

Area 63 Fall Conference Minutes: Sept 30 - Oct 2, 2005

Holiday Inn, Spearfish SD:

Estelle G. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DIST 1. No Report.

DIST 2. Terry M. DCM

25 registered groups. Meetings well attended. Literature is well stocked and Jails/Treatment Centers are well attended. Our hotline is being revamped and most groups are willing to participate. There was good feedback in district about the upcoming motion on the conference/workshops. Leads me to believe that information is getting where it needs to get, although there could be improvement. The monthly district meeting is the last Sunday at 5pm and elections will be held in October.

DIST 3: Lloyd S.

Martin SD has 6 or 7 groups. Porcupine & Wanbliee hold meetings occasionally. Last district meeting was held 6/08/05. No other meetings held since then. Difficulties exist with getting GSRs to come together to have regular district meetings.

DIST 4: Bob G.

Located in S/E SD. Have 10 groups. Planning the tri-state workshop in Jan 06 in S Sioux City NE. Still meeting at the Gateway treatment center. A new meeting may be established in Springfield. Difficulties include getting groups to show for the district meeting. They meet last Sunday of the month, at 1019 W 9th, 1224 Club.

DIST 5: Jim M.

Doing well. Still can only get 7-9 groups to participate. Planning a workshop on the history of AA and the principles of spirituality. It will be presented by the past archives chairperson & historian from GSO. The jail and prison meetings are going well. Participation is picking up. All the groups are showing growth and service work is picking up. They hosted the delegate Sept 10.

DIST 6: No Report.

DIST 7: No Report.

DIST 8: Brian H.

Located in East Central SD w/ 9 groups. Perry G gave his delegates report at the Sept 11th meeting in Mitchell. All district positions were filled during elections. Next meeting will be Nov 13 in Woonsocket. They're discussing hosting another "celebration" in Jan.

DIST 9: Jim K.

Located in Brookings, Clearlake and Watertown. The 2006 Spring Conference committee has been meeting and the speakers have been selected. Flyers are not ready yet. District elections were held in September. Leslie D will serve as DCM for 06-07. District meeting attendance remains low and contributions have dropped off as well. Some of the groups have processed the remote communities survey sheet send others have plans to complete them.

DIST 10: Custer - List of meeting times were given.

DIST 11: Norm G.

Centerville hosted its' annual gathering w/ potluck and speaker meeting Sept 17. Three speakers were Arvid S. (past delegate), Ron M. (Hawarden IA) and Perry G. (current delegate). Service work and the history of AA were the topics. 50+ were in attendance and enjoyed a great supper and speakers. Thanks to Centerville for being such great hosts.

DIST 12: Wayne - No report submitted.

DIST 13: Derek B.

Sturgis group started a women's big book study group, meeting at 5:30 Tuesday nights in the Episcopal church. They are holding elections within the district soon. Derek gave a "thank you" to Wayne K. and his committee for their service in organizing the Fall Conference. Adam D hosted the CPC/PI lunch-in, which was a resounding success. Cheryl B for her efforts at the registrations. Megan for all the warm hospitality we've received. John T for handling the money. Cecelia for all the Alanon work. Bob M for living up the great speakers,. Brian O for the entertainment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT & CHARTER (Policy Admissions)

Report and Charters met with policy and admissions committee in hopes to get a more clear directions for this committee.

ARCHIVES - Sandy B.

No new items turned in. The committee reviewed an accurate job descriptions for incoming chairperson. The committee has no outstanding agenda items. Tabled Fall agenda to become Winter workshop agenda. Committee discussed outlines of Area service work: collect inventory of archives material and display materials and history of Area functions; order more archives workbooks for requests.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Sheryl T.

Reviewed the job description for Area treasurer & the finance chair. **One update included that the area treasure needs to file for non-profit status every year instead of every three years.**

Considered items for the new committee to address:

1. Purchasing a sound system.
2. Consider a process for Area to pay for web access instead of requiring web master to pay w/ personal credit card and wait for reimbursement. No changes made; will continue on as we have in past.

Discussed opening a new checking account just for the web manager until discussion has been heard regarding ongoing expenses.

They composed agenda items for the next committee:

1. Review treasurer's quarterly report.
2. Audit checkbooks.
3. Follow up on purchasing a sound system.

CORRECTIONS / TREATMENT FACILITIES REPORT - Mitch B

1. They updated the C&T chairperson job description to include information relevant to BTG program duties. They will nominate Sam S as chairperson. Jean agreed to be an alternate and Marshal is our secretary.

2. They outlined the service work needed to be addressed. They placed an order for literature (\$334.95) to be distributed throughout the Area, and attempted to update the C&TF list to reflect new or current activities within these facilities. They made copies of the lists, so they are available for our committee or anyone who is interested in this information.

3. They drafted agenda items for our Winter workshop.

Mitch thank the area for allowing him to serve on this committee.

