

# Area 42 Newsletter

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**S.A.G.S.C Meeting**  
Sunday July 13, 2008

1:15 pm @ the T.I.E. Club  
GSR Training @ 12:30 pm

**N.A.G.S.C. Meeting**  
Sunday August 3, 2008

Standing Chairs Meet at  
Noon  
NAGSC Meeting at 1:00  
695 D Street  
Hawthorne, NV

### **Pacific Regional Forum**

August 29-31 2008  
City Center  
Spokane  
Doubletree Hotel  
Spokane, WA

**Area 42 2008**  
**Fall Election Assembly at**  
**Tonopah Convention**  
**Center**

Friday, September 12, 2008  
at 6:30 p.m.,  
Saturday September  
13th, 2008  
Sunday  
September 14th, 2008

## **Warm greetings to all members of Delegate Area 42,**

My name is Sophie, I am alcoholic, and for a short time more I have the honor of serving you as your Area 42 Chairperson. Thank you for your participation at the Spring Assembly. Because of your commitment to representing your groups and serving the districts we had 231 registered members in attendance – 211 of whom were voting members. Our Higher Powers have brought us a long way, individually and collectively, from the 25 or so members who attended the earliest assemblies of Area 42.

To those who missed the last assembly, we will give you another chance September 12-14, 2008 in Tonopah. This will be an election assembly, and we have plenty of proposals to consider, so the energy will be high!

It is my hope that this issue of the newsletter will provide you with all of the information you will need to prepare for the Fall Assembly. We will hear six proposals – five of which will be “first readings.” Please share each of these with your groups and bring their questions to Tonopah. The groups also need to know about the financial decisions that are before us. More on those inside this issue.

Not the least of the items on the agenda will be the election of our next panel of Area 42 officers and alternates. If you have never

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## **Contempt Prior to Investigation**

I got sober in a close knit fellowship within San Francisco. I love everything about my upbringing in Alcoholics Anonymous. We were book thumpers and extremely active in H&I and teleservice. My sponsor gave away what she got from her sponsor, who gave away what she got from her sponsor and so on and so on. I was taught to value my lineage. We shared our experience, strength and hope. Unfortunately we shared our prejudices, too. Growing up in San Francisco, it was easy to take general service for granted; so many meetings and so many others to be general service reps. We always thought it was not the kind of service for us.

Seven years ago my husband and I moved to lovely Chester in Eastern California. We quickly joined the Chester Fellowship and fell in love with Chester AA. There were some long-time members who reminisced on the old times when Chester was alive in District 20, but it had been awhile. In the last few years the district, in which Chester belongs, began struggling. My husband decided he would volunteer to be Chester's GSR.

During his first year as a GSR my husband and I had long talks about our fear that Chester AA was becoming disconnected from Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. He noticed that there were only a few passionate people interested in general service within the district. Then at one of the district meetings, he was strongly encouraged to volunteer as the DCM. He decided to become the DCM and I volunteered to be the GSR. Thus began my journey into general service in Chester.

Because Chester was once strongly involved in general service, the same

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*Announcement from our treasurer*

Dear Members of Area 42:

There are two areas requiring separate discussion and vote at the Fall 2008 Assembly:

1. Determine an annual supply budget for our Archivist.
2. Determine the amount we wish to send to New York for our Delegate's conference fee.

The question for your groups: Do we want to increase our contribution, and if so, by how much?

If you have questions or concerns, you can e-mail me at [treasurer@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:treasurer@nevadaarea42.org) or phone (number provided in your Spring Assembly packet).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Marion de P

Area 42 Treasurer

Panel 57

Area 42 General Service Resumes

Should to be sent to either the NAGSC or SAGSC Chair by June 30.

Each Chair will be responsible for sending all resumes from their respective end of the area to the other end and making copies available to the members at their next NAGSC/SAGSC meetings.

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Hawthorne, NV

Date: May 30, 2008

**Proposal Concerning Past-Delegate Participation In Area 42 Service**

*A guidelines change proposal*

First reading Sept. 2008

From: Tuesday Night Men's Staggs, Dist. 13, Area 42  
Justin P., GSR

**Background:**

Currently there are no specific instructions/suggestions in our Area 42 Guidelines pertaining to past delegates when it comes to voting and positions that they can run for.

Having done some research with many helping friends in service, it appears that many Delegate Areas have specific uses for their Past Delegates. The feeling from my group is that the Past Delegates have a lot of experience, strength, and hope that can possibly best be used in an Area position.

**It is our proposal to add the following:**

Section 1.0 Area Assembly

1.1 Membership:

F. Past Delegates are to be considered voting members of the Assembly.

Section 3.0 Area Elections

3.1 Area Officer Elections:

K. Past Delegates may be nominated for any position that they have not previously held at the Area Level. They are not to be nominated for Alt. Delegate.

