

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes December 2, 2018 – District 4, Saline, MI

2019 Schedule:

February 3 – District 10 – ZCJB Hall 1775 Owosso Ave, Owosso.

April 7 – District 8; June 2 – District 24; August 4 – District 28; October 6 – District 6; December 1 - ?

CHAIR: Mark M., (District 8): Mark opened the morning session and opened the meeting for group concerns. We had a question regarding service animals in meetings. A woman who is a GSR has been told by her group that her service animal cannot attend meetings with her. Since groups are autonomous it was shared with the body that the group is within its range of making that determination. Another member asked whether she has paperwork for her service animal, and she said that she did. Mark spoke with her privately after the conclusion of Group Concerns.

Afternoon Meeting was called to order by Mark M. at 1:03 pm. Opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer. Motion to accept Agenda for meeting, seconded and approved.

SECRETARY: Stephanie G., (District 18): Attendance was read = 56 attendees: GSRs 20 (5 new), 1 Alt GSR, 30 Guests, and 5 Past Delegates. Motion to accept meeting minutes without corrections, seconded and approved.

TREASURER: Cynthia R., (District 20) Cindy thanked the body for the opportunity to serve. She read the Treasurer's report. Motion to accept report (attached), seconded and approved.

FINANCE: Jon S. (District 4) Jon read the Finance report. Motion to accept Finance report (attached), seconded. Corrections Committee has requested \$800 from Finance Committee. Approved. Michigan Mock Conference request for \$750. Approved. Additional disbursement of \$1,500 for Delegate to go to NY in the fall.

REGISTRAR: Pete G., (District 2) Introduced Kamesha M. as new Registrar and thanked the body for allowing him to serve.

Group and District Announcements:

- YPPA committee sang a Christmas carol.
- Mark Announced that the February 3rd, 2019 meeting will take place at a new location in Owosso.

DELEGATE: Ted S. (District 26); delegate@cmia32.org Please see attached report.

ALT. DELEGATE: Lori C. (District 2); altdelegate@cmia32.org Please see attached report.

UPDATE ON EAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE – Dennis S.– Past Delegate: Final Report on ERC went very well. 4 states brought reps. Seated Delegates presented topic info and we worked with Area 34.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due to time constraint reports were requested to be turned in but not read to the body.

LITERATURE: Don M. literature@cmia32.org

ARCHIVIST: Jim D. (District 6); Submitted report on State conv. participation w/ 33 & 34 archivists; had a great display there. Annual dinner in Lansing was attended by 200+.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Chips C., (District 2); no written report.

CORRECTIONS: Mark H. (District 22); Work on hosting the Oct. State Corrections Workshop for Area 32 in Dist. 18 10/27 in Pinconning. Encourage home groups to donate their older Grapevines for Corrections. Please bring extras issues to next CMIA32 in Owosso and they will be divided up by the Corrections committee.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: John B. (District 6) cpc@cmia32.org; no report

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Tom R. (District 2); No written report.

FORUM: Gary M. (District 10); No report.

GRAPEVINE: Kamesha M. (District 12); Submitted report. Discuss ways to promote GV. GV has a new book and a contest going until 12/29/18.

ACCESSIBILITIES: Jim C.; no report

LIAISON: No report, vacant committee chair position.

TREATMENT: Thomas (Lou) F. (Dist 18); No Report.

WEBSITE: Pete G.; Report submitted, Website is an integral part of getting AA's message out there. Several upcoming deadlines for website name, IP address, and file storage renewals. Prepare to turn over to new Chair and assist with transition.

YPAA: Jen L. (District 4); no written report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- It was left up to the Area Chair to offer an opinion on whether the Area Committee should continue.
- The purpose of the committee is to assist the chair at the Chair's discretion.
- Mark recommended that the Area Chair would decide which CMLA meetings to have an Area Chair meeting. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion of the 2020 International Convention being close date-wise and perhaps in direct competition with the Michigan State Convention which will be hosted by Area 32 in 2020.

Kurt makes a motion that Michigan not conduct the 2020 Michigan State Convention.

International is July 2 – 4th or 5th and the Michigan State Convention is scheduled for the 29th – 31st of August.

Regarding the existing GSO suggestion that if any State were to hold its convention the same year that the State also hosts the international Convention then they should have at least 60 days between the events.

It was pointed out that when this happened in Texas, they decided to forgo their State convention that year.

Other State functions in MI in 2020: Regional in Detroit Feb 16th; March Round Up and the Mock conf in March.

