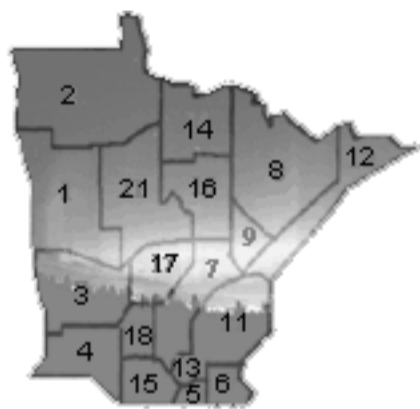


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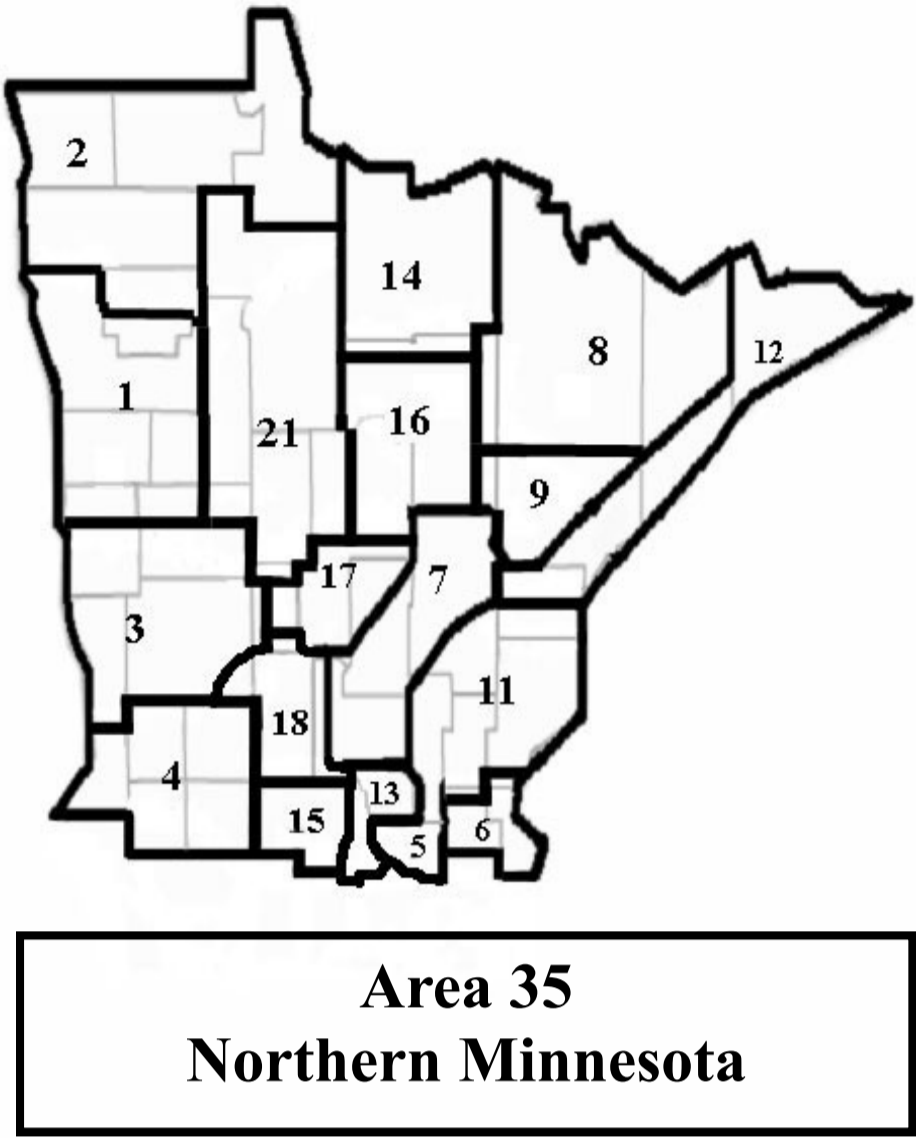
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Panel 46 Bill P.	1996-1997	Panel 12 Donna T. (deceased)	1962-1963
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Panel 36 Louie H.	1986-1987	Panel 2 Arthur R. (deceased)	1952-1953
Panel 34 Bob P.	1984-1985		
Panel 32 Tom L.	1982-1983		
Panel 30 Don M. (deceased)	1981-1982		
Panel 28 Garfield (Duffy) S. (deceased)	1978-1979		

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, Isle, Little Falls*, McGregor*, Palisade, Pierz, Pilager*, Waukon
District 11 - Finlayson*, Grasston, Henriette, Hinckley*, Lake Lena, Malmo, Moose Lake*, Mora, Ogilvie, Pine City, Quamba, Sandstone, Willow River
District 13 - Kimball, Rice, St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, Foley
District 17 - Backus, Cross Lake, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Pillager*, Pine River
District 18 - Browerville, 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

District 1
2nd Sunday of even months, 2:00 p.m.
Fertile Community Center
101 S. Mill St., Fertile, MN 56540

District 2
2nd Sunday of Odd Months, 2:00 p.m.
First Lutheran Church
210 Park Ave. N.
Middle River, MN 56737

District 3
3rd Sunday of Month, 10:00 a.m.
Perham Alano Club
Hwy 34
Perham, MN 56573

District 4
3rd Saturday of Month, 5:30 p.m.
Contact DCM for location (It Rotates)
Potluck at 6:30 p.m.
Round Robin at 7:00 p.m.

District 5
3rd Monday of Month, 7 p.m.
Freshwaters Church
12475 273rd Ave NW
Zimmerman, MN 55398

District 6
3rd Thursday of Month, 7:30 p.m.
Spring Lake Lutheran Church
8440 Erickson Rd. N.E.
North Branch, MN 55056

District 7
3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m.
First Congregational United Church
415 Juniper Street
Brainerd, MN 56401

District 8
Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m.
General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Contact DCM for location “It Rotates”
Cook, MN

District 9
Last Sunday of Month, 6:00 p.m.
Hibbing Alano Club
3725 1st Avenue
Hibbing, MN 55746

District 11
1st Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m.
Peace Lutheran
2177 Hwy 18
Finlayson, MN 55735

District 12
3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30 p.m.
Contact DCM for meeting location (It Rotates)

District 13
1st Monday of Month, 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
St. Cloud Alano Club
127 7th Ave. NE
Saint Cloud, MN 56301

District 15
1st Monday of Month, 8:00 p.m.
Albany Community Center
741 Lake Ave.
Albany, MN 56307

District 16
1st Wednesday of Month, 6:30 p.m.
United Methodist Church
1701 S.E. 8th Ave.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
Handicap Accessible, Non-Smoking

District 18
1st Tuesday of Month, 6:30 p.m.
Long Prairie Alano Club
21 2nd Ave.
Long Prairie, MN 56347

District 21
2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Bemidji Alano Club
3802 Greenleaf Ave NW
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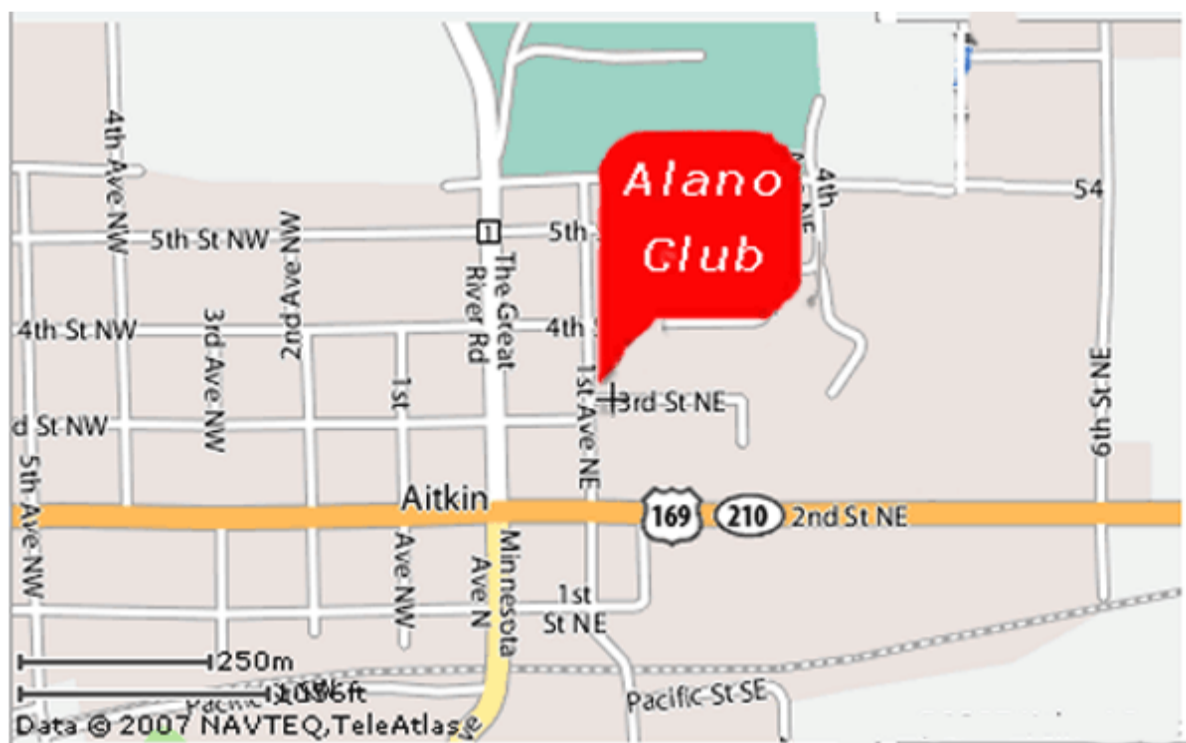
Inclement Weather Procedure For Area 35 Events

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 Alcoholics Anonymous. 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

DELEGATE'S REPORT

Greetings Members of Area 35,

Wow is all I can really say. It is such a blessing to be a part of Area 35. I hope that you are all doing well and are preparing for our upcoming Spring Assembly in Grand Rapids. If you have never attended an Area Assembly, the time to start is now. There are so many things going on in the Fellowship of AA and you do not want to miss out.

It has been a very busy past couple of months but it is a great blessing as those activities keep me around people like you. I attended and presented at our scheduled Zonal Forum in Grand Rapids and enjoyed being able to get to know some new members there. If you have never attended a Zonal Forum, I would strongly encourage you to do so when the next one is scheduled. These are a wonderful way to get to know your current Area Officers, share concerns, and gain a better understanding our service structure.

I attended the February Aitkin Committee Meeting and handed out all background information and Agenda Items to DCMs, Area Officers, and Area Committee Chairs. 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.

The following week after the Aitkin Committee Meeting, I was able to travel to Rapid City, SD for the West Central Regional AA Service Conference (WCRAASC). I want to thank Jake, Neil, and Roger for leaving a day early to go out with me so that I could attend the Delegate's Only Meeting on Thursday night. The conference was wonderfully run and it was great to see many other Area 35 members in attendance. The conference was extremely helpful in giving me a greater understanding of the background information related to Agenda Items. This experience will be invaluable to me as I prepare for the General Service Conference. A topic of major discussion at the WCRAASC was the GSBs proposal to restructure our two corporate boards (AAWS and Grapevine Inc.). I strongly encourage all members to look over this information in the background material (found under Trustees) and to reference your service manuals to gain a better understanding of how this relates to our 12 Concepts of World Service. I would suggest focusing on Concepts 8, 9, 10, and 11 with special care noted to Bill's writings regarding the possibility of changing our corporate structure. This information will be extremely helpful in determining the best actions for our Fellowship to take in relation to this Agenda Item.

