



# The District View

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District 05 meeting in  
Menomonie Wisconsin!  
1412 6th Street E  
Menomonie, WI 54751-3331  
08/12/2015 at 6:45pm

If you have or know of an alcoholic with the willingness to serve at the district level, this is the chance and time to do so! You can't keep what you have unless you give it away.

\*Always looking for experience, strength and hope experiences to add to future newsletters. Submissions can be made to The District View email at the top of this page.

**Step 8** Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

**Tradition 8** AA should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

**Concept 8** 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.

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## AA Area 74 Service Structure

Delegate Mary Jo R.  
Area Chair Kim R.  
Secretary Char V.  
Treasurer Derek T.

### AA District 05

DCM Nicholas S.  
Alt. DCM Paul H.  
Secretary Shane S.  
Treasurer Ron S.

## AA District 05 Committees

Archives Derek B  
Corrections Molly M.  
CPC Jim P.  
Grapevine Gary S.  
Literature Wayne W.  
Newsletter Andy W.  
Public Info Myron M  
Treatment Kevin K.  
Webmaster Jason L.

### District 05 Meeting

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

6:45pm opened with serenity Prayer

Introductions: 14 GSR'S

#### Secretary Report: Derek B. filling in for Shane

- Passed around signup sheet for contact list. 5 new people signed up to be on the contact list for district.
- Reports Due: Archives, CPC, Treatment, and Treasures.
- **Reports Due next month: Corrections, Public Info, and Web Master**

#### Treasure Report: Ron S.

- Savings Acct: \$455.21
- Checking Acct: \$683.47
- Cash Assets: \$ 1,318.68
- **Please see attachment for your own committee budgets YTD!**
- Reimbursement for Myron \$137.20 Approved!
- Reimbursement for Nicholas \$55.60 Approved!
- Reimbursement for treatment rent \$70.00 Approved!
- Reimbursement for Archives supplies to Derek B, \$42.17 Approved! Derek will email Ron with the receipt for reimbursement!
- Reimbursement for CPC (Club 12 rent, May and July) \$20.00 Approved!

#### Workshop Report: Paul H.

- There will be a workshop hosted by the treatment committee on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Time: 1-4 Where: Eau Claire Alano Club.
- **I have attached the flyer for the treatment committee workshop, please print and bring it to your home groups and meetings.**
- There is also a Spirituality Workshop (brown Bag) Tentative. Date: 8/9/15

#### Archives Report: Derek B

- Got Ink cartridges for printing 2014 archives and began putting those together!

### **CPC Report: Jim P.**

- Activities and Accomplishments of the CPC committee (April – June)
- Presentations (None)
- Leads: met with Eau Claire “healthy Communities” contact. Available for future presentations to sub-committee’s (likely fall). Met with Chippewa and Dunn ARDC’S.
- Follow-ups (continuing), UW Stout/UWRF Counseling Services, Mayo (EC) Behavioral Health
- Notice: will only meet every other month in summer (May, July, Sept) No June or Aug meetings.

### **Treatment Report: Kevin K.**

1. Discussed the use of our script in facilities
2. Elected a new coordinator for Affinity
3. Continuing to develop our relationship with EC Metro
4. Status quo at the other facilities.
5. Hosting a Tradition 3 workshop on August 29th at club 12 in Eau Claire

### **CVIG: Not Present**

### **WICYPAA: Cole K. (Co-chair)**

- Explained process of putting a bid together for 2017 WICYPAA Conference. Next meeting July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 3pm at 111 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Eau Claire, WI for next planning meeting, positions are open.

### **Group Updates:**

- Monday meeting at UU (5pm) is now giving out medallions for sobriety milestones. Jim P.
- Jim D. River Falls 12x12 Group- Friday night 12x12 in River Falls at the Alano Club, 8pm.
- Loren B. – Sand Creek Group – Only church in Sand Creek, Tuesdays at 8pm.
- Discussion about adding groups near district 5, but not in the district or in a dark district, to be added to the meeting list. Asked GSR’S to ask groups if they’d like to be added to the list.

### **DCM Report: Nicholas**

- I attended/participated in workshop in Lake Tomahawk, visited workshop in Rhinelander.
- I attended the international in Atlanta, stay tuned for next month’s district view!

**Old Business:** Discussion for Mary Jo R. coming to give her report to district. Oct, Nov, and Dec thrown out as a possibility. Nicholas will contact her and see if that will work for her.