Opinions from the floor:

- Stanley said that he polled his group meetings and the consensus was that the State Convention still be held because it is more affordable, and the International convention registration will cost at least \$100. Be inclusive not exclusive.
- Tom said that he was publicity chair for the State convention, and he has been asking people who go to the State convention and they said they prefer to go to the International convention if they can only afford to go to one.
- Brian – DCM District 16 – the people he spoke to were not in favor of having a State convention, but they are also not in favor of attending anyway regardless of which convention.
- Lori C. – The cost of attending an International convention (registration and housing) is very high. She would choose the International because of the amount of people it takes to put on an International convention and also the fact that it is the closest we will probably get to attend an International convention. Volunteers in large numbers will be required to put on the International. Where is a person's limited amount of time to volunteer best directed? It takes a lot of work to put it on and may not be well attended.
- Heidi G. spoke with her area's groups and the consensus is to forgo the State convention.
- Tracey G. addressed cost. Area 32 will lose our spot in the rotation if we decline hosting Statewide.
- Kamesha M. said that the people in her area do not attend conventions regularly. Certain people who are really wanting to go have been saving for a long time and will make a way if they want to attend.
- Ted said that his feelings are mixed. He has attended 2 International conventions and the experience is phenomenal. He talked to a Texas delegate who said that Texas decided to put together a fundraising effort to sponsor scholarship packages for people to attend International.
- Jen L said that every event does not need to be a huge event. Maybe the State convention could be smaller scale.
- Jon S said that the International and State convention are 2 very different events. He says that the Responsibility pledge encourages us to always be offering the hand of AA to be there and the State Convention is an important part of that.

Mark read the motion: Should Michigan not host the Michigan State Convention in 2020 because of the International Convention? - 23 votes opposed, 8 for. Motion carried. Area 32 will not host the Michigan State Convention in 2020.

Mark asked for minority opinion:

- Stanley asked whether we had an informed group conscience. He does not think we have enough information yet. He said he wants there to be a place for people on fixed incomes to attend a convention in their State that is affordable.
- Jen L stated that there are people who feel overwhelmed by and International convention. Keeping the State convention allows people with anxiety disorders to still attend the smaller convention.
- Keith – we can vote that we will not hold the State convention, but does that mean that the other 2 areas could not host a state convention?

Mark confirmed that at the Statewide meeting said that it is Area 32's decision whether to have a statewide convention.

- Dennis: We have a contract offer from a hotel. It needs to be reviewed and determined whether to book it. We would have to have at least 300 people to show up to be able to break even. If we do not get that then it is will lose money.
- Margie changed her opinion. We should have the State convention to offer something to those who do not have a lot of funds.
- Kamesha asked for the reasons the states who declined to host a State convention declined.

Past Delegate Mike K. read a rule of order.

Mark asked for a vote whether to continue the discussion or not:

13 votes to continue the discussion 17 votes were to not continue the discussion.

The original motion stands. Area 32 will not host the Michigan State Convention in 2020.

B. Request for Additional Funds:

- Kurt requested an additional \$1,000 plus \$200 for each area assembly to send the delegate to NY.
- Cindy said that she was opposed to approving it now. In the finance committee they approved \$2,500
- Jon said that in the finance committee this was already discussed, and the motion was circumvented (here). The finance committee did not feel that the prudent reserve allows for this at this time and there will be time enough later for this to be reviewed again.

Mark read the Motion: Should we send an extra \$1,000 from prudent reserve fund to send the Delegate to New York? 1 in favor, the remaining vote no.
Motion failed.

OFFICER ELECTIONS / COMMITTEE CHAIR NOMINATIONS

Officers:

Alt. Delegate: Nominees were Mark M., Jon S. & Don M. **Don M. was elected.** altdelegate@cmia32.org
Delegate: Lori C. asked if interested. No other candidates. **Lori C. was elected.** delegate@cmia32.org
Area Chair: Nominees were Pete G. and Jon S. **Pete G was elected.** chair@cmia32.org
Alt. Chair: Randy withdrew his nomination. **Jon S. was elected** altchair@cmia32.org

Registrar: Kamesha M. registrar@cmia32.org
Secretary: Stephanie G. secretary@cmia32.org
Treasurer: Kelly B. treasurer@cmia32.org
Alt. Treas.: Heidi G.

Nominations for Committee Chair positions:

Accessibilities: Cynthia R. (specialneeds@cmia32.org)
Archives: Mark M.
CPC (cooperation with the professional community) / PI Committee: **Randy K.** cpc@cmia32.org
Corrections: Keith S.
Finance: 2 members are elected – Tracey G, John M.
Forum: Tom R.
Grapevine: open
Intergroup Liaison: Kirk F.
Literature: Mike K. (temporary chair with Don) literature@cmia32.org
Public Information: open
Treatment
Facilities: John M.
Website: Ted S.
YPPAA: Ethan M.

C. OPEN POSITIONS:

- Kate stated that the Literature position could be streamlined.
- If we could eliminate the large trailer the position would be more attractive.
- Jen L. suggested that the website be used to pre-order literature ahead of the meetings. Literature could be available at the next meeting.
- Don said that the distribution process for corrections literature to each District rep. needs streamlining. Open to suggestions.

