ONE HOT SUMMER

The General Service Conference Takes its Inventory
Our Solution in Action

“...for the purposes of the General Service Conference inventory, the “Twelve Concepts for World Service,” not the Twelve Steps for Recovery, provide the lens through which to evaluate current Conference practices and procedures, to determine how they relate to the original plan, purpose and structure of the General Service Conference, now in its 64th year.”

(From the Report of the 2013 General Service Conference Inventory)

As a Panel 63 delegate I participated in this first year of the three-year inventory of the General Service Conference. I am grateful to all of the conference members who served on Panels 59-62 for the commitment and loving service it required to create this opportunity and to design the inventory tool. – Sophie.

The General Service Conference’s first inventory, which began in April, 2013, was four years in planning. An advisory action from the 2009 Conference asked
the General Service Board to develop a plan for the Conference to conduct its inventory. By design, the Conference process moves slowly and deliberately. Each year there were updates, discussions and recommendations that set the direction for the inventory planning process into the following year.

With gratitude for the enormous work of the Conference Inventory Planning Committee, the 61st General Service Conference approved the process and procedures for an inventory that would be conducted over three consecutive years beginning in 2013.

The plan covered logistics, participation, reporting, finance and the inventory questions themselves. The full inventory plan is described in the 2011 Final Conference Report.

On the morning of Wednesday, April 26th, 2013 I had the honor of joining eight other conference members in one of the fifteen inventory discussions going on simultaneously in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. In “Group F” we were first and second year delegates, GSO staff, and a general service trustee. We shared in turn. We spoke from our experience. One participant had been on the general service board for years. Another had been in service for just 4 years before being elected delegate. Whether we talked about how it works in our home group or how it works on a board committee, we spoke the language of the heart in which everything is on topic and everything matters. We closed our two and one-half hour session with the “We” version of the Serenity Prayer.

One of the five questions we considered in my group was:

“How well do all Conference members communicate to the Fellowship about why we have a Conference and how the committee system works? How could we improve this communication?”

Here are some of the comments compiled by GSO Staff from the five discussion groups that considered this question.

- Most conference members are informed about the committee system and how it works; the difficulty is in reaching those who are “not part of the choir.”

- Increasing participation in the Conference process throughout the Fellowship is a primary concern, with some areas having great success and others finding it more difficult to engage and educate members; areas with mock-Conferences, mini-committees, or pre-Conference assemblies find this an effective way to educate the Fellowship about the Conference

**Recommendations/Suggestions:**

- While we encourage areas to come up with agenda items, if they’re not “selected” then it can be very discouraging for those at the local level. Perhaps agenda items that don’t make it to the Conference should go to the appropriate Conference Committee anyway, for discussion at a time outside the week-long duration of the Conference.

- Make Conference agenda information and background material available to the Fellowship and continually update throughout the year.

- Develop/distribute guidelines that explain exactly how a Conference committee operates and what their options are when they meet.

In each of the three years of the inventory there will be a thorough report in the Final Conference Report for that year. Summary reports will be included in the A.A. Grapevine, La Viña and Box 4-5-9. A separate comprehensive report, including all three years’ input, will be produced after the inventory process is complete.

I welcome your feedback on any part of the Conference inventory process and will carry it with me to the 64th General Service Conference.

**Considering an Inventory??????**

If your group is interested in conducting a self-inventory and would appreciate guidance, many of the area’s current and past trusted servants would love to share their experiences with you. Additionally, in our Conference-approved literature, the pamphlet “The A.A. Group” (pp 35-36) offers specific questions for a group inventory. The Grapevine’s “Traditions Checklist” can also be helpful. The checklist can be found at www.aa.org by searching “traditions checklist.”
Conference Agenda

Friday - September 6, 2013

4:00PM Registration opens at Convention Center
6:00PM Assembly opens with Serenity Prayer
Opening remarks
6:30PM Secretary / Treasurer / DCM Reports
8:00PM GSR orientation
8:00PM Area Committee Meeting (Blue Room)

Saturday - September 7, 2013

7:00AM Open AA Meeting - Chair: District 7
7:30AM Registration Open
8:00AM Open Assembly
8:25-8:55AM Delegate Report – Sophie K.
9:00-Noon Area Inventory

Noon Lunchtime – Off Site Local Restaurants

1:30-3:00PM Area Inventory
3:00PM Area Business
  Area guidelines 2nd reading
  Finance Committee elections
  Area Budget
  Guidelines Area News Letter
  Committee reports

4:30PM Adjourn
  (Please clear room quickly for banquet setup thank you)
  Break
6:00PM Saturday Night Banquet
7:30PM Speaker Meeting

Sunday Morning - September 8, 2013

7:00AM Open AA meeting - Chair: District 7
8:00-9:00AM DCM – Workshop (Blue Room)
9:00AM Assembly opens with Serenity Prayer

New Business / Continued from Saturday
  Area guidelines 2nd reading
  Finance Committee elections
  Area Budget
  Guidelines Area News Letter
  Committee reports

What’s on your mind – 30 min
Ask it basket Past Delegates/Trustees
Announcements

11:30AM Adjourn

NOTE: All times are approximate and subject to change

From The Newsletter Editor

I sincerely apologize for the lateness of this edition of the Area 42 Newsletter. Completely my fault. I was confused on the date of the next issue and thought (mistakenly) it was due on August 30.

Thank you to all of you who submitted articles and information for the Newsletter.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Tonopah and hope that you will enjoy this edition.

The next edition is scheduled for October 30, please send all your submissions to me no later than October 21.

It’s an honor and a privilege to serve our Area, thank you.

