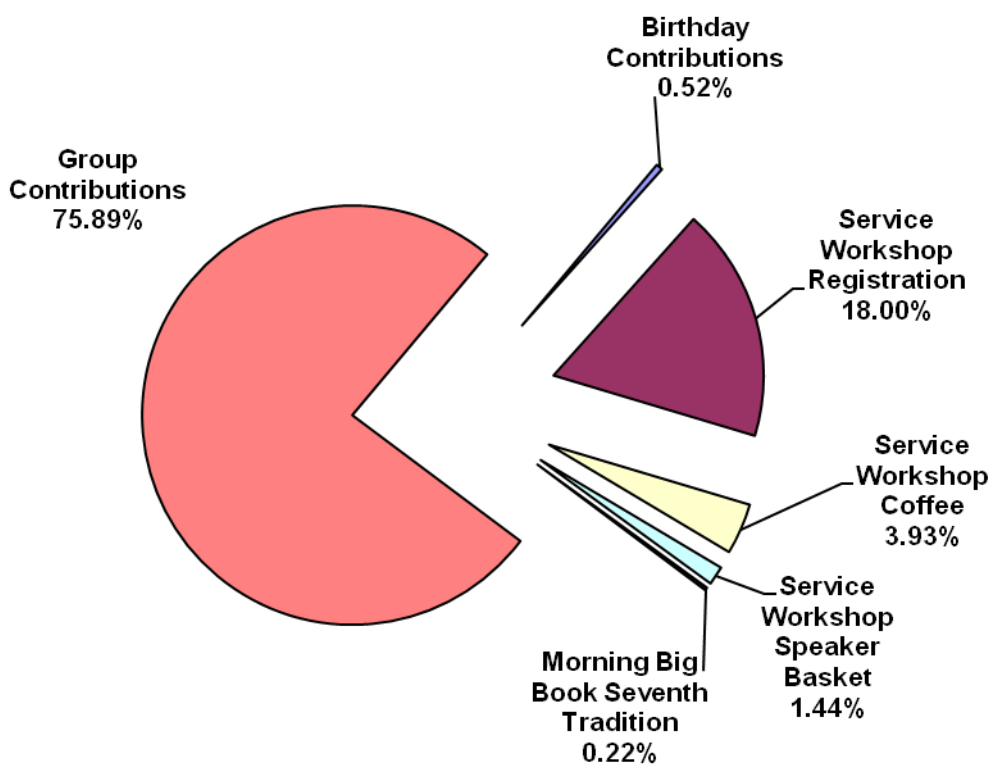
There were a total of 78 contributions for the first period. Three were made through our Paypal account and four were Birthday Contributions. Plus there were four new groups that contributed to the Area that weren't in my database. There was one sad contribution a check from District 17 ending their representative tenure for now. Speaking of Contributions if you have any questions about where to send a contribution to the area you can go on-line at our web site area35.org and there is now a tab direct to the contributions page, where you can find the area mailing address to send your contribution also there is information on how to use Paypal .

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TREASURER’S REPORT CONTINUED

Here is a quick snapshot of contributions

First Period Contributions Jan 1- Feb 29



Contributions	Amount	% of Contributions
Birthday Contributions	38.98	0.52%
Service Workshop Registration	1,360.10	18.00%
Service Workshop Coffee	297.00	3.93%
Service Workshop Speaker Basket	108.84	1.44%
Morning Big Book Seventh Tradition	17.00	0.22%
Group Contributions	5,733.80	75.89%
Total Income	7,555.72	100%

Here is a snapshot of Assets:

	Jan 31, 12	Feb 29, 12
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Area 35 Checking Account	16,917.08	18,634.89
Savings - Prudent Reserve	5,000.00	6,025.00
Total Checking/Savings	21,917.08	24,659.89
Total Current Assets	21,917.08	24,659.89
Other Assets		
Monies to Savings Acct	5.00	5.00
Total Other Assets	5.00	5.00
TOTAL ASSETS	21,922.08	24,664.89
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Opening Bal Equity	19,319.90	19,319.90
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,771.00	1,771.00
Net Income	831.18	3,573.99
Total Equity	21,922.08	24,664.89
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	21,922.08	24,664.89

Humbly in service
Steven L.
Area Treasurer

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**COOPERATION WITH THE
PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (C.P.C.)**

Ten members attended the CPC /Pi break out session at the Area Committee Meeting on February 26, 2012. Committee members represented Districts: 8, 13, 5, 6 and 7.

Our meeting started with a Serenity Prayer and introductions. Committee members talked about CPC activities that typically take place in their districts such as PI/CPC breakfasts and luncheons. We began a discussion about how we can carry our message to professionals who are in contact with potential AA members. There are thirty different types of professionals who come into contact with potential members. We talked about how Area 35 could help districts in targeting professional groups with sample letters and information packets.

I attended a GSR School in St. Cloud on February 4. I hope to attend the WSRAASC in Billings Montana on March 2-4. I am interested in listening to the discussion by AA members from eight western states on this year’s Agenda Items.

I am also looking forward to participating in our first Zonal Workshop on March 31 at Cragun’s Resort in Baxter, MN. I hope to see you all at our Spring Assembly at Cragun’s from March 31- April 1.
In Service,

Roger R.
Area 35 CPC Chair

WEBMASTER

I had to come to terms with our guidelines of only group meetings listed in our database. I was struggling when I knew the meeting information on area35.org was wrong. I was waiting to get the group records update before updating the WEB. I agree with only listing registered group meeting on the WEB. If I know the information is not correct on the WEB, I am updating the WEB with the correct meeting information. I am also notifying our group records. We can chase updating group records. It’s just wrong to knowingly have bad meeting information on the WEB.
For those that like statics:

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan-12	1,486	2,227	12,082	56,317	1.24 GB
Feb-12	1,436	2,124	9,944	53,392	1.34 GB

In January 2012 there were 4201 searches for meeting. The February count was 1820. About 2400 less searches for meetings. Early in February we started listing meetings in a table format with all search results on one page. The number of visitors did not drop in February. This tells us that our members are doing less searches to find the meetings that they are searching. Have you visited AAmeetingLocator.org? Please send comments to webmaster@area35.org.

Bob B.
Area35 webmaster

TREATMENT

We met at the Aitkin Alano club on Sunday February 26th with 9 people in attendance. We opened the meeting with the serenity prayer and introductions were made. A signup sheet for the committee was passed around for which districts were present. We went over 6 topics that were brought up for discussion beginning with:

1. Presentations to facilities
2. Temporary contact program “Bridging the Gap”
3. “Working within the Traditions”.
4. Cooperation is the key to Successful 12th stepping.
5. Singleness of purpose – Open/ Closed Meetings.
6. Agenda Items – Treatment /Special needs.

After district reports we discussed the topic “Working within the Traditions” notably Tradition 10 – Although AA’s ought to abide by the rules and regulations of the facilities, even though they may disagree with it’s policies, AA’ who do 12th step work in treatment facilities, should not be diverted from our primary purpose. Consistency is paramount and it is imperative to have experienced members help out with new people when first going into a facility to do 12th step work. It is also essential to bring pamphlets and to study the Treatment facilities workbook. We will also be hosting a workshop on March 30th, 2012 at Cragun’s Hotel /Resort starting at 7:00 p.m. with the Treatment presentation at 7:25 p.m. All District Treatment Chairs are encouraged to attend and or participate.

Yours in Service,
Randy A.
Area 35 Treatment Chair

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Once again thank you for allowing and trusting me to serve as our PI chair.

I attended the Area Workshop and found it one of the best and interesting workshops I have been to. Also attended the first committee meeting of this rotation, I apologize for leaving early but we decided to be safe rather than sorry.

