

Spring Assembly – Neenah, WI
Area Assembly Minutes
May 17, 2014

Meeting was opened at 9:00 AM with a moment of silence followed by the Third Step prayer.
Housecleaning including voice/vote explanation

Question offered on the floor regarding “opening the Assembly to all A.A. members during the Delegates Report portion of the Assembly, only”.

Vote to “open that portion of the Assembly”; 50 in favor, 8 opposed. Two minority voices offered, one majority vote wishes to change vote, seconded. Vote to reconsider; 10 in favor, ? opposed, reconsideration fails, “open that portion of the Assembly” passes.

Vote to have “any order of procession to the mic during the Delegates Report only”; 46 in favor, zero opposed, no minority voice offered, “any order...” passes.

9:18 a.m.

Traditions were read by Mike
Concepts were read by Tracy

Area 74 Past Delegates and Trustees who were present:

Len D. Panel 26
Chuck S. Panel 42
Bob M. Panel 50 and Past East Central Regional Trustee
Ted L. Panel 52
Jeff C. Panel 56
Steve H. Panel 60
Marty L. Panel 62
Area 75, Karen Panel 39

Roll Call

Area Officers: Delegate, Area Chair/Alternate Delegate, Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer

DCM's: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 13, 18, 20, 22

Area Chair asked for any corrections and motion to accept March 30, 2014 Assembly Minutes, two corrections offered, motion made to accept as amended, seconded and passed by “voice” vote

Officer Reports (see attachments)

Secretary / Registrar; no questions offered (see report, attached)
Treasurer; no questions offered, ended 9:35 a.m. (see report, attached)
Area Chair/Alternate Delegate; no questions offered, ended 9:42 a.m. (see report, attached)

Delegate's Report; (see report, attached)

Recessed for break at 10:20 a.m.

Reconvened Assembly at 10:35 a.m.

Recessed for lunch at 12:01 p.m.

Reconvened Assembly (Delegate's Report) at 1:05 p.m.

Q & A for Area 74 Delegate;

- Anonymity; by GSR
- A "Thank you" offered by a Past Delegate
- Three questions by a Past Delegate; 1) Growth of the Fellowship (stats), 2) Reorganization of the Board, 3) Rotation of the General Service Office Manager.
- Corrections; by GSR
- Request for elaboration on "Blue Card"; by GSR
- Spirituality Pamphlet; by DCM
- Two questions by a Past Delegate; 1) Additional Committee Consideration pg. 12, 2) Profits from sale of Anniversary Edition.
- Clarification of comments about La Vina "deficit"; by Secretary

ended 1:40 p.m.

Committee Reports - (see attachment)

Archives, CPC, Corrections WI, Finance, Grapevine, Literature, Now & Then, P.I., Structures & Guidelines, Treatment, ended 2:40 p.m.

Conference and Final Conference Reports; (see attachments)

District 05 Area 74 Fall Conference 2014 Report – Gary S.

District 01 Area 74 Spring Conference 2015 Report – Tom Y.

District 03 Area 74 Fall Conference 2015 Report – Mike M.

Unfinished Business 2:45 p.m.

P.I. Committee gave address on "Minutes available in password protected area on Area 74 Website. Report by P.I. Chair; "may need to ask for an extension to previously approved assembly motion of two year test period."

New Business 2:52 p.m.

"Why are Area Assembly members participating in/doing Conference activities instead of fulfilling service responsibilities?"

WICYPAA representative; WICYPAA would like to be recognized by Area 74 in the form of publishing of flyer in the N&T, and allowed to make an address/report at Area service events, thus being placed on agendas.

Area 74 Corrections and Treatment Committees would like to introduce to the Assembly, the following motion for consideration:

“Area 74 will create a Bridging the Gap (BTG) committee chair and Committee with a budget, in order to coordinate the efforts to connect people to Alcoholics Anonymous being released from Treatment and Correctional facilities.”

We want to have coordination of our efforts. Gary S.-Area 74 Treatment Chair and Terri B.-Area 74 Corrections Chair agree that current information disseminated through District BTG programs, AA-GSO and Area Corrections & Treatment Chairs in other than Area 74 for Corrections and Treatment can be confusing and misleading.

Background: A motion in Area 74 to implement a BTG Area Chair appeared at the 2009 Fall Assembly. The motion failed to move forward by a vote of 34 *against* vs. 32 *for*. We believe that there is cause to re-visit the motion again 5 years later because of the very close vote to table the motion and send it to the Area Committee to flesh out and bring back a proposal to the 2010 Spring Assembly.

If this motion to table would have passed, the Area Committee would have begun discussion of whether the duties of a BTG program would fall under an existing committee and/or what the feasibility of implementing a new BTG Committee with a chair and budget would mean to Area 74.

In 2009, Area 74 did not have a Structures and Guidelines Committee. Now that the Area is able to utilize the S&G Committee to determine the viability of a BTG Committee, we feel that our motion could be approved by Area 74 and be allowed to move forward.

In the AA Service Manual, pg. S60, the Trustee’s **Corrections Committee** encourages AA members to make “recommendations for changes and/or improvements”. The AA Service Manual on pg. S61 also encourages the **Treatment Committee** to “set up means of BTG from Treatment to AA.”

Another vision for an Area 74 BTG Committee may also be to help districts in Area 74 to understand and implement BTG programs for Corrections & Treatment on a district level if they desire and see the promise of having such a program. Thank you for your consideration.

In Love & Service,

Terri B. Area 74 Corrections Chair

Gary S. Area 74 Treatment Chair

Motion Tabled

Adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Scott K

Area 74 Secretary Registrar