

Area 63 Summer Workshop

Chamber of Commerce, Pierre, S.D.

August 20th, 21st. 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.

SECRETARY REPORT – Randy M.

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 now has 24 registered groups, up two since our last visit. We meet as a district the last Sunday of the month at 5:00 pm at the Rapid City alano club. Currently our district is being well stocked with literature, the hotline format is struggling with our server but is very well looked after by Anne. Our district is hosting a number of meetings in the area from beginners meeting to three facility meetings. The district has been hosting a potluck every three months in order to let people know what's going on in the district and to let the groups know that we need their help. Right now we are trying to head in the direction of a committee system in order that our meeting coincide with what's going on in the area and it seems to be more efficient and more able to serve alcoholics in our district. Yours in service Terry M.

District 3-Lloyd S., DCM.- No report

District 4- Bob G., DCM.

Our district is located in the southeast part of the state representing nine groups. We meet the last Sunday of the month at 2:00pm at the 12-24 Club 1019 west 9th. Current projects include the Thursday night meeting at Gateway treatment center, also going into federal prison to carry the message. Continue to have difficulties getting people to show up for district meetings In Service Bob G.

District 5- Jim M., DCM

We have 39 groups in our district with 7-9 involved in district activities. We meet at Westside Club first Sun. of the month at 6:00pm. Upcoming events are Westside Founders day will be Sept. 10th and Southside will have our Delegate speaking on Saturday night Sept. 10th. Committee projects include getting public information to physician's assistance and to pre-med students. Continue to have meetings in jails and prisons, 4 treatments centers. Youth groups are expanding, but we can use help with all the meetings. We still have trouble getting groups involved in these district commitments, most groups do not want to be involved in what they see as politics. In Service Jim M.

District 6-Steve K., DCM No Report

District 7-No report

District 8- Brian H., DCM

District 8 is located in east central South Dakota. Representing 9 groups. Summer has been an event filled time for district 8. It has been a time to enjoy sobriety in the out doors. Fellowship activities abounded, from picnics in Wessington to a inner tubing trip in Nebraska. It has been a wondrous season watching people "redefine" their definitions of fun. No formal district meetings were held since my last report at the spring conference. Upcoming district events include our area delegate giving his report at district meeting in Mitchell Sept. 11th. Election of officers and the Fall Conference. In Service Brian H.

District 9- Jim K., DCM

We are located in Eastern part of state with Brookings, Watertown and Clearlake being active in district activities. Meetings are rotated on the second Sunday of the month, 8 months out of the year. We do not have district meetings during a month that has an area assembly. The district committee has plans to reduce the budget by

creating our meeting schedules and calendars on home pc rather than purchasing them. District elections are scheduled for September.

District 10- No report

District 11- Norm G., DCM

Our district is made up of Centerville, Beresford, Alcester, Irene, Canton, Parker, and Elk Point. Plans are going good for our fall function, moving forward with gratitude. Centerville is hosting and doing a great job planning it. Meat will be furnished with side dishes and deserts potluck. We will have 3 speakers, Arvid S., Perry G., and Ron M. It will be held Sept. 17th starting at 6:00pm at the Centerville Legion Hall. Clubs in the area continuing to carry the message. Attendance being up and down as is common for the summer months. Beresford has started a Sunday night meeting, which is non-smoking and meets at 7pm. Centerville and Parker have now become non-smoking. Yours in Service Norm G.

District 12- No report

District 13- Derrick B., DCM

Busy summer culminating with the Sturgis rally, 2 active groups in Sturgis providing meetings all day long. Pa Ha Sapa Conference July 29-31 was well attended along with the Keyhole campout held last weekend. Currently in district 13 we have meetings in Belle Fouché, Spearfish, Sturgis, Lead, and Deadwood 7 days a week. Yours in service Derrick B.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

Spring Conference 2005, District 6

Aberdeen, S.D. May 13-15 2005 See final financial report

Fall Conference 2005, District 13

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

The committee has been meeting regularly and met last on Aug. 2, 2005 we have fliers available this weekend. we are also in the process of sending fliers to the recipients of the area mailing list. We have approximately 15 pre-registered. All the committee chairs are actively working. The treasurer has resigned and has been replaced. Everything else is on moving forward. Our next regular meeting is schedule for Sept. 6, 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 Conference committee is being formed and we are actively meeting with 6 regular members. Area treasurer has provided us with a 500.00 deposit check for the facility. The checking account will be established this upcoming week. For more info contact conf. chair Todd T. at home#(605) 574-9002 or cell# (605) 484-5795 Submitted Todd T.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Information- Doug S. Chair.

