

Area 63 Business Meeting  
Pierre, South Dakota  
Aug 21-22, 2004

## SD Area 63 AA Website ([www.southdakotaaa.org](http://www.southdakotaaa.org))

Estelle G. Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Eric H. Read How It Works  
Jessie F. Read 12 Traditions  
Sheryl T. Read 12 Concepts

**DELEGATES' REPORT** – Perry G., see attached

**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.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**- Estelle G.

### DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1- No report

District 2- Terry M., DCM

District 2 is made up of 22 registered groups from Rapid City to Phillip. Things are alive and well and we are trying to see how we can best serve the alcoholics in our district. Our meetings are held the last Sunday of the month at 5:00 pm at the alano club with a rotating meeting once every three months. The next district meeting is on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Aug. with a BBQ/potluck speaker and district meeting. The keep it simple group will be hosting and all are welcome to attend. Yours in Service Terry M.

District 3-Patsy Left Hand Bull., DCM.

Meetings are still being held with attendance being smaller during the summer months. Martin has added a Tuesday night step study/big book-reading meeting. District meetings are being scheduled quarterly but attendance is not good. Not every group has a GSR and not all care about service work. The District DCM & ALT. DCM have not been attending meetings regularly and fail to let the group know that they will not be there. White River & Mission groups are having a campout at Ghost Hawk Lake this weekend. Respectfully Submitted Lloyd S.

District 4- Jim S., DCM.

There are 11 groups in our district. Attendance is poor at district meetings. If your group is scheduled put meeting on at the Gateway (HSC) Treatment Center, and will not be able to attend please call and let the staff know. Sandi is looking for AA speakers/chairpersons for AA meetings for teenagers at Human Services Center 3515 Broadway Ave. Yankton, S.D. Phone # (605) 668-3418. In Service Bob G. (See attached schedule)

District 5- Jim M., DCM

We are still recovering from the Spring Conf. our members are 7-8 at each District meeting. We have 3 new groups forming, and we are in the process of registering them. We are still Caring the Message to 4 jail meetings and 5 prison meetings. We are still looking for some help with the prisons, so if you want to help contact me. Yours in Service Jim M.

District 6- Steve K. DCM

We meet monthly in Aberdeen. We are planning a district event for the spring. We have varied attendance at our District meetings, sometimes a couple GSR's, sometimes quite a few. We are working on the Spring Conf. for 2005. Sheryl T. is the chair for the conference. Speakers are lined up and confirmed. Hope to see you all there. Pre- Registration will be available in Oct. at the Fall Conf. Thanks

District 7- Nancy L., DCM

We have been planning a Big Book Study on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Walt C. from Loveland, Co. will be leading the study. We will start on Friday night at 7:00 pm and go as long as needed on Saturday. A potluck supper in the

park is planned. We will provide the meat. Flyers are on the back table. We are also planning a Speaker Workshop for a later time, more info to come. Respectfully yours Nancy L.

District 8- Brian H., DCM

We continue to meet 4 times a year. Round Robins have been well attended. District groups report steady attendance at meetings, and continue to make regular visitations to various treatment facilities. Our Area 63 Delegate Is scheduled to give his report at the next district 8 meeting, at the Mitchell 9<sup>th</sup> Street Clubhouse on September 12<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of District 8, I thank the Area for the opportunity to host this workshop. It has truly been a rewarding experience. What a joy to watch the “magic” of AA service at work. Thank You.

Yours in Service Brian H.

District 9- Jim K., DCM

Our district activity has slowed since the Annual Mini-Conference was held last April The Mini Conf. was well attended by members throughout the district. Jim M. and Doug S. traveled to share their Experience, Strength and Hope with us. The June and July District meetings had low attendance. The Watertown Gilbert group has elected a new GSR and an Alt. GSR. The District committee has delivered it's first Complimentary Literature Kit to the new Clear Lake Group The kit is offered to new groups which are started in towns which have no other AA meetings. Brookings members have been asked to gather a group conscience to determine whether they want to host the 2006 Spring Area Assembly. No answer has yet been received from them. There is no one from Brookings here today and so District 9 will not have a bid prepared. In Service Jim K.

District 10- No report

District 11- Norm G., DCM

On Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> we had a district meeting in Beresford, Four of the seven GSR's were present. First order of business was for the DCM to apologize to Marvin N. of Centerville. In my last report I stated that Marvin H. celebrated 43 years, where it should have been Marvin N. celebrating 43 years My sincere apologies. That's a lot of years to carry the message. Congratulations Marvin N. It was decided to have another district meeting on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be a potluck with the district furnishing the meat. We will be start with the meeting before the meeting at 5:00 or 5:30. The potluck supper will be served at 6:30 followed by a short district meeting. Perry G., Area 63 Delegate will be the speaker that night, Thank you Perry. Any groups wishing to attend are encouraged to do so and are welcome. Let's show Perry a real East River Welcome! The clubs in District 3 are all doing well. Attendance seems to be up and down which may be normal as maybe some people get well during the summer. There hasn't been much change since my last report in Feb. Alcester has started meetings again in the New Firehall on Friday nights at 8:00pm Yours in Service Norm G.