I have completed all the delegate forms for the conference, booked my flight, and should have all plans set for attending the GSC at the end of April. Again it is an extremely humbling experience to realize that you have entrusted me to represent Area 35 at the GSC and I thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

In my travels to the WCRAASC, I was able to attend two different AA meetings in different towns. These, along with my experience at the conference that weekend, really exemplified the need for us to actively participate in and understand this Fellowship we belong too. I encourage all of us to continue to have conversations about the 7th tradition, our singleness of purpose, and active participation in our home groups and districts.

I am looking forward to attending the upcoming Spring Assembly in Grand Rapids in April and encourage all who attending to try to bring a new member with to share and experience this Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thanks to all of you for this opportunity to serve Area 35 and our fellowship.

Yours in Service,

Jim K.
Area 35 Delegate

**2013 West Central Regional Service Conference
Delegate Report Back**

Thanks for the opportunity to attend the WCRAASC. This was a great event and I feel absolutely blessed to be a part of Area 35 and the West Central Region. The information and spirit of service shared is an incredible experience to be a part of.

I attended the Delegates only meeting on Thursday evening and got a chance to meet with our Regional Trustee and all the Panel 62 and 63 Delegates. We went over our business for the evening and were able to finish up in time to attend a local speaker meeting where Carl B, past WCR Trustee, spoke to a packed house. This was a wonderful experience and a great way to start the weekend.

The following morning I attended the Past and Present Delegates meeting. There was a great deal of time spent discussing the GSB proposal regarding the combining of the Grapevine and AAWS boards. The overriding spirit of this discussion was one of being very cautious in the GSBs suggestion due to the extremely large change in structure. This conversation appeared to be relatively consistent across all members in attendance. After lunch the group reconvened and provided information to the current delegates. This was quite helpful in preparing this year's delegates for the conference and also provided good information pertinent to being in NYC.

The conference officially opened Friday evening and started with a presentation by Area 52, North Dakota, on the topic of, "The Triangle: More than Just a Shape." Janet and Curt each shared briefly on their experience with service and their introduction to Alcoholics Anonymous. The presentation was followed by sharing from the fellowship. It was well received and was a wonderful way to begin the conference. Following the presentation time, we took a short break and then moved into the first general sharing portion on the agenda items. We got through the first 4 committees and I was asked to present on the corrections agenda items. There was good sharing on these items and gave me a better understanding of the agenda items in those committees. Following the agenda items, I was able to go out with several AA members for ice cream at a nearby Denny's. This was an absolute treat as I was able to spend most of the time with Carl B., past WCR Trustee, and listen to his experience with service and recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous. Carl is a wealth of knowledge and a blessing within our region. Saturday morning opened with a presentation by Area 36, Southern MN, on "The GSC Inventory-Why is it Necessary." Missy and Curt did an incredible job of presenting on the information of how we got to the point of taking inventory at the GSC level and what we hope to gain. The body then continued discussion on Agenda items for Grapevine and part of Literature. After a lunch break the body broke up into breakout sessions. I moderated a session on GSC Inventory Questions E and F and then attended a session on Inventory Items B, C, and D. This was a enlightening experience and was helpful in gaining a better understanding and fellowship thoughts regarding the questions. Following breakouts, the body reconvened for a sharing session on, "Self Support-What does it mean to the Fellowship," by Area 40 Montana. Sherry and Mike did a great job on the presentation and there was a lot of good sharing from the body. This was followed by another session dedicated to going over Agenda Items. This was again very spirited and helpful in gaining a better understanding of the background information. This was followed by a dinner break. George B. then told his story which was a great experience and allowed for bit of down time to recharge batteries before the late Saturday night session. This session included an Ask-it-Basket time and then we went into the rest of the Agenda Items. I was able to present on the Trustees committee and this lead to a great deal of discussion on the GSBs restructuring proposal. Again most discussion within the WCR was very apprehensive about the plan. This was personally very helpful for me in gaining a better perspective, as I will be serving on that committee at the GSC. Sunday morning opened with a report back from Andrew W. our current WCR Trustee. He shared a bit on his new role and some of the history that lead up to the GSB proposal. Open sharing again turned quickly to the GSB proposal. It appears that I am going to have a great deal of feedback and from multiple members in the region which I firmly believe will assist me in my work on this committee. This finally concluded and we listened to the closing presentation by Area 24 Iowa on the topic of Singleness of Purpose. This was a great presentation with good discussion and a great way to close the conference.

Thanks so much for the opportunity to attend this event and serve Area 35.

Yours in Service,

Jim K.
Area 35 Delegate

ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

It seems like the beginning of the year is nothing but reports. Of course we have a lot going on. I just finished the January workshop which from the evaluations given was a success. Even though numbers were down we had great presentations along with floor sharing. Our costs were reasonable with the large room costing us only \$200.00 and our speaker local. The February committee meeting in Aitkin had a good turnout and some good discussion, with the body making a decision on how they wanted to handle voting on agenda items. It is interesting to be a-part of each body that has the ability to change procedures which makes us quite unique in AA. We are one of the few organizations that allow each body to make decisions on how they would like things done. That is why over the years we have tried different ways of processing agenda items and how we vote on them. I hope that we all realize that our participation whether agreed with or not is what keeps Area 35 a special place to be from.

I attended the WCRAASC in Rapid City, SD traveling with our Delegate Jim, our CPC chair Roger and Neil from District 7. They were once again great travel companions and certainly kept the 11 hour ride entertaining. The conference was not well attended but had 241 individuals that were well informed when we left. Our Delegate Jim presented himself well and was well informed. We had enough past trustees and past delegates that many good

questions were brought up and there was lots of information shared. I attended the breakout sessions for Grapevine/literature where we talked about the combining of the boards, our non-profit status and how publishing for the Grapevine magazine and our literature are totally different. The Grapevine has \$2,000,000 in a fund to cover the cost of subscriptions should we decide to stop producing.

What districts and areas are doing to promote Grapevine distribution such as having a Grapevine meeting once a month and talking about it, using the Grapevine as a topic at meetings and a Grapevine article writing pizza party. Also having raffles for subscriptions along with handing out lots of the free material. Buy a subscription for your sponsee or sponsor.

Are all the pamphlets produced used in recovery? Keep it simple, much redundancy and wasted cost. There are pamphlets that have good information such as the Group pamphlet and sponsorship. Many pamphlets are not being purchased and not getting rid of these. There are no computer hook-ups in dumpsters for drunks to go on line and look at. Delegates should be able to get everything electronically.

I also attended breakout session on inventory questions:

B- Composition of conference “Should delegate areas be more consistently based on membership numbers? It would complicate our system and have too many delegates from populated areas. It is almost impossible for us to have a trustee at large now.

C- Committee System Could the committee process be improved to more effectively introduce change in the fellowship and if so, how? We need to keep process slow, improve communication, have better background material on agenda items and educate the fellowship better. Spiritual improvement and qualified individuals.

D- Yearlong process effectiveness

1. What improvements could be considered to make the agenda process more effective? Make sure groups are aware of status of agenda items. Better communication.
2. How well do all conference members communicate to the fellowship about why we have a conference and how the committee system works? Scheduling meetings with each district and talk about agenda items along with the process.

I also attended all the other sessions and enjoyed the early bird AA meetings. I hope that at the assembly you will be well informed by those of us that attended so we can send Jim off well prepared with our group conscience.

Yours in Service and Fellowship

Michael (Jake) J.
Area 35 Alternate Delegate

37th Area 35 Service Workshop Report

The 37th Service workshop was held in Walker MN hosted by District 21 which did an outstanding job. The establishment (Chase on the Lake) did a very nice job of hosting us and I believe most people that were able to attend had a great time. Ted S. past West Central Trustee and South Dakota Panel 42 Delegate did a wonderful job informing us on the Conference process and his thoughts on how it was working. He also shared his story later in the evening. Thank you Ted. Although the weather and illness depleted our numbers somewhat those that showed up were presented with some great topics, laughter and serious thoughts by the people that presented. We had about 90 in attendance and several districts presented topics.

District 9 started off with the topic of Our Primary Purpose/ Carrying the AA Message. They used a basket filled with tools that we use today. Literature, the phone, and talked of how to share with the newcomer about AA. We had great sharing from the floor.

District 15 shared on Inventories at all levels/ why are they necessary doing a splendid job of explaining that inventories show who we are what we are and where we are going. Conference must focus on carrying the message as in our primary purpose. Inventory should be honest and open minded. Are we open to change. Change at the level of GSO could create fear. Participation improves through communication. Do our current use of finances reflect the current membership of AA. Service should be enthusiastic and attractive. Are area committee chairs doing their jobs and staying in contact with those who ask questions. No question is a dumb question! Are the districts getting the information and are they passing it along? How do we have informed group conscience unless they have the information. At the district level are we reaching all groups or just those attending. Do new GSR's stick around? Do people communicate and talk to them. As a GSR do I lead by example? Do the groups ask the newcomers to join us. Are the newcomers greeted and do people talk to them or offer pamphlets on AA. When they leave do we take the time to talk with them or just say keep coming back. Laughter is the best medicine.

District 16 had the topic of Delegate areas/District boundaries when and how to change them. Gene was able to present after his fellow AA members had some life problems. Thanks Gene we appreciate it. Gene had some information from Box 459 on an article that said we are all a part of AA history so we should be a part of its future. A district in Portland Oregon had about 60-70 groups and was too large for the DCM to visit. They talked of redistricting but could find no information on it. Except that the groups need to be involved in the process and the final decision should be left to them. There was also financial consideration as to which groups were financially supporting the district. Originally they would have 2 DCMC's (District Committee Member Chairs) to help or split into 3 Districts. They sent out a survey to the groups. The process took 4 years and ended in it splitting into 3 districts and all were healthy because of the groups making the decisions. In Delegate areas there is a big cost when having to drive or stay extra days. As we have to in northern MN when we travel from 1 corner to another. Some problems that happen when areas split and get active is increased cost to the area and GSO due to the increase in area committee persons. We are blessed in part that District 14 was able to make the decision to keep their District and make it active. We hope to continue this with other dark districts.

District 1 shared on self support-what does it mean to the fellowship. Unfortunately only one person could make it but Irene did a great job. We asked for help in the beginning to get going but later on Bill realized that the fellowship should support itself and that starts by each group being self supporting. The money in the basket belongs to AA and your group should know where it goes and what its used for. Your group is responsible for making decisions on what they can support and what it will cost. Groups send the money to the district to keep it alive. Without the group the district has nothing. The group also supports the Area and must ensure that they have a say in what goes on thru either their GSR or their DCM. Finally they support GSO and that is why we support our delegate to make sure they are doing the right stuff. Some discussion from the audience was about giving out of gratitude and giving what is right in today's economy. How much is your sobriety worth. We that have benefited in our sobriety must support the services for the newcomers and groups.

District 4 had the topic of the importance of a home group and sponsorship to our service structure as a whole. Thank you Jim S. for making it up and presenting. Jim did a very interesting radio presentation of the topic. It brought humor and much laughter. He managed to use humor to show the importance of sponsorship and the results of where good sponsorship can lead. He explored the fall of the home group and results that follow when we get off track. Jim shared how essential the home group is to the newcomer finding out about AA. The question brought up out of pages 185- 186 was when AA number 3 was asked if he was ready to quit drinking and that they had found a program by which Bill and Dr. Bob had managed to stay sober. He also talked of the home group being the basement or the foundation, the area being the main floor and GSO being the roof using construction as an example. Discussion from the floor was about the support giving by your group when things happen in your life. It is your sober family. Most people show up at service functions thru their sponsor or other leaders in AA. Your voice is heard thru your home group and it is where you learn about growth and service. To some a home group is where they know they will be welcomed back after a slip. That this is where they find people who care about there sobriety. Some people have service sponsors along with their regular sponsors. You also learn responsibility from your home group. Jim also stated he would like to get some singers together for after workshop entertainment. So if you like to sing get a hold of Jim.

