

Area Committee Meetings
10/22/2022
Webster Conference Center
Salina, Kansas 67401

Friday, October 21, 2022

5:30pm to 7:00pm Budget Committee
7:00pm Area Officers and Committee Chair Meeting

Saturday, October 22, 2022

8:00am KAAAAI Board Meeting

9:00 - Committee Meetings

Area Chair Josh R. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. And sent members off to their respective Committee Meetings. The Assembly reconvened at 10:15am.

10:15 – Discussion on future structure of the KAAAAI Board: Josh R. presented the history of the Board, where it was in the past and where the Board stands now. Points made were:

1. Purpose of the Board
Kansas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. (KAAAAI) is the corporate expression and financial steward of Kansas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous (KAAAA). KAAAAI is a non-profit 501C Corporation as defined by the laws of the State of Kansas. Josh explained that this is the Corporate or business side of the Assembly.
2. Responsibilities of the Board include but are not necessarily limited to:
 - *KAAAAI Board owns physical and virtual/digital (website) assets of KAAAA.
 - *Holds liability insurance policy.
 - *Responsible for review contracts and filing taxes, etc. with the State and Federal agencies. Josh pointed out the major contracts are the rental contracts for the facilities used for Assembly/Committee meetings and for the facility for the State Conference. He also stated that the guidelines/bylaws have not been updated in a number of years, since the Area had a paid employee.
3. The current Board structure is made up of five people. The Area Chair serves as Chairman of the Board, Area Treasurer, Area Secretary, and two members elected by the Assembly. The goal is to open lines of communication between the Board and the Assembly. The Board meets four times a year prior to Assembly/Committee meetings. Josh also pointed out that in January ½ of the GSRs will be new to the Assembly.
4. The discussion questions were:
 - *Is the current structure of the Board adequate or should members be added.
 - *How can the Board communicate better with the Assembly.
 - *The Board is a “source of mystery” for many members of the Assembly, how can this be “solved”?

Josh then opened discussion on this topic.

*Galen E. shared a bit more on the history of the Board. He shared that when the Area office was closed that the responsibilities of the office manager were passed to the Assembly and the Committee Chairs directly. He pointed out that the responsibility legally falls back on the Board, especially in the area of

financial oversight and to make sure that checks and balances are in place. It is the Boards responsibility to make sure that the work of the Assembly is done properly, and that the Assembly has good information to make decisions. He pointed out that the Board needs a good set of guidelines also. Galen proposed that four members at large be on the Board, rather than the current two members. Galen proposed that the state be divided into four quadrants, perhaps using I 70 and Highway 80 as the dividing line and have a Board member from each quadrant. Galen stated that he felt that this would lead to a good cross section of information, coming in from all parts of the Area and keep the Board more current as to what is actually happening in AA throughout all parts of Area 25. Each area of the State would have a voice and he pointed out that Kansas is quite diverse from one side of the State to the other. This would put the total number on the Board at seven people.

*A member asked, "Does the Area owns any computers?" It was stated that the Area owns one and is held by the Treasurer. It was stated that this computer will not have as much value in the future as the Assemblies accounting will be move to and stored on the cloud with Quick Books (the accounting program).

*A member asked, "Why was the KAAAAI Office closed?" Mike R., Past Delegate, shared that the office manager had resigned, and it seemed like the right time to shift the responsibility for the office managers tasks on to the Board and the Assembly and Committee Chairs. He explained that this also saved the Area \$22,000 each year. Mike also explained the membership on the Board was reformed at that time. He shared that in the past the Board Chair had always been a past Delegate. It was determined to downsize the Board at that time as the Assembly would be taking over responsibility. He stated that the Board had changed the guidelines/bylaws at that time. The structure of the Board was set up to follow the structure of the General Service Board. Mike explained that there is a legal and a spiritual aspect. The legal aspect takes care of the business of AA and stewards the material assets of the Area. The spiritual aspect is doing the work of AA and helping Groups carry the message of AA and to elect the Delegate.

*Sheri P., Past Delegate asked if the new members to the Board would be nominated and elected at January Assembly.

*Bridget B., Alternate Delegate, addressed the contacts section of the discussion. She stated that the Area Chair is to sign all contracts. She pointed out that sometimes the contracts on facilities need to be signed in the moments of negotiation in order to get the facility and dates locked in. She shared that this is the case with Webster Conference Center as dates go quickly. It was asked if the Chair can be required to only review the contacts.

*Ben S. asked if contracts that need to be signed quickly could be discussed by Board members via Zoom meetings and make notations of these meetings and decisions in the KAAAAI Board minutes. Josh responded that this would have to be allowed and stated in the bylaws/guidelines.