- 1) Reviewed TV PSA distribution
- 2) Distributed radio PSA CD's to a couple of committee members for distributing to local radio stations.
- 3) Handed out 9 "AA at a glance" flyer packets to be distributed in schools, hospitals, courthouses, Laundromats, Dr. offices, etc.
- 4) Discussed Anonymity breaks and the procedures to follow when they occur.
- 5) Discussed various methods of using phone services to help the still suffering alcoholic.
- 6) No Recommendations.

Cooperation with the Professional Community-Jim M. Chair.

- 1) Fall Conference CPC Luncheon. Form letter to invitees, up to \$285 from area 63 for cost of luncheon. Invitees free of charge. AA members to pay their own. Adam D to arrange this fall conference luncheons. Tony will assist.
- 2) Table discussion on additional CPC luncheons not associated with Regular Conference.
- 3) Reviewed 55th Annual Meeting of General Service Conference Recommendation. Page 30-31
- 4) AA.org website has access to newsletters for professionals.
- 5) No Recommendations.

Literature/Grapevine Report- Josh T. Chair. (With Ryne C standing in as chair)

- 1) Reviewed changes in literature and have no recommendations.
- 2) Discussed proposed 2006 budget, see no need for any changes.
- 3) Discussed special interest literature to serve area committees better. Contact literature chair for guidelines or any other needs.
- 4) Committee recommends that the trustees literature committee be more specific about how/when/why the phrase "for your eyes only" is used.
- 5) Further discussion on drafting an agenda item for general service conference regarding individual, group, districts and areas being able to order literature from GSO website.

- 6) Recommend approving proposed budget.
- 7) Committee recommends reducing the Area 63 Literature inventory to display only, with host districts purchasing and selling literature at the conferences. **Item #7 was discussed by assembly and retracted by committee did not go to vote.**

Remote Communities/Special Needs Report- Dean B. Chair

- 1) We reviewed materials that Dean gathered from the Remote Communities meetings at the International Conference.
- 2) We reviewed the special Needs Literature Catalog F-10SN and the Service Materials Literature Catalog SM F-33
- 3) We discussed using this committee's budget to purchase Materials from GSO to be used by the committee and to be distributed to groups and individuals.
- 4) We filled out an order form for purchase of pamphlets and cassette tapes.
- 5) We reviewed the Area 63-Remote Communities Survey Sheet and the Area 63 Special Needs Survey sheets.
- 6) We ask all GSRs and DCMs to take these two Survey sheets to your groups and fill them out and then return them to the new Area assembly. This information will be compiled by the Rem. Com. committees to help assess areas of need in the groups in South Dakota. Also this process of reviewing the questions in your home groups may help to raise awareness of your members that there are those with needs and there are people that may be restricted from attending regular meetings.
- 7) No Recommendations.

Policy/Admission/Agenda- John T. Chair.

- 1) Set dates for 2006 workshop schedule, Winter workshop April 1 & 2, 2006 and Summer workshop Aug. 19,2006 both at chamber bldg. in Pierre.
- 2) Discussed and wrote proposal for change to area meeting structure.
- 3) **Policy/Admission/Agenda recommend changing area-meeting structure. (See attached sheet)**
Item#3 was voted on and approved by area assembly to take back to groups for further consideration.

Archives- Sandy B. Chair.

- 1) Received group History's from the clear Lake Group, and the Informal Journeys Groups, Watertown. Reviewed other History Books.
- 2) Committee discussed having full time Archivist Committee members will collect info on this from area groups and report back at fall conference. Please share your thoughts on the full time archivist issue.
- 3) Discussed several different ways to get more Archivists to more functions. Possible web sites. Regional conference great displace-Disappointment at journey conference. Reminder of contacting the area chair about hosting the display for a bit.
- 4) Discussed conference flyers-Dow keep from up to date. We have been and will continue to do so, subject to change.
- 5) Added archives agenda item-Disposal of financial records older than 7 years. This was addressed at the winter workshop 2-19-2005. Financial records older than seven years will not be stored.
- 6) No Recommendations.

