

Area 63 Business Meeting  
Rapid City, South Dakota  
October 23rd, 2004

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Estelle G. Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Paul W.--Read How It Works  
Ken D.--Read 12 Traditions  
George R.--Read 12 Concepts

**DELEGATES' REPORT** – Perry G., see website or attached sheet

**ALTERNATE DELEGATES REPORT**—John T.  
Motion made and accepted to approve report as read.

**SECRETARY REPORT** – Randy M.,  
Motion made and seconded to approve minutes as mailed out.

**TREASURERS' REPORT**—Sheryl T., see attached  
Motion made and seconded to approve report as read.

### DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1- No report

District 2- Terry M., DCM

Our district has 22 registered groups from Rapid City to Kadoka. as of now we are taking meetings into JSC, the Jail and helping District 13 go to Custer Star Academy. We are also putting on meetings in Black Hawk Treatment Center. Full Circle has given a request to have speakers come in to their facility, to help the young ladies see what AA is about. In service Terry M.

District 3-Patsy Left Hand Bull. , DCM.

District three is basically the same as my last report. Martin, White River, Mission, St. Francis & Kyle are open when they say they will be. Parmalee, Porcupine, Allen and Wanblee are hit and miss. This makes district directories hard to put together as we don't want to send anyone to a locked out meeting. District 3 DCM and alternate have been unable to attend any of the area functions and have not held any district meetings for quite some time. This will be addressed during our next district election. White River out of towners group is hosting a retreat in the Black Hills this wknd. and also had a campout at Ghost Lake near Rosebud during Area 63's Summer Workshop. These scheduling conflicts make it extremely difficult to pull the groups together. Tomorrow starts a brand new day and we will continue to carry the message in District 3. Respectfully submitted Dean B.

District 4- Bob G., DCM.

There are 11 groups in the District. Attendance is poor at our district meeting. District 4 will be involved in the Tri- state workshop in Jan. 22, 2005 to be held at South Sioux City, Neb. Next district mtg. 11-21-04 at 2:00 at 12/24 Club. In service Bob G.

District 5- Jim M., DCM

District suffers from apathy during summer and fall. Attendance is down at district but at most of the group levels. We elected a public outreach person and an institution person. We travel to speak and put on 25 meetings at institutions. We are cooperating with Beresford group on the prisons in Springfield and Yankton. We also provide 6-8 meetings a month at the state penitentiary in S.F. We could have 2 more meetings a week there if we could get some more help. If you can help please contact me for clearance applications and we would be glad to expand some more. Our district Halloween party is Oct. 29 in Tea, S.D. everyone is welcome to attend. We are working on combining with other districts in our area to expand our Intergroup. Your friend in service Jim M.#941-0854

District 6-Steve K., DCM

Working on 2005 Spring Conference. Changed district mtg from monthly to every other month. Planning a district event for early spring. Updating meeting schedules. In service Lisa R. for Steve K.

District 7-Mel J., DCM

We are experiencing the loss of Nancy L. long time service member of A.A. Thank you for your Prayers in her passing she will surely be missed from her home group to the Area 63 service structure.

Our district consist of 11 active groups our dist. area covers from I-90 Murdo to Mobridge. Recently Dist 7 hosted a Big Book Study in Pierre in Sept. By Walt C. from Loveland, Col. good participation and a good through study we had a potluck in Steamboat park after the study. From Selby jail mtgs. to Vivian house mtgs. The District continues in its efforts to carry the message of recovery. Respectfully submitted Mel J.

District 8- Brian H., DCM

Our district continues to meet on a regular basis. Our area 63 Delegate (Perry G.) attended our Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and gave his report. Recommendations from the summer workshop were reviewed. We also continued our consideration of hosting some type of function or workshop. At our Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting the results of the groups conscience concerning workshop recommendations were shared. Feedback concerning hosting a function was also received. It was decided to go with a Sponsorship Celebration. This will be held Jan 8<sup>th</sup> in Huron at the KC Hall (21<sup>st</sup>&Frank ave. SE ) Snow date Jan 15<sup>th</sup>. Flyers available at the registration table. Meeting schedule for 2005 was set at this meeting and the round robin sched. redone to coincide with groups currently in district. In service Brian H.

