

July 12, 2026 District 9 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Public Info, Secretary, Treatment, Tech Coord. **Groups** in attendance: Bettendorf, Blandine, BBS, Central, Courage to Change, Dewitt, Marquette, North Scott, West End.

Chair reports: Read

Secretary: Minutes approved

Treasurer: Report read, approved. Balance forward: \$6, 917.49 Ending: \$6,478.01

DCM: Hello all! I hope that everyone had a great holiday! I attended the area spring conference in June. Friday night consisted of checking in and attending the DCM sharing session. Several topics were discussed, such as vacancies at district and how to get people to fill positions, groups vs meetings and not getting a lot of group participation, fellowship connection and the best ways to use it, and lastly getting the groups that may be farther away from the metro areas to participate. There was some good discussions mainly focused on group participation and individual participation and how sponsorship plays a big role in this area. After sitting in the DCM sharing sessions and listening, I am once again grateful how Dist 9 is so advanced and structured and has great participation – so THANK YOU for all you do. On Saturday was the delegate report from Dan P. A few things worth mentioning is that the conference decided to not print final conference reports but then decided to print only a limited number BUT at the cost to whomever is purchasing them. For example, if your group wants one, they will have to purchase them and not receive them for free. District will be purchasing 1 to have available for the Archives and to view if anyone would like to view it. This is an attempt to lower costs. GSO has also “purchased” the Everything AA application without the group discussion. The delegate had little information and I am sure more will be revealed. At this time, all that is known is that there is a 9 month payout and it was said it is income neutral. There will likely be a potential cost to the app in the future and that was one of the reasons behind acquiring the app is to secure a large subscriber base. In 2030 the International convention will be in St Louis-put that on your calendar. It was discussed that workload is a huge problem for GSO, the trustee, and committees. Dan will be here in Aug to go over all these things in detail!! Several motions were passed, in Spring of 2027 there will be a trial on new times for workshops, the contribution for the delegate to attend new York went from 3500 to 5000. There is a proposed agenda item that will be presented on taking the steps for a virtual area. , fall conference in 2027 will be in spencer. There was a motion to postpone as it was presented to have a virtual district created to better serve online communities. There are currently 3227 online groups and 900 listed with GSO. There are currently 6 online districts already. A motion for the Treatment chair to attend a bridging the gap conference was passed, motion for seed money of 500 for fall 2027 passed. A motion for a pamphlet about navigation the difficulties of long term sobriety failed. If you have any questions, please contact me directly!! In love and service Jaclyn M

Alt DCM: Greetings District 9, The Webmaster reported 15,634 visitors to aaquadcities.org, of which 938 remained on the site for more than 30 seconds. This is 500 lower than our monthly average of 1,400. The Meetings page is still the most visited page. The Calendar Page, Flyer Page and Virtual Meeting Page all remained in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th respectively.

There was an unexplained spike on May 31st, with the rest of the month remaining normal. On May 19th, the website was down for 6 minutes, which is better than previous months, but there is still no explanation from GoDaddy. The decision to move the website from GoDaddy to IDC Soft has been postponed for 3 to 4 months. Hopefully it will be done soon. Just a reminder about the flyer page with QR codes for groups to post; one takes you to the website the other takes you to the Meeting Guide. As always, keep checking the flyers page for any type of group announcement. In Love and Service, Kevin K. District 9 Alt DCM

Literature: No report received.

Archives: Hello, Fellow AA members! It has been a busy time for Archives. On June 12, I attended the Area 24 Archives Open House in Marshalltown, Iowa. Area 24 Archives was launched in 1981. That is 10 years after the last founder died and 33 years after AA had started in District 9. The Area archives currently rents two small connected offices in the basement of a building next to the County Courthouse. I learned Henry G Parkhurst was actually born in Marion, Iowa. Hank was a driving force in getting the Big Book written and self-published. Sadly, he did not stay sober. Bill H. from the Crossroads Group in Urbandale (District 7, their website AADesMoines.org) did a presentation on archives. He shared a personal story of information he unexpectedly learned from a District's Archives. His parents had gotten divorced, and he never saw his father after 8th grade. His father had died of alcoholism later on in his life. While looking at sign in sheets for AA events. He saw his dad's signature in 1968 and 1971. It really was an emotional experience for him. I also received copies of flyers from when District 9 hosted Area Conferences. The years were June 1986, June 1991, October 1996, October 2004, and October 2010. Hats off to those dedicated members of District 9. I also submitted a display of Clinton memorabilia. Picture being passed around. I am also passing the District 9 photo album. There were 15 people from District 9 at the Area Conference. I recorded a speaker meeting in Maquoketa, Iowa. Tom W has 46 years of sobriety. He is a birthright baby. His dad was from Norway. His dad became naturalized when he was 7 years old. Tom went on to serve in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive. He came back to the States and worked as a Teamster. In 1980, due to changes in labor laws and the economy, he lost his job. While working for the Teamsters, if a member got into troubles their job would send them to AA. He always avoided them after that. He did not want to go to AA. One day, the town derelict approached him while he was going off on the dock about something. The town drunk handed him an AA meeting schedule and told him. "Hey, Tom, you got a big problem here." Tom still had that meeting schedule and passed it around at the meeting. Back then, AA and AI-Anon meetings were in the schedule, and many marriages, one partner would go to AA, and the other would go to AI-Anon. He was married, and his wife was going to Alanon. He made the statement that sometimes when a marriage is conceived in sickness, it can't withstand health. He went back to school and became a lawyer for 14 years. He was diagnosed with lung cancer related to Agent Orange. Eventually, he retired and received disability from the VA due to cancer and has a diagnosis of chronic acute depression

