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DELEGATE'S REPORT – (JOYCE P)

PLEASE ACCEPT APPOLOGIES FOR AN ABBREVIATED VERSION OF JOYCE'S REPORT, BUT DUE TO A MALFUNCTION OF THE REORDING EQUIPMENT ONLY A PORTION OF HER REPORT WAS RECORDED.

(Joyce was assigned to the Public Information Committee)

- Trustee elections: The new Southeast regional trustee, replacing Dick G., will be Howard L. of Columbia, Mississippi. In the East Central regional Bob M. of Ontonagon, Michigan will follow Dorothy M. The trustee-at-large U.S. will be Dorothy W. of Indianapolis, filling the spot previously held by Charlie B. New general service trustees are Paul C., Oceanside, California, who will be a director on the A.A.W.S. Board, and Ray M. of Western Canada on the Grapevine Board.
- Also rotating at the end of Conference was Elaine McDI, who has served the General Service Board well since 1992, and as board chair from 2001. Assuming the responsibilities of chairman of the board is Leonard Blumenthal of Alberta, Canada, who has served as Class A trustee since 2000. Taking Leonard's place on the board will be new Class A trustee Jeanne Woodford of Benicia, California.
- Delegate chairperson for the 2006 General Service Conference will be Mike S., North Florida; alternate chairperson will be Joyce P., Nevada.

Advisory Actions

- The draft manuscript, *Inmate to Inmate*, including revisions suggested by the 2005 Conference Committee on Corrections, was returned to the trustees' Committee on Corrections for review and revision. The trustee's committee had removed references to drugs from eight of the stories.
- The theme for the 2006 General Service Conference will be: "Sponsorship, Service and Self-Support in a Changing World"; the Workshop topic for the 2006 General Service Conference be "Passing It On to Others in a Changing World."
- The "Singleness of Purpose statement," will be included in the pamphlet "A Message to Correctional Professionals"; and that the name of the Conference Committee on Correctional Facilities will be changed to the Conference Committee on Corrections.
- Area 42 has, for a number of years, sent \$2400 to GSO for Delegate's expenses – the actual cost of sending each delegate to the Conference is approximately \$6,000. In the interest of self-support, area contributions for delegates' expenses were increased from \$800 to \$1,200 effective at the 2006 Conference. Areas will continue to be encouraged to make contributions over and above this requested amount to help cover a greater portion of the Conference costs.

- The Spanish-language Third Edition Big Book, will continue to be developed and a progress report and/or draft copy be brought to the 2006 Conference. There are currently only 8 stories submitted – we need more. Joyce asked that GSO accept audiotapes of personal stories, rather than insist they be in written form. This was allowed, with the request that there be no speaker tapes submitted. Stories are due by August 1, 2005.
- The timetable for election of delegates from Western Canada was revised to allow for an even distribution of new delegates on each panel.
- The estimate of Groups and Members in the US and Canada as of 1/1/05 was 60,085 groups (including 2,562 in correctional facilities) and 1,353,883 members (including 66,963 in correctional facilities). There are an estimated 45,209 groups and 729,097 members outside the US and Canada.

AREA 42 CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEMS

This is a recap of the presentations for the Conference Agenda Items that were discussed at the Assembly in Tonopah in March, and what OUR group conscience was:

Agenda Item IIIC (Correctional Facilities.) Presented by Cindy from District 1. "Review Final Report exploring the feasibility and cost of producing and distributing an informational video introducing AA to training academies for corrections personnel." Estimated cost of production: \$50,000. *Vote: overwhelmingly in favor. Opposed: 10*

Agenda Item VII C (Policy and Admissions) presented by District 2. "Consider requests to revise the timetable for the election of one delegate in the Western Canada Region to allow for two odd and two even panels in that region." Currently, 3 delegates rotate at once, and 1 next rotation. *Sense of assembly: In favor of granting the request.*