*Galen E. then shared a bit on how we got to where we are now with the transition from using an office manager to using the Assembly to do the work. He stated that this was tried on a trial basis and then remained. Galen shared that there is a huge amount of knowledge about what works and what does not out there but much of the history is missing because documents are missing. Galen stated that he appreciates Josh slowing things down and getting solid guidelines in place that will carry the Board and the Assembly many years into the future.

*Josh stated that the guidelines for the State Conference, the Assembly and the Board all need to be reviewed, discussed and updated.

*Dave R., Past Delegate, pointed out the need for staggered rotations on the persons appointed to the Board as all officers will rotate out at the same time. Staggering rotations will provide some continuity.

*Cheryl H. stated that she liked the idea of adding the four members to the Board to represent regions and asked that the Spanish speaking Groups might also be represented on the Board.

*Derek shared that he thought it would be a good idea if Alternate Officers were also included on the Board or asked to attend the Board meetings to learn and be prepared for their time on the Board as they rotate in.

*Bridget B., Alt. Delegate, asked what the parameters might be for the people representing the four regions might be. Josh responded that they could be GSRs, DCMs or just alcoholics.

*Scott O, Treasurer, stated that he thinks that the four regional people should come from recommendations from the DCMs and then sent to the Board for approval.

*Jerry W., Treatment Chair, stated that there are a lot of past DCMs and GSRs who have knowledge that might be good to serve on the Board.

*Josh R., Area Chair, stated that it would be best to stagger appointments so that everyone does not come off the Board at the same time.

*Lisa asked what the qualifications for the two people elected to the Board are. Josh stated that he would check into this and let the Assembly know in January. Darin H., Delegate, stated that he believed that one just has to be a member of AA.

*Mike R. shared that when the Board size was cut down it was because the GSRs and DCMs on the Board felt that it was not necessary for them to be on the Board, they served no purpose. Mike reminded the Assembly that the only responsibilities of the Board were to receive contributions, hold the bank account, insurance policy and domain names. And the filing of reports with the State and Federal agencies. He stated that since there was less work for the Board, they could do with less people.

*Mike S., Past Delegate, shared that they were thinking at the time that the Board was restructured last time that they would only have three people on the Board and the Attorney stated that this looked suspicious being so small, so it was determined to have five on the Board.

*Erick proposed that perhaps on Saturday evening at the January Assembly the restructure of the Board could be the discussion topic and Josh replied, "Absolutely".

*Tara M. stated that since there are no guidelines, wouldn't it be the first order of business? Josh explained that there are bylaws/guidelines in place, they only need to be updated.

*Gina asked how one could get a copy of the guidelines. Josh stated that the Chronicler and the Web Chair are working to get the most recent copy of the Guidelines into the Document Library.

*Lisa asked what the purpose of having a representative from the four quadrants would be. Galen E. who made the recommendation explained that it would be to stay more in touch with how AA is in these quadrants in their purpose of carrying the message and to get good, current data as to what is going on in these areas of the State.

*Ben S. shared his view that the duties of the Board are to take legal responsibility and oversight going forward into the future.

*Sheri P., Past Delegate, wanted to make a point of clarification and that is that the Board operates under Bylaws, not guidelines. And she stated that an Attorney will have to be hired to make changes to the Bylaws as it is a legal change when dealing with Corporate Bylaws.

*Sue C., Past Delegate, asked what the legal and financial liability is for the Board Members. Josh stated that Board Members are covered by the liability insurance policy to protect them.

*Dee Y. pointed out that the Assembly and the State Conference follow guidelines and the Board follows Bylaws.

*Cliff from District 6 asked how the members of the Assembly will know what the final proposed changes to the Bylaws are going to be by the date of the next Assembly. Josh committed to sending them out to everyone 60 days prior to the next Assembly.

*Darin H., Delegate, pointed out that the Bylaws are very obscure and that this is done for a reason. He stated that they will have to be reviewed by an Attorney.

*Mike R. again stated that the job of the Assembly is to do the spiritual work of AA, the Twelve Step work and the job of the Board is to do the legal work. The Board has the right to change their own Bylaws and the Assembly will then approve.

*Janet – suggested having five people on the Board so that the Spanish population in AA can be represented. Josh pointed out that the Board needs to be an odd number of people so that the Board has a tie breaker person. And even number could end up in ties and then no action could be taken.

Recap Josh R., Area Chair:

- There would be conversations on all of the legal pieces with an Attorney as to any changes that are determined to be made.
- He invited everyone to go to the Documents Library and read the current Board Bylaws and he pointed out that they are rather obscure to allow for flexibility.
- Josh will provide updated changes 60 days prior to the next Assembly so that members of the Assembly can review and discuss them.
- It was stated that he is looking at having four appointees to the Board representing the four physical areas of the State.