District 9- Jim K., DCM

Our district has 7groups in three towns, Brookings, Watertown, and Clearlake. We will be distributing 2005 Grapevine calendars to all groups in our district with all District 9 and Area 63 events penciled in to the appropriate dates. We are bidding to host the 2006 Spring Conference in Watertown. District 9 will also host the 2005 MWWS in Pierre this Feb. Low attendance at district meetings and lack of AA meetings in the small towns in our district continues to be a problem.

District 10- Ted E. no written report

District 11- Norm G., DCM

On Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Beresford hosted the District 11 meeting. It was very well attended. All the groups in the district, Alcester, Beresford, Canton, Centerville, Elkpoint, Irene, and Parker were all represented. There were 6 GSR's present. A potluck supper was served and enjoyed by the group. Perry G. gave a report on his trip to GSO and answered many questions about GSO from the members. Thank You Perry for making our meeting a great one. The groups in the district are holding their own. Gain some new member and also lose a few. Alcester is having meeting sometime after Jan 1, prior to the workshop in Feb. Yours in service Norm G.

District 12- No report

District 13- Derek B, DCM

All groups are doing well and growing. Since Dean C. relocated due to work Derek B. is now DCM and Bob M. is now the Alternate DCM. Jail meeting are going well in Sturgis. Although not specifically a District 13 function members from District 13 and 2 are taking meetings into Star Academy once a month, if you are interested in being involved you can see Wayne K. or Linda L. for more information. District 13 is throwing their annual New Years Eve Bash and there will be a live band this year, there are flyers on the table. The district is also having a traditions workshop on January 22<sup>nd</sup> next year for more information you can see myself Bob M. Thank you Yours in service Bob M.

## **CONFERENCE REPORTS**

### Fall Conference 2004. District 2

Thanks for everyone coming this weekend so far the count for this weekend is649. The help we've had has been tremendous over the past year and especially this weekend. We put on a lunch in at noon on Friday for the professional committee, which turned out great. John T. spoke on what AA is and isn't and Perry G. told his story. The professionals were very responsive to the meeting and asked many questions. Our hotline representative had cards placed on the tables with the area website and hotline # on them and they seemed to disappear.

Yours in service, Terry M.

### Spring Conference 2005. District 6

We are ready to start pre-registration. We have registration forms available here to day Rich G. is our registration chair, please see him to register. Entertainment will be finalized at our next meeting. Also we will finalize all of the little details at our next meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you all in May 2005. Sheryl T.

### Fall Conference 2005 District 13 Holiday Inn, Spearfish Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005

The committee has been meeting monthly and met last after the regular Deadwood meeting October 21. We have selected a theme and have preliminary fliers available this weekend. All the committee chair positions have been filled. The old Timers meeting criteria is still being discussed and will be decided during our next regular meeting which will be January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The speaker chair reported we have all of the weekend speakers confirmed (two Al-Anons and three). Yours in service Wayne K.

### CPC Luncheon Report

We talked with a lot of AA's that work in the professional community. We obtained a lot of good contacts through these people. I informed them of the luncheon and what we are doing. They invited professionals through the information I gave them. 43 professionals were invited by e-mail. We also mailed out about 130 letters to clergy and lawyers. We got little response from the letters. 40 professionals in total came 3 clergy, 1 lawyer, 4

police and a few other agencies were there. John T. shared what AA is and isn't and brought up a lot of misconceptions. Perry G. shared his experience with AA and the disease of alcoholism. They both did a great job. We received a lot of contacts and requests for more information. Thanks to everyone Jaqi

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Public Information- Doug S. Chair

Participating in the PI Committee were Darla, Susan, Anne, Doug, & Webmaster John. Anne gave us update on PSA distribution in the Rapid City area. She and Jaqi have distributed vhs and beta tapes and trailers to the TV stations. Susan and Darla are planning to pursue distribution in the Sioux Falls area. John gave us an update on the website. E-mails continue to come in asking for directions to meetings. There was little to no positive feedback from the groups concerning continuing the Area Newsletter. John J. expressed willingness with members if they want to pursue adding a newsletter type feature to the website. The PI Committee has no recommendations. Respectfully submitted Doug S.

### Cooperation with the Professional Community-Jim M. Chair.

- 1) Discussed Public Outreach Luncheon Jaqi will give report
- 2) Discussed letter to professionals, thanks to Perry for his help getting it on the website.
- 3) Discussed putting together a letter as a form letter for use in Public Outreach.
- 4) Discussed creating an agenda form on how to put a P.O. function on.
- 5) Considered sending a request to General Service Conf. a request for a list of how to's on Public Outreaches.
- 6) No recommendations.

