

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes

April 2, 2017 – District 18, Saginaw, MI

2017 Schedule

June 4 – District 26, East Tawas

August 6 – District 28, Hillman

October 1 – District 8, Brighton

December 3 – District 2

CHAIR: Mark M; chair@cmia32.org

Meeting called to order at 1:04 pm. Opened with Serenity prayer and Responsibility Pledge followed by reading of AA Preamble from Tausha.

- Motion to accept Agenda for meeting, seconded and approved.

Chair acknowledges District 18 volunteers for hosting the meeting.

Tradition 3 was discussed by Jack R

Tradition 4 was discussed by Paul W

Concept 3 was discussed by Matt D

Concept 4 was discussed by Mike K

Volunteers for next meeting:

Tradition 5: Nathan B

Tradition 6: Lori C

Concept 5: Tom R

Concept 6: Kamesha M

Committee Reports

SECRETARY: Doug R; secretary@cmia32.org. Attendance = 77; 35 GSRs, 2 alt-GSRs, 40 Guests.

- Corrections to February 2017 minutes: October Area 32 meeting in Brighton, MI is District 8 not “District 1”. Phil L. is the Finance Committee Chair, not Tim C.
- Motion to accept February 2017 meeting minutes as corrected, seconded and approved.

TREASURER: Cynthia R; treasurer@cmia32.org

- Motion to accept Treasurer’s report (attached), seconded and approved.

FINANCE: Phil L; finance@cmia32.org

- Motion to approve \$800 for corrections committee, seconded and approved.
- Motion to accept Finance Committee report (attached), seconded and approved.

REGISTRAR: Pete G; registrar@cmia32.org. Over 40 group changes and 10 position updates logged in database since last meeting. Pleased with level of effort put into getting updates to GSO. Any further group changes should be submitted by Mid-May for inclusion in next Eastern US AA Directory printing from GSO. Changes can be submitted directly to Registrar, via email, fax, or US mail.

Six past delegates were recognized.

DELEGATE: Ted S; delegate@cmia32.org. Please see attached report.

ALT. DELEGATE: Lori C; altdelegate@cmia32.org. Please see attached report.

LITERATURE: Don M; literature@cmia32.org. Please see attached report.

ARCHIVIST: Jim D; Sent invitations to other 3 archivists to participate in State Convention. Workshop in Tecumseh later this month. Going to be a fun and busy year – love it.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Phil L; Discussing ongoing concerns regarding histories of homegroups in CMIA 32. Drawing up a final copy entitled “Group History Form” on one side and 20 questions on the other to launch reports. These will be available on registration table at future assemblies and making frequent announcements for requests and results.

CORRECTIONS: Mark H; corrections@cmia32.org Attendance: 14. \$368 available balance, need to look into customary expenses for committee. Nine districts in attendance will split \$800 distribution at \$88.88 each. Discussed whether pictures being taken at jail entryways an issue; most volunteers know this is a requirement for entry and have agreed to accept terms. Starting to set-up J Pay for email communication with inmates. Chair will look into getting meetings into Saginaw jail.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: John B; cpc@cmia32.org Flint/District 12 was given lead on church that wants to offer meeting space. Discussion and support provided about role of intergroup and districts in CPC work. Discussion of four areas of CPC: clergy, medical, legal, education. Discussions emphasized importance of explaining what AA can and cannot do early in CPC relationship.

- Motion to send District 6 CPC report to email list via secretary, seconded.

Discussion: What's the point/end game for this information? The information is meant to convey CPC experience from District 6 for consideration. It's merely informational. CPC report took great effort and there seems to be no way to get this info to groups. Concern that using the email list is breach of trust and could open door to other committees to take advantage of this list.

- Motion amended to state that information be posted onto website where it can be downloaded, maintaining anonymity. Amendment seconded, *vote to approve motion 36 in favor, 9 opposed.*

Minority opinion: Could open doors to using website as mass deposition. Should get info directly from source (GSO, Conference approved literature), not from one group's interpretation of the source. Could use sign-up sheet for committee to distribute. Concern that the information in the report has not been read, not sure what actually would go on the website. *Voters wish to change vote based on minority position. Voted in favor of reopening discussion on amended motion.*

Discussion: GSRs asked for the report so it can be referenced when discussion brought up to avoid emotional responses. Attending Area and its standing committee meetings is the proper way to distribute/access this information. *Voted on amended motion: 6 in favor, 31 opposed. Motion defeated.*

FORUM: Gary M; ECRF is Nov 17-19th in Springfield, IL. Please sign Forum sign-up sheet at the registration table if you haven't already and wish to go.

GRAPEVINE: Kamesha M; Attendance: 11, 5 GVRs, 2 packets given out. Discussed establishing GVRs District-wide, ordering info and subscriptions, price increases in March. GV committee organizing skit for 65th State Convention: "Victor E. and the Slogans". Contact committee if interested in participating. Limited time savings of subscription renewals online. Winner of the Grapevine Sweepstakes: Area 32!