Past Trustee Ted S. did a great job sharing his views on the conference and its effectiveness. He talked of the importance of us bringing names of class A trustees to the board. He stated that the conference is truly a spiritual experience. Accepting a group conscience vote is hard at any level especially when your on the other side. He talked about the guidelines of how delegates are placed on committees. He shared on the conference process. One of the highlights was Teds belief in the class A trustees and how much they help us out. Ted shared on the process of selecting non trustee directors. Thanks Ted for a great job. Ted later shared his story with us and we are all glad he became sober in AA and has shared his life with us.

District 3 had the topic of Leadership/Concept 9. The group leaders need to be welcoming to newcomers. Sometimes the leader just needs to be apart of leading by example. At the district level a good leader needs to read the material and find out about service positions. The ability to encourage people to serve. Act for us but don't boss us. Leadership can put plans into action I such a way that we want to back them. We need leaders that will bring the voice of Area 35 to the conference and any other functions we attend. Effective leadership organizes, energizes and keeps us focused. Good leadership comes and goes quickly. Leaders are spiritually strong. Many of our service workers were influenced by those that were here before us. A good leader practices humility.

District 8 had the general service board/corporate boards make-up effectiveness and change? They used the service manual and other literature to tell about the make up of the boards and what they do. The Grapevine is the voice of AA. GSO will come up with a plan to combine the boards and keep the Grapevine solvent. AA World Services can raise literature prices while the Grapevine cannot. Are our principles bendable according to the situation. At this time we are short 2 Trustees on the Grapevine Board. Why is this? Bill warned against combining the boards due to financial problems. We are all responsible to take care of AA at all levels financially and with the best people.

District 18 presented on the topic of the Triangle more than a shape. They shared on what we are recovering from according to the Big Book. Sponsorship using the AA message is important. How we recover by applying the steps and having a spiritual experience and understanding this is a lifetime process. In 1950 Bill and Dr. Bob turned the responsibility of taking care of AA to the groups. Our delegates are our trusted servants that we send to GSO to make sure things are done right. Unity is defined as being united or combined in oneness. The unity is kept together by the traditions. These are very important in the groups. On AA unity depend our lives and those to come. It is a we program, a fellowship that allows me to be a part of something. The steps, the traditions and the concepts have all combined to keep us together. We need to use these to keep AA.

We finished up with the past delegates answering questions from the Ask-it-basket. Some of the questions were why haven't we had a WCR Trustee from our area? Is AA changing the way it funds retirements at GSO? Tradition 7, how to explain it to my group? Why do we close meetings with the Lords Prayer? How does long distance sponsorship work? Thank you all for sharing your experience strength and hope with us.

Thank you all for your participation

Michael (Jake) J.
Area 35 Alternate Delegate

AREA CHAIR'S REPORT

Greetings Area 35,

As you are reading this I am hoping that Spring has finally sprung in northern Minnesota after such a long and cold winter season however, as I am writing this we are getting another winter storm here!

I just returned from the WCRAASC in Rapid City, South Dakota late last night where temperatures were in the 50's over the weekend so it makes it difficult to be back home. We were able to stay ahead of this storm on our travels back to Minnesota and for that I am truly grateful! It was a great trip to and from with two wonderful traveling companions, Rolene and Sandy. A lot of laughter along with a great time of fellowship together. So how does one put into words what an experience it is to be a part of this great Conference? Well first of all thank you Area 35 for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of it. It always amazes me the business that gets done in such a short period of time. There were 241 individuals registered at this conference. The presentations from Areas 52, 36, 40 and 24 were great with a lot of discussion on their topics from the floor. The presentations are always a highlight for me at this Conference, they are always focused on the heart and soul of our program. I attended the breakout session on the Inventory Questions E & F facilitated by Jim K. our Area Delegate. We had several past Delegate's in the session and it was very informational on how the process works at the General Service Conference. I then attended the DCM/GSR/Area Committee breakout session. In this session we came up with topics to discuss which ranged from how to get others involved in service to who votes at a District meeting. And of course we spent a lot of time going over the Agenda Items for this year's General Service Conference all weekend. The "hot topic" Agenda Item of the weekend was the discussion on and around the GSBs restructuring proposal under Trustees. This plan raised many concerns amongst those there and I for one am grateful that our very own Delegate Jim K, will be serving on that Committee. I enjoyed the Open Speaker Meeting Saturday evening. George M. our past Trustee spoke and he brought many smiles to my face. Our current WCR Trustee Andrew W. spoke Sunday morning and allowed the body to ask questions after. I felt he handle the comments and concerns with ease. I like to thank Area 63 for hosting this year's WCRAASC, we all know the work that goes in on putting on this event every year. I would also like to thank everyone that was there for their service to Alcoholics Anonymous. I really am truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful program!

Our approaching Spring Assembly April 6-7th will be held in District 16 in Grand Rapids at the Saw Mill Inn this year. I hope you have all marked your calendars and plan to attend that weekend. We will be going over the Agenda Items for this year's General Service Conference with our Area Delegate, Jim K. along with discussion on some of the inventory items that came up at the Fall Assembly when we did our Area 35 Inventory. Your participation is important to Area 35, we want to hear your voice, hope to see you all there!

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Kelly D.
Area 35 Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our net worth grew by \$6,463.02 or 31%. Of the 340 groups I have listed in my database 71% contributed to the Area. 47% of the 512 active groups listed in the FMA database contributed to the Area. The Federal form 990N has been filed for the tax year 2012.

I just came home from attending the WCRAASC in Rapid City SD. Thank you for sending me there. A lot of discussion was heard from the floor about numerous agenda items. Hot topic #1: Should there be an official AA page on Face Book? Please get hold of and read the background information on this subject (you may get this information from your DCM). Hot topic #2: Changing Tradition 11. Hot topic #3: Are PSA's still needed? Hot topic #4: General Service Board's (GSB) proposed plan to change and merge AAWS and AAGV operations. The GSB wants to combine the board of directors of AAWS and AAGV. The implementation on this plan is going to go on without any further input or voting from the Groups, GSRs, DCMs or Delegates. I find this frightening. On the way home we took a quick detour through the Bad Lands and saw some beautiful sights. We also caught some snow and ice on the Minnesota and Dakota borders. We made it home safe and sound.

Most groups do a terrific job about giving the correct information to receive proper credit for their contributions. They give the group's service number, the group's correct name and the group's district number on their contribution. Unfortunately some groups do not. If your group doesn't know its service number, they can obtain it from Sandy, our Group Records Secretary. The USPS has dropped the address forwarding service so please use the new envelopes with the new correct treasurer's address or go to our web site www.area35.org and get my current address.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer.

Humbly in service,

Steven L.
Area 35 Treasurer

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Since the publication of the last Northern Light, I continue to keep busy typing the minutes of the February Committee Meeting. I was unable to attend the Zonal Forum in Grand Rapids, which is my home town, because my husband and I had scheduled a weekend in Grand Marais with some dear friends from my past that same weekend. Hopefully, the dates for the future Zonal Forums can be scheduled far enough in advance that I don't have conflicts with the dates for the next two coming up this year. Due to moving to a new house and my work schedule, I did not attend the WCRAASC in Rapid City, SD. The March 4th deadline for submitting the minutes for the Area Committee Meeting was exactly one week following the Area Committee Meeting. When I complete this report I still need to finish typing the minutes to send to Jana tomorrow. I am finding that this type of service work for AA keeps my mind busy and away from worrying about all the things that are outside of my control. If anyone would like me to e-mail them the minutes, please send me your e-mail address. If you would like to receive the minutes by snail mail, just give me your home address and I'd be happy to send you the minutes in the mail. I look forward to seeing old and new friends in AA at the Area 35 Spring Assembly in Grand Rapids.

Yours in service,

Mary S.
Area 35 Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS**CORRECTIONS**

Thank you for letting me serve as Corrections Chair for area 35 and as a member of the Joint Area 35/36 Corrections Committee.

Most of my time recently has been spent on the joint committee and the proposal we are making to Area 35. By now many of you may have had a chance to look over what we are proposing for Area 35 to deal with the problems we face in dealing with 12th Step work in prisons. We have failed to meet some of the challenges with correctional facilities and in carrying the message to alcoholics on the inside I have been taking meetings into prisons and jails now for over seven years and I still have a lot to learn. Some of the problems have a simple solution – adequate funding for literature. Some will be more difficult to solve – filling the need for volunteers in correction

service work. The joint committee has met three times over the past three months with several members meeting separately to tweak details. We also use email extensively to share information. The proposal passed to everyone at the Aitkin Committee Meeting February 24th is part of a power point that may be presented at the Spring Assembly. This proposal will deal only with the nine or ten Minnesota Correctional Facilities. If District Committee Chairs like the program you may want to see if we can implement it in dealing with county and city jails on an Area wide scale. Cooperation usually is a win/win situation.

There are Transition Fairs coming up, April 24th for Rush City and May 14th for St Cloud. We have a volunteer from Area 36 willing to join us in attending the Fairs.

As far as I know all is going well at our Area correctional facilities. Chris H. in District 13 has filled all shifts for Stearns and Benton county jails including the Huber work release in Stearns. He's done such a tremendous job you may want to ask him for some pointers if you're having trouble. I have ended my report in the past with this statement and it bears repeating: there is a great need in most of our Districts for AA volunteers to carry the message of hope to suffering alcoholics. The biggest problem we face today is getting volunteers to bring meetings into jails and prisons and to become temporary contacts for inmates being released from correctional facilities. We have the blessing of belonging to an organization that saved our lives and it is hard to believe there are so few who are willing to share this gift with our still suffering brothers and sisters. I beg you, please go back to your local groups and recruit volunteers until we fill the needs of our jails, prisons and treatment centers. I know that the rewards they receive will be much greater than the fears they have of doing this type of 12th Step work.

Here are some of the ongoing needs of Corrections service work:

The GSO Corrections Correspondence Service – Inmates who ask for an outside AA to become a friend by mail. GSO assigns volunteers who are geographically far from the state where the inmate is incarcerated. These inmates have lengthy sentences to serve and seek experience, strength and hope from the outside. If you serve by going into prisons in Minnesota you cannot participate in this program. For those who can't or don't feel comfortable going into a prison, this is an excellent way to fill a need the GSO always has available. You can sign up on line at corrections@aa.org.

Old Grape Vine issues – can be donated to county or city jails. If you don't have a jail in your District any MCF will accept them for inmates.

Books – especially Daily Reflections or any daily devotional books are appreciated by inmates.
Thank you.

Yours in Service,

Jeff E.
Area 35 Corrections Chair

GROUP RECORDS

I have been in contact with Mike A. the publisher for our Northern Light. He has informed me that he will be willing to help us in the post office transition in any way possible. I have been in touch with the Post Office at Cold Spring to get the newspaper sent from there and I am waiting on a reply from the Postmaster. I plan to do one more mailing from the Bulk Mailing Center in Waite Park to use the money we have that account before I get it transferred or refund to the Area as I am not sure on how long it will take to get refunded to Area 35. I will keep everyone updated on this.

If you would like your flyer inserted in the Northern Light I will still need 600 flyers and a CHECK (cash is not accepted) for \$75 made out to POSTMASTER or USPS so that your flyer will be inserted in the Northern Light your newspaper.