District 12- No report

District 13- Dean C., DCM

Our district committee continues to meet monthly & continues to rotate the meetings at the various group meeting places. This procedure continues to work well. Our district experienced some sudden changes when Dean C. our DCM, was offered and accepted an out of state job and had to resign and move all in the short time of less than 1 month. Derrick B. the ALT. DCM will fill the vacant position, but had a conflict and was unable to attend this wknd. We have a new CPC/PI committee chair along with a new C/T committee chair. The district is planning on a Tradition/Concepts workshop to be held in November, More details to follow. Meetings are currently being carried into Sturgis jail, Addiction Family Resource and Lawrence County has begun to allow it's work release inmates to attend AA meetings again this is awesome. The district did decide to discontinue its website as the information was repetitive & available on the area website

## **CONFERENCE REPORTS**

Spring Conference 2004 Submitted by Randy M. District 5

Our Spring Conference was a success with 323 people attending. With Al-Anon having 65 members and Alateen having 10 members attending. With most of our speakers being within driving distance we saved a lot of expense. We had a great time and it was an honor to serve on the committee. Surplus funds were returned to the state treasurer for dispersal. Yours in Service Randy M. (see attached financial report)

Spring Conference 2004 Public Outreach

District 5 hosted Public Outreach in Sioux Falls. We had a good turn out 24 judges & court services people. The meeting contained good participation and Q & A lasted almost an hour. We have a good working situation with the judges and they look forward to our yearly meeting. Your friend in Service Jim M.

Fall Conference 2004 Submitted by Terry M. District 2

Fall conference is coming along well. Speakers have been contacted often as well as the convention centers. We are meeting every two weeks on Sundays at 6:00pm with the next meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month. Once again the conference has moved from it's previous location at the Ramkota Hotel to the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn at 505 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. So make note and come join us. Yours in Service Terry M.

### West Central Region A.A. Conference 2005

Dates are March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. Location will be at the Ramkota on I-90. We also have the bank account set up. If you would like to volunteer to help contact the conf. chairman.

Respectfully submitted, John Evans WCRAASC Chairman

### Spring Conference 2005 Submitted by Sheryl T. District 6

The Conference is moving along. All speakers are booked. Hotel contract is signed and committee chairs in place. We are still deciding on band or DJ for entertainment. Pre-Registration is \$13.00 and we will be starting pre-registration at the fall conference. In Service Sheryl T.

### Fall Conference 2005 Submitted by Wayne K. District 13

The committee has been meeting monthly and met last after the regular Deadwood meeting August 19. The Spearfish Holiday Inn Convention Center is reserved for September 30, October 1 and 2, 2005. Rooms will be similarly priced as last year. The Conf. Alt Chair resigned as he has moved. It has become a custom in our district that the current DCM fills that position if they are willing. Derek from Belle Fourche our new DCM has accepted the position. The Conf. Treas. resigned because he is moving also. We had one member volunteer, Holly T. is now the new treasurer. The speaker chair reported that we have the same taper contracted and that we currently have four of the weekend speakers confirmed (two AI-Anons and AA). We are having discussion regarding the Old Timer Meeting criteria. The information is currently being taken back to the groups for discussion and input. We are having another Conference Theme Contest, with the person submitting the winning theme earning a free ice cream at the Ice-Cream Social. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Yours in Service Wayne K.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Public Information- Doug S. Chair

The PI committee met with 9 members attending. Anne F., Jaqi B., Kim D., Susan J., Darla J., John J., and Bob G.

- 1) We discussed Public Service Announcement distribution progress. Some TV stations have been contacted and all expressed willingness to air the PSA's but they must be in the proper format and the right process must be followed.
- 2) John J. our Web manager updated us on the website. We extensively discussed the future and format of the newsletter and decided to question the fellowship on their desires.
- 3) **Would it work to have some form of a newsletter or just the website?**

Respectfully Submitted Doug S.

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

Comm. members present were Jaqi B., Jim M., Brian H., and Bill B.

- 1) We helped familiarize Jaqi B. with our Conf. Public Outreach Program and discussed the success we had in Sioux Falls. S.F. has had success because most judges and professionals are all A.A. friendly.
- 2) We postponed discussion on newsletter, until we get a newer copy.

Your friend in service Jim M.

