

# Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 Assembly Minutes

## **October 2, 2016-District 22- Bay County**

Remaining 2016 Schedule  
December 4, 2016-District 24-Sebewaing

**CHAIR: Kate L. District 2:** [chair@cmia32.org](mailto:chair@cmia32.org):

Called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. The group recited The Serenity Prayer, Kate L. read The AA Preamble and the group recited The Responsibility Pledge.

**Thank you District 22 members for hosting us today!**

**SECRETARY: Lori C.:** [secretary@cmia32.org](mailto:secretary@cmia32.org): Roll Call: In attendance: 95 total; 60 GSRs; - Alt. GSRs; 35 Guests, 2 GSR's at 1<sup>st</sup> visit to Assembly; 1 returning for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

**Chairman called for corrections to minutes from August 7, 2016 minutes. The following corrections provided:**  
None

Tradition 9 was discussed by: Jack R.

Tradition 10 was discussed by: Gary M.

Concept 9 was discussed by: John S.

Concept 10 was discussed by: Doug R.

For the next meeting volunteers:

Tradition 11–Chris K.

Tradition 12-Delois G.

Concept 11–Kamesha M.

Concept 12-Mike K.

**TREASURER: Tracey G.:** [treasurer@cmia32.org](mailto:treasurer@cmia32.org): Report Approved (Report attached).

**FINANCE: Randy K.:** [finance@cmia32.org](mailto:finance@cmia32.org): Report Approved (Report Attached)

**REGISTRAR: Daryl P.:** Not present. No written report.

**Four past delegates were recognized.**

**DELEGATE, Kirk F.:** [delegate@cmia32.org](mailto:delegate@cmia32.org): Please see attached report

**ALT. DELEGATE, Ted S.:** [altdelegate@cmia32.org](mailto:altdelegate@cmia32.org): Please see attached report.

**LITERATURE, Don M.:** [literature@cmia32.org](mailto:literature@cmia32.org): Report approved. (Report Attached)

**ARCHIVIST, Jim D.:** We had a display at the State Convention in collaboration with Area 33, Area 34 and Alanon. We also had a display at the Annual Dignitaries Dinner in Lansing in September. Approximately 200 people from all over the United States attended. We also had a display at the workshop in Irish Hills last weekend. It has been a busy time-Love it!!! Thank you for your continued interest and support.

**ARCHIVES COMMITTEE, Phil L.:** At the Hillman Assembly, 7, August, 2016, our committee discusses ways we might obtain group histories within Intra Area. Procedures suggested were evaluated for implementation as a group or by the individual committee members. Anyone interested in joining our committee is welcome to talk to us or simply attend our meeting at the next Intra Area Assembly.

**CORRECTIONS, Lyle T.:** [corrections@cmia32.org](mailto:corrections@cmia32.org) Ten people were in attendance. There is \$318.00 in the treasury. There were 4 pre-releases. We had \$1,000.00 in literature to split among the members or \$100.00 per district.

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC), John B.:** [cpc@cmia32.org](mailto:cpc@cmia32.org) Continued discussion of "Cooperation with the Courts". A discussion of group's experiences not signing slips was had. All in attendance were encouraged to attend Sunday October 23, 2016 Statewide Service Committee Meeting.

**FORUM, Currently does not have a chairperson.** [Forum@cmia32.org](mailto:Forum@cmia32.org) Members present at CMIA 32 continue to sign the Forum sheet and these will be forwarded to a new chairperson.

**GRAPEVINE, Gary M.:** [grapevine@cmia32.org](mailto:grapevine@cmia32.org): 8 people in attendance. Grow your Grapevine was discussed. The Arbor Cards ease of input and the fact that Area 32 is leading the nation in Arbor Cards was discussed. The online edition of the Grapevine was also talked about.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION, Peter S.:** [pi@cmia32.org](mailto:pi@cmia32.org): Not present, no written report.