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

- 1) We reviewed the treasurers report and agreed that it was accurate.
- 2) Audited both the Conference and General Fund checkbooks-no questions.
- 3) We looked at the 2006 proposed budget. Decided this year to trim the budget a little. Most committees expenses were trimmed by \$50.00 those committees that turned in sheets from the conference were givin any increases that they asked for.
- 4) In the past we had to reapply for non-profit status every three years. It has been changed so now we have to apply every year. This caused some confusion and for a short period of time our non profit status was dissolved. We have reapplied and been reinstated. We need to reapply every November. I have the reinstatement certificate with me if ant one wants to see it.
- 5) We discussed again purchasing a sound system to be used at workshops. Vandel will check on prices and report at the fall conference.
- 6) We discussed a stipend for the area officer's committee chairman to attend the west central region conferences. We decided that since the area delegate is the only area officer that is required to attend that the delegate should turn in receipts and the area would reimburse the delegate. If the other committees want to send the chairperson then they also could use expense money from their committee.
- 7) Discussed purchasing calling cards for the area chairperson and area delegate. It was decided that if they need a calling card they should purchase one and turn in the receipt to be reimbursed.
- 8) **Recommendation-We recommend that the 2006 proposed budget be approved.**
Item #8 was voted on by area assembly and approved.

Report and Charter- Randy M. Chair.

- 1) Reviewed area minutes for accuracy

- 2) Chairman sat in on policy & agenda committee to get a better understanding of dates & conflicts (we have a need for 3 year calendar, to avoid conflicts)
- 3) In policy committee discussed need to align workshops with general service conference.
- 4) Discussed possible change in conferences and new dates for workshops.
- 5) Received Bid for 2007-spring conf. from dist 5.
- 6) No Recommendations.

Correctional and Treatment Facilities Committee- Mitch B. Chair.

- 1) We discussed current activities pertaining to Corrections and treatment facilities in our area , and attempted to make a list on the current state of affairs.
- 2) We reviewed our committee budget. 3 cases of books have been requested and ordered from a request out of District 2. We considered us of the requested budget.
- 3) We discussed ways of more effectively coordinating service efforts within the area for C&T
- 4) We agreed that activities could be decided among committee members.
- 5) We elected Marshall U. of Brookings as our new secretary of C&T committee.
- 6) I received a request for a BTG contact in the McLaughlin, SD area. As of yet I have been unable to find contact near here, so if anyone can help please see me.
- 7) No Recommendations.

Web manager's Report.
Summer Workshop, 2005

The issues with billing that was brought up in previous workshops are being resolved. Sturgis AA chose on their own, with no prodding from me, to change their domain name from Sturgisaa.org to Sturgisaa.com This means the bill is no longer coming to me. We are still working on putting the Southdakotaaa.org website on direct billing to Area 63. I am hopeful this will be accomplished soon.

I have been promising to get district meeting lists on their own webpage. There is an Area Map already on the website, and I think the previous webmanager meant to get this done. Some of the preliminary work was in place, which made my job easier. I have most districts done with only three left. These are in the formative stages and any input on what else may be added will be welcome. I still have some formatting issues to work on, but will have the basics done soon.

Prior to the Sturgis Rally, I put a link for their website on the main page of our website. Then with the announcement of the Sturgis Website changing domains, I added that information. Last year I was getting quite a few emails about "where are the meetings in Sturgis"? Putting the link up front seems to have put that responsibility back to Sturgis AA. I had hardly any emails for them this year. I kind of missed them.

Email has been light, but I have received a few thank you from folks who have found the website useful. That's always nice to see.

I also have had a number of requests to post events outside of South Dakota and I asked the PI committee if we want to undertake such a project. It would mean adding a new page and would be no problem to do. Question is, is Area 63's website cooperating with other state roundups, and service functions or is it just for Area 63? I know how I feel about this, but it's the Area's opinion that guides the Website. We discussed this on the PI committee and decided to go ahead with a Events/Link page for our neighboring AA's should they wish to submit something to add to our website. Committee felt it would be a welcome addition to the website helping to get word out about AA events and links for websites in the nearby area.