Tag you’re it,
Irene P. Your Newsletter Editor

Upcoming Events

NAGSC Meeting
June 1 @ 1pm Winnemucca, Nevada
Humboldt General Hospital

SAGSC Meeting
May 19 @ 1:15pm Las Vegas, Nevada
TIE Club

Fall Assembly
September 6 - 8, 2013 in Tonopah, Nevada
Area 42 Inventory Panel 63 ~ 2013

At our 2013 Spring Assembly a motion regarding an area inventory was introduced and passed with substantial unanimity. There was a minority opinion expressed and the motion still had substantial unanimity. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed and requested questions be submitted from the area to the committee. Time will be set aside to have an inventory discussion at our 2013 Fall Assembly. The following questions represent a summarized compilation of the questions that were submitted to the Area 42 Inventory Ad hoc Committee.

The full unedited questions will be included in the Fall Assembly packets. Please share with your groups.

How effectively does Area 42 communicate?

1. With all GSRs and AA members regarding the importance of General Service and the need for group contributions to all service entities?
   a. The purpose of the assembly, area meetings, GSRs and other area positions?

2. On how to participate in General Service, including ensuring full participation and the minority opinion is voiced?

3. Information from AA worldwide?

4. With outside professionals and other friends of AA?

5. By using regular inventories of the area?

Is our structure fulfilling our area purpose?

1. What is the purpose of General Service, of having a Delegate Area 42 and specifically Area 42? *

2. Is the current structure of splitting into the Northern and Southern areas:
   a. Divisive or instrumental in fulfilling our purpose?
   b. Support good service leadership at all levels, including a cross section of members?
   c. Do our standing committee chairs have a General Service purpose and carry the message?
   d. Making the best use of group 7th Tradition contributions?

Do our leaders follow the Traditions and Concepts?

1. Are our area officers picked with care and consideration; are we encouraging the qualities of leadership outlined in the leadership essay in the Service Manual?

2. As leaders, are we participating in informed group consciences, encouraging self-support, ensuring we have no outside opinions or incite controversy and encouraging GSRs to continue in General Service?

3. What is the role of our past trusted servants?

What are our service priorities?

1. What are our service priorities in area service, what additional activities, training or support can we engage in to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic?

2. Are we bringing the AA message to the attention of professionals?

3. Does our budget reflect our priorities and are we using our funds as efficiently as possible?
   a. Why is it necessary to send so many area officers to PRAASA each year, especially the alternates?
   b. Are we getting input from the groups on how to spend their contributions?

* Multiple inquiries on these topics were submitted to the committee.
There were some people who have had difficulty with their hotel reservations at the Assembly this last time. I noticed some problems at the hotel where I had a reservation (which was lost), fortunately my hotel was very helpful and we were able to have a room there even though they said the hotel was full. Many hotels overbook because generally several guests will cancel prior to the arrival and they will collect a cancellation fee, the hotel wins either way.

Here are some ways to try to avoid problems like this:

1. Print out all confirmation receipts showing that you booked the room. When you have a piece of paper with a confirmation number showing the exact booking information, a hotel is going to be less capable of turning you away with a flimsy excuse.

2. Call the hotel the day before you are set to arrive. Ask to confirm your reservation. Request a confirmation number or the name of the person who confirmed your reservation.

3. Arrive as close to check-in time as possible. If the hotel has overbooked it will be the people who arrive later in the day who get walked away from the hotel. Getting there early helps to guarantee that you’ll get your room.

4. Notify the hotel if you will be checking in late. Calling that day, especially if you are unexpectedly delayed by late transportation, to let the hotel know what time to expect you will help to secure your room.

Hope these are helpful in September.

Irene P.  Your Newsletter Editor

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P.O. Box 459
New York, NY 10163
(Make Checks to: General Fund)

All Area 42
(All Nevada & California)
P.O. Box 70171
Las Vegas, NV 89170-0171
(Make checks to: Area 42 Treasury)

Southern Contributions
Southern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC)
(Make checks to: GSR Fund of So Nevada)

Southern Area Treasurer
PO Box 71804-1804
Las Vegas, NV 89170-1804

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

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Northern Area General Service Committee (NAGSC)
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P.O. Box 1033
Chester, CA 96020
(Make checks to: Northern Area 42 Treasury)

Northern Area Intergroup
436 South Rock Blvd.
Sparks, NV 89431
(Make Checks to: N. Nevada Intergroup)
## TONOPAH HOTELS

**Mizpah Hotel**
Queen $94  King $104
100 Main Street
Tonopah, NV  89049
(775)482-3030

**Jim Butler Inn**
100 S. Main Street
Tonopah, NV  89049
(775)482-3577

**Best Western**
$115.53 single/$126.43 double (includes tax)
320 Main Street
Tonopah, NV  89049
(775)482-3511

**Tonopah Motel**
$38.15 single/$44.45 double (includes tax)
325 Main
Tonopah, NV  89049
(775)482-3987

**Clown Motel**
$39.79 single  $43.06 double or  $46.33 triple
(plus tax — pet friendly)
521 North Main Street
Tonopah, NV  89049
(775)482-5920

**Economy Inn**
$46.87 all rooms (includes tax)
826 Main Street
Tonopah, NV  89049
(775)482-6238

**National 9 Inn**
$43.59 single / $49.04 double (plus tax — senior rates available)
720 Main Street
Tonopah, NV  89049
(775)482-8202

**Tonopah Ramada**
1137 N Main Street
Tonopah, NV  89049
(775) 482-9777

Rates subject to change

## AREA 42 District Business Meetings

### District 1
2nd Sunday monthly, 10 AM
Lost & Found Club
Boulder City, NV
Email for information:
district1@nevadaarea42.org