**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 , 2008. Please submit to [area42newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:area42newsletter@gmail.com)

Date: May 30, 2008

**Proposal to Request that GSO Create a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Poster**

*A non-guidelines change proposal*

First reading Sept. 2008

From: District 21, Area 42  
Eduardo F, DCM

**Proposal:**

Our suggestion is to send to the General Service Office in New York a request that they print our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition on posters which they can sell or donate to all A.A. groups. The purpose is to motivate more A.A. groups to participate in our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

The expense should be supported by our members. We are including a sample poster for you to view.

This suggestion was approved by all Spanish-speaking GSRs from each group in Las Vegas.

We wish you a happy 24 hours of sobriety. We hope that you take our suggestion into consideration.

Sincerely,  
District 21, Area 42

You can find the  
minutes for the Area  
42 Spring Assembly

@

[www.nevadaarea42.org](http://www.nevadaarea42.org)

**Wanted:**  
**The Willing and Eligible**  
**to Stand for Area Service**  
**Positions**

Delegate - N. Area  
Alt. Delegate - S. Area  
Chairperson - S. Area  
Alt. Chairperson - N. Area  
Treasurer - N. Area  
Alt. Treasurer - S. Area  
Secretary - S. Area  
Alt. Secretary - N. Area  
Registrar - N. Area  
Alt. Registrar - S. Area

Date: April 1, 2008

## **Proposal to Add Statement of Purpose to Area 42 Guidelines**

*A guidelines change proposal*

First reading September, 2008

From: Paul E, Caroline T-J, Libby G, & Ray G.

**Background:** As a result of the Area Inventory at the September 2007 Area Assembly, following are the findings and feedback from our subcommittee on the question of “What is the Purpose of the Area?”

Based upon the Assembly members’ comments and assumptions as to what the Area’s purpose actually is, a general Statement of Purpose would clarify our guidelines. When this matter was reported to the spring 2008 Area Assembly, it was the sense of the Assembly that this Ad Hoc Committee should draft and submit the following Statement of Purpose.

**Currently:** None exists

**Proposal to add:** Statement of Purpose, immediately following the Area 42 Guidelines Preamble.

*“Area 42’s purpose is to help carry out the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous, thus insuring growth and harmony in the A.A. Fellowship. The Area carries the voices of its individuals and groups through the G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s to the Delegate and on to the General Service Conference. The Delegate brings back information from the General Service Conference to the G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s and on to the groups and individual members.*

*The Area conducts its business through its service committees and is a service body only, never a government for Alcoholics Anonymous.”*

**To become effective:** immediately upon adoption

**References:** The A.A. Service Manual

Chapter Four: page S32

(Note: Page S34 of the Service Manual states: “. . . the area holds an important middle position in the Conference structure – through the elected delegate, it participates in A.A. worldwide, while through the D.C.M.s and G.S.R.s, it is close to the local scene.”)

Chapter Five: page S40

Appendix C: page S93

Tradition Five

Respectfully submitted by Paul E, Caroline T-J, Libby G, & Ray G.

Date: April 6, 2008

## **Proposal for Trial Rotation of the Spring Assembly Location**

*A non-guidelines change proposal*

First reading Sept. 2008

From: Dist. 6, Area 42  
Kevin B., DCM

With reference to the Area 42 Guidelines:

1.2 Meetings

- A. The Area Assembly shall meet semi-annually at the end of March and September. The time and place of each meeting will be selected, by the Area Assembly, far enough in advance to guarantee the scheduling of the appropriate facility. (rev. 9/99)

**District 6 proposes that** the Area Assembly location be rotated between the Districts in the North and South on a biannual basis. The Spring Assembly could be held on a rotational basis – one year in the North and the following year in the South – in a community with the means to support the Assembly. (Reno and Las Vegas are used as examples.)

NAGSC and SAGSC could, at their discretion, develop a method of selecting the host district for their prospective Spring Assembly.

The scope of this motion is to establish a two-year trial period. At the end of the trial period the rotation would end unless a motion to continue the practice came from the Assembly. The proposal would become effective for the 2010 Spring Assembly.

### **Background:**

This proposal is based on the following conditions:

1. We are growing out of Tonopah and the community is becoming unable to support the logistical needs of the Assembly.
2. We could encourage newer members from our local areas to attend the Assembly and learn how their voice is transmitted to GSO and A.A. as a whole.
3. It would help cut down on the travel expenses for GSRs from smaller groups. They could afford to send a representative to at least one Assembly a year.