### **AD HOC GUIDELINES RECOMMENDATIONS!**

All grammatical/formatting errors will be given directly to the AD Hoc Committee. **Results of discussion in RED.**

- Page 8 – Under eligibility, change “normally served as GSR” to reflect GSR positions previously held as a requirement. **Change it to “Normally serve as GSR’S...”**
- Bottom of Page 8 – Appoint v. Elect. **Change “appoint replacement...” to elect replacement”**
- Discussion from AD Hoc Committee Members on Voice (officer/Committee chair) v. Vote (GSR) adding language for those who hold GSR and officer positions. The intention of the

draft is to say that an individual in this position will be able to vote using their “GSR-hat”  
**Leave vote wording as is.**

- Page 11 – Archivist v. Archives Chair, **Leave Wording.**
- Why do certain positions contain the phrase: “Attend as many District 05 functions as possible” and others do not? **Add to Archives and Grapevine positions, “Attend as many District 05 functions as possible”**
- Defining a Quorum? As the guidelines are written, it is a majority, with a tie being broken by the DCM. **Leave as is.**
- Page 6 – DCM letter c – “district group conscience at these events” The district does. **Change “the DCM represents the District at these events”**
- Bottom of page 6 – Change wording of reimbursement – The area doesn’t currently reimburse. **Leave as is.**
- Language of reimbursement of alternate DCM. **Leave as is.**
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**New Business:** Service Structure Guidelines Voting, and Elections

**NEXT MEETING AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

### **A Call for Stories**

In response to the 2015 General Service Conference recommendations the trustee’s Literature committee is seeking stories from AA members for the following: *(In 2014, the trustees’ Literature committee requested that, whenever gathering sharing, consideration be given to stories from disabled veterans and from non-believers).*

**AA for the Woman** the pamphlet be revised by gathering current sharing from women in AA,” including “stories from women in the military, single mothers, and women of diverse backgrounds,” the trustee’s Literature Committee is seeking stories from women in AA.

**AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic** the pamphlet be revised to include a wider range of AA recovery experience. We are seeking stories from gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or gender nonconforming, especially regarding being a newcomer and sponsorship. *(Note: the title of the pamphlet will also be revised to reflect this broader scope.)*

**AA recovery experience from members with mental health issues, and from those who sponsor such members, for inclusion in literature on this topic.**

Manuscripts should be 500-800 words, doubled spaced, in 12-point font. Please include your complete name, address and email/phone information. The anonymity of all authors will be observed, whether or not their story is selected for publication. Please email your sharing to: Literature@aa.org and put “A.A. for the Women” in the subject line of the message. Or, you may mail it to Literature Coordinator, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. The deadline for submissions is October 15, 2015.

“Konnichiwa,” he said to me. “Hi,” I said back, a different literal language, but still language of the heart. I was sitting in the corridor of Georgia World Congress Center reflecting before speaking on the “Just For Today” panel when this man, Hope, sat next to me and offered me a snack. He was from Japan and a sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 35 years! He spoke for a few minutes and as I departed he gave me a book mark his wife had sent with him made of dried flowers and “One Day at a Time” written in Japanese.

Moments such as these were abundant at the 80th celebration of Alcoholics Anonymous in Atlanta, Georgia over the July 4th weekend. 60,000+ gathered from around the world to celebrate the program that saved our literal lives and re-created our emotional lives.

I was humbled to be asked to speak on a panel which I shared with a lady from New Zealand and a gentleman from Norway – what an experience! I saw many of you from District 05 in Atlanta which gave me a sense of gratitude to know I am surrounded by members as passionate about AA as I am. That isn't to say you need to travel to the International to be passionate, I see immense passion in our District on a continual basis. We are blessed with an active district, active groups, and active members. The real passion happens when any one alcoholic works with another alcoholic.

The next conference is in Detroit in 2020, this is an experience you must not miss. We know you will not want to miss it. Many groups set up savings accounts for the members to set aside \$5 or \$10 a week to help save and commit to going. It is a wonderful group activity. See you in Detroit!

District 05 Elections are next month! We will be electing DCM, Alternate DCM, Treasurer, Secretary, as well as committee chairs (including Grapevine). Please be thinking of these positions and look around your groups for qualified candidates and encourage them to participate in our legacy of service. If you have not been to a district meeting, please join us. They are the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 6:45 at the Menomonie Leisure Center and are open to all AA members.

Yours In Service, Nicholas S District 05 DCM

## **Anonymity Resource Memorandum from GSO Public Information Desk**

From Jim M P.I. Coordinator - Warm Greetings from the Public Information desk at your General Service Office! I have two items to share with you.