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

- 1) Out of committee we agreed to reduce inventory with in the area. A form will be available on the area 63 website to receive excess literature and view what's available now.
  - 2) We will track inventory going forward with 3x5 cards to be kept in a recipe card box. All inventory sold will be tracked this way.
  - 3) A letter will be sent out to all Area 63 groups we have contacts for to detail. A) What area inventory is now? B) A request to please order from Area first & order an form.
  - 4) District 10, Hot Springs received a pack of literature to help their groups get started and help them to order more literature in the future
  - 5) Gave workbooks and kits to C & T and Archives Committee
  - 6) \$61.25 was taken in from literature sales at the spring conf. and given to treas.
- We continued to discuss G/V subscriptions. / Concerns about where groups order literature./ Ordered workbooks for Archives Comm./ Will be bringing extra literature catalogs from GSO to next meeting this fall

### Remote Communities Report- Dean B. Chair

- 1) Committee considered creating a survey to send home with DCM's and GSR's regarding AA members with Special Needs or in Remote Areas to be filled out at their home groups and district meetings and return to the Area Remote Communities Comm. For the purpose of gathering info to determine needs.
- 2) Committee reviewed the definitions of "Remote Communities" Shut-in's, Rest homes, Reservations and Native Americans, Non English Communities (Mexican, Chinese, ) Farmers, Ranchers, Small Towns, Youth/Teens.
- 3) Committee discussed carrying the message to hospitals & nursing homes with AA literature and AA activities on reservations. Newspaper ads are used are used and cooperation and communication with professional alcohol and drug agencies are active in the southwest. Flyers are posted in public areas.

- 4) Remote Communities Committee has no recommendations.

Policy/Admission/Agenda- John T. Chair

- 1) Committee considered necessity and options for a larger facility (for workshops).
- 2) Committee reviewed Policy & Procedures handbook and are forwarding changes for further discussion.
- 3) Committee discussed. A) Function of committee. B) Revising Area 63 scheduling of workshops and conferences. C) What constitutes an agenda item?
- 4) **Committee recommends we trial a one day workshop with the enclosed schedule at the Feb. 2005 Winter Workshop.(see attached schedule)**

Archives- Sandy B. Chair

- 1) Reviewed and discussed guidelines in the Archives Workbook and AA Guidelines from GSO. Committee will continue to review and research types of items for Area 63 Archives collection.
- 2) Committee discussed acquiring handbook for setting up a AA Archives Repository. Committee may receive more info in Sept. concerning "Handbook". Once again we found info on setting up Repository in Archives Workbook and GSO guidelines.
- 3) Follow up on Archives Workbook and Markings subscription. Committee has a copy of Archives Workbook and Chairperson has started receiving "Markings" subscription. I brought copy to committee to share. Copies of Workbook ordered for new committee members.
- 4) Information was also shared with the committee about Area 64 Archives hosts 9<sup>th</sup> Annual National Archives Workshop, Held in Tennessee Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>
- 5) Committee discussed Archives Chairperson attending GSR-DCM sharing session, to gather some group history.
- 6) Committee has no recommendations.

Finance- Sheryl T. Chair---see attached third quarter report and 2005 proposed budget.

- 1) Committee considered sorting through the finance records. Considered how long the finance records should be kept with the treasurer.
- 2) Committee reviewed quarterly report & 2005 budget.
- 3) Once again discussed and approved that the area treas. could if they like purchase a PO Box for receiving area information & donations.
- 4) Discussed ways to show the groups & AA members how the area spends their contributions.
- 5) **Committee recommends that the Area approve the proposed 2005 Budget. (Passed floor vote 35-0)**
- 6) **Committee recommends that the treasurer keep 5 years worth of financial records and that any records older than 5 years be given to Archives to hold onto. (Passed floor vote 32-2)**

Report and Charter- Randy M. Chair

Committee members present, Brent H., Terry M., Randy M.,

- 1) Reviewed area minutes & accepted as mailed out.
- 2) Reviewed, discussed & recommend our committee change bidding schedule in Conference Guide to accept bids aprox. 27months prior to event. Found Conf. Committee's need more time to book hotel and speakers. No money will be advanced until 1 year prior to event, as per guidelines.
- 3) Reviewed updated group info. (No action taken)
- 4) Discussed and recommend procedure for accepting bids, when we receive 2 or more for same event. Committee's Procedure will be as follows. 1) Review bid for hotel accommodations and prices. 2) Committee will use spirit of rotation principle (ex. Which district hosted last couple years, whose turn is it?) 3) Review dates for conflicts with other AA events. Report and Charter Chair will add this procedure to Conference Guide.
- 5) Reviewed DCM report format Brent H. will create new form and bring to fall conf. in Oct.
- 6) Discussed methods for supplying minutes to area groups & members  
E-mail minutes./ Distribute area minutes to DCM's and let them make copies and distribute to GSR's in their district, with minutes still being mailed to area officers.
- 7) Committee has no recommendations

Correctional and Treatment Facilities Committee- Mitch B. Chair.

