

# Central Michigan Intra-Area 32

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Area Assembly – August 7, 2011

District 28, Alpena, MI

**CHAIR: Kirk F.**

Called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.; group recited The Serenity Prayer; Kirk read The AA Preamble; the group recited The Responsibility Pledge

**SECRETARY: Jenni B.**

Roll Call: In attendance: 25 guests; 34 GSRs and 3 Alt. GSRs;  
1 GSR at 1<sup>st</sup> visit to Assembly, 1 GSR at 2<sup>nd</sup> visit

Tradition 7 was discussed by Mac M., and Tradition 8 was discussed by Jean S.

Concept 7 was discussed by Cari S., and Concept 8 was discussed by Jesse P.

For October's meeting in Saline, volunteers were: Tradition 9 – Bob S.; Tradition 10 – Stanley P.

Concept 9 – Jessica R.; Concept 10 – Pauline N.

Chairman called for corrections to minutes from 6-5-11: "October" replaced "December" on agenda; minutes approved

**TREASURER: Ted B.**

Report Approved (Report attached)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Cari S.**

Report Approved (Report attached) [Also "MOTIONS"]

**REGISTRAR: Kate L.**

To GSRs, Alt. GSRs, DCMs, and active group members, stressed the importance of keeping group information current in order to ensure the visibility of the AA group to the still sick and suffering alcoholic. Contact the registrar by email or phone to check on updates.

**CHAIRMAN OF 59<sup>th</sup> STATE CONVENTION: Jesse P.**

NO REPORT

**DELEGATE: Art M.**

Report Approved (Report attached)

**ALT. DELEGATE: Pauline N.**

Report Approved (Report attached)

**ARCHIVES: Jim D.**

"I will be asking groups to put together their local history. I have a questionnaire to aid you in your research. I am your Archivist in person only. Thank you for your continued interest and support."

**CORRECTIONS: Sandy E.**

Current preparations for State Convention include: jail sale, display tables, and selection of panelists. Four pre-releases were distributed; 2 remain for districts not in attendance. Thanks to Doug K. and Ray H. for Grapevines for the jails; the magazines have been well received.

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC): John S.**

"Thanks to Pauline and the GSRs for letting me do my CPC presentation." There were 6 people in attendance to exchange information between districts; distributed workbooks to 3 of them.

**FORUM: Tom R.**

Explained the Forum to 3 people, including dates, times, place, and what to expect when attending. There have been 8 people chosen to be sponsored by CMIA 32; 3 more will be chosen before the October meeting. Please see a committee member for a registration form.

**GRAPEVINE: Stacy O.**

The committee has gotten more effective response from Grapevine, NY through email than by telephone. At the DCM meeting, Stacy distributed information for them to pass on to their groups at District meetings regarding Grapevine representation; only Districts 2, 4, & 12 have Grapevine Reps. A complimentary display package was sent from New York for CMIA 32 and the State Convention. At the Convention, the "Wizard of Booze" skit will be Sat. at 11 a.m. (There is an opening for the part of Aunt Em.) Also two tables will display Grapevine material, including books for sale, working with Area 34. Adelia H. & Jean S. registered to be Grapevine Reps. Please contact Stacy with any questions.

**LITERATURE: Ray H.**

(Report attached.)

**PUBLIC INFORMATION: Sharon S. (reported by Stanley P.)**

Information and literature was provided, along with the hotline and helpline numbers, to two people in attendance. Discussion was about information booths at county fairs.

**SPECIAL NEEDS: Lori F.**

Finalized plans for table and panel at State Convention.

**TREATMENT FACILITIES: reported by Lynda A.**

Discussed "Bridge the Gap" & learned that Area 33 offers a tie between Treatment Facilities and AA meetings. A District 12 member discussed their "Introduction to AA" informal meeting. The group addressed newcomer welcome packets, letters to professionals, and thanks CMIA 32 for the Treatment Facilities kit. A new Salvation Army rehab for women is available: (313) 965-7760.

