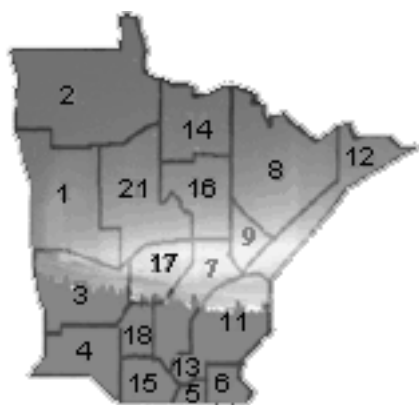


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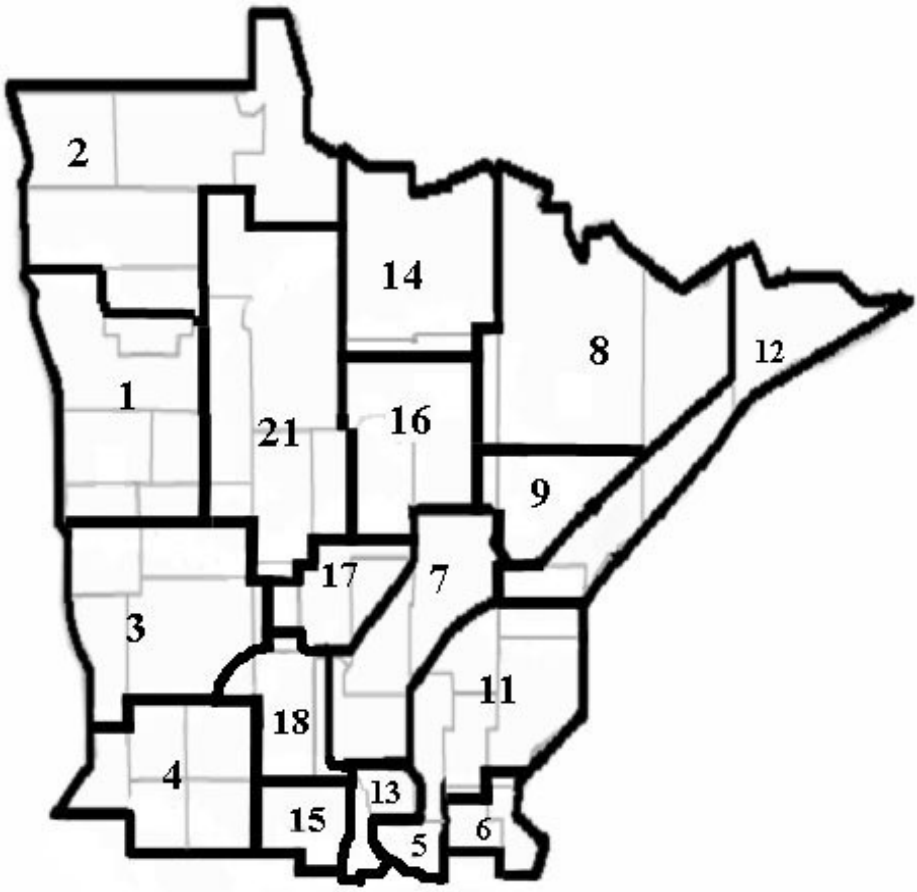
OUR PAST DELEGATES

<b>Panel 62</b> Jim K.	<b>2012-2013</b>		
<b>Panel 60</b> Jon C.	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>Panel 26</b> Vern R. (deceased)	<b>1976-1977</b>
<b>Panel 58</b> JoAnne M. N.	<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>Panel 24</b> Gordon B. H.	<b>1974-1975</b>
<b>Panel 56</b> Jerry S.	<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>Panel 22</b> Frank P. J. (deceased)	<b>1972-1973</b>
<b>Panel 54</b> Charlie C.	<b>2004-2005</b>	<b>Panel 20</b> Clarence B. (deceased)	<b>1970-1971</b>
<b>Panel 52</b> Tim C.	<b>2002-2003</b>	<b>Panel 18</b> Dave H. (deceased)	<b>1968-1969</b>
<b>Panel 50</b> Tom A.	<b>2000-2001</b>	<b>Panel 16</b> Arno A. (deceased)	<b>1966-1967</b>
<b>Panel 48</b> Susie A.	<b>1998-1999</b>	<b>Panel 14</b> Donald F. (deceased)	<b>1964-1965</b>
<b>Panel 46</b> Bill P.	<b>1996-1997</b>	<b>Panel 12</b> Donna T. (deceased)	<b>1962-1963</b>
<b>Panel 44</b> Bruce B.	<b>1994-1995</b>	<b>Panel 10</b> Bob B. (deceased)	<b>1960-1961</b>
<b>Panel 42</b> Greg G. (deceased)	<b>1992-1993</b>	<b>Panel 8</b> Pearl N. (deceased)	<b>1958-1959</b>
<b>Panel 40</b> Bob J.	<b>1990-1991</b>	<b>Panel 6</b> Waldo H. (deceased)	<b>1956-1957</b>
<b>Panel 38</b> Scott J.	<b>1988-1989</b>	<b>Panel 4</b> Wendell H. (deceased)	<b>1954-1955</b>
<b>Panel 36</b> Louie H.	<b>1986-1987</b>	<b>Panel 2</b> Arthur R. (deceased)	<b>1952-1953</b>
<b>Panel 34</b> Bob P.	<b>1984-1985</b>		
<b>Panel 32</b> Tom L.	<b>1982-1983</b>		
<b>Panel 30</b> Don M. (deceased)	<b>1981-1982</b>		
<b>Panel 28</b> Garfield (Duffy) S. (deceased)	<b>1978-1979</b>		

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)



Area 35

Northern Minnesota

Zone I

- District 1** - Ada, Crookston, Erskine, Fertile, Fosston, Mahnommen, Naytahwaush, Red Lake Falls, Twin Valley, Waubun,
- District 2** - Badger, Baudette, Grygla, Hallock, Halma, Middle River, Rainy River (Ontario, Canada), Roseau, Stephen, Thief River Falls, Warren, Warroad, Williams
- District 16** - Bowstring, Boy River, Cohasset, Deer River, 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, Rush City
- 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, Nett Lake, 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

*\* 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**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Odd Months, 2:00 p.m.  
First Lutheran Church  
210 Park Ave. N.  
Middle River, MN 56737

**District 3**  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month, 7 p.m.  
Freshwaters Church  
12475 273rd Ave NW  
Zimmerman, MN 55398

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

**District 7**  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Hibbing, MN 55746

**District 11**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
2<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month, 5:30 Committee Meeting  
6:00 p.m. District Meeting  
Alano Club  
410 5th Ave  
International Falls, MN 56649

**District 15**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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. 8<sup>th</sup> 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**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
Bemidji Alano Club  
3802 Greenleaf Ave NW  
Bemidji, MN 56601

**District 17**  
Not currently active or unknown

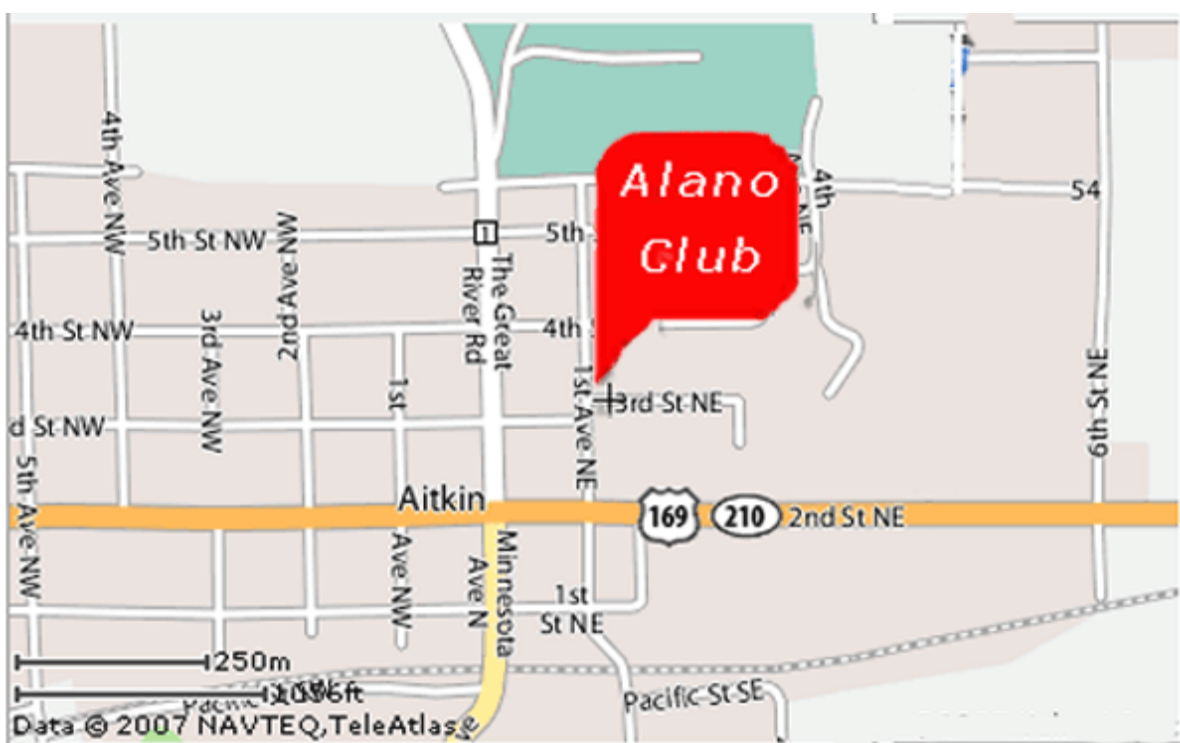
## Inclement Weather Procedure For Area 35 Events

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](mailto: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!

Rodney S.  
Area 35  
Northern Light Editor

**DELEGATE’S REPORT**

Here it is my first report as your Panel 64 Delegate. What a privilege it is to serve AA. I have been blessed to be in general service since I was 6 months sober and became alternate GSR of what is still my home group today. I think of how much I have learned and experienced, one of the biggest being the acronyms for all of the positions. There have been some changes over the years, good and bad. I remember my first position and sharing that I knew nothing about what I was to do. My supporting AA members said not to worry as it was about the experience and by the time I was finished with my job I would finally have a good idea of what it was about. Then it would be time to rotate as our knowledge might get in the way of the spiritual growth that come with trying something new. Now we seem to expect people to have a good handle on the position before we are elected. Don’t be afraid to stand for a position in AA. Whether it is in your home group or in any level of AA it is all about the spiritual growth. As was told to me, “Hang on to your ass, you’re in for the ride of your life,” and it has been! So if you’re new to service find the joy in serving and share it with others.

I have had the opportunity to attend the Cook open meeting. Visiting old friends, making new ones and listening to our chair Sarah share her story made for a delightful evening. I am receiving a lot of communication from GSO and my fellow Delegates. Questions about how different areas do things and their experiences are discussed by the delegates. I am getting my paperwork ready to send in and putting together my area highlights for reading at the WCRAASSC and the general Service Conference. I believe that the more I get to know people on a personal level it strengthens our area and will help us grow. So please if I can be of service ask..

It was my job to set up the workshop in Moorhead. Thanks District 3 and Jim S. for all your help. We had some problems with the hotel and having enough room for the DCM orientation. But managed to work through it. Thanks everyone. This is about pulling together and everyone helping. I really enjoyed the sharing and presentations that were put on, from inventory to home groups, membership to sponsorship we covered a lot of territory in a weekend. Andrew did a great job of sharing his experience with us on the last years conference inventory, the workshop theme and his personal story. Spending time with him was very informative. I think a tradition was broken when the current alt delegate Kelly and myself were asked to help serve ice cream I will check on this at the conference.:) Thanks to the past people who showed and shared.

