

**Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes  
October 7, 2018 – District 22, Bay City, MI**

**2018 Remaining Schedule**

December 2 – District 4 – Saline Middle School, 7190 N. Maple Rd. Saline, MI 48176

**CHAIR: Mark M., (District 8):** [chair@cmia32.org](mailto:chair@cmia32.org); Mark opened the morning session and explained that he had a family funeral and would be leaving for that commitment shortly. Alternate Chair will preside over the meeting.

**ALT. CHAIR: Tracey G., (District 16):** Meeting called to order at 1:01 pm. Opened with Serenity prayer and reading of AA Preamble. Motion to accept Agenda for meeting, seconded and approved.

**Afternoon Mtg. opened at 1:04 PM.** Alt. Chair Tracey G. acknowledged District 22 volunteers for hosting the meeting.

**SECRETARY: Stephanie G., (District 18):** [secretary@cmia32.org](mailto:secretary@cmia32.org); Attendance was read = 88 attendees: GSRs 33 (5 new), 5 Alt GSRs, 50 Guests, and 5 Past Delegates: Dennis, Mike, Art, Jesse, Kirk. Motion to accept meeting minutes without corrections, seconded and approved.

**TREASURER: Cynthia R., (District 20):** [treasurer@cmia32.org](mailto:treasurer@cmia32.org); Cindy read the Treasurer's report. Motion to accept report (attached), seconded and approved.

**FINANCE: Jon S., (District 4):** [finance@cmia32.org](mailto:finance@cmia32.org) Jon read the Finance report. Motion to accept Finance report (attached), seconded.

**REGISTRAR: Pete G., (District 2):** [registrar@cmia32.org](mailto:registrar@cmia32.org); Report submitted regarding new candidate suggested qualifications for election.

**DELEGATE: Ted S., (District 26):** [delegate@cmia32.org](mailto:delegate@cmia32.org); Please see attached report.

**ALT. DELEGATE: Lori C., (District 2):** [altdelegate@cmia32.org](mailto: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](mailto:literature@cmia32.org); no report.

**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):** Committee working on hosting the Oct. Statewide Corrections Workshop for Area 32 in Dist. 18 October 27<sup>th</sup> in Pinconning.

**Encourage home groups to donate their older Grapevines for Corrections. Please bring extras issues of GRAPEVINE to next CMIA32 in Saline and they will be divided up by the Corrections committee.**

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY: John B., (District 6):** [cpc@cmia32.org](mailto:cpc@cmia32.org); submitted report suggesting having a group secretary. Discussed setting goals & agenda. There is a PSA running on 3 radio stations.

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

**FORUM: Gary M., (District 10):** No report.

**GRAPEVINE: Kamesha M., (District 12):** [grapevine@cmia32.org](mailto:grapevine@cmia32.org) Submitted report. Discuss ways to promote GV. GV has a new book and a contest going until 12/29/18.

**ACCESSIBILITIES: Jim C.,:** [specialneeds@cmia32.org](mailto:specialneeds@cmia32.org). No report.

**LIAISON:** No report, vacant committee chair position.

**TREATMENT: Thomas (Lou) F., (District 18):** No Report.

**WEBSITE: Pete G., (District 2):** Report submitted, Website is an integral part of getting AA's message out. Several upcoming deadlines for website name, IP address, & file storage renewals. Prepare to assist with turning over chair.

**YPAA: Jen L.,** No written report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None from floor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Evan – motion from AAPAW (sp?) – motion for Area 32 to Endorse Bid for MCYPAA – motion passed

2). Lori C. – motion regarding eligibility qualifications for voting for officers and committee chairs:

- Jesse – it is not proper to have this vote today.  
We have had 2 years to bring this to the attention of the body and address it properly.
- Jack – stated that the previous directive should be upheld.
- Art - suggested that we keep to the current policy.

Lori C. withdrew her motion. To be discussed at a future date.

**OFFICER ELECTIONS / COMMITTEE CHAIR NOMINATIONS**

**Officers:**

**Alternate Delegate:** Nominees were Mark M., Jon S., & Don M. **Don M. was elected.**

**Delegate:** Lori C. was asked if she would run for Delegate. No other candidates. **Lori C. was elected.**

**Area Chair:** Nominees were Pete G. and Jon S. **Pete G. was elected.**

**Alternate Chair – Jon S.** Randy withdrew his nomination.

A question was posed about voting procedure about third legacy.

**Secretary- Steph G.**

**Alternate Secretary – Jen L.** was not present therefore withdrawn. **Randy K.**, nominated and accepted.

**Treasurer – Kelly B.**

**Alt. Treasurer – Tracey G** withdrew. **Heidi G.**, nominated and accepted.

**Area Registrar:** Tracey G –withdrew. **Kamesha M.**, nominated and accepted.

**Committee Chair Nominations:**

**Accessibilities:** open

**Archives:** open

**CPC / PI Committee:** Randy

**Corrections:** open

**Finance:** John M. and Cindy R.

**Forum:** Tom R, Steph G.

**Grapevine:** Daniel T. Chair, Clifton Co-Chair.

**Intergroup Liaison:** Kirk F.

**Literature:** Tracey asks the body to please volunteer. Open

**Public Information:** Open

**Treatment Facilities:** Cindy R., John M.

**Website:** open

**YPPAA:** Evan K.

**Motion to close. Meeting Adjourned at 2:25 PM.**

## Delegate Report, Area 32 Assembly, Bay City October 7, 2018

Good Day Friends and Fellows,

I stand before you on a day of change, of transformation from what was to what will become and I ask you to reflect upon not just what is transforming within our little corner of the world, but how the entire world around us is transforming and breathe in the flow of life itself as the egg to the worm, the worm to the butterfly, who after leaving vestiges to the future passes on to another form.

