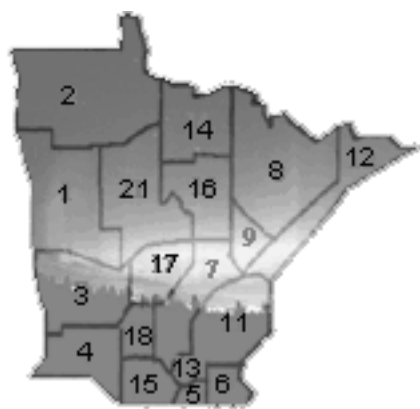


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OUR PAST DELEGATES

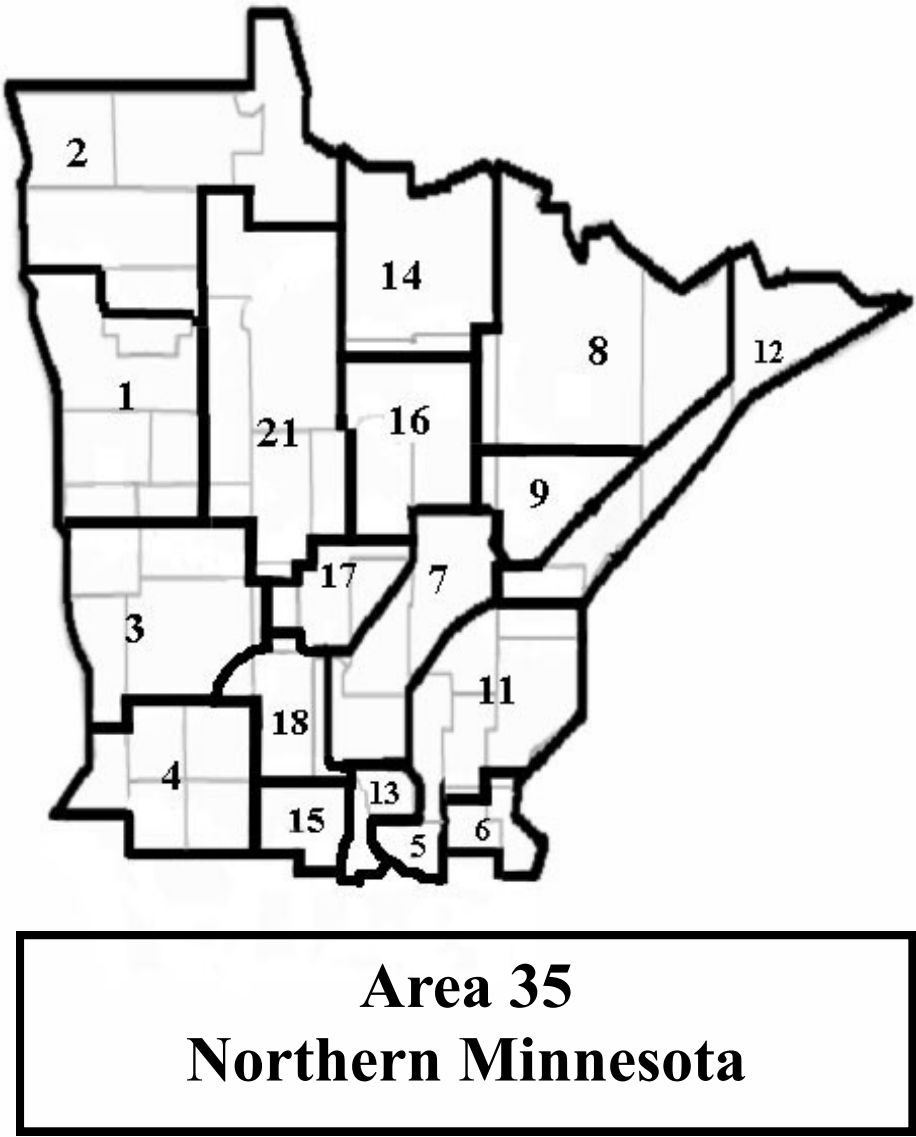
Panel 60 Jon C.	2010-2011	Panel 26 Vern R. (deceased)	1976-1977
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Panel 56 Jerry S.	2006-2007	Panel 22 Frank P. J. (deceased)	1972-1973
Panel 54 Charlie C.	2004-2005	Panel 20 Clarence B. (deceased)	1970-1971
Panel 52 Tim C.	2002-2003	Panel 18 Dave H. (deceased)	1968-1969
Panel 50 Tom A.	2000-2001	Panel 16 Arno A. (deceased)	1966-1967
Panel 48 Susie A.	1998-1999	Panel 14 Donald F. (deceased)	1964-1965
Panel 46 Bill P.	1996-1997	Panel 12 Donna T. (deceased)	1962-1963
Panel 44 Bruce B.	1994-1995	Panel 10 Bob B. (deceased)	1960-1961
Panel 42 Greg G. (deceased)	1992-1993	Panel 8 Pearl N. (deceased)	1958-1959
Panel 40 Bob J.	1990-1991	Panel 6 Waldo H. (deceased)	1956-1957
Panel 38 Scott J.	1988-1989	Panel 4 Wendell H. (deceased)	1954-1955
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, Mahnomen, 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, Effie, Grand Rapids, Hill City, Lawrence Lake*, Longville, Remer
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 - 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 14
2st Tuesday of Month, 5:30 Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. District Meeting
Alano Club
410 5th Ave
International Falls, MN 56649

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
Bemidji, MN 56601

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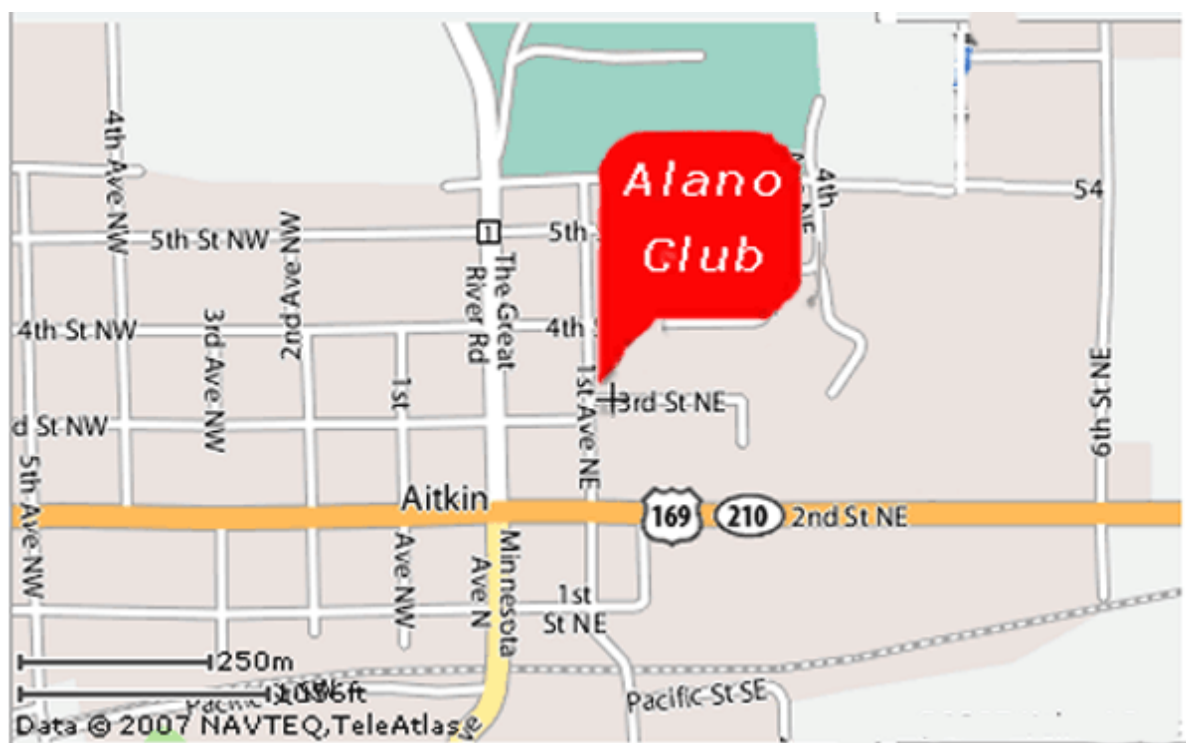
Inclement Weather Procedure For Area 35 Events

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

Greeting Members of Area 35,

First of all I would like to thank you for the opportunity to carry our Area 35's group conscience to the 63rd annual General Service Conference. It is truly a humbling experience to serve Area 35 as your delegate.

It was wonderful to see many of you at the Spring Assembly in Grand Rapids and this event provided a wonderful opportunity to hear about much of the activity that groups are involved with throughout the area. It was also immensely helpful to gain a better understanding of how the area felt about specific agenda items. I am always so impressed by the work and knowledge that our members have and share in preparing our delegate.

I have many delegate reports back scheduled and will begin these in the next few days and this activity will continue through the next couple of months. Thank you to all the DCMs that have already scheduled these reports back. I am still waiting to hear back from about half of our districts but I am sure that these will be scheduled in the coming weeks. I will also be giving a full report back at the June Committee Meeting and hope that many members are able to attend.

The General Service Conference was a taxing but great experience. I was able to meet with and talk with many of our trustees as well as our GSO and Grapevine staff members and gain a better understanding of some of the decision we are making and have made in regards to services. I truly believe that all of our service leaders have the best intentions for the future of Alcoholics Anonymous but that we sometimes have different ideas of how to best serve the fellowship in the actions that we take. I firmly believe that regardless of these differences, the real impact that we make to Alcoholics Anonymous and those still suffering takes place in our various districts and home groups. I again encourage you to attend one of the delegate reports back for a full disclosure of all of the actions taken and to discuss how these may or may not impact our area and groups. It is also a great opportunity to bring up questions or concerns that any groups or members may have.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon and again thank you for this opportunity to serve this fellowship.

Yours In Service,

Jim K.
Area 35 Delegate

ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

Wow its time for another report! Sometimes it feels like there hasn't been enough time in between to say anything but I know somehow I will manage. I thought our Assembly went well with good participation and enough information to send Delegate Jim well armed to New York. It is always the participation of the body that makes all are events worth while. Those of us who serve in setting up and organizing are just a small part of making this stuff work.

I have had the opportunity of attending some Open speaker meetings and have enjoyed some awesome stories. Just last night Charlie C. gave a great message at an Alanon meeting in Hibbing. The food and fellowship at these events are what AA is truly about. I was a part of the Iron Range get-together in Grand Rapids and we had a good turn out and lots of cookies. The speakers were dynamic and kept us in tears and laughter.

Unfortunately due to some health issues I missed the workshop in Duluth but heard it was well attended. These are the things necessary for us to get to know each other. Just as the guy that 12 stepped me carried a message of hope for sobriety we carry a strong message of love and fellowship to those that would join us in service to Area 35. I am still of the belief that if you want a strong group, district or Area you need to fellowship together so you want to spend time with each other. Those of us that have been around for a while do so because we are a part of something not just cause we think were great at our service positions. We miss each other when we are apart.

We have a couple of AA members in district 9 that are on there way to the big coffee clan in the sky and it is very hard to lose those that you have watched grow in sobriety. I have a sponsee that got a job and now complains that he doesn't have time to do his service position. That is God working. How many of us feel like that. I know when we were earlier in sobriety it was all about AA. Well guess what it still is. God bless and take care. Welcome back Jim!