Thanks; yours in service and love,  
Mike (Jake) J.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE’S REPORT**

Greetings Area 35,

Here we are at the start of another exciting rotation of service here in Area 35 with my first report to you as your Alternate Delegate. We are all busy the first few months, first of all getting acquainted with our new service positions and responsibilities, our annual January Service Workshop, the Area Committee Meeting in Aitkin in February, the WCRAASC (which is held in southern Minnesota this year, yay!) in March and then on to our Spring Assembly in April. Plenty of events to keep us busy in service carrying the message!

I have been reading and going over my guidelines for my position and spending time in the Service Manual to become more familiar with our 12 Concepts and our Bylaws of the General Service Board. Once I receive the Agenda Items and background material I will be busy reading and getting familiar with them also. I am praying Jake, our Delegate continues to stay healthy (you will right Jake?) but will be prepared if I need to step in at any time as part of my responsibilities as your Alternate Delegate to do just that. I worked on and have completed my budget for the 2014 year and it will be in this addition of the Northern Light along with the other Area Officers and Committee Chairs budgets. Please look them over and be prepared to discuss them at our Spring Assembly if you have questions or concerns.

I also attended and chaired our January Workshop in Moorhead January 18-19<sup>th</sup> as part of my responsibilities. We had 95 in attendance and it was a great weekend of fellowship and presentations. I would like to thank District 3 again for hosting this event, Andrew W. our West Central Regional Trustee that was our guest that weekend and all that was a part of making it a success. The Districts did a great job on their presentations. I will have a full written report of the Workshop to share with all of you later. I would like to thank all of you for your confidence in me to serve as your Alternate Delegate. I look forward to the next two years with all of you continuing to carry our message of hope to those that still suffer. If I can be of service or help in any way please feel free to contact me.

In love and service,  
Kelly D.

**AREA CHAIR’S REPORT**

The Winter Workshop provided a great kick-off to introduce our new rotation. It was well attended by the Area Committee Chairs and Officers (despite some serious car issues! I think Servando now holds the record for the most batteries (3) taken to reach an Area event!) and plenty of first timers as well. Greatly appreciated was the extreme effort put in by the hosting District 3 who not only staffed the registration table, but MADE and sold the coffee as well! Kudos. It was excellent.

The District presentations were awesome, and beautifully illuminated the importance of honoring our three legacies. As District 13 pointed out, not only do I need recovery, but I must also have unity and service if I want to live a useful, happy life, and to do this it is my responsibility to know and abide by our 3 legacies. District 5 reminded me that just as individuals thrive under the process of taking a regular inventory, so do groups and districts. As District’s 2, 8 & 12 shared, without others in my home group, without the

*(area chair's report continued)*

fellowship, I would not have had the gift of being able to stay sober, let alone be useful to others. I am but a small part of a great whole. To them I owe my life. And the final presentation from District 7 showed me three ways I can give to AA: through time, talents, and treasure(y).

In the afternoon our esteemed West Central Regional Trustee enlightened us with his knowledgeable discussion of the GSO inventory, and he closed a wonderful evening by sharing his story with us. Over ice cream that night I contemplated something Andrew said in his talk, and in these first few hectic weeks of being your new Area Chair I have often repeated to myself the message I took from this event: that no matter how busy I think I am, I know that I must have time to be of service. The twelfth step is the lifeblood of our fellowship.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve AA.  
Sarah K.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

In early January of this year I completed an interview with Ben K. a reporter with the St. Cloud Times. Sussie A. and Tom A., two Area 35 past delegates also participated in this interview. The topic of the interview was how does AA incorporate anonymity in the current digital age. Terrance B. who is the Chairman of our General Service Board assisted Area 35 by completing a separate interview with Ben K. for this story. I would like to thank Terrance for his participation without which there would be not story because the St. Cloud Times/Gannett requires at least one source that can go on record with a full name for each story/article. Because Terrance is a non- alcoholic Class A trustee he was able to assist us a face for AA in this Public Information project. I would also like to thank Mary S. for her assistance in transitioning the area secretary responsibilities to myself. Mary did a great job as our area secretary in the 2012-3 rotation.

I attended the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Area 35 Service Workshop on January 18-19, 2014 in Moorhead MN. Districts 13, 5, 8, 12, 2, 11 and 14 gave presentations at this workshop. I also enjoyed and learned much in a presentation by Andrew W. our West Central Regional Trustee.

I am looking forward to participating in a District 8 Service Workshop in Virginia, MN on February 22. I will also be attending and taking minutes at the February Committee Meeting on February 23, 2013. If anyone is interested in having their name and email address on our 2013-4 area email list to receive minutes from committee meetings and assemblies, please contact me at secretary@area35.org.

In service,  
Roger

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Greetings! It's been a long cold winter so far but lots of events going on to keep us busy. A special thanks to Steve L. - past Area 35 Treasurer, for helping out with assistance in getting prepared for the job and responsibilities of the job. I have met with him a few times for a few hours at a time to go over a Treasurer's "Check List Tutorial" and also to get used to the software and how to utilize it efficiently. It has been quite a hectic pace so far as there is lots of technicalities to learn about the job which include: writing the reports, banking procedures, restoring back-ups, recording deposits, reconciling reports, printing checks, ledger transfers, group contributions, detailed expenditures, and how to use the software in "QuickBooks", and the updated version of "Excel". I recently purchased a new computer for myself that has the newer version of Windows 8 on it as I am still getting adapted to it. I found out that you have to be pretty adept at the computer to effectively do the job which entails lots of e/mail checking, online banking and written reports. It will get better as we get more acquainted with the routine. We recently had an unfortunate situation happen to our Area 35 account at Wells Fargo. We were told that our "online banking status" as a non- profit organization had expired unbeknownst to me. A notice had been sent out prior to us being disabled from the system and a second notice also had been sent out just last week. I immediately called the bank after the first notice and left a message explaining our situation to the banker that enrolled us. He never called me back informing us of anything until the last minute which was then too late. Needless to say we were expired from the system and had to re-enroll, which was explained as a "Clerical Error" Caused by filing the "Certificate of Incorporation" into the wrong category which needed to be switched, which was already under review by their filing document team. According to them. As of this writing we are still waiting for our checking account to be re-entered as they cleaned out our "Checking" and "Savings" accounts. We will immediately be re-established after we received the checks and deposit them again. For future reference, we will remain on top of it as well as everything we need to ensure that this never happens again and that all safeguards are in place to make sure are money is safe and we don't make any future errors detrimental to our Area 35 Account. I would also like to thank our new incoming "Area 35 Chairperson" - Sarah K. for her assistance in handling the banking situation by staying on top of it by making telephone calls and sending out e/emails and also making sure the 2014 budgets were handed in in a timely manner. We have just completed the budgets and also had few minor changes and a detailed written report will forthcoming at the Area Assembly. On January 17, 18, and 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 we attended the Area 35 Workshop in Moorhead MN. We also had a financial audit for period 7 on Friday evening which I sat in on to learn what to expect for future financial reviews. The workshop was exceptional as the presenters were well prepared followed by good discussion. Our West Central Regional Trustee Andrew W. was also present and done an excellent job on his presentations and speaking engagement.

Yours in Service,  
Randy A.  
Area 35 Treasurer

2014 BUDGETS

	2014 Budget					Position: Delegeate (Mike J.)									
	Service Workshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WCRAASC Conf. Budget	Spring Assembly Budget	June Mtg. Budget	35/36 Workshop Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Regional Forum Budget	Fall Assembly Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	District Travel Budget	Delegate Conference Expences	Total Budget
Meals	50.00	5.00	125.00	50.00	5.00	15.00	5.00		50.00	5.00	15.00	15.00			\$340.00
Travel	50.00	30.00	100.00	50.00	30.00	50.00	30.00		60.00	30.00	40.00	40.00	500.00	200.00	\$1,210.00
Lodging	100.00		300.00	100.00					100.00					1,600.00	\$2,200.00
Phone															\$0.00
Supplies			20.00	20.00		20.00			20.00						\$80.00
Printing		500.00		300.00							15.00	15.00		300.00	\$1,130.00
Postage					20.00				50.00						\$70.00
Other	10.00		15.00											500.00	\$525.00
Budgeted	210.00	535.00	560.00	520.00	55.00	85.00	35.00	-	280.00	35.00	70.00	70.00	500.00	2,600.00	\$5,555.00

		2014 Budget				Position: Alt Delegeate (Kelly D.)								
	Service	Feb.	WCRAASC	Spring	June	35/36	Aug.	Regional	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	District	
	Workshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assembly	Mtg.	Workshop	Mtg.	Forum	Assembly	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Total
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	40.00	5.00	40.00	40.00	5.00		5.00		40.00	5.00	10.00	-		\$190.00
Travel	45.00	20.00	15.00	30.00	20.00	15.00	20.00		30.00	20.00	30.00	15.00	200.00	\$460.00
Lodging	180.00		210.00	210.00					210.00					\$810.00
Phone														\$0.00
Supplies	10.00													\$10.00
Printing	15.00										20.00	20.00		\$55.00
Postage														\$0.00
Other	10.00		15.00											\$25.00
Budgeted	300.00	25.00	280.00	280.00	25.00	15.00	25.00	-	280.00	25.00	60.00	35.00	200.00	\$1,550.00

		2014 Budget					Position: Area Chair (Sarah K.)							
	Service Workshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WCRAASC Conf. Budget	Spring Assembly Budget	June Mtg. Budget	35/36 Workshp Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Regional Forum Budget	Fall Assembly Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	District Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	50.00	5.50	60.00	50.00	5.50	10.00	5.50		50.00	5.50	10.00	10.00		\$262.00
Travel	50.00	10.00	50.00	50.00	10.00	20.00	10.00		30.00	10.00	80.00	80.00	500.00	\$900.00
Lodging	200.00		200.00	200.00					200.00					\$800.00
Phone														\$0.00
Supplies														\$0.00
Printing		20.00		50.00	20.00	20.00	20.00			20.00	20.00	20.00	50.00	\$240.00
Postage														\$0.00
Other	10.00		15.00			-								\$25.00
Budgeted	310.00	35.50	325.00	350.00	35.50	50.00	35.50	-	280.00	35.50	110.00	110.00	550.00	\$2,227.00

		2014 Budget					Position: Treasurer (Randy A.)							
	Service Workshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WCRAASC Conf. Budget	Spring Assembly Budget	June Mtg. Budget	35/36 Workshop Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Regional Forum Budget	Fall Assembly Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	District Travel	Total
													Budget	Budget
Meals	75.00	5.00	75.00	75.00	5.00	15.00	5.00		75.00	5.00	15.00	15.00	100.00	\$465.00
Travel	60.00	20.00	60.00	40.00	20.00	50.00	20.00		50.00	20.00	50.00	50.00	200.00	\$640.00
Lodging	100.00		200.00	200.00					200.00					\$700.00
Phone														\$0.00
Supplies		60.00		60.00						60.00				\$180.00
Printing		60.00		160.00	60.00		60.00		160.00	60.00	30.00	30.00		\$620.00
Postage		70.00			70.00		70.00			70.00				\$280.00
Other	10.00		15.00							-				\$25.00
Budgeted	245.00	215.00	350.00	535.00	155.00	65.00	155.00	-	485.00	215.00	95.00	95.00	300.00	\$2,910.00