### Literature/Grapevine Report- Josh T. Chair.

- 1) Discussed newly released Literature.
- 2) Discussed ways to promote GV
- 3) Set-up computer- screen to demonstrate grapevine on-line.
- 4) Discussed presentation of directories, meetings, etc. Available online.
- 5) Discussed General Service Agenda items.
- 6) No recommendations.

### Remote Communities Report- Dean B. Chair

- 1) We reviewed the proposed "Special Needs Survey" sheets and made additions. These will be used to gather info about the groups in Area 63 and their members.
- 2) We discussed the categories of questions that may go into a survey sheet for gathering info about "Remote" AA members in Area 63
- 3) Reviewed the contents of the Committee binder. Past agenda items will be retained for Archival purposes.
- 4) Discussed materials available from GSO's Literature catalog. Pamphlets for Native Americans and other ethnic groups are used frequently.

### Policy/Admission/Agenda- John T. Chair.

- 1) See attached sheets (2) Committee Report and Meeting Proposal Report.

### Archives- Sandy B. Chair.

- 1) Continue to follow guidelines for collection in archives workbook and AA guidelines from GSO. Archives committee is also suggesting that districts and or groups order a Archives Workbook.
- 2) No new items turned in at this time. Please keep in mind that group history sheets are available at all workshops and conferences. Or contact committee chair or members for more info.
- 3) Discussed and tabled Archives Workshop
- 4) Discussed possible agenda items for 2005 General Service Conference. No agenda items will be submitted.
- 5) Discussed giving the area groups the opportunity to display four small display cases filled with area archives.
- 6) Bill for storage was turned in for 6 months- next billing due in may 2005
- 7) Jack S. & John E. will be checking into the AA Archives Website possibly has info at workshop or later date.

### Finance- Sheryl T. Chair. ----See attached financial report.

- 1) Reviewed the treasurer's report for accuracy.
- 2) Discussed ways to put together a 7<sup>th</sup> tradition poster & flyer. Will put together at winter workshop. Also discussed sending a copy to all registered groups.
- 3) Discussed an audit sheet to be completed by both the treasurer & chair. Decided to add a copy of the bank statement to treasurer's report that has been stamped approved by area chair and treasurer with signatures from both. Last statement of year would be added to the yearly treasurers report.
- 4) Committee will look at past statements that have been audited by chair & treasurer.
- 5) Discussed and decided to do a thank you for the end of the year to each group along with amount of their donation for the year.
- 6) Discussed and decided to send a copy of the donations sheet to each registered group.
- 7) Discussed having the area treasurer going out to districts and groups to share the importance of the area being self-supporting.

Report and Charter- Randy M. Chair.

- 1) Reviewed minutes and accepted as written.
- 2) Reviewed current mailing list, which consist of Area Officers, DCM, GSR's, or contacts out of AA directory.
- 3) Reviewed bids for 2006 spring conference and fall conference and accepted both.
- 4) Discussed group information and need to utilize GSO's area computer program to keep group info up to date.
- 5) Brent made new DCM report format. We reviewed and accepted. Will be available next workshop.
- 6) Brent made new committee format, we reviewed and accepted it, and put to use this committee session.
- 7) Discussed non-profit status/ need, will talk with treasurer.
- 8) Listed agenda items for mid winter workshop.

Correctional and Treatment Facilities Committee- Mitch B. Chair.

- 1) We reviewed and discussed the on going activities of the bridge the gap progress
- 2) Discussed the GSO correction facilities recommendation to include the singleness of purpose statement into the pamphlet, a message to correctional professionals.
- 3) Discussed the best ways to approach educating the public on AA's singleness of purpose, especially of treatment and corrections facility meetings.
- 4) Discussed electing a new secretary for the committee, and we tabled this at this time.
- 5) We distributed volunteer forms for both the BTG programs and for South Dakota Penitentiary Access to members who are willing to help out.

