

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes from February 2, 2020 – District 12, Perry

2020 Schedule: February 2: District 10, Perry Township Hall; April: District 20; Bullock Creek High School; June: District 28 Hillman; August: District 26, October: District 22; December: TBD

CHAIR: Jon S. (District 4) chair@cmia32.org Jon opened the morning session at 9:45 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer and the Responsibility Pledge. Jon thanked District 10 for the venue and hospitality.

He opened the meeting for **Group Concerns:**

Lori: March Round Up – Crown Plaza Detroit March 13 – 15th, Mock Conference March 28th in Mt. Pleasant. Please attend if possible. This is where Lori hears the concerns from district members which is very important.

Jon: Volunteer Kickoff for International Convention is February 8 at Cobo Hall. Please see flyers and attend if you can.

John reviewed the agenda for the day and the location of the sessions.

Afternoon Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM. Opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer.

Motion to accept the agenda. Agenda was accepted as printed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Stephanie G. (District 18) secretary@cmia32.org, Attendance was read = 84 attendees: 26 GSRs, 3 Alt GSR's, 40 Guests, 8 DCM's, and 6 Past Delegates. Approved as written.

Jon asked for the Six Past Delegates including 1 Past Trustee to stand to be recognized.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelly D., (District 20) treasurer@cmia32.org Kelly read the Treasurer's report, attached. Motion to accept report seconded and approved.

ALT. TREASURER: Janell W. District 20 –beautiful_red24@yahoo.com

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Tracey G., (District 20): finance@cmia32.org, requests coming from Finance Committee requiring votes: \$800 to corrections committee for literature, approved, Grapevine Committee requests \$69 for a sign, approved, Mock Conference Committee; \$750, approved. Seeking approval to give \$1000 to our Delegate for conference attendance: seeking approval to get the February and April disbursements to the DCM fund.

Dennis Soto past delegate states that we will always be behind with the Delegate's fund. He makes a friendly amendment to drop the April request and just make it so \$1,000 goes from the General Fund to the Delegate fund for General Service Conference. Jon reiterates the motion and asks for comments, there are none, a vote is called for unanimously passed.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kamesha M., (District 12), registrar@cmia32.org Steph read Kamesha's report, report attached.

Group and District Announcements:

- Opportunity for attendees to come up to discuss group events and flyers.
- International Kickoff meeting for volunteers for International Convention – Sat Feb 8, from 1 – 4 PM COBO Center Hall E.
- District 4 AAPPAA Dawn Farm Barn Sat March 14 6 PM Doors, 7PM Speaker Panel. Ann Arbor. Flyer
- Brian – Chair of MONCYPAA March 7, Game Night; Food & Panel What AA for Young PPL is. Tecumseh. Flyer.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Lori C. (District 2), Panel 69, Area 32 delegate@cmia32.org Please see attached report.

ALT. DELEGATE: Don McLean (District 2), altdelegate@cmia32.org; Please see attached report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LITERATURE REPORT: Mike K., (District 2) literature@cmia32.org: **Mike said that he had a great day of sales.**

Thanked the body for their patience during the wait time on sales. He has been trying to coordinate a meeting regarding sales tax. He has collected it but has not sent it in. They are working on sending 2019 it to the State.

District 6 is owed some literature because Mike sold out available stock. Rain Check.

ARCHIVIST: Jim D., (District 6) Asked for recognition from the body for the efforts of Mike regarding the literature position and all the work that is entailed not only on the assembly days but all the other days that service is done regarding ordering and inventories. He said he has been doing research for other people as archivist and reminded the body that Home Group History forms are important and to submit them.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Mark M., (District 4) markmocer@comcast.net. Mark said he has updated the archives from the 2019 minutes. He archived an open talk by Nel Wing's open talk at the 32nd Michigan State Convention. Looking through archives on the Area 32 website for present content and what can be added to archives.

CORRECTIONS: Keith S. gizmotry@yahoo.com Discussed requirements for taking meetings into correction facilities. They vary widely but there is being work done to homogenize. Discussed the need for more women volunteers to go into correctional facilities. Planning to purchase GV's to distribute by volunteers taking meetings into prisons / jails.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: Don W., District 12 (Absent)

FORUM: Tom R., (District 2) no attendees

GRAPEVINE: Kate L., page88line8@gmail.com (District 2) had a Grapevine Workshop in District 4. There is a Youtube channel for Grapevine content and a New Carry the Message project. Reminder to buy a subscription for a newcomer, a group, or facility. Kate raffled off six items to winning ticket holders and reminded all districts to contact her to assist with GV workshops (in their districts).