secondary PTSD. His story was about finding community, healing, and growth. He learned about fatherhood after getting sober, since his father had been a violent alcoholic; he had to learn what a healthy father would do. He brought his "bag of possibilities," which was a shopping bag of all the AA and some religious readings he does daily. He read a story of a snail afraid to let go of a twig and trust the current would take him to a better place. His life in recovery is about facing the fears, mostly taught to you by an unhealthy family or early life, and trusting Love or HP will take you to a better place. That is what AA did for him. I have put copies of the updated archives DVD "Markings on the Journey" in the Intergroup office available to rent for free (security deposit required and returned when item is returned). There is also a USB available. Check out the cleaned-up video files. In love and service, Christy

CPC: hi everyone! I did attend the spring conference and had a wonderful time! I was able to share some ideas with my area chair and feel really good about the rest of the year. no other new news to report, pretty quiet on CPC front.
in love and service ronna

Treatment: No report received.

Grapevine: The July issue of Grapevine is the annual prison issue and features stories of AA members inside corrections facilities and those who do service work inside corrections facilities and or sponsor incarcerated individuals. There is also an interview included that Grapevine did with the GSO's Corrections Coordinator. They are also looking for themes for the 2030 International Convention in St. Louis Missouri July 4-7th, which is also AA's 95th Anniversary. You can send your ideas to 2030ictheme@aa.org by October 9, 2026. You can purchase subscriptions to the app, print magazines, or both. There are monthly, yearly, two year, and three year subscriptions for all three types of subscriptions. You can gift a Grapevine subscription through the "Carry the Message" program. They also have a podcast every Monday and are on instagram. Anyone can submit stories and learn more at aagrapevine.org.
Amber J.

Intergroup Liaison: Open position

Public Info: Hello all, I was able to attend the June area conference in Marshalltown, but unfortunately my area chair was not there. Dan P. tried to fill in a little bit and I talked to other district chairs about what they are doing. I exchanged phone numbers with the district 13 chair and we have talked a bit about ideas. Things are still in the works for a fall workshop. Stay tuned. Love and Service, MJ

Corrections: No report received

Group Reports:

Central Discussion: No report received

Clinton: No report received

Courage to Change: No report received

BBS: Hello from the Big Book Study Group! We have great attendance every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Our group inventory was held on Saturday, June 27th, we had an Area 24 service chair facilitate the meeting. Lots of good discussion came out of that. Our home group meetings are on the second Tuesday every month, after our meeting. We have started to add that reminder to our announcements at the end of each meeting. I am registered for the fall conference in October and have my hotel booked. Grateful for these opportunities to serve. In love and service, Jennifer G.

3 Legacies: No report received.

Marquette: The Marquette group treasure Ron, due the passing of Donny C. We are changing banks because of the bank fees. Marquette picnic August 22 at Garfield Park the flyer on the illowa inergroup page. In love and service, Angie P

North Scott: No report received.

West End: No report received.

-Old Business: Mini event update from Kevin - flyer has been made and printed. The event will feature the importance of the GSR overview. Looking for volunteers for a workshop.

-New business: Dan P coming to Aug 2 district meeting to share his GSO experience. No reports due that month with the exception of secretary and treasurer only. Accepting volunteers to bring food to share for meeting.

Dates to remember:

- August 9th Marshalltown business meeting (***Note correction in date**)
- September Mini event date Sept 26th.
- October Area 24 Fall Conference Oct 16-19 in Cedar Falls, IA
- November is elections.

The next business meeting is August 2nd - please mark your calendars!