		2014 Budget					Position: Secretary (Roger R.)							
	Service Workshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WCRAASC Conf. Budget	Spring Assembly Budget	June Mtg. Budget	35/36 Workshop Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Regional Forum Budget	Fall Assembly Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel/ Budget	Total Budget
Meals	80.00	5.00	80.00	80.00	5.00		5.00		80.00	5.00	15.00	15.00	200.00	\$570.00
Travel	60.00	30.00	30.00	70.00	30.00	30.00	30.00		70.00	30.00	60.00	60.00	300.00	\$800.00
Lodging	200.00		200.00	200.00					200.00					\$800.00
Phone														\$0.00
Supplies														\$0.00
Printing	1,300.00	25.00		25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		25.00	25.00	15.00	15.00		\$1,505.00
Postage														\$0.00
Other	10.00		15.00											\$25.00
Budgeted	1,650.00	60.00	325.00	375.00	60.00	55.00	60.00	-	375.00	60.00	90.00	90.00	500.00	\$3,700.00

		2014 Budget				Position: Records Secretary (Rolene L.)								
	Service	Feb.	WCRAASC	Spring	June	35/36	Aug.	Regional	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	Dist	Total
	Workshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assembly	Mtg.	Workshop	Mtg.	Forum	Assembly	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	60.00	5.00	60.00	60.00	5.00	25.00	5.00		60.00	5.00				\$285.00
Travel	80.00	52.00	40.00	40.00	52.00	87.00	52.00		32.00	52.00			200.00	\$687.00
Lodging	200.00		250.00	200.00					200.00					\$850.00
Phone		10.00		10.00	10.00		10.00		10.00	10.00				\$60.00
Supplies		50.00							50.00					\$100.00
Printing		160.00												\$160.00
Postage		225.00		225.00	225.00				225.00	225.00				\$1,125.00
Other	10.00		15.00											\$25.00
Budgeted	350.00	502.00	365.00	535.00	292.00	112.00	67.00	-	577.00	292.00	-	-	200.00	\$3,292.00

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	2014 Budget					Position: PI Chair (Jeff C.)									
	Service	Feb.	WCRAASC	Spring	June	35/36	Aug.	Regional	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	District	Other	Total
	Workshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assembly	Mtg.	Workshop	Mtg.	Forum	Assembly	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel		
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	60.00	5.00	60.00	60.00	5.00		5.00		60.00	5.00				60.00	\$320.00
Travel	30.00	60.00	90.00	90.00	60.00		60.00		50.00	60.00			\$200	200.00	\$900.00
Lodging	100.00		280.00	240.00					240.00					100.00	\$960.00
Phone															\$0.00
Supplies														200.00	\$200.00
Printing															\$0.00
Postage															\$0.00
Other	10.00		15.00											630.00	\$655.00
Budgeted	200.00	65.00	445.00	390.00	65.00	-	65.00	-	350.00	65.00	-	-	200.00	1,190.00	\$3,035.00

	2014 Budget					Position: CPC Chair (Servando M.)									
	Service	Feb.	WCRAASC	Spring	June	35/36	Aug.	Regional	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	Dist		Total
	Workshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assembly	Mtg.	Workshop	Mtg.	Forum	Assembly	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel		
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	120.00	5.00	120.00	120.00	5.00	20.00	5.00		120.00	5.00			20.00		\$540.00
Travel	105.00	40.00	85.00	15.00	40.00	80.00	20.00		48.00	40.00			200.00		\$673.00
Lodging	250.00		250.00	250.00					250.00				250.00		\$1,250.00
Phone															\$0.00
Supplies															\$0.00
Printing															\$0.00
Postage															\$0.00
Other	10.00		15.00											400.00	\$425.00
Budgeted	485.00	45.00	470.00	385.00	45.00	100.00	25.00	-	418.00	45.00	-	-	870.00		\$2,888.00

	2014 Budget					Position: Corrections Chair (Skip D.)									
	Service	Feb.	WCRAASC	Spring	June	35/36	Aug.	Regional	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	Dist	Prison	Total
	Workshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assembly	Mtg.	Workshop	Mtg.	Forum	Assembly	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Trans	
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Fairs	Budget
Meals	40.00	5.00	30.00	40.00	5.00		5.00		40.00	5.00			40.00	100.00	\$310.00
Travel	38.00	32.00	24.50	48.00	32.00	15.00	32.00		48.00	32.00			75.00	225.00	\$601.50
Lodging	182.00			210.00					210.00						\$602.00
Phone															\$0.00
Supplies															\$0.00
Printing															\$0.00
Postage															\$0.00
Other	10.00		15.00												\$25.00
Budgeted	270.00	37.00	69.50	298.00	37.00	15.00	37.00	-	298.00	37.00	-	-	115.00	325.00	\$1,538.50

	2014 Budget					Position: Treatment Chair (Paul M.)									
	Service	Feb.	WCRAASC	Spring	June	35/36	Aug.	Regional	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	March	Dist		Total
	Workshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assembly	Mtg.	Workshop	Mtg.	Forum	Assembly	Mtg.	Forum	Conference	Travel		
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	80.00	5.00	80.00	80.00	5.00		5.00		80.00	5.00		20.00	30.00		\$390.00
Travel	60.00	30.00	30.00	70.00	30.00	30.00	30.00		70.00	30.00		50.00	100.00		\$530.00
Lodging	200.00		200.00	200.00					200.00						\$800.00
Phone															\$0.00
Supplies															\$0.00
Printing															\$0.00
Postage															\$0.00
Other	10.00		15.00												\$25.00
Budgeted	350.00	35.00	325.00	350.00	35.00	30.00	35.00	-	350.00	35.00	-	70.00	130.00		1,745.00

	2014 Budget					Position: Northern Light Editor (Rodney S.)									
	Service	Feb.	WCRAASC	Spring	June	35/36	Aug.	Regional	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	District	Pigeon	Total
	Workshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assembly	Mtg.	Workshop	Mtg.	Forum	Assembly	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Call	
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	75.00	5.00	90.00	75.00	5.00	75.00	5.00		75.00	5.00			90.00	45.00	\$545.00
Travel	75.00	20.00	40.00	40.00	20.00	40.00	20.00		25.00	20.00			180.00	40.00	\$520.00
Lodging	200.00		300.00	200.00		200.00			200.00						\$1,100.00
Phone															\$0.00
Supplies															\$0.00
Printing		350.00		350.00	350.00		350.00		350.00	350.00					\$2,100.00
Postage															\$0.00
Other	10.00		15.00												\$25.00
Budgeted	360.00	375.00	445.00	665.00	375.00	315.00	375.00	-	650.00	375.00	-	-	270.00	85.00	\$4,290.00

	2014 Budget					Position: Web Master (Sandy H.)									
	Service	Feb.	WCRAASC	Spring	June	35/36	Aug.	Regional	Fall	Dec.			District	Proposed	Total
	Workshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assembly	Mtg.	Workshop	Mtg.	Forum	Assembly	Mtg.	Domain	WEB	Travel	Projection	
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Name	Hosting	Budget	Equipment	Budget
Meals	75.00	5.00	75.00	75.00	5.00		5.00		75.00	5.00					\$320.00
Travel	27.85	40.00	44.00	76.00	40.00	25.00	40.00		62.00	40.00			200.00		\$594.85
Lodging	200.00		250.00	200.00					200.00						\$850.00
Phone															\$0.00
Supplies															\$0.00
Printing	250.00														\$250.00
Postage															\$0.00
Other	10.00		15.00								100.00	30.00		600.00	\$755.00
Budgeted	562.85	45.00	384.00	351.00	45.00	25.00	45.00	-	337.00	45.00	100.00	30.00	200.00	600.00	\$2,769.85

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	2014 Budget					Position: Literature Chair (Jim S.)								
	Service	Feb.	WCRAASC	Spring	June	35/36	Aug.	Regional	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	District	Total
	Workshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assembly	Mtg.	Workshop	Mtg.	Forum	Assembly	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	40.00	5.00	80.00	40.00	5.00	20.00	5.00		40.00	5.00			50.00	\$290.00
Travel	50.00	25.00	140.00	50.00	25.00	35.00	25.00		25.00	25.00			200.00	\$600.00
Lodging	180.00		180.00	188.00					95.00					\$643.00
Phone														\$0.00
Supplies														\$0.00
Printing														\$0.00
Postage														\$0.00
Other	10.00		15.00											\$25.00
Budgeted	280.00	30.00	415.00	278.00	30.00	55.00	30.00	-	160.00	30.00	-	-	250.00	\$1,558.00

	2014 Budget					Position: Grapevine Chair (Antonette F.)								
	Service	Feb.	WCRAASC	Spring	June	35/36	Aug.	Regional	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	District	Total
	Workshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assembly	Mtg.	Workshop	Mtg.	Forum	Assembly	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	70.00	5.00	70.00	70.00	5.00	20.00	5.00		50.00	5.00			25.00	\$325.00
Travel	60.00	25.00	100.00	60.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		50.00	25.00			150.00	\$545.00
Lodging	200.00		200.00	200.00					200.00				100.00	\$900.00
Phone														\$0.00
Supplies														\$0.00
Printing														\$0.00
Postage														\$0.00
Other	10.00		15.00											\$25.00
Budgeted	340.00	30.00	385.00	330.00	30.00	45.00	30.00	-	300.00	30.00	-	-	275.00	\$1,795.00

	2014 Budget					Position: Archives Chair (Pete B.)								
	Service	Feb.	WCRAASC	Spring	June	35/36	Aug.	Regional	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	District	Total
	Workshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assembly	Mtg.	Workshop	Mtg.	Forum	Assembly	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	60.00	5.00	60.00	60.00	5.00	30.00	5.00		60.00	5.00			75.00	\$365.00
Travel	50.00	30.00	50.00	70.00	30.00	15.00	30.00		60.00	30.00			100.00	\$465.00
Lodging	100.00		200.00	100.00					200.00				200.00	\$800.00
Phone													50.00	\$50.00
Supplies													10.00	\$10.00
Printing													15.00	\$15.00
Postage														\$0.00
Other	10.00		15.00											\$25.00
Budgeted	220.00	35.00	325.00	230.00	35.00	45.00	35.00	-	320.00	35.00	-	-	450.00	\$1,730.00

	2014 Budget					Position: Archivist (Brad L.)								
	Service	Feb.	WCRAASC	Spring	June	35/36	Aug.	Regional	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	Distret	Total
	Workshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assembly	Mtg.	Workshop	Mtg.	Forum	Assembly	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Workshops	Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	50.00	5.00	70.00	50.00	5.00		5.00		50.00	5.00			50.00	\$290.00
Travel	45.00	33.75	25.00	50.00	33.45		33.45		50.00	33.45			150.00	\$454.10
Lodging	150.00		80.00	130.00					150.00				150.00	\$660.00
Phone														\$0.00
Supplies														\$0.00
Printing														\$0.00
Postage														\$0.00
Rent/other	10.00	200.00	15.00	200.00	200.00		200.00		200.00	200.00				\$1,225.00
Budgeted	255.00	238.75	190.00	430.00	238.45	-	238.45	-	450.00	238.45	-	-	350.00	\$2,629.10

	2014 Budget					Position: Web Technology (Robert B.)								
	Service	Feb.	WCRAASC	Spring	June	Aug.	35/36	Reg.	Fall	Dec.	Domain	Web	Printing	Total
	Wrkshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assy.	Mtg.	Mtg.	Wrkshp	Forum	Assy.	Mtg.	Name	Hosting		Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget		Budget
Meals	30.00	5.00	120.00	50.00	5.00	5.00			50.00	5.00				\$270.00
Travel	56.40	11.68	50.00	33.20	11.68	11.68	26.00		37.68	11.68				\$250.00
Lodging	200.00		300.00	200.00					200.00					\$900.00
Phone														\$0.00
Supplies														\$0.00
Printing													400.00	\$400.00
Postage														\$0.00
Other	10.00		15.00								60.00	100.00		\$185.00
Budgeted	296.40	16.68	485.00	283.20	16.68	16.68	26.00	-	287.68	16.68	60.00	100.00	400.00	\$2,005.00