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Tom R; Attendance: 4. Discussed being proactive in getting PSAs out for playing and compiling a list of stations in Area. Ordering work kits for committee members. Looking deeper into what committee can do. Had lively discussion about utilizing social media.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Lisa R; specialneeds@cmia32.org. Four people in attendance at committee meeting. Stanley came with many helpful suggestions and info. Ted stopped by to seek suggestions. GSO requests changing committee name from "Special needs" to "Accessibilities".

LIAISON: No report, empty committee chair position.

TREATMENT: Thomas (Lou) F; (no written report)

WEBSITE: Jason D; Met with Dan and discovered we are limited in our ability to make changes to website and can only update content unless we want to make a platform change and serious overhaul. This is our current main area of focus. We are also monitoring traffic on the website to determine what is content priority.

YPAA: Matt D; Good progress being made to get YPAA member on each panel for State Convention. Discussed how MCYPAA/YPAA does and could fit into general AA service structure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion to change Special Needs/Accessibilities committee to Accessibilities, seconded.
- Motion to close meeting, seconded and approved. Meeting closed at 2:55 with Lord's Prayer.

Delegate Report
Central Michigan Intra-Area
Area Assembly
Banquetteer Center, Saginaw, District 18

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Good afternoon my friends,

The 67th General Service Conference starts Saturday April 22nd thru Friday the 28th in Ryebrook, New York. I humbly thank you for nominating and electing me to represent Area 32 at this most awesome assembly of men and women from all over the country who have dedicated themselves to the purpose of bringing the program of recovery to all those who suffer from alcoholism.

There are 1276 pages in the Conference Agenda and included background material which were made available to myself and the other 92 panel 66 and 67 Delegates. I am charged with becoming familiar with this material but more intimately familiar with the two panels which I am assigned to. The Finance Committee as well as a secondary assignment to the archives Committee. We had the first conference call this Wednesday with 4 Panel 66 Delegates and 4 of us Panel 67 as well as the assigned Trustee.

February 10 thru 12 was the Conference of delegates Past and Present in Perrysburg Ohio. This event always impresses me as the point where Past East Central Delegates can share their valuable experience with the new Delegates. ~~Great fellowship and exposure to~~

Our annual Mock Conference was hosted quite capably by District 16 again. My thanks to Tracy G and all those wonderful volunteers. I had attended these before but knowing that this is a prequel to the Conference made it take on a more serious tone. Kirk F and others did a great job of gathering and preparing the background material and the food was quite tasty as usual.

The very talented and enthusiastic State Conference Committee has the fate of this event well in hand with speakers and panels all falling into place neatly and it looks like it is going to be a memorable event. Tom R is doing a great job at getting the information out there. Thanks Tom.

It was mentioned at the DCM Meeting that your Delegate will be available to present the Delegate Report any time after early May so please do get with me for scheduling this most important presentation, for what goes on in New York does affect all of us and your input is encouraged.



Ted Straubel, Panel 67 Area 32 Delegate

Alternate Delegate Report

April 2, 2017

Today at the G.S.R. Meeting we had 30 people in attendance. 2 were first time G.S.R.'s and the other were seated G.S.R.'s and other members interested in the meeting.

We discussed Concepts 3 and 4, The 65th Michigan State Convention and for East Central Regional Forum being held November 17-19, 2017 in Springfield, IL.

The Bi-ennial CMIA 32 Inventory was passed out to those that were present. A brief explanation of why and what this inventory is used for was presented and discussion of the importance of filling out the inventory was presented.

Since the last CMIA 32 meeting held in February, I had the honor of attending the Conference of Delegates Past and Present in Perrysburg, OH February 10-12. As per usual, I was humbled by the power of service in A.A.

I also attended a State Convention meeting to discuss the upcoming State Convention in July 2017 and we followed this with a discussion by Area Chairpersons and Group Officers who wished to be present. Items of concern about the Area 32 ideas on how to better attendance were discussed. An Ad-hoc committee has been formed to address these concerns as a result. The items on the CMIA 32 Inventory will provide information to the Ad-hoc committee that will be used.

I also attended the March Roundup in Area 33 as well as the Mock Conference held in Mount Pleasant last week. As always, the love of service shines through others at these events.

I presented information to a local A.A. group on some group concerns with conference approved literature, singleness of purpose and

monetary donations to the entities using information provided by the General Service Office of A.A.

I have also attended two local Intergroup meetings in the Jackson area and a District 2 meeting to stay current in local service activities.

In addition to being blessed to perform service to A.A., I celebrated 18 years of continuous sobriety on March 6. I am so humbled that God and this program has provided me with such a gift that I continue to attempt to give back to the program through service opportunities and practicing these principals in all my affairs.

It has been a wonderful couple of months with many opportunities to learn, grow and meet others in the program especially from the East Central Region of A.A. that I cannot wait for the next couple of months of additional opportunities as your Alternate Delegate. Thank you all for allowing me this opportunity.

In Service,



Lori Conant

Alternate Delegate Panel 67, Area 32.