Yours in fellowship and Service,
Michael (Jake) J.
Area 35 Alternate Delegate

AREA CHAIR'S REPORT

Greetings Area 35,

Well we had our Spring Assembly April 6-7 (with winter still among us that weekend) but still had 147 in attendance at the Saw Mill Inn in Grand Rapids. It turned out to be a great weekend of business and fellowship for all that attended. We went very late into the evening on Saturday going over the Agenda Items with our Delegate Jim and some of the Committee Chairs. It was good to see all the discussion from the floor on the items. My favorite part of our Spring Assemblies is when we send our Area Delegate off on Sunday. For me it is one of most spiritual things to be a part of in Alcoholics Anonymous, the love and unity that fills the room at that time is amazing! A special thank you to Jim, for his commitment to serve Area 35, he will do a great job carrying northern Minnesota's voice to this years conference and I look forward to hearing his report when he returns. I typed the evaluations from that weekend and they are in this addition of the Northern Light. Again as always thank you to everyone that took the time to filled one out, your comments and feedback are important to us. I was surprised that we did not have much discussion on the Inventory Questions at the Assembly. I hope it was helpful to all of you for us to add comments after each item to better understand and explain processes that we do. I also felt it was important to share with you some of the things the Area implemented from this inventory at the Spring Assembly. I will not be putting this on the Agendas for further discussion but if any of you still have questions or concerns please feel free to let me know. Thank you everyone that was a part of the Area 35 inventory process, some great and positive things came out of doing one. I would also like to thank District 16 again for hosting our Spring Assembly. Did you know that we drank 95 gallons of coffee that weekend? Wow! As always thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Kelly D.
Area 35 Chair

**SPRING ASSEMBLY 2013 EVALUATIONS
SAWMILL INN, GRAND RAPIDS
TOTAL - 40**

DCM/ALT DCM (7 total)**How did you like the Assembly?**

- I thought it was great.
- Good job.
- I enjoy Assemblies. Doing service is so humbling. Our Area Chair did a great job. All Area Officers at the front are very helpful.
- Great and wonderful. Appreciate the Area Officers dedication and ability to "listen" and keep us on task. Learned a lot, great opportunity to network.
- Problem with Committee Meetings, could not hear the people at the table – only Committee behind me.
- Very much.
- Quick but thorough.

How can we better meet your needs?

- All needs were meet.
- Is there a way to start the Agenda Items earlier?
- :-)
- Eat dinner in to allow more time on Agenda Items (pizza, salads – we pay for our meal)
- The breakout rooms were open and could have been used.
- Cheaper rooms.
- Would like to know if there is a way to make more available to get to more Agenda breakout sessions.

Other comments or suggestions:

- Grateful to our Area 35. We have a great Area. :-)
- Do DCM/Committee Chair reports on day 2 to allow more time for critical items.
- More ice cream. Why didn't we have Ice Cream Social?
- Need to allow more items and proposals to be brought back to groups before voting on.

GSR'S (total 24)**How did you like the Assembly?**

- Overall it was a good experience.
- It was very good. Jim does an excellent job moving things along, professional answers, humble and helps us get to bed b4 midnight, yet got the job done well.
- The meeting should begin @ 9:00 am not @ 1:00 pm. The Action Committee Chairs should all be introduced so we know who they are and what they look like.
- Was fun and informative. Glad it was centrally located.
- Really liked the Assembly, its my second Assembly. More things seem to go in place, I almost have my puzzle done. Already looking forward too Fall Assembly.
- Very informative, loved that we were discussing the Concepts with the Agenda Items, I knew almost noth-

ing about them and am now encouraged to learn more about them.

- Well organized, friendly, welcoming. Informative, met many others clean, good information.
- 012345678910 liked it pretty well.
- Love it had a very good time.
- It was good. :-)
- Loved it.
- Very much.
- Good sharing. Enjoyed being part of the process.
- First Assembly, it was very informative for myself so that I now hopefully, have a better idea of my position, how it is of importance, to AA as a whole, my home group members, to new AA's etc. Any questions I had were fully addressed and material obtained, will be helpful when going back to my home group.
- Overall I liked it, informative. Procedurally frustrating at times, which probably is more about my lack of patience than about the procedures. Less nit picking would be nice.
- I thought it was pretty well organized. Jim was excellent on Saturday evening. The groups and breakouts were good. I felt there would be people hogging discussion but for the most part was fair and courteous. Too many people without background. Remind attendees to keep talking down during sessions.
- Very informative.
- This was my first Assembly and it made a good impression.
- Overall Assembly ran well. Rooms/location worked well. Thank you for providing literature and Grapevine resources.
- It was very informative. It was also very good. This is my first Assembly and I learned a lot of things.
- Great opportunity to learn more about whats happening behind the scenes of AA. There are many sharp and able bodied individuals leading us in the direction we need in order to assure the fellowship is around and strong for the next generation.
- I thought it was run real smooth. It was very professional. I am very pleased.
- It was a learning experience! I didn't sleep much.
- It was ok.

How can we better meet your needs?

- I would've appreciated a slightly later start time considering it was almost midnight by the time I arrived at my hotel, which wasn't at the Sawmill. I had to check out prior to the 9:00 am start which delayed my arrival.
- They were met.
- Start earlier. The Assembly should convene at 10:00 am. People make a huge effort to get here only to "stand around."
- Would like to see our statement of cash flow/balance sheet/financial statement for a longer period of time. When we only go back two years we have nothing to compare it to overall. It would help to know where we have been to help project where we may be going in the future. I will bring this up at District level as well. I'm so happy to be a part of AA and service work. :-)
- Everything was fine. Get the Chair to have her ducks in a row, she seems way out there, always have to apologize for saying the wrong thing. Always getting dates mixed up etc.
- Workshop on the Concepts!! Workshop on Roberts Rule of Order.
- Don't know yet, free coffee.
- No suggestions.
- Have \$10.00 endless cup of coffee at all Assemblies.
- N/A
- By maintaining principals.
- Agenda Items available ASAP so we can be prepared to vote.
- To new to have any suggestions or concerns at this time.
- Find a way to limit those who are clearly talking repeatedly, seemingly to hear themselves talk more then to add content.
- Everything was fine.
- Keep doing what we are doing.
- I would like a better understanding of Roberts Rules of Order. I am happy to hear this will be discussed at Fall Workshop. Also clearer role guidelines for GSR from District/Group in regards to Spring Assembly expectations.
- There is nothing. It was all great.
- Can't think of any at this event. :-)
- Have ice cream!! Have some more breaks or at least longer ones.
- I thought everything possible had been done to inform people of the issues involved...except more time to study up on the issues so to make informed decision with my group would have been nice, if possible.

Other comments or suggestions:

- More guidelines about what the GSR breakout session goal is. It was a bit random, no chair is ever in place before hand which sets up a (? word) circumstance. Then something happens with a secretary, it worked kinda.
- Why not have the Committee Chairs and DCM's submit their reports 2 weeks in advance so we could read

them.

- To make sure nobody does reservations for AA at motels etc. never having it done by outside people, keep it in the house.
- Great central location! Can we add information sessions (Concepts, Service Manual, Right of Decision, etc. Tradition 7) on Friday night before the Assemblies for those of us that are able to arrive Friday night?
- Thank you for letting me come to learn and better my group.
- Nicely done. I hope future Delegates run Agenda Items as efficiently and conscientiously.
- Bring back pink can in Area 35 and let groups know where that money is used.
- Well organized.
- Ice cream! Room was 85 degrees and noisy.
- Thanks to all the Officers for their information and time and all of the other presenters.
- Again a lot of talking between people made it difficult to listen/hear the people at the microphone. Remind people this is basically a listening activity unless you are at the mic.
- 5 minutes between sessions is not enough time but 15 is perfect.
- Overall impression of 1st Spring Assembly was to spend more time on Agenda Items. I thought it was odd that the main discussion on these were pushed to very late at night instead of earlier in the day. Also I feel that discussion points from the breakout groups were adequately brought to the large group.
- I had a great time!
- Cross talk during sharing session would help agenda items move along much more quickly. And argument with the chair is annoying and time consuming.
- Keep coming back. AA saved my life.
- Perhaps a cheaper venue? I stayed at Super 8 at a rate of \$69.00/night for 2 people costing my group about \$25.00 less (just for me) than if I'd gotten a room here...something to consider. We don't need to do this for the perks. :-)
- It would make sense to save time by having the DCM's and Area Chairs type up their reports and have them available in written form for us to read instead of spending 2 hours hearing them.

OTHER (total 9)

How did you like the Assembly?

- Long but very educational.
- It rocked.
- (? word) facility. Good job.
- I liked it. The Sawmill was a great place.
- Good.
- I always enjoy the Assembly.
- Fine.
- As always I enjoyed the Assembly immensely. What always happens is that people get really “up” about service and stay “up” because we are all doing the things we learn to do.
- Assembly ran well. Covered Agenda Items, had good discussion. Good reports read by Chairs, Officers and DCM's.

How can we better meet your needs?

- Be honest.
- My needs were met.
- Everything went well.
- Personal room a little hot, otherwise comfortable.
- I thought there was some confusion to find the different meeting rooms. Maybe there could be a “key” at the main table to let us know.
- My needs are always met when I participate. Keep on answering our requests and doing the things we learn to do.
- No better way, these are some of the +'s. We could hear, tables to write on, very little redundancy, food, Assembly.

Other comments or suggestions:

- Why does the Area take credit for setting up District 14? The credit belongs to God and the members of District 14 and get pink can back in area 35.
- I do not agree with our use of duct tape. We need to respect the property of others!
- The microphones were great, I could hear everything very well.
- Coffee weak.
- I know that the Spring Assembly usually runs late Saturday night, but I think there should be a cut off of 10:00 pm. If we set a time I believe that we know that ahead of time people will limit their conversations to what's necessary and non repetitive.
- Make sure the proposals that are brought forth are accurate and necessary.
- Why don't we go back to calling the proposed budget a Financial Statement of Responsibility? Could this be put on the Agenda for the Fall Assembly? Words are in our thoughts (mind.) thoughts make up our attitude, our attitude about money is important. Maybe it should be brought up at inventory?
- None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Since the Spring Assembly I have been busy typing up the minutes. Other than the Spring Assembly which was held in Grand Rapids at the Sawmill Inn, and typing the minutes, I haven't had much to do with Area 35 business. I reported at the Spring Assembly that I had lost my Working Copy of the Area Actions Booklet. I did find it. It was in my desk drawer at work. I put there so I wouldn't lose it when we moved from the country into town. This weekend is the Iron Range Get-Together at the Sawmill Inn in Grand Rapids. That's always a nice time to meet up with old friends in Alcoholic's Anonymous. I continue to enjoy serving Area 35 as your Secretary.

I look forward to our next Area Committee Meeting in Aitkin in June. Remember to contact me with any questions you have, or if you aren't getting your minutes emailed to you.

Thank for your support.

Mary S.

Area 35 Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

How has your serenity and acceptance held up this spring in tropical Minnesota? We were able to leave for a week to short sleeve shirt weather in Washington DC. We left in a blizzard and came back a week later to 18" of snow in the driveway and had to plow to get to our house.

Our income for the year was 21% less than expenses. The first quarter of the year is the most expensive part of our yearly financial plan. Do to the expenses incurred for our Winter Workshop, Spring Assembly, WCRAASC and Delegate expenses to the GSC (General Service Conference) in New York. We had a net loss of \$ 1982.61 for the year. So right now we are 34% under budget for the year (this is good). I expect that if contributions keep at the same pace through the year we will meet all planned financial obligations along with any unforeseen expenses for the year.

We are no longer sending Northern Light flier insert checks to Sandy (Group Records Sec.). Flier insert checks are now to be made out to NMAA, and sent to the Area Treasurer. Please send only the check to NMAA and make a note that it is for a flier insert. Remember to send the flier to where you have been sending them to.

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, you 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS**GRAPEVINE**

Grapevine subscriptions' are available in print and Online. Grapevine Complete combines GV online and the print magazine. Grapevine online-all inclusive and the Grapevine print magazine-The original is here to stay! SUBSCRIBE! SUBSCRIBE! SUBSCRIBE! If we as a fellowship really want Grapevine around for the new comers that aren't here yet!