	2014 Budget					Position: Finance Oversight Committee								
	Service	Feb.	WCRAASC	Spring	June	35/36	Aug.	Regional	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	District	Total
	Workshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assembly	Mtg.	Workshop	Mtg.	Forum	Assembly	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	100.00	15.00		400.00	15.00		15.00		400.00	15.00				\$960.00
Travel	90.00	75.00		200.00	75.00		75.00		200.00	75.00				\$790.00
Lodging	240.00	100.00		720.00	100.00		100.00		720.00	100.00				\$2,080.00
Phone														\$0.00
Supplies														\$0.00
Printing														\$0.00
Postage														\$0.00
Rent/other	10.00													\$10.00
Budgeted	440.00	190.00	-	1,320.00	190.00	-	190.00	-	1,320.00	190.00	-	-	-	\$3,840.00

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	Jan. Mtg.	Feb.	WCRAASC	Spring	June	35/36	Aug.	Regional	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	District		
	Service	Mtg.	Conf.	Assembly	Mtg.	Workshop	Mtg.	Forum	Assembly	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Special	Total
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Expences	Budget
Meals	1,155.00	100.50	1,295.00	1,475.00	100.50	235.00	95.50	-	1,455.00	100.50	65.00	75.00	680.00	205.00	\$7,037.00
Travel	1,032.25	584.43	973.50	1,082.20	584.13	528.68	578.45	-	997.68	584.13	260.00	295.00	3,455.00	665.00	\$11,620.45
Lodging	3,182.00	100.00	3,600.00	3,948.00	100.00	200.00	100.00	-	3,975.00	100.00	-	-	700.00	1,600.00	\$17,605.00
Rent	200.00	50.00		200.00	50.00	100.00	50.00		200.00	50.00	100.00	100.00			\$1,100.00
Coffee	550.00			550.00		200.00			70.00						\$1,370.00
Printing/Postage	1,565.00	1,410.00	-	1,110.00	770.00	45.00	525.00	-	810.00	750.00	100.00	100.00	65.00	700.00	\$7,950.00
Supplies	10.00	120.00	20.00	90.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	-	80.00	70.00	-	-	60.00	200.00	\$690.00
Other/Rent	180.00	200.00	255.00	200.00	200.00	-	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	-	-	400.00	2,020.00	\$4,055.00
Budgeted	7,874.25	2,564.93	6,143.50	8,655.20	1,814.63	1,328.68	1,558.95	-	7,787.68	1,854.63	525.00	570.00	5,360.00	5,390.00	\$51,427.45

TOTAL AREA BUDGET for 2014

51,427.45

The new address for Area35 contributions is:

AREA 35 TREASURER  
NMAA  
PO BOX 411  
HOYT LAKES, MN 55750

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Hello, and welcome to the new rotation for service in Area35. I am particularly excited to be working with everyone committed to “carrying the message” through Public Information in the next few years. When I start something new I have learned to take a little peak at the directions to make sure I don’t get headed down the wrong road or spend too much time reinventing the wheel. The Public Information Workbook presents some pretty clear guidelines for us to follow.

Public Information (PI) in Alcoholics Anonymous mean carrying the message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic by informing the general public about the A.A. program. We carry the message by getting in touch with and responding to the media, schools, industry and other organizations which can report on the nature and purpose of A.A. and what it can do for alcoholics. (A.A. PI Workbook, pg. 5)

What exactly does it mean to “Carry the Message?” Bill W. writes in a letter from 1942 that “our chief responsibility to the new-comer is an adequate presentation of the program,” and the Big Book declares “The tremendous fact for everyone of us is that we have discovered a common solution. We have a way out on which we can absolutely agree, and upon which we can join in harmonious and brotherly action.” (BB pg. 17). Of course the message is the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. So how exactly do we cover the message in Public Information?

As our co-founder, Bill W., wrote: Public Information takes many forms—The simple sign outside a meeting place that says, “AA meeting tonight;” listings in local phone directories; distribution of A.A. literature; and radio and television shows using sophisticated media techniques. Whatever the form, it comes down to “one drunk carrying the message to another drunk,” whether through personal contacts or through the use of third parties and the media. (A.A. PI Workbook pg. 6)

Public Information is simply anything that makes it easier for the alcoholic who is still suffering to come into contact with those of us who know the solution and are prepared to share it with them for free and for fun. The complexity and need for Public Information vary from group to group and from city to city. We have some really good discussions at the Area Committee Meetings and at the assemblies. If your district or group is regularly sending people to these meeting then you already know that. If you haven’t been to these functions take a look at the calendar and make plans to join us.

Yours in service,  
Jeff C.,  
PI Chair, Area35

TREATMENT REPORT

Greetings from your treatment chair! I attended the Area35 workshop in Moorhead last weekend. We had a lot of great presentations and also heard from our trustee, Andrew. He is a drunk just like the rest of us and shared some great wisdom about A.A. I’ve been in contact with Area36 regarding the temporary contact program and gave them my information. I need a lot of contacts for people coming out of treatment centers. I’ve already matched some people’s names with contacts. I have forms for anyone going into treatment centers to be filled out by clients needing an A.A. member contact. Let me know if I can be of any help with this.

Yours in service,  
Paul M.

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ARCHIVES

Greetings, I attended the workshop in Moorhead on January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. I’m always amazed at the dedication and enthusiasm of the people who serve and put on presentations have. I attended a meeting with officers and chairs, and found it very informative. People are always willing to give you the information you need if you just ask. I’m looking forward to my first Archives Meeting in February.

Thank you for letting me serve,  
Pete B., Archives

ARCHIVIST

I would like to thank all the groups for supporting my trip to the Area Workshop. It was not the most pleasant load-in I have ever done. The meeting room was on the second floor but the facility lacked an elevator. I had lots of folks pitch in to help haul stuff up the stairs. The room layout made for a decent sounding system and I didn’t have to tape wires to the wall. I even had a table for an Archives display. I answered a lot of questions that were history related.

As I type this I am getting ready to head down to Area 36’s History workshop in Glencoe. I am going to be able to see the relatively new Area 36 repository for the first time. The Area 36 Archivist and I have a lot of scheduling problems between area commitments, family commitments and work schedules.

As for upcoming commitments I am going to Duluth for the Spring Assembly and then across the Bong for the Superior Round Up. I am going to New Ulm on the 2nd and 3rd of May for the Big Book anniversary workshop and doing a joint display with Area 36. I may be doing a joint display at the WCRAASC in Saint Louis Park.

Thanks again, for this opportunity to be of service and please keep those district minutes coming.

Brad I., Archivist

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

I don't have much to report. I've been going over the information I've received and trying not to be overwhelmed.

I attended the January workshop and was very impressed with all the presentations. It’s wonderful to see how many are willing to give their time (what I believe is our most valuable possession) to Alcoholics Anonymous. I am looking forward to learning and growing in this opportunity of service. Thank you all for allowing me to participate in my sobriety.

Yours in service,  
Servando M.  
Area 35 CPC

LITERATURE

As the new incoming Area Lit Chair, the first thing I was able to do was attend the Annual Service Conference in Moorhead, MN. Being the conference was 5 minutes from my house it was tough to miss this event. The one thing about the event that really stuck in my mind was the presentation on Meetings VS fellowship. I have found for myself that "fellowship" has such an important role in my AA life. The connectedness that I gain with others through fellowship is key to my desire to attend meetings and other AA related events. Although I can

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learn the lessons of AA from anyone I open my mind up to, it's those people that I have a connection to that really motivates me to always be in attendance at meetings / events. As I look at my life and the people that are in it, service in addition to meetings has helped me to grow my circle of friends.

In Service,  
Jim S.

GRAPEVINE

Hi, my name is Antonette and I am an alcoholic...I am currently serving as your area35 grapevine chair and I am very excited to continue working with our area to help Alcoholics Anonymous and the still suffering alcoholic. Once again, I'm learning many things. The grapevine will turn 70 in June and that's pretty exciting and I encourage you to renew your subscription, to add one or just get one.

I attended the workshop in Moorhead and continue to learn about Alcoholics Anonymous and how it works.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,  
Antonette F.

CORRECTIONS

Good day all; I hope this finds everyone well and excited with the new rotation.

I was able to make the Area 35 Workshop in Moorhead this past weekend (boy what a trip over there). The presentations were amazing, so glad I made the trip, thank you Bob for the company on the way there.

The presentations showed me the love, understanding, and companionship that we all have in this wonderful program of Alcoholics Anonymous. The whole weekend I felt as if I was in a meeting, not at a service workshop, in that the presentations were able to give me a different way to look at things that I already knew, just like a meeting if I am willing to show up and listen.

It would be so hard for me to choose witch one I got the most out of, or which one helped me the most; just like meetings it was only a matter of being willing to show up and let the message be heard.

I would really like to thank all of you for this opportunity to serve, that way I will always have the opportunity to grow.

Yours in service,  
Skip D.

NORTHERN LIGHT

This is my first newsletter report as your *Northern Light* editor. It has been a lot of fun. I go back and forth with wanting to make a lot of changes and wanting to “play it safe,” changing only new information. I don’t have as much faith in technology as Bob so I will feel intense relief when I see the first hard copy looking the same as it does on my computer screen in front of me at this moment.

I am grateful for getting to attend the workshop in Moorhead, as it looked doubtful on the trip there. I want to thank everyone for their participation, and am always moved by the willingness of those travelling long distances to attend these functions.

Rodney S.  
Area 35 Northern Light Editor

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WEBMASTER

Greetings Area 35

Thank you for your support so I could attend the January Workshop in Moorhead. Another awesome experience, District 14 put on a great presentation about Fellowship/Meetings. What an inspiration it is to me, here they went from a ‘dark district’ to presenting at the workshop! Hats off to them they have done an amazing job with the time they have been active again. have been busy with Bob trying to learn all about the Web, this has been very interesting time. I realize I know nothing about the web, but I am a work in progress and willing to learn and am thankful for this opportunity! I am a work in progress. Bob actually did most of the work and report as I am very sick. I can’t thank him enough for all the help.

So far this year we did some training at our service workshop, added area 36 events to our area35 calendar, and updated our calendar with Northern Lights deadlines. Our meeting pages did not work on some versions of Internet Explorer. This problem has been fixed.

The meetings on our WEB are updated using the FNV database. All meeting updates on the WEB need to be sent to our Group Records Secretary. When FNV is updated our web site will be updated. This rotation we will be work close with our Record Keeper.

Our WEB site uses Spry Tooltip Widgets to display help messages when a mouse cursor is hovered over a button. Tablets and cell phones do not use a mouse. This requires a double click when using tablets or cells phones. Spry Widgets have been deprecated. They have been replaced with jQuery UI widgets. Our web site will be updated sometime this year.

See you at the Spring Assembly.  
Yours in service,  
Sandy H.

STATISTICS for 2013					
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	1.55 GB
Apr 2013	1,719	2,697	14,731	136,643	1.73 GB
May 2013	1,668	2,580	12,110	120,792	1.38 GB
Jun 2013	1,670	2,786	12,924	125,991	1.47 GB
Jul 2013	2,067	3,137	13,938	140,657	1.74 GB
Aug 2013	2,078	3,253	15,532	153,161	1.73 GB
Sep 2013	1,959	3,227	10,925	125,882	1.85 GB
Oct 2013	2,068	3,296	9,280	129,034	1.54 GB
Nov 2013	9	9	17	291	2.18 MB
Dec 2013					
Total	17,896	28,043	123,846	1,320,763	15.80 GB

Statistics for 2014					
Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 1-24	1,424	2,270	8,527	90,864	1.6 GB
Total	1,424	2,270	8,527	90,864	1.6 GB

WEB TECHNOLOGY

2014 aameetinglocator Statics

The current version of aameetinglocator has been up and running for 4 months. The meetings on our area35.org web site is using the same software as aameetinglocator. The FNV database is used to seed the meeting lists on both aameetinglocator and area35 web sites. All changes to meeting information displayed on the WEB need to be done through updates to the FNV database. The focus of our area35 action committee will be getting and keeping the FNV database up to date.