Josh also recapped what has been happening in the financial area of Area 25. He shared that Carlos had resigned as Area Treasurer. Scott O. will be stepping up from Alternate Treasurer to take over and Scott stated that it will be an honor to serve. Josh thanked Mike R. and Galen E. for going and picking up the undeposited funds for the Kansas Area 25 Conference and from contributions from the past Treasurer. He also thanked Heather G. who had gone to Wichita to pick up these funds and depositing them in the bank. It was stated that the actual dollars tied out to what was supposed to be there with the exception of \$15.00 on the Conference. Galen E. stated that prior to this he had no idea how the State Conference had turned out financially. He added that everyone had a good time at the Conference. Josh stated that the Area now has complete and accurate financial statements which were on the table in the lobby. In the future the State Conference will be broken out into their own financial statements. Corrections and the Yellow Can Fund are also kept separate from the Assemblies financial statements. Josh stated that in the last 10 days, the 2021 990 report had been filed with the IRS and that the Quick Books data is up to date. He shared that everything in the financial realm is up to date. Yesterday he had gotten Scott O. onto the bank account as a check signer.

Josh then invited everyone to attend the presentation by Will H. on the updates to the Area 25 Website. The session was adjourned for lunch break.

1:00pm - Discussion on Website updates, changes with Will H., Area Web Chair. Will highlighted the updates that he had made to the Area Website. These changes are currently sitting on the site, <https://datahommer.org> and can be viewed there. The new, updated version of the website and changes will eventually be moved to the Area 25 Website. Will shared that he had cleaned up the old site and removed unused links. He stated that the main landing page (home page) is focused on

connecting to the still suffering alcohol with ease to getting to hotline numbers and meetings. The Newcomer Packet is also online. The Quick links that are used on phones was also updated. Will stated that the Documents Library is now stored within the Area 25 Website rather than being on Google Drive and that secured documents can be accessed through the Google Suites by area officers. The Contributions link has been updated to have three classes of contributors: Member, Group or District. The Contributions now work through the Square Account and contributors can enter the exact amount that they want to submit. Registration for the State Conference also works through the Square Account. Will stated that there is a meeting change form that can be used to update meeting changes. Will then addressed questions and concerns of the Assembly.

*Ben S. pointed out that Will's refreshing of the Area 25 Website had just taken care of the issue of developing/updating the Area 25 Website by an outside company for \$4,000 or \$5,000. He stated that the \$129.00 annual fee to keep the Documents Library within the Website was a very minimal cost to the Area.

*Will that \$129.00 is for the plug in for the Documents Library and this would be through the current provider High Touch. He stated that the Area is currently paying \$30.00 monthly for High Touch to host the website and \$78.75 a month for services/maintenance for a total of \$103.75. Will stated that the annual cost for Word Press is \$120.00.

*Galen E. stated that he felt that Will has met the bids of the outside bids that were being discussed.

*Dan asked if there are links to other Districts within the State and Will stated that these are under the Links tab along with links to various Central Office and Group websites.

*Bridget B. stated that these are minimal cost for a much refreshed website and that these types of costs are covered by the website budget and that is why the Website Committee has a budget.

*Dave R., Past Delegate asked about any limits on these changes and how it would work to get documents added to the Documents Library. Will stated that documents are to be sent to the Web Chair by email in PDF format. The Administrator then will label the doc, drag in and drop it into its spot.

*John shared that one can easily translate any documents into Spanish by using Google Translate.

Will closed out the discussion by stating that Word Press is a flexible program, and he can easily train the next Web Administrator to use it. He stated that he will help the next Web Chair step in when his term is up. It was stated, "Who is the source of the truth" in regard to the data on meeting and the Meeting App and it was clarified that the source of this information would be the Groups themselves...Submit those change forms!!

Josh thanked Will for his service and recommended that Will make this presentation live on the Area Website.

Business Meeting

Area Chair Josh R. Opened the business meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Josh then shared that new address for contributions to Area 25.

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Josh stated that the US Postal Service will be forwarding contributions that were sent to the PO Box in Wichita.

Area Secretary Cindy D. read the minutes of the July 17, 2022, Area 25 Assembly Business Meeting. Dee Y., District 10 made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Jerry W., Treatment Chair, seconded the motion. The motion passed to accept the minutes as read.