One of the featured Books is One on One: AA Sponsorship in Action its # is GV30 a collection, AA member write about their experience with sponsorship, including how to choose one, getting the courage to ask. We also have a pamphlet from Literature on this that has always been helpful to me dealing with newcomers and it's called Questions and Answers on Sponsorship and you could receive a copy from Sean your area Literature chair he really has outstanding inventory of our literature. Also a Grapevine book that has seen a lot of interest at past workshops and assembly's is Voices of Long-Term SOBRIETY its Old timers' stories from the AA Grapevine and you could receive one from your Grapevine chair.

I also received the May issue of Grapevine and LAVINA. In this issue are some articles on sponsorship and remembering our primary purpose. Plus, Grapevine celebrates the 25th anniversary of Language of the Heart GV11. You can receive this from your Grapevine Chair at the next Assembly. Shared with me in early sobriety, these all help in the daily spiritual journey process.

I shared at the spring assembly that the new 2013 catalog is available. Not all the books that are available from Grapevine are listed such as Voices of Long Term Sobriety and others. This was pointed out by a past delegate and was wondering why. Contacted Grapevine and this is the response I received.

Carey, Given the size and format of our current catalog/order form we were limited in what could be listed there, so we only put our best selling books and most recent books. We are going to redesign the catalog so that we can list more items. All of the books, CDs, etc. that we sell are on our web site www.aagrapevine.org. You can see them by clicking on “Store” and then the category.

A Grapevine/Literature GVR from district 5 had a concern on renewal notices. This is the reply I received! As to the renewal notices, unfortunately, in magazine publishing it is necessary to start the renewal process early in order to get the highest number of renewals. We need to do this as we strive to be self-supporting by the sales of subscriptions and items. Thank you. Jeff M. Customer Relations AA GRAPEVINE jeff@aagrapevine.org

Quote of the Day 18,479 people receive this daily quote in their inbox each day. You can sign up for free Daily Quote at www.aagrapevine.org.

Grapevine Audio project Grapevine is now collecting stories from the fellowship in the form of Audio recordings 7 minutes of your stories you can find out more WWW.aagrapevine.org/audio-portal.

Great to have seen everybody at Spring assembly. Very few activities remaining in this rotation so now would be the time to join the Grapevine committee at your district and join us as this rotation winds down and support the new area 35 Grapevine Chair.

Thanks for letting me be of service to Area 35,

Carey A.
Area 35 Grapevine chair

WEBMASTER

WEB:
I was able to spend some time with District 3 and did a face lift and update to www.distrct3aa.org. Our web is busy especially our calendar. The WEB guidelines are being reviewed and updates will be ready by our June Committee meeting.
For those that like statics:

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
Mar 2013	1,637	2,600	14,470	130,663	1.55GB
Apr 2013	1,719	2,697	14,731	136,643	1.73 GB
2013	6,377	9,755	49,129	524,995	6.09 GB

Our highest viewed pages are our meetings followed by our calendar. In April there were 2,430 meeting searches and 1,941 calendar visits. Our calendar is just about as popular as our meeting lists.

AAmeetingLocator Ad-Hoc Committee:
April was a slow month for work on ameetinglocator. I had to let this project slip while I attended my other commitments. I’m just about caught up and should be back on ameetinglocator soon.

Bob B.
Area35 webmaster
admin@area35.org

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED**ARCHIVES**

I apologize for my bad memory.... I realize we are coming to the end of service rotation and I have mixed feelings. Working with Area 35 has been a real learning experience for me and I am thankful for the opportunity to be a small part of the greater good. We are having an open meeting along with our district meeting on May 18th 5:00 at the Hibbing Alano Club. It will be a potluck. Tom T., past delegate will be our speaker. We would love to see you.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Antonette F.
Area 35 Archives Chair

ARCHIVIST

Since the Spring Assembly, I had a display at the Superior Round-up that was very well received. I actually ran out of table space. I also had cataract surgery which went very well. For upcoming events I am doing a display for a C.P.C. event in District 7 on the 16th of May. I am doing a joint display with Area 36 at the Gopher State Round-up in Bloomington Memorial Day weekend.

Recent contributions include a 188 book "Broken Fetters" which has a great chapter on the Washingtonians, a 1948 "Parade" magazine with an article on an early treatment program in Youngstown Ohio, a first printing of "Good bye to Bacchus" a 1953 anonymity break in the U.K. This book has an interesting forward by the General Secretary of Alcoholics Anonymous in London, a 1951 booklet "How to Help an alcoholic" by Robert V. Seliger and a very weird 50's era sleep treatment LP on Alcoholism.

I am continuing to write essays to accompany the Virtual Archives tour for the web page and am continuing to build a searchable Archives data base.

I will be recording Jim's report back at the Area committee meeting in June.

Brad I.
Area Archivist

NORTHERN LIGHT

Hope everyone is doing well. This job has been a lot of fun.

I am looking forward to hearing Jim's report about what went on at the General Service Conference.

I have an article this time from a new person in AA wanting to share their story. It was announced at his meeting that I needed articles and he had it sent in to me. Please keep your articles coming. Look to the A.A. Grapevine for inspiration.

Yours in Service,

Jana M.
Northern Light Editor

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Greetings from the land of frozen lakes. The Ducks and Geese are jogging as there is no open water to swim.

Our last committee meeting at the Spring Assembly was well attended. Those Districts attending have been busy updating meeting schedules, manning phone lines and carrying the message. Some are working on Beginners Meetings and looking at PI CPC Luncheons. Soon the County Fairs will be taking place and there is much interest in Districts getting involved with manning a Booth. I personally, am looking forward to the State Fair Booth. So far I have a little over half the slots filled and hope to have them all filled at the June Meeting. I would also like to have conformation at the Area 35, 36 Joint Workshop as I will be meeting with Area 36's coordinator at this time. Later on this month I have been invited to attend and take part in a function being put on by District 7 at the Grandview lodge in Nisswa for the Professionals. I also have updated Beginners meeting CD's and information on organizing and setting up PI CPC luncheons available for those who may want. As the military says they leave no one behind and we of AA leave no one without the opportunity to find sobriety.

In Service,

Butch R.
Area 35 PI Chair

TREATMENT

We attended the Area 35 Assembly in Grand Rapids on April 6th and 7th. We had 13 in attendance at our Treatment Committee meeting. We had various topics of discussion with the main items: Registered and non-registered groups holding meetings within the treatment facilities, joint area workshop topics, treatment committee workshop, types of meetings within facilities including 7th tradition problems groups' encounter within the facilities.

The Area Assembly was quite informative and had great participation. The Treatment committee did not have any break-out sessions this time due to not much significance for treatment agenda items. We have ordered a new pamphlet rack for display for workshops, etc. The current displays of pamphlets that we had are older and did not have a rack for them. There also have been several bridging the Gap requests for temporary contacts and some have returned e/mails or phone calls. Like always we are in need of more volunteers within the districts/area for temporary contacts to help with our service needs. Please contact your local District Treatment chair or myself if interested in becoming a temporary contact. The pamphlet "Bridging the Gap" helps provide information to AA members about the temporary contact program.

Yours in Service,

Randy A.
Area 35 Treatment Chair

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

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

It is nice to be getting into more actions as your CPC Chair. I participated in the Area 35 Spring Assembly for April 6-7 at the Sawmill Inn in Grand Rapids MN. I would like to thank committee members and other members for participating in the general CPC breakout session and our session on the CPC agenda items. Both sessions were productive and informative. I participated in a District 12 service workshop on May 4, 2012. I was asked to revisit a presentation I conducted at the Area 35 Service Workshop in January of 2012 on 12 Steps for a health Group-as applied to a district. I have included this presentation I conducted for District 12 at the end of this report.

I am looking forward to conducting a presentation at a District 7 CPC event on May 16. I look forward to seeing you all at the June Committee Meeting. I am also organizing now for a June 17-18 CPC event in Duluth, MN.

Building a Healthy Group
Roger Rudolph
Area 35 CPC Chair

1. The group attracts healthy AA members who are committed to the group.
 2. The group strongly encourages members to work a 12 Step Program of recovery continuously and focuses on the 12 steps in meetings.
 3. The group strongly encourages members to have an active relationship with a sponsor and to sponsor other members.
 4. The group respects, understands and applies the 12 Traditions to all individual, group and AA matters.
 5. The group believes in an inspired group conscience and allows the group conscience to guide the group in decision-making. Periodic group inventories also assist groups in maintaining and improving upon their effectiveness.
 6. The group maintains a GSR who carries the group conscience to a local District, Area and General Service Conference (through a Delegate).
 7. The group encourages members to be active in AA service.
 8. The group actively reaches out to newcomers.
 9. The group encourages members to believe in and depend upon a Higher Power, of their own choosing, as a foundation of their recovery.
 10. The group actively encourages members to participate in a 7th Tradition to fund AA entities (District, Area and GSO)
 11. The group makes AA pamphlets, Grapevine issues and literature available and actively covers AA literature (such as the Big Book) in meetings.
- The group functions as a fellowship with a strong singleness of purpose; encouraging and arranging activities and communication between members outside of meetings.

Discussion Questions

1. Which of these steps apply to building a healthy district?
2. What do you think are steps that groups take that unfortunately lead to weaker groups? Districts?
3. How do you think AA Districts can support building healthy AA groups?
4. How do you think Area 35 can support building healthy Districts?

Roger R.
Area 35 CPC Chair

GROUP RECORDS

Hello everyone and welcome spring?

I have been busy since the Spring Assembly both at work, home and with AA. I am updating the Northern Light Mailing list and would like to thank everyone for their help. Right now I am at 627 names for the Northern Light list. I had planned to go to District 1's April Meeting but was snowed out. Please anyone who needs information and help let me know. I am still waiting to hear back from a few DCM's if they would like hard copy or email for their group records

reports. I would like to thank District 11's DCM for the suggestion and Kelly and Jim for your help with this.

As always I will need right now 627 copies of any flyer you wanted inserted in the Northern Light and Please make your check for \$75 out to NMAA and give them to our Treasure. This will be the first mailing from the Cold Spring Post Office and my fingers are crossed. I cannot tell you how excited I am for this change. District 13 DCM has the Northern Light and the hard copies of the Group Records for the DCM's who would like them as I will be on the road on my way back from a nephews wedding in Iowa.

Just a spot into my home life last Thursday my son was on his way to work with our pickup and got backed into and ended up taking our van to work, he hit a deer on the way home 3rd one same side in 11 months, we are waiting to hear from insurance. God is good.

Your trusted servant,

Sandy H.
Area 35 Group Records Secretary

LITERATURE

Greetings all,

I'm so happy winter finally gave up its hold on us and summer just may have a chance!!

I enjoyed our time together at the Spring Assembly last month. Working through the agenda items—first in breakout sessions and then as a large group has always fascinated me. As an old Social Studies teacher, this is the best example of pure democracy in action that I know of.

I have had some correspondence with the Literature Chair from Area 02 in Alaska that I'd like to share with you. As this area is twice the size of Texas, getting together is more difficult that we experience and they operate by phone, email and conference calls. They just finished a project a giant undertaking by placing a new Big Book and 12 by 12 in each library in the state. They have asked how we approach Literature in our Area and I'm happy to share my experiences with them.

In the Spotlight: 2 Pamphlets

Pamphlet P-13, Do You Think You're Different?

This great read speaks to newcomers who may wonder how A.A. can work for someone "different"—black or Jewish, teenager or nearing 80, plus nine other people who tell how the A.A. program has worked for them.

Pamphlet P-6, Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W., Co-founder of A.A.

Contains Bill's ideas of how A.A. works, principles borrowed from medicine and religion, and a summary of A.A.'s first 23 years. I have been asked by a couple of groups and one district about Pamphlets for putting together Newcomer packets. It's encouraging to see this activity and I'm very grateful to help

Yours in Service,

Sean D.
Area 35 Literature Chair

ARTICLES

Jake's Story

Aanlin! My name is Jake J. I was born on February 8th, 1993 in Bemidji, MN. My clan is Loon and I am a Leech Lake Band Member. I have three brothers and three sisters in my family. Growing up I moved back and forth living with my Mom and Dad due to legal issues which involved alcohol use. In my younger years, I lived in Bemidji, Minneapolis, Duluth, Akeley and Walker. My family moved to Onigum when I was six years old and I have lived there most of my life. I went to school in Walker, Bug-O-Nig-Ge-Shig, and Cass Lake ALC. I played football, boxing, and basketball. My sport playing was always interrupted by being put in Northwest Juvenile Center or by being put in treatment due to using alcohol.