As always, if you have meeting updates or other new information that needs to be added to the website, please let me know and we will do the best we can to get it added into the website.

Reminder: The area website has spaces to post the Agenda for upcoming Area Events, and also space for the Delegates Report Please get these to the webmanager in a timely manner. Agenda is necessary for the upcoming events.

Yours in service, John J Webmanager

**SD Area 63 AA Website www.southdakotaaa.org
Sturgis AA Group Website www.sturgisaa.com**

Recommendations

**(1) Policy/Admission/Agenda recommend changing area-meeting structure. (See attached sheet)
This was voted on and approved by area assembly to take back to groups for further consideration.**

New Business-

Report and Charter accepted one bid to host the 2007 Spring Conference

District 5 proposed bid to hold 2007 Spring Conf. in Sioux Falls, S. D. location not yet determined.

Report and Charter accepted one bid to host the 2007 Fall Conference

District 13 proposed bid to hold 2007 Fall Conf. in Spearfish, S. D. at the Holiday Inn, Spearfish.

These bids need to be voted on at the 2005 Fall Conference.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 63

September 2005

Fall Conference Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2, 2005 Spearfish, S.D. at the Spearfish Holiday Inn

April 2006

Winter Workshop April 1 & 2, 2006 (2 day Workshop)

June 2006

Spring Conference June 2, 3 & 4, 2006 in Watertown

August 2006

Summer Workshop August 19, 2006 (1 day Workshop)

October 2006

Fall Conference October 20, 21 & 22, 2006 in Rapid City

2005 Summer Workshop Report

Attendance	60 people
Total expenses	248.78
<u>Total donations</u>	<u>339.92</u>
Final expense	91.14

Area 63 Spring Conference Financial Report (short form)

Aberdeen, S. D. June 2005 For more detailed report con tact secretary.

Income	
208 total paid registrations	3127.00
Coffee total income	783.42
Loan from area 63	1000.00
Total Income	4919.42
Expenses	4053.51
Proceeds	865.91
Dispersment	
AA	716.11
Al-Anon	149.80

DELEGATE'S REPORT

We have a three new group's in Area 63 since the last time we met. The Oelrich's AA Group meets at the Community Center, 7pm on Sunday nights. The Noon Box Lunch Group meets at 12 to 1 in the Rapid City Youth Boxing Club, across from the Budweiser distributor, how appropriate. The third is the Exit 51 Group, BB study meeting in Black Hawk, SD on Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 pm.

The Final Report from the 55th General Service Conference has arrived. It is the full explanation of the decisions made and actions taken by the Group Conscience of the fellowship. Please take them home to your groups and districts. The theme of the conference was "The Basic's of Our Home Group, Recovery, Unity and Service". Area 63 was drawn out of the hat and given the honor of taking home the banner from the conference (no Estelle, I didn't steal it). It's yours to do with as you choose.

The Big Event since we last met was, of course, the International AA Convention held in Toronto, Canada. Wow! What a superfantastic party. It was very well put together and organized. The final count that I heard of was 43,100 people attending (we needed 42,500 to break even) Where to begin? Thursday we registered and became familiar with our surroundings. We had seven of us staying at the same Hotel and trying to keep us together was like herding ducks, not possible. To say the least we are easily distracted. So Thursday afternoon Terry and I found our way to the lake front and rented a speed boat. Way too much fun. The convention officially kicked off that night with an Alcoholic sized block party. Two outdoor bands and one DJ inside kept the crowds fully entertained. The dancing, laughing crowds of people below the CNN Tower set us up for what was to come. Friday began with meetings in the morning and continued all day. Friday night we gathered in Rogers Stadium for the opening flag ceremony with something like 85 or 90 countries represented by one of their members carrying their flag. We had about 40 people from Area 63 gathered in the front left corner of the Stadium. Nice showing, by the way. I got a little emotional during the Flag ceremony, must have been some dust in the air or something. It's a powerful experience and I hope you all get a chance to witness it one day. There were three speakers that evening. The most memorable for me was Pushan V. from India. He spoke of the growing fellowship of AA in his country. He mentioned that of the over 30,000 members in India, only a handful were women. Do to social stigmas women are not allowed to gather with men or admit their difficulties in public. I noticed several of our gals from Area 63 shaking their heads. How about a trip to India next year---anyone interested?