Mark your Calendars

Our aameetinglocator will demonstrated at the West Central Regional Conference at 4:00 PM March 1, 2014. We have been given and excellent opportunity to demonstrate our joint area35 and area 36 accomplishment.

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2014 aameetinglocator Statics  
www.aameetinglocator.org PC based

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 1-23. 2014	2,657	4,453	16,143	94,852	2.19 GB
Total	2,657	4,453	16,143	94,852	2.19 GB

m.aameetinglocator.org cell phone based

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 1-23. 2014	1,500	1,880	6,905	11,763	344.12 MB
Total	1,500	1,880	6,905	11,763	344.12 MB

2013 aameetinglocator PC based Statics

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2013	0	0	0	0	0
Feb 2013	0	0	0	0	0
Mar 2013	12	53	1,978	4,152	15.54 MB
Apr 2013	33	41	364	1,197	19.14 MB
May 2013	49	107	3,207	44,167	63.20 MB
Jun 2013	71	104	276	1,324	23.42 MB
Jul 2013	145	238	3,807	34,130	213.28 MB
Aug 2013	313	480	3,708	22,118	281.22 MB
Sep 2013	682	918	4,112	26,988	524.48 MB
Oct 2013	2,636	3,755	14,654	103,842	2.05 GB
Nov 2013	2,843	4,086	16,501	104,810	2.16 GB
Dec 2013	3,046	5,317	19,890	109,385	2.61 GB
Total	9,830	15,099	68,497	452,113	7.93

2013 Statics from the cell phone based WEB site

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2013	0	0	0	0	0
Feb 2013	0	0	0	0	0
Mar 2013	0	0	0	0	0
Apr 2013	0	0	0	0	0
May 2013	0	0	0	0	0
Jun 2013	0	0	0	0	0
Jul 2013	3	8	90	175	1.29 MB
Aug 2013	109	163	2,147	4,089	36.26 MB
Sep 2013	340	384	1,434	2,491	67.67 MB
Oct 2013	1,674	2,097	7,584	13,009	400.22 MB
Nov 2013	1,614	1,937	7,536	12,687	397.38 KB
Dec 2013	1,802	2,361	8,815	14,650	4322.82
Total	5,542	6950	27,606	47.092	1.20 GB

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What are our Customers Telling Us?

Our contact us forms from aameetinglocator can be put into one of four categories.

**12 Step requests:** Most of these requests are referred to one of help numbers or intergroup numbers. I have called or e-mailed a few of these requests. Some of these request are from area’s outside on Minnesota. I have added contact number to our contact us form to help users find the correct information or help.

**Request for general information:** I have been referring these request to our help lines or other appropriate web sites. I have added a pointer to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).

**Request to update meeting information:** These requests are sent to our group record secretary. The districts need to be identified and the request past on to the district. Our district needs to update the information in a group change form. When the FNV database is updated our aameetinglocator will get the update. Our action committee will address meeting updates.

Web site Updates or fixes:	
AA Minnesota Requested Updates	
Add AA help line phone numbers.	completed
Update the mobile WEB site to use <a href="#">jQuery</a> . This is a must do to have the mobile WEB site work on all smart phones. I am taking a class to learn <a href="#">jQuery</a> for mobile devices.	in progress
Unable to create <a href="#">pdf</a> file to enable printing meeting lists. Not all PCs have this trouble. I have access to 9 different PCs. Various operating systems and printers and I have not been able to reproduce this trouble.	Under investigation
"One person suggested that <a href="#">AA Minnesota</a> should provide information on the type of meeting the meeting is. " I have had a number of these requests. i.e. please list "Open" or "Closed" information, Women only, men only, young people, gay, Special Needs, etc.  One would think that Open or Closed meeting information would be easy. It was easy to add the open closed field to the <a href="#">aaminnesota</a> database. When I tried to populate it only 3 meetings in area36 were listed as closed. I found that the open or close information is not up to date in the FNV database and the data isn't stored in the same (database field) location.  I view Women only, men only, young people, gay etc meetings, as meetings with attendance restrictions. Once again this information may or may not be in the FNV database.  Another layer to this is special needs meetings. Handicap access or ASL meeting. This information is not in the FNV database.  Take a look at the Alcoholic Anonymous Group Change Form. ( <a href="http://aa.org/lang/en/en_pdfs/e_infchan.pdf">http://aa.org/lang/en/en_pdfs/e_infchan.pdf</a> ) None of the above information is collected on our group change form. This is also true for the New Group Form ( <a href="http://aa.org/en_pdfs/e_group.pdf">http://aa.org/en_pdfs/e_group.pdf</a> )  I feel that members from our areas (area35 and area36) are telling us what they want.  The <a href="#">aameeintlocator</a> web site uses the FNV database to get meeting information. This eliminates the need to maintain multiple meeting databases. If we want additional meeting information we need to find a way to populate and store this information in the FNV database	Under investigation

Bob B.  
Area35 WEB Technology

GROUP RECORDS

Group Records Report

Hello Area 35, I am starting this rotation with help from Sandy H. She has been so helpful and patient with me. Sandy H., Kelly D. and Bob B. came to Cook where I live, got me started on the basics of what I need to do. I am willing to learn, there is a lot to know. I am working on updating this rotation. I did get all DCMs information, Area Officers and Chairs completed. I am a work in progress. I attended the Area Workshop Jan. 18-19<sup>th</sup> in Moorhead. We had our first Area Committee meeting, learning and listening to how do our responsibilities, what we need to do start. We also worked on our budgets for this year this was very new for me. I always feel so good after a Workshop with all the topics that Districts take part in. They all did great presentations. Listening to Andrew W. our West Central Regional Trustee informing us about what is going on at GSO. I am grateful to be apart of this Fellowship.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,  
Rolene L.

**Area 35 Committee Meeting  
December 1, 2013  
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order - Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Recognize Past Delegates in Attendance: Susie A.-Panel 48, Tom A.- Panel 50 and Jerry S.-Panel 56

Additions to the Agenda: Grapevine and Literature Committee financial balance for next rotation - Steve L.

Motion passed to approve the August Committee Meeting Minutes

**Officer Reports**

**Delegate-Jim K.**-Greetings Area 35. Well it is hard to believe that this will be the last time that I get a chance to give a report to you as your delegate. Again, I just want to thank you for this opportunity to serve and for the opportunity to visit with all of you as you have shown me what you are doing in your respective districts and home groups to carry the message. I attended the Fall Assembly in Detroit Lakes and I was very grateful to see all those who were willing to stand for a position as an Area Officer. It is a wonderful opportunity to serve the area and grow closer your understanding of a Higher Power through serving others. I have contacted Jake, our incoming Delegate, and hope to be able to set up a time to meet with him to share whatever information I can about the role. As outgoing officers and chairs, I encourage us all to take the time to meet with those incoming to make our transition in servants as smooth as possible. The coming month provides an excellent opportunity to meet with one another and continue the work that has been going on throughout the rotation. This is a busy time of year with holidays, etc. but it is also a time of year that many individuals may be looking for a solution to a problem we understand. Please continue your efforts through the rotation to insure we are continuing our efforts as an area. Per our Fall Assembly motion to draft a letter to be sent to the GSO in regards to the new shipping and handling rates, a letter was drafted and sent out to all area officers, chairs, DCMs, and past delegates. I brought copies of the letter today for review for last minute edits, etc. Once edits are completed, the letter will be mailed out to the GSO, with an electronic version also sent. I will pass along any information that I receive to the area and thank those who took the time to provide feedback and editing suggestions. I am planning on attending the Area 35 Winter Workshop and will be chairing the DCM orientation at the DCM sharing session per our past Area Actions. Incoming DCMs, if there are any topics you would like addressed specifically, please let me know and I will do whatever I can to address them. Thanks once again for the opportunity to serve and please let me know if I can be of any future assistance. Yours in Service, Jim K

**Alternate Delegate-Michael (Jake) J.**-Hello all. It's been a busy winter with deer hunting and work taking up most spare time. It has been an awesome experience serving as your alternate delegate and I am sure once I get over the shock of being your next panel 64 Delegate, I will find the experience as humbling as all the past delegates have shared. Thank you once again for the opportunities you allow me. I have the Area Workshop set up just having the normal conflicts when the hotel switches banquet managers. It's always a challenge getting things straightened out but I will. I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving feasts and that November brought out the gratitude for being sober that AA has led us to. I will miss those of you that will be leaving the Area Service as happens at rotation time. It seems we seldom get to see those that leave and I have enjoyed their fellowship. Take care and God Bless - yours in service, Michael (Jake) J.

**Chair-Kelly D.**-Good morning everyone, Here we are at our last Committee Meeting of this rotation. It is hard to believe how fast the last two years have gone. I am ready for a new rotation to start and I am hoping to see many of you continue in service. We had our last voting Fall Assembly in Detroit Lakes October 5-6<sup>th</sup> and there were 154 registered that weekend. I had 23 evaluations filled out and I typed them and they are in this issue of the Northern Light, please take the time to read them. Again thank you to District 3 for hosting this event and having volunteers available throughout the weekend to serve. As you know our new Area Officers were voted in, Congratulations to Jake our next Delegate, Sarah K, Area Chair, Randy A. Treasurer and Roger R. Secretary. I am still trying to rap my mind around the fact that I will be serving as your Alternate Delegate but am looking forward to the opportunity, so thank you for your confidence in me to serve in that position. I had issues with my laptop going down right before I had the chance to send Jana the evaluations and today's agenda for the Northern Light deadline. The good news was they were able to save my files but the bad news was I had to scan them to her (I am still computer illiterate at times and could not figure out how to send them) which created extra work for her. Thanks Jana, for getting it done anyway! Districts 8, 16, 14 and 9 held a service workshop on October 26<sup>th</sup> in Virginia that I attended and really enjoyed. Jerry and Scott our past Delegates did a great job presenting on the service topics, we had a great potluck lunch and some wonderful fellowship throughout the day. They were also kind enough to give us Area Officers some time at the end of the workshop to present our last Zonal Forum of this rotation. I was not able to stay and hear Jim's story later on that evening at their open speaker meeting and although he was feeling a little under the weather that day, I heard he did a great job. Thank you to all that attended. I met with Mary our Area Secretary on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> in Garrison to help her with the Area 35 Action Book. So much work goes into getting this completed and I just wanted to thank her for all her hard work to get it done. I also spent some time getting things organized to pass everything on to Sarah our new incoming Chair. We have tried many times since the Fall Assembly to get together but our schedules have not allowed it. I assure you we will meet and she will have all the information she needs for this position, I am confident she will serve Area 35 well. I encourage all past Area Officers and Committee Chairs to spend some time with the incoming individuals that will be serving this next rotation and remain available to answer any questions they may have. There is so much to learn starting out and any information we can pass on to them will be helpful. And last I would like to say thank you again to all of you for opportunity I was given to serve as your Area 35 Chair. It truly has been an honor and a privilege. Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season. Yours in service. Kelly D.

