

## Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes from February 3, 2019 – District 10, Owosso, MI

**2019 Schedule:** February 3 – District 10 – ZCBJ Hall 1775 Owosso Ave, Owosso.

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

**CHAIR: Pete G., (District 2), [chair@cmia32.org](mailto:chair@cmia32.org)** Pete opened the morning session at 9:30 a.m. with the responsibility pledge. Motion to accept the agenda as printed was approved. Pete opened the meeting for group concerns. Stanley brought up a question about spirit of rotation concerning hosting Statewide Convention in 2020. Since we opted not to host the meeting in 2020, we want to make sure we stay in the rotation for future hosting. Lori explained to the body that at the last Statewide meeting this was not discussed. She then brought the body up to speed on this topic by reminding everyone that at the last CMIA 32 meeting in Saline on Dec. 2, 2018 it was voted not to host the Statewide Convention in 2020 because Michigan is also hosting the International Convention that year. Pete offered to add this topic to New Business in the afternoon portion of today's meeting. Lori announced that Mock Conference is March 23, 2019 in Mt. Pleasant and encouraged people to take flyers and attend the conference because she takes ideas to New York from this meeting. She then said that she has buttons for Statewide Convention hosted by Area 33 for 2019, and to please take a bag to sell to promote the State Convention.

**ALT. CHAIR: Jon S., (District 4), [altchair@cmia32.org](mailto:altchair@cmia32.org),**

**Afternoon Meeting was called to order by Pete G.** 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'S REPORT: Stephanie G., (District 18) [secretary@cmia32.org](mailto:secretary@cmia32.org),** Attendance was read = attendees: GSRs (new), Alt GSR, Guests, and Past Delegates. Motion to accept meeting minutes without corrections, seconded and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelly D., (District) [treasurer@cmia32.org](mailto:treasurer@cmia32.org),** Kelly thanked the body for the opportunity to serve. **She announced the new address: CMIA 32 Treasurer, c/o Kelly D., PO Box 1593, Midland MI 48640.** She has cards to pass out with the information as well. She then read the Treasurer's report, attached. Motion to accept report, seconded and approved.

**ALT. TREASURER: Heidi G., (District 2)**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Gary M., (District 10), [finance@cmia32.org](mailto:finance@cmia32.org),** Gary read the Finance report. Motion to accept Finance report (attached), seconded. Corrections Committee has requested \$1,000 from the Finance Committee. Tracy explained that a few meetings ago they were only given \$600 and so the \$200 extra now is to make up for that shortage. Vote produced one dissenting opinion. He requested more information on what these funds are being spent on. Gary said that this is being looked into. Pete asked if anyone wanted to change their vote. None.

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kamesha M., (District 12), [registrar@cmia32.org](mailto:registrar@cmia32.org).** Kamesha went over the new group forms and the DCM forms. The importance of GSR's being registered with the GSO is that the international convention is coming up and groups who are recognized will be receiving information on upcoming events. Please take the time to fill out a form or contact Kamesha at the above contact information in order to get your information current if needed.

**Past Delegates were Recognized.**

### **Group and District Announcements:**

Pete asked for groups to come up. Kirk F. stated that Mock Conference is March 23<sup>rd</sup> and there are flyers available, Mock conference replicates in 6 hours what happens in 6 days during the conference in New York. Mock Delegates will be assigned to committees. The meeting is in Mt. Pleasant. There are 9 committees with 3 agenda items each. They meet in the morning and discuss topics. Lunch is followed by discussion items being presented under the same type format that happens in NY. This year they are working to reinstitute some past practices to make it as similar to the real thing as possible. We are in a test area where Mock Conference is being tested to see if this is a wise use of Seventh Tradition monies or the monies should be diverted for other purposes.

Upcoming events:

\_\_\_\_\_ (?): Alano Club area 34 Rick Pete at Mt. Pleasant Alano Club the day before the MC (Flyer)

Dodgeball and a panel at YFC center in Alma (flyer)

Ethan: St Patty's day potluck and game night. CMIA32.org will have the flyer and details of this fun event. Open Speaker as well.