### District 2
2nd Tuesday monthly 7pm
Reno Triangle Club
635 S. Wells, Reno NV
Email for information:
district2@nevadaarea42.org

### District 3
2nd Sunday in Jan, May, Jul
and Nov at Noon
Las Vegas Central Office
Email for information:
district3@nevadaarea42.org

### District 4
1st Thurs monthly at 7pm
Reno Triangle Club
635 S. Wells Ave, Reno.
Email for information:
district4@nevadaarea42.org

### District 5b
2nd Saturday monthly
1:30pm
Email for location:
district5b@nevadaarea42.org

### District 6
2nd Sunday of EVEN numbered months
Email for information:
district6@nevadaarea42.org

### District 7
3rd Friday monthly at 6:30pm
The Serenity Club
Email for information:
district7@nevadaarea42.org

### District 8
1st Sunday of ODD months
Email for information:
district8@nevadaarea42.org

### District 9
3rd Sunday monthly 4pm at Serenity Club.
This will change in March.
Email for information:
district9@nevadaarea42.org

### District 10A
3rd Sunday of ODD months at 6:30 pm
680 River Street Elko, NV
Email for information:
district10a@nevadaarea42.org

### District 11
Email for information:
district11@nevadaarea42.org

### District 12
2nd Tuesday monthly 7pm
Resurrection Church
4120 Hwy 50, 5 miles east of Fernley
Email for information:
district12@nevadaarea42.org

### District 13
Last Monday monthly at 5:00 pm
Triangle Club small room
4600 E. Nellis Blvd, Las Vegas
Email for information:
district13@nevadaarea42.org

### District 14
3rd Tuesday of ODD months 7pm
Email for information:
district14@nevadaarea42.org

### District 15
1st Friday of the month 6:30 pm, TIE Club
329 North 11th Street, Las Vegas
Email for information:
district15@nevadaarea42.org

### District 16
3rd Tuesday monthly at Sparks Christian Church
Greenbrae & Pyramid 6pm Room 204a
Email for information:
district16@nevadaarea42.org

### District 17
1st Wednesday monthly 6:30 pm
360 S. Lola Ln Pahrump, NV
(basement training room)
Email for information:
district17@nevadaarea42.org

### District 19
2nd Friday of EVEN months 2 pm
Email for location & information:
district19@nevadaarea42.org

### District 20
3rd Saturday in Jan, Mar, May, Aug
and Oct 12:30pm to 3pm
50 Weatherlow, Susanville, CA
(Susanville Fellowship Hall)
Email for information:
district20@nevadaarea42.org

### District 21
Every Thursday at 7pm
3111 S Valley View Suite B-212
Email for information:
district21@nevadaarea42.org

### District 22
Every Wednesday at 6pm
1479 S Wells Ave, Suite 2, Reno, NV
Email for information:
district22@nevadaarea42.org

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**From the Editor**
If you would like to submit a service-oriented article for Area 42
Submit to:
area42newsletter@gmail.com
Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Area 42 - Officers 2013 - 2015

Delegate ................... Sophie K.
Alt. Delegate ............... Cheri N.
Committee Chair .......... Mike M.
Alt. Committee Chair ..... Phil W.
Treasurer ................... Carol B.
Alt. Treasurer .............. Vince C.
Secretary ................... Justin P.
Alt. Secretary .......... Roxann H.
Registrar ................. Jeannette B.
Alt. Registrar ............. Emily C.
Archivist .................. Rhonda W.
Alt. Archivist ............. Pat S.
Area Webmaster .......... Scott B.
Newsletter Editor .......... Irene P.
Area 42 Newsletter Policy recommendation

By a committee appointed by the Area 42 Chair. Respectfully submitted by Pat S. (past Newsletter editor), Mike L. (past Newsletter Editor), Irene P. (current Newsletter Editor).

The Area 42 Newsletter is a service-oriented publication that includes information about the Area Assembly, and service-oriented events that may be of interest to Area 42.

The Newsletter editor is appointed by the Area 42 Chairperson. We are unanimous in recommending the position be rotated between North and South every two years. It should not be more than a single term.

The Newsletter is a confidential AA document and anonymity of members should be respected. No identifying information should be included in the newsletter such as last names, personal email addresses or phone numbers.

Current Guidelines state the Assembly minutes be published in the Newsletter. This has not proven to be practical. We urge the Area 42 Guidelines be amended so that the Newsletter simply contains a link or reference to the Area 42 Website, where minutes can be found. This has proven to be practical for the past several years.

Referring to the AA Service Manual, copyright laws are to be respected and copyrighted material included in the Newsletter needs be given the proper credit. If the Newsletter Editor is using photos and images, the proper permission must granted. When using excerpts from GSO material, then a credit line must be used ie: (Reprinted from (name of publication, page number), with permission of AA World Service, Inc. This is directly from the Internet Guidelines on page 2 on aa.org.

When sending the Newsletter out to the Area, the Editor will protect each person by sending the list in Blind Copy format, one copy to the Newsletter Editor and the rest of the email addresses will be placed in the Blind Copy section.
Proposal to Change Area Guidelines

The following pages have been added for your review prior to the Fall Assembly for approval of the proposed guideline changes. Black strike outs are items being replaced by red print.

DELEGATE AREA 42

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

GUIDELINES

(Reformatted September 2005)
(Revised September 2006)
(Revised September 2008)
(Revised September 2009)
(Revised September 2010)

(PROPOSED UPDATED Revision December 2012)
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PREAMBLE

Ever mindful that the reason for the General Service Structure is to be of service to the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, this body shall always observe the spirit of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts for World Service. In the absence of specific indications in these guidelines or of direct assembly action, the latest edition of the AA Service Manual may be relied upon.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Area 42 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 if 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.