I ask a prayer of hope and strength to the upcoming representatives of these changes within our fellowship. And as Dr. Bob and Bill Wilson recognized the need to step aside and allow this change, I ask that we also welcome the new.

From Bill Wilson's 1960 Conference Talk:

Well, I'm so glad that the decision for change was taken. This ushered in a whole new era in our affairs and began to put them service-wise upon a sound and permanent basis. And this involved just really replacing Dr. Bob and me with you people, who have come here to stand in our shoes: you have become the linkage between our trusteeship and the movement. We took the risk, and you people showed us that it wasn't a very big one, because the success of this thing has exceeded our wildest imaginations. Therefore, we enter this twenty-fifth year stepping across one more threshold into the future. What does the future hold for us? What may its perils be like? How can we strengthen ourselves against the time of peril? To put it negatively. To put it positively, how can we increase our communication with the sea of drunks around us? I realize that while on behalf of all, I've been saying nice things about us — congratulating us on our successes so far — we ought nevertheless to soberly reflect that this society has made only the smallest scratch on the total problem of alcoholism."

Regarding the Conference Final Report: The report is considerably longer than its predecessors, in part because of all the material related to the Manuscript issue which is included in full as part of the report of the General Service Board; additionally, by Conference action, the committee considerations of each committee, along with the delegate area highlights, are printed in their entirety, requiring additional time for translation, etc., whereas in prior years these aspects of the report were simply summarized; and the unusual confluence of events stemming from additional Conference actions that put 3 totally revised pamphlets, two completely new pamphlets, a bevy of other corrections and updates, and an every-other-year edition of the Service Manual (all of these items in 3 languages) on the publishing plate at the same time.

Since the August Assembly I have traveled around the Area giving Delegate Reports, attending functions, and participating in the 2018 Michigan State Convention Slash East Central Regional Conference. This was, I feel a 100% success and applaud Area 34 for a job well done. The facility and staff were great and we were made to feel welcome. The panels were interesting and speakers outstanding. I had the honor of introducing Past General Service Board Chair and Class A Trustee the Reverend Ward Ewing. He was in inspiration to me and many others at the event.

A couple more workshops and Reports are coming up for me as well as participating in the Michigan Convention of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous. Rick, Carlyle, and myself will be manning a General Service outreach table and hope to assist in any way possible.

Yours in Service Panel 67, Area 32 Delegate, *Ted Straubel*

## Alternate Delegate Report

October 7, 2018

Today at our General Service Information Meeting 35 members were in attendance.

We discussed Traditions 9 and 10 and Concepts 9 and 10.

We discussed information from A.A. about The Singleness of Purpose and why this is an important Tradition to keep in mind for closed AA meetings. We also shared two Grapevine stories, one from May 2004 and the other from October 1978 with members viewpoints on the topic.

We also talked about the proposed motion to be brought to the body under new business at the afternoon session. I shared with the members present, the background information from AA and why I feel it is important to change our previous voting eligibility to include Area Officers and Committee Chairpersons that whose groups may also be represented by a GSR.

I shared some upcoming events in our area for consideration of attendance at these events. One is Area 34's Public Information Committee workshop concerning items such as What Is AA- What AA does and does not do; the AA Service Structure (my favorite Upside-Down Triangle) and Safety in AA among other topics. This will be held October 13, 2018 in Quincy Michigan.

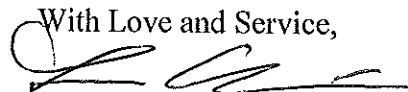
Another item to be considered for attendance is the Statewide Corrections Committee Workshop scheduled in Pinconning Michigan on Saturday October 27, 2018. Speakers will include Circuit and District Court Judges and Parolees in Recovery plus additional information about this valuable service opportunity for members.

In addition to these two service workshops to attend, The Saline Last Chance Group is celebrating their 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary on Thursday November 1, 2018. Our very own Jack W. Past Regional Trustee and valued member of Area 32 is scheduled to be the speaker at this event.

Since our last CMIA 32 meeting, I attended the Michigan State Convention with the East Central Regional Conference in Kalamazoo August 24-26, 2018. I chaired a Sunday morning panel on the "Group Conscious-The Guiding Force" in which we had two Panel 67 Delegates: Barb W. from Area 75 Southern Wisconsin and Bruce C. Area 22 Northern Indiana and our current East Central Regional Trustee Mark E. as our panelists. It was a very well attended and interesting panel of which I was honored to be a small part of. In addition, I had a role in the Grapevine Skit as "Dead Ebby" which I played the part as best I could through all the laughter. It was a great skit with lots of laughs and a possible nomination or two or more for the AA Academy Awards as Best Skit EVER!

As I stand for Area 32 Delegate Panel 69 today, I am humbled for this nomination and am filled with gratitude as my role as your current Alternate Delegate Area 32 Panel 67 comes to an end in the next few months. I believe I have been well prepared for the nominated service position as Delegate by those who have served before me. I have been given a lot of opportunities to learn

even more about AA as your Alternate Delegate Panel 67 and have met a lot of fellow "service junkies" at the events I have attended whom I lovingly refer to as friends. I am willing to serve in any capacity that this body asks me to and I am humbled by your trust and love as I have served as your Alternate Delegate the past two years. I love service and I love all of you as we continue to "Travel the Road of Happy Destiny. "

With Love and Service,  


Lori Conant

Alternate Delegate Panel 67; Area 32

Concept 11: Mac M.

Concept 12: Mac M.

Tradition 11: Carol G.

Tradition 12: Lori C.