Treasurers Report given by Josh R., Area Chair so that he did not throw Scott under the bus. Josh stated that SSG would do the quarterly financial statements for \$300.00 per quarter. He stated that there was a one time set up fee of \$500.00. The total for quarterly financials will be \$1,2040. Josh then discussed the September 2022 financial statement. The Balance Sheet (Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets – Cash Basis) reflected a balance of \$58, 096. The Income Statement (Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Assets – Cash Basis) reflected Year to date Revenue of \$22,819 and expenses of \$35,009 for a Net Operating Loss of -12,190. Josh shared that there has been a significant amount of contributions deposited since September 30th, the closing date on the statements. He stated that Conference registration is greater than reflected due to recent deposits. Josh restated that in the future the State Conference will be separated out and have their own financial statements as in the past. He stated that the Contributions line item will also be broken out as it had been in the past. A member asked what the \$142.00 Bank Service Charge was from as we generally do not have service charges from our bank. Josh explained that this was a charge to our account when Groups did stop payments on checks that had not been deposited. Brett made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report and Cheryl seconded the motion. The motion passed to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Josh handed out copies of the proposed budget for 2023 for review. The budget will be discussed at the January 2023 Assembly. Josh again provided the address for contributions and thanked Scott for stepping up as Treasurer:

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Delegate Report was given by Darin H. Darin shared that he had attended SWRSAA and that there were 745 people in attendance. He stated that Bridget B., Josh R., Heather G., and Gena W. had all done a phenomenal job with their presentations. He stated that if you have not been to SWRAASASAA that everyone needs to go because it is an amazing even and you will learn something. Darin reported that the Agenda Items from the General Service Conference and related background will be out in February. He stated that he will be posting all of this on the Area Website, and he will be making assignments to help with the presentations to the Area. He stated that he has two more events to attend to present his Delegate Report. Darin stated that the hardcopies of the Final Report of the General Service Conference were to be out this month but that did not happen at GSO. It has been promised that they will be out by the end of October. Currently a digital copy is available. A member asked about when the General Service Office in New York would be open and Darin stated that it had recently reopened to the public. The member also brought up that one has to have an appointment to go through Stepping Stones.

Darin stated that this information is on Stepping Stones website and one can schedule an appointment from the site. Darin thanked the Assembly for the opportunity to serve.

Alternate Delegate Report: Bridget B. reported that since July she has been busy finalizing the speakers for SWRAASA and attending the SWRAASA Conference in Tulsa October 7th thru 9th. She shared that all of the speakers were great. The Workshop hosts Josh R., Heather G., and Gena W. all did an amazing job. She and Darin H. did presentations with the other Alternate Delegates and Delegates. Attendance at SWRAASA was excellent with 745 people in attendance. The 2024 SWRAASA Conference will be in Dallas, Texas. Bridget stated that the folks from Amarillo, Texas lost \$7,000 because the 2020 Conference was cancelled due to Covid-19. This Area is asking to be put back into the rotation for hosting SWRAASA. Bridget wanted to know what the members felt about allowing this Area to do this, as this could push Area 25 back to hosting in 2030, rather than 2028. (The general conscience in the room was that the right thing to do would be to allow this change in rotation.) She also assisted the Delegate in collecting Membership Surveys at a meeting in Topeka. She is also in the process of forming and scheduling the Annual Audit Committee. Bridget thanked that Assembly for allowing her to serve.

Alternate Chair Report: Heather G. reported that she too had attended SWRAASA two weeks ago and it was so much fun! She shared that she got to meet new people and learn new things. Heather stated that the January Assembly will be held a week later than usual, it will be January 27th thru 29th, 2023 due to scheduling issues at the Webster Conference Center. There is a room block of 40 rooms at the Comfort Inn and Suites North, 1949 N. 9th Street, for \$99.00 per night. Cut off on booking a room will be 12-31-22. You can call the hotel directly at 785-502-8007 and let them know you are with Area 25, Group Number EQ40N2. All links for the hotel will be sent out by Chimp Mail. Heather reminded the Group that there are other hotels in the city and members are free to stay where they would like.

State Conference Chair Report: Galen E. reported that the Conference is over, it was a success and a lot of fun was had by all. He stated that he had great committee chairs, and he did not have to do anything. He stated that there were between 297 to 302 registrations. He then passed off to Dee Y. who is the 2023 State Conference Chair. Dee stated that the Conference will be September 15th thru 17th at the Great Bend Events Center. Lisa R. will be her co-chair and she is already busy filling other co-chair positions and lining up speakers. In the Conference Committee meeting over lunch, each of the committee chairs read the Conference Guidelines for their position. The Web Chair will be posting the registration link on the Area 25 Website. There will be a choice between three hotels and they are working to get hotel info out by January Assembly. The Committee is on a roll and they are excited about the upcoming conference.

Committee Reports

Accessibilities Committee Report: Ignacio H. was unable to be present.

Al-Anon Liaison Report: Josh shared that Baylee S. has stepped down from this position and he would take any help that he could get in filling this position. Let him know if someone is found to fill this position. He stated that he is looking for a double winner – a person who is in AA and Al-Anon.

Chronicler Committee Report: Marty T. stated that he had five people from three Districts and two Past Delegates in the committee meeting this morning. The Committee is working on getting documents

updated by finding missing minutes and motion books. He stated that if Districts have achieved that they would like to share to get in touch with him. The fillable Group History Form is on the Website and they are also trying to track the history of Groups that have disbanded. He stated that they are tracking the active groups and their events by working with the DCMs from each District to see what Groups are still active and collecting flyers/programs from past events. Marty shared that they are needing input because, "We don't know where we are going if we don't know where we have been." Marty stated that he is available to and will travel to District meetings/events to share the chronicle information and gather more information.