1.0 AREA ASSEMBLY

1.1 Membership:

The following shall be full working members of the Area Assembly:

A. Members of each district, which is comprised of the current THE General Service Representative (GSR) from each registered group. (Alternate GSR or group appointed representative if the current GSR is unable to attend).

B. The District Committee Member (DCM), DCM Chairperson, or alternate DCM from each district. The DCMs will confirm the eligible voting General Service Representatives for the groups of their districts (rev. 1/00)

C. Intergroup Liaisons, NAGSC/SAGSC Committee Chairs for Hospitals & Institutions, Corrections Facilities, Treatment Facilities, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Grapevine, Public Information, Area Newsletter Editor, and any other NAGSC/SAGSC officer not already an Area Assembly/ Committee member.

D. Delegate Area 42 officers, which include Delegate, Chairperson, Secretary, Archivist, Treasurer, Registrar, and their alternates.

E. Each member of Area Assembly will have only one vote.

1.2 Meetings:

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

B. A quorum shall be the number of voting members present.

1.3 Officers:

The officers of the assembly shall be:

A. Chairperson
B. Alternate Chairperson
C. Delegate
D. Alternate Delegate
E. Secretary
F. Alternate Secretary
G. Archivist
H. Alternate Archivist
I. Treasurer
J. Alternate Treasurer
K. Registrar
L. Alternate Registrar

1.4 Area Officer Duties:

A. The Duties of the Chairperson shall be:
   1) Conduct all Area Assembly meetings.
   2) Conduct Area Committee meetings.
   3) Appoint “ad hoc” committees as directed by the assembly.
   4) Prepare and have published a meeting agenda.
   5) MAKE ALL LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY TO HOLD EACH ASSEMBLY
   6) Act as the administrative officer of the assembly.
   7) Appoint an Area Newsletter Editor from the section of the Area (Northern/Southern) in which he/she resides (rev. 9/00).
   8) APPOINT A SUITABLE PERSON TO CONDUCT THE BIENNIAL ELECTIONS.

B. The Duties of the Alternate Chairperson shall be:
   1) Assume the duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence.
   2) Assist and support the Chairperson in carrying out the duties as needed.
   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, the NAGSC/SAGSC General Service committee may elect a chairperson from among its membership.
   4) The local Special Needs Committee Chairperson shall notify the Area Alternate Chair, Area Treasurer, and Special Needs Service Committee Coordinator as soon as the assistance is requested so that any necessary arrangements can be made.
   5) The local Special Needs Committee Chairperson, in coordination with the Special Needs Service Committee Coordinator, shall obtain from the interpreter(s), in writing, a quote for the hourly fee for services to be provided, or for a set fee for the Assembly or meeting. This shall be forwarded to the Area Treasurer prior to the scheduled Assembly or meeting.
   6) Appoint a Grapevine Representative from the section of the area (Northern or Southern) in which he/she resides. NAGSC OR SAGSC AS APPROPRIATE.

C. The Duties of the Delegate shall be:
   1) As defined in the current edition of the AA Service Manual.
   2) As suggested by the Area Assembly.
   3) To appoint a Webmaster.

D. The Duties of the Alternate Delegate shall be:
   1) As defined in the current edition of the AA Service Manual.
   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, the NAGSC/SAGSC General Service Committee may elect a chairperson from among its membership.
   3) Appoint a Grapevine Representative from the section of the area (Northern or Southern) in which he/she resides. NAGSC OR SAGSC AS APPROPRIATE.
   4) As suggested by the Area Assembly.
   5) COORDINATE ALL AGENDA ITEM PREPARATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE NAGSC/SAGSC AND AREA 42 ASSEMBLY PRE-CONFERENCE ROUNDTABLES.

E. The Duties of the Secretary shall be:
   1) Keep minutes of the Area Assembly meetings AS WELL AS A RECORD OF ALL MOTIONS, INCLUDING SUBJECT, DATE AND OUTCOME.
   2) Publish and mail to all Area Officers, DCMs and DCMCs the minutes of the previous meeting
Proposed Guidelines

within 90 days after the Area Assembly. (rev. 9/99)

3) Publish and mail by January 31 and July 31 to all Area Officers, DCMs and DCMCs the agenda as prepared by the Chairperson. (rev. 9/10)

PUBLISH THE AREA 42 ASSEMBLY AGENDA AS PREPARED BY THE CHAIRPERSON. DISTRIBUTE IT TO ALL AREA OFFICERS, DCMS AND DCMCS NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE ASSEMBLY.

4) Have custody of all current records of the Area Assembly.

5) The secretary shall have a petty cash fund for printing, mailing, etc., and shall report all expenses to the treasurer.

6) The petty cash fund of the Secretary and expense of this office shall be reviewed annually and any need for change approved by the Area Assembly.

7) Assist with the production of the Area Newsletter by providing the Newsletter Editor agenda items and minutes of Area meetings at appropriate times, and all other pertinent items requested. (rev. 9/00)

5) Provide the Newsletter Editor revised Area 42 Guidelines in the October 31 issue of the Area 42 Newsletter. (rev. 9/00)

FOR THE FOLLOWING ASSEMBLY AFTER ACCEPTING.

6) Assist the webmaster in the production and maintenance of the Area 42 website through cooperation and suggestion with the webmaster. (rev. 9/04)

7) ASSEMBLE, PRINT, PREPARE AND COMPILE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE REGISTRATION PACKETS FOR THE REGISTRAR AT THE ASSEMBLY.

F. THE DUTIES OF THE ALTERNATE SECRETARY SHALL BE TO SERVE AS SECRETARY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE (NORTH OR SOUTH), PROVIDE A LITERATURE DISPLAY AT THE AREA 42 ASSEMBLY AND TO ASSIST AND COORDINATE WITH THE AREA SECRETARY.