### **I. Anonymity Resources on AA.org**

The following is an excerpt from an Additional Committee Consideration from the 2015 Conference P.I. Committee:

*Considering the immediate need for guidance on the use of social media by A.A. members, the committee asked the staff secretary to share information with all P.I. committee chairs and area delegates about existing literature that offers suggestions regarding A.A. principles and the Internet. The distribution of this information should correspond with the launch of the new Anonymity Resource Page planned for the aa.org website, which promises to be a useful tool for sharing information on this vital topic with A.A. members, the media, and the general public.*

In light of this suggestion, we are pleased to announce the launch of a new resource page on AA.org: “Anonymity – A Vital Spiritual Principle,” a gathering point for shared experience about “the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions” which can be found here: [http://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/anonymity-a-vital-spiritual-principle](http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/anonymity-a-vital-spiritual-principle)

The new page includes the recently created video “Why Anonymous?” as well as links to the following resources: Service material: “Anonymity Online,” and “A.A. Guidelines – Internet” Conference-approved literature: pamphlets and books such as “Understanding Anonymity,” *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* and *A.A. Comes of Age*. The Annual Anonymity Letter to Media. We hope you’ll take some time to explore the resources here, and share this new page with A.A. groups and members in your local fellowship. You may also wish to pass along the recent Box 4-5-9 article “Anonymity and the International Convention” which includes information about anonymity and social media.

## **II. Working with Your Local Press**

I also wanted to pass along some suggestions for approaching local news outlets regarding stories of A.A. in your community. The Public Information Workbook has suggestions on pages 17-22 about how to approach the press. Below are some potential story ideas that we've come across here on the P.I. Desk. Of course, the anonymity of A.A. members should be maintained by us in all news stories.

**International Convention** – Are there local A.A. members travelling great distances to attend? If so, you might suggest a story about local A.A. members “Sharing the Journey.” What about those who are not going? It might be interesting note that while a portion of our 2 million members worldwide will be at the Convention, most of our members are staying home, making sure the coffee is on and “Keeping the Doors Open” so alcoholics in your community can find the same experience, strength and hope that we're celebrating in Atlanta (you might also share the International Convention press release).

**Local cooperation with professionals** – Has the C.P.C. committee put on any presentations for health care, legal, or treatment professionals? What about P.I. talks given at local schools? Information about these A.A. service efforts are often welcomed by local journalists.

**New local A.A. resources or new A.A.W.S. publications** – You might share information with the press about the launch (or update) of a new local A.A. website or hotline that makes it easier for the community to find local A.A. meetings and get information about A.A. While it is now a year old, the pamphlet “Many Paths to Spirituality” might be of interest to a reporter who would like to help readers understand that A.A. is spiritual, not religious. Last year, some local committees received media coverage for local “Big Book birthday!” events in celebration of the 75th anniversary of our basic text.

Two sample ‘pitch’ letters to broadcast outlets can be found on page 40 of the P.I. Workbook. While the content you'll see there was developed to offer our P.S.A.s, these letters can be modified as needed to suggest a local A.A. story on topics such as those described above. Please feel free to share examples with your P.I. desk here at G.S.O. if you should develop local pitch letters about A.A. in your community!

**The District View is a nonprofit newsletter published by District 5 in Area 74 for the purpose of providing local communication between the district committee, groups within the district, and individual AA members.**

**It is published monthly for members of the AA fellowship. Electronic subscription to The District View is free.**

**Print subscriptions are available at the cost of \$10 per year but members are urged to use the electronic option. Approved AA related fliers may be inserted into the District View for a nominal fee, contact the editor for more information.**

**Monthly District 05 Events:** District 05 Monthly GSR Meeting is held at 6:45pm, on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Leisure Center, 1412 Sixth St., Menomonie, WI. Any members are welcome to attend.

District 05 Committees offer AA service opportunities for alcoholics who want to help carry the AA message. **Unless otherwise noted, committees meet at Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.**

**Treatment Facilities Committee** meets at 6:45pm on the 2nd Monday of every month.

**Corrections Committee** meets QUARTERLY (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) at 7:45pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee** meets at 7pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at Club 12 in Eau Claire.

**Public Information Committee** meets on the ODD months (Jan, Mar, May, etc.) at 6:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at River Falls Alano club

**Chippewa Valley Intergroup** meets at 6:30pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

\*\* Care is taken to include all events. If your event is not listed we regret the error. To list your group's event please contact your GSR, any district officer, or the newsletter editor before the 20th of the month preceding the event.

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