

Area 42 Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Area 42 Fall Assembly

Friday, September 7
at 6:00 p.m. – Sunday,
September 9 at noon.

Friday night: workshops

Saturday: Area Inventory

and more – Saturday night:
banquet, speaker meeting

and dance – Sunday: Area

Business (including discus-
sion of proposals) and the

Ask-it-Basket.

See you there!

PRAASA 2008

March 7,8,& 9,2008

Egan Convention Center
Anchorage, Alaska

Pacific Regional Forum

August 29-31 2008

City Center
Spokane
Doubletree Hotel
Spokane, WA

For Your Consideration...

On Friday evening of the 2007 pre-conference assembly the Area Committee enthusiastically discussed doing an area inventory. It passed a motion requesting that I, as our chairperson, appoint an ad-hoc committee to "...get the process going."

Hoping to form a committee of 4-5 members, I extended invitations to five DCMs (three from the south, two from the north), two committee chairs (one south, one north), and four area officers (2 north, 2 south). Five members accepted initially and the working committee settled in with four members: Jason C., Alt. Delegate, Marion S.T., Area Treasurer, Paul E., NAGSC CPC Chair and Leslie N., SAGSC Intergroup Liaison.

By April 15 the committee was at work, and it updated me on its progress on May 15. On June 3, I received the committee's suggested questions for use in our inventory.

The ad hoc committee has done its work. Area 42 will do an inventory based on six of the committee's questions on Saturday, September 8, 2007 in Tonopah.

Why only six questions? Because we want to do a thorough inquiry, we need to allow time for all perspectives to be heard and for all concerns to be shared.

How will those six questions be selected? On Saturday morning in Tonopah, the assembly will be asked to prioritize the questions from 1- 10 by a show of hands. The inventory will address the assembly's six most popular questions for up to 45 minutes each. (Note: the ad hoc committee requests that multiple-point questions (#s 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8) not be dissected. All questions in each of numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8 will be handled together, and the total discussion time for each will not exceed 45 minutes. For example, if the assembly chooses to address question #1, we will discuss points a., b., and c. within 45 minutes.)

Each member will have **one** opportunity to speak - for up to two minutes – on any individual question. If the member sharing is Spanish-speaking, up to four minutes will be allowed to accommodate interpretation into English.

The process will be facilitated by a neutral party: Larry N., past delegate from San Diego-Imperial and past trustee at large. His participation enables all members of our assembly to participate.

I request that all members begin to reflect on these questions at the group and district levels. We can best use our time together if we come to the assembly having already reviewed and discussed the questions at a district - or any other – meeting. If any of your concerns has not been proposed here, please keep in mind that this does not have to be the only inventory that we ever do.

One more request: please rate the questions in the order of their importance to you (number one would be the most important) and bring this ranking to the assembly.

With much gratitude to the ad-hoc committee, thank you for allowing me to be of service
Sophie K

Here are their questions: ([see next page](#))

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**Area 42 Inventory Committee
Compilation III: June 1, 2007**

Group Conscience

1. With respect to discussions at Assemblies:
 - A. Do I feel it is my right and responsibility to speak my mind on a topic when my thoughts have not been expressed by someone else? (Concept 4-Right of Participation)
 - B. Are questions, comments and minority opinions given respectful consideration? (Concept 5 – Right of Appeal/Minority Opinion)
 - C. Do I sometimes rely too much on the opinions of our officers and past officers, rather than continue to explore my own conscience?
2. Are we as an Area doing enough to discuss all agenda items that may require a vote or a sense of the assembly, so that the individual group conscience (from GSRs and DCMs) can make an informed collective group conscience for the Delegate to take to the GSO conference? Or are we forcing the Delegate to go to the GSO conference and make our decisions for us? (Concept 1)

GSR/ DCM Role and Responsibility

3. Are we doing enough to educate new GSRs & DCMs about their role as "Trusted Servants" and the assembly process?

GSR and DCM participation:

4. Do they know what services, information and workshops the various area committees, standing chairpersons and officers can provide for them? How can we increase participation of GSRs and DCMs throughout the area?

