

NAGSC Business Meeting

December 5, 2015

District 4 – Host
South Reno United Methodist Church
200 De Spain Avenue
Reno, NV 89511

Meeting Opens: Carol B opened the meeting at 1:15pm with the Serenity Prayer followed by a reading by Wayne, DCM of our host District 4, AA Service Manual, Chapter 1, Introduction to General Service: The 12 Traditions make clear the principle that AA, as such, should never be organized, that there are no bosses and no government in AA. Yet at the same time, the Traditions recognize the need for some kind of organization to carry the message in ways that are impossible for the local group-such as publication of a uniform literature and public information resources, helping new groups get started, publishing an international magazine, and carrying the message in other languages into other countries.

Review Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting (August 1, 2015) reviewed,

Corrections: None

Motion to Accept: Made

1st: Yes

2nd: Yes

Vote: Minutes accepted as written

Treasurer's Report: Will L

Hi my name is Will I am currently serving as your treasure. We have a current balance of 11,124.37 in our checking account. We also have 1251.84 in a CD. We have made deposits totaling 10,617.44 we are down a little from last year but part of it might be getting my address out there.

If everyone could have their groups send their contributions to PO Box 2507 Dayton NV 89403 that would be great. We also need everyone to have their groups put the group name on all contributions PLEASE. I would like to thank the NAGSC body for letting me step into this position.

Corrections/Questions: None

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report: Made

1st: Yes

2nd: Yes

Vote: Treasurer's report approved.

Finance Committee Chair: Paul E

Paul presented the Nagsc finance Committees proposed 2016 budget for review and approval of the Nagsc body.

2015 ESTIMATED ACTUALS:

1 All receipts and expenses through the end of October 2015 and anticipated expenses through December 2015.

2016 ORIGINAL BUDGET REQUESTS

1 Most of the Officers and Chairs submitted budgets for their respective positions. For those who did not submit a budget, a budget was created by the finance committee. 2 The amount for the workshops, committee expenses, office supplies and other expense requested were used. 3 For NAGSC meetings mileage was estimated based upon where the officer/chair live - assumed shared ride. 4 For Assemblies, average hotel, registration, food and mileage was calculated. Again, based on where the officer/chair lives - assumed shared rooms and rides. 5 An average cost was used for PRAASA - assumed shared expenses. All officers and chairs were budgeted to attend PRAASA, unless they specifically told the finance committee they are unable to attend. Funding was budgeted to assist DCMs and GSRs attend PRAASA up to \$50 each.

2016 CHANGES TO THE ORIGINAL REQUESTS FROM THE NAGSC FINANCE COMMITTEE

1 The budget reflects all possible expenses, providing each officer and chair with a budget to reach out to the districts and groups within Northern Area. Historically, all budgeted expenses have not been spent. In other words, this is the worst (or best) case scenario. 2 The budget was developed assuming all officers and chairs will attend all assemblies and PRAASA, unless specifically they informed the finance committee they are not available. Historically, that has never happened. 3 Officers are fully funded and chairs are funded at \$450 to PRAASA. 4 Anyone needing additional funds may request from the 2016/2017 Finance Committee prior to the February Roundtables. The Finance Committee will recommend based upon available funds. It will be voted on at the Roundtables. See Attached Request Form.

ALL NEW OFFICERS AND CHAIRS WILL RECEIVE A WRITTEN BUDGET

Call for questions

Phil asked what the prudent reserve is

Paul: the prudent reserve is defined as 25% of the average of the previous 3 years budget expenses. 50% of this amount is a working reserve, 50% is set aside in a savings account for emergency needs.

Motion to Accept Budget: Made

1st: Yes

2nd: Yes

Vote: Proposed budget is accepted.

Carol asked for those who were attending their 1st Nagsc meeting to stand and say hello, followed by introductions around the room.

Officer Reports

Chairperson, Carol B

I have a signup sheet for members willing and able to help do agenda item summaries and so far have about a dozen people to help summarize. Thank you. Background information comes out around Feb 14th, then I will need volunteers to summarize the information into 2 paragraphs or less for presentation to the groups. Our Delegate Mike M will then choose 5 or 6 items for round table discussions to be held in the North and South in March. Nagsc round tables will be held at our next meeting, Saturday, March 12, at this same facility. I will also need volunteer scribes for the round table presentations. The Reno Concepts Study Group presented a proposed agenda item to our body in August concerning endnote #4 of Concept 12, Warranty 6. We voted to forward that proposal to our Delegate who in turn presented this agenda item request to GSO. We have just received notification that this will be an agenda item at the 2016 General Service Conference. Congratulations.

Secretary, Laura J

I am enjoying this commitment mostly because it keeps me in touch with all of you. Please DCM's check with your GSRs and their group members to be sure everyone who wants to receive Nagsc emails is on my email list. Thank you for your communications.