**WEBSITE: reported by Kim K.**

Eight members were present for these discussions: various websites within CMIA 32 are not up to date; meeting list website links could be shared among districts within the area; the A.A. Internet Guidelines would be a helpful tool at the committee's 60<sup>th</sup> State Convention table; the nomination of Website Committee Secretary was tabled until October's meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2012 MCYPAA Mt. Pleasant Bid Committee letter of support approved
2. Kim K. nominated by Stephen W. for Website Committee Chair, and elected, by acclamation
3. Marc M. nominated by Debbie for Treatment Facilities Committee Chair, and elected, by acclamation
4. Five minutes were spent discussing starting a CMIA 32 newsletter, paper or electronic version

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. A district has offered to host in each month next year; please take 100-120 flyers to every CMIA 32 Assembly to carry the message of your districts' events.
2. Corrections: Male volunteers are needed at Cooper Street Correctional Facility in Jackson; female volunteers are needed for temporary sponsors.

**MOTIONS:**

Delegate - \$200.00/month increase for budget: APPROVED

Finance Committee - \$800.00 for Corrections Committee: APPROVED

\$40.00 Area Committee Mtg.: APPROVED

\$287.50 for CMIA 32 history pamphlet printing: APPROVED

Motion; Chair adjourned meeting at 3:00 p.m.

## DELEGATE:

Welcome, introductions of the DCM's and LCM's by name and CMIA32 District represented were followed by the opportunity to share information about workshops, seminars, or other functions taking place in DCM's districts. Upcoming events in Area 32 districts, the state AA convention and other events were discussed. Posting of the events in districts on our area website [www.cmia32.org](http://www.cmia32.org), was encouraged with distribution of notices at the area assemblies. Sharing of notices with their districts and meeting groups was discussed with DCMs and distribution of committee activities, conference and other materials and resources available at area and through the GSO was encouraged.

Stacy O., Chair of CMIA32 Grapevine Committee made a presentation about our responsibility to inform meeting groups and sponsors about the opportunities for Grapevine subscriptions to enhance sobriety of all in groups and coming into AA. Stacy distributed updated subscription forms and details on the many other resources available to us from AA's Grapevine including digital archives, digital Grapevine, books, etc. The Delegate discussed the need for updated guidelines for services related to activities, finance and other services that the Delegate is responsible to provide to AA and CMIA32, its members and groups. Art M. said that this is underway and that prior to the October CMIA32 Assembly that a comprehensive updated copy will be submitted to the DCMs for approval.

***"The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous 2011 Final Report"*** was distributed to all DCM's and others in attendance at this DCM meeting. It was announced that the Delegate report in May by Art M., Included a written offer for Delegate presentations or participation at district, group, workshops/seminars and other AA functions. A copy of that report is attached which is also posted on the [www.cmia32.org](http://www.cmia32.org) website.

The meeting adjourned reminding all about the state convention, importance of review of the 2011 conference report and invitation to assist in any workshops or seminars that districts would like to host to enhance knowledge about the AA ***Recovery*** process through ***Unity*** and ***Service***.

Gratefully in service,

Art M., Delegate, Area 32, Panel 61

## ALTERNATE DELEGATE:

There were 25 GSRs present; Pauline talked about the purpose of the GSR meeting and then John S. spoke about the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee. Pauline passed out the Area Inventory, which will be discussed at the December CMIA meeting. We went through the list of questions and then had a question and answer period. Over the weekend of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Pauline attended the Indiana State Conference and East Central Regional Conference.

In Love & Service,

Pauline N., Alt. Delegate, Panel 61, Area 32

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32  
Treasurer's Report  
August 7, 2011  
Hosted by District 28 at Alpena  
Begin 06/01/11 – End 07/31/11

Beginning Available Balance: \$4,150.51

Income:

1.	7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition	82.00	
2.	GSO Coffee Pot	55.60	
3.	Group Contributions	3,072.34	
Total Income		\$3,200.72	\$7,351.23

Expense:

1.	DCM Committee Request	800.00	
2.	GSO Coffee Pot	55.60	
3.	Secretary Expense	144.87	
4.	Registrar Expense	93.44	
5.	Treasurer Expense	205.37	
6.	Chairman Expense	52.13	
7.	GSR Meeting Expense	650.32	
8.	Archives Committee	100.00	
9.	Corrections Committee	839.00	
10.	CPC Committee	21.00	
11.	Grapevine Committee	41.45	
12.	Special Needs Committee	155.40	
13.	Forum Fund Committee	250.00	
Total Expense		\$3,408.58	\$3,408.58