I started smoking cigarettes at the age of ten, marijuana at 12 and then started drinking at 13. When I was hanging out with friends my own age, in Onigum. My maturity level was higher than the rest of my friends so I started hanging out with the older group who were around. Mostly sixteen to nineteen year olds. Then at parties I would get into fights a lot because I was an outcast. Through fighting I gained a lot of respect because I wasn't afraid to fight for what I believed in. So other showed me respect. Throughout it all I was on probation. At the age of thirteen until I was nineteen for two second degree felonies of burglary for stealing and kicking doors down in the winter of 2007. I robbed a resort full of mobile homes called "Old Agency Bay Resort". I did this because I never had money because my parents were struggling to support me and the rest of my siblings.

Through all my teenage years I was in and out of Jail and treatment more than I was in my home. Every time I had a period of sobriety I would relapse and say "forget it!" and go get drunk. It could be big or small problems that could give me a reason and being in treatment centers at Mash-ka-wisen, Douglas Place and in Redby let me learn a lot about alcohol. One thing I remind myself every day is I have to keep my thoughts and feelings good and I have to control my actions which could get me stuck back into the cycle of my old ways. I am in treatment again now until May 1st, then I am in the halfway house in Redby, MN called "Northern Winds". I'm 4 months sober and aiming for the 6th month medallion then the 1 year and so on. But I want you to know that recovering is not easy. What I do to keep myself occupied is lifting weights, playing Xbox, rapping, and playing basketball. My dreams and goals for right now are to get my license and pay off my DUI fine. I got my DUI when I was 15 years old. I would like to get a job, and to go to college for music production and hopefully create my own record label and music. But in order to do that I have to stay sober and in good health to maintain my will power and mental toughness. For all people reading this all you want to do is possible if you just believe in yourself and understand that it is not going to happen overnight. You have to be patient and believe.

Thank you for reading my story.

Sincerely Jake J.
Bemidji, MN

**AREA 35 SPRING ASSEMBLY
APRIL 6-7, 2013
Sawmill Inn
Grand Rapids, MN**

Call to Order Open with the Serenity Prayer

Why We Need a Conference

Recognize Past Delegates - Scott J. - Panel 38, Bob J. - Panel 40, Susie A. - Panel 48, Tom A. - Panel 50, Tim C.-Panel 52, Charlie C.-Panel 54, Jerry S.-Panel 56 and Jon C.-Panel 60.

Recognized GSR's in attendance and New GSR's in Attendance at the Spring Assembly

Additions to the Agenda:

Regional Forum

District 5

Area 35 Budget Proposal

Fall Assembly 2012 Minutes approved as written

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE –Jim K.-Greetings Area 35 Members, The weather outside would indicate that it is the January Service Workshop but the calendar states that it is in fact the Spring Assembly. I hope you are all enjoying the blessing of sobriety in your lives and taking the time to pass our life saving message on to those who still suffer. This is truly one of my favorite events as a delegate; as it allows me to experience being a part of a concerned area and lets me know that the conscience we bring forward does not belong to me but to us. It is an absolute privilege to be serving as your delegate. I want to thank you for sending me to the WCRSC in Rapid City, SD. This was a great event and allowed me to gain a much better understanding of our agenda items and related background material. I want to thank Roger, Jake, and Neil for going out a day early with me to attend the Delegate's only meeting. It was a great to see so many active members from Area 35 at the event as well. If you have never attended a WCRSC, I highly encourage you to do so. This year we are also quite blessed that we will be in very close proximity to the WCR Forum which will be held September 6th through the 8th, 2013 at the Doubletree Hilton in Bloomington. Forum's take place every other year and allow members from the fellowship to meet members from the GSO staff and the GSB, bring forth questions and concerns, and gain a better understanding of the services provided to the fellowship. This is a great opportunity for Northern Minnesota members as the WCR Forum is held on average in MN every 8 years. All of my plans, flights, etc. have been set for my trip to the GSC in New York. Sarah will be accompanying me this year so I am hoping we have enough room in our luggage to bring home all her new found "treasures." I will be giving my first report back from the GSC one week after returning. Reporting back to the districts is a true highlight in my delegate experience and I am really looking forward to it. I do have a few reports back already scheduled (thanks District 7, 8, 18, and 21). I want to please encourage DCM's to schedule these reports as soon as possible, this weekend preferably, so that I can get all information out to you in a timely fashion. I want to thank all the districts that send me their district meeting minutes. It is always a privilege to read about activities that are going on around the area to better carry the message. Thanks again for this opportunity to serve as your Area 35 Delegate. Yours in Service, Jim K.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE –Michael (Jake) J. - Hello everyone. It's hard to believe we're preparing to send our Delegate Jim off to New York. I also believe he will be one of the most prepared delegates at the conference. Because of your participation in this assembly our voice will be heard. Thank you for sending me to the WCRAASC in Rapid City. It was a great trip being only made better by my travel companions. Lots of laughter and discussion both ways. The conference was very good with many past delegates and trustees sharing from their experience and it seemed the theme should have been let's not let the good be the enemy of the best. Are we willing to forsake spiritual values for worldly goods? It seems to me much of the discussion we have over money and direction has us sacrificing our principals. Let us continue to allow God to lead us as we carry AA's message to our communities, friends and loved ones. Since the February committee meeting I have had the opportunity to attend the Winter Wrap-Up in Virginia. Spending time with friends and enjoying a couple of good speakers. I attended the District 9 meeting and helped them going over the Agenda Items. I was asked by district 9 to stand for Delegate which I accepted as long as I feel I will be healthy enough to serve. I am currently setting up the workshop in January (18th and 19th). Possibly in Moorhead with our Regional trustee as a presenter. I also have a couple more Zonal Forums to set up. I look forward to hearing Jim's report when he returns from New York and wish him a safe trip. Yours in Love and Service, Michael (Jake) J.

CHAIR –Kelly D.-Greetings Area 35 Assembly, It is great to be with all of you this weekend, I always look forward to our Assemblies and the time we spend working together in service to continue to carry our message of hope. We have a lot of business to cover in a short period of time over this weekend starting with the Agenda Items this evening and old and new business tomorrow. We will also be going over the Area 35 Inventory that we did at the Fall Assembly. You all should have received this end of December and hopefully have had time to discuss it with your groups and District's. Just a reminder that anyone of you can have an item put on the Agenda for an Assembly or Area Committee Meeting. Just contact me if you have a request and I will make sure it gets on. I will also do my best to keep us on track this weekend so that we can get through the items in a reasonable amount of time. I attended and presented this morning at the GSR Orientation along with the other Area Officers. We had 51 in attendance and 19 were new GSR's. Presenting at this session is always a highlight of the Assembly for me. Again I would like to welcome all GRS's here today and thank them for their commitment to service. It has been a very busy start to this new year of this rotation for me. I attended the January Workshop in Walker and in February the Area 35 Committee Meeting. I also presented at a Zonal Forum in Grand Rapids in February along with the other Officers. I then attended the WCRAASC in Rapid City, South Dakota in March and here we are again at our Spring Assembly. I am truly grateful to be able to attend these service events and be a part of the work we do. This would not be made possible if it was not for the financial support Area 35 receives from our groups in northern Minnesota, so thank you, all of you! Please let me know if I can be of service or help in any way this weekend. My hope is that the facility, staff and rooms will meet the needs for all of you. Also please remember to fill out the evaluation forms with any feedback from your experience this weekend. Your comments are important to the Area and we are always willing to look at better ways that we can serve you. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. Kelly D.

SECRETARY –Mary S.-Greetings –First of all I would like to Thank District 16 for stepping up to the plate and helping us with Spring Assembly Greeters and Registration today and tomorrow. This is a great district!! I would also like to say that writing the February Committee Meeting Minutes in one week was not easy. I will be going over the Report and Charter Agenda item later this afternoon and I've been studying the background information. Hopefully you'll go easy on me this afternoon as I was unable to attend the WCRAASC due to moving everything from one house to another. I am not a Detail person and the little changes that various people want to make are important to them, but in the big picture, I wonder how much does it really matter. Maybe someone can help me with that this afternoon. I need to begin updating the Area Actions Booklet and adding to the new motions that have passed up to now since I became secretary. I had a working copy that I was trying to write in and highlight and guess what??? I can't find it. I will begin a new Working Copy and would appreciate help if anyone has done this before. I hope I am sending the minutes out to everyone who wants to receive them. Please let me know if you would like the minutes emailed to you. If you would like me to send them, give me your address and I can send them to you as well. Being your Area Secretary has forced me to pay attention and not daydream during the meetings. I hope I am meeting your expectations. Thank You for allowing me to serve Area 35.

TREASURER –Steve L.-I attended the WSRAASC in Rapid City SD on March 1st through the 3rd. Thank you for sending me there. A lot of discussion was heard from the floor about all the agenda items. I also attended Dist 8's agenda item meeting March 23 and helped with explaining what was discussed at the WCRAASC. There has been a new Item listed on the balance sheet - NL Mailing Flyer Cash. We are no longer sending Northern Light flier insert checks to Sandy (Group Records Sec.). Flier insert checks are now to be made out to NMAA and sent to the me. Please make a note that it is for a flier insert. Continue to send the flier the current address. Right now we are 26% under budget for period 2 and 34% under budget for the year. Our income for Period 2 was 1% less than expenses and for the year our income was 21% less than expenses. Even though our expenses are currently more than contributions received we are doing fine. 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.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS

TREATMENT –Randy A. - We met as a committee this morning and had 13 in attendance. 7 different districts were represented. All the districts are fulfilling their commitments at various Treatment Facilities. Topics of discussion included: Types of meetings in treatment facilities - registered and non-registered groups. Issues of 7th tradition - who's accountable, whether or not to pass the basket non-registered meetings that have regular AA Meetings within the facility.

We also talked about the upcoming Area 35/36 Joint Workshop and any issues, concerns or input to bring to the meeting. Last year we had discussion on holding a “Joint Workshop” inclusive to PI/CPC at an annual mental Health workshop held yearly in Duluth. We had discussions on holding another Treatment Workshop before the end of the year, possibly the night before the next Fall Assembly in Detroit Lakes, MN where the respective District Treatment Chairs on the Treatment Committee would do a presentation. The conference agenda should be the 6 items for treatment/special needs and only 1 hot topic, item B. Review report on the pamphlet AA for the Alcoholic with Special Needs formatted for Alcoholics who are blind, deaf or learning challenged. Any questions or concerns please feel free to ask. Yours in service, Randy A.

District 1 –Irene J.-Greetings to all from District 1. We will be holding our next district meeting on April 14th at 2:00 pm. With the meeting place being Fertile Community Center. Recently we held our 31st Annual Spring Fling at Fertile Community Center. There were about 78 people that attended from AA and Alanon. We held two different group sessions. The first was about Tradition Seven and what self supporting means to the fellowship between the levels of AA. Next session was about Step One and how this disease affects us as a person and our family members. As for our service chairs we still have some to fill. We do have three chairs filled which are Correction Chair - Keith K., Treatment Chair-Laura C. and PCI Chair Jon S. At our district meeting we will be planning the end of the year celebration. In the past we would have a sleepover, but the last couple of years we have changed it to a potluck round robin and a bonfire with an open meeting to end the evening. This event will be taking place on Saturday, Sept 7, 2013 at Farms Union Campground, Mentor, MN. Other than that district one is doing well. District one will also be having a literature booth at the Fertile Fair the first week in July, I believe. Thank you for this opportunity to serve as the DCM for Dist 1. Irene J.

