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**NORTHERN AREA GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
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August 5 2007**

**Host District 10, Humboldt General Hospital, Winnemucca, NV  
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**12:00 p.m. NAGSC Standing Committee meeting:**

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

Informal meeting of standing committee chairs. No one had any business to discuss

12:05 p.m. Meeting adjourned for lunch

**1:00 p.m. NAGSC general meeting opens with Serenity Prayer  
and**

AA Service Preamble

Introduction of attendees

Review and approval of minutes: Minutes were approved as submitted.

**Secretary Report: Carol H.**

Please update info on the sign-in sheet; secretary requests written reports to be turned in after your presentation. If you can email them that's even better, then I can copy and paste for the minutes. Thank you for letting me serve .

**Treasurer Report: Annie W.**

May income : \$546.51

June income : \$1945.59

YTD income : \$4,212.08

June expenses: \$1071.52

Balance as of 6/30/07: \$5068.65

Annie asked for group addresses for group reports of projected expenses for area assembly.

DCMs that have GSRs needing funding in Sept. should talk to Annie today.

Mileage checks will be mailed from Gardnerville next week.

**Delegate Report: Mike D.**

**No report**

**Alt. Delegate Report: Jason C.**

The summer began with packing and moving to Incline Village NV. I am closer to work and back to my old home group. I moved just in time to witness and participate in a group inventory. It's the first one in the groups 30 year existence.

I served on the Area Inventory Ad hoc committee with Paul, Marion and Leslie. That was enlightening and fun. The committee's recommendations can be found in the June Area Newsletter. This includes 10 questions, the format for choosing the questions, how the inventory will be conducted and how the individual can participate and more. This will be the first area inventory. One other was created but not executed.

Delegate's report and service workshop, June 24:

I gave the Delegate's report in Mammoth during their service workshop. That was my first. It seemed to go well. I briefly explained how an individual who is not a delegate brings a business item to the conference and the importance of attending area meeting like this one today. During the service workshop I explained what NAGSC and SAGSC are and Area 42 Structure as a whole.

Singleness of Purpose workshop, July 15:

As I wrote my presentation for this workshop, I realized that what I felt was important may be difficult to share. I am grateful that my love for Alcoholics Anonymous and the teachings I have received on the traditions guides me. It's not about me or any one member. It's about AA as a whole. That is the place I shared from. What a discussion.

I look forward to the Assembly next month; share the good news to all that Tonopah will be the alcoholic hot spot for 3 days in September. See you all there.

**Area 42 Registrar Report: Tonia H.**

No report

**Archivist Report: Roger R.**

No report

**Area 42 Webmaster Report: JD B.**

No report

**Chairperson Report: Ray G.**

First I will say I'm not happy at all that a family wedding that I, (my wife) could not avoid, keeps me from being here today. I believe my God, my sobriety, my commitment to service, and my family are the four most important parts of my life. I know you will all understand and I also know that you will do a good job carrying out our business with Annie leading in my stead.

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, AA's birthday, I and Dist. 6 was honored to hear our Delegates report at our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Founders Day picnic in Genoa Park which just happens to be behind the oldest bar in the state of Nevada. Mike did a masterful job and it was a great afternoon.

The other headliner for me was being invited to sit on the panel for Dist. 12 & Dist. 18 in Fernley. Both Kathy and Susan put it together covering 4 major topics of concern to AA groups. Paul Eaton led his discussion on court cards, Carol Boulet on group officers, Jason Carter on primary purpose and my topic was on business meetings and the group conscience.

There was a lot of interaction from everyone and I enjoyed hearing all the discussions. We so need each other!

I love invitations—Please do it often—

Thank you for allowing me to be of service—I'll see you all in Tonopah.

Peace & Love, Ray

**Old Business:**

A. Temporary finance committee report:

Paul explained the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the committee proposal, and passed them out to any who needed a copy.

B. Second reading of the proposal that NAGSC create a Finance Committee. Discussion followed, and a motion was made to accept the proposal and create a finance committee.

The motion was seconded, a vote was taken, and the motion passed.

**New Business:**

Since the Finance Committee proposal passed, it was suggested by the Chair that a study take place and appropriate changes be made to the NAGSC Guidelines. Since Ray was not present, Annie suggested that this item be tabled for the next meeting. A motion to table this item was made, seconded, and passed.

**NAGSC Committee Reports:**

**CPC Paul E.**

I made a literature order from AAWS for both English and Spanish pamphlets. I contacted Lori P. who works for Court Services of district court. I set up a meeting with her so that I could talk and bring her some pamphlets and meeting schedules. I found out that part of her job was that they have defendant's who have been released on their own recognizance check in with them. Often these people are assigned to AA or NA meetings. I explained the difference between open and closed meetings and how to find them in the schedules. We also talked about what AA does and does not do, and I gave her some pamphlets explaining this. She was very appreciative of AA's cooperation with the courts and will contact me when she needs more pamphlets.

I was a member of the group structure panel for Dist 12 & 18 ON July 15<sup>th</sup>. My topic was on to sign or not to sign court cards. I thought this went really well with the members in attendance asking several questions of all of the panelists.