Art Mohr: DCM for District 8 – event will be Livingston County Airport plus other events happening the night before.

Stanley P.: ERC delegates past and present Feb 8 – 10 at Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, IL

March Round Up is located at the Crowne Plaza in Detroit.

Area 33 is hosting State Convention.

Heidi – April event will be happening re: Living Sober – BYON- Bring Your Own Newcomer – see Midland AA website for details.

Kamesha – March Round up rooms are sold out so people with no reservations will need to find an alternate hotel.

Lori C – Kim is the pin holder with bags of pins to sell for the State Convention.

**DELEGATE'S REPORT: Lori C., (District 2)** Please see attached report. [delegate@cmia32.org](mailto:delegate@cmia32.org)

**ALT. DELEGATE: Don M., (District 2)** Please see attached report. [altdelegate@cmia32.org](mailto:altdelegate@cmia32.org)

**UPDATE ON EAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE – Dennis S. – Past Delegate:** Not Present. No report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**LITERATURE: Mike K.** [literature@cmia32.org](mailto:literature@cmia32.org). Mike K. accepted the nomination as Literature Chair. No opposition. Pete or Mike to get a letter from the Secretary to change the bank account information.

**ARCHIVIST: Jim D. (District 6)** Jim encouraged attendees to start working on the history form for home groups. Get the copies to him so they can be recorded. Keep a copy for your group history.

**ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Mark M., (District 4)** Mark stated that it is the intention of the Archives Committee to actually become a committee. Encouraged attendees to fill out the group history form. He is looking into having digital archives available for groups to utilize. Mark will be attending the National Archives Convention at the St. Regis Hotel in Detroit Sept. 5 – 8<sup>th</sup>. Flyer to follow.

**CORRECTIONS: Keith S.,** the recent Statewide Corrections Workshop. Purchased a box of Grapevines which were distributed today. Keith encouraged attendees to send information to him regarding facilities that their volunteers may be visiting to bring AA meetings to the incarcerated. E mail info to [corrections@cmia32.org](mailto:corrections@cmia32.org).

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: Randy K., (District 4)** [cpc@cmia32.org](mailto:cpc@cmia32.org) – trying to form a committee to assist local people to work on outreach.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION: Open Position.**

**FORUM: Tom R., (District 2) ABSENT**

**GRAPEVINE: Open Position.** Kate L. was nominated. No opposition.

**ACCESSIBILITIES: Cynthia R., (District 20)** [specialneeds@cmia32.org](mailto:specialneeds@cmia32.org) Absent

**INTERGROUP LIAISON: Kirk F., (District 4)** Liaison committee was created six years ago and has been dormant for the past 4. Kirk wants the area assembly to assist. Six attendees were at the meeting today. Importance of DCM's to visit all the groups in their districts.

**TREATMENT: John M., (District 4)** Discussed working with CPC in an effort to talk to treatment center directors as a unit so the TC's are not overwhelmed. Discussed Bridging the Gap program. He wants treatment chairs from other districts to attend area assembly to put together a wider scope of coverage.

**WEBSITE: Ted S., (District 26)** Four attendees discussing what is good and bad about the current website. Comments: more room for flyers. Less busy more casual. Discussion of encryption and non-secure site status that may deter people from visiting non secure recovery sites. Ted asked ppl to look at the Area 32 website ([CMIA32.ORG](http://CMIA32.ORG)) and send him feedback about what is liked or disliked.