Agenda Item IVA(B). (Finance). "Review and discuss report from trustee's Finance and Budgetary Committee on delegates' fees." Cost is currently approximately \$2600 per delegate, and areas are only asked to contribute \$600-\$800. Should the conference ask areas to increase the support for delegates' expenses? *Vote – yes*

Agenda Item IXC (Report & Charter) presented by District 4 – Brittney. "Consider request to include online meetings in languages other than English, French, and Spanish in AA directories under 'ONLINE MEETINGS'" *Vote substantially split, with a slight majority in favor of granting the request.*

Agenda Item IID (Cooperation with the Professional Community) presented by Andy M. from District 9. "Consider request to create a video for Professionals". Cost is approximately \$50,000 with production in 6 months. *Vote: 84 in favor, 20 opposed.*

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Agenda Item VIII D (Public Information) "Consider report from trustees' Committee on Public Information recommending first steps in determining the feasibility of replacing tow videos, "AA Come Rap with Us" & "Young People and AA", with estimated initial project costs not to exceed \$20,000. *Majority in favor*

Agenda Item XB (Treatment Facilities) presented by District 8 (Joe). "Consider request that the 'Singleness of Purpose Statement' currently used in six CPC pamphlets be added to the pamphlet 'AA in Treatment Facilities'".
Vote: Substantial majority in favor - opposed 6.

Agenda Item VI-I (Literature) presented by Jason from District 17. "Discuss suggestion to develop a publication oriented toward and addressing the concerns of AA members with long-term sobriety." *Vote: Substantial majority in favor - opposed 10.*

Agenda Item IIC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) presented by Amur R. from District 14. "Discuss the need for a pamphlet directed to the Criminal Justice System". *Vote: Substantial majority in favor - opposed by 5.*

Agenda Item III A (Correctional Facilities) presented by District 16. "Consider including the following statement on AA's Singleness of Purpose in the pamphlet 'A message to Correctional Professionals': 'Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as "substance abuse" or "chemical dependency". Non-alcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to AA and encouraged to attend AA meetings. Anyone may attend open AA meetings, but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed meetings" *In favor - Majority, opposed 25*

Agenda Item XIID (International Conventions/Regional Forums) presented by Tonia from District 16. "Discuss the concept of restructuring and/or increasing Forums (Regional/Special)" Cost up to \$25,000 per forum. *Majority was opposed.*

Agenda Item V-B (Grapevine) presented by Carlos from District 20. "Consider request that in 2006 or later, La Vina produce an audio CD of La Vina stories on Steps 7 through 12 as a companion to its CD of stories on Steps 1 thru 6. Production \$2,600, manufacturing for 5000 = 1.80 each \$11,600 total. *Vote: 1 opposed, the rest in favor.*

Although not a conference agenda action item (yet), but per Julian R. an item to be brought up at this years conference is a proposal to consider splitting the Literature committee into 2 separate committees. Workload is very large - too large for conference week. 2003 Conference week - met for 17 hours, 2004 met for 9 hours. Can we reduce the workload coming in? Some of our pamphlets are frequently revised - unless there is an error, perhaps we should not review an item two years in a row. Splitting the committee has several results, one of which is that 2 committees would require twice as many members, and twice as much time to report to the general conference. This is not an item which will come up this conference, but it may in the future.

For more immediate detailed information regarding Conference Advisory Actions and / or the Additional Considerations that took place, please refer to the June-July 2005 copy of BOX 459. They are available from the A.A. General Service Office in New York or your DCM.

Remember too, that when you come to the Assembly in September you will receive a copy of the conference report. There is also a summary of conference advisory actions taken for the last 54 years. And copies available from your Central Office or GSO.

MARCH 2005 AREA 42 ASSEMBLY TONOPAH HIGHLIGHTS

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone wishing a more DETAILED version of any reports please contact your DCM, the area secretary, or newsletter editor.