Ending Available Balance: \$3,942.65

Forum Fund	\$2,750.00
Checking Balance	\$6,692.65
Solvency Treasury	\$3,500.00
Area 32 General Fund	\$10,192.65

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Finance Committee Report

Today's Date: 8-7-11

Location: Alpena - Dist 28

Beginning Balance: 3942.65

Standard Monthly Expenses: 1245.19

Committee Reimbursements: 23.41

Officer Fuel Reimbursements: 316.16

Ending Balance: 2357.89

Committee Requests that require approval of the Area Assembly

Corrections: 800.00

Area Committee meeting Other: 40.00

CMIA 32 History Pamphlet printing Other: 287.50

Pending Approval

Final Ending Balance: 1230.39

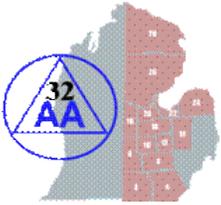
## Balance Sheet

**Description**  
C.M.I. Literature

**Starting Balance** \$1,672.05

Date	Item Description	Received	Payment	Balance
6/6/2011	C.M.I.A.	\$1,533.91		\$3,205.96
6/6/2011	SALE	\$1,077.81		\$4,283.77
6/6/2011	.sale taxes	\$173.55		\$4,457.32
7/10/2011	AA GRAPEVINE		\$696.96	\$3,760.36
8/6/2011	MILEAGE 370 @ .45		\$166.50	\$3,593.86
6/6/2011	SERVICE FEE JUNE & JULY		\$4.00	\$3,589.86
7/10/2011	A.A.W.S		\$3,399.88	\$189.98

Receivable \$2,785.27  
 Payables \$4,267.34  
 Current Balance \$189.98



A Note from your **DELEGATE**, Panel 61, CMIA32

June 5, 2011

Dear fellow AAs:

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent Area 32 as your **DELEGATE** and thank you for all that you do for AA. Our home groups, districts, area assemblies, service committees, workshops, and more, are AAs foundation.

This note is about my participation at the 61st General Service Conference in New York City from April 30 to May 7, 2011. It included a large but manageable agenda with a continuous program of meetings supported by assistance from our GSO staff. All matters were presented in an orderly manner, the voice of all in AA was heard and action was then taken as the body deemed appropriate. All of AA was represented by 93 Delegates (68.9%), 27 Trustees (20.0%) from the USA and Canada and 15 GSO and Grapevine staff (11.1%). The conference was a very educational and purposeful experience. It is my opinion that the decisions made were correct for our AA fellowship. This 61<sup>st</sup> conference Theme was:

**“We Are Responsible for A.A.’s Future – Let it Begin With US.”**

Questions frequently asked of me since assuming the Delegate position include:

What is the overall service structure of AA and how does it work? How does the service structure work at the conference? What are “the New York office” or General Service office? *The A.A. Service Manual* provides information about AA structure. Please also consult your DCM, CMIA32 GSR meeting group leader and others in your district that should have this information. I will be pleased to discuss this individually or in group settings. I suggest that you attend AA sponsored workshops and seminars where this is presented. Attend the many excellent presentations that will be part of the agenda at the **MI State AA Convention in Lansing in August.**

What is the purpose of the various “desks” and other service entities at the GSO at our New York City offices? How do they provide their services from New York to our groups, districts or service committees? *Information and assistance should be sought first from or through your local district DCM, local district or area committees or officers, or, through your Delegate or other area person or entity. The GSO does*

*request that your inquiries should be answered from these entities and persons in them. District service committees will find support for information from area committees who should be able to answer most questions.*

What is the purpose of a specific service committee and how does it work? *Attend the CMIA32 service committee meeting where the service is of interest to you and speak to the Chair of the service. Does your district have such a service committee? Obtain the many helpful printed materials.*

What is happening financially with the GRAPEVINE magazine which is “our meeting in print” and is currently losing subscribers and incurring a large financial deficit annually? *The answer is “WE” and our groups will decide the future of the GRAPEVINE. Do you personally have a subscription? Are subscriptions in place at your groups to ensure that all at your meetings see or borrow or purchase a copy of the GRAPEVINE from the group?*

Will the GRAPEVINE continued to be published in print now that it also is available electronically? *The answer is yes. However, if you a user of the Internet do you know the additional services now available electronically including Digital Archives and more? Are you aware of the many books published by the Grapevine including writings of Bill W. and more and how to obtain them?*

I am available to provide answers to the above and many more questions and participate at workshops or seminars, district meetings or at local meeting groups. To present a 2011 conference experience, overall conference purpose and structure report verbally would take at least one hour or more, depending upon how in-depth you wanted the information presented. A brief fifteen or thirty minute or so sharing of a specific topic, agenda item, or sharing about the Spiritual Experience from service and how “we” decide the future of AA for others is also possible. “It only takes two to have a meeting” but it can be as large a group as appropriate. Please contact me and discuss your desires. Location is not of concern.