I am working on updating FNV. I would like to invite all Districts and their secretaries/group records person to meet with me at any Assembly or Committee Meeting or when we can find a place and time. PLEASE this is for your benefit as well as everyone in Area 35 Remember this is your newspaper.

I attended WCRAASC this past weekend and had an amazing experience one that I highly recommend. The information and fellowship is AMAZING. Thank you for allowing me to be your trusted servant. See you at the Spring Assembly

Group Records Report on WCRAASC

I would like to start out my report with an apology to Area 35, for not being fully prepared when I went to this event I did not have time to read the background reports on the Agenda Items so I was not familiar with them. I learned a lot, as this was my first WCRAASC it was an unforgettable experience thank you. I am amazed at the vast amounts of knowledge out there WOW!

We arrive Friday afternoon after our adventurous ride and a 10 meeting. I truly believe I was meant to go on this adventure with a couple of amazing women. We then got to meet the New Delegates that just rotated in this year.

Area 24 Cheryl-Iowa-Finance—Districts 21 Registered Groups 644 Committees 3 times a year Assemblies in June & October \$30,900 budget for year Pink Can \$6,378.

Area 40 Sharon-Montana-Agenda & International Conventions—Districts 14 Registered Groups 299 2 Assemblies a year have 100 voting members

Area 52 Mike-North Dakota-Report Charter & Archives—Districts 12 Registered Groups 150 3,300 members 61 groups contributing to Area 3 Assemblies March, June, & September (state roundup) have GSR school every year with a past delegate chairing it.

Area 36-Terry-Southern Minnesota CPC

District's 27 Registered Groups 1200 3 Inner Groups 6 officers 13 committee chairs 4 committee meetings 3 Assemblies West Central Regional Forum Sept 6-8

As we went through the Agenda items many were thoroughly discussed and very informative for the alcoholic like me who has never been to WCRAASC. The amount of information that you can take in is amazing. I am humbled by this experience and words can't express what it meant to me. I suggest that if you have never been to this event and are interested in service this is the place for you the amounts of information at these are incredible.

We got together and had an ad hoc meeting about the Website with Bob on the phone. This is moving along and still a work in progress we will be meeting again and I am sure Bob will be updating you on his progress. Anytime they start to use computer acronyms I become lost.

I bought the cds for the agenda item on Policy's and Admissions as this is the agenda item I was asked to report on. I want to get my facts straight on what was said at the conference so that anyone who comes to the breakout session will be able to hear what went on at the conference. Being informed of the Regions thoughts on this topic. If anyone would like to listen to these please let me know you are more than welcome.

Saturday evening the meetings ran into the night and the information on these gave me a better perspective on all of the agenda items for the GSC. I will be reading the background information on the Agenda items before the Spring Assembly and hoped to be better informed in these areas.

I am sure that after the West Central Regional Forum and our Spring Assembly that our Delegate will be well informed of the Region and Area 35's thoughts and feelings on these agenda items.

I will be happy to go anywhere and talk with anyone on any of the Agenda items and let you know what my notes and thoughts were and if I do not have the answer I promise to get back to you with one. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I arrived home at 1am Monday March 4, 2013 after a 12 hour meeting with my great AA friends with a side listen to Carl B. story. What a treat thank you Kelly for sharing that.

Your servant,

Sandy H.

Area 35 Group Records

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

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

As we move into 2013 I would like to continue encouraging all of our Districts in Area 35 to be as active as possible in carrying our message to professionals who come into contact with potential members of our fellowship. I will be contacting individual districts to offer my assistance to their CPC Committees.

At our February Area Committee Meeting, our PI/CPC Committee and the Area Committee approved participating with Area 36 in the MN Age and Disability Odyssey which will be held in Duluth, MN on June 17-18, 2013. I am working with Carla N. of Area 35 on this statewide conference for older and physically disadvantaged individuals Our area will share the table-top costs and literature costs with Area 35 for this CPC opportunity. This conference is attended by 600- 900 county social workers. The MN Age and Disability Odyssey is held every other year in MN. I plan on attending this CPC event.

This past weekend I attended the WCRAASC in Rapid City, SD. Two hundred-forty one people attended this year’s conference. Area action committee chairs and officers from eight western states attended this conference. I was honored to represent our area at the conference and spoke on a number of agenda items at the microphones.

By attending this service conference I also had an opportunity to learn about CPC activities in other areas and become familiar with the conference agenda items that will be discussed in our districts and at our Spring Assembly. At the conference I also became aware of and began thinking about how we can use electronic media platforms to achieve CPC goals.

At the WCRAASC I also had an opportunity to hear Andrew W., our new West Central Regional Trustee. Andrew gave his perspective on the General Service Board’s proposal to inter-lock the Grapevine and AAWS boards. Participants at the service conference also gave varied and interesting feed-back on this re- structuring proposal. I am certain we will be discussing this agenda item in more depth at our Spring Assembly.

We will need to assess whether this re-structuring proposal will help to achieve important AA traditions such as greater unity (the AAWS and Grapevine Boards have not been communicating and engaging well with each other for many years). We will also need to focus on whether this proposal is congruent with our service Concepts written by Bill W. and detailed in our Service Manuel.

Jim K., our Area 35 Delegate is on the Trustees Committee which will be discussing and voting on whether to bring the inter-locking board proposal forward to this years’ General Service Conference.

At the WCRAASC I also had an opportunity to attend four general presentations sessions. I also participated as a recorder in a break-out session, with Jim Kath, our Area 35 Delegate, at the service conference.

I would like to thank Area 35 for sending me to these years WCRAASC. I look forward to seeing you all again soon at our Spring Assembly.

In Service,

Roger R.
Area 35 CPC Chair

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Greetings once again,

I would like to thank the Area for allowing me to participate in the WCRAASC this past weekend. We had a safe journey to and from, as we all know the weather can be unpredictable around this time of year. Was a great time, meeting up with old acquaintances we have met around the Region on our journey in service. The passion we alcoholics have for our Fellowship is really something and to be a part of and feel that is something only we know. This was the first of several times of reviewing and discussing the Agenda items I will

take part in and I look forward to all. The well being of our Fellowship is in our hands and it shows through the sharing that went on and our trusted servants will keep it that way. I had the opportunity to attend the PI and Corrections Breakouts and heard of the how and what was going on in the Areas in our Region. Our PI-CPC committee meeting was well attended and things for the good are happening. I also met the person I will be coordinating with on our part of the State Fair Booth of which I will start working on at the Spring Assembly and hope to have all put in. place by the June Committee meeting. Getting back to the Conference I also had a chance to share and make available information on PI Luncheons and Beginners Meetings of which copies the Itineraries have been requested. Next up is the Assembly and will see you all there.

Yours In Service

Butch R.
Area 35 PI Chair

WEBMASTER

District WEB Pages:

Each District in area 35 has a district WEB page on www.area35.org. Take advantage of your district page. Let me know what you would like on your pages and I will make it happen.

AAmeetingLocator Ad-Hoc Committee:

Our AAmeetingLocator Ad-Hoc Committee met on March 2 in Rapid City, South Dakota. I was able to attend this meeting via conference call. Two bids are in. “The Nerderly” \$32,736 and “Sytek” \$8,500. Our committee has changed its direction and we are working on doing AAmeetingLocator in house. We will be able to get help from Area41, Nebraska. The first step will be to get the Area41 software to work for area35 then add area36. There are many additional update requests on the table. This will take time. Work continues ...

For those that like statics: (Year in review)

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2013	1,538	2,288	10,681	145,498	1.58 GB
Feb 2013	1,483	2,170	9,238	112,151	1.23 GB
2013	3,021	4,458	19,919	257,649	2.81 GB

Our highest viewed pages are our meetings followed by our calendar. We have about 250 events on our calendar for 2013. These include district meetings.

Bob B.
Area35 webmaster
admin@area35.org

NORTHERN LIGHT

Hello Area 35.

Still being conference time, I put in another writing from Bill W. about our service structure and faith based on trust. We are still here today. Something must be working.

Again I want to point out that articles to the *Northern Light* are very welcome! I would love to hear from our Area.

Yours in Service,

Jana M.
Northern Light Editor

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED**GRAPEVINE**

Attended our Area 35 committee meeting February 24th and returned late last night from our West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference in Rapid City, SD. Also attended District 8th Workshop February 23rd. So lots of opportunity to learn some more about what this AA is all about. If you weren't able to attend one of these you really short changed yourself.

At the Area 35 committee meeting in Aitkin districts 6,5,14,13,3 & 8 represented with district 3 and 8 area chairs for literature and grapevine so we as a fellowship have lots of opportunities to improve on our communications thru the committees! Would like all districts to have your committee chairs or anybody interested in carrying the AA message to attend these events. Also still looking for district DCM's to send contact information so we could communicate with you district or group Grapevine representative. Will attempt to get out to other districts business meetings soon, know that I just can't get to them all but will make a big attempt to start.

At Breakout Session at WCRAASC on Grapevine will share at the assembly in April. Grapevine had a profit for 2012

The Grapevine Daily quote has really jumped in subscribers since starting in June has reached 16,500. It's free Go to AAGrapevine.org Just a daily quote from Grapevine.

Received the LaVina from grapevine DCM from district 5 said that they could make sure it got to somebody in that district that could use.

GRAPEVINE STORIES: Grapevine needs your stories! Go to aa-grapevine.org/contribute to see 2013 issue themes and writer's guidelines. Also as your Grapevine chair I have hard copy of guidelines. Just let me know and I'll get to you or I'll have at Spring Assembly April 6th and 7th.

Will be a very informative Assembly on April 6th and 7th 2013 in Grand Rapids. So hope all attend.

Contacted Grapevine on policy of sending out reminder that your Grapevine subscription is about to end on what is the need to send many renewal notices. What would really help in our fellowship is to make sure you don't let them send renewal notice renew and make on your Grapevine calendar or pocket calendar the date it needs to be renewed.

Agenda Item XI E. our Delegate Jim K. is on committee to review the General Service Board's proposed plan regarding the slate of directors for the A.A.W.S. Board and the A.A. Grapevine. Would maybe suggest that we all take a good look at Concepts 8,9,10 & 11 prior to our assembly. Or our reference people have always been our past delegates if you are unsure of the Concepts contact them if you have or need some understanding. Would be a great topic for a workshop in all Districts.

Carey A.
Area 35 Grapevine Chair

LITERATURE

Greetings all,

I had the absolute joy of "being there" last week when I received an urgent call from a District Literature Chair. With a big Round Up fast approaching, a much needed Literature order he had made from New York hadn't been seen. I explained that Kansas City is where our area's orders ship from but there had been some weather issues down south and perhaps that was the cause. In any event, I asked what he needed most and was able to bring much of what was needed so they had a more complete Literature stand at the Round Up. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to be of service!

In the Spotlight: Pamphlet P-18, Inside A.A.; Understanding the Fellowship and Its Service Agencies

This fold-out pamphlet explains the A.A. service structure both in the United States and Canada. It does a good job of describing all

the elements of how individual members and groups connect with the General Service Conference. This may of course need to be updated with expected changes to the corporate governance structure involving Grapevine Inc.

Yours in Service,

Sean D.
Area 35 Literature Chair

ARCHIVIST

Greetings from the WCRAASC

Judging by the comments and sentiments at the service conference, we are in for a wild time at our agenda items meetings and the Spring Assembly. We all need to do our homework. This homework would be reading Concepts 9, 10 and 11 along with accompanying essays. This homework will be studying the background information. If we remain rational and objective instead of subjectively reacting we can reach an informed group conscience.

There are 3 items for the Archives committee that require a decision. I will be sharing on these in the items breakout.