Assembly opened on Friday March 25, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

Tonopah Convention Center, Tonopah, Nevada

From Our Delegate: Joyce P. (N): "I want to welcome you again, and thank you for your participation in this assembly. PRAASA in Tucson was as always a wonderful experience, but I must share this with you, for me it felt as if I was there for the first time. There were anxious moments, followed by sheer terror, followed with love and laughter. I was so proud of Area 42's participation, and the special contribution each of you that attended made. It was a special time for *me*, and I was delighted to met Dan K., past panel 07 delegate from Nevada. Dan was delegate in 1957. I also met 4 of the 5 members present who had printed stories in the big book.

Old Business:

1. Minutes from the September Assembly were approved unanimously without corrections or changes.
2. Joan M. presented a proposal for a guidelines change to define the method of presenting non-guideline-change proposals to the assembly. An ad-hoc committee, chaired by Joan M. prepared the proposal. Motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposal as written developed proposal. Motion passed

NEXT AREA ASSEMBLY IN TONOPAH

WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 10 & 11, 2005

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New Business:

1. Joyce P.: Bids for 2008 PRAASA, Oakland CA, Seattle/Bellvue WA, and Anchorage AK. Sense of Assembly: (2006 will be in Woodland Hills, CA; 2007 will be in Portland, OR). First vote: 24 Oakland, 35 Seattle, 38 Anchorage. Second vote: 63 Seattle, 47 Anchorage
2. Marion T.: Request for bi-lingual Spanish translation for Area Assembly agenda and Area Guidelines. William, Southern Area Spanish PI chair volunteered to translate material as needed.
3. Lee (GSR from How it Works, Las Vegas): First reading of proposal. Spanish and French Grapevines over the past few years have had a gross loss of over \$564,300. Propose that GSO eliminate the Spanish and French versions of the Grapevine.
4. Lee (GSR from How it Works, Las Vegas) second proposal. Eliminate the last paragraph of the forward to the Fourth Edition.

Standing Committee Reports:

Accessibility South Aurora S.: Has ordered a workbook from GSO which should arrive within a week or two.

Public Information (PI) North Paul E.: Working with Northern Nevada Intergroup PI chair Mike D. to work out a plan, so that efforts are not duplicated, and energy can be spent on under-served areas. Looking forward to the new PSA approval. PRAASA was very helpful. Planning a workshop with CPC chair Amur R. for District 8 in Mammoth Lakes, CA August 6, for GSRs and any AA member who would like to attend and learn how to help CPC and PI.

Public Information (PI) South Will B.: Vision – approval of videos & to get tapes & PSAs distributed to stations. Will be setting up a table at an upcoming play “Days of Wine and Roses” at CCSN Cheyenne Campus April 14-16 and 21-23 7:30 to 10 p.m., and April 17 & 24 2-4:30 p.m.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) North Amur R. – working with Paul (PI) to develop a letter and reply card to send to professionals. Has started correspondence with Area 03 CPC chair, who has many current programs for panels and workshops. Cooperating with Northern Nevada Intergroup CPC in efforts to avoid duplication of effort. Ordering CPC workbook and kit from GSO. Any DCM interested in a workshop please let Amur know.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) South Bill L.: Set up a table for the K-12 counselors for Clark County School District meeting held at Spring Valley High School February 22 - 500 counselors attended. Want to work with DCMs & GSRs to get information to doctors.

Corrections North Robin M. Northern Area CT&B committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Reno Central Office at 6 p.m. This committee currently supports over 50 meetings in northern Nevada. Stockpile of literature is almost gone. Pink can contributions are down. Please rekindle Pink can. Volunteers are needed for Corrections or Treatment meetings. Meetings are currently being taken into Galena High School at the request of the guidance department.

Grapevine North Sam H.: Subscriptions down. La Vina – problems getting subscriptions mailed.

Grapevine South Janine B.: Provided a Grapevine literature table at the International AA Women's Conference in Las Vegas in February; will also provide a table at the TriState Roundup in May.

GSR Survival North Shelly M.: Met with District 12 in Fernly/Fallon on February 12, and with District 6 in Gardnerville February 26. District 20 (Alturas) tentative for April 9, District 4 scheduled at the Triangle Club in Reno for May 14.