Any districts that would like me to come and do a presentation/workshop, please let me know. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Paul E.

**Corrections Sam H.**

I'm glad to be back at a general Service meeting. I had my other knee replace in May and have not been traveling for a while. I am not planning any more surgeries for a while so I should be able to be here.

Once again I have brought forms for the DCMs to fill out so we can see where we need to be carrying the message to the still suffering newcomer. I hope to be able to visit some of the facilities.

In my home district I have been carrying meetings into California Correctional Center in Susanville and the Plumas County Jail in Quincy. The prison has meetings scheduled even when we are not there, but the jail only has meetings when someone from the outside comes.

I ask that some of you make a commitment at least once a month or more, to attend a meeting in your local facility.

It certainly helps to insure my sobriety. I have been going into the jail for almost twenty years. One night one of the inmates asked me "why do you come here, no one is getting sober?" I told him "I haven't had a drink yet." You do not have to have been incarcerated to carry a message of recovery, they already know how to get into jail; they need to learn how to stay out.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

**Grapevine, La Vina Chair Mike McC.**

It's a privilege to serve as your Grapevine, La Vina chair for Northern Area 42.

The past three months I've been traveling to groups and districts in Northern Area 42.

June 10<sup>th</sup> attended 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Founders Day picnic and sold Grapevine/La Vina from my car (it was a fun time)

June 23<sup>rd</sup> Dave M. and I went to Mammoth Lakes, Ca to do a service workshop. Good conversation and lively discussion.

August 24-26 will be at the 31<sup>st</sup> annual High Sierra Campout.

If your district or groups in your district would like me to bring Grapevine, La Vina to you, you can call or e-mail me.

Please note I will be away Sept 25 to Oct 21.

Most of all thank you for enhancing my sobriety through service.

**GSR Survival North Ed deP.**

No report

**GSR Survival South Dave M.**

Not much to report. June I went to Mammoth for a service workshop with Mike McC and Jason C. I focused my presentation on group service – primarily the role of the GSR. There was a great turnout. Phil and the Mammoth fellowship did a great job. I look forward to doing it again.

District 6 has talked about a GSR workshop but as yet no date has been set. The NNNAAA Conference is getting close.

Fliers and registration forms can be downloaded on nnnaaa.org. If anyone is interested in a GSR workshop please feel free to contact me.

**NNIG Liason Steve Van W.**

No report

**PI Jackie A.**

Due to illness and excessive work and other intergroup service commitments, I have not been as active as I hoped. I will have more time now that my other responsibilities have concluded.

I did work with our intergroup rep who attended two health fairs and distributed pamphlets in Tahoe and in Stead. I also partnered with CPC Paul E. and he was able to meet and distribute material to the Washoe county court coordination rep. I also distributed material to the Washoe Co. director of Home Health Care.

**Special Needs Susan B.**

I have been busy extending the hand of AA to those with Special needs by restocking and distributing brochures to my established contacts within the Reno Metropolis area.

I have helped start a new extension of the special needs Committee in Arkansas by e-mail correspondence and mailing a copy of the notebook to Sonya H. This enabled me to review the information and expand on the contents of our guidebook. I found that from our printed meeting list, just under 1/3 of our meetings are wheelchair accessible (267 of 805).

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**Treatment Facilities Mike G.**

Not much to report. First I would like to ask if anyone has free time during the workday to make phone calls to set up workshops (1 a month) for weekends. Please email or call me

if you can help. I went to Reno Intergroup meeting and met their treatment facility chair person, Nicole H. I have been informed there is a new chair but have not made contact yet. I have also attended H and I meeting at the lake and found out who was taking meetings into the treatment facility at the lake. I have attempted to contact Carson correction Center on doing workshops. Again, and volunteer help would be appreciated. Also, DCMs please contact me with the treatment facilities in your districts that need AA meetings. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**DCM Reports: \* Please update your DCM info for the Chairperson\***

**2 Mark T.**

**4 Gretchen H.**

District 4 is doing well financially, but district meetings are not well attended. Gretchen may resign; she doesn't really know what to do. Service workshop to take place on Aug18 at the GLBT clubhouse from 2-3:30 with refreshments.

**6 Kevin B.**

District 6 is doing well. We have had some large contributions which is good for PRAASA next year. Our Founders Day picnic was well attended and we were very grateful for Mike D speaking. We had a sponsorship workshop which was well attended. We are scheduling a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Tahoe Area. We are also going to have the Northern Nevada Native American AA conference in November. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**8 Phil W.**

In District 8 we have done a few things and are starting new procedures in our meetings. We are trying to bring the GSRs into running the District Meetings. Also to bring the concepts into our meetings as not too many folks know too much about the concepts. I have continued to visit our outer groups and I feel they like being included. We hosted a Service Workshop that included a delegates report given by Jason. Mike M was also there with the Grapevine display, and Dave M. was helping with this training session. Sophie attended the workshop. Everyone seemed happy with what went down. We are also moving ahead with a new position in the district. Karen S. of the Mammoth group will be helping and will be getting a hold of Susan. We are looking forward to the Sept. assembly and to hosting the Oct. NAGSC meeting in Bishop. Thanks for letting me be of service.