**Secretary-Mary S.**- I enjoyed attending the Fall Assembly and I also enjoyed participating in the elections of our new Delegate and Officers. It was fun to see all the people willing to serve and I enjoyed the Past Delegates answering the questions from the Ask it Basket. On October 26th, I attended the Service Workshop in Virginia and participated in the Zonal Forum from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. I met Kelly in Garrison on November 16th and we worked on the Area Action Handbook. We accomplished a lot in a short amount of time. Bob B. has been very helpful with the Action Booklet and I can say that today it is almost completed. Thanks to Kelly, Bob B and Sarah K. for all your help and support. The updated Area Action Booklet will be ready for the January workshop. Thank you for your support the last two years. I look forward to the next two years and will help Roger get started for a smooth transition. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 35. Mary S.

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**Treasurer-Steve L.-** Good morning and thank you for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer for the past two years. Randy A. is your new Treasurer and hopefully we'll have a smooth transition. We live close enough that I can offer help if he needs it. I was able to attend the Fall Assembly and the Zonal Forum in Virginia which they combined with a Service Workshop. Normally a Zonal Forum is 4 hours long, and this one was unusual because it was 1 hour long. But we all had a chance to speak and let our audience know what our responsibilities are supposed to be. I have found that recovery is a family affair. My wife has been a huge support for me while I have had the responsibility of Treasurer. The time I have spent with being a treasurer has taken away from my family and I have really appreciated her support and understanding throughout the past two years. The new incoming chairs and officers will be getting copies of last year's budget to look at to come up with a budget for 2014. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me, or Randy or Sarah or Kelly. Once you have completed your budget, give a copy to Randy or Sarah. I have set copies of the Group contributions on the back table and they will also be in the next issue of the Northern Light. There is also a copy of the Expenditures and Budgets from October 1 through November 30, 2013 for you if you would like to take a copy of that as well. Thank You, Steve L.

**CPC-Roger R.-**Breakout meeting today, 11 members attended. District Highlights/CPC - New PI/CPC Chair in District 3 is working with law enforcement and clergy and Latino community.

Bill, Dist 11 DCM has secured a booth for AA at Grand Casino's Employee Health Fair. Old Business would be the Saint Louis County Health and Human Services Conference. New Business: Discussed Anonymity in Digital Age and request for interview on this topic from St. Cloud Times. Since this interview will be in my home town, I will be participating anonymously.

I attended the Area 35 Fall Assembly in Detroit Lakes on October 5-6. Our PI/CPC break out session was informative and productive. On October 16 I participated on an "Alcohol and Other Drugs Awareness and Prevention Community Panel at the University of Minnesota Duluth Campus. My presentation covered: What is AA's Singleness of Purpose, What AA Does Do and What AA Does Not Do. Following our Area Fall Assembly I completed preparation for our CPC Booth at the 2013 St. Louis Health and Human Services Conference. I created a tri-fold CPC display for our booth. I also completed a volunteer information sheet for this event. Area 35 collaborated in this event with Districts 12 and 9. On October 17th, I worked our booth along with volunteers from District 12, Rodney S., Brad E., and Beth H. On Oct 17 John F. and Cathy from Dist 9 worked the booth and took down our display. The 2013 St. Louis Health and Human Services Conference was held at the DECC in Duluth, MN. This conference was attended by 2,500 health and human services professionals from Districts throughout the State of Minnesota. Many of the attendees at this conference also visited the exhibit hall. The number of social workers and health care professionals who visited our CPC booth was far beyond all expectations. Both John F. from District 9 and I agreed that it was the busiest AA exhibit that both of us have ever been a part of. We were able to carry our message to many professionals through a large amount of AA literature that was picked up by conference attendees. We were able to disseminate over three hundred small cards that gave information of the newly launched [AAmeetingLocator.org](http://AAmeetingLocator.org). The Area Assembly voted in August to contribute \$500.00 to cover the booth cost, literature costs and CPC Chair travel expenses for this event. We came in well under budget for this event. Booth costs were \$200.00, we utilized our current CPC Literature inventory and my travel/hotel expenses were within the \$100.00 budget given to me for this event. I would also like to thank Servando M. for recruiting volunteers from District 12 for this event. In closing I would very much like to express my gratitude to Area 35 for allowing me to serve as your CPC Chair in 2012-2013. In Service, Roger R.

**District 11 - Bill C.-** We started a new meeting in Hinckley on Wednesday at 8:00 pm with good attendance of 15 people the first night. We voted to move the Saturday night meeting to Today's Promise at Sober House in Hinckley. We are still doing many fellowship events such as Bowling that are well attended. We held election last District meeting and I was elected DCM again. We also got a literature chair that was much needed. We still have Gary as Corrections Chair and Doug is PI/CPC Chair. I was approved to put an AA Booth up at the Wellness Expo at Grand Casino in Hinckley. There will be up to 1700 associates attending.

**District 18- Neil R.-** Not Present

**District 14 - Deb A. -** Not Present

**Grapevine - Carey A.-**Committee Districts represented were 8, 6, 15, 13, 5 and 3. Heidi, Dist 8 is new to coming to Area Committee Meetings. District Chair - not a large inventory of literature, Dist 6 has a new Literature/Grapevine chair for new Rotation. Dist 5 is looking to fill position for Grapevine/Literature, Dist 13 new rotation new chair for literature/Grapevine.

Area Grapevine Chair - Inventory of all items in totes for Grapevine, free shipping available for Grapevine until December 31, 2013. Committee Suggestions for new Rotation - updated inventory available - reported at Committee Meetings and Assemblies - Listed as part of Report/Article in Northern Light. Also encourage Groups to have a Grapevine Representative as soon as possible. Also, was suggested to do a series of Area 35 writers to past Grapevines in Northern Light. Another thought was to print articles submitted to the Grapevine, but not printed, to submit those articles to the Northern Light.

**District 15 - Pete B.-**Greetings from District 15! We will be making up New District Meeting schedules. There was a suggestion made that we put on the schedules who the District Officers and Chairs are for District 15. The Tuesday Night Avon Group is working on getting scheduled to put meetings on at Recovery Plus in St. Cloud. Also, it was mentioned that groups needed to put on meetings at Willmar Treatment Center at Saturday Nights at 8:00 pm. Upcoming events are the Lake Henry group has an open meeting on December 5th at 8:30 pm, AA and Al-Anon speakers at St Margarets church in Lake Henry. Stearns County Roundup will be held March 22nd, 2014 at the handling in St Anna. Yours in Service, Pete B.

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**Webmaster - Robert (Bob) B.-** As of last night, Area35.org is no longer maintaining two data bases. Some good news, District 3 and District 7 elected a webmaster for their Districts. I'm developing a Web Training Package for the new folks. There is a comment section on the AAMeetingLocator for contact entries and people have been leaving messages asking for help finding a meeting, or asking questions about AA in general. The contact entries are being used more 12 step calls and messages, which is a surprise. but when I get a question, I do my best to answer or forward it to the right person to answer. Our AAMeetingLocator is growing. I also have business cards to hand out with AAMeetingLocator information in it. In November we got 4450 visitors. The new site is being used and it's being used well. Thank You. Bob

**Archives - Antonette F.-** Well...my last report as Archives Chair. Time flies when you are having fun. This rotation has gone by very quickly and I have mixed feelings about the end. I have learned a lot and yet feel I have barely scraped the surface. We had 6 attend the meeting today. Districts 2, 7, 12, 21 and Brad, our Archivist. District 2 is having a GSR School and Potluck, Ice Cream Social 12/12/13 in Brainerd. District 12 is working on venue changes for the meetings. Brad is busy as ever along with a plethora of information. Stan is working on getting the format for recording stories. Thank you for allowing me to serve. I have benefitted much more from this program than I have contributed. Antonette F..

**District 2 - Mike H.-** Our last District Meeting was November 10th in Middle River. There was actually better attendance than normal as our district meetings have been lacking in that area. Also it was during hunting season so it was good to see a good turnout. This was also our election day that was postponed from the last meeting. The elections went well, and we elected me as DCM, Alternate DCM -Myron, Secretary -Monica, Treasurer -Tammy, Grapevine -Myron. All other positions were not filled. As far as New Business was concerned we are going to draft a letter to be given to groups that send to the District level. The letter will be reviewed at our next District meeting and we will start sending them out when groups send in. Also there was a lot of discussion about schedules and active / inactive groups. Being on the schedule in the coming weeks and months, we are going to go through all of our contact information and try to update it to the best of my ability. Yours in Service, Mike H.

**District 12 - Servando M.-** Our district is busy preparing for the new rotation to begin. Gathering information to pass on to the next group. Our Corrections and Treatment meetings are well attended and taken care of. We are still working to get more people involved as speakers and chair people as well as temporary contacts. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Servando M.

**Archivist - Brad I.-** Since the Fall Assembly I have written an article for the Northern Light and had the Archives Display at the Saint Cloud round-up. I also gave a tour of the display. I did an Archives search on a date mistake in the introduction to the Second Edition. The mistake is the founding date of Alcoholics Anonymous in Cleveland. All 16 printings of the Second Edition listed this date as 1937 instead of 1939. There was a change made to the Introduction to the Second Edition up to the 1990 printings of the Third Edition. I can't pinpoint the exact printing due to missing printings 36, 37, 38 and 39 which would have been 1990 to early 1991. There is not a Conference record as to why the original introduction was put back into the Third edition with the wrong date. I could not do a joint display at Founders Day this year due to it being this weekend and the logistics just would not work. Recent Contributions to the Archives display are a 1954 Pageant Magazine with an A.A. article, a 1911 book "Flashes from the furnace, a fictionalized account of the evils of alcohol and seven volumes of the National Clergy Conference on Alcoholism reports of their annual Alcoholism conference. There was a clergyman from northern Minnesota on the board of directors and their Executive Secretary was father Ralph P. aka Father John Doe. I look forward to serving with Pete and the rest of the incoming committee and am asking that all outgoing chairs and officers please email copies of your reports during your rotations. And I implore all incoming DCM's please make sure I am on the email list for your district minutes. I just had another request for copies of minutes from a district and I did not get them for that rotation. Thank you again for this opportunity to be of service, Brad I. Area 35 Archivist

**LITERATURE - Sean D.-** Good morning friends! I trust you are all well and had an exceptionally wonderful Thanksgiving. I have often paused to give thanks for having had the opportunity to have you and many others in this Fellowship in my life. This morning's Literature/Grapevine Action Committee meeting was attended by Districts 15, 13, 8, 6, 5 & 3. Be sure to see Carey to purchase a wall or pocket 2014 Calendar. Many of the districts have new literature chairs. I took a moment to demonstrate the on-line ordering procedure at AA.Org. This is a dynamic and easy to use site to order all materials or conference approved literature available for us. The 75th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous. To be published April 2014 Cost is \$12.00 English only. You can pre-order is online if you would like to. We did discuss some suggestions for a new chair. Our suggestion was to provide a complete inventory to the new Chair and that inventory be made available to members of the committee online, so they can see what is available. The past two years have flown by so fast that it's hard to believe it's already over. I want to thank all of you for this wonderful experience. Yours in service - Sean D.

**District 13 - Scott B.-** District 13 held it's election for the next rotation. I'm proud to say all positions are filled. P.I. completed new meeting lists. Our A.A. hotline committee will hold a meeting after the first of the year to thank all those who have served and to update information from those who are willing to continue their service. Treatment Chair has been working with the Independent Residential Treatment Facility on Northwest Drive in St. Cloud for about a year. It is great to report that the first in house AA meeting will be held on December 4th. Treatment and Corrections always have a lot of service opportunities for those who want to serve AA. Grateful in Service, Scott B.