For as much as we have grown attached to Tonopah, the potential of exposing all of the Area to all three sides of our triangle (recovery, unity and service) would be a great service to our fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin B., DCM Dist. 6

April 8, 2008

**Proposal to Establish an Annual Budget for the Area Archivist**

*A guidelines change proposal*

First reading Sept. 2008

From: Area 42 Webservant  
John B.

This is a proposal to change the Area 42 guidelines as they pertain to the Area Archivist.

Effective date: Jan. 1, 2009

**Background:**

In accordance with Area 42 Guidelines Section 1.4, subsections F.1 and F.2, the Area Archivist has been charged with the duties to catalog and maintain all archival material for Area 42 and to provide displays of archival material at Area functions.

Due to the fact that the Area Archivist is a relatively new position within Area 42 we have never decided what funding should be allowed that position.

The Area archivist is the only area officer that receives no funding from any other source.

**Proposal:**

that the Area 42 Guidelines be amended as follows:

Section 4.2 add a subsection G. to read:

G. The Area 42 Archivist shall be funded in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 per year for supplies, space, and other miscellaneous items as needed.

J.D.  
Area 42 Webservant

Date: Nov 11, 2007

## **Proposal to Create Permanent Archivist Position**

*guidelines change proposal*

First reading April 4, 2008

Second reading September, 2008

From: Area Archivist  
Roger L.

### **Proposal:**

As the Area 42 Archivist I would like to propose that Area 42 have one permanent archivist – someone very knowledgeable of the history of Area 42. The permanent archivist would NOT be funded at this time.

We would still keep the rotating 4-year archivist and alternate. The permanent archivist would pass on his knowledge and give direction (if wanted). They would also be available to help identify material, people and stuff given to Area 42 archives

Thank you.

Roger L.  
Area 42 Archivist



## Area 42 Election Assembly Agenda

September 12-14, 2008

Tonopah Convention Center, Tonopah NV

*Agenda is subject to change*

### Friday, September 12, 2008

- 3:30 p.m. Registration opens  
4:00 – 5:00 A.A. meeting  
6:00 Assembly opens  
Moment of silence, Serenity Prayer  
Preface and reading  
Chair's welcome and overview of weekend  
6:25 Delegate's opening remarks  
6:30 Roundtables:  
    GSR 101  
    DCM 101  
    To Stand or Not to Stand?  
    (Considerations re: Making Oneself  
    Available  
    Again in General Service)  
    Area Committee Meeting: self inventory  
7:30 Break  
7:45 Service Positions: descriptions from and  
    questions for the outgoing officers  
8:15 Registration closes  
    DCM and Area Committee Member Reports  
    (2 min. ea.)  
9:00 Adjourn for the evening

### Saturday, September 13, 2008

- 7:00 Open A.A. meeting  
7:30 Registration opens  
8:30 Assembly opens  
Moment of silence, Serenity Prayer  
Preface and reading  
Approval of minutes from Sept. '07 Assembly  
Approval of minutes from April '08 Assembly  
8:45 Old Business:  
    1. Proposal: Permanent Archivist: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
    reading & discussion  
    2. Treasurer's Request: How much for  
    Archivist budget?  
    3. Area 42 contribution to GSO for  
    Delegate  
    Conference  
    Expenses: increase or not?  
9:15 Explanation of election process

*Note: Area Committee Member Reports (2 min. max.) will be given during the counting of ballots on Saturday*

### Saturday, September 13, 2008 cont'd.

- 9:25 Election for Area 42 Delegate  
*The following procedure will apply to each elected service position*  
Introductions from the willing and eligible  
    (2 min. max)  
1<sup>st</sup> Ballot  
    *If second ballot is required:*  
    Additional info from candidates remaining  
    (1 min. max)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot, etc.  
9:45 Break  
10:00 Elections continue  
11:15 Break  
11:30 Elections continue  
12:30 – 2:00 Lunch  
12:45 – 1:45 Closed A.A. meeting  
2:00 Old Business, cont'd  
    2008 Area budget (discussion and vote)  
2:15 Elections continue as necessary  
3:15 Break  
3:30 Elections continue as necessary **or**  
New Business as time allows:  
Proposals:  
    7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Poster: 1<sup>st</sup> reading  
    Area Statement of Purpose: 1<sup>st</sup> reading  
    Trial Rotation of Spring Assemblies:  
    1<sup>st</sup> reading  
    Archivist Budget: 1<sup>st</sup> reading  
    Role of Past Delegates: 1<sup>st</sup> reading  
4:30 Adjourn for the afternoon.  
6:00 Banquet  
7:15 Open A.A. meeting  
Speakers  
8:30 Sobriety Count up and Count Down  
9:00 Close for the evening

### Sunday, September 14, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. Open A.A. meeting  
8:30 Assembly opens  
8:35 Wrap up any remaining New Business  
9:20 Ask It Basket w/esteemed Feather Dusters  
    (past delegates & trustees)  
10:00 Planning for Spring '09 Assembly  
10:15 Adjourn

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experienced the Third Legacy election procedure, the process itself, in my opinion, can be as interesting as the outcomes. Alcoholics Anonymous is truly unique among democracies for its manner of selecting its leaders. Come and check it out!