I am busy going over the Agenda items as PI has lots. We have some things to fix and some goals that we will try to accomplish in the next two years. My belief is to maintain and move forward.

I will be going on a road trip to Billings this weekend. Weather may be a problem but God takes care of his children.

In Service,

Butch R.
Area PI Chair

LITERATURE

Greetings all,

I am so sorry to have missed the first meeting of this rotation. I do plan on attending the WCRAASC in Billings this coming weekend. Please email me if you plan on attending and perhaps we can meet. I have just received a copy of the background information for the 2012 General Service Conference Agenda Items. I plan on reviewing and discussing these on the way to and from Billings with fellow travelers. I've listed below the discussion points I wanted to address this weekend with the Literature Committee and will put them on my agenda for our next meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service!

Sean D.
Area 35 Literature Chair

Literature Committee Discussion points
2/26/2012

- Introduction of members
- Role and Function of the Area Literature Chair
- How can this position best serve the area?
- Develop a Contact list of District Literature Chairs
- Two week notice prior to Area meetings/events needed for Lit orders
- Discuss the 9 items for the Trustees' Committee on Literature
- Items to discuss for next meeting

ARCHIVIST

Greetings from Big Sky Country. The trip here was long but uneventful. Got here too late to find a meeting but I am going to one at Noon. I am looking forward to the conference and the discussing of the Agenda items. I have a busy couple of months coming up. Winter Warm Up, Winter Wrap Up, Fall assembly, Iron Range Get together so I will be on the road a lot. I don't have a lot to write about today but will have a ton next issue.

The answer to last issues question is "Readers Digest" This month's question is "Who was the author of "The Little Red Book"?"

Brad I.
Area 35 Archivist

ARCHIVES CHAIR

Greetings!

Well I am trudging through the road of happy destiny and learning more about AA as I go along. I received my archives packet from GSO and am finding I have a lot to learn. I am thankful to serve in any capacity for AA as it saved my life. I will not be attending the conference in Montana as my schedule would not allow.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Yours in service,
Antonette F.
Area Archives Chair

CORRECTIONS

Greetings from inmates inside the Correctional Facilities. They want all of you to know how very grateful they are for the support of AA meetings inside. Thanks to all of our volunteers carrying the message. I was very happy with the support at the Area Committee meeting, and look forward to the workshop at our Spring Assembly. I hope you can all attend. Also, Roger R, Area CPC Chair and I will work on a format for educating jail and prison staff on the programs AA has to offer.

The WCRAASC in Billings, Mt was a very rewarding experience and I thank all of you for making my attendance possible.

I would welcome the invitation to attend a District GSR Board meeting in every District. It will let me know what programs are working, and where the Area may be able to help. Please email me if you are interested.

Transition Fairs are going to be held in some prisons again this year. Larry F. of Area 36 has offered to help. I would like to have the Corrections Chair of the facilities District to attend with me. More on this later.

Gratefully in service,

Jeff E.
Area Corrections Chair

GROUP RECORDS

Wow! I can not believe it is time for the second Northern Light to come out! I have been updating the Northern Light Mailing List and FNV. I would like to stress that if you are a new GSR or District Chair I need your full name, mail address, phone number, and email if you use it. If you have any questions do not hesitate to get ahold of me. I have received another flyer for the Northern Light, this great as it helps with the mailing expensive! If you want your flyer in the Northern Light you need to get 600 to me and a check for \$75 made out to Postmaster. I will be emailing all of the DCM's in attempt to find out if they have their chairs filled. I am also going to be printing out all of the active meetings in Area 35 so that we can keep them updated. I am honored that you put your trust in me to be Group Records Secretary, I will do my best to do this job. I ask for you patience, progress not perfection.

Gratefully yours in Service,

Sandy H.
Group Records

NORTHERN LIGHT EDITOR

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Well, the first issue made it and here's the second. Since we have the 62nd General Service Conference coming up I though a writing by Bill W. from the 1952 general service conference would be nice. There are a lot of writings from Bill and others but I really want to encourage Area35 AA members to send in articles. Submit articles to NorthernLight@area35.org

This is YOUR newsletter. I encourage comments from the Area. I am excited about the upcoming two years!

Yours in Service,

Jana M.
Northern Light Editor

GRAPEVINE
No Report Submitted

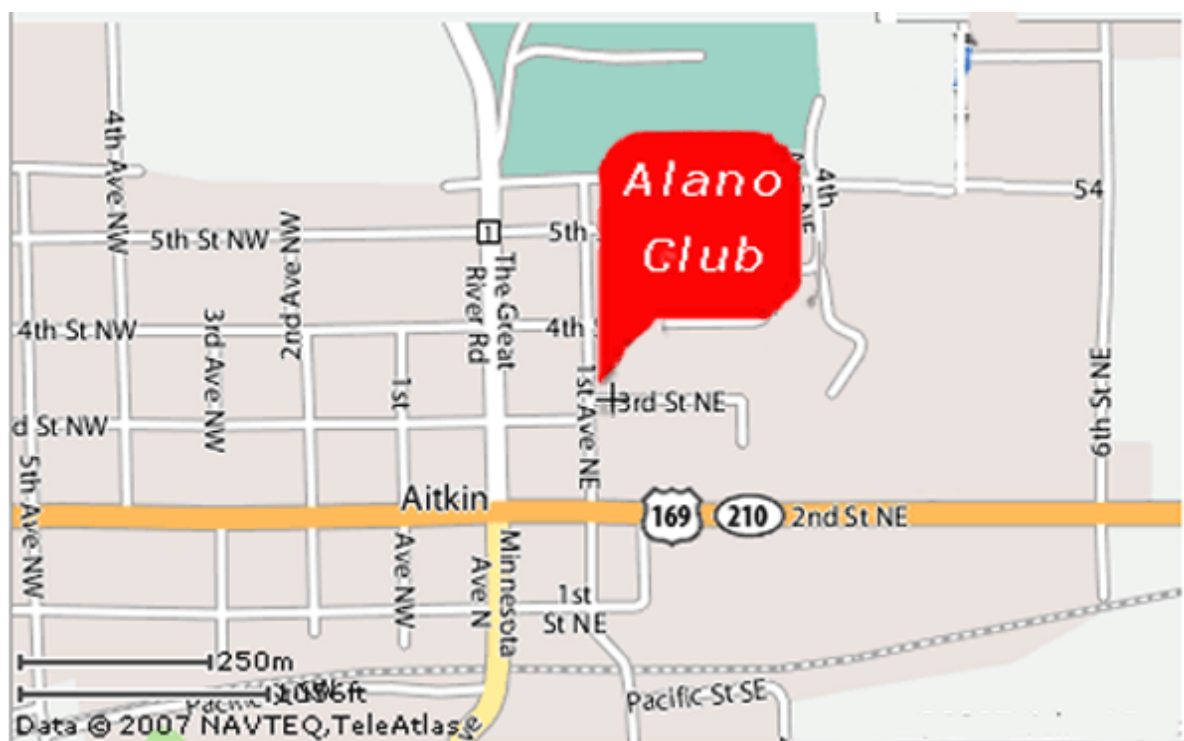
Inclement Weather Procedure For Area 35 Events

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.
7. Post procedure in Northern Lights.
8. Chair remains available and in close contact as he or she is the focal point and main contact he or she must make the decision, and be available for calls.

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 or WordPad document to the Area's newsletter e-mail address: northernlight@area35.org. 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 is printed on the front page.

Letters to the Editor or opinion articles should have a title. They also can not be anonymous please include the first name, last initial and 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!