REMOTE COMMUNITIES / SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE -

1. Reviewed the "job description" for this committee chair. They reviewed the composition/scope and procedure document in the committee folder and the chairperson's job description. **They made notes on requested changes, but have not changed the documents. They penciled in additional change requests onto the "responsibilities" page.**

2. Ongoing Projects: The survey sheets have begun to trickle in and **the new committee members may need to redistribute and further encourage the GSRs to get their groups to fill out these two sheets and return them.** They discussed the idea of mailing these sheets and/or posting them on the Area Website.

Agenda Items:

1. Gather and review special needs and remote members survey sheets which have been returned from the groups.
2. Review the literature and tapes purchased for the committee.

POLICY/ADMISSIONS - John T.

Wrote job description for committee chair / Alternate Delegate.

Discussed need to finish area service workbook.

Discussed possibility of combining Report & charter & Policy/Admissions agenda committee.

Discussed how agenda items are gathered & distributed & considered suggestions to include agenda items in area minutes.

Discussed the need to update workshop & conference guidelines.

WINTER WORKSHOP AGENDA

Discussed combining duties of report & charter and Policy /Admissions/Agenda.
Complete Area service workbook.
Follow up on outcome of restructuring vote & update conference & workshop guidelines.

CPC - Jim M

10 people present. Discussed the job of the CPC Chairperson and their responsibilities. We also worked on what we could do if we got to one conference. They reviewed the job of the committee for new people.

PI COMMITTEE - Dough Sieck

Met w/ 8 members today. Reviewed distribution of TV & Radio public service announcements (PSAs). They discussed recent pamphlets distributed to doctors and health care offices. They reviewed the efforts of the past 2 years and offered their experiences for the benefit of those who might be interested.

CONFERENCE REPORT

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1. Turned in receipts envelope.
2. Cleaned and discarded old material and reviewed Area literature committee service positions and job descriptions.
3. Winter workshop needs to address Literature item #7 as placed in folder.
4. Registration was at 349.

West Central Regional Service Conference (WCRSC) Minneapolis, MN March 2-4, 2006.

2006 Winter Workshop: Pierre, SD April 1-2, 2006: hosted by District 13.

Spring Conference: June 02-04, 2006, Watertown Best Western Ramkota Inn

2006 Summer Workshop: Aug 19

2006 Fall Conference: - Oct 20-22, 2006, Rapid City Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn

Speakers: Tim H., Louisville KY; Ilene W., Los Angeles, CA; Sandy H., Boise, ID.
Chairperson: Todd T.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approved 2006 Budget

2. Policy/Admission/Agenda Committee submitted a motion to restructure AREA 63 meetings to the following:

The Area would hold (3) Assemblies in Pierre annually to conduct the business of the Area.

Spring Assembly: 1st weekend of April, unless that is Easter which would then be the 2nd weekend. This would be a 2-day meeting scheduled after the West Central Regional Workshop (WCRAASC) and before the General Service Conference (GSC) to inform the Area on GSC agenda items and to help prepare our delegate for the GSC. This weekend would be scheduled not to conflict with the Rushmore Roundup and Sioux Empire Roundup.

Summer Assembly: 2nd weekend in July, to hear the delegate's report, prepare the annual budget and conduct committee work.

Policy/Admission/Agenda committee would schedule actual dates during the summer Assembly, using the target dates as guidelines.

Winter Assembly: 3rd weekend of November, after Veterans Day and before Thanksgiving. This would be a one or two day meeting to conduct elections, discuss proposed GSC Agenda Items and conduct committee work.

Fall Conference would be more focused to fellowship with a speaker meetings, call up meetings; and social functions. Area 63 committee members, DCMs, GSRs and officers would hold breakout sessions, panel presentations, workshops and open microphone forums in place of the structured business meeting we currently hold.

The motion was seconded and brief discussion was heard. The assembly voted to approve the motion.

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The minority voice was heard to say that the past discussion regarding the motion had not been heard by all those in the assembly during this days' vote. The majority was poled and votes were reversed. The assembly voted to re-open the discussion, reversing the vote.

Discussion centered around the loss of an area function in East River, specifically the Spring Conference. There was a second motion placed and seconded to vote on the matter. The motion failed to pass and no changes were made to the schedule of Area 63 meetings.

3. Elections were held for the Area Officers and Committee Chairs. Listed are the new officers and committee chairpersons.

DELEGATE:	Estelle G.
ALT DELEGATE:	Norm G.
CHAIRPERSON:	Perry G.
TREASURER:	John T.
SECRETARY:	Chris D.
ARCHIVES:	Darla J.
CORRECTIONS:	Dean V.
CPC:	Brian H.
PUBLIC INFORMATION:	Terry M.
LITERATURE:	Lori P.
REMOTE COMMUNITIES:	Sandy B. (resigned following meeting.)
WEB MANAGER:	Ken W. (resigned following meeting.) Temporary Replacement: John Johnson