Officers

5. Mindful that holding office is a great responsibility not to be viewed as the outcome of a popularity contest, are we choosing our officers with care? Is there a sufficient pool of eligible and willing candidates?

Primary Purpose

6. With the mention of Dark or Dim Districts in our populated and rural areas, are we reaching out to all of the Districts, Groups & members of AA in Area 42 and is participation at Area Assemblies reflecting a good cross section of our Area?
7. Does my home group know what the Area is and what it does?
8. What is the purpose of the Area? Is the branching of our Area into NAGSC and SAGSC divisive, or instrumental in fulfilling that purpose?

Website

9. How can we improve our website?

Miscellaneous

10. Where does the area need the most improvement?

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The following are three proposals that will have a second reading and voted on this Fall Area 42 Assembly in September

Proposal to Create an Area 42 Finance Committee

Proposal: To form an Area 42 Finance Committee, structured as stated below in paragraphs A-F

Objectives:

To form a committee, elected by the members of the Assembly, whose function is to provide recommendations to the Assembly regarding financial and budgetary matters.

To standardize procedures used to budget, monitor and audit the Area Treasury.

Potential costs: Maximum \$200 per year budget

Rationale: Maintaining our non-profit status involves making sure that funds are used appropriately, and that appropriate safeguards are in place. To this end, most Areas in our General Service Conference have created Finance and/or Audit committees. Of the Areas in the Pacific Region, only Areas 42 and 72 (Western Washington) have no Finance Committee.

Structure:

Membership: Any past or present DCM, Alternate DCM, GSR, Committee Chair, or Area Officer is eligible for at-large membership. The Area Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, and immediate past Treasurer shall automatically be members of the committee.

The Finance Committee shall consist of two at-large members, one residing in the North and one residing in the South, elected by the Assembly, the current Area Treasurer, the current Area Alternate Treasurer, and the immediate past Area Treasurer. If the immediate past Area Treasurer is not available or does not wish to serve, the Area Chair shall appoint a past Area Treasurer to this seat.

The Finance Committee shall elect a Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, and a Recording Secretary from its membership. The Chairperson shall be responsible for coordinating Finance Committee meetings and telephone conferences, preparing meeting agendas, and chairing the meetings. The Recording Secretary shall keep minutes of each meeting, and a list of advisory actions taken by the Committee. Such records shall be made available to members of the Assembly.

Although substantial unanimity is sought and preferred, matters shall be decided upon by a simple majority vote.

At-large members will serve a two-year term.

Elections: Election for at large members of the Finance Committee shall be held at the bi-annual Area Election Assembly.

Duties:

Review budgets for the next calendar year. These budgets shall include itemized expenses and estimates for supplies needed to perform the duties of that office as stated in the Area 42 Guidelines, and expenses associated with conducting semi-annual Assemblies. Where applicable, such budgets shall include travel to PRAASA, Forum, Area Assemblies, and other travel to perform their duties as stated in the Area 42 Guidelines. The Treasurer shall provide

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historical information regarding past expenditures. It is understood that budgets are estimates based on current information, and may be affected by price hikes and inflation.

Review account balances and make recommendations for use of excess funds.

Perform semi-annual review and audit of the financial records kept by the Area Treasurer. Such review and audit shall be performed at the March and September meetings, which coincide with the Area Assemblies.

At the September Assembly on non-election years, present a review of the Finance Committee Guidelines and those portions of the Area Guidelines which pertain to financial matters, and make recommendations to the Assembly for updates, revisions or clarification.

Act as an advisory committee to the Assembly so that changes to the guidelines do not overlook financial ramifications.