Jana M.
Area 35
Northern Light Editor

Northern Light Article

Remembering A.A.'s Early Friends
By Bill W., General Service Conference, 1952

You share with me, I know, the thought that the closing hours of this conference bring with them a deep and joyous realization. The realization that at last we are surely on the high road that stretches straight out toward our future, toward, we trust, an everlasting sunrise. We face the sunrise in high hope, with a confidence that is almost awesome and with our hearts full of unspeakable gratitude. Gratitude to the Father of lights, Who has delivered us out of our bondage, gratitude to friends through whose hearts he has enabled this miracle to be worked, and gratitude for each other.

This too is an hour that will ever stir memory. With me, perhaps more than most, the wellsprings of memory are at flood tide. I think of a psychiatrist at Zurich, Switzerland, who had a patient, an American businessman, treated him a year. The patient thought greatly of his psychiatrist, none other than the famous Mr. Jung. The patient thought he was well, but leaving the doctor, he soon found himself drunk. So he returned to Dr. Jung, who yet unknowing to this day, is one of the founders of this society. And he said to this patient, "Unless you have a spiritual experience, there is nothing that can be done. You are too much conditioned by alcoholism to be saved in any other way."

Our friend thought it was a hard sentence, but like many of us since, he began to seek such an experience. It found it in the confines of the Oxford Group, an evangelical movement of that time. He sobered at once. There he found the grace to achieve it. It was then called to his attention that a friend of his was about to be committed for alcoholism to an asylum in Vermont. Together with some other "Groupers," he interceded. The result was our beloved Ebby, who first brought the essentials of recovery to me. Meanwhile, there was a little Jesuit, Ed Dowling, laboring among his flock, lame and relatively obscure, he too, was to light a candle for A.A.

There was a nun, Sister Ignatia, in Akron who was to become the companion of Dr. Bob, who as you know, was the prince of our Twelfth Steppers. She, too, was to light a candle for us.

Even Francis of Assisi holding for the principle of corporate poverty, had lit a candle for A.A. So had William James, the father of modern psychology, whose book, "The Varieties of Religious Experience," had such a profound influence upon us. He had lit a candle for Alcoholics Anonymous.

Then, too, there were to be couriers to all the world. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Fulton Oursler of Liberty, Jack Alexander and the owner of Saturday Evening Post. They were to become couriers. They, too, were to light candles for Alcoholics Anonymous. But back there in the summer of 1934, the alcoholics of the world felt as hopeless as ever. And yet, as you see, a table was being prepared in the presence of our ancient enemy, John Barleycorn. Candles were already upon it, and meat and drink was there, but the guests had not arrived.

Then came some guests and they partook of the spark that was to become Alcoholics Anonymous was struck. Then ensued our period of flying blind, at the end of which, about 1937 or 1938, we realized that, indeed, a table had been prepared in the presence of our enemy. And that the candles upon that table might one day shine around the world and touch every distant beachhead. There were more years of travail in that pioneering time which ended in 1941 with the advent of the Post article. Meanwhile, our book of experience had appeared. No longer need we travel in person. The message could be taken through those printed pages to distant ones who suffered.

Our recovery program was really complete. Then came the test whether our growing groups could live and work together, whether the enormous explosive quality of our fellowship would find in our principles of recovery a sufficient containing element. Soon we can to realize little by little that we of Alcoholics Anonymous must hang together or indeed we should hang separately. And in that sometimes frightening experience, the Tradition of Alcoholics Anonymous was forged. And at Cleveland, in 1950, it was confirmed by our fellowship as the traditional platform upon which our society intended to stand.

No body of law was this Tradition. A set of principles infused with the spirit of our 12 steps of recovery and enshrined in the heart of each of us -that would be our protection, we thought, from any blows with which the outside world would assail us, our protection from any temptations to which we might be subjected within. Such was the Tradition of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In this period of infancy and in adolescence this Society discovered that it had to function. This Conference culminates that long process of discovery through which we have learned how we can best act to carry this message to those who suffer. Yes, the advent of this conference in full strength will mark a great day in the annals of Alcoholics Anonymous.

For me, it marks a time when I must shift from activity to reflection and meditation and to the task of acting as your scribbler, to record the experience of these marvelous years just past. I realize that I shall be but a reflector, a scribbler only. I hope the task will be completed, useful and pleasing to you --and pleasing to God. My heart is too full to say anymore, excepting au revoir.

AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING

February 26, 2012

9:00 A.M. Action Chair Committee Meetings

10:30 am Area Committee Meeting

Call to Order Open with the Serenity Prayer

Past Delegates in attendance were recognized: Jon C. (Panel 60), JoAnne N. (Panel 58), Jerry S. (Panel 56), Charlie C. (Panel 54), Tom A. (Panel 50), Suzie A. (Panel 48), and Bill P. (Panel 46),

Additions/Corrections to the Agenda:

Area 35 Checkbook – Randy A.

Approve December 2011 Area Committee Meeting Minutes: **Motion made to approve the December 2011 Area Committee Meeting Minutes. All in favor, passed unanimously.**

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE - Jim K. I just received this year's quarterly contribution report for Area 35 of contributions made to the GSO for 2011. Results indicate that we are up approximately 1% (41.64% in to 2010, 42.66% in 2011) from 2010 to 2011 for the number of registered groups who contribute. This is growth but still indicates a significant way to go in terms of the number of groups we have that participate fully in the fellowship. I encourage you to continue to have conversations about the 7th tradition in your home groups and districts. I am still looking forward to attending the WCRSC this weekend in Billings and hope that weather allows for safe travels. I thank you for sending me to this event. I will be riding out with Roger, Neil and Jake hopefully by car rather than snowmobile. Thanks to all of you for this opportunity to serve Area 35 and our Fellowship. Yours in service – Jim K.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE - Michael (Jake) J. Here we are again. It is the middle of winter and we are getting ready to discuss agenda items with our Delegate so he can be the most prepared Delegate in New York. Many areas don't allow as much discussion as ours does. Our workshop went very well and I hope you all enjoyed it. Participation is the key to making all of our Service work easier. Next week we will be in Billings and hear more discussion that we will bring to our assembly in April. It is a busy time of the year and a little crazy for all so we need to work together. I will need a place for the next zonal forum in Zone 1 or 3. Hope we can all work together to make Area 35 the most useful to God in saving drunks. If I can help any District please feel free to call and ask. Yours, in Love and Service, Michael (Jake) J.

CHAIR-Kelly D. Greetings Area 35, it is great to be here with all of you today. I attended the January Workshop in Brainerd on January 21st and 22nd. I would like to thank Jim, our Area Delegate for the great job he did setting up this Workshop. The material and presentations were great along with having our Regional Trustee Ken B. and his wife Nikki present. It was great to spend some time with them again. Thanks to all that gave of their time to make it so successful with a special thanks to District 7 for hosting this event. I met with most of the Area Officers and Area Committee Chairs Saturday night that there were able to attend as a group, and a couple of the things we discussed were keeping open communication between us and looking at hosting joint committee chair workshops together to help with getting others educated and interested in service along with what we do in our service positions. Sarah K. did a wonderful job presenting on "Steps to Building a Healthy Area" that will prove to be beneficial to all of us serving on the Area level. I then met with some of the outgoing and incoming Financial Oversight Committee members Sunday morning. First, I would like to thank the past committee members Tom A, Randy A, Jeff L, Jake J, and Sarah K for the great job they did overseeing the Area's finance this last rotation. Second, I would like to thank Susie A, past Delegate, Sarah K past Treasurer and Pete B, DCM District 15 for agreeing to be on this committee this next rotation. Along with Steve L. current Area 35 Treasurer and myself, we will work together to continue keep your Area finances accurate.