Saturday brought us more meetings throughout the day. I was asked to share at our West Central Regional meeting later in the afternoon----same time as Clancy I. from LA spoke in another room, guess who had the most attendance? We had dinner at Harbor Street Steakhouse. Again, in the evening we gathered at Rogers Stadium for the Oldtimers meeting. There was an AA count-up and the oldest member had 63 years of sobriety. They gathered the 40 plus year olds into one roped off area and pulled 12 from the hat to come up and share, escorted by very young members of AA, a very nice touch of bringing us all together as a fellowship. The oldtimers did an outstanding job, sharing for 5 minutes each and clearly carrying the message. We loved them. After the meeting we attended the final dance in a hall containing 5 to 8 thousand people all moving and a grooving to whatever the DJ played. It didn't matter what genre of music was playing, they all danced with ages from the teens up to 60's. FUN, FUN, FUN. I even fell in love a couple of times.

Sunday morning brought us together for the last time and listen to three more speakers. We listened to Ken S. from Sioux Falls, SD. Ken and his brother Jim were active in Area 63 business meetings for a long time. What an honor to have one of our own sharing in the big room. The next International will be in San Antonio, TX in 2005. Plan on attending, you will not regret it. I spent about \$1,300 and was very comfortable. By saving just \$5 a week, you will have be ready for our next celebration. By the way, the 2015 International will be in Atlanta, GA.

Upcoming events in Area 63 are the Fall Conference in Spearfish and of course, elections of new officers. Also at the same time will be the Regional Forum in Great Falls, MT, which I will be attending. Obviously there is a scheduling conflict with the two events. I tried pointing the finger around the Area at others but the blame comes back to me. When I was Secretary a couple of years ago, I should have caught the error and dropped the ball. As usual, I am the creator of my own chaos. Our Alternate Delegate, John T. will be taking care of my responsibilities in Spearfish.

I will be going out to the remaining Districts in September to give the last of the Delegates reports. We will be at District 5 (Sioux Falls) on Sept. 10th, District 8 (Mitchell) on the 11th and District 11 (Beresford) Sept. 17th. We look forward to seeing you again next month. Take care and God Bless, Perry.

Recommendation from the Policy/Admission/Agenda Committee for Group Conscience at Area 63 Fall Conference to be held September 30 – October 2, 2005 in Spearfish, SD

The following proposal, if adopted, will change Area 63 meeting schedule effective January 1, 2007

New Area 63 Proposed meeting structure:

1. 3 Area Assemblies to be held in Pierre
 - a. Spring Assembly: 1st weekend in April, unless Easter; then 2nd weekend
This would be a two day assembly after the WCRAASC and before GSC, avoiding Rushmore Roundup and Sioux Empire Roundup to prepare Delegate for the GSC, inform fellowship on GSC Agenda and conduct committee work.
 - b. Summer Assembly: 2nd weekend in July
This would be a one or two day assembly after the General Service Conference to receive the Delegates' report from the GSC, prepare the annual budget and conduct committee work.
 - c. Winter Assembly: 3rd weekend in November, after Veteran's Day and before Thanksgiving.
This would be a one or two day assembly to conduct elections, discuss proposed GSC Agenda items, and conduct committee work.

The Policy/Admissions/Agenda committee will set the actual dates annually for the following year at the Summer Assembly using the target dates set forth above as guidelines.

2. Area 63 Annual Fall Conference

Agenda would be structured by the Policy/Admissions/Agenda committee
Host bidding process would be open to any District in the Area with a facility capable of holding 600 attendees. Districts must bid a minimum of 2 years in advance of conference. The Report and Charter committee will receive bids and will take rotation of location into consideration when accepting bids and making recommendations.

The annual Fall Conference will start on Friday and end on Sunday and will include Speaker meetings, Call up meetings, and social functions.

In place of the current committee work held at conferences, the Area committee will conduct breakout sessions, panel presentations, GSR and DCM Workshops, and open microphone service forums. The Delegate's report, Chairman's report, and Committee reports will also be presented.

Recommendations will be made at assemblies, will be taken back to the fellowship for group conscience and voted on as Old Business at the following assembly.