- 1) Discussed the continued progress of the BTG program. We have received more and more requests especially from the correctional facilities for contacts in the Sioux Falls area, and are in need of more volunteers.
- 2) Discussed the proper use of budget and what literature needs that are Area should help to try and supply, before contacting every institution. It was generally agreed that it would be more effective to try to find out what needs are present by contacting DCM's rather than each institution or facility.
- 3) Reviewed and discussed agenda items from the 2004 GSC.
- 4) Discussed wording of the BTG volunteer pamphlet, which states that one of the volunteer's responsibilities is to make sure the contact has a big book. We came to the conclusion that either the pamphlet could be re-worked, so that a volunteer doesn't feel obligated to purchase books, or that somehow this committee could assist with any possible literature needs.
- 5) Wrote a questionnaire for DCM's about CORR/ TF activities in their area.

Web Managers Report- John J. Web Manager

It finally happened, we crashed the website. Well, not crashed but the site was down for a week or so due to some billing issues. Paul and I had not yet switched the billing to me, and early in May he lost his wallet with Credit Cards which he promptly cancelled. The Bill came due late May, and with two weeks grace, the service was pulled the first week in June. Paul and I played some phone and email tag to get together and rectify the situation, meanwhile Paul was also spending hours on the phone with the Website provider. June 17<sup>th</sup> we were able to get a three-way call going with the service and got things untangled. I apologize for not getting on the billing issue sooner, but I was dealing with some personal issues in May and June. I now have the billing coming to me, included which is the billing for the Sturgis A.A. website. I will be working with Dean <or new web manager>, to change this over, but as it stands now, will just ask that the Sturgis group reimburse me for the time the bills have been coming to me, and they can get with Paul and catch that expense up at their leisure. I have records on both as far as they go back, possibly to the beginning, but I am not sure on that. The Website continues to be a resource for folks looking for information about South Dakota A.A. I have had a number of inquires about the nearest meeting to some small towns, and a LOT of inquires about meetings during the Sturgis Rally. I did my best to answer the questions I could and asked some questions my self, in order to find the information. The website has had some meeting info updated over the summer thanks to new info flowing in. This past week I have had some help getting to know how Front Page works and have a better understanding of how to manipulate the website and the information contained in it. One plan for the future is to archive all the minutes sent to me, in the original format. The minutes will still be displayed in the website, but now I can embed links to prior minutes also. Once again, I need to say thanks to all who have been helpful to me on this, and continue to urge everyone to keep sending me updated information. Email is [jjohn@rushmore.com](mailto:jjohn@rushmore.com) for updates. Respectfully, John J

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Sturgis AA Group Website “www.sturgisaa.org”**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**\*\*Note:** These Recommendations passed with a strong yes vote. (Your trusted secretary did not keep exact count) A Yes vote means we agree to take this item back to our groups for their input. We will then come back and vote our group’s conscience at the Fall Conference in Rapid City.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) **Report and Charter Committee received no bids for 2006 Spring Conf.**
- 2) **Would it work to have some form of a newsletter or just the website?**

Summer Workshop Report:

Hosted by District-8

Income:		Expenses:	
Lunch donations	176.86	Reinhart-(pork loin, buns)	121.67
Coffee & roll donations	45.00	Sam’s club-(plates, fork)	19.78
Basket donations	<u>143.00</u>	Rolls, coffee & chips	77.24
Total Income	364.86	Building rent	<u>20.00</u>
		Total expenses	238.69

Total surplus: --126.17

**UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 63**

- September 2004 Big Book Study with Walt C. hosting September 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Pierre, S.D.
- October 2004 Area 63 Fall Conference October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Rapid City, S.D.contact Terry M. (605) 721-9678
- February 2005 Area 63 Winter Workshop Pierre, S.D.
- May 2005 Area 63 Spring Conference May 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Aberdeen, S.D.

**Proposed one day workshop schedule**

8:00am –8:30am  
 Registration – rolls, coffee  
 8:30am – 9:15am  
 Delegates report  
 9:15am –9:30  
 Break  
 9:30am – 12:00pm  
 Committee breakouts  
 12:00pm –1:00pm  
 Lunch served (Service panel during lunch)  
 1:00pm –2:00pm  
 Finish committee breakouts

2:00pm –2:15  
 Break  
 2:15pm – 3:45pm  
 Business meeting  
 3:45pm –4:00pm  
 Break  
 4:00pm until done  
 Business meeting  
 Supper to be served  
 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 summer workshop and West River at the winter workshop.
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