Replacement of Finance Committee Members: Members may be replaced due to request by the member or in case of non-performance of duties. Non-performance of duties is defined as failure to attend or participate in two (2) consecutive meetings, conference calls, or e-mail communications requesting input. Replacements shall be recommended by the Treasurer in concert with the Delegate and Area Chair, and then elected by the Assembly. The Committee shall continue its duties until a replacement is elected. These elected positions shall be non-voting positions of the Assembly and also non-funded except as needed to carry out the Financial Committee meetings.

Finance Committee Meetings: The Finance Committee shall meet at least four times per year. Two meetings shall be at the Area Assemblies, and two shall be conference calls. Requests for non-budgeted expenditures may be addressed on an as-needed basis by e-mail and/or conference call. Conference calls shall be arranged and scheduled by the Finance Committee Chair.

Annual Budget: The Finance Committee shall have a maximum annual budget of \$200 to cover conference call and/or long distance expenses necessary to conduct Finance Committee meetings.

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Editor's Note:

The Area 42 Newsletter is comprised of service oriented articles submitted by its members. We welcome submissions and suggestions. The deadline for the next newsletter is October 15th, 2007. Please submit to area42newsletter@gmail.com

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Election Procedure Change Proposal

As a result of our September elections, I felt disenchanted with the process in which 5 out of the 10 positions were obtained unopposed.

Upon discussion with others I brought my concern to District 6 and was encouraged to investigate and write a guidelines change proposal.

I discovered by just going back to our past 2 election assemblies that 9 out of 20 of our Area Officers were elected unopposed. That is 45%! I was also encouraged to read our General Service Manual. In Chapter 6 "The Delegate", page S47, titled "Geographical Rotation within the Area", the manual states:

Some areas have adopted their own policy of "rotation" from rural to urban sections or from one part of an area to another, to avoid domination by one or more heavily populated locations. However, no well-qualified A.A. should be passed over in the interest of geographical rotation.

Therefore District 6 proposes this Guideline change:

The proposed guidelines change to 1.4, 3.1C, 3.1E and 4.5 is as follows:

3.1 Area Officer Elections

C) Nominations from the floor will not be accepted for Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson unless there are fewer than two names remaining after all those eligible and present have been announced and those wishing to do so have withdrawn. ***Proposal to add: In such case, nominations will be open to all members who are eligible in Area 42 (South and North). This will not effect rotation as specified in Area 42 Guidelines section 3.2.***

E) The voting body will have a choice of at least two candidates for each office, whenever possible

Proposal to add: (1) If an officer is elected out of geographical rotation per 3.1 (c), and as a result, the SAGSC/NAGSC committee lacks one or more officers, the position(s) will be filled by election within the SAGSC/NAGSC membership.

Because of our north/south structure, this proposal also includes amending the following sections of the guidelines:

3.2 Area Officer Rotation

B) The Delegate, Treasurer, and Registrar will be elected from one section of the area and the Chairperson and the secretary from the other. ***Proposal to add: This officer grouping would not apply in those cases where out of normal rotation officers are elected under paragraph 3.1C.***

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1.4 Area Officers

1.4 (B) Duties of the Alternate Chairperson

(3) Serve as the Chairperson of the General Service committee in the section of the area (Northern or Southern) in which he/she resides. If he/she has already served a two year term as Chairperson of this body, ***proposal to add or is elected out of normal rotation under 3.1C***, the General Service committee may elect a Chairperson from among its membership.

(4) Appoint a Grapevine Representative ***proposal to delete from the section of the area (Northern or Southern) in which he/she resides.***

1.4 (D) Duties of the Alternate Delegate

(2) Serve as the Chairperson of the General Service committee in the section of the area (Northern or Southern) in which he/she resides. If he/she has already served a two year term as Chairperson of this body, ***proposal to add or is elected out of normal rotation under 3.1C***, the General Service committee may elect a Chairperson from among its membership.

(3) proposal to delete Representative Appoint a Grapevine from the section of the area (Northern or Southern) in which he/she resides.

1.4 (J) Duties of the Newsletter Editor

3) This position will be a two year commitment and will rotate in the section of the area (Northern or Southern) in which the Area Chairperson ***proposal to delete and Secretary*** resides.