**10a Gene L.**

Elko AA is doing different! The two groups have become 1 group and all has come down!

The campout was a great success, good time and great speakers. Starting to try to get more people involved with service.

New steering committee for the Alano Club.

### **10b Lizz M.**

We elected a new treasurer at our District meeting in June. We also got to hear Mike's delegates report.

The Serenity Seekers have elected a new treasurer and alternate and are in the process of electing some other new officers. They are also brainstorming for different ways to bring back the unity and increase membership. So if there is anyone interested in traveling back to beautiful Winnemucca, maybe to speak at a potluck, please contact me.

The Battle Mtn. group stopped having their Wed. night meeting due to low attendance. I was able to attend the Serenity in the Rubies campout. It was relaxing and soul rejuvenating.

It has been a pleasure to work with district 10A to host this meeting.

### **12 Kathy S.**

District 12 & 18 co-hosted a panel discussion on group structure that was very informative.

Thank you very much Paul, Ray, Carol and Jason for sharing your experience, strength and hope with us.

Fernley KISS group is sponsoring its 7<sup>th</sup> annual picnic today. Our birthday speaker meeting was held last night with 2 fantastic speakers from Reno and Silver Springs. Potluck is still going strong last Saturday of the month.

We are doing a district inventory.

Attendance at our district 12 business meetings are down but we hope to get renewed interest.

Villains Den meeting has closed.

The Churchill community meeting has asked AA to participate in National Recovery Month with events scheduled to be held September 22.

We would like to ask our PI Committee Chair Jackie A. for some assistance.

Our treasurer could not fulfill his commitment and we will be voting on a new one.

I would like to thank my district for all the support and help I have in fulfilling my DCM commitment. I could not do it without them (imagine that!)

### **14 Duncan H.**

Jamboree Sunday Aug 26 11:30 to 3:00 pm at the Truckee Regional Parker lower BBQ area on the Truckee river.

Had Paul give a presentation on C&T.

Soon to have Mike M give a grapevine presentation.

Attendance of GSRs very good.

Meetings attendance is up as it's tourist season. Summer outdoor meetings are in full swing.

Am looking forward to Tonopah and most GSRs are planning to be there. I would request help financing 2 GSRs.

Added a 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. night meeting at 6pm in Incline and we're having a group 1 inventory soon. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

### **16 Patty P.**

Our district is barely getting by on donations. We are below last years donations.  
We have been beginning to plan for a Christmas Affair.  
Looking forward to Tonopah; it's always very spiritual to me.  
We just had a vote at our last meeting concerning intergroup and district 16 sharing the Christmas Affair. We voted against it because it is a free event and intergroup would charge for it.

**18 Susan S.**

The last district meeting was unfortunately a "no show" from the reps- prior engagements group unrest...the usual alcoholic reasoning! Expecting full representation at the next meeting, scheduled for Sept. in Tonopah.

Highlight was the group structure workshop on July 15, sponsored by districts 12 & 18. Many thanks and votes of appreciation to our four presenters (Carol B, Jason C, Ray G. and Paul E.) who shared a wealth of knowledge to the 25ish in attendance.

Thanks to the Big Bend Ranch Group in Wadsworth for the use of their facility.

Sagebrush AA in Hawthorne enjoys a well attended speaker meeting every last Saturday of each month.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

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**20 Eugene E.**

District 20 has 23 registered groups. At the last district meeting, we had seven members, from 5 different groups. The big question is how to get inspiration into the groups for service and action. Home Group:

The keynoter group at Bieber has only 2 meetings a week; Tues. and Wed. at 7pm.

Intermountain Camp 22 has one meeting a week, Thursday at 7pm.

On Sundays, there is an N.A meeting in Bieber at 1pm and at Camp 22 at 9 am.

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**Other business/concerns/comments:**

1. Annie announced that DCMs need to tell her immediately following the meeting, how many will need funding for GSRs to attend area assembly.
2. Mike Mc. asked about the continued absence of our NAGSC registrar, and if we need to replace? The body will request of Ray that he contact Tonia to see if she can still serve.
3. Thank you Annie for chairing the meeting!

**AA related Announcements:**

**Area Website:** <http://www.nevadaarea42.org>

**NEXT MEETING, October 7, 2007:**

**Will be hosted by district 8 in Bishop California:**

Hospice of the Owens Valley

155 Pioneer Lane

Bishop

(From the north)

Head south on 395 all the way to Bishop.

The first light you come to, on the "edge" of town, is Barlow Lane.

Turn RIGHT on BARLOW LANE.

You are traveling SOUTH now, across the Bishop Paiute reservation. Go through the 4-way

**stop and proceed to the light at WEST LINE ST.**

**Turn LEFT on WEST LINE STREET.**

**You are traveling east now, toward town. In less than a mile, Pioneer lane will be on the left. It is also the entrance to Northern Inyo Hospital.**

**On the left side, watch for the clinic (white buildings) and then the Hospice building (gray). It's within 100 yards of W. Line Street.**

**[Mapquest.com](http://Mapquest.com) will give you the distances if you want them.**

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