Web Managers Report- John J.- Webmanager

Plans are in the works to consolidate Town meeting lists into District Listing format, as one way of letting folks know what meetings are near them, in the event a meeting is not in their town. I have received a lot of emails asking "what meeting is closest to me". Someone searching our website can click a district and find out what towns have meetings, and what is nearest to them. Example is District 2 is now accomplished. I now have info to get district 4, 5, and 11 done also. Look for those to be up next few weeks. I need to get with DCM's and at least get a current meeting list for their District. Also, the computer has internet access today and we can do meeting updates here, as long as the internet connection stays with us..... GSR's and other group members are invited to give input so we can update individual meeting info. Today so far we have gotten Yankton's meeting list, and District 4 meetings confirmed and up to date. Also Hot Springs has been updated. Thanks to those GSR's. I had asked for the District meeting lists last Workshop and had received them from some of the DCM's, but over the summer/fall they were misplaced or lost. Sorry to have to ask again. BadWebmanager!! Again, as long as the internet stays with us today, feel free to come over and look the website over or offer new information to incorporate. Respectfully submitted John J.

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Sturgis AA Group Website [www.sturgisaa.org](http://www.sturgisaa.org)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**\*\*Note:** These recommendations were taken to area groups after summer workshop results are as follows.

- 1) **(PASSED) Committee recommends we trial a one day workshop with the enclosed schedule at the Feb. 2005 Winter Workshop. (See attached sched.)**
- 2) **(PASSED) Committee recommends that the area approve the proposed 2005 Budget.**
- 3) **(PASSED) Committee recommends that the treasurer keep 5years worth of financial records and that any records older than 5years be given to Archives to hold onto.**

**NEW BUISINESS**

- 1) **Report and Charter received and accepted bids from District 9 for the 2006 Spring Conf. and District 2 for the 2006 Fall Conf.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 63**

February 2005 Area 63 Winter Workshop Feb 19<sup>th</sup> Holiday Inn Express, Pierre, S.D.  
May 2005 Area 63 Spring Conference May 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Aberdeen, S.D. contact Sheryl T. (605) 380-8476  
March 2005 West Central Regional Forum March 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Best Western Ramkota Hotel Rapid City S.D.  
Sioux Empire Round-Up March 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Sioux Falls, S.D.  
Rushmore Round-Up March 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Rapid City, S.D.  
May 2005 Area 63 Spring Conference May 13<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> Aberdeen, S.D.  
September2005 Fall Conference Sept.30<sup>th</sup>-Oct.2<sup>nd</sup> Spearfish, S.D.

Workshop in Pierre. We propose changing our Area meeting format from the current two conferences and two workshops per year to the following proposal:

## **Policy/Admission/Agenda Committee**

### **Proposal to Change Area Meeting Format**

The Policy/Admission/Agenda Committee is forwarding the following proposal for group conscience consideration and feedback with further committee discussion to be held at the 2005 Winter Area 63 would hold three Area Assemblies per year to be held in the winter, spring, and summer to conduct Area business. Timing of these meetings would be based on the schedule of the General Service Conference to provide our fellowship the best possible opportunities for timely communication and feedback with our Delegate. The format of these meetings would be similar to our existing workshops. The location and exact dates of these assemblies will be determined by the Policy/Admission/Agenda Committee and would be submitted annually to the fellowship for their approval. Action items could be brought forward at each assembly under new business as they currently are at the workshops. New business items approved by the assembly would then be taken back to the fellowship for their group conscience. These items would then be voted up or down as old business at the following assembly, as they currently are at the conferences.

Area 63 would conduct one Area Conference per year each fall. This event would be hosted in cooperation with the Area committee by any District committee with a facility available to accommodate 600 attendees. The new annual Area Conference would retain some aspects of our existing conferences which would include Speaker meetings, an Old-Timer's meeting, Red Eye meetings, Call-Up meetings, social functions and a Delegates report. The Area Business Meeting currently held at the conferences would be replaced by more fellowship-inclusive activities designed to educate and stimulate interest in all three legacies of AA. Opportunities for participation would be available throughout the day to all in attendance. GSR workshops, panel presentations on the service structure, forums with open microphone participation from the fellowship, topic breakout sessions, and humorous skits on the Traditions are examples of the types of activities which could be held at the Area Conference in place of the current business meeting. Conceptually, our new annual Area Conference would combine the roundup-like aspects of our existing conferences with the education and participation aspects of a service workshop.

We believe that Area 63 would benefit by adopting the above proposed change because:

- 1) It would be a more efficient way to conduct business than our current system;
- 2) It would give the Area an opportunity to educate newcomers, stimulate interest in, and share experiences on all three legacies of AA at the Area Conference;
- 3) It would give all Area Conference attendees an opportunity to participate;
- 4) It would give more flexibility to build our schedule around the GSC schedule;
- 5) It would reduce the financial risk of a poorly attended Spring Conference.