**YPAA: Ethan M., (District 4)** 3 attendees. Discussed how to grow attendance. Discussed contacting YPAA meetings in the area of the upcoming area assembly to encourage attendance. Getting information to young attendees is the #1 goal. YPAA meetings are open meetings. MCYPAA is the weekend before thanksgiving this year, in Detroit. Hard to get locations the week of Thanksgiving. ICYPAA location and date will be discussed at the next area assembly.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Lori informed the body that Lyle T. passed away at the end of December. Moment of silence for Lyle.
- Discussion about the last Statewide meeting not discussing the decision of Area 32 not to host the State Convention in 2020 at their last meeting. Stanley P. requested that this matter is brought up at the next Statewide meeting so that we do not lose our place in the rotation of the Statewide Convention hosting. Art M. suggested that our area elect a liaison person to interface with the committee people who are holding these future AA events in Michigan. So that we can have the information on what is going on in Detroit.
- Lori said that Carlyle will be the contact person at the end of 2019 into 2020 regarding these future events. Lori will be serving on the International Convention panel in May and try and bring back information to the Area Assembly re: what to expect.
- Tracey said she talked to Carlyle at Statewide and we need 5,000 volunteers to put on the International Convention.
- Lori will be a conduit of information between the area and the international planning committee. If we opt out of rotation in 2020 then 2023 will be our turn again.
- Pete M. took the consensus of the group to table this matter to the next assembly.
- Mark M. explained that this is tabled until the April Statewide meeting and it will be discussed by the three areas at that meeting at that time. It will be like a group conscience and the decision will be made. He pointed out that the most important thing is what we ARE going to have, not what we are not. And the International Convention is a very large undertaking so if we opt out conserve resources and forgo the Statewide Convention it will be by informed group conscience.
- Pete G. said that there will be a meeting of the outgoing committee chairs to confer with the new committee chairs so that information can be exchanged, and the committee transitions go smoothly. This will happen at the April assembly.

Motion to close. Meeting Adjourned at 2:07 PM.

## Delegate Report

Lori Conant Panel 69; Area 32

February 3, 2019

Since taking my position effective January 1, 2019, I have already had some wonderful experiences

At the end of December 2018, I found out that I will be serving on the panels Policy and Admissions and a secondary committee of International Conventions and Regional Forums. I am looking forward to being of service to both committees.

The first thing that started happening was that I was sent Doodle's to make a selection for our committee's Conference Calls to be done prior to the Trustees weekend scheduled for January 26-28, 2019. The committee on Policy and Admissions went off without a hitch. The Doodle for International Conventions and Regional Forums I did not receive so therefore Julio from the General Service Office had to phone me and find out why I did not respond. I had not received it. This was quickly resolved and I received the Doodle request as we were on the phone. I had to make another call to New York that day as I could not log onto the Dashboard. My calls to New York were handled with the upmost professionalism and with kindness by all I spoke with. I came away from this with a feeling that *these* people really do care about us.

I then got on Dashboard and felt comfortable with the format of this tool. I did unfortunately, not download all the information I needed but with Rick P.'s panel 68 Area 34's Delegate help a week later, I was able to find all the documents I needed up to this point. It is really a *we* program even at the level of Delegate.

Policy and Admissions Committee had our Conference Call scheduled for January 15, 2019. I was excited and somewhat nervous to partake in this as I am so new as a Delegate but the trustee Rich P. made us feel welcome and valued as a member of this panel.

I did attend the Statewide Service Committee Meeting on January 27, 2019. Many plans for service at the Statewide level are in the works for 2019. Committees which are represented are CPC, Corrections and the Grapevine plus a General Sharing Session in the afternoon. All of you are encouraged to attend. Please speak to your DCM for dates and location.

I have found in the past month that everyone I have had contact with is helpful, kind and supporting. I am truly excited to continue my service as we move towards May 19-25, 2019 at our General Service Conference.

In Love and Service,



Lori Conant Panel 69, Area 32 Delegate

## Alternate Delegate report

February 03, 2019

Good afternoon all,

At today's General Service meeting we had 32 in attendance with 25 being GSR's. Traditions 1 and 2 were discussed by Pricilla R. Concepts 1 and 2 were discussed by Mark H. There was a brief discussion of the importance of the service manual. Included in this discussion was the importance of the spirit of rotation. The GSR's were then picked on as I asked them to tell me what their duties were. There was a lively sharing session in which we discussed group issues including group autonomy among the attendees. The meeting closed at 11:15 with the responsibility pledge.

In Service,

Don McLean

Alternate Delegate Panel 69 Area 32