GSR Survival South Aurora S.: Survival guides are available at the Grapevine table. Thirty-two new GSRs attended the January SAGSC meeting.

Intergroup Liaison North Annie W.: Central Office Director Beverly C. resigned 9/2004, taking a position at Central Office in Sacramento. Virginia H. hired as new office manager for a short time. Michele was hired in February.

Treatment Facilities North Patty P.: Lots of good information at PRAASA – will be meeting with the Northern Intergroup Treatment Chair.

H&I South Alan V.: I'm representing the H&I Committee of Las Vegas since our Chair Bryan was unable to attend due to his work situation. Being a recent “transplant” from Southern California 6 months ago, I consider this a great opportunity and a real privilege to be here doing this. I am currently serving the Las Vegas H&I Committee as their “Bridging-the-Gap” sub-committee chair. H&I meets the third Tuesday of every month at Central Office in Las Vegas at 6:00PM. We regularly take meetings into City, County & State Correctional facilities as well as many of the shelters, treatment centers, and detox facilities in Southern Nevada. We've started rebuilding the “Bridging Services” in our area at the end of January this year by contacting various facilities and recruiting fresh volunteers. A number of the H&I volunteers are helping by getting this information to facilities when they take their meetings there. We have also “networked” with bridging committees in several other geographic areas and hopefully the area 42 web site will be a very valuable tool in this effort as well. And for anyone that is not familiar with “Bridging-the-Gap”, feel free to contact me for more detailed information. Our committee is totally supported by group (and individual) contributions. We receive no funding from Intergroup of the Area. We're enlisting the help or as many meetings as possible to start utilizing the infamous “Pink Cans” for contributions. It seems that we could always use

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more literature and books for our service work. Recently we had more requests for books and literature than we had funds to accommodate them. And this really impairs our service work. For this reason (on behalf of our committee) I would like to request that all of you – ESPECIALLY D.C.M.s AND G.S.R.s – PLEASE take this information back to your groups. And DCM's PLEASE give this information to your GSRs who are not here today so that they have the opportunity to enlist help from their group as well. We're even willing to supply you with the "pink cans:" The other are in which we need your help and support is with the bridging effort. We can always use more volunteers for this valuable service. And anyone wishing more information, etc can contact me, personally. My contact information is in the current newsletter on both page 5 and page 6.

Area Officer Reports

Area Chair Mike D. (S) Welcome and announcements. Mike would like to have Greg M., General Manager at GSO, as our banquet speaker at a future assembly, and requests input from members with an opinion on this idea. Also, proposed that we have round table discussions on the Conference Agenda items, participants take a group conscience, and make a consensus recommendation to the assembly and delegate.

Alt Area /NAGSC Chair Jason C. (N): Report of NAGSC meeting Feb. 2005. NAGSC topics included funding of Area Webmaster to PRAASA, appointment of an ad-hoc committee to discover what documents need to be translated into Spanish, PRAASA funding of 10 DCMs/GSRs to PRAASA.

Area Archivist Roger L. (S): Working on compiling group, committee and district histories; requested histories from each past delegate. Roger is currently working on a permanent archives display at Las Vegas Central Office. Roger has a portable display and is working on putting together items for both North & South.

Area Registrar Sophie K. (N): Currently working with GSO for the semi-annual data updates. DCMs have been asked to contact each group in their district to obtain changes to meeting schedules, GSRs, and names and phone numbers of members willing to be listed in the directory.

Alt Area Registrar Mike M. (S): Registration with N.Y. through your Area Registrar gets your GSR on the GSO mailing list for Box 459, and provides a group contact person for GSO. Please see Sophie (N) or Mike (S) to fill out new group or new GSR information. Each registered group has a unique group number; please reference this number on contributions.

Area Secretary Marion T. (S): Need help with translation of Area Guidelines into Spanish. Once translation is done, upkeep should be fairly simple. Request that all reports be submitted in writing for summary in the minutes. If requested verbatim report in the minutes, please e-mail report.