District 7 –Neil F.-Warm greetings to all in Area 35! Dist 7 meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month in Brainerd, 7pm at the First United Congregational Church. Our next meeting will be on April 18th. The district has been active in service, with about 20 AA’s attending the monthly meeting, including about 12 GSR’s. We held 2 meetings in March - one on March 7th to go over the GSC agenda items and our regular meeting on March 21st. Having the additional meeting was helpful to ensure both the agenda items and regular district business was adequately covered. The GSC agenda was thoroughly discussed and participation was great. I’d like to thank the GSR’s for being prepared to discuss on what was really short notice. Also, special thanks to Jim K. for attending as a resource to the district. I feel prepared at this Assembly to represent our district, and I am very encouraged with the strong turnout here by District 7 chairs and GSR’s, it’s great to see all of you here. I’m happy to report a new Corrections Chair was elected - thank you Arden for your willingness to serve. We’ve been made aware of needs at the Aitkin County Jail and will address. Liz and committee have been planning a CPC event for Thursday, May 16th at Grand View Lodge in Nisswa. We have flyers here and welcome you to attend and bring professionals. I’d like to thank Roger and Brad for their willingness to attend the event and help out. Check out our website at aacentralakes.org, thank you Bob for the design and content support. We are responding to the inventory recently taken. One action we implemented was to discuss a concept at each district meeting. Our district meeting in May will be a week earlier than usual due to the CPC event. We will be meeting on May 9th. We have Jim’s Delegate report scheduled for Monday, June 3rd from 6:30 to 8:30. There will be a potluck and we’re looking forward to Jim’s report and want to thank him for representing all of us in New York. Lastly, we are holding Toni and Mary in our thoughts and prayers (GSR’s) Toni’s husband has become very ill suddenly and Mary has also become ill suddenly on the way here. In service, Neil.

PI –Robert (Butch) R.-Public Information We met with CPC having Districts 5,6,7,8,9,11,12,13 and 18 were in attendance. All shared on what they are doing in their respective Districts. Keeping updated schedules available, Beginners Meetings, phone lines and some are planning PI luncheons. Its soon Fair time and many are planning to participate with booths. District 13 will be taking part in the VA Stand down for Vets for returning Vets who may have Alcohol problems. Areas 52 and 74 have requested the Beginners Meeting Format which I will be sending the updated version to them. I also had PI Luncheons Formats available. These are things that we get to do at the West Central to meet and share with our counterparts. I thank the Area for allowing me to attend the WCRAASC we get a heads up on the Agenda Items from throughout our Region. I'm always amazed at the passion seen and felt about our Fellowship at these events. State Fair booth time again and am working on Volunteers to man the Booth. So far I have six of the twelve spots spoken for and I hope to have all filled and confirmed at the Joint Workshop. We are responsible for informing all walks of life as to who we are, what we are and where we are for people who feel they have a problem with In Service Butch

District 3 –Jim S. – Report given by Sean D. District 3 continues to be very active, Commitments are being met in treatment facilities and in corrections They are trying to do a campaign to meet with groups that aren’t active in the District and the realization that the DCM can’t hit them all, so they created a list for the GSR’s close to their groups to go visit some of the groups that don’t have GSR’s to represent their group at the District and just explain to the group how a GSR attending District Meetings can help their group and to support them and hopefully get some greater participation. There is always room to grow and to include more GSR’s at the District level. Other than that, things continue to go forward and I appreciate the opportunity to represent District 3 for Jim. Have a great Day – Sean D.

District 6 –David A. - I was able to attend the January Workshop in Aitkin and the WCRAASC, which was very informative. Our district held a special meeting to go thru some of the agenda items in March. We are still putting on Public Information AA meeting in the Isanti county Jail on a weekly basis. Also, we have an AA meeting with the resident of Dellwood Recovery Center every other week. We are working to improve the attendance at our District 6 Monthly meeting. I have visited a number of Groups in the last two months and I hope this will help. Dave A.

GROUP RECORDS –Sandy H. - Hello all Sandy H. alcoholic, would all DCM’s see me before the end of the weekend. I am excited to tell you the progress on the northern light mailings. I sent out an email earlier to Area Officers, Chairs, and DCM’s on the updates that have happened. I mailed the last Northern Light out of the Waite park bulk mailing center. I emailed Steve when this was completed and let him know that there would be roughly \$130 left in this account to be refunded. I also sent Steve the form that needs to be filled out and sent with a letter with our letterhead stating why we would like a refund. I did this to reduce the balance left in the account. The annual \$200 fee was due march 27 so I wanted to get one last mailing done before that date. From now on Mike from the Cold Spring Record will be doing the mailing from the Cold Spring Post Office. After several calls to the Post Office and Mike we finally worked it out that they will create a nonprofit ghost account for Mike/Cold Spring record which benefits Mike so he can now do other nonprofit mailings for different customers. As in self supporting I asked Mike about this and he inform me that he does this for all his customers’ free charge. He will mail the extra Northern Light to the next group records secretary. So now this frees up the group records job for anyone in Area 35. I also talked to Jana and she is going to talk to Mike so that she could change the mailing permit. So now your check for \$75 should be made out to NMAA instead of Postmaster. This can either be mailed or given to Steve as he will be billed for the mailing from the Northern Light. I am working on updating the Northern Light mailing list. Could all DCM’s please send me a list of their district officers and chairs? If anyone is not receiving the Northern Light and should be please see me. If anyone has questions on the mailing please see me. Remember this is your newspaper and I am your servant, Sandy H.

NORTHERN LIGHT – Jana M.- Greetings Area 35. The deadline for reports and articles for the next Northern Light Issue is May 3rd. Since it is conference time again, I put in the article section, something from Bill W. from the 1959 General Service Conference titled “Trust of Servant Necessary”. I again want to encourage anyone to submit an article. Yours in service, Jana M.

District 21 –David G.-At the last committee meeting in Aitkin I was at a loss. Others were going to Rapid City, South Dakota. I was feeling that I would not be able to go, but my District said they would send me. I made a few calls and I was able to share a ride and room with some others. I went with Past Delegate Charlie C, Steve L and Carey A and it was a great opportunity to learn and visit...Thank You AA!!

District 16 –GeneV. - It is with gratitude that I serve as the District 16 DCM. District 16 holds its meeting the First Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM., United Methodist Church, 1701 S.E. 8th Avenue, Grand Rapids, MN No issues or questions. Our next District meeting will be May 1st. Yours in Service, Gene.

CORRECTIONS –Jeff E.- Good Afternoon. One of the pleasant parts of the job is coming to Area Committee Meeting and the Assemblies and meeting the correction chairs and volunteers in various districts throughout Area 35. It’s great and refreshing to see and hear how dedicated they are to carrying the 12th Step Message into our correctional facilities. Thank you guys and gals. This morning at our meeting we had District 9 working in NERC and doing a good job, Stephanie from District 14 carrying a woman’s meeting into Koochiching County Jail every week and the men’s group once a month, hoping to increase that and get meetings going weekly. Rolene in District 8 holds meetings in Thistledew. Volunteers come from District 8, 9 16 & 14 to work in Thistledew and that’s the way the facility wants it, if a District is involved, they was individual volunteers and they have a great group of people meeting up there. Gary in District 11 in Rush City, the Rush City Prison meetings are going well. We have a problem getting meetings into Moose Lake but the Boot Camp associated with Moose Lake is doing okay. Skip in District 5, the Mil Lacs County Jail is doing okay, and the Sherburn County Jail and Federal Holding facility is doing okay, they hold meetings twice a month there for the men and the women and they’re working on getting that weekly. I think they’re getting close. Dave in District 8 told us about work up there, one of the problems we have in working with the DOC is that institution to institution, policy change from staff members in one facility and their interpretation in their procedures and policies change so it’s very hard. A young person coming out of a facility may be on probation, they’re the ones that are eager, they want to get back in and spread the message with guys that they know that AA works however because of the policy as it is, they aren’t allowed to go back in and volunteer. We face a lot of those things in Corrections. Denny in District 13, Stearns, Benton County Jails are doing okay and the Minnesota Corrections Facility in St. Cloud are doing okay. They are short on books and literature. Jim in District 2 said they only have county jails out in District 2. Some inmates are allowed to go out of jail to AA Meetings. His problem is getting enough volunteers to pick them up and take them to meetings. And that’s true about all the Districts represented today. We need volunteers, we need dedicated people. So, if you’ve never done it, try it. You’ll be surprised how rewarding it is to carry the message in the jails and prisons. Thank You. Jeff E.

District 8 –Rolene L.-District 8 is doing well. We’ve had some elections and we have all our chairs filled but one alternate position. We had our district inventory Feb 4th past Delegate tom A was our moderator. We will be going through our questions and suggestions starting at our may District meeting that our district came up with to better serve. It was a productive Inventory. I have contacted our Delegate for the Delegate’s report for June 7th District Meeting.

I attended the West Central Regional Conference with our area chair, Kelly D. and our group records Sandy H. It was a very informational conference. I took a lot of notes of our agenda items then on March 16th we had a special agenda item meeting to go through these items. I had a invited other district to participate with our District. We had 20 plus in attendance with DCM District 9, John and another member. DCM District 21 Dave G. with another member. It was great unity. At our district Meeting on April 3rd, we had two members willing to stand for Delegate, Randy A. and Steve L. Steve L be our nominee from District 8. I have been visiting groups that have not been attending our district Meetings. Also our Alt DCM has been in contact with some groups also. We are making sure they are informed. I am grateful to District 8 for allowing me to serve as DCM. Working together Unity, Responsibility and Communication. Yours in Service, Rolene L., Dist 8 DCM.

District 9 –John F.-All is well in district nine. Our positions are filled and obligations met. We will be having an open meeting at the Hibbing Alano club. First will be our District Meeting at 5:00 and then a Potluck at 6:00 to be followed by our speaker, Tom L. I would like to thank Dist 8 for allowing us to attend their meeting on the agenda items. It was very informative. The people were so gracious. Thank you Rolene. Also Dave from Dist 21 Thanks for allowing me to serve. John F.

CPC –Roger R. - Thirteen committee members attended our break-out PI/CPC session this morning. Districts represented included: 5, 8, 9, 12, 11, 7, 18, 6 & 13. Our meeting agenda follows... I. Opening with the Serenity Prayer, II. CPC/PI area chair reports, III. District PI and CPC Reports, IV. Old Business - MN Age and Disability Odyssey, Duluth, June 17 and 18th, V. New Business - Volunteer Costs for Area Service Functions, CPC/PI Luncheons, CPC Presentations at Professionals Meetings, Setting Goals for CPC in districts, start small with what is doable. VI. Closing - Responsibility Statement Thank You for sending me to the WCRAASC in Rapid City. I’d also like to thank Neil, Jake and Jim for assisting my hip surgery recovery by doing the lion's share of driving. I gained a lot of knowledge about this year’s agenda items from attendees from 8 states. I am looking forward to presenting at a District 7 PI Event on May 16th. I appreciate the opportunity to serve area #35. Roger R.

District 11 –Bill C.- I resigned as GSR for Hinkley Saturday Night and a month later we had a new GSR who is interested in the Treatment Chair. Wow! We have a GSR at District who sets up fellowship events like bowling and bonfire. She is much appreciated. Attendance was down because of winter but participation is still close to 1/2 of the groups at district. All our jail commitments are being met thanks to Gary. In service Bill C.

District 18 –Neil R.-All of our committee chairs are filled except for CPC/PI. but our Archives is helping out for now. We had a member step forward to take over for our corrections chair. District book mobile is doing good, averaging over \$50.00 per function. We have 5 people accepted to do meetings in the Todd County Jail, on Thursday anytime from 7-9, have not started yet. Upcoming events: April 27th - Staples Round robin at 5:30. May 2nd - 4th workshop at Courage to change in Little Falls for 6 weeks on Thursdays. Aug 16-18th, at Staples Crow Wing River campsite - camp out. District 18 meets at 6:30 First Tuesday of the month at Long Prairie Alano Club. Our next meeting will be May 7th at 6:00 pm. I’ll be going over results from General Service Conference. Neil.