5) proposal to delete This will be an appointed position by the Area Chairperson and the Newsletter Editor will be from the section of the Area (Northern and Southern)

4.5 Other Funding

proposal to add (F) If the NAGSC/SAGSC is at any time unable to fund an officer elected per 3.1 (E) 1 to an Area Assembly, the NAGSC/SAGSC Treasurer must request funding of the area Treasurer at least 60 days in advance of the Assembly.

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Proposal to Amend Area 42 Guidelines
Re: Area Newsletter Editor & Webservant

Objective: To provide both funding and voting privileges to Area Newsletter Editor and Web servant to Area Assemblies and PRAASA when funds are available.

Potential costs: Annually – Assemblies \$800 for both assemblies and both people; PRAASA annual cost of approximately \$1000/person.

Rationale: These trusted servants provide valuable services to Area 42 and should be participating members of the Assembly service process.

Amend these sections:

1.4 J.6 which currently reads "The Newsletter Editor will be a voting, non-funded member of the Assembly."

To:

1.4 J. 6 The Newsletter Editor will be a voting, funded member of the Assembly. (See funding to Assemblies and PRAASA under section 4.2D)

1.4 K.3 which currently reads: "The position will be funded as requested by the Area Assembly with a limit of \$200.

To:

1.4 K.3 The position will be funded as requested by the Area Assembly with a limit of \$200. (See funding to Assembly and PRAASA in section 4.2 D)

1.4 K.7 The webmaster will be a non-voting member of the Assembly.

To:

1.4 K.7 The webmaster will be a voting member of the Assembly.

4.2 D. "Treasurer, Archivist, Secretary, and Registrar: Full expenses for Semi-Annual Area Assemblies. Full funding to annual PRAASA, funds permitting. (rev 1/00)"

To:

4.2 D. "Treasurer, Archivist, Secretary, and Registrar, Newsletter editor and Web servant: Full expenses for Semi-Annual Area Assemblies. Full funding to annual PRAASA, funds permitting. (rev 1/00)"

The following are reports that could not be presented at the Pre-conference Assembly held in Tonopah, NV on March 23-25, 2007 :

Northern Area 42 Secretary Report:

I was elected February 18, 2007 at the NAGSC Meeting in Reno at the RTC. Minutes from that meeting were mailed to all who signed in at that Meeting. If anyone needs to contact me regarding receiving NAGSC Minutes, my information is on the contact sheet (Roster) in your packet. Thanks for letting me serve you. Carol H

. Southern Area 42 Treasurer Report:

I got voted in a couple of months after everyone else. I am getting caught up. I'm on the account as a signer. I've balanced the checkbook to the statement and made deposits. I have sent out "thank you's". Having been asked by one of the groups, I now am sending out statement of amount in the group receipts. If there is anything that would help to get this info back to groups better I will be happy to try it. I'm on the SAGSC blue Contact List. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Ted G.

Southern Area 42 Grapevine Chair:

At our last meeting, we discussed ways to entice members to subscribe to the Grapevine or to have their Groups do so. As a result of our discussions we decided to purchase some back issues and give them away. Also we are going to buy some posters to place in Meetings around town. We would like those of you who receive the Grapevine to pass them on, please. Melvin L.

Northern Area 42 Grapevine Chair:

It's a pleasure to be serving as your Grapevine/La Vina Chair for the next two years. Here are some of the Groups I have been to this year: 1/14/07 Gardnerville Dist 6, 1/31 Fernley Dist 12 and 2/17 Battle Mtn. Dist 10B. I also went to PRAASA and it was wonderful. I had lunch with Robin, the Grapevine editor, and did a lot of listening. If your Group or District would like me to bring the Grapevine to you please contact me. Most of all, I would like to thank everyone for enhancing my sobriety through service. Mike M.