Corrections Committee Report: Sallie T. reported that there were seven people representing four Districts in the Committee meeting this morning. She reported that facilities are starting to open up again. The Hutchinson State Correctional Facility is allowing meetings to come in, but they are in dire need of volunteers to carry the message into this facility. District 7 has a meeting open in Bern, Kansas. District 6 is taking meetings into four County jails in their District. District 10 is taking meeting into the Adult Work Release Facility. District 19 is taking meetings into eight facilities, with two more getting ready to open back up. Lansing Correctional facility is having an annual training on October 22, 2022, and this is a pre-cursor to re-badging to go into the facility. Darin S. reported that they are working to get back into the Larned facility. Sally reported that they are ordering literature and that they are all caught up on their literature backorders. The Committee appreciates the contributions to the Yellow Can Fund from AA members for the AA members behind the walls.

CPC Committee Report: Cheryl H. stated that she had five people from four Districts at her Committee meeting this morning. She shared that they continue to discuss how and what they are doing to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the Professionals. They reviewed a couple of pamphlets about carrying the message to professionals. They talked about using Social Workers in Hospitals as points of contact to get people who might need AA connected to us by using contact lists and meeting schedules. One member shared that he had sent a thank you note to the hospital that had connected him with AA. It was also discussed that the professionals need to know about AA Traditions with all of the Traditions being important, with the Tradition of anonymity being of the utmost importance. The Committee also discussed the use of Clergy in making contact with those in need.

Grape Free Press Committee Report: Gena W. shared that there were five people from four Districts in attendance at the Committee meeting this morning. She shared that there are three ways to receive the Grape Free Press: 1. Subscribe through the Area 25 Email list by going to: ks-aa.org/contact/join-list. 2. Download or view current issue online at ks-aa.org. 3. For those Groups without digital access, Area 25 mails out printed copies. The Committee spoke about the new "Snippets" that they are wanting to get from members. An email was sent to all DCMs requesting input but there was not much response. The members felt that perhaps multiple emails need to be sent out rather than just one email. Gena shared that she had attend SWRAASA where she was able to attend numerous workshops and was invited to participate in "The Area Newsletter" workshop. She stated that newsletters ranged from Areas having editors with large distributions to smaller forms of distribution. Gena found that our Area is right on track with content covered in the GFP. Dave R. had asked about Spanish Translation and it was shared that volunteers usually do this.

Grapevine Committee Report: Tama C. reported that there were four people from two Districts in attendance this morning. She shared that the Lenexa Group is trying to get a Grapevine Meeting set up

and that this Group gives a one-year subscription to people on their one-year anniversary. The Four Reasons Group in Overland Park does not have a Grapevine meeting as they only meet twice a week, but they do raffle off Grapevine subscriptions at anniversaries. The Olathe Group also raffles off subscriptions at anniversaries.

Literature Committee Report: Ken S. reported that five people representing two Districts were present in the Committee Meeting this morning. It was discussed and it was the conscience of the members that we are all alcoholics. This led to a discussion of saving costs at the General Service Office if they reduced the number of specialized pamphlets that are available. The member chose to add three pamphlets to the Committees display: "The AA Member-Medications and Other Drugs" (P11), "Frequently Asked Questions about AA" (P2), "AA Traditions – How it Developed" (P17) and one DVD "Young People's Videos" (DV10) which would be available to Groups and Districts.

Public Information Committee Report: Rich S. was unable to attend the Committee Meeting, so Jimmy Jack B. filled in and gave the PI report. There were six people from four Districts present this morning. He shared that they talked about understanding anonymity and working within the Traditions while doing PI presentations in schools, medical facilities and public forums. He stated that sometimes it is best to bring someone from out of town in to do presentations. The pamphlet, "Speaking at Non-AA Meetings" was discussed. The lack of commitment of AA members in the Area to do service work was also discussed, as it seems to be worse since Covid. In closing it was suggested that these words be shared with people, "We need you" and to make it an Area deal.

Treatment Committee Report: Jerry W. reported that there were six people representing four Districts in the Committee Meeting this morning. District 10 takes 20 to 30 meetings a week into 10 Treatment Centers. They reach out to the centers to make sure that they are getting what they need from AA. They use a Bridging the Gap list of contacts for temporary sponsors. They include the Treatment Centers on their newcomer packet list. District 5 is doing a Zoom meeting with one Treatment Center and are able to give out Big Books. The District needs to reach out to other Treatment facilities. The District has also created a business card with pertinent information. Some facilities have their own programs and do not allow AA into the facility. District 21 stated that some Groups are committed to taking meetings into facilities and they take meetings into two facilities.