I have a lot of road trips in the near future. Moorehead, Virginia, St. Anna, Grand Rapids and Superior.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Brad I.
Area 35 Archivist

ARCHIVES

Greeting from the great up north! We are busy in district 9, working on gathering personal stories from members along with plans for an open meeting in May. Tom L. Past delegate will share his experience, strength, and hope with us on May 18, 7:00 at the Hibbing Alano Club. We look forward to seeing you there. I was not able to attend the past conference but I look forward to the spring assembly in April.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Antonette F.
Area 35 Archives Chair

TREATMENT

We attended the Area 35 committee Meeting on February 26th and had 6 people in attendance on our Treatment Committee. We had great participation and discussed the hot topics list concerning the Treatment /Special needs agenda items. We also discussed the Treatment Kit workbook review process and had some input on page 4 under qualifications which states: "candidates for this office" and some thought that it should state "members or candidates for this position" some thought that it reflected a political viewpoint or affiliation with a political entity. The other hot topic was about Hard of hearing or other disabilities and how do we reach out and help these individuals and how do we accommodate them. Some thought that we should have a special needs position in the Area to help serve this growing problem. All the districts are fulfilling their responsibilities in Bridging the Gap and other commitments.

Yours in Service,

Randy A.
Area 35 Treatment Chair

Trust of "Servant" Necessary
By Bill W., General Service Conference, 1959

The Society of Alcoholics Anonymous cannot operate except in an atmosphere of trust of its "servants" at all levels of the movement, Bill W., co-founder, reminded Delegates to the Ninth General Service Conference at their opening dinner session.

"Trust has a pretty close kinship with love and it is the essence of love," Bill declared. "This society cannot operate without some kind of trust. Nor can we operate as individuals without some kind of trust. I think the degree of trust we have in God, in our principles and in each other as something for wonder."

"We trust because we must." Bill suggested. "And having done that, we trust because it is right. And, finally, we trust because we want to."

Bill noted that the word "trust" appears once in the Twelve Traditions. "We think of Tradition Two as having to do with the group conscience, our sole authority as God may speak through it. Too often, perhaps, we overlook that other reference which describes our leaders as "trusted servants."

"Process of Delegation"

"The sponsor talking with the new person on a basis of trust, the group that must trust the people it names to serve them, the GSRs, the Delegates, the Trustees and the Service Office people, all of them really have to operate, and to operate, on a basis of trust."

The co—founder of A.A. in a brief synopsis of the movement's history, recalled that a "process of delegation" based on trust had been responsible for the creation and development of A.A.s movement-wide service facilities.

"The groups turned over to the care of the Fellowship's public relations to the Trustees of the General Service Board (then The Alcoholic Foundation). The monthly magazine, The A.A. Grapevine, was made a part of the headquarters operation. The Service Office, the publications, group relations, foreign relations, preparation of literature — all of the multitude of tasks you see being performed here now—were actually delegated from the founders to a Board of Trustees which was authorized to conduct A.A.'s world service affairs. These were successive acts of delegation, successive acts of trust based on Dr. Bob's trust and my trust and yours in the Trustees and their trust and love of us."

Concern Over Linkage

Bill reminded his hearers of the days when Dr. Bob, the Akron surgeon who co—founded A.A. had become ill and fears had arisen concerning the linkage between the groups and the Board of Trustees. "After all, the Board was very anonymous, and more and more isolated as the movement grew larger and larger." Bill and Dr. Bob and "a couple of gals in the service office" were the only widely known links, he said.

This concern over the future relationship of the movement to its Trustees led to the long debate over whether to convene a Conference. The Traditions, meanwhile, had been reduced to writing. It was recognized that the authority for service came from the groups themselves. "They named their servants. The responsibility for service belonged to the groups."

In the matter of world service, however, another relationship prevailed at the time, Bill pointed out. "A group of elders" was providing the leadership and their was need for linkage to be forged between the Trustees and the movement." The problem, he said, was: "How could a body of advisors to the Board of Trustees be created to take the place of Dr. Bob and me and the other old-timers."

Failure to create linkage of this type presented the risk of "collapse in the middle of the movement," Bill said. "One big blunder and confidence would be lost, and it would be very difficult to restore."

Bill recalled that there had been some "very good" objections to the idea of establishing the Conference. These, he said, had been based largely on the fear of "politicking" and on a desire to "keep things simple."

Five Year Experiment

It was finally realized that "collapse would not mean simplicity, it would mean confusion. The awful risk was that the whole structure which had accounted for spreading A.A. across the world, which had accounted for much of our growth and unity might just simply collapse - or might dry up gradually as less and less became known of the Trustees."

"We also realized," Bill declared, "that this Society was entitled to come in here and take a look at the people operating its services, to look at the assets that were in trust for them." The Conference was set up originally on a five-year experimental basis. Bill said, "because 'we finally saw that it would be better than no Conference at all.'" Even had it failed, a method of assembling it would have been created, he noted.

Bill said he was "supremely confident that this magnificent structure can endure and rise above any future trials or perils that may be thrust upon it. We will build this service and maintain it because we must, because we ought to and, as we know more about it, because we shall dearly want to."

"There are students of these matters who have at times predicted to me that our present structure of service cannot endure; that when the old timers are gone and the strain of living in this perilous world are thrust upon us in full force, we shall not be able to 'take it'. They say that one of the reasons we shall not be able to do this is because we are flying in the face of much of human experience and all of present day trends."

We Require No Government

The present day trends are towards centralized and personalized leadership. These trends center around greater and greater power in the few. The need, of the times, people say, require it.

A.A. says No! For your purposes, yes; but for our purposes, No! We do not require concentrated power any place. We do not require a government. We do not require any government agency. Barleycorn will kill us if we don't behave, as individuals and as groups. Barleycorn is our dictator and he is enough, provided that we have rightly structured our functional and service efforts.

As my own term of service with respect to world affairs is drawing to an end, I would like to be sure that we had rid ourselves of every structural defect and developed every aspect of our experience to perfect our structure of service to make sure that it will endure in a spirit of faith, based on trust.

**Aitkin Area 35 Committee Meeting
February 24, 2013**

Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer

Past Delegates in attendance: Susie A.- Panel 48, Tom A. - Panel 50, Tim C. - Panel 52, and Charlie C. -Panel 54.

Additions to the Agenda:

Roger R– CPC committee would like to add Minnesota Age and Minnesota Odyssey

Sandy H – Changing the post office for the Northern Light Mailing

Approval of the December Committee Minutes: Mary Schnell made a motion to approve the December minutes, Jim K approved the motion, Servando seconded – motion passed – no opposition.

Officer Reports

Delegate – Jim K- Greetings Area 35! It is a great time of the year to be an active member of Alcoholics anonymous in Area 35. Then again, any time of year is really a great time to be an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 35. It is truly a privilege to serve our area in this capacity and I thank you for the opportunity. It is a busy time of year but I have found out that is usually a good thing for me. I received and forwarded all information from the A.A. Board Weekend in January to DCM's, current officers, committee chairs, and past delegates. I also forwarded on the agenda items, hot topic list, and information regarding the GSB proposal to all parties. I will continue to keep all informed with any information that is passed on to me. I have a conference call scheduled with Andrew W., current SCR Trustee, and all of our regions current delegates later this Sunday and hope to go over information related to our agenda items as well as the upcoming WCRAASC. I received all background information in both a hard copy and cd and have made appropriate copies for all DCM's, Area Officers, Area Chairs, and Past Delegates. All DCM's will receive a DC copy of the background information and or a hardcopy if they requested. I encourage DCM's to consider how to best obtain their districts conscience to pass along at the upcoming Spring Assembly. Many districts hold a special district meeting to obtain an informed group conscience and this appears to be an effective method. Area committee chairs will also receive a hard copy of their respective committees and Area Officers will receive a hard copy of the remaining committees that have been assigned to them. I also want to remind DCM's to schedule their Delegate's Report of the GSC as soon as possible. I was able to take part in the Zonal Forum held in Grand Rapids on February 9th. Attendance at this event appeared to be down but I hope that those who attended were given meaning information. I encourage DCM's and other members to do their best in getting out to groups and letting them know about these events. They are a wonderful way to reach many groups who may or may not regularly attend Area Assemblies or Area Committee Meetings. I hope to see many of you this coming weekend at the WCRSC in Rapid City, SD and want to thank the Area for agreeing to send me. I will be riding out with Roget, Jake and Neil. We rode out together last year to Billings and evidently have not gotten too sick of each other yet. This is a wonderful event for gaining a better understanding of our agenda items for the upcoming GSC. Thanks again for all your service and for the opportunity to serve Area 35.

Alternate Delegate – Michael (Jake) J – Once again, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 35, it is such a privilege to spend time with all of you. I have been blessed with health to get through the January Workshop, a Zonal Forum in district 16, a couple of open meetings and the District 8 Workshop. I enjoyed the presentations at all of these and marvel at the gratitude shown by our trusted servants in Area 35. The willingness to drive for miles, sit on the hard chairs and up in front of crowds is not easy and I really appreciate those that have been willing to do it. The workshop went well with about 91 in attendance. We all hoped for more but those that were able to attend seemed to enjoy the experience. District 21 did a great job hosting and once we got the coffee straightened out we were in good shape. The hotel was nice and did a very good job of hosting us. Parking was lousy but we suffered through it. Our expenses were \$538.67 and took in \$810.00 in registrations along with \$52.00 in the basket. Our Zonal Forum had about 14 people and your area officers presented well. District 16 did a good job of hosting it. Thank you. We had some good discussion after the presentations. I enjoyed the workshop District 8 put on and thought the presenters did a fine job. It is always exciting to hear the history of a district and end with the traditions being shared by the groups. I am excited by the thought of traveling with my companions out to Rapid City and am sure we will enjoy the ride, the conference and the return trip. Bringing you much shared experiences and funny stories.

