

Area 63 Spring Conference
Ramada Inn Aberdeen, S.D.
May 13th, 14th, & 15th, 2005

SD Area 63 AA Website www.southdakotaaa.org

Estelle G. Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Read How It Works
Read 12 Traditions
Read 12 Concepts

DELEGATES' REPORT – Perry G.,

ALTERNATE DELEGATES REPORT—John T. (Norm G. standing in)
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 (Report given by Eric H.)

Our district is alive and well currently our registered group count is 22 groups that spans from Rapid City to the town of Kadoka. Our district committee meets the last Sunday of the month of which every third month we have a district potluck that is hosted by one of our groups. We are in touch with five correction and treatment facilities on a regular basis and schedule meeting and individuals to host the various meetings. The district also puts on a beginners meeting on Sunday at the local club at 7:00pm as well. there is a hotline in place as well in the district, which is presently getting fine tuned in hopes that the suffering alcoholic can reach a live body other than a operator. Literature is dispersed widely among the community and kept full and finally Taylor H. has taken on the responsibility of the new P.I. on the district committee.

District 3-Lloyd S., DCM.

We have five groups in our district Martin, Mission, WhiteRiver, St. Francis and Kyle. Currently working on getting more of the GSR's to attend district meetings. Next district meeting will be in June or July. We are having difficulties getting people to commit to service work.

District 4- Bob G., DCM.

We are located in the southeast part of the state. There are nine groups in the district we meet at the 12-24 club at 2:00pm on the last Sunday of the month. We just started hosting AA meetings in the federal prison. Next district meeting June 26. Having troubles getting people to show up for meetings. Also lost Springfield group-disbanded.

District 5- Jim M., DCM

Participation is low only 9 groups out of 32 reporting. Southside and Westside are growing. Hilltop and Brandon still going strong. Founder's day for Westside 3rd wknd of June, Southside founder's day is on the 2nd wknd of July. Intergroup is having a volleyball tournament June 18th, 17 teams participated last year. We have started on prison meetings and are currently doing 7 a month between state and federal and trustees units. We now have 4 jail meetings a week between county and work release, but participation by inmates in the jail is spars. Any and all help anyone can give us would be greatly appreciated.

District 6-Steve K., DCM

We have spent the majority of our time and effort focusing on this conference.

District 7- Mel J., DCM (Ronnie L. standing in)

Our dist. has not done anything since the passing of our DCM, Nancy L. We have not had enough people to hold a meeting. The Alt. DCM did inform me he could not take the vacant DCM position. So we will try to hold an election before summer workshop. There is some talk of a new meeting at a youth center in Pierre. I will try to find out more and hopefully the new DCM will report on it at the summer workshop.

District 8- Brian H., DCM

We continue to meet on a regular basis. Our last meeting was May 1st in Huron. Have been discussing possibility of doing a weekend outing maybe tubing on the Nibrara River. Also looking into the interest of hosting another workshop. Groups are reporting varying attendance with a few spurts of new comers.

District 9- Jim K., DCM

Includes Brookings, Clearlake and Watertown. District meetings still have low attendance. Our annual Mini-conference was held in Watertown in march. I was ill and not in attendance. Overall attendance was low. Many thanks to Don from Redfield for sharing his experience, strength and hope. Groups, which do not have a GSR, do continue to support the district financially and their contributions are appreciated. The District 9 committee was able to finance the DCM's attendance at the Regional Service Conference in Rapid City and I much appreciate that experience and all those in service in our region. Jail meetings continue in Brookings and Watertown. There are members focused on the 2006 Spring Conf. I have no currant report on their progress.

District 10- No report

District 11- Norm G., DCM

District 11 met at Beresford Club on April 24th. plans for a district function were made and discussed. It will be in Centerville on the 17th of Sept. Perry G. from Rapid City, Arvid from Centerville and Ron from Akron IA. Will be our speakers for the evening. Meat will be provided; side dishes and deserts will be potluck. There was a good discussion about service work and how we might get more people involved in it. Which included seeing that newcomers were involved. The clubs in the district are doing ok, holding their own. Beresford is starting a new meeting on Sun. nights at 7pm it is a non-smoking meeting. Five of the eight clubs in the district were represented.