D. EQUIPMENT TRAILER

- Lori C said that reducing the PA equipment would help eliminate items.
- Jon S. asked whether we just bought a PA.
- Lori said maybe a microphone is needed.
- Mark M. stated that the huge box (PA) is a relic and years ago it was almost approved to be streamlined then did not pass.
- Joe – stated that a portable unit would be the best option. The system is overkill for what we need. This should be a five-minute job to set up, not an hour. Idea was posed to sell the current system to offset the cost of a new system.
- Kirk F. said that he would take the original sound system and the banner back. These items were all donated to begin with.

Motion to close. Meeting Adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Delegate Report

Jed Straubel - Area 32, Panel 67

Dec 2, 2018

It has been an interesting and educational two years serving as your Delegate to the General Service Conference. I would like to start out by thanking wholeheartedly all the people who have made my job so much smoother and effective than it might have been. Firstly, the past Delegates who have stepped up with helpful suggestions, never demanding and always helpful. Particularly Kirk F, our Panel 65 Delegate. He was always available and so very kind and thoughtful. Jack W, never failed to be at the right place at the right time with the right suggestion. Don W. from Area 34 and so many other Delegates past and present all contributed much.

And the Area officers, Tracy, Mark, Stephanie, Cynthia, and Pete, all trusted servants, all helping to make my job more effective, and always being an available ear for me when needed.

My congratulations to our new Area 32 Delegate, Lori C, who has been an inspiration to us all with her thoughtful manner and eagerness to do the best job possible as our Alternate Delegate. An attitude that I am sure will carry thru in her term as Area 32, Panel 69 Delegate. I notice that there are 32 items so far on the proposed Agenda for next year, coincidence? Perhaps. I think it's a sign they know Lori is coming.

And Don M, who has served so capably as our Literature Chair, a demanding and thankless job, will transfer into his new demanding and thankless position as our Area 32, Panel 69 Alternate Delegate. Congratulations Don. I feel that Area 32 is in great hands with you two on the job. I am looking forward to supporting you both.

MCYPAA 40 was a great event with over 850 attendees from Michigan and other states. Our GSO Outreach table was visited by a surprisingly fair amount of people. Service Manuals, Grapevines, pamphlets, and Final Reports were all looked over and taken home by these sober and service minded people.

Best to the new Committee Chairs and please do call on me at any time, if I can be of service.

Now, my job is not over as I have one more Delegate Report to do in Bay City this month. Thank you District 22 for fitting me in.

I am planning to attend the Conference of Delegates Past and Present in Illinois next February and just as many Area 32 Assemblies as I can.

Jed Straubel, Delegate, Area 32, Panel 67

Alternate Delegate Report

December 2, 2018

Today at our General Service Information Meeting approximately 20 members were in attendance. We welcomed 5 new members to our General Service Information Meeting!

We discussed Traditions 11 and 12 and Concepts 11 and 12.

We discussed information from A.A. about how to help AA save on costs associated by donations to the GSO. I shared a flyer on making an online donation both personally and as a group to help AA save 80% of the costs associated with processing mail in donations. Also discussed was the information from AA on the Meeting Finder App and the AA You Tube Channel. This information was given to the group representatives to take back to their groups.

I shared that AA has a new pamphlet now available. "The God Word" which had previously been out in the U.K. is now available for ordering from AA. In addition, I shared that Grapevine has a newer book out entitled "One Big Tent". Both of these items are to help members who may be atheist feel more comfortable with AA as a whole.

At today's meeting I gave a General Service Information Quiz to the members present. While there were ten general questions to be answered, only one had to be 100% correct. All in attendance received a reward for taking the quiz.

Since our last CMIA 32 meeting, I attended the Statewide Corrections Committee Meeting held in Pinconning and not only was it well attended, a lot of great information was shared at this event. I also attended the Statewide Service Committee Meeting held in Lansing where we elected new chairpersons, secretaries and treasurers to serve on the various committees. From Area 32 Kamisha M. was elected to serve as Grapevine Chairperson and Mark M. was elected to serve as the Statewide Service Committee Treasurer. I also attended the Last Chance Group's Anniversary Dinner and learned a lot more about our own Jack Whitehouse.

Today is my last meeting serving as Alternate Delegate Panel 67. I am grateful and humbled to have served Area 32 in this position. I want to thank all of you who attend on a regular basis and make this meeting not only informative but a lot of fun. It is my hope that our newly elected Alternate Delegate Panel 69 Don McLean will continue to have all of your support and receive all the gifts that I have in service to our Area.

It is my prayer that I can continue serve you well as Delegate for the next two years. Thank you for allowing me to serve. I do truly love your commitment to service. Service YAHOO!

With Love and Service,

Concept 1: Keith S. Tradition 1: Pricilla P.

Concept 2: Keith S. Tradition 2: Pricilla P.

Lori Conant

Alternate Delegate Panel 67; Area 32