It is true that AA “works” based upon our meeting group commitments and adherence to the “12 Traditions.” It is also clear that the future of AA is in our hands at our meeting groups, districts and areas. Only at these locations of service will the work be done that ensures the presence of Alcoholics Anonymous for those yet to come into our fellowship. The Conference matters were largely about issues dealing with literature, development of video presentations, verbiage in various printed materials, how to present AA in public information materials, how to best present our “meeting in print,” our GRAPEVINE magazine, election of trustees, GSO staff matters and much, much more.

”WE” are making the future of AA, and that is true. “WE” will decide by our personal commitments to service whether AA exists at all over time or in what form. “We” will either Pass On our AA messages to ensure that AA meetings remain AA and our group members have the resources printed, digitized or otherwise available for our use to learn and apply services in our group and in committees. “WE” will decide how AA will be present, if at all, for the generations yet to come into our fellowship to find recovery from alcoholism. I join you on this journey for the blessings that AA service brings to my life. I again thank each and every one of you.

In Service to my fellow AAs and the AA fellowship,

# **Art M.,** Delegate, Panel 61, Area 32 (Central Michigan)

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## **CMIA 32 Meeting, October 2, 2011**

### **District 4**

#### **Liberty School**

**7265 N. Ann Arbor St.**

**Saline, MI 48176**

Open meeting, all are welcome to attend

This is a non-smoking facility.

All AAs and Al-Anons are welcome to attend.

8:30 a.m. Doors Open

9:00 a.m.: Fellowship Hour, coffee & donuts

9:30 – 10:30: Finance Committee

10:00 – 11:30: GSR Meeting

10:30 – 11:30: DCM Meeting

11:30 – 12:30: Standing Committees

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: General Assembly Meeting

#### *Directions:*

##### **From the North/South (US 23):**

Take US 23 to Exit 34 for US 12 toward Saline. Turn West on US-12 Michigan Ave. Drive about 5.6 miles and turn right on N Ann Arbor Street. Liberty School will be on the right hand side, about a mile up the road.

##### **From the East:**

Take I-94 West to Exit 181A for US-12/Saline. Stay on US 12 West for about 8 miles and turn right on N Ann Arbor Street. Liberty School will be on the right hand side, about a mile up the road.

##### **From the West:**

Take I-94 East to Exit 175 for Ann Arbor – Saline Rd. Turn South on Ann Arbor– Saline Road. Liberty School will be on the left hand side, about 5 miles down the road.

**CMIA 32 ASSEMBLY**

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**Agenda for October 2, 2011**

**District 4, Saline**

Open/Call to Order – Kirk F., Chair  
Serenity Prayer  
A.A. Preamble  
Responsibility Pledge

Welcome to New GSRs; Recognition of returning and new GSRs & Past Delegates  
Secretary's Report, including roll call – Jenni B.

Tradition 9 – Bob S.  
Tradition 10 – Stanley P.  
Concept 9 – Jessica R.  
Concept 10 – Pauline N.

Treasurer's Report – Ted B.  
Finance Committee Report – Cari S.  
Registrar Report – Kate L.  
Delegate's Report – Art M.  
Alt. Delegate's Report – Pauline N.

**Committee Reports**

\*Please turn in all committee reports to the Secretary, and thank you!

Archives – Jim D.  
CPC – John S.  
Corrections – Sandy E.  
Forum – Tom R.  
Grapevine – Stacy O.  
Literature – Ray H.  
Public Information – Sharon S.  
Special Needs – Lori F.  
Treatment Facilities – Marc M.  
Website – Kim K.

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Thank you District 4 for being our Host this month! See you all in December!

Motion to Adjourn  
Prayer