G. The duties of the Archivist shall be:

1) Catalog and maintain all archival material for Area 42.
2) Provide displays of archival material at Area functions.

H. The duties of the Alternate Archivist shall be:

1) to serve as the Archivist of their respective General Service Committee (North or South) and
2) to coordinate with the Archivist for maintaining the archival material for Area 42

I. The duties of the Treasurer shall be: FOR DUTIES OF THE TREASURER PLEASE REFER TO FINANCIAL GUIDELINES.

1) Receive and record contributions from AA groups and other sources, acknowledging all contributions at least semi-annually.
2) Maintain a permanent record of all monies received and disbursed.
3) Maintain an interest bearing account for the prudent reserve and for the collection and disbursement of Area funds.
4) Establish a bank account which will have a signature card signed by the Treasurer and Delegate, and Alternate Chairman. All checks issued will have two of these three signatures.
5) Update the tax-exempt status of the Area by providing current information on names and addresses of appropriate area officers to the Nevada Secretary of State and Internal Revenue Service. Treasurer shall serve as the Area’s official representative with these two entities and provide them with timely responses to any requests for action or information which they make to Area 42.
6) Report in writing twice yearly, at Annual Area Assembly and at calendar year end to the Area Committee. These reports will provide an in depth record of all Area financial activity.
7) Prepare a “follow year” Area Officer Travel Budget for Area 42 information and consideration at each Area Assembly.
8) At the conclusion of a Treasurer’s term or departure from office, all accounts and records will be submitted for review and/or audit to a group of area officers residing in the locality of the treasurer.
9) To get receipts for all funds disbursed.

J. The duties of the Alternate Treasurer shall be to serve as treasurer of their respective General Service Committee (North or South) and to assist and coordinate with the Area Treasurer.

K. The Duties of the Registrar shall be:

1) Maintain a current mailing list and phone numbers of all members of Area Assembly.
2) Coordinate with GSO, the Area 42 Delegate, and DCMs to maintain current information of all groups in Area 42.
3) Coordinate efforts at Area Assembly and Committee meetings to accomplish responsibilities of Area Registrar.
4) The Registrar shall have a petty cash fund for printing, mailing, etc., and shall report all expenses to the treasurer.
5) The petty cash fund of the Registrar and expense of this office shall be reviewed annually and any need for change approved by the Area Assembly.

i. 5) TO HAVE REGISTRATION PACKETS AS WELL AS NECESSARY MATERIALS FOR REGISTRATION AT THE AREA ASSEMBLY, INCLUDING BRINGING AREA’S LAPTOP.

L. The Duties of the Alternate Registrar shall be:

1) To serve as the Registrar of their respective General Service Committee (North or South)
2) ASSIST THE REGISTRAR AT REGISTRATION TABLE FOR EACH AREA ASSEMBLY,
and
3) To coordinate with the Registrar for maintaining proper information on all groups in Area 42.

I. The duties of the other Alternate Officers shall be:

M. The Duties of the Newsletter Editor shall be: (section J. 1-6 added 9/00)

1) Publish with the assistance of the Area Chairperson and Area Secretary the Area Newsletter. Provide in that document the agenda and minutes of Area meetings at appropriate times, contacting the Delegate for information for the Newsletter, and by contacting North and South Area Chairperson for Newsletter items. The publication dates will be February 23, April 30, August 10, and October 31. Include the revised Area 42 guidelines in the October 31 issue of the Area 42 newsletter. (rev. 9/00)

2) The newsletter editor shall have a petty cash fund for printing and mailing of the Newsletter and shall report all expenses to the treasurer.

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 and Secretary resides.

4) This position will be chosen from resumes submitted to the Area Chairperson on or before December 1 of the rotation year.

5) This will be an appointed position by the Area Chairperson and The Newsletter Editor MAY be from the section of the area (Northern or Southern) SERVE UP TO 4 YEARS.

6) The Newsletter Editor will be a voting, funded member of the Assembly. See funding to Assemblies and PRAASA under section 4.2D) (rev. 9/07)

N. The Duties of the Area 42 Webmaster shall be: (Effective 9/04)

1) To maintain the website
2) To keep the website updated monthly
3) The position will be funded as requested by the Area Assembly.
   ——(See funding to Assemblies and PRAASA under section 4.2D) (rev. 9/07)
4) The position will be a 2 year commitment and will rotate in the section of the Area in which the Delegate resides.
5) The position will be appointed from resumes submitted to the Area Delegate-elect on or before December 1 of the rotation year.

6) This position will be appointed by the Delegate and will MAY SERVE UP TO 4 YEARS be chosen from the section of the Area in which the Delegate resides.
7) The webmaster will be a non-voting member of the Assembly. (Rev. 09/09)
2.0 AREA COMMITTEE

2.1 Membership:
The following shall be full working members of the Area 42 General Service Committee:

A. Delegate Area 42 officers which include: Delegate, Chairperson, Secretary, Archivist, Treasurer, Registrar, and their alternates.
B. The DCM, DCM Chairperson, or alternate DCM from each district.
C. Elected NAGSC/SAGSC officer(s) position. (rev 9/99)
D. Each member of Area Committee will have only one vote.
E. Appointed positions of Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.

2.2 Area Committee Meetings:

A. The Area Committee shall meet at least twice a year (normally the Friday **EVENING** before each Area Assembly) at a time and place to be determined by the Area Assembly at its last meeting. (rev 9/99)
B. The Area Committee cannot bind the Area Assembly to any decision but shall make recommendations for action by the Assembly.