Web Committee Report: Will H. stated that five people from three Districts attended the Committee Meeting. The members reviewed the minutes of the July Committee Meeting. Points covered were:

- Added Area 25 DCMs email to contact form on the Website. Each DCM now has a G-Suite email.
- Include the Alternate Delegate in the DCM email group to help answer questions.
- Start adding the Area 25 Assembly, Committee Meetings and State Conference to the Events Calendar on the Website.
- Add Area 25 website URL to the footer of any Mail Chimp correspondence sent out.
- Discussion Website Presentation on this afternoon's agenda.
- Discuss current website costs for Area 25 (e.g., High Touch hosting and maintenance fees) and Mail Chimp subscription.
- DCMs and GSRs please go back to your respective District/Group and ensure your meeting information online is up to date. He stated that it appears that a lot of meetings have gone dark since Covid hit.

Will shared that the current cost for the Area 25 Website is \$30.00 for hosting and \$78.75 for maintenance each month which is paid to High Touch out of Wichita. Will stated that the email list which uses Chimp Mail has gotten large enough that the Area has outgrown the free Chimp Mail. We are now paying \$34.00 for a more power

version of Chimp Mail so that all emails can be sent to all who want it. He stated that this cost is covered in the Web budget.

DCM Reports

District 1: No report

District 2: No report

District 3: No report

District 4: Eric D., DCM reported that the District currently has September 9– 11 and that attendance was down a little bit, they had about 50 attendees. They have decided to return the campout next year to the last weekend in August. The District printed business cards with their hotline number and District website address which they are providing to professionals to give out to those in need. The hotline has had several calls. They have received several referrals from Treatment Centers, and they have had several travelers stop in. The District will hold its Round Robin on February 11, 2023, at the Fossil Creek Hotel in Russell, Kansas. The Newcomer Group in Hays has been closed due to lack of attendance.

District 5: Dan A., DCM reported that all is well in District 5. The District website District5-KS-AA.org is up and going and new events/flyers are being added as well as speakers. Th District is developing a new business card to hand out to Treatment Centers and such. These cards have a QR Code linking to the District Meeting Schedule, and this also links to the Area Meeting Schedule. The card also has the Districts website URL and the hotline number. The District is also discussing going to Quarterly District Meetings and starting the quarterly District Speaker Meetings back up like they did before Covid.

District 6: Cliff S., DCM reported that tonight they would be celebrating 75 years of AA in Manhattan in conjunction with the Poyntz Avenue Groups annual Chili Feed at 903 Poyntz Avenue. Dinner will be at 6:00pm with mild, spicy and vegetarian options on the chili. They ask that people bring side dishes. Gary P. of Omaha will be the speaker and he just celebrated 47 years of sobriety. Cliff shared that two members have passed away: Mike O. of the Clay Center Group with 15 years and Stephanie E. of the Circle A Club in Junction City with unknown length of sobriety.

District 7: Kent P., DCM shared that the District has three Groups: Atchison Alano Club Group, Seneca Wild Bunch Group and the Burgers in Bern Group which just made its first contributions to District, Area and GSO. The District is taking speaker meetings into Valley Hope the 1st Saturday of each quarter. The District also received literature from the Yellow Can Fund which was disbursed to all five law enforcement centers in the District. On November 2, 2022, the District will be hosting a chili feed and Cheryl H., Area CPC Committee Chair will be speaking,

District 8: Debbie T., DCM reported that the District has 32 Groups. The Topeka Area Banquet was held at Heritage Hall with 200 people with over 2,000 years of sobriety in attendance. The District is having a lot of Group anniversaries. On November 8th the Auburn Group will celebrate 32 years on Saturday November 12, District 8 will have a Crock Pot Potluck and everyone is asked to bring their favorite chili, soup or stew. The speaker for this event will be Bridget B, Alternate Delegate. Sunday, November 13th is the 79th Annual Old Timers Meeting with the 45 minute speaker being Betty P. at 11:00am. Lunch will be at noon and members are asked to bring side dishes, fried chicken will be provided.

District 9: Ed M., DCM was unable to attend in person, he submitted his report via email. Ed reported that the District had lost another meeting, The New Visions Group. Ed stated that that the Group had lost an old timers and in the end the Group was lost too. He stated that Kansas City Kansas only has one Group east of 38th Street which is the Share Group which only has three or four regular old timers. He stated that this is sad because the first Group in Kansas was Group #1, Shrine on the Hill at 11th and Parallel which is on the east side of the city. The District now has eight Groups and five are healthy and four have GSR's. He stated that three Groups are shaky. The District has three active prison groups and may have more at Leavenworth Federal Prison and Fort Leavenworth, but the communication has been lacking. The District is still going to Lansing Correctional Facility and Mirror Treatment Center. Wyandotte County jail is still not allowing meetings in person. The District is looking forward to holding the 2023 Corrections Conference at the Lansing Correctional Facility on March 25, 2023. The District had elections this month but no one stood for any position. He shared that this was very disappointing because they have spent the last 18 months going to Group business meetings and regular meetings trying to get members involved with general service work.