I have been corresponding with Lisa G. Area 36 Chair for southern Minnesota on having our joint workshop with them and I have also been busy looking for a location for our Fall Assembly in Zone 4 which I will discuss with all of you under new business later. I look forward to attending the WCRAASC next weekend in Montana and making the road trip out there with Rolene and Mary. Let's all pray for good weather and safe travels for everyone!

I would like to thank the Districts that send me their minutes and encourage all Districts to send them to all of us serving on the Area. It is always good for all us to stay informed on what is going on within your respective Districts so we can be of service to you if asked. Thank you again for the opportunity I have been given to serve as your Area 35 Chair and if I can be of help or service in any way, please feel free to contact me. In love and service, Kelly D, Area 35 Chair.

SECRETARY - Mary S. Greetings, Area 35! I attended the Area Workshop in January. I plan to attend the WCRAASC next week. I'd like to ask those of you who are giving reports to remember to either give me a "nicely" handwritten or typed report today or e-mail me your report before March 1st. I need to submit the minutes to Northern Light by March 2nd. If you want to receive the minutes by e-mail or snail mail, make sure you give me your e-mail or postal address. Thanks again to Heidi for helping me with the role of Secretary. Thank you for the opportunity to service Area 35. Mary S, Area 35 Secretary

TREASURER - Steve L. Howdy.. It's only been through the grace of God and the program and fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous that I haven't found it necessary to take a drink. It was a learning experience to get everything ready for today. Don't print the reports at 3 in the morning. I forgot the Balance sheet so here are the outstanding assets for Area35 for the months January and February 2012. I didn't expect so many people to show up because of the weather that I only printed 25 group contribution reports, so I will email the reports to all the DCM's. There were a total of 78 contributions for the first period. Three were made through our Paypal account and four were Birthday Contributions. There were four new groups that contributed to the Area that weren't in my database. There was one sad contribution a check from District 17 ending their representative tenure for now. Speaking of Contributions if you have any questions about where to send a contribution to the area you can go on-line at our web site area35.org and there is a tab direct to the contributions page now, where you can find the area address and Paypal information. Humbly in service -Steven L

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	<u>Jan 31, 12</u>	<u>Feb 29, 12</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Area 35 Checking Account	16,917.08	18,634.89
Savings - Prudent Reserve	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>6,025.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>21,917.08</u>	<u>24,659.89</u>
Total Current Assets	21,917.08	24,659.89
Other Assets		
Monies to Savings Acct	<u>5.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>5.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>21,922.08</u>	<u>24,664.89</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Opening Bal Equity	19,319.90	19,319.90
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,771.00	1,771.00
Net Income	<u>831.18</u>	<u>3,573.99</u>
Total Equity	<u>21,922.08</u>	<u>24,664.89</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>21,922.08</u>	<u>24,664.89</u>

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS

TREATMENT - Randy A. We met at the Aitkin Alano club on Sunday February 26th with 9 people in attendance. We opened the meeting with the serenity prayer and introductions were made. A sign up sheet for the committee was passed around for which districts were present. We went over 6 topics that were brought up for discussion beginning with: 1. presentations to facilities 2. Temporary contact program “Bridging the Gap” 3. “Working within the Traditions”. 4. Cooperation is the key to successful 12th stepping. 5. Singleness of purpose – Open/Closed Meetings. 6. Agenda Items – Treatment /Special needs. After district reports we discussed the topic “Working within the Traditions” notably Tradition 10 – Although AA’s ought to abide by the rules and regulations of the facilities, even though they may disagree with it’s policies, AA’ who do 12th step work in treatment facilities, should not be diverted from our primary purpose. Consistency is paramount and it is imperative to have experienced members help out with new people when first going into a facility to do 12th step work. It is also essential to bring pamphlets and to study the Treatment facilities workbook. We will also be hosting a workshop on March 30th, 2012 at Cragun’s Hotel /Resort starting at 7:00 p.m. with the Treatment presentation at 7:25 p.m. All District Treatment Chairs are encouraged to attend and or participate. Yours in Service, -Randy A., Area 35 Treatment Chair

DISTRICT 15 – Pete B. We average 8-10 people at our District Meetings, currently not all chairs are filled. We have people speaking in St. Cloud and Willmar and Treatment Centers. We are putting together beginners packets which we found to be cheaper to buy the pamphlets separate and put them together ourselves. Cold Spring Wed. Night group has an open potluck speaker meeting Wed. February 29th at the Cold Spring Alano Club. The Stearns County Round-Up is March 31st in St Anna, flyers are on the back table. We always book this at the end of the evening, usually the fourth Saturday in March. Donations are down, groups said we had too much money, so we voted to buy books for the Willmar Treatment and sponsor a hospitality room at Gopher State. Now they want to know where the money went, but do not show up for district meetings when we vote. Yours in Service, Pete.

DISTRICT 9 – John F. At this time all District Positions are filled. Average attendance at our meeting is 12 GSR’s and the District chairs. Our meetings are held on the last Sunday of each month. I was able to attend the area workshop which I found out many interesting new ideas. Yours in Service – John F.

PUBLIC INFORMATION - Robert (Butch) R. We met as a committee along with CPC and had 10 in attendance. It was a chance to meet some of the new members and reacquaint with others. Basically we shared what has been going on in our Districts, our concerns and our goals for the current rotation. Seems everybody is active and eager in their new jobs. We discussed a Billboard but we need some more research before we proceed with this venture. It was encouraged that we maintain and update our information as to who we are what we are and what we can do to help you get and stay sober. Nothing to me and I am sure others that someone reaching out for help finds the doors of that meeting closed. I am looking forward to this coming weekend in Billings for its fun fellowship and a learning experience. I will see some of you there as well. I must add that as many others do our last Area Workshop was about the best I have attended. Once again, thank you for trusting and allowing me to serve. –Butch R.

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DISTRICT 7- Neil F. Our meeting location is the First Congregational Church, 415 Juniper, 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm, next meeting is March 15th. Greetings to all from District 7! Our district is active with attendance at 15-20 for our monthly meetings. All district positions are currently filled except for archives. GSR attendance at our meetings has been light, with about 5 attending on the average. Our District has about 70 meetings. Our top priority is getting out to as many meetings as possible as quickly as we can. Patti, our Alternate DCM and I will be doing just that. In addition, we have asked others in our district for help. They have answered the call and new/updated contact information has been coming in. We hope more will join us at our district meetings and let us know how we can better serve them. Our committee chairs have been active, we remain engaged working with jails and institutions, striving to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still suffering. We have been utilizing our District page on the area website more. We think it's a great tool to put our information on. We will be working on the Agenda items so we can give Jim a conscience at the Spring Assembly at Cragun's. Jim will be giving his GSC report to our district on Thursday, May 17th. We are looking forward to his report. Eric, our corrections chair is working with Crow Wing County jail for an upcoming transition fair for inmates. AA will be there. District finances are healthy and I will be supported to attend the WCRAASC in Billings, Montana next weekend. Thanks you for allowing me to serve! - Neil F.

DISTRICT 11 Becky N. There are 10 in attendance at our January District Meeting. Currently the District meets every other month. One new GSR was brought in by another group's GSR. We had 4 people attend the service workshop in Brainerd on January 21 and 22nd. We only have One Chair for Corrections and will be looking for more volunteers. Meeting list directories for District 11 was updated and printed in December 2011. Literature volunteer, Will G., took orders from groups for books and literature and sent in one big order just short of \$600.00. We discussed having a booth at the Pine County this summer and will be fine tuning inventory of literature and coordinating volunteer's over the next several months. Round Robin speaker meetings (with food) still rotate monthly amongst 13 groups in District 11 and 6. Willow River gave a 37 year medallion years in service – Becky N., DCM.