Alt Area Secretary Mark C. (N): (Report prepared by Mark C., presented by Dan G.). Area literature report: beginning inventory balance for Assembly was \$633.49.

Area Webmaster Ken B. (N): Please visit our website at nevadaarea42.org. Cost of the internet service is \$4.99 per month. GSO website has a link to ours. PRAASA was very helpful in exchange of ideas, challenges and solutions.

Area Treasurer Ed deP (N): Transition between Byron F and myself went smoothly and I am currently collecting checks from the PO Box monthly with Pat G making the post office box pickup and mailing to me for depositing and updating the books. (*note: abbreviated report*)

NORTHERN AREA 42 GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE April 3, 2005

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Delegate Report: Joyce P.

I want to thank all of you who presented topics at the Area Assembly, your presentations were outstanding, and for those of you who attended, your group's input was invaluable to me. I feel as I now have a strong idea of what Area 42 wants. I spoke with the GSR from Ely and the May 21st Workshop/Panel is going to be held from 3 to 5pm or longer if need be. Hopefully we can have the Grapevine display, as well as other A.A. literature as they really want more information. This also might be a good time for NAGSC standing committee chairs to bring literature and do a brief overview of what each committee is and why it's important to have a chair in the home group. While attending PRAASA in Tucson, the DCMC of Dist. 11 gave me copies of their Concept Play and Group Inventory Guide. If anyone would like a copy please see me and I can get that to you. I so appreciate the way we share with each other, taking our personal ownership and ego out of the picture and placing the welfare of the fellowship first. I will be leaving for the General Service Conference on April 14 and will return on April 23, if your group or District would like to have me give a report on the Conference please contact me as soon as possible. I am directly responsible to Area 42 and giving a report to your district and/or group is my responsibility. It would be my privilege to share with you the time I spent at the General Service Conference.

Area 42 Registrar Report: *Sophie K.*

GSO has two cycles of data updates each year. We are currently in the "January" cycle, which focuses on preparing for the May publication of the annual directories of A.A. groups in N. America. This is why the DCMs have been asked to contact each of the groups in their district to get any changes in meeting schedules, GSRs, and names and phone numbers of group members willing to be listed in the directory. Not every group chooses to be listed and not every group

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SOUTHERN AREA 42
GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
May 8, 2005

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting was preceded by GSR training and orientation for new GSRs at 12:30. Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 1:15 p.m., Byron F. presiding.

New Business: Representatives of the 41st IAWC, held in Las Vegas in February 2005, presented a donation to Southern Area 42 in the amount of \$8,000. Additional donation will be mailed to Area 42 treasury.

Area Chair (Mike D.): Proposals (to be discussed at the September assembly) are due IN WRITING to the Area Chair, Area Secretary, Area Delegate no later than June 1, 2005. If finances are impacted, the Treasurer should also receive a copy.

Area Secretary (Marion T.): Minutes for Spring 2005 Assembly were e-mailed to DCMs this morning. GSRs, please see your DCM for report.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY A VISIT TO:

Area 42 Website: www.nevadaarea42.org

Preliminary Plan

for Sept., 2005, Assembly Agenda

All times are approximate!!!

Friday Sept. 9, 2005

- 3:30 PM Registration opens.
- 6:00 PM Assembly opens:
Serenity Prayer (Alt. Chair;)
III Concept (Alt.
(Delegate;)
Responsibility Pledge
(Volunteer?)
Introductions.
Announcements:
Area Officer Reports.
- 7:45 PM Break.
- 8:00 PM Area Committee meets
in the Blue Room.
Roundtables/Panels in the
Assembly Room.
- 9:30 PM (+/-) End of Friday portion of the
Assembly.

Area 42 Chairperson Report: Mike D.