District 10: Brett G., DCM reported that things are going well in the District. In September they held a Delegate Report event and had a great turnout. A couple of Groups that were launched during the pandemic have continued and are now celebrating anniversaries. Some of the District Committee are active in finding ways to carry the message and other committees are finding their way. The District is searching for a new Alternate DCM as the current Alternate had to step down. As a District they still remain committed to helping fund the translation services for the deaf Group in Olathe which meets every Thursday. Brett thanked the members for the opportunity to serve.

District 11: No report

District 12: No report

District 13: Sharon F, DCM reported that the District has nine active groups. The Fall Fellowship Fiesta will be coming up on November 5th at the Newton Group. Darin H. will be giving his Delegates Report, Sallie T., Corrections Chair, Gena W., Grape Free Press Chair and Heather G., Alternate Area Chair will all be speaking on service in AA. The District will be holding elections for District Officers. The District Accessibilities is checking with Groups to see what they have done to make their Groups handicap accessible. In Corrections the District is taking meetings to the Harvey County and Reno County jails and both meetings are well attended, and they are getting literature and books into the facilities. AA is not going into the Hutchinson Correctional Facility (HCF), they are in need of volunteers to take meetings to all three units there. Meetings at HCF are on Monday and Tuesday at 7:00pm and Wednesday at 7:30pm. If interested in volunteering at HCF please contact Sharon, 620-727-4471. The District is not able to take meetings into Mirror due to Covid and Prairie View is still not allowing meeting to go into their facility. The District is still waiting to get back orders for CPC/PI materials from GSO. The District is working to get information to the Grape Fee Press. They have purchased plastic literature holders to set on tables in the Groups so that people can take and read old Grapevines being recycled. They are checking with the Groups in the District to find out what their literature needs are. The District is still sending out daily texts with a recovery reading.

District 14: Eric H., DCM reported that there are nine Groups in the District and their meetings are going well and average. The District had it annual picnic last month where Darin H. was the speaker. The Flint

Hills Group in Strong City, KS voted to close and go dark a few months ago but then the Twin Lakes Group, Council Grove stepped in and helped out by merging a meeting with them. The Flint Hills Group then voted to stay open. They have 10 men taking meetings to Lyon Country Corrections Facility, and they need more women to sign up. Six men are signed up and taking meetings into the Osage County Jail. The Carbondale Group will be celebrating their anniversary on November 6th. He shared that the District had lost Patrick Friend who had three years.

District 15: No report

District 16: Pat R., Alternate DCM reported that the Garden City Round Robin will be held on December 3-4, 2022, and the full details are on the website SWKS-AA.org. All the meetings on the website are updated and there is a new meeting on Saturday night at 8:00pm. There are no meetings being held in Syracuse AA Group.

District 17: Rick S. that there are seven Groups in the District. The District held its elections for the next rotation. The District is discussing activities that would include all Groups in the District to promote unity. District 16 and 17 combined for the Delegate Report in Garden City. He reported a good turn out and good food. The Front Street Group will hold the Round Robin November 12-13 at the Ford County Fairgrounds. Mike H. of Scott City will be the AA speaker and Rhonda H, will be the Al-Anon speaker. There are also two new Groups in the District that will get registered once they get settled.

District 18: No report

District 19: Robyn G., Elected DCM shared that the District has 31 registered Groups and that 15 are active at the District. They held their Round Robin and had 50 in attendance. PI Chair Rich S. gave his presentation and Darin H. gave his Delegates Report. The Fall Round Up will be November 11-12 at the 101 Club in Valley Center, Kansas. They have held elections for 2023-2024 and Robyn G. will be the DCM. The District will present its 2023 budget at the November District Meeting.

District 20: Rafael R., DCM reported that the District has five active Groups and that they hold meetings from Monday to Sunday from 8:00pm to 9:30pm. The Group Emperadores will have their annual Christmas Party on December 17th. If you want more information, contact Daniel at 316-880-8244. District 20 will hold its elections on November 20th. The District Meeting is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2417 Glendale, Wichita, Kansas 62710.