2.3 Area Committee Member Duties:

A. Area Officer duties are as specified in Section 1.4 above.
B. The duties of the District Committee Members (DCM) shall be:
   - b. The DCMs will confirm the eligible voting General Service Representatives (GSR) for the groups of their districts.
C. The duties of the Committee Chairs shall be as defined by their respective Committee guidelines and/or the NAGSC or the SAGSC guidelines.

3.0 AREA ELECTIONS

3.1 Area Officer Elections:

A. At the September **Fall** Area Assembly meeting of each even year, the Area will hold elections for Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, Registrar, and Alternate Registrar. The term of service shall be for two years beginning January 1 of the next odd year. The only exception to this procedure is for the positions of Archivist and Alternate Archivist whose terms of service shall be for four years with the first Archivist beginning in 1993. Individuals who are eligible and desire to serve can submit a resume of their AA service history. (rev. 9/99)

B. The **Area Chairperson** APPOINTED ELECTION PERSON will put RECORD the names, of all those present and eligible to stand for the AREA offices of Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, and/or Alternate Chairperson on the chalkboard. Those who wish to withdraw their names for any of these offices may do so.

C. Nominations from the floor will not be accepted for Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson unless there are less **FEWER** than two names remaining after all those eligible and present have been announced and those wishing to do so have withdrawn.

D. Nominations may be accepted from the floor for Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Archivist, Alternate Archivist, Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, Registrar, and Alternate Registrar.

E. The voting body should have a choice of at least two names for each office, whenever possible.

F. All members of the Area Assembly PRESENT shall have voting privileges. Absentee Ballots or
proxies shall NOT be valid.

G. Election of the Delegate and Alternate Delegate. ALL AREA OFFICERS shall be in accordance with Third Legacy procedures, as in the AA Service Manual. The Chairperson SOMEONE SHALL BE ASKED TO shall read that portion of the Service Manual before balloting.

ELIGIBILITY FOR AREA OFFICE:

1) All duly elected DCMs, DCMCs, and Area Officers, past or present who have served a full term are eligible.

2) The Delegate shall have only one term (2 years) and shall never again be a candidate for this office.

3) Should the Delegate not be able to complete the term, the Alternate Delegate shall assume the duties. The Alternate Delegate may then stand for election to Delegate if he/she has represented the Area at the General Service Conference only once.

H. Election of the Area Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson shall be by Third Legacy procedures.

I. Election of the Area Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Area Archivist, Alternate Archivist, Area Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, Registrar, and Alternate Registrar shall be by Third Legacy procedures. All members of the Area Assembly past or present, who have served a full term and are in attendance, shall be eligible.

The Area Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Alternate Delegate, Area Secretary, Alternate Archivist, Area Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, Registrar, and Alternate Registrar shall have only one two year term of office and not be a candidate again for the same office.

J. The Area Assembly may remove the Delegate or any Area Officer or Alternate for just cause. Such removal shall be by secret ballot and shall require 2/3 majority.

K. IF THERE IS NO CANDIDATE FROM NAGSC/SAGSC FOR THE APPROPRIATE OFFICE, THEN NOMINATIONS CAN BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR WITHOUT REGARD TO THEIR LOCATION. THIS WILL NOT AFFECT THE NEXT GEOGRAPHIC ROTATION.

3.2 Area Officer Rotation:

A. To allow for maximum service opportunities and even rotation, the Delegate, Area Chairperson, Secretary, Archivist, Treasurer and Registrar shall be elected from different sections of the area (Northern or Southern) on a rotating basis.

B. The Delegate, Treasurer, and Registrar will be elected from one section of the area and the Chairperson and Secretary from the other.

C. Alternates will be elected from the opposite section from the officer.

3.3 Replacement of Area Officers:

A. In the event an officer vacates his/her position for any reason, the alternate will assume the duties of the officer for the remainder of the term.

B. The Area Committee will select a replacement for any vacant alternate’s position until the next regularly scheduled Area Assembly, at which time the assembly will affirm the replacement or will elect a new alternate.

C. Replacement of an officer by an alternate will in no way effect the rotation (Northern and Southern) at the next election.
4.0 AREA-FUNDING SEE FINANCIAL GUIDELINES

4.1 General:

A. In order for the Area Assembly (1) to fulfill its responsibilities to give financial assistance to the Delegate as suggested in the AA Service Manual, (2) to provide for mailing and publishing expenses, and (3) to make other expenditures as approved by the assembly, necessary funds must be available. These funds will be provided by contributions in the spirit of the Seventh Tradition. The funds will be managed by the Area Treasury in accordance with the following guidelines.

B. The Area Treasurer shall maintain a prudent reserve of 4 months operating expenses, based on the prior calendar year's operating expenses, in an interest bearing account. This money may not be used unless the Treasurer is directed by a 3/4 majority of the Area officers. (rev. 9/05)

C. Area Officers and members may not incur indebtedness in the name of Area 42. Officers are authorized routine expenses under $100.00 in the discharge of their duties.

D. Some travel expenditures are authorized on a "funds-permitting" basis. A "funds-permitting" condition exists when $1,000.00 or more, in addition to the prudent reserve, will remain in the account after the expenditure is made.

4.2 Area Officers Funding:

Area 42 officers shall submit an annual expense report, for the past year, to the Area Treasurer by January 1 of each year. The reports will be used to estimate expenses for the coming year.