At the request of the members still present at the assembly on Sunday morning April 7, there will be time before each ballot for the candidates to introduce themselves to the assembly. Those of us making ourselves available for area positions will have the opportunity to speak for up to two minutes. We will schedule this time specifically for the benefit of those who may not be acquainted with the candidates in service.

Lastly, may I offer a reminder that all of us who have completed a rotation as DCM are eligible to stand for area officer positions. So, let's say the Third Step prayer, update our General Service resumes and all together say,

**“God doesn't call the qualified.  
He qualifies the called!”**

Thank you for your service,  
Sophie K.

**Deadline: October 15th, 2008**

All service related submissions for the  
next Area 42 Newsletter must be  
received by  
October 15th, 2008  
Email all items to  
[area42newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:area42newsletter@gmail.com)

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prejudice did not exist in Chester that did in my group in San Francisco. When my husband and I talked about general service others wanted to join. Now District 20 has GSRs from half the towns in our district. We still want more groups and the remaining communities to participate, but it is a great start.

Four of us from Chester came to Tonopah in April. Again, I was scared – my judgment reared its ugly head. It felt like my chip on my shoulder had returned; just like when I was new. But when we walked into registration and were greeted by Ed and Sophie with such warm open arms, my fear started to subside.

My judgment didn't go away, but now I was curious. These people seemed genuinely friendly and spiritually connected. Great effort was made to help me feel both welcome and included. My fear was that I would be talked down to or shunned. As the weekend continued I became more and more interested in participating in Area 42. I wanted what the people at the Assembly had. I began to understand the enormous need for service at this level and I wanted to be a part of.

My experience in Tonopah and in Northern Area meetings has opened my eyes and my heart to general service. Just as when I stumbled upon Alcoholics Anonymous because I had nowhere else to turn, I stumbled upon general service out of sense of desperation for the safety of Alcoholics Anonymous in our district. Just as my judgment of Alcoholics Anonymous kept me away from my new found freedom of sobriety, so did my contempt prior to investigation keep me from the sunlight of the spirit found in general service.

Thank you to all who have carried the torch while I sat in judgment and reaped the benefits of your efforts. May I please join you as we trudge the road of happy destiny?

## Tonopah Motels

### Fall Assembly is September 12,13, & 14 2008

Hi-Desert Best Western (775-482-3511) \$79.99 single/\$89.99 double + Tax

Ramada Tonopah Station (775-482-9777) \$65.00 single and/  
or double(\$70.85 Including Sales Tax)

Jim Butler Motel (775-482-3577) 48.14 single / \$56.14 double +Tax

Silver Queen Hotel (775-482-6291) ~ \$54.49 single/\$65.39 double (including  
Sales Tax)

National 9 (775-482-8202) \$42.82 single / \$49.23 double  
(including sales Tax)

Economy Inn (775-482-6238) \$35.00 single / \$39.00 double +Tax

The Clown Hotel (775-482-5920) \$31.50 single/\$34.50 double +Tax

**These rates were quoted in June 2008**

**They are subject to change.**

Jim Butler is usually pretty well booked.  
The Best Western is “flexible” for “walk-ins”

### **Area 42 Current 7th Tradition Contribution Addresses:**

General Services Office (GSO)  
PO Box 459  
New York, NY 10163  
(Make Checks to General Fund)

Area 42 (All Nevada)  
PO Box 70171  
Las Vegas, NV. 89170-0171  
(Checks to Area 42 Treasury)

Northern Area General Service Committee (NAGSC)  
c/o Annie W. P. O. Box 1101  
Hawthorne, NV. 89415  
(Checks to Northern Area 42 Treasury)

Southern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC)  
Southern Area Treasurer  
PO Box 71804-1804  
Las Vegas, NV. 89170-1804  
(Checks to GSR Fund of S. Nevada)

Southern Area Treasurer  
PO Box 71804-1804  
Las Vegas, NV. 89170-1804  
(Checks to GSR Fund of S. Nevada)

Las Vegas Intergroup  
Las Vegas Central Office  
1431 E. Charleston Blvd. Suite 15  
Las Vegas, NV. 89104  
(Checks to Las Vegas Intergroup)

Northern Area Intergroup  
436 South Rock Blvd.  
Sparks, NV 89431  
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