Chair – Kelly D- Good morning everyone, it is good to be here with all of you. We have a lot of business to discuss with several items to address on our agenda today. I look forward to our time together as we work together in service to continue to carry the message. I was invited to attend the AA Meeting Locator Ad-hoc Committee Meeting on December 29th. This was a great meeting and a lot of items discussed on what both Areas need to do to correct the problems we are experiencing with this program. There is a lot of work to be done but I believe this committee will do a great job getting things done. I would like to thank everyone of them on this committee for their commitment of service! I attended the January Workshop in Walker on the 19th and 20th and felt the Districts that presented on their topics did a great job. I enjoyed all the discussion on the topics from the floor also, it was good to see so many involved. It was nice to see Ted S. again as he shared with us his experience and later on his story. Although the weather that weekend was not to favorable and attendance was down, the establishment was nice, comfortable and the food was good. Thanks Jake, for organizing this Workshop, District 21 for hosting and everyone that was a part of making it a successful Workshop. I attended our Zonal Forum on February 9th in Grand Rapids from 12:00-4:00 with the other Officers. Again attendance was down for this event, we had 14 present. I have concerns on what we can do to get more individuals to attend these Forums. It truly is a great opportunity to meet the Area Officers and discuss what we do in Area 35 to carry the message. It was however a great afternoon of sharing amongst those that were present. I would like to thank Gene and District 16 for hosting this event and making us feel welcome. I was asked by District 7 to moderate their District Inventory on February 21st. What a wonderful opportunity that would have been. At last minute I had to work the next morning on Friday (which I normally do not do but have been doing a lot of lately) and old man winter came back with its fury that night. It is always an honor and a privilege when asked to be a part of anything in Alcoholics Anonymous and I would like to thank them for asking me to do this with them. I am grateful they had a back up plan in place. They are doing some great service work in their District! I was also invited to attend District 8's Workshop on February 23rd and enjoyed the time spent with them, they had 47 in attendance. It was a great Workshop that involved Scott J. doing the history of their District along with presentations on the 12 Traditions by the groups and presentations by their Committee Chairs. Later on I was asked to "stick around" and speak at their Open Speaker Meeting which they had a turnout of around 100, wow! I truly enjoyed the fellowship with all of them and would like to thank them for allowing me the opportunity to spend time with them and their District event. They too have a lot of good service going on in their District! I have been in touch with Missy, the new incoming Area 36 Chair. We got the flier and Agenda together for our Workshop with them on July 20th. I made some copies and brought them here today. You can also get them from our Area 35 website calendar. I will talk more about this Workshop later on under old business. I look forward and plan to attend the WCRAASC in Rapid City, South Dakota next weekend traveling with Rolene L. District 8 DCM and Sandy H. our Area 35 Group Records. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Secretary- Mary S – Hello, since our last committee meeting, I attended the Workshop in Walker and as usual learned from my fellow AA members that what we have is a gift and to keep it, we need to share what we have learned. We have 2 new groups in Area 35 and I will send welcome notes to them. I am planning to assist District 16 with the Spring Assembly which is coming up in Grand Rapids. Also, the flyers for the spring and Fall Assemblies are on the back table. Please take the flyers and share them with your groups. Because the Northern Light report is due March 4th, I'd like to have your reports sent to me by Friday, March 1st. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Treasurer- Steve L- I attended the District 8 Workshop in Virginia on 02/23/13. It was a large gathering with people from other Districts attending. I thought the presentations were informative. I also attended the Area 35 Zonal Forum in Grand Rapids on 2/9/13. On 1/19/13 I attended the Area 35 Workshop in Walker. I thought the presentations were well thought out, and I want to thank the Dist 21 crew for all their help. The income from the workshop was not in-

cluded in the Period 1 report because deposits were not made until Feb 1. Our net worth grew by \$6,463.02 or 31%. Of the 340 groups I have listed in my database 71% contributed to the Area. 47% of the 512 active groups listed in the FMA database contributed to the Area. The Federal form 990N has been filed for the tax year 2012. Most groups do a terrific job about giving the correct information to receive proper credit for their contributions. They give the group's service number, the group's correct name and the group's district number on their contribution. Unfortunately some groups do not. If your group doesn't know its service number, they can obtain it from Sandy, our Group Records Secretary. The USPS has dropped the address forwarding service so please use the new envelopes with the new correct treasurer's address or go to our web site www.area35.org and get my current address. All financial reports were also emailed to all DCM's to bring back to there districts.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS

ARCHIVIST-Brad I -since the December committee meeting I attended and recorded the Winter Workshop in Walker. The only issue I had was the draft coming under the glass door on the lakeside that deep froze my feet. The presenters did a great job and the sharing was tremendous. I am continuing to inventory and build a searchable data base of the Archives collection. I am writing essays to go along with 40 or so photos of various archives items to be posted on the Area web page. I uploaded a bunch of photos to dropbox.com, if anyone wants to see these, email me and I will send you the link. I also submitted an article to the Northern Light. Recent contributions to the Archives are several District's minutes, a 1931 Article by Richard J. Peabody in the "American Mercury" magazine and a lurid 50's era paperback "The Lady is a Lush". I also found online a 1914 "Medial Review of Reviews" with an article about Towns Hospital that I printed and will be on display. For upcoming events, I will be going to Rapid City for the WCRAASC, The Winter Warm Up in Morehead, the Winter Wrap Up in beautiful downtown Virginia, and the Spring Assembly in Grand Rapids. I am available for history displays and talks and please keep those District minutes coming.

LITERATURE-Sean D - The Literature Action Committee met this morning with District 6,5,14,13,8,and 3 represented. It was great to see District 14 taking part in service right away. Thank you JoAnn and Jane! 6 orders submitted before this meeting and all were filled, plus a new order for District 14. The Districts represented today report that there are no literature concerns. The new version of Living Sober is available and I have a few copies both normal and large print here with me today. Area 36 donated some literature to the Sherburne County Jail via the Pink Can. This was discussed at length with no resolution. Thank you for an opportunity to be of service!

District 13-Scott B -District 13 has filled the P.I. position. Our former P.I. Chair is helping Mark to learn all the duties and responsibilities of the position. Volunteers are needed to chair our beginners meetings held at the St. Cloud Alano Club at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday of the month. Interested parties can contact Christine our treatment chair for more information. Treatment and Corrections are looking to add to their volunteer list for bringing in meetings to jails, Our House and Clara's House. Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

District 5-Heidi R -We have been very busy in District 5. Due to a scheduling conflict at our normal district meeting location at Freshwater's Church, we had to move the meeting to the Elk River Alano Club. This was a great experience for the district and I thank the Elk River Alano Club. This was a great experience for the district and I thank the Elk River Alano Club for allowing us to hold the meeting. A topic we have been discussing is rotating our district meeting location to we got an idea for what this could look like. We are just wrapping up another rotation of the Sherburne County Probation Orientation Meeting. We continue to update group information and meeting schedules. We have AA members passing out schedules, pamphlets, and Grapevines to local businesses, churches, and doctor's offices. We are still holding two meetings a month at two treatment centers. Our literature chair was asked to provide an inventory of literature available to add to his monthly reports. We have AA meetings being brought into two jails within District 5 which are Mille Lacs County Jail and Sherburne County Jail. Currently, Mille Lacs County is being covered and we have applications for anyone interested in volunteering. We have been working hard to get enough people for the Sherburne County Jail and are still in need of women and men volunteers. We have started to get volunteers from area 36 since they are right next to our district. With their help we are trying to get enough volunteers so we can go from two meetings per month to weekly meetings. During our district meeting we had some discussion about providing literature for Sherburne County Jail. We had asked Area 36 if they were willing to purchase Big Books for the jail. They did get us some books. This was a decision made quickly and we found it was probably not a good decision. We learned that this type of decision should be brought back to the groups for input. Several groups have voted to purchase one or two Big books a month and donate them to Sherburne County Jail. Our Correction chair is also going to provide us an inventory of how many books are in the jail so we can decide is district 5 need to purchase more literature. We have held nominations for the candidate District 5 will support for the next Area 35 Delegate and plan to vote next month. At our next district meeting, we will also be going through the General Service Conference Agenda items so we are prepared for the Spring Assembly.

TREATMENT-Randy A-We met as a committee this morning 2/24/13 and had 6 people in attendance. District reports were read as follows; District 16 brings informational pieces about Alcoholics Anonymous to various facilities for presentations. District 1 does a speaker meeting every Saturday at Glenmore Treatment Center. District 13 does commitments at Recovery Plus during the day which included 2 men and 2 women speakers. Dist 12 does meetings monthly for Center for Drug and Alcohol addiction. District 7 does only outpatient meetings. Topics for discussion were Treatment/Special Needs contents of treatment kit and workbook, page 4 which reads "Candidates for this office" under qualifications for Chairpersons – some felt it should state "members of candidates for this position". There was also discussion on how to help Groups or individuals prepare or communicate in advance for the arrival of deaf-hearing impaired or disabled individuals and how to accommodate them. Despite the lack of interest in some districts all commitments are being fulfilled sometimes the same individuals are being utilized. We continue to do our best with "Bridging the Gap" requests as a lot of calls came from Minneapolis Intergroup – Area 36 which is very active in Bridging the Gap and Treatment Facilities requests.

District1-Irene J. - Greetings from District 1-our last meeting was held on February 17 with 9 members attending. Our District is doing well financially, but as always our groups need to be reminded of our seventh tradition. Group reports were given by those in attendance and numbers of people seem to be about the same. We will be hosting our 31st Annual Spring Fling events being held on March 9th at the Fertile Community Center. We are hoping for an enthusiastic response from those that will be attending. As most we have our committee chairs to fill, we do have our treatment chair filled with groups from our district coming into Glenmore to speak at the Saturday night meeting. We also have our correction chair filled and there are also three different groups within the jail house that have the opportunity to attend the AA meetings held on Wednesday nights. I am very thankful to have many dedicated members in service and it is a job to work with AA members on the current event that is coming up. Also would like to thank Jake for asking District 1 to present at the winter workshop held in Walker, self supporting – what it means to the fellowship from Home group to District, to Area to GSO. Due to the weather Jackie H was unable to attend the workshop and help with the presentation. I was still able to do the presentation and I felt there was great feedback from the groups that attended.

District 7-Neil F. -Greetings from District 7! District 7 meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month in Brainerd at the First United Congregational Church in Brainerd. The meeting starts at 7pm and ends at 8:30 pm. Our last meeting was on Thursday 2/21 and we had around 20 in attendance including 8 GSR's and 2 Alternate GSR's. We conducted an inventory immediately following our regular district meeting. Participation was very good and an open and honest appraisal was completed. We will be looking at what improvements can be made and continuing to do those things we are doing effectively today. Special thanks to Mark N. for facilitation the inventory for the District. Speaking for the district, I believe we would agree it was productive and worthwhile to do. We are preparing to cover the 2013 GSC Agenda Items. To do so, we have scheduled an additional meeting in March to discuss. We will be scheduling Jim's report on the conference will be scheduling Jim's report on the conference to the district. Yesterday (2/23) the district hosted a workshop on our CLAA phone line. Overall attendance was light; however there was a good participation from those who made it with good sharing on how we can best perform this vital service. The District is planning a CPC event in May. We have a new PI-CPC Chair, Liz, who was nominated and elected unanimously and has already begun working on

the upcoming CPC event. Although all district positions are not filled, we have dedicated members who are actively completing the work and for that I am grateful. I am planning to attend the West Central in Rapid City, South Dakota.

PUBLIC INFORMATION-Robert (Butch) R: We met with CPC with 14 in attendance. Districts 3,5,6,7,8,11,12,14 & 18. We shared on Beginners Meetings, PI Luncheons, Phone lines and meeting schedules with emphasis on keeping the phone lines manned and schedules up to date. Also checked that the Public Announcements on Radio and TV are corrected when needed. Much time and effort taken will provide better results. Especially when putting on a P.I. Luncheon. The workshop in walker was one of the best. I have attended. I also will be getting started on the State Fair hoping to fill some slots at the Spring Assembly. I am looking forward to Rapid City coming up and wishing all safe travel to and from.

District 3-Jim S. Good morning Everyone, Our last district meeting was Feb 17th. This was the first meeting I was not present at as I was in the Philippines on vacation. Rick L filled in for me. Bob B, our Area Webmaster has generously offered to help build/repair our website that is in pretty poor shape. I am excited to see what the outcome will be thank you Bob. We did have to vacate two positions due to a lack of attendance and communication with the district. CPC/PI and Treatment. Treatment was filled at that meeting. We had a surplus of funds at the end of the year so we are going to use those to fund any member of the district to attend dark meetings so we can hit them more often than I can as DCM on my own. We are going to create a standard format for the person to present at the meeting so we present a consistent message. We are planning our next Annual Roundup and I hope to have fliers at the next meeting.

District 6-David A. District Six DCM Report I attended the 37th Annual Area 35 Service Workshop and as always it was a spiritually uplifting event again. Our district is still putting on jail meetings at the Isanti County Jail every week. We also have an AA Informational Meeting with the residents at the Dellwood Recovery Center every other week. Some of our members have been busy doing some CPC/ PI work with the local clergy people. We will be holding a special District Six Meeting to go through some of the Agenda Items of the General Service Conference on March 16th at the Foundation Room in the Cambridge Medical Center. I am planning to attend the WCRAASC in Rapid City this coming weekend. See you there!