A. Delegate: Full expenses for General Service Conference, Area Assemblies, annual PRAASA, biannual Pacific Regional Forum, and events within the Area. (rev 9/99)

B. Alternate Delegate: Full expenses to Area Assemblies. Full expenses for annual PRAASA and biannual Pacific Regional Forum, funds permitting. (rev 9/99)

C. Chairperson: Full expenses to Area Assemblies. Full expenses for annual PRAASA and biannual Pacific Regional Forum, funds permitting. (rev 9/99)

D. Treasurer, Archivist, Secretary, Registrar, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster: Full expenses for semi-Annual Area Assemblies. Full funding to annual PRAASA, funds permitting. (rev 9/07)

E. Alternate Chairperson, Alternate Secretary, Alternate Treasurer, Alternate Archivist, and Alternate Registrar: Full expenses for semi-annual Area Assemblies. Full expenses for annual PRAASA, in absence of elected Area Officer, funds permitting. (rev 9/99).

F. Area Officers and their Alternates shall be fully funded to attend Area Committee Meetings.

4.3 District Committee Member Funding:

DCM’s whose districts are unable to provide full funding for Area Committee Meetings shall be reimbursed as appropriate, funds permitting.

4.4 Committee Chair Funding:

Committee Chairs shall be funded by their respective committees and/or NAGSC or SAGSC.

4.5 Other funding:

A. Grapevine Representative from both the Northern Area and the Southern Area will each be given $100.00/year for expenses.

B. "Ad Hoc" committee members that are appointed at the direction of the Area Assembly will be reimbursed travel expenses for meetings they attend, not to exceed $50.00 per person per meeting.

C. "Ad Hoc" committee chairperson shall be reimbursed for expenses to perform duties in the area of responsibility.
D. Alternate Area Secretary shall have at his/her disposal $250.00 per year for the literature display at the semi-annual Assemblies. (rev. 9/99)

E. Interpreters for AAs with special needs shall be funded as follows:

1) The need must for a voting member of the Area Assembly, who represents a registered group if a GSR; or is a current DCM, Area Officer, or Area Committee Chair.

2) The funding shall only apply to sessions for which the member is qualified to participate and to vote at (i.e., interpreter funding will not be provided for a GSR to attend the Area Committee meetings). For the full Semi-Annual Assemblies, up to 18 hours of funding shall be provided to cover Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning. (rev. 9/99)

3) Thirty days advance notice should be provided to the local Special Needs Committee Chairperson (North or South as appropriate) of the need for an interpreter. The notice should include such details as; name and position of the person requiring special needs, and for what sessions an interpreter will be needed.

4) The local Special Needs Committee Chairperson shall notify the Area Chair, Area Treasurer, and Special Needs Service Committee Coordinator as soon as the assistance is requested so that any necessary arrangements can be made. **MOVED TO 1.4, B, 4**

5) The local Special Needs Committee Chairperson, in coordination with the Special Needs Service Committee Coordinator, shall obtain from the interpreter(s), in writing, a quote for the hourly fee for services to be provided, or for a set fee for the Assembly or meeting. This shall be forwarded to the Area Treasurer prior to the scheduled Assembly or meeting. **MOVED TO 1.4, B, 5**

6) Travel expenses, including lodging, transportation, and food for actual expense receipts or up to $125.00 for each interpreter shall be provided.

5.0 AREA DISTRICTS

5.1 District Membership

Each district or Zone should have a membership of:

A. One DCM and Alternate DCM.

B. One District Secretary and/or Treasurer.

C. The elected GSR from each group in the district, one of whom may also serve as Alternate DCM, Secretary and/or Treasurer of his/her district.

D. DCMC (see sections 5.7 and 5.8).

5.2 District Meetings

A. Each district should meet at least five **FOUR** times a year. Monthly meetings are preferable.

B. Each district shall meet at a time and place of its own selection.

5.3 District Elections (qualifications and election procedure per Service Manual)

A. Each group in the district should elect a GSR and an Alternate GSR for a term of two years or until January 1 of the next odd year. These elections should be held in the fall of each year with the term of service to begin on January 1 of the next odd year.

B. The outgoing DCM and DCMC shall notify in writing the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Area Secretary, and Area Registrar of the name, address, and phone number of their replacements and the alternates.

C. The DCM shall notify, in writing, the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Area Secretary, and Area Registrar of the name, address, phone number, and group of each GSR at least once a year and as changes occur.

5.4 District Funding

A. It is the responsibility of the District to fund the DCM and the DCMC to the Area Assembly and to Area Committee meetings.
B. Any District wishing to send its DCM and/or DCMC to PRAASA and/or the Regional Forum has the responsibility to provide funding.

5.5 District Numbers

Districts in Northern Area 42 are even numbered and districts in Southern Area 42 are odd numbered.

5.6 Spanish LINGUISTIC District(s) for Southern and Northern Area 42 (District 21(S),22(N).

A. The Spanish LINGUISTIC District(s) will not be bound by geographic boundaries, but will be recognized as District(s) of Spanish speaking groups. (rev 9/99)

B. A Spanish LINGUISTIC District may be formed when the number of registered Spanish speaking groups reaches 5 or more.

C. Each Spanish LINGUISTIC group must be a registered group and have an elected GSR. The GSR’s will elect a DCM.

D. Each Spanish LINGUISTIC group will vote whether to join the Spanish district or not.

5.7 Zones

When a District reaches 15 groups it may be split into two zones, with the approval of the district’s GSRs. Each zone would elect a District Committee Member for its zone.

5.8 District Committee Member Chairperson (DCMC)

If a District has 5 to 10 zones, each with a DCM, then a District Committee Member Chairperson (DCMC) would be elected by the GSRs and DCMs in that District. If the number of zones within a District reaches 15 or more, these zones may be split and a DCMC elected for each zone.

6.0 NORTHERN AREA 42 AND SOUTHERN AREA 42

6.1 Meetings

The Chairpersons of the Northern Area 42 and Southern Area 42 General Service Committee (see section 1.4.B and 1.4.D) assume the responsibility for calling Northern Area 42 or Southern Area 42 General Service meetings, at least three times a year or as needed, in their respective sections of the Area. (rev. 9/99)

6.2 Meeting Composition

These local Northern and Southern Area 42 General Service meetings shall be comprised of all districts in either the North or South including the DCMs, DCMCs, and GSRs of each district.