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

ACCESSIBILITIES: specialneeds@cmia32.org Carol: 4 ppl attended. She asked districts to bring meeting schedules to the next area meeting so that she can keep track of handicapped accessible meetings.

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Stanley P. (District 12) – Certified treatment center listings are county wide now, not statewide. If they are on the county websites that means they are registered and accredited.

INTERGROUP LIAISON: Kirk F., (District 4) saltcity@comcast.net Goal is to establish a starting relationship between the conf. structure and the other AA's involved in other service to the fellowship. Discussed how to increase participation from Lansing Central Office/ Huron Valley Intergroup, and the Unity Council's Central office, Dist. 6 and the Intergroup Office District 4 to designate representatives to regularly attend the Liaison Committee at CMIA 32.

WEBSITE: Jamie P., (District 22), jamie.payne@michiganpipe.com working on meeting guide app. Has a helper to assist with MG app soon. Looking at ways to simplify Area 32 website. Needs someone to take over the area website. Discussed anonymity within Facebook groups. Attraction not promotion. Same principles as print radio and film apply here.

YPAA: Evan K. (District 4) mckay1er@cmich.edu 5 attendees. Discussed YPPAA pamphlet proposal.

Kirk F. gave a synopsis of activities at Mock Conference. The Mock Conference Committee was formed 2 or 3 years ago, to assist with planning the Mock Conference. Committee is comprised of area 32, 33, and 34. Conference begins Friday and ends Sunday. Past Delegates serve as Committee secretaries. There are 11 or 12 committees at the actual Conference, and so each Delegate picks 3 of those committees so there are 9 committees at Mock Conference. Committees meet in the mornings and report findings in afternoon. The Mock Conference is intended to closely imitate the actual Conference that the Delegates attend. Packets are sent electronically to each attendee to assign them to committees and provide them their conference materials. It is open to everybody and all are encouraged to attend. Check the service links on the left column on the CMIA32.org website. Choose STATEWIDE COMMITTEE link, look for Mock Conference. There is also a speaker on Friday night at Alano Club, Cynthia B. who will be the speaker; she is a past delegate for Area 33. The flyer has hotel information. Call the Comfort Inn Mt. Pleasant directly to get the \$99 per night rate for the Mock Conference.

OLD BUSINESS:

Host District Needed: Still seeking a centrally located venue for the December Assembly. Hopefully between Flint and Midland.

Jon reviewed nomination procedures for the upcoming 2020 Elections. Nominations in October, elections in December.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Lori stated that we combined Treatment Centers and Accessibilities because of lack of chairpersons.
Jon asked for a motion to separate the Treatment & Accessibilities Committees. Unanimously approved.
- B. Lori nominated Carol O. as chairperson for accessibilities committee. She is currently Accessibilities Chair in District 4. She accepted the nomination and was elected by acclamation.
- C. There is a conflict with the CMIA 32 Area Assembly on October 1, 2021 because of the Area 33 hosted State Convention. Lori made a motion to move the CMIA 32 assembly to October 10. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Don M. Made a motion to eliminate the prayer before lunch in lieu of a moment of silence. Ted Seconded. Open for discussion.
- Why? Prayer is a religious construction. It shows affiliation and a moment of silence allows attendees to do as they wish.
 - Joe: suggested that we still have the prayer. People can participate if they wish.
 - Mark: asked that the prayer remain. God is everything or God is nothing.
 - Brad: Prayer represents unity. It says we are never alone. Prayer should stand.
 - Keith: Said that this is a weighty motion and asked to pick it up at a later assembly.

Motion for the motion to be tabled.

A vote was requested.

Vote was taken. 3 opposing votes.

Motion is now tabled until April Assembly when this will appear under Old Business.

Motion to Close. Meeting is closed at 2:25 PM.

Delegates Report

February 2, 2020

Lori Conant; Panel 69 Area 32

Perry, Michigan-District 10

December 1, 2019, started off early as I knew there was going to be weather to contend with and traveling to Midland from my home, takes over 2 hours on a good day, so I planned on and did leave about an hour before I usually would for traveling. I was hit with whiteout conditions near Mason, Michigan. I could not see more than a few feet in front of me. I could not differentiate if I was in the left lane or the right lane and my car even with all-wheel drive, slipped some a couple of times. There was not a snow-plow insight. My husband, who was the passenger, suggested that I stay behind and follow a semi-truck that was traveling at the same time to at least help with visibility so I did. The truck ended up pulling off an exit in DeWitt, Michigan and I followed him by accident. Thank God there was a Park and Ride lot right off the highway so I pulled in there to gather myself. It was there that I accidentally met up with Don W. from the Lansing area. He was waiting for Keith S. and Jim D. to meet him there for a planned carpool. Since at that time I stopped in DeWitt, I had been on the road for over 2 hours and had only made it an hour north of my home. I realized that getting to Midland was going to be difficult at best and if I got there in one piece, I would be very late. Together and after a bunch of phone calls to Area members, we all decided to turn around and head back to our respective homes. Incidentally, by the time I arrived back in Jackson, it was not snowing or even raining so while I had no weather at home, obviously further north was a mess and I told myself, I had made the correct decision. I did not make it and get to wish everyone an upcoming Happy Holidays so here is a belated wish for a wonderful 2020.