GROUP RECORDS – SANDRA H. Would all the DCM's please see me to pick up your Group Records and Northern Light. Once again, I would like to thank you all for this opportunity to serve. Since the January Workshop I have been busy in service and home. I have been busy trying to update FNV and The Northern Light mailing list. I have printed out all of the meetings in Area 35 in FNV. This includes the inactive, pending inactive, incomplete and merged, etc. I will print out only active meetings for the Spring Assembly. I will print out only active meetings for the Spring Assembly. I also went through all the meetings and wrote a date on them, that is the date that the GSR/Contact Person changed. Some of them have been there for quite awhile so I do stress to all DCM's to go through these and let me know if I can help you in any way. I am also going through the Northern Light Mailing List. I have found that there are a lot of people getting the Northern Light that are not in the FNV system. I will be deleting those people if they are not getting the Northern Light and you need to be, please let me know. I also attended the GSR School in St. Cloud and found this to be very informative, interesting, and well attended. I would like to thank Laurie for all her help. Again I ask for your patience with me, progress not perfection. Yours in Service, Sandy H.

NORTHERN LIGHT – Jana M. Thank you for the opportunity to serve... The deadline for Reports and Articles for the next Northern Light is March 2nd. You don't have to wait until the due date to get your report if you can get it in earlier. I encourage anyone to submit an article. We have all had moving experience in AA. It doesn't have to be perfect. I can worry about the grammar. DCM's, please check your information to make sure it is correct and up to date, and your district meeting location to make sure that information is up to date, too. Yours in service, Jana M., Northern Light Editor.

DISTRICT 2- Kim B. Report Submitted, Read by Kelly D. -Sorry I couldn't make it, with the storm warnings in effect I felt it better I don't chance the trip this time. I'm excited to serve the District, AA has saved my life, I have struggled with this disease for years and now have 7 years sobriety and I believe I owe it to being involved in service that has helped me maintain my sobriety this time. This is my way of giving back what was freely given to me. I love this program. We have all the positions filled for the District. Although we are spread far apart we have good participation for our district meetings from all around our area. We had 9 people attend the Area 35 Workshop in Brainerd...5 GSR's and 3 of our past DCM's. They have been great support for me; I have many questions and a lot to learn. Thanks Rod, Tom and Art. One of our committee members is working on the new schedule for our district. She will have that done and bring it to the next district meeting. The GSR's have reported that the AA meetings are going well, with good attendance and lots of newcomers. We have great relations with the AA members from Thief River Falls, to Warroad, Roseau, Badger to name a few and the towns in between. We try to have get-together's as often as we can, although we are drinking, we still like a good party, and enjoy the fellowship. We just had our round-up last weekend, attendance was down but I believe that was because we were not organized and I had a late start on getting it ready. Hopefully next year will be a better year. Our committee for the Round-up plans to get together earlier this year. I will be looking forward to meeting everyone at the Spring Assembly. Yours in Service – Kim B.

District 16. – Gene V. It is with gratitude to the AA members in District 16, that they have selected me to serve as their DCM. District 16 holds it's meeting the 1st Wednesday of each month at: 5:30 pm, United Methodist Church, 1701 S.E. 8th Avenue, Grand Rapids, MN. Our next District meeting will be March 7th. I attended the Area Service Workshop in January and found it very informative. Thank you to everyone involved. Our District has had a very good group GSR attendance with 15-16 people per meeting. We are currently working on a District budget and should have it finalized very soon. The District is planning a free AA Public Information presentation for professionals in our District. It will be held May 4th as a luncheon at the Sawmill Inn in Grand Rapids. All professionals are welcome to attend. Additional information is available by contacting me. Hope to see you all at the Spring Assembly – Gene V.

CORRECTIONS - Jeff E. Greetings from Corrections. We get this at every meeting held in a Corrections Facility. Most of the inmates are extremely happy to have volunteers bring AA meetings to them, and I know it is genuine gratitude that they share with us. Please know that they are grateful for all the support from AA as a whole. So a big Thank You to all our volunteers. The Aitkin Committee Meeting was very well attended and we all learned from the information shared. It will be a pleasure to serve with all of you for the next two years. Perhaps one of the most frustrating problems of Correction Chairs is the difficulty recruiting new volunteers. If you know of anyone in your AA meeting who may possibly like to serve in this capacity please encourage them to talk with their District Corrections Chair. Roger R. Area CPC Chair and I will put together a format for educating jail and prison staff on the programs AA has to offer. We'll also try to address some of the problems we as volunteers often encounter in the facilities. I'm looking forward to the conference in Billings, Mt and hope to bring back many new good ideas. Just a reminder to update volunteers on facility policy. I've found that new jail and prison employees may interpret their facilities rules and regulations differently than their predecessors, and they don't often let us know of any changes that they have. Yours in Service -Jeff E.

DISTRICT 3- Jim S. Not Present, No Report

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DISTRICT 4 - Jeff C. Our last district meeting was February 18 in Evansville MN. We currently have our district committee filled and have chairpersons for literature, corrections and PI/CPC. Our district meeting is the third Saturday each month in conjunction with a monthly Round Robin. Meeting is at 5:30, potluck at 6:30 and speakers at 7:30. The schedule is published on the district 4 webpage on the Area 35 website. Our next meeting is at the Stevens County Senior Center in Morris, MN on March 17, 2012. I attended the January workshop with 3 other members of district 4. I will also be attending the WCRAASC with Jim S and Sean D from district 3. District 4's Roundup Big Ole is in Alexandria on March 10-11. The flyer is available on the Area 35 website. The district will be hosting an Agenda Items discussion at 10:30 on March 10 at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. - District 4 DCM Report: Jeff C.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY – Roger R. Ten members attended the CPC /Pi break out session at the Area Committee Meeting on February 26, 2012. Committee members represented Districts: 8, 13, 5, 6 and 7. Our meeting started with a Serenity Prayer and introductions. Committee members talked about CPC activities that typically take place in their districts such as PI/CPC breakfasts and luncheons. We began a discussion about how we can carry our message to professionals who are in contact with potential AA members. There are thirty different types of professionals who come into contact with potential members. We talked about how Area 35 could help districts in targeting professional groups with sample letters and information packets. I attended a GSR School in St. Cloud on February 4. I hope to attend the WSRAASC in Billings Montana on March 2-4. I am interested in listening to the discussion by AA members from eight western states on this year's Agenda Items. I am also looking forward to participating in our first Zonal Workshop on March 31 at Cragun's Resort in Baxter, MN. I hope to see you all at our Spring Assembly at Cragun's from March 31- April 1. In Service, -Roger R., Area 35 CPC Chair

DISTRICT 13 - Scott B. I'm grateful to be serving District 13 in 2012. All chair positions have been filled with the exception of the CPC Chair. Chair members are getting better acquainted with their duties and committee members. On February 4th, District 13 put on a GSR Workshop at the St. Cloud Library. Many attended and we received good feedback. There is a new beginner's meeting at 6:00 pm on Tuesday evenings at the Newman Center on the SCSU campus. Archives chair would like to develop oral histories of member's experience with starting new meetings. Correction has brought back meetings at the Stearns County Jail Huber Wing. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday the 29th at 7:00 PM. Also our district meeting agenda will open more time for GSR discussion on issues groups are dealing with. Our hope is that this interaction may help find solutions to issues so we may carry our message and uphold the principles of A.A. Yours in Service – Scott B.

DISTRICT 1 - Irene J. No Report, Not Present.

GRAPEVINE – Art A. No Report, Not Present.