GROUP RECORDS-Sandy H - I have been recovering from a bout of the cold/flu so it has been quiet at my end. I continue to update FNV when I receive updates. If you are not getting the Northern Light and should please let me know. If you would like a flyer in the Northern Light I need 600 flyers either given to me or to Cold Spring Records and a check for \$75.00 made out to POSTMASTER or USPS. Wish everyone health, always ... see you at the Spring Assembly.

NORTHERN LIGHT-Jana M - The next deadline for reports and articles is March 4th. Since it is conference time again, I put in the articles section something from Bill W. at the 1954 General Service Conference and an article from our own archives chair, "Overcoming Adversity With the Help of AA". I strongly encourage you to write about your experiences in AA. This is YOUR newsletter I would like to hear from you.

District 21- Dave G. - Our last meeting January 14, 2013. Our February meeting was postponed twice and will be Monday 2/25/13. We have a date for a workshop/Delegate Report which is 6/8/13. We are also working on our District Website.

District 16-Gene V. - It is with gratitude that I serve as the District 16 DCM. District 16 holds its meeting the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the United Methodist Church, 1701 S.E. 8th Ave., Grand Rapids, MN. On January 19th, I attended the Area Service Workshop in Walker, and gave a presentation on "Delegate Areas/District Boundaries when and how to change them." On February 9th our District hosted the Zone 1 Zonal Forum at our normal district meeting location in Grand Rapids. There was good attendance of District GSR's and District committee members. Our District Grapevine, Literature, and Correction committee chairs have resigned, so we are looking for people to fill those positions. We are currently in the planning phase for a Public Information Luncheon in our district. Any and all professionals are invited to attend. Reservations are recommended, and sponsorship is requested to cover the luncheon cost. Our next District meeting will be March 6th.

CORRECTIONS-Jeff E. -Area 35 Corrections continue without much change since the last report. We had good representation at our Committee meeting today. Dist 14 is showing great responsibility in carrying the message to suffering alcoholics inside the walls. Dist 7 has added volunteers in the Temporary Contact program, and Dist 12 volunteers are helping in areas where it has been hard for AA at the District and Area level to participate. I thank you all very much for energy and enthusiasm. I'm looking forward to the Area Assembly to correct two problems Area 35 faces in our Corrections Program. I hope to have recovered enough from knee surgery to see you all in Grand Rapids.

District 8- Rolene L - District 8 has been going through a lot of changes. Since January, district 14 became active and is no longer a dark district. We had many members filling positions in district 8, most of them were Alt. Position and the secretary. We are excited for them to be serving Area 35. At our January District meeting we elected an Alternate DCM, Pat M. I attended the Area Workshop in Walker and District 8 did a presentation. On February 7th, we had our district meeting in Babbitt. E elected a District Secretary and we also had our District Inventory. It was a very productive inventory. We thank Tom A for being our Moderator. We have some positive things to look at in making our District strong and more productive in serving our groups. I am planning on setting up a special meeting to go through our inventory items sometime in April. On February 11th, I had surgery on my heel and I am healing well. I attended our District Workshop in Virginia at the Holy Spirit Catholic church on 2/23. We had 47 registered at our workshop. Our Alternate DCM did a great job organizing it. Scott J. did a fantastic history lesson of District 8. Groups did presentations along with District Chairs. Also, I am planning on attending the West Central Regional Conference with our Area Chair, Kelly D. and our Group Records Sandy H. We will be ride sharing and rooming together – good fellowship on our trip there and back. I will be able to hear our topics for our Agenda Items that I will be passing out to our district members as I receive them from our Delegate Jim K. today. We are having our Agenda Item Meeting on March 16th at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Virginia. It will be starting at noon until 4:00 pm. It is very important that our District chairs and GSR's attend so they are informed on these items. We invite any other Districts to join us. We are working together to get our District united and making sure our communication is open to all members. We are helping our District to be productive as it was many years ago.

District 9 - John F. - Greetings from District 9. All of our Committees are covered. We have had a quiet few months, but expect that will change shortly. I was unable to attend the workshop due to illness. But I am looking forward to the Spring Assembly. We are having a Workshop/Open Speaker meeting at the Hibbing Alano Clubhouse on May 18th.

CPC-Roger R. - 14 Committee members attended our PI/CPC meeting today. District 8 is working on reaching Professionals in a lower cost/smart way. Bill in District 11 reported election of a PI/CPC chair. Doug reports plans to contact medical professionals. Neil in District 18 reports their Archives Chair is contacting Clergy, Medical and Law enforcement Professionals. Dave in District 6 is considering a CPC luncheon. We welcomed Deb from district 14 to our committee. Neil, from Dist 7 reports electing a new CPC chair. He also reports planning a CPC event in May. Dist 12 reports electing a new PI/CPC Chair. We also discussed reaching professionals in lower cost ways such as encouraging AA members to give their own Personal medical Doctor and Clergy Officials information on AA and meeting schedules. Supplying local Professionals with District newsletters was also suggested. The PI/CPC Committee also approved Area #35 participating in the 2013 MN Age and Disability Odyssey in Duluth, MN, June 17th and 18th with Area 36. I am looking forward to attending the WCRAASC in Rapid City, South Dakota next weekend. I would like to thank Area 35 for sending me to this event. I anticipate sharing what I learn about agenda items with our Area and local Districts. I also appreciate the opportunity to represent Area #35 at this event. Believe it or not, I am looking forward to again traveling to this event with Jim, Neil and Jake. I am grateful for the moon roof in my car. I am healing well from hip replacement surgery in December.

District 11-Bill C. - The January meeting was not well attended but it was cold. I resigned as GSR of the Hinckley Group so someone else could take the job, but to no avail, it is still open. Our jail commitments are being met, thanks to Gary. We have a new Women's meeting at Today Promise, a women's sober house, Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

District 18-Neil R. - We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Long Prairie Clubhouse. CPC/PI and corrections chairs are still open, Archives chair is helping still with CPC/PI, and literature and grapevine chairs are helping with corrections as well. We have had 5 people accepted to do the Jail meetings, but no day or time has been set up yet. Mike has most packages put together to start PI Meetings in our District. We have started our book mobile and have gone to two district functions. It has had a very good turnout already. Most groups are doing well. The Verndale Friday meetings are huge with at least 20 members each week. A couple other groups are getting smaller. Our Secretary has made up business cards with District members information on them to help groups have an easier time to get hold of the district if they a group issue or concern. We are continuing to go to treatment centers to give experience, strength and hope. We have an upcoming event which is the Verndale Round Robin on March 29th and the Staples Round Robin on April 27th.

District 14-Deb A. - WE'RE BACK! First Official meeting was January 2012. We meet every 2nd Tuesday at the Alano Club. Elections were held – all positions were filled except Alternate Archives and Alternate PI/CPC. Groups – 10 in our District, 6 are registered, 4 attended the district meeting. Our current goals – DCM visit the meetings not registered or attending district meetings, get meeting cards, work together to obtain funds needed for Grapevine-Literature committee and Districts overall. Corrections- women's jail meeting weekly, men's jail meeting started this month. Treatment – Speakers monthly at the local treatment Center, Chair has distributed forms for volunteers. We have a core group of dedicated people and lots of enthusiasm to carry the message in District 14.

GRAPEVINE-Carey A. - Combined Grapevine/Literature – Districts 6,5,14,13,3 & 7. I shared that for 2012 Grapevine was in the black (profit). Need to Thank Area 35 because I personally believe that it was Area 35 that made the difference. I inventoried all Grapevine books, DC's and other items. District 5 requested a copy of the inventory. I shared the inventory and it's available to everyone who wants one. The Grapevine Chair will place a literature order again, so if you would like grapevine literature, let me know. AA Grapevine complementary material form, this material is free from the Grapevine. 2013Grapevine Catalogue available – also can download at www.aagrapevine.org/gvr Grapevine stories: Grapevine needs our stories...go to Grapevine.org also hard copies available. Committee discussion on Grapevine present policy on renewal reminders – will contact Grapevine with concerns. We had discussion on literature being sent to different facilities in Area 35 and other areas. Everyone should visit www.aagrapevine.org!!! Thank You

District 4-Jim T. -Not Present – No report given today

District 15-Pete B. -Stearns County Roundup will be Saturday, March 23rd at the Landing in St. Anna, MN. Flyers are on the back table. I also have tickets with me if anyone wants a ticket. I was very happy that I had 4 ladies from our District to help put on the Workshop Presentations in Walker... They did a Stand up Job! Did make contact with the Sartell group. I got a contact number and address for sending District Reports, we haven't had contact with this group for probably 15 years. We distributed big books to the Eagles Nest in Sauk Center and Serenity Paths in Payneville. We got the Big Books from Jeff E., Area Corrections Chair. They were hard copies that the Jails won't allow anymore. Stoll have most chair positions empty. But on a better note, have been attending meetings where they don't have GSR's, just to let them know the District is there to help them out if they need it.

WEBMASTER-Robert (Bob) B. - 6 attendees at our joint WEB, Records & Northern Light committee meeting. One guest from Dist 7 joined our meeting. We reviewed 1 Flyer and determined that the flyer was not an AA event. I was able to attend our area Workshop in January and the area zonal forum in February. The WEB Committee is raising concerns about committee replacements. We would like to see continued progress and improvements. In January I rolled out the new Web format. Please let me know if you find needed updates. Every district in Area 35 has a WEB page on our area web site. Please review your district page and send me your update. We could add your district minutes to these pages. I attended District 3 committee meeting. I will be assisting with an upgrade to their website, www.district3aa.org I believe I am keeping up with all our updates. I am still a work in progress and I do miss updates. Keep after me. It took me about 10 tries to get a simple update completed with the correct information for district 12. Our WEB calendar is getting lots of action. We have 369 events in the calendar and over 230 of those events are in 2013. We are an active lot. I trust everyone had a chance to update their area35 e-mail forwarder with their correct email address. You can find WEB statistics in our Northern Light.

ARCHIVES-Antonette F. - The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. We had 5 present. Districts 9, 18, 21, 2 and Brad the Archivist. Exciting things are going on – district 21 had a Longtimer meeting and it was very well attended. Brad is ever vigilant in his service work. District 9 is working on Archive History - District meeting, Potluck, Tom L open speaker meeting on May 18th. Attended the Workshop, excellent information will not be able to attend the West Central Regional Conference. New ideas for archive history. Monthly oldtimers meetings during a group district meeting, and the Book Mobile. Thank You for allowing me to serve as your Area Archive Chair.

District 2-Kim B. - Hello from, District 2. Our last district meeting was small due to the weather. Our district is working on putting together the old timers panel. We have our Volunteers for the panel and have a decided to have it this fall following our district meeting in September hoping to attract more people to the district meetings because at that time we will be having elections, maybe we can get more people into service. AA is going will meetings are up and down everywhere. We are continuing to work on setting up a time and date for our round-up. We don't know if it will be able to get off the ground this year. But we do have an interest. Now all we need is to get people to commit to it. We all know how easy it is to get an alcoholic to commit to something. Not much else going on .

District 12-Servando M. -Greetings from District 12! Due to personal commitments and the loss of one of our local longtimers, I was unable to attend the Service Workshop in Walker. District 12 PI are currently following up on placing informational signs on the busses of the Duluth Transit Authority. They are also in contact with many of the local colleges and are attending health fairs with assorted literature. Our corrections meetings are well attended and we are currently supplying literature and outside contacts. Our treatment chair and committee have been putting in a lot of footwork and thanks to their efforts we are now bringing meetings in to the CADT which has not allowed AA in the facility for some time. As a district we are starting to focus in on the upcoming rotation. Due to the number of position turnovers we are looking into some different options. We have also changed the rotation schedule of our meeting locations due to seasonal travel. Thank you for this opportunity to be of service and learn.