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**District 5 - Heidi R.-** Greetings from District 5, Our District meeting on the third Monday of the month at 7pm at Freshwater's Church in Zimmerman. However, next month we will be holding our District 5 Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church in Princeton at 7pm due to a scheduling conflict with the church. As we are getting close to the new rotation we have been working on getting all the position filled. Right now we have Secretary, Corrections Chair, and Literature/Grapevine Chair still open and hope to get the positions filled next month. The 2014/2015 positions are: DCM - Dean, Alternate DCM - Jon, Treasurer - Dan, Treatment - Bob, and CPC/PI- Jake. The CPC/PI Chair, Rita, is at the end of her final rotation of the Sherburne County Probation Meeting. She is also in the process of updating the meeting schedules. The new CPC/PI Chair, Jake, is planning to make a copy of the meeting schedule for us to review at the December district meeting. He will then make copies of distribution. The treatment chair is still bringing speakers into two treatment centers one time per month. Our Alternate DCM has been keeping the Sherburne County Jail Meeting going and working to get more volunteers since we do not have a Corrections Chair at this time. Literature/Grapevine Chair continues to have literature available for groups to purchase. District 5 also purchased another 2 year subscription of the Grapevine. I am in the process of completing the 1st edition of the District 5 Actions Booklet. We will review and approve the draft at the December District Meeting and have the final version available at the January District 5 Meeting. I also went through the Treasury reports and made sure everything matched with the bank statements. The only discrepancy was \$50 more in the checking account than on the reports which is a good error to have. Dan the Treasurer is working on finding the error. Yours in Service, Heidi R.

**Treatment - Randy A.-** We met this morning with 10 in attendance. District Reports were read and the following topics were discussed: Beginners meetings - Relationship with Treatment Facilities, formats and funding by districts - outpatient facilities - how do we get more outpatient facilities interested in Alcoholics Anonymous. One response was that we let them come to us. We had numerous requests this past month with Bridging the Gap, temporary contact program from Minneapolis Intergroup and Dellwood Recovery Center the past couple of months. We had the privilege and honor to Chair the beginners meeting in Virginia, MN We had 12 clients from the Donovan Frank Treatment Center in attendance, as well as new members. I would like to thank the Area Treatment Committee Members for their participation, ideas, comments and suggestions this rotation as they all did an excellent job in their respective positions and duties. Communication is vital to survival of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is imperative that we stay in contact with all the Treatment Facilities and let them know we are here and available to help. When anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to be there and for that "I am responsible". Yours in Service - Randy A.

**District 1 - Irene J.-** Greetings from District 1! We held our District meeting Sunday, October 13, 2013 with 10 attending, with our next meeting on Sunday, December 8th at the Fertile Community Center at 2:00pm. This will be my last District meeting as the DCM. thanks to all for a great opportunity as serving and representing District 1. This has been a great experience. District 1's incoming DCM will be Jon S. We held elections at our last District meeting. DCM-Jon S., Alt DCM-Open, Secretary - Jodi G. from Crookston, and Treasurer - Loren G. Some of the upcoming events are: 12th Annual Wild Rice Round-up, January 10, 11 & 12th at the Shooting Star Hotel and Event Center. Registration charges are \$25.00, for more information you can contact Fred at 218-935-5007 or [www.wildriceroundup.com](http://www.wildriceroundup.com) and 32nd Annual Spring Fling, hosted by District 1, AlAnon Saturday, March 8th at the Fertile Community Center, Fertile, MN. Registration starting at noon and I think but not sure the fee is \$20.00 - this would cover the evening meal. Thanks again for a wonderful two years of serving as your DCM, District 1. Irene J.

**District 7 - Neil F.-** Greetings from District 7! District 7 meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in Brainerd at the First United Congregational Church. In December, the District is putting on a GSR School, there will not be a regular district meeting. The GSR School's aim is to help incoming GSR's to find out everything they need to know about their position We would like to welcome all GSR's to attend and take advantage of the opportunity. We're going to have chili and ice cream and are looking forward to a great turnout. This event will be at First United Congregational Church, 915 Juniper Street in Brainerd on December 12th at 6 pm. The District conducted elections in October and all positions are filled, with the majority filled in October and the remaining at our district meeting on November 21st. Carl P., the incoming DCM, is here today and I know he's very excited to be here and to serve District 7 as our next DCM. His nickname is Papa Pump and he did give me permission to share that with you. It's also great to see several other chairs from District 7 here today. It has been a privilege to serve these past two years as DCM. The District has strived to provide vital services to the groups in our district and to ensure the heart of AA remains there for the Alcoholic who still suffers. Thank you for allowing me to serve! Neil F.

**PI - Robert (Butch) R.-** We met as a committee with CPC having 10 in attendance. Meeting schedules are being updated and those that have phone lines are active. Boise Fort and Fond Du Lac are still airing Public Service Announcements about AA. Public TV Stations are also airing meeting times and locations. We also discussed AA in the Digital age and an upcoming newspaper article. Thanks Roger for your work with this and hats off to the Reporter for writing the article. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Butch R.

**District 3 - Jim S.-** Hello, I am Jim, Alcoholic. District 3 continues to move along. We have one more position left to fill which is Treatment and I'm confident that it will be filled at our next District Meeting. We continue to fulfill our commitments for treatment and corrections. We were very fortunate to receive 2100.00 in 7th Tradition donations last month and will be able to complete our service goals for the rest of the year. We are excited about hosting the Annual Service Workshop and we're looking forward to seeing all of you there. Lastly, Thanks goes out to Bob B. for all of his work on the District 3 website. It looks great, and we're looking forward to receiving the training information on how to keep the site up and running. Thank You Bob! Yours in Service, Jim.

*(minutes continued)*

**District 6 - Dave A.-**Good Morning. My name is Dave A. and I am an alcoholic and the DCM for District Six. Ok! A new rotation of trusted servants! We finally had enough people at our October meeting to hold elections. Our new Officers for the coming rotation will be Garrett B. for DCM; Renell P. for Alt DCM and for Secretary; and Bob A. for Treasurer. New Committee chairs will be Rich W. for Corrections; Kathie G. for Treatment; Dave A. for CPC/ PI; Nick B. for Literature; and Gerry C. for Grapevine. Now the last I heard is that our treasurer had a fire in his garage that got away and burned down his house so I'm not sure what happened to our treasury records. We recently purchased two Spanish language Big books for use at the Isanti County Jail. In the past few years at our December district meeting we have been bringing some snacks for a little pot luck and it looks like we will be continuing that tradition. Thanks for your time, Dave A.

**GROUP RECORDS- Sandy H.** Hello everyone, I can not wait to get all the new District's officer's and chairs information. I am sure you cannot wait to send them to me, so please DON'T. I need names, mailing addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and what position they hold, so that the new Group Records person can do all that work! I attended the St Cloud Roundup and had an awesome time before this I met with Tim R. to update District 13's records. I also attended District 3's Committee meeting November 17<sup>th</sup>, which was a really great meeting thank you for having me. I attended the Wadena Round Robin November 23 which was awesome between 75-100 people what a great turn out!! Way to go! I have been busy updating group records and trying to collect the incoming officer and chair information that must have slipped your mind to send me, so that the new Group Records Secretary can input this information in FNV and update the Northern Light Mailing list, and than send the updates to the Northern Light editor. Group Records is a work in progress and only as good as the information you supply. I stress to you please continue to send your updates and to take a look at the meetings in your district. I understand that this takes time, but without your help this makes a lot of work for one person. You still need 600 flyers if you would like them to be inserted in the Northern Light either given to the Group Records Secretary or sent to the Cold Spring Record. If you send them to the Record please add a note as to where they are to be inserted so there is no question. I would like to thank everyone for their, patience with me and your trust in me the last two years it's been a life saver when I thought I would drown. Thank you, Yours in service, Sandy H., Group Records.

**NORTHERN LIGHT - Jana M.-** Greetings Area 35, It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another rotation and this will be my last report as your Northern Light Editor. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve. When I look back over the last two years I am grateful for the opportunity I was given to be just a small part of what we do every day in Alcoholics Anonymous. All new Officers, Committee Chairs and DCM's, please get your contact information to the New Editor, The deadline for reports, articles and updates is January 25th. Yours in service, Jana M.

**District 21 - Irv A.-** We held successful elections filling all our chairs. We are working to establish culture of awareness concerning singleness of purpose. We held a Halloween party with marginal attendance. We held a Thanksgiving Gratitude meal in Bagley and had good attendance. We are working to make our literature inventory available for sale at all functions. Our Archives workshop with Brad I. - we had marginal attendance. He shared very good information and I would recommend his presentation for all districts.

**District 16 - Gene V.-** It is with gratitude that I served as the District 16 DCM for the past 2 years. District 16 holds it's meeting the First Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm., United Methodist Church, 1701 S.E. 8th Avenue, Grand Rapids, MN. As of January 1, 2014, Griffin M. will be our new DCM. Our last district meeting was November 6th. Our District has new printed meeting directories. On October 26th I was able to celebrate another year of sobriety by attending the joint Service Workshop with District 8, 9, 14 & 16. Our next district meeting will be December 4th. Yours in Service, Gene V.

**CORRECTIONS -Skip D.** Good day all, We had 8 people in our meeting this morning, with those we had 3 incoming Corrections Chairs - Arden Dist.7, Diane Dist. 9, and Nels Dist. 8. We are still working on the Thistledew men's meeting that was requested from them, they were contacted two weeks ago, still waiting to hear back from them. I did attend the Fall Assembly, and we did discuss the questions from the Fall Assembly. I was able to meet with the Area 35 Officers and Committee Chairs at the Assembly. There were some good suggestions that the Corrections Committee will start working on. Yours in Service, Skip D. Area 35 Corrections Chair

**District 8 - Rolene L.-** Hello Area 35, well this is the last report for me as DCM from District 8. The last two years have been good for me in my journey in Alcoholics Anonymous. District 8 is doing good. We have been working on our Action Booklet since last year. There is going to be 6 years worth of minutes that we'll go through to complete it by the end of the month. Our Alternate DCM, Pat M. will be overseeing this, to make sure it gets done. Also, our Alternate DCM has set up our district Workshop for February for the incoming Alternate DCM Scott M. I have flyers on the table. I attended the Fall Assembly. We had our Service Workshop in October with districts 8,9,14 and 16. The workshop was very informative. We asked Scott J. and Jerry S. to do the presentations on each position in the district. We had 42 registered. It was good to see so many from each district. Later that afternoon we had a mini Zonal Forum with the Area Officers. In the evening our Area 35 Delegate Jim K was our AA Speaker. I have been helping the incoming DCM with having the host groups for district meetings in 2014. As of last month, they are all taken care of. I didn't make it to all the groups in our District in the two years as DCM. I only had 6 left to visit. due to my husband having a heart attack and my daughter having surgery, I needed to be there for them. The last couple of months have been stressful. I thank AA for giving me the strength to make it through. I also attended the funeral for our Area Chair, Kelly D.'s Stepfather in Superior. I want to thank District 8 for allowing me to serve the last two years as DCM. It taught me a lot. For that I am truly grateful. Yours in Service, Rolene L.

**District 9 - John F.-** Greetings from District 9. We held our elections and all the positions were filled. It was decided to hold an audit to assure everyone of our financial standings. I was able to attend the Fall Assembly and the St. Louis County Health and Human Services Conference in Duluth. I would like to thank Roger for asking me. It was a great experience. Thanks for allowing me to serve. John F.