DISTRICT 18- Vern P. Report given by Neil... Our District still needs to fill the PI/CPC Committee Chair. Corrections have turned in Application information to the jail and we are now waiting to find out who has been approved to go in for the Jail Meetings. There is another member who took the Grapevine Chair. Motley had a good turnout for the Round Robin. Staples started a Big Book meeting on Saturday at 7:00 pm. Round Robin will be April 28th at 7:00 pm. The District is trying to put together a potluck. 3/4th of the GSR's come to the District Meetings. We are working on new meeting cards. There is a Pastor in District 18 that is willing to help with 5th Step work. The Archives are in the process of making a DVD of AA History Presentation we had back in June.

DISTRICT 21- Dave G. Our District is still alive. We had our last meeting on 2-13-2012. There were 17 in attendance. We are still trying to get all positions filled – I have gone to ½ of the groups in the District. They say to grow from this program one must give it away. But to maintain healthy groups, one needs to attend District and Area meetings to bring back the information. Our next District Meeting will be on 3-12-12 at Bemidji Alano Club.

WEBMASTER - Robert (Bob) B. Members attending – Jana (Northern Light), Sandy (Group Records), Dave (District 21), Gene (District 16), Guest: Eric (District 7), and Dan (Past NL & Webmaster). The following has been updated – Meeting list is displayed in table format, two districts requested web pages. I added 10 district web pages; all districts have a web page. Information was obtained from the Northern Light. I am scheduled to participate in our Zone III workshop on Friday, March 30th. We will discuss protecting individual anonymity on AA Flyers that are posted on the web. The following comment can be found on many of our web pages: “Do not modify the code below unless you know what you are doing. Modifying this code could cause display problems in either one of the 3 major browsers, I.E. Netscape, Opera, or all three. DO NOT put this code in the external style sheet – it won't work!” Our WEB is supported by volunteers with different levels of experience. We need to change this coding to a format that is easy to understand and not likely to break formatting in different. Many of the district pages have been updated. On 6/27/2010 our calendar software was no longer supported. Our software was last updated July 2006. We are missing 4 years of upgrades and fixes. The author of our calendar software recommends google calendar. Sooner or later our calendar will quit working. I'm looking at different calendar software including google calendar. Work continues... We are using maps generated by www.map-generator.net. It is owned by Johan S. from Hamburg, DE (Germany). This company uses google maps to generate the maps. I'm no longer using this company and going straight to google. I have not updated what is on our WEB site. For new maps I'm using google maps direct WEB requests- 1) Update our web colors, 2) Get a group interactive change form working.

Discussion: I raised concerns about putting financial information on the WEB. The WEB is open to the public. Should we be disclosing our financial information on the WEB? We discussed the need to have full financial disclosure to all AA members. We did have concerns about disclosing our financial information on the WEB and to the public. We would like to get “disclosing our financial information on the WEB as new business at our next committee meeting. Bob will follow up on this action item. Requested an “In this issue section to be added to the Northern Light”. I like to add the In This Issue information on the WEB site. This could be hover information. This will aid in our search for past Northern Light articles. - Robert (Bob) B.

DISTRICT 5 – Heidi R. I am excited to be here and relieved to not be taking minutes. I am still learning the position on DCM. I am grateful to have such a supportive district to help guide me along. We currently have all our positions filled. We also had representation from District 5 in each committee this morning. It has been awesome to see all the passion and excitement for service work in District 5. Our district meeting is held the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm at Freshwater United Methodist Church in Zimmerman, MN. At our February District meeting, we had 17 people in attendance with 8 of them being GSR's. District 5 voted to send someone to the WCRAASC. We also approved to send anyone willing from the District to the Spring Assembly and February Committee Meeting. The problem District 5 is now having is we have lots of people willing to serve and not enough money. The goal is to start getting out to groups and informing them of what the district can provide the groups and the still suffering alcoholics. The district also approved purchasing \$150.00 worth of literature to have available for groups to purchase. We still bring meeting into two jails, the Mille Lacs County Jail and the Sherburne County Jail. District 5 is wrapping up its eight week probation orientation meeting and will start another 8 weeks in the upcoming months. Currently we have two treatment centers that we provide speakers for on the 3rd and 4th Thursdays of the month. At our March district meeting, we have set aside time to go through the agenda items. I will be getting everyone in District 5 a CD of the background information on Monday (2/27/12). I will also be working on setting up a time with our delegate to do his report back. I am grateful to be of service, -Heidi R.

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DISTRICT 6 – David A. Warm greetings from District Six in this new rotation! At this point we are still short on District officers and committees. That being the case I thought that we should use a part of our district meetings to try to educate ourselves. At our February meeting we started using the Traditions Checklist and Concepts Checklist. Rather than just reading a Tradition and moving on to something else we used the checklist to ask the questions from these lists, so that we can gain a better understanding of what was just read. We did same with the Concepts Checklist. We assigned one of our people to do this in our upcoming meeting so that each individual would have the opportunity to study the entire Concept/Tradition so that we could have a more informed discussion of each one. Also when looking at one of our committee workbooks we found that one of the suggestions was that when a committee is started that some of the time be allocated to study the literature and pamphlets. So we will take one pamphlet to study at each district meeting. At our February meeting we went through the pamphlet P-40, “Speaking at Non-AA meetings” and this brought on a good discussion. So hopefully by learning more about the different service opportunities that more interest will develop in our service work and our committees will start to develop and grow. I have visited about 10 of our Groups and am planning to get to the rest of them shortly. We are conducting meetings at the Isanti County Jail once a week. We rotate different people into this each month. We normally have one meeting with the males and another for the females. Every other week we have an AA informational meeting for the inpatient clients at the Dellwood Recovery Center. Normally our District Six meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. However, this March we will have our meeting on Saturday, March 17th at 10:00 AM in the foundation room of the Cambridge Medical Center. We will probably spend about 5 hours (or more) going through some of the background information for the Committees at the next General Service Conference. We will be able to use a projector and screen in this room. We have advised that those that would like to eat that they bring something to share. (Pot-luck). I am planning to attend the West Central Regional Service Conference next weekend. I am looking forward to the rest of this rotation for District Six and hopefully we can leave it in better shape than it is now. Thank You, -Dave A.

LITERATURE – Sean D. Greetings all, I am so sorry to have missed the first meeting of this rotation. I do plan on attending the WCRAASC in Billings this coming weekend. Please email me if you plan on attending and perhaps we can meet. I have just received a copy of the background information for the 2012 General Service Conference Agenda Items. I plan on reviewing and discussing these on the way to and from Billings with fellow travelers. I’ve listed below the discussion points I wanted to address this weekend with the Literature Committee and will put them on my agenda for our next meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service! -Sean D, Literature Chair

Literature Committee Discussion points 2/26/2012

- Introduction of members
- Role and Function of the Area Literature Chair
- How can this position best serve the Area?
- Develop a Contact list of District Literature Chairs
- Two week notice prior to Area meetings/events needed for Lit orders
- Discuss the 9 items for the Trustees’ Committee on Literature
- Items to discuss for next meeting

District 8 – Rolene L. Our first District Meeting was on January 4th. We had 40 in attendance. One of our first agenda items was to do our District Action Booklet up to date. This has not been done in four years. Our Alt. DCM has a committee working on this. Also, we discussed supporting our District Chairs to attend the Area Workshop in Brainerd, January 21-22. We had 20 in attendance. This Workshop was very informational. Our second District Meeting was held on February 9th with 37 in attendance. One of our agenda items was communication and attendance. Let new GSR’s know that they can participate on any committee. How important it is to be of service helping out on a committee. We have set up our Area Agenda Item meeting for March 24th, before our Area Spring Assembly. We had our District Workshop on February 18th and there were 37 in attendance and a few from other Districts. Our Alt. DCM put this workshop together. Topic was focused on GSR’s. Very informational workshop... we had 43 people at the Open Meeting that followed. District 8 is supporting me to attend the West Central Regional in Billings, Mt. March 1-4. I am grateful to be able to attend. I want to thank Alcoholics Anonymous and District 8 for allowing me to serve. Our District is a very active one I will do my best to serve. Yours in Service, Rolene L.