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Oversight Committee Report- Pete B. reported for the committee – The financial review committee met this morning to look over periods 7 & 1. Our analysis of the books show that as of the close of the year 2012, our total equity was accurately reported as \$27,553.98 for period 1. We found a \$24.78 discrepancy (in our favor) which Steve is looking into and will report back his findings at our next meeting. Just a note, the deposits and expenses for Period 1 all matched, so we assume there may have simply been a program error in quickbooks. Yours in service, the Financial Review Committee.

Spring Assembly - Kelly D. reviewed the Spring Assembly at the Sawmill Inn in Grand Rapids. Coffee will be \$7.00 per container. Need to register for your room by the first of March – as of today; only 10 people have registered for their rooms.

January Workshop – Next Workshop will be in Zone II – Jake J. is working on that. He has a report which he will place in the Northern Light. District 21 hosted the Workshop at Chase on the Lake, Walker, MN. About 90 people attended the Workshop – Jake stated that it was successful.

WCRAASC- Jim K. gave a brief report about the WCRAASC. Jim will be presenting and Kelly will assist him by taking minutes. This is a great event and he encourages as many people who can go, to go. It would be great to have an extra meeting in your District to go over the information and it helps to have been out there and to get the information first hand.

Area 35 Equipment Ad Hoc Committee Report- The purpose of this committee will be to inventory the area's computer and software equipment. We will also get a list of tools we are using to do our jobs. An example: The Northern Light editor is using a computer, e-mail, internet access, and MS publisher 200*. When we rotate our positions incoming members will know which tool may be needed for the position on the committee. Skip and Sara will help support Equipment Adhoc Committee. We will be e-mail all members of our area35 committee asking what tools they are using to do their job. Work continues.

AA Meeting Locator Ad Hoc Committee Report - Time for Celebration. The advanced search pages the search for items like siblings, has been removed. The changes needed to improve the searches to include days of week like Mon and not just numbers is beyond the coding capabilities of the company supporting the web site aameetinglocator.org. We do not have and will not have usage statics for aameetinglocator.org. The Ad-Hoc committee met in late December. The current aameetinglocator.org needs to be updated and replaced. The size and the complexity of the project should be done by professionals. The aameetinglocator.org web site should be maintained by professionals. We wrote requirements for a new AA meeting locator. Plan is to solicit bids for a new aameetinglocator. I have one bid for \$8,500. This does not include apps for cell phones, mobile devices. I am investigating software from existing WEB site that support mapping software. I have the software from Nebraska. The display software has been converted for our area35 web site. The software to pull data out of our FNV database did not work. Software to update a SQL database has not been written. In time I will get his to work. Software from Phoenix, AZ and St. Paul intergroup is being investigated. Area36 is working on a promising proposal from the company "The Nerderly". Our next meeting will be held at the WCRAASC in Rapid City. I will not be able to attend this meeting. (conference call may be available to all members)

My Recommendations: The current AameetingLocator should be taken down. Move the site to a professional WEB host. Put a temporary WEB page to direct users to supported AA meeting sites. Continue working on an AameetingLocator that will meet our needs. Go back to our groups and get their conscience. At our Spring Assembly ask if they are willing to continue support for current AameetingLocator. After discussion; the recommendation was to clarify the recommendations so the assembly will understand what and why they are voting.

Statewide Corrections Committee Report- Challenges for Area 35 and Proposals for Area 35....

Area 36 responsible for 70% of prison inmates, Area 36 is responsible for 30% prison inmates.

Area 36 does the Pink Can, passed at AA Meetings and you can donate or not donate or the Area can contribute money each year up to a certain amount. Area 36 would fund 75% and Area 36 would fund 25% the cost of literature in the prisons.

Motion made by Heidi R that we table the discussion. Motion passed and the discussion was tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Area 35/36 Workshop Agenda- Kelly D. reported that the agenda is on the back of the flyer. There will be 15 minute presentations on their past year's accomplishments. Corrections, PI/CPC, Treatment and Web.

Delegate Resume –The procedure for nominating an individual from your District for Delegate is to choose a person who is willing, get their resume to Kelly by June 1st. Voting will be at the Fall Assembly. And please ask if they would be willing to stand for this position.

Changing the Post Office for the Northern Light – Sandy H. said the cost has gone up at the Post Office. Sandy has an application to complete and could take the Northern Light to Cold Spring Post Office... \$172.78... at next rotation, the next group records person wouldn't have to be based out of Cold Spring and anyone in Northern Minnesota could do this. Discussion – 560 Northern Light go out in the mail and the extra are brought to the Committee Meeting. This would eliminate the need for the Record Keeper to pick up and mail the Northern Light. Bob made a motion that we allow Sandy to change the Post Office... all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Minnesota Age and Disability Odyssey, 600 – 900 County Social Workers come to this event. The Districts could follow up with these social workers, too. Carla N and Roger R are willing to work the booths. This is an opportunity for the districts close to Duluth to work at the booths – There might be some past Delegates who would volunteer their time to tend the booth. Roger is asking Area 35 to spend \$400.00 to assist with the cost of the booth, literature and other costs involved. Heidi R. moved that the Area supports this The Minnesota Age and Disability Odyssey opportunity and split the costs with Area 35. Motion was supported and seconded. Heidi clarified her motion, Area 35 pay for ½ the booth and ½ the literature and support the attendance of the CPC Chair, Motion passed.

Conference Agenda Items- Jim K. reported on this topic. Jim handed out the same "Hot Topics List" that he e-mailed to the Officers and DCM's. These are the topics that can be discussed at respective district meetings – Jim wants to know how Area 35 feels about each agenda item, which will help him vote and truly represent Area 35. There will be breakout sessions at the Assembly which will give people a chance to discuss the topic in small groups, and then as a large group, Jim will take notes and get a feeling from the small group as well as the larger group. Heidi moved that the Area 35 assembly vote consists only of the voting body of the Area Assembly – Area Officers, Area Chairs, DCM's and Area Officers – motion seconded – discussion followed. Heidi made a friendly amendment which is to separate the voting members from the non-voting members and just those who are voting members vote, not the visitors, just like voting assemblies – only voting members who gives Jim the Sense of what the Area wants. no discussion... Vote- In favor... 19 Against – 6 Motion Passed

Area 35 Inventory- Kelly D. stated that Area 35 will be reviewing and discussing Inventory items at Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies - It was in the inventory that people would like the financial reports e-mailed to the Area Officers and DCM's, there was not much discussion regarding the area inventory.

Calendar of Events – Jana M.

1. WCRAASC , March 1-3, 2013 Rapid City, SD
2. Big Ole Roundup, Embrace the Journey, Holiday Inn of Alexandria, March 1-3, 2013
3. 31st Spring Fling, Fertile, MN, March 9. 2013 12:00 - 10:00 pm
4. 34th Annual Winter Rap-Up, Coats Plaza Hotel, Virginia, MN March 15 - 17, 2013
5. Stearns County Round-Up, March 23, 2013, The Landing Supper club, St Anna, MN
6. Verndale Round Robin, Verndale Lions Club, March 29, 2013 6:00 - 10:00 pm
7. Area 35 Spring Assembly, Sawmill Inn, Grand Rapids, MN April 6-7, 2013
8. Iron Range Get-Together, April 26-28, 2013, Sawmill Inn, Grand Rapids, MN
9. Staples AA Group Round Robin, April 27, 2013 5:30 to 9:00 pm
10. May 3, 2013 - Last day to submit an article to the Northern Light
11. Area 35 Committee Meeting, Aitkin, MN June 2, 2013, 9:00 - 3:00 pm
12. 35-36 Joint Workshop, Calvary Community Church, St. Cloud, MN 7/20/13 12:30 - 5:00

Meeting Adjourned

Saturday, July 20th
12:30 - 5:00 PM
Calvary Community Church
1200 Roosevelt Road
St. Cloud, MN 56301

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
APRIL 6-7, 2013
SAW MILL INN GRAND RAPIDS, 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>_____ Why We Need A Conference</div><div>_____ Recognize Past Delegates</div><div>_____ Recognize GSR's</div><div>_____ Add to Agenda</div><div>_____ Approve 2012 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>_____ TREATMENT – Randy A.</div><div>_____ District 1 – Irene J.</div><div>_____ District 7 – Neil F.</div><div>_____ PI – Robert (Butch) R.</div><div>_____ District 3 – Jim S.</div><div>_____ District 6 – David A.</div><div>_____ GROUP RECORDS – Sandy H.</div><div>_____ NORTHERN LIGHT – Jana M.</div><div>_____ District 21 – David G.</div><div>_____ District 16 – Gene V.</div><div>_____ CORRECTIONS – Jeff E.</div><div>_____ District 8 – Rolene L.</div><div>_____ District 9 – John F.</div><div>_____ CPC – Roger R.</div><div>_____ District 11 – Bill C.</div><div>_____ District 18 – Neil R.</div><div>_____ District 14 – Deb A.</div><div>_____ GRAPEVINE – Carey A.</div><div>_____ District 4 – Jim T.</div><div>_____ District 15 – Peter B.</div><div>_____ WEBMASTER – Robert (Bob) B.</div><div>_____ ARCHIVES – Antonette F.</div><div>_____ District 2 – Kim B.</div><div>_____ District 12 – Servando M.</div><div>_____ ARCHIVIST – Brad I.</div><div>_____ LITERATURE – Sean D.</div><div>_____ District 13 – Scott B.</div><div>_____ District 5 – Heidi R.</div><div>2:30 P.M. Break</div><div>2:40 P.M. BREAKOUT SESSIONS</div><div>_____ Cooperation With the Professional Community</div><div>_____ Corrections</div><div>_____ Grapevine</div><div>_____ Trustees</div><div>3:40 BREAK</div></div>	<div><div>3:50 P.M. BREAKOUT SESSIONS</div><div>_____ Literature</div><div>_____ Public Information</div><div>_____ Report and Charter</div><div>_____ Policy and Admissions</div><div>_____ Inventory Questions: Past Delegates encouraged to attend</div><div>4:50 P.M. BREAK</div><div>5:00 P.M.</div><div>_____ GSR Sharing Session</div><div>_____ DCM Sharing Session</div><div>_____ Area Officers and Area Chairs Meet</div><div>6:00 P.M. Dinner (On Your Own)</div><div>7:30 P.M. DELEGATE SHARING AND BREAK-OUT SESSION REPORTS</div><div>_____ Agenda</div><div>_____ Cooperation With the Professional Community</div><div>_____ Corrections</div><div>_____ Finance</div><div>_____ Grapevine</div><div>_____ Literature</div><div>_____ Policy and Admissions</div><div>_____ Public Information</div><div>_____ Report and Charter</div><div>_____ Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities</div><div>_____ Trustees</div><div>_____ Archives</div><div>_____ International Conventions/Regional Forums</div><div>SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2013</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>_____ WCRAASC</div><div>_____ Area 35/36 Workshop</div><div>_____ Fall Assembly</div><div>_____ Delegate's Resumes</div><div>_____ Area 35 Equipment Adhoc Committee Report</div><div>_____ AA Meeting Locator Adhoc Committee Report</div><div>_____ Corrections Proposal</div><div>NEW BUSINESS</div><div>_____ Minnesota State Fair AA Booth</div><div>_____ Area 35 Inventory Questions/Discussion</div><div>_____ Calendar Of Events</div><div>_____ Ask It Basket (Past Delegates)</div><div>_____ Adjourn</div></div>
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