*(minutes continued)***Old Business**

**Financial Oversight Committee Report:** It is with sincere gratitude for the ability to provide this service to the Area that we give our last report as your financial review committee. We want to Thank our "treasure," Steve L. He did an amazing job as treasurer. The area is truly fortunate to have had him and we are grateful for his continued involvement as the financial review committee chair [FRCC]. The committee reviewed the bank account statements against the area financial reports and we are happy to report that the Area's finances are accurate as reported. The Area has \$27,343.32 available for service, including our prudent reserve. As the new rotation begins the outgoing committee chair [Sarah K.] plans to meet with the incoming committee at the Winter Workshop to review period seven together. Then the new committee will be on their own [with the help of Steve as the outgoing treasurer serving as incoming FRCC] to review period one at the Feb. Area Committee Meeting [ACM]. It will be up to the incoming committee to determine the frequency of their meetings, and whether they will need to meet at every area event or only at ACMs. We wanted to remind incoming chairs to include in their budgets for 2014 requests for hardware, software, etc. needed to perform their duties. Budgets are to be turned in to the new Area Chair by the winter workshop.

**Statewide Corrections Committee Report:** We had our last Statewide Corrections committee meeting on November 13, 2013. Area 36 will be making changes in the wording in the Correspondence Brochures. The Blue one is for Alcoholics and the Yellow one is for inmates. If you volunteer to put on an AA Meeting at a State or Federal Prison, you can not be part of the correspondence program. County jails are different. You might want to ask the jail you are working with, but if you are putting on meetings in a county jail, it still might be okay to write to a prisoner if you want to. But it's always best to ask first. Chris, Dist 13 was talking about getting money for the prisons, but if you send money to Chris, the money will only go to St. Cloud for literature, not to any of the other prisons in Northern Minnesota. I do not know the date of the next Statewide Corrections Committee so I can't tell you when it is, but hopefully I'll have that information in February. Thank You, Skip

**New Business**

**Starting Balance of Grapevine and Literature** The envelopes in the back of the room have Steve L's address on them, but beginning January, Randy will have some envelopes with his address on them and you can start sending your District Contributions to Randy. So remember that when you send your donations after January. Also - Do we want transfer excess money back into the Literature and Grapevine or move the excess back into the general fund. I currently have \$2004.04 in the account, \$100.00 in my cash box and some inventory. I started with \$750 in the Literature Account and a lot of inventory. I think \$750.00 in the account is prudent so I would subtract \$750.00 from the 2004.04 and place that amount in the general fund. Corey has never spent more than \$500.00 or so for a literature order. So, he thought the \$750.00 starting sounds reasonable. It's good enough so we will leave it alone. The Area Action Booklet states that the money should come back to the Area Account and new checks should be written to the Literature and Grapevine.

**February Committee Meeting:** February 23rd, the week after February 15th. The New Delegate will get the new agenda items. But the Districts will want to get the agendas as well.

**Guidelines for Web Technology Position:** A copy of the Guidelines for Web Technology is on the back table for everyone to see and take back to your districts. There were no comments or corrections to be added to the guidelines.

**Approval of incoming 2014-2015 Action Committee Chairs:**

**CPC** - Servando M.

**PI** - Jeff C.

**Grapevine** - Antonette F.

**Treatment** - Paul M.

**Literature** - Jim S.

**Corrections** - Skip D.

**Archives** - Pete B.

**Group Records** - Rolene L.

**Northern Light** - Rodney S.

**Webmaster** - Sandy H.

**Archivist** - Brad I.

**Web Technology** - Robert (Bob) B.

Motion passed to accept the Committee Chairs as nominated.

**Drawing of DCM's to serve on Area Action committee for 2014-2015:**

**CPC** - District 7 and District 16

**PI** - District 5 and District 4

**Grapevine** - District 15 and District 8

**Treatment** - District 6 and District 21

**Literature** - District 1 and District 3

**Corrections** - District 2 and District 9

**Archives/Archivist** - District 12 and District 18

**Group Records/Northern Light/Web** - District 11 and District 13

**Financial Oversight Committee** - District 14

**Budget deadline for incoming Officers and Chairs:** The Officers and Committee Chairs must get their budgets to Sarah by the January Winter Workshop, and Sarah will give them to Randy. Make sure you read your financial responsibility statements. It's important that we get this information done in a timely manner.

**Calendar of Events:**

38th Annual Area 35 Service Workshop, January 18th and 19th, 2014, Days Inn, Moorhead MN

Area 35 Spring Assembly, April 5th and 6th, Holiday Inn, Duluth, MN

Area 35 Fall Assembly, October 4th and 5th, Sawmill Inn, Grand Rapids, MN

**Adjourned, joined hands and closed the December Area 35 Committee Meeting by reciting the Lord's Prayer**

2014 – AREA 35 SCHEDULE

You can find more about events on [area35.org](http://area35.org)

**Area Committee Meeting—February 23—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 Street  
Duluth, MN  
(218) 727-7492

**Area Committee Meeting—June 1st—9:00 am**  
Aitkin Alano Club  
322 1st Avenue N.E.  
Aitkin, MN

**Area Committee Meeting—August3rd—9:00 am**  
Aitkin Alano Club  
322 1st Avenue N.E.  
Aitkin, MN

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

**Area Committee Meeting—December 7th—9:00 am**  
Aitkin Alano Club  
322 1st Avenue N.E.  
Aitkin, MN

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Holidays and Observances: 1: New Year's Day, 20: Martin Luther King Day						

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Phases of the moon: 6: 14: 22:						
Holidays and Observances: 14: Valentine's Day, 17: Presidents' Day						

Upcoming Events in Areas 35 & 36

Note: Area 35 events take precedence!

**West Central Regional AA Service Conference**  
Feb. 28th-Mar. 2nd  
Double Tree Hilton Park Place  
1500 Park Place Blvd.  
St. Louis Park, MN

**32nd Annual Spring Fling**  
Sat. March 8th, 2014  
Community Center,  
101 S. Mill Street (old Hwy 32)  
Fertile, MN

**35th Annual Winter Round-up**  
March 14-16th, 2014  
Coats Plaza Hotel, 502 Chestnut St.  
Virginia, MN

**Area36 Assembly**  
March 22nd, 2014  
1005 Hwy 15 South  
Hutchinson, MN

**Area36 Delegates Workshop**  
April 5th, 2014  
St. Johns Lutheran Church  
Northfield , MN

**Zim Open Meeting**  
April 12th, 2014—7:00 pm  
McDavitt Town Hall  
9042 Zim Road (HWY 27)  
Zim, MN

**Gopher State Round up XLI**  
May 23rd ,24th, and 25th, 2014  
Double Tree Hilton Bloomington Hotel  
Bloomington, MN

**Area36 Assembly**  
June 28, 2014  
Maplewood Community Center  
2100 White Bear Avenue  
Maplewood, MN

NORTHERN LIGHT PRIMARY PURPOSE:

The *Northern Light* (N.L.), is a general service newsletter that serves Area 35 to facilitate bilateral communication between the groups, districts, Area and G.S.O. levels in the Northern Minnesota area. Its purpose is to:

- Publish an informative and attractive newsletter to the Area in a timely fashion.
- Encourage District reports and be available to work with Districts on communications. One or more of the N.L. Committee should try to attend area events to report on what’s happening in their areas. If they are unable to attend, encourage local members to write short articles about events and happenings to be published in the *N.L.*
- Provide encouragement for writing articles, particularly to D.C.M.s and Area Action Committee Chairs. This should include the strong encouragement to submit their reports for each issue, if no report is submitted it will be stated, example “Northern Light Report - NOT GIVEN” this is currently being done in the Southern Minnesota Area newsletter.
- Keep informed of activities and issues going on within Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. The N.L. Committee could subscribe the *Grapevine* or other pertinent A.A. news sources.
- Gather useful service information to publish from sources within the Area, Region and A.A. as a whole. Obtain, read and use other Area newsletters.
- Listen to comments from the Area on the content of the *N.L.*

EDITORIAL POSITION & N.L. COMMITTEE:

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

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

**N.L. Committee** - The N.L. Committee consists of two D.C.M.s in Area 35. Currently, these have been picked randomly at the start of the new rotation. They also serve on a two-year rotation basis. They assist the editor in communications with other area newsletters, in recommendations on general improvements, and with general problems and implementations of new policies. They may also represent the editor at functions when the editor is unable to attend. Seek advice and help from former N.L. Committee members and editors.

N.L. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

Twelve Concepts for World Service (Short Form)

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

<div>AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2014 AGENDA</div> <div><div>9:00 A.M. Action Chair Committee Meetings (9:30 a.m. Financial Oversight Committee)</div><div>10:30 A.M. Area Committee Meeting</div><div>Call to Order Open With the Serenity Prayer</div><div>Recognize Past Delegates</div><div>Add to Agenda</div><div>Approve December Committee Minutes (corrections-Roger)</div></div> <div>OFFICER REPORTS</div> <div><div>Delegate – Michael (Jake) J.</div><div>Alternate Delegate – Kelly D.</div><div>Chair – Sarah K.</div><div>Secretary – Roger R.</div><div>Treasurer – Randy A.</div></div> <div>COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS</div> <div><div>District 14 – Deb A</div><div>ARCHIVIST – Brad I.</div><div>ARCHIVES – Pete B</div><div>District 18 –</div><div>District 12 – Rillis E</div><div>CPC – Servando M.</div><div>District 7 – Carl P</div><div>District 16 – Griffin M</div><div>CORRECTIONS – Skip D.</div><div>District 9 – Fred H</div><div>District 2 – Michael H</div><div>GRAPEVINE – Antonette F.</div><div>District 15 – Clint J</div><div>District 8 – Jerry B</div><div>GROUP RECORDS – Rolene L</div><div>District 13 – Christine G</div><div>District 11 – Bill C</div><div>LITERATURE – Jim S.</div><div>District 1 – Jon S</div><div>District 3 – Steve D</div><div>NORTHERN LIGHT – Rodney S.</div><div>PI – Jeff C.</div><div>District 4 – Ray F</div><div>District 5 – Dean M</div><div>TREATMENT – Paul M.</div><div>District 6 – Garrett B</div><div>District 21 – Irv R</div><div>WEBMASTER – Sandy H.</div></div> <div><div>12:00 P.M. Lunch</div><div>12:45 P.M. Reconvene</div></div> <div>OLD BUSINESS</div> <div><div>Financial Oversight Committee Report</div><div>Statewide Corrections Committee Report</div><div>January Workshop Report</div></div> <div>NEW BUSINESS</div> <div><div>Conference Agenda Items</div><div>Web Tech: Materials on Website (District inventory)</div><div>Technologies Committee: hardware/software purchases &amp; composition</div><div>WCRAASC</div><div>Area 35/36 Workshop</div><div>Calendar of Events</div><div>Adjourn</div></div>	<div>Some General Information on the Area Committee</div> <div><div>(From The A.A. Service Manual, chapter 5, page S44)</div><div>The Area Committee</div><div>Perhaps more than any other group of people in A.A., the area committee is responsible for the health of the Conference structure and thus for growth and harmony in the A.A. Fellowship. If G.S.R.'s are lax, if there is a lack of harmony in a district, if there are difficulties in public information or some other service area, the committee member knows it and can turn to the full committee for help.</div><div>An active committee deals with all kinds of service problem: Is experience being shared among groups? Is the A.A. message getting I to hospitals, prisons, jails, and rehabilitation centers? Are news media and professionals who deal with suffering alcoholics well informed about A.A.? Are new groups and Loners being helped?</div><div>Composition</div><div>Basically, the committee is composed of all district committee members, area officers, and chairs of area service committees. There should be enough districts and committee members to ensure good communication between the committee and the groups. In the absence of a D.C.M., the alternate D.C.M. is a voting member.</div><div>In some areas, past delegates serve on the committee, with or without a vote; in others, only the outgoing delegate is a committee member, with or without a vote. The decision on the status of past delegates is up to the group conscience of the area assembly.</div><div><div>* * * *</div><div>Be sure to use the new Area 35 Treasurer’s address when sending your group contributions:</div><div>AREA 35 TREASURER NMAA P.O. BOX 411 HOYT LAKES, MN 55750</div></div></div>
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