District 12- Servando M. Population at our district meetings are growing. We have for the first time in quite awhile, an actual committee for PI/CPC of 6-8 people. We have also sparked some interest by discussing the offer of a billboard by one of the local colleges. Several health fairs have offered us tables which we will be attending. We have purchased PSA’s and are presenting those to TV and Radio outlets. We have also voted to provide literature for several of the correction meetings in our district. Our treatment chair is as of yet open but we have been in contact with a few that are looking for temporary contacts for clients exiting their programs. We are now pursuing working with Districts to better serve our NERC Commitments.

OLD BUSINESS

January Workshop 2012 – This report was given by Michael “Jake” J. The January Workshop for Area 35 was very successful. There were 172 in attendance. The workshop cost \$1,300.00 and the Area received \$1,765.00. The Workshop was self-supporting and informative. There was a group of 4-5 people who came to the workshop but didn’t understand that the cost to be involved was \$10.00 each. Jake felt that the Area could make exceptions and waive the \$10.00 fee if there are people who simply cannot afford to pay \$10.00. The evaluations that were completed were overall very positive. The criticism what that participants didn’t have a table to write on. A full report will be in the next Northern Light issue. There was also a little confusion because the initial flyer didn’t have the registration fee printed on it and the second flyer did. There were people who had the first flyer who were confused about the registration fee.

WCRAASC – Jim K., Area Delegate reported. He encouraged everyone who can attend this event to go... There will be a Delegate only event which he plans to attend on Thursday. The WRAASC adds to Service Experience in AA.

SPRING ASSEMBLY 2012– Michael “Jake” J. reviewed that the Spring Assembly will be held at Craguns in Brainerd on March 31st and April 1st. You need to either register on-line or download their registration form and fax or send it back to Craguns. You need to mention Northern MN Area 35 to get the discounted rooms. There is no cost to attend the Spring Assembly, but there is a cost for the motel room and a cost for eating.

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE- This is the final report for this rotation for the fiscal year ending 2012. We had seven members in attendance at our last committee meeting on January 22nd, 2012 which included our new Area 35 Treasurer, Steve L., our new Area 35 Chair Kelly D., and our new Delegate appointee to the committee Suzie A., and our new Financial Committee Oversight Chairperson, Sarah K. We met at the Brainerd Hotel/Conference Center and reviewed period VII from December 3rd, 2011 to January 20th, 2012. We the members of the Financial Oversight committee have concluded that the financial records were deemed to be accurate including the reconciliation report; deposits / income have matched accordingly to bank statements, check registrars and reports.

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We the committee members would like to thank Area 35 for your patience, trust and support for allowing us to be of maximum service and commitment to Area 35. We wish that our future trusted servants of “The Financial Oversight Committee” good luck in your future endeavors and devotion to serve the Area to make ourselves better equipped, Financially sound and Financially responsible. Yours in Service – Randy A., Financial Oversight Committee Chairperson.

The finance committee for the new rotation met over lunch to discuss the plan, objectives and process for the coming rotation. We discussed some options for the committee as far as days and times for our meetings, and a request to establish the finance committee as a regular standing action committee. As we did not have all of the information we needed to conduct our first audit, we set up a plan of action for reviewing the treasury books, and plan to meet at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Spring Assembly to conduct an audit of the first two periods. A complete report will be presented at the Spring Assembly - Sarah K.

Conference Hotel Support – Jim K. chaired the next portion of the meeting while Kelly D. gave a presentation and her opinion regarding using an outside service to assist with locating meeting space for up-coming Area 35 events. She spoke about the necessity to look for sites 2-4 years out so that the prices could be negotiated earlier and lower rather than later and higher. The floor was open for discussion.

A motion was made to allow the Area Chair to use an outside service for future bookings of area events including Spring Assembly 2014. The motion allows the Area Chair to use outside service but doesn’t have to if others step up to the plate and assist her with finding meeting spaces.

A vote was taken and the Pro’s = 19, Con’s = 4. The Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Items 2012 - Jim K. Area Delegate copies of the agenda items printed out as well as discs ready to hand out to all DCM’s to take back to their districts. Unfortunately some of the pages were missing, but it’s a simple fix if each DCM prints off the missing pages. The Disc’s which were handed out contains all background information for agenda items. If printed out it is 700 pages of background information. He suggested that each DCM burn disc’s for each GSR in their district and if they want to pay to print out the 700 pages, each group can decide whether or not to do that.

Area 35/36 Workshop 2012 – The date has been set for the Area 35/36 Workshop. It will be held in St. Cloud on Saturday, July 21st, 2012 from 12:30 to 4:30. Kelly has a copy of the format used before and since Area 35 has already voted on this it wasn’t necessary to vote today. Kelly will get the flyers made and printed out as soon as possible and have them ready for the Spring Assembly.

Fall Assembly 2012 – The Fall Assembly 2012 will be held in International Fall’s on October 6 & 7th at the AmericInn. You can book a room for \$104.00 a night. The meeting room will cost \$600.00 and they will provide coffee for free. The last time an Assembly was held in International Fall’s was in 1996.

Area 35 2012 Budget Approval – The 2012 Budget was in the Northern Light. On page 46 of the Area Action Booklet it reads that the date has been changed and the budget will be reviewed at the Spring Assembly rather than the February Area 35 Committee meeting.

Committee Meeting Space – Because of the noise level at the Area Committee Meetings there are concerns regarding those who have a difficult time hearing what is being said. This discussion was tabled today due to the person who wanted this on the agenda was not here due to the snow storm.

Area Checkbook – Randy A. brought up a concern regarding the fact that the Area 35 Checks are printed with the name...Northern Minnesota Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous. He felt this was a violation of personal anonymity. He wondered if the Area should purchase new checks and leave the Alcoholics Anonymous off of the checks. Steve L., current Area Treasurer stated that due to federal regulations we are incorporated and file a I90 Tax Form with the Federal Government and the guidelines are listed out. Another opinion was to file a certificate of Assumed Name and we might be able to do business as Northern MN Area Assembly. Brad I. stated that in 2003 we filed as Northern MN Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous. Steve stated that it would cost the Area to make these changes somewhere between \$50.00 to \$250.00 dollars to the State of Minnesota. He wondered if the group would approve those costs? The topic was dropped for the time being.

One additional item was discussed. District 17 sent a check to the Area and stated in the letter that they are disbanding as an Area. They have also sent a check to GSO and to the Brainerd District and they closed the bank account. The Area discussed whether to work to bring them back to life or to re-draw district lines and absorb them in other districts. Various people suggested that the money be held in case they want to re-group and become a district and other’s felt it best to let them dissolve if that’s what they want, but it would make the closer district too large. It was suggested by Brad I. that if they want to close as a district then the Area should consider creating a committee to re-draw the lines in the Area. The input from all who had opinions were welcomed. As of today, no decision was made how to handle the situation or if any action needs to be taken. This may be discussed at a future time.