Chairing an area meeting is an interesting trial/activity. There are some rules to follow. Rule #1: Don't leave any loose materials on the podium. They disappear with the next presenter. Rule #2: Get familiar with "Roberts Rules of Order. Rule #3: Have some sort of a duties/activities check-off list, with time frames. Rule #4: Assign agenda items by name (Like Jason did), not by district. Rule #5: Have a better grasp of time frames. Rule #6: As strongly suggested, the countdown will be moved to the Saturday Night Banquet. Rule #7: Include the Treasurer in the proposal procedure, whenever money is involved. It will help to fill out the picture of the proposal. Rule #8: Other area officers are working on a check-off list, to pass on when they rotate. Rule #9: The alt-area secretary is the lit chair. The alt. area secretary has stuff to do at the area assembly, since the secretary is supposed to be on the "platform." The alt. area secretary, as sub-secretary, has a pretty full plate. We may want to look at having an area lit. chair or co-lit. chairs. Rule #10: Districts 21 and 22 will be the host districts for the September assembly

OLD BUSINESS:

Ad hoc committee findings; translate what documents into Spanish? Ray G. met with Carlos C. (Spanish District 22 DCM) and discussed which NAGSC documents they needed to be translated into Spanish. Ray reported that after he receives the NAGSC meeting agenda from the NAGSC chair and minutes from the NAGSC secretary, he will hand deliver them to the Spanish DCM who has someone willing to transcribe them into Spanish.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special funding proposal for General Service Workshop Presentation in Ely. A motion to help fund with travel and lodging expense for NAGSC officers and committee chairs willing to go to and participate in a general service workshop in Ely on May 21st, was made and seconded. Discussion followed as to how many people will be going and the amount of funding. After lengthy deliberation it was determined that ten people would be going with an \$80.00 funding cap per person. A motion to fund ten people with a funding cap of \$80.00 per person was then made and seconded. Motion passed with majority vote. Minority opinion opposing funding was given, questioning the available NAGSC funds, for funding such an event in anticipation of upcoming operational expenses. A second vote was then taken and motion passed again with majority vote.

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Saturday Sept. 10, 2005

7:15 AM AA Meeting (Host District(s).
 8:30 AM Meeting ends.
 9:00 A.M. Assembly opens:
 Serenity Prayer
 (Volunteer?)
 Announcements.
 DCM and Committee Chair reports. (Please have them in writing – or, at least, in outline form.)
 10:30 AM Break.
 10:45 AM Resume Assembly. Proposals.
 11:45 AM Lunch.
 1:00 PM Resume Assembly. Proposals and floor actions.
 2:00 PM 7th tradition for Host District expenses.
 3:00 PM Break
 3:15 PM Resume Assembly.
 5:00 PM Break for dinner. (Please clean your “stuff” off of all the tables to the banquet folks can get set up.)
 6:00 PM Banquet Seating.
 6:30 PM Banquet begins.
 7:30 PM AA countdown.
 8:00 PM Speaker (Jimmy Jack G Kansas Delegate; 2006 Delegate Chair.)
 9:30 PM End of Saturday portion of the Assembly.

Remaining business.

10:?? AM Ask It Basket, etc.
 11:30 AM Wind down.
 11:30 (+/-) Close with Responsibility pledge.

AREA 42 PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

March 24, 25 and 26, 2006.

SOME FUTURE EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

2005 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

June 30 – July 3, 2005
 Toronto Canada

P.R.A.A.S.A. 2006: Woodland Hills, CA

March 3, 4, & 5, 2006
 Warner Center Marriott

2006 PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM

June 23, 24, & 25, 2006
 Airport Doubletree Hotel

FOUNDER'S DAYS CERLEBRATION

June 9, 10, & 11, 2006
 Akron, Ohio

For additional information on any of these events please check with your local DCM

Sunday Sept. 11, 2005

7:00 AM AA Meeting (Host District)
 7:?? AM Break for breakfast.
 7:?? AM Resume meeting.
 8:30 AM Break.
 9:00 AM Resume Assembly. Announcements.

The next issue of the newsletter is scheduled to be finished and distributed by August 27, 2005. If you have any information you wish to have included in the newsletter please feel free to e-mail it to: av92aa.lasvegas@yahoo.com. We welcome all A.A. related information and suggestions for this publication.
Thank you, Alan V, editor