There was some important business though to discuss amongst the DCM's so it was suggested to me that instead of communication strictly through email, I perhaps set up a conference call instead. I have been a member of some conference calls as a result of General Service Work, but I had never hosted one. So I found a free site and signed up to get a number and access code. I was not sure it would work but it did and on December 17, 2019, we had our first conference call for DCM's in our area. The meeting was sparsely attended but those who did attend shared some questions and gave reports of what was going on in their District. We also took care of our important business even without meeting in person. If we find we need to do this again, for some reason, I am glad to know it works.

Speaking of conference calls, we had a conference call with our East Central Regional Trustee at the end of the year where we thanked Panel 68 Delegates for their service and welcomed all the new Panel 70 Delegates in the East Central Region. Some of the issues we discussed were on proposed agenda items for the 70th General Service Conference, and our responsibilities for the upcoming East Central Regional Conference of Delegates Past and Present. I am looking forward to spending my Valentine's weekend doing what I love the most, Service.

I also attended conference calls for the conference committees which I serve on at the General Service Conference. I am one of those lucky Delegates who serve on a primary committee (Policy and Admissions) and on a secondary committee (International Conventions and Regional Forums). It just so happened that both committees chose to do their conference calls on the same night. I spent January 14th evening on a conference call from around 4:30 pm to at little after 6 pm for the ICRF Committee and then 7 pm-8 pm on a conference call with the Policy and Admissions Committee. For both committees, we discussed with our corresponding Trustee, proposed agenda items for that committee and our thoughts about them. As per usual, a lot of questions were asked and we had some spirited discussions about some

items that have been proposed as agenda items. Both committees which I serve on may have some difficult decisions to make at the General Service Conference concerning what we take as proposed agenda items to the body at large but I trust the committee process and know we will do the work in front of us and make the correct decisions for Alcoholics Anonymous at large. This is what my experience last year taught me is to not stress too much about it beforehand and allow the process to work because it does.

Final agenda items are supposed to be decided on and brought out to the Delegates around February 15, 2020, with the attached background material so I will know at that time if the agenda item sent in by our Young People and Area 32 makes it on the final list for committee discussion.

Currently, the items that are on my agenda are the Volunteer Kick-off being held next Saturday at Cobo Hall for the International Convention, the Conference of Delegates Past and Present being held February 14-16, 2020 in Detroit, the March Round-up being held March 13-15, 2020 also in Detroit, the Mock Conference held in Mount Pleasant March 28, 2020, our April CMIA Meeting being held in District 20 on April 5, 2020 and then of course, the General Service Conference held April 19-25, 2020 in Rye Brook New York.

The news from the GSO at this time include the Board weekend this weekend where final agenda items will be discussed and decided, planning and implementing a shared shopping cart for AAWS and Grapevine purchasing so you would not have to purchase and pay for literature from two different sites and continuation of implementing Net Suite where they are still working out the issues with making changes to groups, DCM's, GSR's and Area Committee Chairs so correspondence is still slower in coming. Hopefully this will be worked out soon. Group monetary donations are still being logged but receipts for these donations are also slowed down as a result of the change to Net Suite. All in all, our quarterly financial report ending September 2019 is looking as is expected and since no news can be good news, things have been relatively quiet from the GSO which may make for a controversial free General Service Conference.

I missed all of you these last months but grateful to be back here today. As per usual, if you need me for anything or have questions or concerns, I am available to help when asked.

In Love and Service,

Lori Conant

Panel 69; Area 32

G.S.I. meeting

02-02-2020

Good afternoon All. Today at the General Service Information meeting there were 23 in attendance that were GSRs, Alternates, or visitors.

After introductions volunteers discussed traditions 1 & 2 and concepts 1 & 2.

Today's topic of discussion was Robert's rules, motion making, and voting procedures. We talked about the importance of attending Mock Conference. ~~There~~ There were a few minutes left ~~in~~ in which we ~~discussed~~ talked about group problems and concerns. We closed at 11:15.

In Service,

Don McLean

Panel 69 Area 32

Alternate Delegate