**SPECIAL NEEDS, Don W.:** [specialneeds@cmia.org](mailto:specialneeds@cmia.org) No activity

**LIAISON, Zak P.** Not present. No written report.

**TREATMENT FACILITIES, Randy K.:** [treatment@cmia32.org](mailto:treatment@cmia32.org): Spoke about members geeing connected to local members who are already carrying the message into treatment facilities.

**WEBSITE, Chris K.:** [website@cmia32.org](http://website@cmia32.org): No activity

**YPAA: Doug R.:** Discussed MYCPAA coming up on Thanksgiving weekend. Registration can be found online at [www.mecypaa.org](http://www.mecypaa.org).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next assembly **December 4, 2016 in Sebewaing, Mi-District 24**. For agenda and location see attached flyer or visit [www.CMIA32.org](http://www.CMIA32.org)

**We will be opening nominations again for Area 32 Group Officers and Committee Chairpersons. (PLEASE SEE CANDIDATES BELOW)**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ted S. was elected to serve as Delegate for Area 32. Lori C. was drawn from a hat and has been chosen to serve as Alternate Delegate for Area 32.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **MOTIONS**

-A motion was made to donate \$800.00 to the Corrections Committee and was passed.

- A motion was made and passed to elect a new Registrar for Area 32. They would begin serving in their position starting now and continue during the next elected term beginning January 2017-December 2018. Pete G. was nominated and elected to serve as Registrar for Area 32.

-A motion was made to elect a member to serve on the Finance Committee starting now until the remainder of the term expires in December 2017: Jon S. was elected to the Finance Committee.

-A motion was made to open nominations for Area 32 Group Officers. The following members have been nominated to serve the following positions for election at the December meeting.

**Chairperson:** Mark M.; Adelia H.

**Alternate Chairperson:** Sharon S.; Tracey G.

**Treasurer:** No one nominated

**Secretary:** Doug R.

**Alternate Secretary:** Stephanie G.

-A motion was made to open nominations for Finance Committee to serve a two year term. The following members have been nominated to serve on the **Finance Committee:** Cindy R., Don W.

-A motion was made to open nominations for Area 32 Committee Chairpersons. The following members have been nominated to serve in the following positions for election at the December meeting:

**Archives:** Phil L.

**Corrections:** Mark H.

**CPC:** John B.

**Forum:** Gary M.

**Grapevine:** Makesha M.

**Liaison:** no one nominated

**Literature:** no one nominated

**P.I.:** no one nominated

**Special Needs:** Sharon S.

**Treatment Facilities:** Cindy R.

**Website:** Jason D.

**YPAA:** Doug R.

Assembly closed at 3:05pm with the Lord's Prayer.

# Central Michigan Intra Area

## Delegate Report to the Assembly

District 20 Essexville, Michigan

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Good afternoon to all,

My personal growth in the Fellowship I owe to you all. It is both an honor and a privilege to serve you, I thank you.

Heard from time-to-time regarding service:

**"We can pretend to care, what we can't do is pretend to show up."**

Active members in general service are the vital link between the groups and A.A. as a whole. Without general service volunteers the message of recovery is lost to the millions who still don't know there is a way out, and lost to the millions who depend on ongoing support to maintain the lives we enjoy today; lives that are worth living.

As to what is "going on" in service structure, well, a lot of people work daily to provide the tools we all use to help others achieve and maintain sobriety.

The spirit of rotation is a regular occurrence at our World Headquarters. Trusted servants move on to other employment outside our General Service Office. New staff is hired. Our Class A and Class B trustees serve out their terms and move on. Each year you and I, the trustees, staff and the General Service Conference attendees discover new ways to carry the message of recovery.

New in 2016, two new nonalcoholic Class A trustees began their six year terms. And, three new Class B regional trustees began their four year terms.