District 21: No report

District 22: No report

District 23: Lisa R., DCM reported that the District is in full swing with activities and gatherings. Many groups are having anniversaries, sobriety birthday, picnics and potlucks, speakers and fellowship. There are currently 19 Groups that are going strong. Two or three groups are still online only, others are hybrid or in person only. In September the District hosted a Seeds of Service workshop, focusing on the importance of service at every level. Area Delegate Darin H. and Past Delegate Sheri P. shared their experience with service. Lisa R. also spoke about her service in AA. Each of their Committee Chairs spoke briefly about what each one does and how it helped them stay sober. They had a question and answer session and time for individuals to visit the different committee tables and ask questions. The hope was to get people excited about service work and show how beneficial it can be to one's sobriety. The District continues to have a hybrid District Meeting and in person attendance is still growing. The

District had some difficulties with their hotline and they are working to resolve this issue, minimal calls were missed. They are also responding to email requests through their website. Financially the District is looking good and they are looking at sending contributions to GSO and Area 25. The District started their District Speaker Meeting back up in October. Each quarter a Group volunteers to host the meeting, find a speaker, set up/clean up and getting the word out about the Quarterly District Speaker meetings which are held in October, January, April and July. All four quarters are covered for the next year by four different groups. The District will hold election for new trusted servants in November to begin service in January. Lisa stated that this would be her last Area meeting as DCM and stated that it had been a pleasure to be of service to her District.

District 24: Fred H., DCM reported that District 24 consists of four Groups: Silver Lake, Paxico, Maple Hill and St. Mary's. The District had a very successful District picnic on September 10th. St. Mary's Group will be celebrating their 51st anniversary on November 3rd. They will have meatloaf, smoked and regular, with cowboy beans. There will be an AA and an Al-Anon speaker. The Silver Lake Group will celebrate its 50th anniversary on November 15th and pizza is on the menu with Keith and Julie G. speaking.

District 26: No report

District 27: Humberto G., DCM brought wishes that everyone is enjoying a happy 24 hours of sobriety from District 27. District 27 is continuing its work of carrying the message 13 active Groups. District meets on the first and third Sunday on the month from 10:00am to 12:00pm. The District has organized a local forum with workshops on service topics for October 29th. Darin H., Area Delegate has been invited to share the day. The District will hold its elections in November for the new District Officers. He also wished to thank the Area Committees and Delegate for their support and cooperation. Humberto shared that there are two new Groups in the District, one in Overland Park and one in Topeka.

District 30: No report

District 31: No report

Discussion Items

Ad Hoc Committee Report on SWRAASA hosting was presented by Bridget B., Alternate Area Delegate. She presented a handout to the members with all pertinent information regarding the costs associated with hosting SWRAASA and historical attendance and costs. The 2022 SWRAASA had 745 people in attendance. Bridget shared that seed money of approximately \$2,500 is provided to the Area hosting SWRAASA to help cover start up expenses and once the event is over this has to be paid back so that it is available to the next Area hosting the event. All costs associated with SWRAASA are to be covered by the Area. It is currently suggested that the registration cost be \$10 to \$15 and this allowed amount was raised to \$20 in 2022 as the SWRAASA Guidelines were changed. Bridget stated that there were two issues present here:

Issue 1: A plan for the years leading up to hosting SWRAASA in 2028 to meet the financial obligations associated with hosting the event.

Proposed Solution: For the next four years, starting in 2023, \$2,400 be set aside in an interest-bearing CD or Money Market each year in January until Area 25 is slated to host SWRAASA in 2028.

Issue 2: A sustainable long-term plan to fund and set aside money after the 2028 SWRASSA event so that this is not such a large line item in the budget for planning purposes for hosting future SWRASSA events.

Proposed Solution: For future years starting in 2029, \$500.00 a year be set aside to cover hosting SWRASSA in future years. Bridget stated that the Area will never find themselves in this position again in the future.

These proposed solutions from the Ad Hoc Committee will be voted on at the January 2023 Assembly.

Other items of discussion.....

State Conference Guideline Changes: It was stated that the location of the State Conference needs to be changed to read “designated location approved by the Assembly” rather than being site specific to allow for change in location without changing the Guidelines each time. The monthly meetings of the Conference Committee are held on Zoom and the Zoom account issue needs to be addressed in the Guidelines.

It was also stated that the KAAAI Board Bylaws need to be updated as do the Assembly Guidelines.

Scott O. will now be Treasurer, so the Alternate Treasurers position is open again. We will need nominations for Alternate Treasurer in January. This will be voted on in January.

The 2023 Area 25 Budget will be voted on in January.

Susan from Newcomers Group in Wichita asked that the distribution of funds above the Prudent Reserve be put on the January Agenda as a discussion item.

Mike H. asked about the Wrap Sheets and Gena W. the Grape Free Press Chair stated that this was her responsibility and that she would get this done.

The next Assembly, January 27th thru 29th, 2023, will be in “the big room”, the Chapel at the Webster Conference Center.

There was a motion to close and this motion was seconded and unanimously accepted. The Committee Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

In love and service,
Cindy Day
Area 25 Secretary

Minutes were approved as read by the Assembly, January 28, 2023