Northern Area District 22 La Vina Chair:

I'm reporting from 1/1/07 to 3/23/07. I started representing La Vina on 12/23/06 with the amount of \$45.00. 7 CD's History of La Vina, 6 CD's of 12 Steps (1-6), 10 books of Best of Bill, 29 magazines of La Vina. By January 29th I had sold everything and the Groups were asking for more. I placed a single order of \$139.00 in CD's and books, the next day I ordered more magazines, CD's, calendars and planners for \$237.00, Paid for on 2/20/07. I visited the Groups in District 22 in the past 3 months that signed up for the La Vina, 8 members and 1 Group that are currently receiving the magazine. Sincerely, Carlos S.

Southern Area 42 Inter-Group Liaison:

Central Office received 1320 Information calls, 145 12-step calls and had 5053 Website hits. Hot line had 1916 Information calls and 191 12-step calls. Two new literature tools are available 12 & 12 CD and "Emotional Sobriety". Upcoming fundraisers are the 33rd. annual Gratitude Ball and a Founder's Day event along with a monthly Speaker Meeting at the Steps Club. For information Contact Jack F. Central Office 1431 Charleston Blvd. #15, LV, NV 702 598-1888. Newsletter Silver Streak is breaking even at current subscription prices. H&I has 62 volunteers, goal is 1000 and they are looking for representation from all Districts. Anyone interested in volunteering for service at the Las Vegas Round-Up call (702) 598-1888. My first PRAASA was

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a blast and I walked away fired-up, enthusiastic and confident to spark my Home Group. GSR Roundtable brainstorming highlights were: Inviting DCM to Home Group Business Meeting, conduct Group Inventory and report results to District. The Saturday Business Meeting procedure process and the fact that Panel Presenters were using AA approved literature, the GSO and www.aa.org for research on their topics was very interesting. Thanks to SAGSC for allowing me to be of service! Leslie

Northern Area 42 Inter-Group Liaison:

Northern Nevada Inter-Group filled the position of Corrections after nearly six months without one. That leaves only the Treasurer position to be filled as the current Treasurer has more than fulfilled his obligation. They always need help on the Hotline phones. The annual Founders Day Picnic is scheduled for June 9, 2007 at 98 Richards Way in Sparks, NV. Thanks for allowing me to be of service. Stephen V.

Southern Area 42 Special Needs Chair: Position vacant.

Northern Area 42 Special Needs Chair:

I have been busy distributing pamphlets to all hospitals north of Las Vegas to Reno. My next focus is to be areas north and east of Reno. I had a volunteer come up to me at Tonopah who happens to work at my company. She is full of ideas to facilitate the hand of AA to be there for everyone. Thank you for letting me be of service. Susan B.

Southern Area Public Information Chair:

Things are going well and we have some eager faces coming to our meetings. May 15th & 16, 2007 are the dates for the "Clark County Health Fair". Went to PRAASA and I attended both CPC and PI Roundtables. Great ideas were gleaned there to: Encourage Groups and District Reps; Literature racks in, court houses, parole and probation offices, vocational rehabs and Interfaith Counsel; and to make meeting directories more available. We need to cooperate with Special Needs for information to Assisted Care, Senior Centers and Nursing Homes. Thanks to the Northern CPC/PI Roundtable we have literature if anyone has need for CPC or PI use. Thank you for letting me serve. Darryl B.

Northern Area Public Information Chair:

Since being appointed to this position I have participated in all activities available to me including NAGSC Meeting and NNIG Meetings. Paul E (past PI Chair) has been supportive in helping me with suggestions regarding TV and Radio PSA's and supplied me with many recordings, videos, pamphlets and literature. Paul and I are doing CPC/PI Workshops together and have been asked to Fallon, Lake Tahoe and Winnemucca. Thank you for entrusting me in this position. Jackie A.

Northern Area District 22 Public Information Coordinator:

We have been having a great experience doing this wonderful service. We received 7 calls this month. We did a Public Information Program on the radio station 102.1 FM La "Trico-Lor". We did 2 visits to invite new possible members to have a meeting. This 12 Step service position has been a great feeling and support to our recovery. Thanks for letting me serve. Carlos C.