Calendar of Events –

- WCRAAC - Anonymity; Our Spiritual Responsibility in a Digital Age, Billings, Montana, March 2,3&4, 2012
- Thirty One Years of Sobriety:- March 3rd, Billings Park Civic Center, Superior, WI
- Eighth Annual Big Ole Round-up – March 9,10&11th – Alexandria, MN
- Sauk Rapids Open Speaker Meeting – March 15 – Living Water’s Lutheran Church, Sauk Rapids
- 33rd Annual Winter Rap-up – Virginia, MN March 16th – 18th, 2012
- 32nd Annual Winter Warm-up – March 24th, Moorhead at MN State University
- Zone III Workshop – Brainerd @ Craguns Resort – March 30th
- Area 35 Spring Assembly – March 31st, April 1st – Brainerd at Craguns Resort
- Stearns County Round-up – March 31st – St. Anna, MN
- Iron Range Get Together – May 4, 5th & 6th, Wendigo Lodge, Grand Rapids, MN
- Area 35/36 Workshop 2012 July 21st, 2012
- Fall Assembly 2012 October 6th and 7th, 2012, International Falls, MN

2012 – AREA 35 SCHEDULE

You can find out more about events on area35.org

West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (WCRAASC)
Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in a Digital Age
March 2 - 4, 2012
Holiday Inn 5500 Midland Road Billings, MT 59105
Call 1-800-465-4329

Area 35 Zonal III Workshop
March 30th - 7:00pm - 9:30pm
Paul Bunyan Room
Cragun’s Resort & Hotel on Gull Lake
Brainerd, MN

Area 35 Spring Assembly
Cragun’s Resort & Hotel
11000 Cragun’s Drive
Brainerd, MN 56401
March 31 and April 1st, 2012
Call (218) 825-2850

62nd General Service Conference
April 22 - 28, 2012
Rye, New York

Area Meeting - Sunday, June 3rd - 9:00 am
Aitkin Alano Club
322 1st. Avenue N.E.
Aitkin, MN

Area 35 Fall Assembly
AmericInn Hotel & Suites
1500 Highway 71
International Falls, MN
October 6 & 7, 2012

March 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
U.S. Federal Holidays are Red				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Daylight Saving Ahead 1 hr	11	12	13	14	15	16
	18	19	20 Spring Begins	21	22	23
	25	26	27	28	29	30
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April 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	Good Friday	6
8 Easter	9 Monday	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					U.S. Federal Holidays are Red

Upcoming Events in Areas 35 & 36

Note: Area 35 events take precedence!

You can find out more about events on area35.org/

8th Annual Big Ole Roundup
March 9 - 11, 2012
Alexandria, MN

30th Spring Fling
Saturday, March 10, 2012
Fertile Community Center
101 S. Mill St.
Fertile, MN 56540

33rd Annual Winter Rap – Up
March 16-18, 2012
Coates Plaza Hotel
503 Chestnut Street, Virginia MN

42nd Annual Iron Range Get-Together
May 4 - 6, 2012
Acceptance Is The Answer
Wendigo Lodge
20108 Golf Crest Road
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(866) 727-7345

Area 36

18th Sunlight of the Sprit Roundup
April, 20 - 22, 2012
Holiday Inn
Fairmont, MN

Gopher State Roundup
May 25 - 27, 2012
Double Tree Blooming Hotel
Bloomington, MN
www.gopherstateroundup.org

22nd Annual Heartland Roundup
September 7 - 9, 2012
Part Rapids, MN

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 - Editor - The Editorial Chair position is a two-year rotation picked by the incoming Area Chair and either approved or rejected by the Area Committee at the first Area meeting after the Fall Assembly Elections.

Desirable qualifications: Current 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 traditional and the A.A. purse 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 SPRING ASSEMBLY
MARCH 31 – APRIL 1, 2012
CRAGUN'S RESORT BRAINERD, MN
AGENDA

<div><div>_____ 9:00 A.M. Registration</div><div>_____ 10:00 A.M. GSR Orientation & Action Committee Meetings</div><div>_____ 11:30 A.M. Lunch (On Your Own)</div><div>_____ 1:00 P.M. Assembly Convenes</div><div>_____ Call to Order Open With the Serenity Prayer</div><div>_____ Recognize Past Delegates</div><div>_____ Add to Agenda</div><div>_____ Approve 2011 Fall Assembly Minutes</div><div>OFFICER REPORTS</div><div>_____ Delegate – Jim K.</div><div>_____ Alternate Delegate – Michael (Jake) J.</div><div>_____ Chair – Kelly D.</div><div>_____ Secretary – Mary S.</div><div>_____ Treasurer – Steve L.</div><div>COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS</div><div>_____ District 7 – Neil F.</div><div>_____ District 11 – Becky N.</div><div>_____ GROUP RECORDS – Sandy H.</div><div>_____ NORTHERN LIGHT – Jana M.</div><div>_____ District 2 – Kim B.</div><div>_____ District 16 – Gene V.</div><div>_____ CORRECTIONS – Jeff E.</div><div>_____ District 3 – Jim S.</div><div>_____ District 4 – Jeff C.</div><div>_____ COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY – Roger R.</div><div>_____ District 13 – Scott B.</div><div>_____ District 1 – Irene J.</div><div>_____ GRAPEVINE – Art A.</div><div>_____ District 18 – Vern P.</div><div>_____ District 21 – David G.</div><div>_____ WEBMASTER – Robert (Bob) B.</div><div>_____ ARCHIVES – Antonette F. / ARCHIVIST - Brad I.</div><div>_____ District 5 – Heidi R.</div><div>_____ District 6 – David A.</div><div>_____ LITERATURE – Sean D.</div><div>_____ District 8 – Rolene L.</div><div>_____ District 12 – Servando M.</div><div>_____ TREATMENT – Randy A.</div><div>_____ District 15 – Peter B.</div><div>_____ District 9 – John F.</div><div>_____ PUBLIC INFORMATION – Robert R.</div><div>2:20 P.M. Break</div><div>2:30 P.M. BREAKOUT SESSIONS</div><div>_____ Grapevine</div><div>_____ Treatment/Corrections</div><div>_____ PI/CPC</div><div>_____ Agenda/Policy and Admissions</div><div>3:30 BREAK</div></div>	<div><div>3:40 P.M. BREAKOUT SESSIONS</div><div>_____ Literature</div><div>_____ Finance/Trustees Committee</div><div>_____ Report and Charter</div><div>4:45 P.M.</div><div>_____ GSR Sharing Session</div><div>_____ DCM Sharing Session</div><div>6:00 P.M. Dinner (On Your Own)</div><div>7:15 P.M. DELEGATE SHARING AND BREAKOUT SESSION REPORTS</div><div>_____ Grapevine</div><div>_____ Public Information</div><div>_____ Treatment</div><div>_____ Literature</div><div>_____ Corrections</div><div>_____ Cooperation With the Professional Community</div><div>_____ Finance</div><div>_____ Agenda</div><div>_____ Trustees</div><div>_____ Report and Charter</div><div>_____ Policy and Admissions</div><div>_____ Regional Forums</div><div>_____ Finish Reports if Time Allows</div><div>Sunday, April 1, 2012</div><div>7:30 A.M. - 8:45 A.M. Big Book Meeting</div><div>9:00 A.M. Assembly Reconvenes</div><div>_____ Business Not Completed Saturday</div><div>_____ GSR Sharing Session Report</div><div>_____ DCM Sharing Session Report</div><div>OLD BUSINESS</div><div>_____ Financial Oversight Committee</div><div>_____ January Workshop 2012</div><div>_____ WCRAASC 2012</div><div>_____ Area 35/36 Workshop 2012</div><div>_____ Fall Assembly 2012</div><div>NEW BUSINESS</div><div>_____ Area 35 Budget Approval 2012</div><div>_____ Calendar Of Events</div><div>_____ TBA</div><div>_____ Ask It Basket (Past Delegates)</div><div>_____ Adjourn</div></div>
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