District 12- No report

District 13- Derrick B., DCM

Our district is currently comprised of 9 groups operating in the five greater hamlets of the northern hills region. Preparations for Girls talk in Silver City, the first annual Paha Sahpa camp out and various camp outs and activities are underway. If your in our neck of the woods please check the SDAA website and drop in on us. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the fall conf. and don't forget the Sturgis Rally in Aug. Planning is currently underway for Bike week.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

Spring Conference 2005. District 6 Aberdeen, S.D. May 13-15 2005.

At last count we've had 171 people registered. There was a PI luncheon at noon yesterday with 24 professionals attending with a lot of questions asked and answered. A special thanks to Lucie for coordinating the luncheon Rich G.

Fall Conference 2005. District 13

Spearfish Holiday Inn Sept. 30, Oct.1-2, 2005.

The committee has been meeting regularly and met last after the regular Deadwood meeting May 5, 2005 We have finalized fliers and have them available for this weekend. All the committee chairs are actively working. Everything is on track. Our next regular meeting, which will be June 16, 2005. Yours in service Wayne K.

Fall Conference 2006. District 2

Location will be Rapid City, Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn Oct. 20-22, 2006. AA speakers Ilene W. LA, CA Sandy H. Boise, ID Tim H. Louisville, KY Committees are being formed more information will be available soon. For more info contact conf. chair Todd T. at (605) 574-9002

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Information- Doug S. Chair.

Our committee met today with six members. We discussed PSA distributions and received a report from Lucie on the CPC/PI luncheon held yesterday. We are planning to focus more on literature distribution in the next few months. We are submitting a \$100.00 budget increase for 2006. This would give us \$200.00 to use for distributing public information. We have no recommendations at this time.

- 1) Cooperation with the Professional Community-Jim M. Chair.
- 2) We met to discuss raising budget to accommodate public outreach luncheon. The increase would also allow us to help area districts out with luncheons where participation is low and funds are too.
- 3) We also discussed 1 conference setup and having a luncheon anyway, and still having 1 on opposite side of state from the conference.
- 4) Talked about going to medical schools and nursing schools to see if we can get them information before they become Dr.'s and Nurse's before our hospitals get a hold on them.
- 5) We have no new ideas to get more people involved.

Literature/Grapevine Report- Josh T. Chair.

- 1) Reviewed any Literature changes for General Service Conference.

- 2) Added intro to front of 12x12, revised stories for young peoples pamphlet, continue work on Spanish big book, add four paragraphs to "questions and answers on sponsorship", revised pamphlet on aa group, added mention of grapevine to "your gso", change pamphlet AA gays and lesbian alcoholics.
- 3) Reviewed changes at General Service Conference. AA's "singleness of purpose", change to service manual, change to membership survey.
- 4) Evaluated system for taking inventory of literature.
- 5) Composed 2006 budget (same)
- 6) Made agenda for summer workshop.

Remote Communities/Special Needs Report- Dean B. Chair

- 1) We reviewed the mailing list for the remote comm./special needs committee.
- 2) Reviewed the work in progress survey sheets to be used to gather information about AA members in Area 63. Who may be difficult to reach or who may have special needs.
- 3) Reviewed the Winter/Spring 2005 literature catalog and order forms to raise awareness of items available from world services, which are designed to carry the AA message to members with special needs.
- 4) Examples of some of these are: American Sign Language versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous and the 12x12 on VHS. Braille versions of the Big Book and the 12x12, Daily Reflections and pamphlets like "This is AA" or "Is AA for you" or "44 questions". Audiocassettes include the Big Book and the 12x12 and booklets like "Living Sober" and "AA in Prison-inmate to inmate". AA Guidelines available are "Carrying the message to the deaf alcoholic" and "Serving alcoholics with special needs."
- 5) Discussed acquiring some of the lower priced items to have as samples for the committee to use to raise awareness of what is available.
- 6) Discussed how the remote communities/special needs committee can be more active and effective. The completion of our survey sheets and the gathering of information from the surveys will help to raise awareness in Area 63 of where needs exist. Our task as a committee is to help the GSR's and DCM's learn of these needs and to be aware of the resources available so that they in turn may help their groups and districts carry the AA message to remote communities and members with special needs. Dean B. plans to attend the remote communities workshops being held near the international conference in July.
- 7) Discussed the committee's budget for 2006, no changes are requested.

Policy/Admission/Agenda- John T. Chair.

- 1) Policy committee continues to discuss changes in meeting structure
- 2) We will write a proposal at the summer workshop to have a one day workshop.
- 3) Discussed putting the policy handbook and recommendations on the website and CD. Lisa R will work on this
- 4) Proposed budget was \$100.00 less than present budget.