Southern Area 42 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair:

My third month as Trusted Servant is going well. I was not able to attend PRAASA because of work schedule. GSO has sent me good material I have had several conversations with Irene at the CPC desk there. Special thanks to Bill and Darryl. Attendance at the monthly CPC/PI Meeting was 5 this month. All are welcome to attend, we can use the support. Meetings are on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00PM at the LV Central Office. June 24-26, 2007 is a CPC event: 2007 Society for Human Resource Management Annual Conference & Exposition at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Thanks to you all for my sobriety and all the help. John P.

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Northern Area 42 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair:

At the December NAGSC Meeting Amur, the outgoing Chair handed over all CPC materials she had. I also received the CPC Workbook from GSO. This was part of the Roundtable topics Jackie and I covered along with the topic of "Discussing ways of stimulating interest in CPC Service". I inquired to GSO regarding the AA website availability of the CPC Workbook online and was told by Irene the Staff Coordinator that the Workbooks are not available in electronic format at this time. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your CPC Chair in the North. Paul E.

Southern Area 42 Treatment Facility Chair:

No report to record.

Northern Area Treatment Facility Chair:

I have read through the Kit and Workbook along with reviewing the video Hope. I have gotten great feedback from the Area on the video and would like to thank everyone for their input. I'll be in touch with the inter-group Treatment Chair and hope to get co-operation between us in the North. I'm looking forward to doing Workshops in Treatment Centers and if anyone wants to get into Service I could use volunteers to help with the workshops. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Mike G.

Southern Area 42 Corrections Chair: No report to record.

Northern Area 42 Corrections Chair:

I have handed out forms to the Northern Area DCM's to fill out with the facilities and the contacts within their Districts. I'm hoping to receive these back at the next NAGSC Meeting. I attended PRAASA. The corrections Roundtable was informative. The Chair from Utah showed a CD they had produced to show women about to be released to explain about attending AA upon release. They are in the process of making one for the men also. She said she would send me copies when they were both completed. Sam H.

Southern Area 42 GSR Survival: Not present: No report to record

Northern Area 42 GSR Survival (North):

I conducted two classes at the RTC, one hosted by Dist 4 in January with Dave M and Pete L assisting, and another hosted by District 16 on March 17th. A total of 30 people attended. Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 14, 16 and 18 sent GSR's. Thanks to the DCM's for sending their people. I am submitting a funds request to NAGSC for replenishment of supplies since no budget has ever been formally established. Thanks to SAGSC and Byron F. for getting the very nice manuals at a low cost of \$2.15 each. Thanks to NAGSC for providing partial funding to PRAASA which was inspirational as usual. Ed dP.

Northern Area 42 GSR Survival (South):

The last couple of months have kept me busy. I have participated in two workshops. The first was with Ed dP. And Pete L. in Reno and the second was in Battle Mtn for District 10B. DCM Lizz M. and Grapevine Chair Mike M. joined me there. Although there was only one GSR, there was some great participation from others. I also lead a Roundtable at the last NAGSC Meeting. There was great participation there, too. Also I would like to thank NAGSC for helping me get to PRAASA. What a lot of information. I really enjoyed the DCM Roundtable. It was interesting to learn how the DCMC works in the more populated areas. Thank you for the service privilege and I look forward to participating in future GSR workshops. David M.

From the Area 42 Archives...

Dan C., Panel 7 Delegate ('57 & '58)
Our First Delegate to Serve Area 42 at the Conference

I was 45 years old and nine years sober. I was the alternate to the second delegate that Nevada elected but the first one from Nevada to get to the conference and actually serve.

When we organized Nevada to go into General Service we had nearly as many loners as we had groups. A man from Reno and I were trying to get Nevada into General Service. We agreed to elect the delegate from the southern part of the state (Las Vegas, Henderson, and Boulder City) for the first panel and then elect the next panel's delegate from the northern part of the state (Reno and Sparks). The region of the first delegate was determined by a flip of the coin.