We welcome and encourage your feedback and comments concerning this proposal.

# **Policy/Admission/Agenda Committee**

## **2004 Fall Conference Committee Report**

Committee discussed the Area Policy Handbook and committee members will review the draft working document for further committee discussion and proposed changes at the Winter Workshop. A suggestion was forwarded from the AAWS General Manager to “Keep It Simple”. Often the experience of other Areas has been that if too much information is codified in the form of an Area Handbook, the “rules” stifle future Area Committees from seeking their own solutions at that point in time from the Conference Approved guidance laid out in the AA Service Manual and from the spontaneous divine guidance of the Higher Power expressed in our collective group conscience.

Committee continued discussion of the need for a larger facility in which to hold the Winter and Summer Workshops. The Area will meet in a different facility at the Winter Workshop because the Pierre Chamber of Commerce building is not available. Chairman John T. will investigate options for meeting facilities in Pierre and will report back to the committee at the Winter Workshop.

Review and rewriting the Job Description and for the Committee Chair/Alternate Delegate was tabled until the Winter Workshop.

Committee discussed the time frame for the submission of agenda items to the Alternate Delegate for developing conference and workshop committee agendas. The committee recommended that agenda items need to be submitted to Alternate Delegate at least one month prior to the conferences and workshops. The Alternate Delegate will then draft copies the agendas and forward them to the respective committee chairs for additions and changes at least three weeks prior to the conferences and workshops. The committee chairs will then forward any changes to Alternate Delegate at least two weeks prior to conferences and workshops for drafting the final committee agendas.

Committee discussed at length a proposal introduced at the Summer Workshop to change the Area meeting format from the current two conferences and two workshops per year to three area assemblies and one conference per year. The committee further developed and is forwarding in these Area Minutes, a version of that proposal to the fellowship for their discussion and feedback. All GSR's, DCM's, and Area Committee members are asked to discuss this proposal with your Home Groups and bring suggestions and feedback to the Policy/Admission/Agenda Committee for further discussion at the Winter Workshop.

Please find the “Proposal to Change Area Meeting Format” attached in the Area Minutes.

Respectfully submitted by John T.; Area Delegate/Committee Chair

**Proposed one day workshop schedule**

8:00am –8:30am Registration – rolls, coffee	2:00pm –2:15 Break
8:30am – 9:15am Delegates report	2:15pm – 3:45pm Business meeting
9:15am –9:30 Break	3:45pm –4:00pm Break
9:30am – 12:00pm Committee breakouts	4:00pm until done Business meeting
12:00pm –1:00pm Lunch served (Service panel during lunch)	Supper to be served
1:00pm –2:00pm Finish committee breakouts	8:00pm Open AA meeting

**CONFERENCE BIDDING SCHEDULE**

	MID-WINTER WORKSHOP PIERRE	SPRING CONFERENCE EAST-RIVER	MID-SUMMER WORKSHOP PIERRE	FALL CONFERENCE WEST-RIVER
Dates	After February 18 <sup>th</sup> and before 1 <sup>st</sup> weekend in March	First weekend in June	After August 15 <sup>th</sup> to avoid Labor Day weekend	In October or November
2000	Pierre	Watertown	Pierre	Rapid City
2001	Pierre	Aberdeen	Pierre	Spearfish
2002	Pierre	Brookings	Pierre	Rapid City
2003	Pierre	Watertown	Pierre	Spearfish
2004	Pierre	Sioux Falls	Submit bid for Fall Conference 2006	Vote on Fall Conference 2006
2005	Submit bid for Spring Conference 2007	Vote on Spring Conference 2007	Submit bid for Fall Conference 2007	Vote on Fall Conference 2007
2006	Submit bid Spring Conference 2008	Vote on Spring Conference 2008	Submit bid for Fall Conference 2008	Vote on Fall Conference 2008
2007	Submit bid for Spring Conference 2009	Vote on Spring Conference 2009	Submit bid for Fall Conference 2009	Vote on Fall Conference 2009
2008	Submit bid for Spring Conference 2010	Vote on Spring Conference 2010	Submit bid for Fall Conference 2010	Vote on Fall Conference 2010
2009				
2010				

**Note:** A bid for a conference needs to be submitted at the Pierre workshop 27 months prior to the event. East River will place bids at the winter workshop and West River at the summer workshop.