District 14 –Deb A.- We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 for committees at the Alano Club in International Falls and the District Meeting is at 6:00 pm. District 14 officially re-started January 2013. We have held 3 District meetings to date. We have a good core group of individuals participating, and have all our positions filled. We are struggling to get more! AA group involvement, but will continue to work with the meetings, providing education and support surrounding what service is, and why it is critical to carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. As reported at the February area meeting, we have active jail meetings for both women and men, the local treatment center hosts an AA speaker monthly, our literature/grapevine and PI/CPC committee chairs are learning what their roles are and how to serve our district. District 14 has to work through some growing pains, but we are confident at the Fall Assembly we will have more good news to report. Yours in service - Deb A.

GRAPEVINE –Carey A.-Combined committee Grapevine/Literature. In attendance - District 18, 8, 5, 4, 13 and 3. Some of the issue/activity in Districts. District 18 has a book mobile available at activities. The Bookmobile is Grapevine and our literature available for sale - shared working very well. District 8 - Making available and recycling Grapevines to Treatment and Correction Facilities throughout District 8. District 5 shared that they are making available Grapevine Subscriptions. District 13 also making Grapevine available to facilities. Shared as Area 35 Grapevine Chair all monies run through Area 35 Treasurer, Keeping up on Inventory of what’s available in Grapevine Literature. Placed an order which included District 18 order - Also will be placing an order and have available at Fall Assembly. If you need Grapevine Literature let me know. Also encouraged Area 35 to present/write articles for our Grapevine issues - also audio collecting story submission from fellowship - a web page was created to give instruction - Gene from District 16. Some at Committee meeting weren’t aware of the Quote of the Day - go to AAGrapevine.org, sign up for free. Grapevine Workbook is available online and will try to have available at Area Functions. Wishing fellowship would submit articles to our Northern Light. Paul M. volunteers from District 5. Area 35 Grapevine Chair - Carey A.

District 4 –Jim T.-This has been the winter of great disappointment in that two of the three most recent District meetings have been canceled due to poor driving conditions. The District Meeting is held in conjunction with the monthly Round Robin for district 4 and since we rotate the location among the 9 communities who have active AA groups, there is always the chance to have weather effect member’s attendance. Both The December January meetings were canceled. At our February meeting the District elected a new Alternate DCM, Bruce of Alexandra, to fill out the vacancy created when Jeff C. moved to his new job in Mahnomen and I assumed the DCM position. In March the Committee reviewed the Hot Topics list provided by Delegate Jim K, and heard my report from the West Central Region AA service Conference. The focal point of the District Committee became the General Service Item E from the Trustee’s Committee. I offered to the committee the insights from the West Central Region which I summarized the majority being in opposition to the intent to merge the two groups of director from the AAWS and the AA Grapevine Board. Following through discussion the committee agreed that such an action would not serve the best interests of AA as a whole. Under the items for the Finance Committee our district questioned the value of retaining a consultant to further examine questions and challenges of self-support. The committee also considered preliminarily the possibility of hosting a Zonal Forum for Zone 2. Likely to be held in June as soon as the other district involved can have input. The committee expressed the belief that we could hear Jim K.’s report from the GSC and also host a past delegate discussion regarding Singleness of Purpose. Attendance at meetings in the District has remained fairly constant. The relatively “new” clubhouse in Alexandria has helped a number of groups to increase attendance. The District finances are comfortable, but we know that not every group in the district has contributed to the treasurer and that we need more focus on the need to mix Spirituality and Money. Yours in Service, Jim T.

District 15 –Peter B.- Hi Everybody... We are averaging about 10 People per District Meeting. Meetings are on the First Monday of the month at 8 p.m. at Albany Community Center. Stearns County Roundup was a success. We sold 206 meal tickets. Our Literature Chair was not able to participate and gave up literature chair position. Want to thank District 18 for putting on a Literature Display at our Round-up. Also want to thank Brad I. for doing an Archive Display at the Roundup which was very well received with many positive comments by everyone. We had some profit on our Roundup and are going to use the money to restock literature. Will be having an unmanned booth at Stearns County Fair again this year. We have a much better spot for our booth this year than we had last year. Upcoming events - April 8th - Coldspring Alano Club Buffet Night at Blue Heron in Coldspring - 5:30 start time. April 20th Sauk Centre 2nd Annual Potluck Open Speaker Meeting at 5:30 pm at United Churches of Sauk Centre - Yours in Service - Pete B.

WEBMASTER –Robert (Bob) B.- Area Webmaster Meeting: They discussed their service positions, and updating our area service responsibilities at the Area Level which are due in June, The Webmaster should remain an Administrative Position, that way you would not need software background to be the Area Webmaster. I did add private registration to our domain name, and renewed the domain name for an additional two years. The total cost was \$55.00. Our calendar on our website failed a couple weeks ago, I found a coding conflict between the old calendar software and the current software, I patched the calendar software, our calendar has reached the end of its life cycle, it’s very old, and it needs to be replaced. Thank You.

ARCHIVES –Antoinette F.- The meeting opened at 10 am with the Serenity Prayer. 7 were in attendance. Districts 8,9,12,5, 14, 18 and Brad I. Rodney reported for District 12. Brad has been very busy. As you will hear in his report. Dist 18 Mike C., They are working on a long timers panel. There has been interest from the 9-18 month sobriety. Very exciting. District 8 - They had a workshop with Scott J. presenting. They are collaborating on a Archives newsletter amongst other things. Patti has come aboard at this time along with an alternate archives chair. They are reading books and cross referencing material. District 12 - they are working on a First time action booklet working with the secretary. They also receive a DC of a Long Time in Recover. District 5 - They continue to gather information from the old-timers - long timers. District 9 - District meeting, pot Luck, and Open meeting on May 18th. Flyers on the table. Tom L, Past Delegate, longtimer will be the speaker. District 14 - getting up and running - getting workbooks, archive information from Brad. Very exciting. Brad remind everyone to send copies to the Area secretary, himself and Delegate for archives. E-mail is best for him. Thank you for allowing me to service, Antoinette F.

District 2 –Kim B.-Our last district meeting was held Sunday March 10th. The next meeting will be May 12th. We meet the 2nd Sunday on all odd months. We are going to have an old timers panel Sept 28th from 3-6:30 at the Badger Community Center in Badger, MN. Mike H. made the flyers for us, we appreciate that. He brought some this weekend and put them out on the table. 4 Members with 30 plus years will be on the panel. 3 Men and 1 woman Mark was going to be our 5th person was involved in a pretty serious accident. He is recovering but will still be a long process. If anyone wants information on Mark’s progress, Jim R is here and would be willing to share his progress with you. We ask that you keep Mark and his family in your prayers that he continues making good progress. We had a GSR come down from Hallock to our last District meeting - Myron H. It was nice to have an new addition to our district meeting and is here this weekend. AA in our Area is doing well. No real changes. Meetings are ups and down everywhere. No Roundup this year. Still a work in progress. Yours in Service, Kim B.

District 12 –Rodney S., for Servando...After being informed that I needed to represent him at the Spring Assembly, I met with Servando to go over his notes regarding the District's conscience on the agenda items and discuss new concerns. We have a lot of activity taking place with our PI / CPC and Treatment Committees. We are getting signs put up on the DTA buses with messages directed at attracting the still suffering alcoholic. We have established 3 meetings per month at CADT. Both the men's and women's meetings at Bethel were suffering from inconsistency with people chairing the weekly meetings, which we caught just in time, with volunteers stepping up to take on those responsibilities. We are looking into similar possibilities to support the 2 meetings at Miller Dwan. We held a very successful long timers event in January. We started the year with a group information project with multiple purposes of updating the Twin Ports Area Directory, helping newcomers find a better fit in their first groups, and to attract more involvement in district service. The biggest issue we face in this second half of rotation is, once again, a decline in service, at a time when we would like to be helping the new people stepping forward to get oriented with the district process. We are again in need of a Corrections Chair and our Alt. DCM has resigned. We are at a complete loss as to what else to do to get more district involvement. The importance of our last District Meeting to go over the agenda items and hot topics list and to make arrangements to get the background material was well emphasized and was met with a disappointing attendance. We are open to anything that might help. Yours in service, Rodney S.

ARCHIVIST –Brad I.-Spring Assembly 2013 Archivist report It has been non- stop for me since the February committee meeting. I have been to Rapid City, beautiful downtown Virginia and St. Anna plus I worked Easter. I have a charity dinner next week and the Superior Roundup in 2 weeks. Recent contributions to the collection are 2 1954 magazines with Lillian Roth's anonymity breaks, a November 1948 "Hygeia" magazine with a great article on institutions for alcoholics and a 1907 calendar from the Minneapolis Keeley Institute. I have the calendar here and will have the Lillian Roth articles copied for Superior. I also got a 1942 vintage Neurosin pamphlet to go along with the 1923 one. The inventory of the collection is progressing but slowly. I think I am close to the 5000 documents mark. Thank you to all of those who have included me on their district minutes mailing list. For upcoming events I will have the full display at the superior round-up and am doing a display for the district 7 CPC lunch on May 16. Thanks to the Area for funding me to the WCRAASC. There was not an Archives breakout session so I participated in the Inventory sessions. My notes on question G1 are Remaking board not a solution personalities are over riding principles. G2 pt 1 Sponsorship. Resumes don't measure AA experience. Open up General Service Trustee from solely non trustee directors to the membership as a whole. Lack of objectivity from General Service Trustees and a marked disparity of regions. G3 More complete board minutes and publish in Box 459. Ambiguously worded agenda items by staff members going back from the conference and end results being completely different. Not ignoring completely service process vetted items but rolling staff member's items through without vetting. Question H If you are a delegate the qualities should already be there. Question B Extrapolate consequences. Do we arbitrarily establish numbers? What is the effect on the conference and the effect on the regions. In the interest of space in this report I left the text of the questions out. If I have finished this I am sure I have used up more than my time. Brad I.

LITERATURE –Sean D.-Greetings All! It's great to be here today with all of you! I have been looking forward to this weekend for some time. Today's combined Literature and Grapevine action committee enjoyed 9 attendees representing Districts 3, 4, 5,8,13 and 18. The Districts in general reported no concerns with Literature. Requests for Literature have been met. District 18 reports excitement for a "Bookmobile" that travels to events about once a month. They sell about \$60 per event and hope to expand awareness about available Literature. District 5 reports individual groups in the District are supporting corrections by buying 1-2 Big Books (soft covers) to donate to corrections. **Pamphlet in the Spotlight P-35/F8 \$.15/Free Problems Other Than Alcohol Bill W's thoughts on the status of drug addicts within AA are as timely as when they appeared in 1958 Grapevine.--Did I mention there is a wonderful table full of Grapevine material?!?! To better be of service to all, please email any Literature requests to me by May 20th so needed Literature will be available at our next Area meeting in Aitkin on June 2nd. If I don't respond to your request, please respond so I don't miss any important orders. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to be of service!! You're Friend in Service, Sean D.

District 13 –Scott B. - District 13 holds a special District meeting to cover the awards items. We almost made it through the hot topic list. District 13 has secured a booth at the Brown County Fair this coming august. Dist 13 has to fill our CPC Position. Treatment and connections both hold a lot of service opportunities for AA service work. We're looking forward to the Area 35/36 Workshop on June 20th at the Calvary Community Center. Yours in service - Scott B.