We really organized the state two different times. In 1955, the Nevada delegate from Las Vegas got drunk on the way. In those days, you had to go to Los Angeles and transfer. He found something to drink that he was allergic to and didn't make it to the conference. It just blew everything up and we had to reorganize it all over again.

In 1957, I didn't put my name in for the delegate's position or make myself available because some people thought it was all politics. They were against us having a third legacy and thought I was vying for a position as delegate. I didn't go to the election meeting, but in the end they elected me an alternate anyway.

The day the delegate was supposed to be arriving in New York, I was down at the Bank of Nevada and ran into him in the parking lot. He said, "I went out to get on the plane and couldn't get on it." People didn't fly so much in those days. He didn't tell anyone about his problem with planes. I left on the red-eye flight on Monday and got to New York on Tuesday. By the time I got to the conference they had already started work.

As soon as I got there, they introduced me as being a new delegate – the first one ever from Nevada. When they said my name I heard a big commotion over in the middle of the room. There was a guy there from Western Missouri, someone I'd sobered up in Kansas City, Kansas. I had been the caretaker at the detox when he came in. He was from Sedalia, Missouri and was a former infielder for the St. Louis Browns. He was serving his second year during the sixth panel, had cancer real bad and shouldn't have been there. But there he was. He had been elected to chair the delegates' meeting that night. On Tuesdays, the conference has a "delegates only" where the delegates can bellyache, complain or do whatever they want to do. No one from the New York General Service Office attends. My friend asked me to be the recording secretary for that meeting. There were concerns aired that night about the high expenditures of the conference. That year the first woman delegate showed up – from Alaska. They had a real cross-section of people. I was, naturally, on the committee assigned to our area for that panel: finance.

One of the most important decisions the conference made that year was a vote that would bar any future change in Article 12 of the Conference Charter, in the AA Traditions or in the 12 Steps of AA without consent by three-quarters of the AA groups. It made it virtually impossible for changes to be made to the Traditions. I certainly approved of that. It wasn't only that they couldn't change the wording of the Traditions; they couldn't change the wording of the Steps either.

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In that year, we recommended that the General Service headquarters designate Thanksgiving week as “AA Gratitude Week.”

We also unanimously approved the pricing of Bill’s new book AA Comes of Age. It would sell for \$4.50.

We approved a recommendation that a unique set of bylaws be adopted by the General Service Board. They had already been adopted by the board itself on a trial basis.

Part of what that was really about was that Bill W. was real concerned that we only had a prudent reserve in a savings account at the bank, and it didn’t pay enough interest to keep up with inflation. He asked the conference to accept his recommendation of a better way to keep the prudent reserve. In reality, he had already gotten the board to initiate changes in investment practices to increase our returns on a trial basis. For the conference, he brought in some reputable, well-known financial advisors to talk with us, including a man named Theodore Roosevelt (a relative of the president). We had some people, however, who were unable to see the necessity and they weren’t giving him permission to do this. We talked all day long about it. It was the one thing he wanted to get done that year at the conference. He was upset that he couldn’t get the conference to see the necessity for what he was trying to do and decided finally that it was time for him to pack up, clean out his desk and go home. He was issuing an ultimatum. But a bunch of us went to his home that night and persuaded him to come back to the meeting the next day. Eventually we were able to pass a resolution about a better investment practice.

The next day, after he agreed to come back, the General Service Conference voted unanimously to ask Bill to provide continuing leadership on all projects of movement-wide concern in which he was currently interested. In other words, they asked him to come back and take care of all the things he was involved in.

The second year of the seventh panel, I had the benefit of correspondence with the New York office all year long preparing me for the agenda. That helped a lot.