7.0 GUIDELINE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

7.1 Submission of Proposed Amendments

Any proposed amendment to these guidelines shall be submitted in writing to the Area Chairperson, with a copy to the Delegate, and Area Secretary AND THE AREA NEWSLETTER EDITOR by JANUARY 31 FOR THE February 23 Newsletter and July 15 for the August 10, Newsletter. THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL INCLUDE THE CURRENT GUIDELINES AND THE PROPOSED UPDATED GUIDELINES IN THE AGENDA AND REGISTRATION PACKET FOR THE NEXT area assembly. The effective date of the amendment shall be included in the amendment once it has been passed. (rev. 9/10)

7.2 Notification to Area Newsletter

The Area Secretary shall mail copies of the proposed amendments by July 31, to the Area Newsletter Editor for publication in the Area Newsletter (rev. 9/10). THE PROPOSED GUIDELINE AMENDMENT WILL BE PRESENTED AS A FIRST READING AT ONE ASSEMBLY WITH
DISCUSSION FOR CLARIFICATION ONLY, AND A SECOND READING AND OPEN DISCUSSION AND VOTE AT THE NEXT ASSEMBLY.

7.3 Presentation / Assembly Agenda

The Chairperson shall include the proposed GUIDELINE amendment on the agenda of the next TWO assemblies.

7.4 Adoption

A 2/3-approval (OR SUBSTANTIAL UNANIMITY) vote by OF the voting members of the Area Assembly present shall constitute adoption of the amendment.

8.0 NON-GUIDELINE CHANGE PROPOSALS (adopted 3/05) OF ESTABLISHED AREA PRACTICES

8.1 Presentation to Assembly

Two ways a non-Guideline Change proposal to change an established practice may be presented at an Assembly in two ways:

A. Verbally by any voting individual member. may present an item verbally to be considered as a proposal if accepted by motion, second, and a simple majority of the Assembly with. The proposal shall be available in writing written form to follow at the next Assembly.

B. In written form by any voting individual member. may present in written form a proposal to the assembly

8.2 Submission of Proposals

The proposal being made should have been submitted with enough copies for the members of the Assembly to read on presentation

C. The presenter needs to reads the proposal aloud giving any background information necessary to explain the its necessity

D. Questions and comments on the proposal may be accepted from the floor with sufficient time to gather a sense of the Assembly

E. Changes to the proposal may be made in the form of amendments.

8.3 Voting

A. A proposal will be adopted with substantial unanimity:

1. On the first reading if the assembly has reached an informed group conscience. This can be on the First Reading, if the Assembly so wishes.

2. If the assembly desires more time to consider the proposal it can ask that the proposal be presented for a second reading at the next Assembly.

3. If the proposal is presented a second time all members of that Assembly shall have a written copy at the time the proposal is read for the second time.

9.0 TAX EXEMPT STATUS

9.1 Purpose of Organization

This organization is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

9.2 Compliance

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Structure and Guidelines, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from Federal
income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by any organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

9.3 Dissolution

Upon the winding up and dissolution of this organization Area 42 General Service Assembly, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non profit fund of the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

9.4 Voting

Voting on the proposal may occur by discretion of the Assembly

A. The assembly can accept the proposal including any amendments at the first reading

1) A call for the question and a vote to pass at the first reading should be carried by substantial unanimity of the Assembly

2) Without substantial unanimity, it may be postponed to a second reading at the following Assembly or declined for consideration by substantial unanimity

B. If the proposal is held for a second reading at the next Assembly

1) Enough copies must be available for the members of the Assembly at the time of second reading

2) It may be passed or defeated at the second presentation by substantial unanimity including any amendments
Attendees: Cherie N, Chair; Carol B, Treasurer; Vince C, Alt Treasurer & SAGSC Treasurer; Julie C, Secretary & NAGSC Treasurer; Glenn W, Member-At-Large South; Dan M, Member-At-Large North, John S, Member-At-Large South

Meeting called to order @ 5:05 PM

Notifying Members of Funds Permitting: Cherie will write an article for the newsletter discussing the state of the area funds, discussing the order of positions funded. Also, reminding members to please be prudent with travel funds.

Donation from SAGSC: The finance committee members representing the South (Cherie, Vince, John and Glenn) will ask SAGSC to provide a simple donation from SAGSC to the Area of $2,000 because SAGCS has extra funds. One comment was that we are all related and if SAGSC were in need of funds and either NAGSC or the Area had extra funds that we would do the same for SAGSC.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance is $3,151 and contributions to date are $5,480.

Contributions for Delegate: Discussed the amount the Area contributed to the GSC for the delegate conference fee. As part of self support it is important that we fully contribute. If we are low on funds should we consider contributing less? The Finance Chair recommended that the Area continue to fund as much as possible. No decision was made.

Per diem: Discussed the concept of using the per diem rate. We reimburse costs, so what is the purpose of communicating the per diem? In order to be prudent with the Area funds, encourage people to share a room and rides.

Proposal to move CD to Wells Fargo: Cherie will talk to the bank as they told Carol that if we have less than $6,000 we will be charged a fee. CD is due in November.

Budget: The first part of the process is for the FC Chair to request the Area officers to provide info in June to Chair – The budget is for the calendar year, but the reporting is from August thru July. Carol will have financials through July on 8/2.

Next Meeting: 8/11 5 PM

Meeting adjourned @ 6:17 PM

Respectfully submitted by:
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