District 5 – (Report read by Todd C... for Heidi) Heidi R. Greetings from District 5, District 5 meets on the third Monday of every month at 7pm at Freshwaters Church in Zimmerman, MN. Our CPC/PI chair has been getting the schedule filled for another rotation of the Sherburne County Probation Orientation Meeting and making more meeting schedules to pass out to local businesses. Our Literature/Grapevine Chair has been taking inventory of the items we have in stock and making sure we have enough Big Books for sale. We have several A.A. groups in District 5 who are purchasing Big Books to bring into the Sherburne County Jail. The Corrections Chair and Alternate DCM have been working hard to get men and women volunteers for the Sherburne County Jail. They have been getting lots of help from Area 36 which we greatly appreciate. Our goal is to have meetings brought into the Sherburne County Jail each week. Currently we are bringing meetings to the jail twice a month. We also hold meetings at the Mille Lacs County Jail. The Treatment Chair has been working hard to get volunteers to speak at the two treatment centers within our district. The Alternate DCM and myself continue to visit groups within the district and update group information.

At the March District Meeting we went through the General Service Conference Agenda Items, old business, and new business. Due to the length of time it takes to go through the agenda items we skipped District Officers, Chairs, and GSR report. The reports were submitted to the Secretary to be added to the minutes. The Alternate DCM and Archives Chair for District 5 were able to attend the West Central Regional Forum in Rapid City South Dakota. This was very useful when we went through the General Service Conference Agenda Items. Finally I want to thank Todd for stepping in for me at the Spring Assembly. I know he will do a great job! I was unable to attend due to a conflict with another event I had for work. Yours in Service, Heidi R.

DELEGATE SHARING AND BREAKOUT SESSION REPORTS

Agenda - No questions, comments or concerns about Agenda Items...

Cooperation with the Professional Community-

Chair - Roger R. stated that... 100% decided they liked the changes for the pamphlet

Vote: More were in favor- than were opposed

Possibly have a page for a District Webpage and Area Webpage, where to go for free download and pamphlets, possibly do some webinars to post on Area Websites... how do we carry our message one on one or in person to reach our professionals .Bring a new person with you, they like to hear about what works and what doesn't work. Only those with a desire to stop to drinking may attend closed AA meetings.

Corrections- Jamie - No new recent studies since 1974 so maybe take that date out. This pamphlet goes to Professionals, not to the inmates. The things that they think should be taking out are dated. There's another section on re-entry and parole - maybe cut the statistics out. AA in the correctional facilities - should be in the section that is titled AA in the Facilities. No discussion. No vote in the committee was taken, but they were pretty unanimous. Change the word directory to Listing. The Grapevine and Lavina - They might be looking at the entire pamphlet rather than just a few statements.

Vote taken - the body was in favor of draft replacement in correctional facilities - was unanimous

The committee did not discuss the entire pamphlet - but the body voted to review the entire pamphlet.

Discuss how we engage AA Members in Corrections service - the committee ended up talking about specific things happening in our Area - what can we do to get information back to G.S.O. Challenges of members and area chairs to be "off paper" to go into the jails. Individuals have to have a passion for service and be consistent. Find a District with a jail or facility and volunteer to help. Fear is what keeps most of us away from the jails, but the rewards of this service are huge. It's not just about bringing services into the facilities, but to complete correspondence. Jim is not sitting on this committee, so he asked Jamie to write these statements down and send them to the GSO

Finance- Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference- Last year they increased Area contribution from \$1200.00 to \$1600.00. General Consensus from Area 35 body - should we consider going to a higher amount if it comes to a vote again this year? Last year we opposed this increase. Discussion followed -

Grapevine-Grapevine- Discussion followed

Literature- Sean ... 17 yes-12 no's vote with committee regarding the thought about adding an index to the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. (Discussion followed) The body assembled voted

-In Favor ___ Opposed - 75% opposed to the idea.

-Consider a request to add the subtitle "None left Behind" to the newly revised "A.A. and the Armed Services" Pamphlet.

In Favor - Opposed - Unanimously Opposed

Policy and Admissions-

Voted in favor that they would allow people into the conference- international observers...

January 15th vs. December 15th - In favor 50%- Opposed 50%

Revising the timetable for the Timetable In favor 99% Opposed 1%

Combining Conference Agenda and Conference Policy/Admissions committee -Infavor_0% Opposed_100%

Public Information- Jim reviewed all of the topics and told the body what he knew about them. He also asked that if anyone had some strong feelings regarding and of the topics to send him an e-mail.

Allow outside Vendors of AAWS conference approved literature online - Opposed-Strongly

Report and Charter-

Mailed to committee only - items 1, 2 3,
Item #4 - small committee stated... we agreed it should be added - Body generally in favor
Item#5 - we agreed it would help with rotation -
Item #6 - Committee was in favor...
Item #7 - Committee was in favor...Allowing non-alcoholics to be trustee's put forth by a Delegate

All in Favor 2/3rds Opposed 1/3rd in attendance
Item #8 - Committee was in favor of this request ... Most in favor, a few opposed
Item B - Committee was generally against this In favor - not many, Opposed- Most
Item C - Discuss Directories- but letter sent that the Board decided to not send the directories out.
Item D - Committee was not in favor - Delegate Highlights should "not" be edited

Treatment/Special Needs –Accessibilities- Jim asked anyone with strong feelings to e-mail ideas or opinions to Jim and he'll hand them off to the folks on that committee

Trustees- Jim is assigned to this committee-

Committee stated that no one was in favor of this proposal we need to keep our principals in this.
Much discussion regarding this proposal 17 people on a Board would be a lot of people on one board.
Area 35 is strongly against this proposal

Jim asked the body to email their thoughts and feelings to Jim asked the Assembly to read Concepts 8, 9, 10 & 11 and study them. E-mail concerns to Jim, the sooner the better, as he wants to make sure that he's sure that he's representing Area 35 correctly. He will voice Area 35's opinions.

Archives-Video "Markings on the Journey"... Committee felt that it's old and would cost \$7,100.00 to fix it. Changes seem to be appropriate - Jim felt the changes were good ones. In favor - 100% Opposed - 0%.

-One benefit of a "75th Anniversary Edition" is to raise revenue - Our Area just voted to decrease revenue through literature but rather increase contributions - Since the fellowship is not asking for it - why do this? One of the benefits is that it would sell like hotcakes and make a lot of money. Jim feels that it is being considered for raising revenue rather than for the still suffering alcoholic. It's felt that we should stay away from this idea. It's considered a trinket" This same literature is in the book, Experience, Strength and Hope sold for \$5.00. Jim felt if they did produce this item, it should be sold at cost. In Favor - 1/4 O p - posed 3/4

-Consider request to post audio archives on the Website - what they want to consider is vague - for the members is a good idea - to raise revenue is a bad idea.... In Favor - 50% Opposed - 50% Jim will use the right of decision when this comes to a vote.

International Conventions/Regional Forums- no discussion

-Closed with the Lord's Prayer.-

GSR SHARING SESSION REPORT

Q- Why is there an Ice-Cream Social at the Fall Assembly and not at the Spring?

Q - Why are the hotel rooms in the AA block for the Assembly more expensive than those that are outside of the block?

-Concern: Expensive hotel room may upset group's members or make it difficult for groups to support GSR in attending conference now or future.

-The block of rooms were all around the pool; rooms around the pool are likely more expensive.

-Area chair or Alternate Delegate are responsible for negotiating the price of the facilities - talk to them.

Q-Roger R. - CPC Chair - has circulated a handout "12 Steps to Building a Healthy Group", which has been a valuable resource to build or improve a group. Can we get more things like this?

Q- As a new GSR, am I responsible for supplying literature to my group?

-Elect a literature chair for your group and order the literature directly.

-Go through the literature chair of your district; pulling your orders with other groups may help you eliminate additional expenses by processing a larger order per item, shipping costs, etc.

-If the group relies on the GSR to get literature from district or area meetings, the group must reimburse the GSR.

-Another option is to send a second basket to cover the literature costs, such as funds for Big Books that are given free to newcomers.

Q-What can be done to help or encourage individuals to follow the Traditions, namely to become involved in service?

-Talk to your sponsor about how service plays a part in her/his recovery.

-Ask your sponsor to study the Traditions together.

-If your sponsor isn't involved in service, find a "service sponsor" to expand your notion of service. This partnership will allow you to keep the service element part of recovery separate from personal issues.

-Some members think of service as only working with groups - such as coffee-maker, literature, chair - but service through district and area is service too.

-Some members want more out of AA than working at the group level-to be able to ensure that the message of AA goes beyond the group. Refer to the reason why we have area conferences.

Q-I'm not a newcomer, but what do all the acronyms in AA mean?

-Get a service manual. Ask a sponsor. Ask questions at the GSR sharing session.

-Refer to the GSR Orientation package that we receive at the fall and spring assemblies.

Q-Are there different expectations about GSR's in different Areas? States?

-I didn't know how busy AA was during the month of March. This is a busy month for me personally. AA needs to get the work out earlier to GSR's about what is involved during this month in preparing for the spring assembly - namely, extra meetings for the group and at district to review, discuss, and vote on agenda items.

-Districts ought to be the entity to prepare GSR;s for this time; DCM's ought to make this information known.

-Group business meetings may help prepare the GSR and the group - those who have done the work of preparing for agenda items before can share about the process with the new GSR.

-Make flyers more informative about the process for the Spring Assembly

-Outgoing GSR's have a duty to help prepare the new GSR's for what occurs during that time, when it occurs, and how to do it.

-The learning is in the doing. We can't know what it will be like until we experience it ourselves. Trust the process and enjoy the ride.

-Isn't there a website for downloading the agenda information ahead of time so we don't have to wait for the District Meeting discussion?

-Past GSR's who serve as an action chair may be able to share their experience, knowledge about what happens at district with new GSR's.

Q - What do we do when no one will stand up for the GSR position when our term is over?

-If no one runs for the position, emphatically and repeatedly announce it at the beginning of every meeting. This shows members that it is an important position and an issue that must be resolved. Announcing it repeatedly keeps the position (and the need to fill it) in the minds of members. At my group, after making the announcement over a year, someone finally stood up when their life schedule changed.

-Tell the group that you are finished; give members advance notice, offer to train the next GSR, inform them the importance of having someone serve as GSR.

DCM SHARING SESSION REPORT

14 District's were present - 1, 2,4, 5(alt),6,7,8,12,13,14,15, 16 & 21.

Topics Discussed - Importance of Singleness of Purpose, Unity between Districts and Spirit of Rotation. District 5 - Todd was the group facilitator.

1) Spirituality of AA - Treatment Centers are putting everyone together and because of the AA Meetings are having to deal with Alcoholics and Addicts - it's our responsibility to be an example and talk to them - those that attend meetings who are not alcoholic and our responsibility is also Sponsorship in the Program of Alcoholics Anonymous. AA Members need to explain Chapter 2 in the Big Book Which talks about this. Find their own spirituality. Read the Card at every meeting. Educate members what AA is and is not. AA Literature approved is the only literature we have at AA meetings - non alcoholics come to the meetings - non AA's can attend - at open meetings. Chairperson's responsibility to talk about AA Closed Meetings. IF Everyone comes to AA there isn't a need to start NA meetings. Each community needs NA for Addicts and AA for Alcoholics.

2) Zonal Forum - work together, not enough interest for the AA groups to attend Zonal Forums. Perhaps have a Zonal Forum in combination with PI Lunch-eons. Work together like we did with the Agenda Items. This helps us become more informed. Also, Bring Sponsees to the jails, invite them to volunteer and help others. Reach out to other Districts. Responsibility starts with me - we can all do more than we're doing and that provides growth for us personally and in

the program in general. Just because it didn't work before, doesn't mean we shouldn't try again. Plan different things something fun - try unique ideas. Also - why do Districts split up? What can we do to help Districts stay cohesive?

3) Can't seem to get new AA members to come to District Meetings. This can be done through Sponsorship, Just keep asking and inviting, All give of themselves and bring newcomers to AA with you to a District Meeting. There is a whole different side of AA than just going to meetings. Again, strong sponsorship and getting active.

Closed at 6:00 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

WCRAAFS- forums are only held every other year. This fall the forum will be held on September 6-8th in Bloomington, MN in Southern Minnesota. These are put on by GSO and you'll meet the folks who work out there.