Among the many discussions we had at the conference was a decision not to take a definite position on the use of so-called AA chips, tokens, labels, emblems, etc. The consensus was that it was a matter of local autonomy. That was definitely my position. The board shouldn’t sell them, but it was a matter of local taste and custom.

We also reassigned to Bill royalty rights on his three books – Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, and AA Comes of Age – and on any books he may write in the future, for the duration of the copyrights.

The conference was wonderful. There wasn’t nearly the amount of work there is now. I went to three different plays that week. One gal at the office had an “in” at the theater and was able to get us tickets. I was very impressed by the people there. The staff treated me royally. The New York office manager paid me my first class airfare in cash at the meeting. General Service in Nevada gave me \$100 the first year for expenses and nothing the second. The first year, I gave my reports to individual groups in Las Vegas; the second year, I gave my report at a gathering that would now be called a post-conference assembly in Reno.

Dan C., now 90+ yrs old and living in Arizona, responded in March of this year to our Alt. Archivist’s request for past delegate memoirs.

Preliminary Agenda for Area 42 Fall, 2007 Assembly

Friday, September 7, 2007

- 3:30 p.m. Registration opens
- 6:00 Assembly opens
Readings and overview of weekend
- 6:30 GSR roundtables with past delegates
Area committee meeting
- 7:30 Break
- 7:45 Old Business:
Newsletter Editor & Webservant guidelines
change proposal. Second reading, discussion
& vote
- 8:15 Registration closes
DCM & area committee
reports (**max 2 min. ea**)
- 8:55 Questions & comments from the assembly
- 9:00 Close with the Responsibility Statement

Saturday, September 8, 2007

- 7:00 a.m. Registration opens
Open AA meeting (Dist. 9 hosts)
- 8:30 Assembly opens
Approval of previous minutes
- 8:45 Introduction of trusted facilitators for area
inventory. Assembly selects questions for
inventory
- 9:00 Inventory question #1
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Recognize host: District 9 – pass the basket
(feedback time: how're ya doin?)
- 10:10 Inventory question #2
- 10:55 Inventory question #3
- 11:40 Break
- 11:55 Inventory question #4
- 12:40 p.m. Registration closes

Saturday, September 8, 2007 cont'd

- 12:40 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00-1:45 Open AA mtg in Blue Room (leader?)
- 1:55 Inventory question #5
- 2:40 p.m. Inventory question #6
- 3:25 Break
- 3:40 DCM & area committee
reports (**max 2 min. ea**)
- 4:30 Adjourn (please take all belongings with you)
- 6:00 Seating for banquet
- 7:15 Speaker meeting
AI-Anon speaker
AA speaker
Sobriety Countdown
- 9:00 Close with Third Step Prayer

Sunday, September 9, 2007

- 7:00 a.m. Open AA meeting (Dist. 9 hosts)
- 8:30 Assembly opens
- 8:35 Last chance for DCM & area committee
reports (**max 2 min. ea**)
- 9:00 Election procedure guidelines change
proposal. Second reading, discussion & vote
- 9:30 Break
- 9:45 Finance Committee Proposal. Second
reading, discussion & vote
- 10:00 Open mic for GSRs & DCMs: what have
you experienced this weekend that might
enhance your sobriety and/or recharge you in
your service to AA?
- 10:15 Ask-it-basket
- 11:00 Planning for the spring '08 assembly
- 11:15 Close with the Responsibility Statement

Tonopah Motels

Fall Assembly is September 7, 8 & 9 2007

Hi-Desert Best Western (775-482-3511) \$75.00 single/\$89.00 double
Ramada Tonopah Station (775-482-9777) \$55.00 single and/or double
(**\$59.95 Including Sales Tax**)

Jim Butler Motel (775-482-3577) \$45.00 single / \$51.00 double
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The Clown Hotel (775-482-5920) \$29.50 single/\$31.50 double

These rates were quoted in March, 2007
They are subject to change. Book your room now for September.

Jim Butler is usually pretty well booked.

The Best Western is "flexible" for "walk-ins" – usually it goes UP.

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