Archives- Sandy B. Chair

- 1) One new group added to our history book.
- 2) Printing up cover letter of what archives are doing in our district with storage funds committee.
- 3) We received no request for use of book cabinets from other districts.
- 4) Changed storage billing from twice a year to yearly.
- 5) Budget to stay the same.

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

- 1) Our committee started off by reviewing the treasurer's quarterly report for accuracy and auditing the conference and general fund checkbooks.
- 2) Discussed the 2006 budget for our committee and decided to cut the proposed \$100.00 committee expense per year to \$50.00.
- 3) We then discussed purchasing a sound system for area business meetings and decided to table the recommendation until the fall conference in Spearfish when the area assembly structure is voted on.

Report and Charter- Randy M. Chair.

- 1) Reviewed minutes and accepted as written
- 2) Reviewed Area 63 Data program and will mail DCM's copies of group info.
- 3) Reviewed cost for mailings.
- 4) Discussed budget for 2006 will stay the same as 2005.
- 5) We need more people on our committee.

Correctional and Treatment Facilities Committee- Mitch B. Chair. (George R. standing in)

- 1) Many new members with experiences to share, welcome. Received a request from district 2 for a case of big books to give to various corrections and treatment facilities. Among these will be the detox facility and work release programs in Rapid City. Please see me if you have a need for literature or big books for treatment and corrections facilities in your area.
- 2) There is a bridging the gap workshop weekend coming up on sept.9-11, 2005, in St. Joseph, MO. I have a copy of the information available, so please see me if you are interested in attending.

- 3) We received a request for some non-GSC approved literature, and discussed this in committee. It was generally agreed that this was probably not something that area funds would support purchasing.
- 4) Discussed how best to get people involved with putting on meetings in institutions.
- 5) Reviewed our committee's budget, and we have no recommended changes at this time.
- 6) Discussed purchasing C&T kits for our committee members, but decided that members change so frequently that they could be purchased individually.
- 7) No recommendations at this time.

Area 63 Webmanager's report,
Spring conference 2005

The South Dakota AA website continues to be a good resource for visitors and locals needing to find AA information.

I have answered a number of emails regarding meeting location information, conference information and one recent request to help locate a lost daughter who fell off the wagon.

Of that last request, I promised the distraught mother that I would forward the email to some contacts in that area, but could not promise results. AA's are not in the Private Investigation Biz but if some prayers for her daughter would help, I would certainly do my part.

At the Winter Workshop, I expressed a desire to get the financial obligations for the Southdakotaaa.org website and the Sturgisaa.org website separated and the entities responsible to get direct billing. When the websites were set up, both were being billed to the same person who set them up. Unfortunately after that billing was set that way, the now cannot be separated due to some issues the web provider has with Accounting.

Our options are now these.

1. Leave everything as it is. The Web Manager or the Area 63 Treasurer would need to put up a Credit Card, pay both websites and be reimbursed by Area 63 and Sturgis AA.
2. Create new Domain Names for both Websites, with new accounts; recreate the websites on the new accounts, each with separate billing. Both entities would need to provide credit cards for billing to pay for the Accounts.
3. Only one of the entities changes the domain name, with the other holding the old account, paying for only one website. New domain would set up a new account.
4. Seek out another domain and web hosting service as stable as the one we now employ with other billing options.

Yahoo.com web hosting now has another package deal that if we were to close out our present account it would save \$3 per month for the same services as we now have. Only catch is we can not have the same name, Southdakotaaa.org, the new domain name would need to be different. Same applies if we use another service.

I am just giving out the above for information purposes, and would be grateful for any input the fellowship would have. I would like to have this resolved prior to the next web manager taking his or her posting. The wheels of progress roll slow in AA and I will be as patient or expedient as the fellowship needs me to be.

Yours in service.

John J

Area 63 Webmanager.

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Sturgis AA Group Website www.sturgisaa.org**

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 63

August 2005 Area 63 Summer Workshop Aug 19th and 20th Holiday Inn Express Ft. Pierre, S.D.
Host Comm. Dist. 2, Service Panel Dist. 3, Sun. am mtg. N. Hills Recovery Group.

Sept-Oct 2005 Area 63 Fall Conference September 30th thru October 2nd. Holiday Inn Spearfish, S.D

September 2005 Sober Stock Aberdeen Sept 17th 2005

February 2006 Winter Workshop