A new Class B (alcoholic) trustee — from the East Central Region and the trustee-at-large/ U.S. — will be elected at the General Service Conference in April 2017. The nomination of our Michigan candidate for East Central Regional trustee will take place this month at the Statewide General Service Committee meeting on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> in Lansing at the Alano Club West located at 2909 West Genesee street. Also, any qualified member from area 32, 33 & 34 who wishes to stand for trustee-at-large can be nominated as well. All A.A.'s are invited to attend the Statewide General Service Committee meetings which begin at 11:30 a.m. Our new East Central Regional trustee will take office following the 67<sup>th</sup> Conference in April of 2017.

Beginning last year in August 2015, the *Relocation Project* construction and renovation of our G.S.O. and Grapevine offices began. The renovation provides office space for the A.A. Grapevine to move to the 11th floor from its previous space on the 12th floor. There is a significant cost savings realized from the combining of services to one floor.

As to updates on the financial health of A.A.—the Grapevine income through July was nominally ahead of budget; subscriptions to both the electronic and print magazine were slightly ahead of projections although remaining below 2015 levels for the same time period.

A.A. World Services net sales were 5+% ahead of budget projections and operating expenses were +7% less than budgeted.

In 2015 just over 35% of the registered groups made contributions to the General Service Office. This year through June 30<sup>th</sup> less than 25% of the registered groups in central Michigan had sent money to G.S.O. As an expected result of increasing costs and level or lower contributions, the trustees, delegates, and the General Service Office Manager have been reducing expenses to match reduced income. Just a few of the recognizable reductions:

- Combining the G.S.O. floors with A.A. Grapevine, A.A. World Services, and the General Service Office staff to one floor.
- Limiting G.S.O. staff member' attendance at various A.A functions throughout the year.
- Reduced printing the A.A. Service Manual from annually to every other year.
- Conference background material will no longer be sent to Conference attendees in print form instead transmitted via dashboard or mailed a thumb drive..
- The 2016 General Service Conference members discussed the expense North America pays for the biannual World Services Conference as compared to what other countries pay. Expect more discussion and possible reductions there as well.
- Our reserve funds are being drawn down to meet ongoing financial obligations.
- A.A. staff members' retirement plans are defined contribution plans instead of defined benefit plans.
- Retired staff members' no longer receive paid medical benefits upon retirement.

A.A. Grapevine Bill Wilson June 1944

"Actually the Central Office belongs to all Groups everywhere; it is your good-will and financial support which makes it possible; it is one of your main contacts with the general public and it is one of your principal means of carrying the 12th Step of the A.A. program to untold thousands of alcoholic sick people who don't yet know they can get well."

It is "we," the members, who will decide when the reductions in services stop.

The need is apparent.

  
In His service,

Kirk Faupel, delegate  
Panel 65  
Grapevine

Alt Delegate report:

There were 38 in attendance at the GSR Meeting and the first topic of discussion were Committee Chair responsibilities as well as opportunities.

Focus then shifted to the AA Group pamphlet and the great Group Inventory found there. Much input from the GSRs was appreciated and there was much information shared between us all.

I attended the Great Lakes regional Conference in conjunction with the Illinois State Convention in a Chicago suburb in September. Great fellowship and informative panels as well as contact with Delegates past and present.

After being invited to speak at an open meeting in Kalamazoo September 16 I attended Area 34 WMAA Assembly in Muskegon, spending the night with a very kind and generous Area 34 Past Delegate Mike Young. The planned 2018 Michigan State Convention/Great Lakes Regional Convention is right on track.

The Michigan State Convention was a complete success and the Panel that I chaired (Old Newcomers) was a very enlightening experience for me and the attendees. Great fellowship and even more contact with trusted servants from all over the state was a plus.

In September I also attended District 28s monthly meeting and the newly formed CPC Committee. This district has come a long way from dark to being a strong leader in service within their District and Area 32 as a whole.

After a small help from District 26 webmaster, District 28 has an "up and running" website of their own [www.district28area32.org](http://www.district28area32.org) Check it out, great site.

Yours in service Ted

Straubel Panel 65 Area 32 Alternate Delegate