Area 35/36 Workshop - This will take place in St. Cloud on July 20, 2013 at the Calvary Church.

Fall Assembly - Dates for the Fall Assembly are October 5th and 6th in Detroit Lakes, MN

Delegate's Resumes - **Delegate** Resume's must be given to Kelly D., Area 35 Chairperson by June 2nd which is the next Area 35 Committee Meeting.

Area 35 Equipment Adhoc Committee Report - Bob B., Area Webmaster - put together to inventory the equipment and software we are using. We want to see if they meet our needs. We'll be coming up with a list of items that we need to eliminate and/or purchase and will present that at a later date.

Area 35 AA Meeting Locator Adhoc Committee Report - The committee started meeting in December, to two bids and they are quite expensive. Looking at Area 41 meeting locator and Bob is setting this up and making great progress. The existing one will be replaced soon.

Corrections Proposal – Jeff E. was not present to present his proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

Minnesota State Fair AA Booth - August 24th and August 25th - If you want to volunteer a shift, you can talk to Butch and he'll let you know the time slots that are open.

Neil F. presented a Dist 7 request for nationwide meeting locator. If GSO took over this service then we wouldn't need to create our own in each area and we wouldn't need the paper directories. GSO considered this idea but did not add it to the agenda. GSO thinks it's better suited for the Areas to do this but District 7 feels it would be better suited for GSO to create and keep this site up and going. Discussion followed... 2/3rds majority vote required for a proposal from an area.

Neil F. made a motion for this idea to be brought to the GSO to create and maintain a North American wide computer generated meeting locator at the 63rd – 2013 service conference.

Friendly amendment – To clarify, Neil meant United State and Canada and this would exclude Mexico.

Voting Yes -55 Voting No – 10

District 5 proposal - “We of District 5 and AA group members would like Area 35 to consider or open for discussion that GSR's and Groups within Area 35 have access to the proposed Area 35 budget 60 days prior to the Area's Budget approval vote. Below are some reasons for the request.

-GSR's would be able to talk about it with groups. This is important to us to keep AA members informed beforehand as to where and how much it will cost to keep AA here for the newcomers.

-To have more time to ask about any increases decreases, or where is the money being used.

-To approve the budget for Area 35 the yearly budget should be done by all AA members. Especially since the groups are the most important members and the Area is supported financially by the groups. During the discussion, Jim K., Area 35 Delegate brought up the fact that this is already in the Area Actions Booklet ... after discussion from the floor; Todd withdrew the motion/proposal.

District 5 Proposal: We of District 5 and members of AA would like Area 35 to consider that Area 35 officers and/or committee chairs not be the ones to make a motion to pass the area 35 proposed budget as they are part of the Budget. The motion should come from a DCM or a GSR.

-Some GSR's may feel pressure from others

-We feel that a motion should not be brought forth by someone who is a part of the budget.

-So it doesn't come across as if we are pushing the budget through because we need it approved immediately when it's brought forth for discussion. The discussion that followed concluded that Area Officers and Area Chairs all get a vote on the budget proposals. After discussion from the floor, Todd withdrew the proposal/motion.

Jim K. made a motion that the General Service Board of A.A. devise and implement a yearly budget plan that decreases reliance on profits made from literature sales by 5% per year, for the next 10 years, therefore becoming 100% self-supported by AA Group contributions by 2024.

Jim K. made the motion and the motion was seconded.

Vote Yes – Clearly a 2/3rds vote for this motion. Vote No – Only 3 voted no out of the voting members

Area 35 Inventory Questions/Discussion - Kelly reviewed the Inventory Process and the changes that have occurred and opened the floor to discuss the inventory and their feelings about it. She reviewed some of the positive outcomes i.e. District 14 was dark and is not active. When a new person takes over a position the outgoing officer or chair should help the incoming officer or chair which is certainly encouraged and should be added to the job position descriptions. The Ad hoc internet AA Meeting Locator Committee with Northern and Southern MN has been implemented and is running smoothly. The Roberts Rules of Order comment will be done this Fall Assembly for an hour workshop. Using a straw vote for agenda items VS only voting members was implemented at the Feb Committee meeting and utilized at this Assembly. Having the budget sent out before the Committee meeting or Assemblies has been implemented and the budgets are now being sent out before the Committee Meeting and Assembly. Area Responsibilities are listed on the Website now and it's the job of the officer or committee chair to update their job position description, but if anyone would like to see some changes, feel free to contact the person and make suggestions. No further discussion continued regarding the Area 35 Inventory. Kelly D., Area 35 Chairperson asked if this should be on the Fall Assembly agenda and no one responded that they wanted it to be on the agenda, so the consensus was to not place this item on the Fall Assembly Agenda.

Calendar of Events - Jana M./Northern Light Editor:

Area Committee Meeting – Sunday, June 3, 2013 – 9:00 am, Aitkin Alano Clubhouse, Aitkin, MN

Area 35/36 Joint Workshop, Calvary Community Church, 1200 Roosevelt Rd., St. Cloud, MN

Area Committee Meeting – Sunday, August 5th @ 9:00 am, Aitkin Alano Clubhouse, Aitkin, MN

Area 35 Fall Assembly – Oct 5 & 6, 2013, Holiday Inn, 1155 Hwy 10 E., Detroit Lakes, MN

Area Committee Meeting – Sunday, December 1, 2013 @ 9:00 am, Aitkin Alano Clubhouse

Area 35 Spring Assembly – April 5th and 6th, 2014, Holiday Inn, 200 West 1st St., Duluth, MN

Area 35 Fall Assembly – October 4th & 5th, 2014, Sawmill Inn, 2301 Pokegama Ave, Grand Rapids, MN

Upcoming Events in Areas 35 & 36

63rd General Service Conference – April 21-27, 2013, Rye, New York

Zim Open Meeting, April 20, 2013, 7:00 pm, McDavitt Town Hall, 9042 Zim Road, Zim, MN

43rd Annual Iron Range Get-Together, April 26, 27 & 28th, Sawmill Inn, Grand Rapids, MN

Duluth Dist 12 Service Workshop, May 4th, Service Sharing Seminar, Duluth Alano Clubhouse

St. Cloud Roundup, Sat. May 18, 2013, Moose Lodge, 1300 3rd St. N., Waite Park, MN 6:20pm

Gopher State Roundup, May 24, 25 & 26, 2013, Double Tree Bloomington Hotel, Bloomington, MN

District 21 Workshop, June 8th, Bemidji Alano Clubhouse, 10:00 am. Area 35 Delegate, General Conf.

Ask It Basket (Past Delegates)

1) What is the difference between a Workshop, a forum and a conference? Jon said...” Workshop - held by all entities of AA usually cover areas of concern occurring once a year. Forums are held by the Area and the GSO. Both send officers or staff and committee to explain what they do and how they serve. They both visit once every 2 years. Conferences - We have General Service Conferences attended by our Delegate and a Regional Service Conference is attended by anyone in AA especially our region.”

2) Do we need a majority vote to withdraw a motion? “Tim C., Panel 54 said “No, but at the Fall Assembly they will have a session on Roberts Rules of Order which will help us all understand the process better.”

3) Is there a record at GSO of the agenda items that were not passed or not addressed? Most AA members would like to know what and why there were not addressed or failed or passed. ”I (Tom) am not aware of a compendium of GSC agenda items that were not passed submitted but did not come out of committee. However, each Annual GSC Final Report does list these actions for the respective year. There is a compendium of advisory actions that is published by the General Service Office and is available for purchase by AA members.”

4) Why do we do a comparative balance sheet/cash flows for only 2 years back? Why are we not showing at least the last 5 years? Susie responded with “The number is arbitrary. If you want 5 years ask for them.”

5) Are there more “Open Meetings” today then there were in the past? Why so many? - Bob J. (Panel 40) There seem to be more open meetings now than in the past. In the Duluth area there are not that many. I have visited areas where almost all meetings are open. They may want to appear to be open to all. New-comers may prefer closed meetings because of the anonymity. It was later pointed out that non-alcoholics who attend must be "observers" but not participants.

6) When a group is having Big Book study’s what do you think about them going through and discussing the stories in the back? Or do you recommend the first 164 pages only? Jerry S. answered” Each group is autonomous and can do as they wish but the stories are just that. If it were me I would stick with the 164 pages plus Bob's nightmare”

7) What is the funniest thing said or done by a delegate? Jon stated “I tried to get out and meet some new delegates and was all fired up for this task and wouldn't you know, I sat at a table where they only spoke FRENCH.”

8) What good have you seen/heard about happening from PI/CPC Luncheon Banquets? Charlie C. answered - The good I have seen come out PI Lunches Is it Lets Alcoholics Anonymous be visible in our communities, and gives us an opportunity for us to explain what AA is and isn't. It also puts a face on Alcoholics Anonymous and gives us a chance to sit down face to face with the Professional and listen to their concerns, gain their confidence, and let them know AA can be a resource among other resources.

9) Why is Area 35 so against the Pink Can?”It is my (Tom’s) impression that the discussions in the past within Area 35 on the Pink Can Plan centered around the issue of Concept III, The Right of Decision, notably that by “earmarking” contributions for a specific purpose or committee prevented the Area Committee from having the right to decide how best to use the finite resource that are the contributions from the groups. Rather than see it as what are we against (Area 35) I’d like to see it more as “what we are for” and that is a firm application of the Concepts in our area. The next delegate, Susie, has a question specifically about Concept III.”

10) How much sobriety should a person have before being allowed to chair a meeting? Suggestions? Tim C. answered “it should be a group conscience remembering a loving God as he may express himself is the sole authority.”

11) Please explain “Right of Decision”. Susie responded “The right of decision is Concept 3. The simple answer is if you are the GSR and your group told you to vote a certain way at the Assembly. When you got there you heard a different view of the issue and decided to change your vote. You have that “right of decision” but you do have to go back to your group and explain why you changed your vote.

12) Where can one download the Background Information for the agenda items? (when is it available)

In one of the breakout sessions - it was stated that there was a website where the background information was posted. What is that address? Is other information posted on this site?-Bob J. said there is no website to download the background information on agenda items because it contains confidential information. Therefore it was only distributed to the delegate who made it available to the area committee, including DCMs, who then made it available to GSRs.

Spring Assembly 2013 Adjourned

2013 – AREA 35 SCHEDULE

You can find out more about events on area35.org

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

Area Committee Meeting - Sunday, Aug. 5th - 9:00 am
Aitkin Alano Club
322 1st. Avenue N.E.
Aitkin, MN

Area 35 Fall Assembly - October 5th & 6th 2013
Holiday Inn
1155 Hwy 10 E.
Detroit Lakes, MN

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

Area 35 Spring Assembly - April 5th & 6th, 2014
Holiday Inn
200 West 1st St.
Duluth, MN

Area 35 Fall Assembly - October 4th & 5th 2014
Sawmill Inn
2301 Pokegama Ave
Grand Rapids, MN
218-326-8501

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Upcoming Events in Areas 35 & 36

Note: Area 35 events take precedence!

Gilbert Tuesday Night AA
Open Speaker Meeting - June 8th - 7:00pm
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Summit St. & Louisiana Ave.
Gilbert, MN

District 21 Workshop - June 8th - 10:00am
Bemidji Alano Club
Speaker: Jim K.
Topics: Area 35 Delegate New York Conference Report &
Sponsorship is vital to personal growth

A Weekend with Bill and Lois - July 5-7th
Camp Hiawatha
Deer River, MN
Questions? billandloisw@gmail.com

Area 35/Area 36 Workshop - July 20th
12:30 - 5:00 PM
Calvary Community Church
1200 Roosevelt Road
St. Cloud, MN 56301

34th Annual Keep It Simple Weekend
August 9, 10, & 11th
Camp Chicagami on Pleasant Lake (South of Eveleth)
Theme: To Employers
Info call: Gwen 218-744-1585 or Steve 218-410-2275 or
Mary 218-741-7670

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.