Registrar, Julie C

As many of you may be aware dealing with the group information database has been challenging. Some examples are the limited access to only one person per area and the difficulty providing reports. At the Fall Assembly our area chair, Phil, invited Brouck H to speak on AA technology. Brouck is the Chair of the National AA Technology Workshop. The purpose of NAATW is to address technology and our service work. After the assembly Brouck and I discussed some of the issues Area 42 has experienced with the group information database. I followed up with a letter summarizing some of Area 42's challenges and concerns. Brouck replied the he would make certain this reached someone capable of getting us a sensible answer, and that it would take time. There hasn't been many group change forms submitted to me since the last assembly. However, I had the opportunity to communicate with one meeting that wanted a group number but didn't want to be listed as a group. The meeting/group had some questions that since no one considered the meeting her home group, they couldn't be a group. Ultimately, through a group conscience they are now listed as a new group with a contact, but no GSR. In the future, if someone decides to make this group her home group she could be their GSR. I found an article from August/September 2006 Box 459 that answers some questions as to why your meeting/group may want to be listed with G.S.O. *The questions answered are: "How does a group list itself with G.S.O.? "What happens when group information changes? "How does the group benefit? "What does it cost a group to be listed with G.S.O.? Isn't being listed with Intergroup enough?* http://www.aa.org/newsletters/en_US/en_box459_aug-sept06.pdf Another great resource is "IS YOUR GROUP LINKED TO A.A. AS A WHOLE?" http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/smf-104_en.pdf As always: DCMs: Please continue to send New Group Forms and Group Change Forms to me. I will forward to Emily. You can text a picture of the form to me if you like. GSRs: Please let us know if you don't get your packets. We will contact GSO to see what happened and most importantly to get your packets to you as soon as possible.

Archivist, Pat S

Since our last gathering in June: I have the A.A. World Convention in Atlanta, where I attended Archives panels. I learned much, which I hope to utilize in my service to NAGSC. Taken displays to the District 6 Founder's Day Picnic in Genoa (June 14). Held an Archives meeting'/workshop at my home (August 16) Taken NLAGSC Archie s materials to the Area 421 meeting in Tonopah (September 25-27) Had an

Archives display at the Oasis Festival in Fallon (September 20) Set up an Archives display at Unity Day in Reno (October 17). Set up an Archives display at the Carson Valley Gratitude Dinner (Nov. 20). Many thanks to Dawn M. for her assistance at several of these events.

Area Chair, Phil W

I have enjoyed being allowed to do the duties of Chair of Area 42 Nevada for a year now. As I said in my thank you note after the Fall Assembly I am so pleased that you are all part of General Service in Nevada. I also wish to thank all the groups that you represent and that continue to send you to these Assemblies, I want to say a couple of words about the part of General Service that I hold most dear, and that is communication. Without communication we would surely fade away, we do have a responsibility to the groups that are represented by us to always communicate with others. Recently I had the pleasure to get to go to Las Vegas to attend a district workshop on anonymity was really impressed by what I was able to see. During that trip I got to hang out and watch a football game on TV with Michael M who took me out to the Strip on a Saturday night. We walked around and had an Ice Cream. The next day I was able to pick up the Conference Reports so we could give them out up here. We will have time at the spring assembly for questions on this conference report. I love traveling around Nevada. On the weekend before Thanksgiving I was given the wonderful opportunity when the folks out in Elko invited me to break bread with them at their Gratitude dinner what an honor it was to be able to share a little time with the wonderful folks out there. Once again I do love to travel around our area. I have been working on our next assembly. We will be enjoying Dist. 21 and 22 being our hosts. We also will have Bob W. our US Trustee at large as our guest at our Spring Pre Conference assembly the weekend of April 1st through the 3rd. Please tell your friends this will be a good assembly to bring other folks to it should be very interesting hearing about how our Message of hope is being carried around the World. I want to leave you with one other thought it is an Inscription from a Plaque on Dr. Bob's desk - which to him best described:

Humility "Perpetual quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble. It is never to be fretted or vexed, irritable or sore; to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised, it is to have a blessed home in myself where I can go in and shut the door and pray to my Father in secret and be at peace, as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and about is seeming trouble."

Area 42 Recording Secretary, Paul E

My Area emails are sent to Area Officers, North and South Committee Chairs, and North and South DCMs. Then it is up to them to forward the emails to those on their lists. Sometimes you might get more than one email if you are on several lists.

Area 42 Treasurer, Tinna O

After the Spring Assembly in Tonopah, I had some complaints about the Area's checks for Reimbursement. Those check had the name Alcoholics Anonymous on them. When people went to deposit them, the bank teller clearly saw the name Alcoholics Anonymous. After discussion with the FC and an inquiry to GSO, I ordered checks with the name Nevada Area 42 Assembly and shredded the old checks. The cost was about \$95 from Vista Print for 250 carbon copy checks and a stamp with the Area bank account # for deposit only so I don't have to write the bank account number on the back of hundreds of checks. The Area Treasury has begun reimbursing officers for their pre-payment for airline tickets and registration to PRAASA 2016 in Spokane. We should be saving some money by purchasing

ahead of time, sometimes that just depends on the changes in oil prices. After the Fall 2015 Assembly I mailed out all the old Group Contribution Receipts that were in the Treasurer's file. At the Spring 2016 Assembly I will have all the Group Contribution Receipts received since then available for you to pick up for your group. After the Spring assembly I will be mailing out any that haven't been picked up yet, and that can be costly, so please check to see if I have one for your group. What I actually would prefer is if you would contact me with an email for your group. Your Contribution Receipts could be emailed, so you would not have to pick up more papers at the Assembly, and the Area would save on postage. Please see the roster for my email address. Please feel free to send me your group's contact email, or contact me with any questions you may have.

DCM Reports

District 2, Mary D

Greetings all! This is an exciting time to be a sober service member of Alcoholics Anonymous! District 2 welcomed a new group, Back to Basics and their GSR, Todd to our membership. Groups are reporting higher attendance numbers following the summer. The guideline committee has been meeting before each district meeting and is making steady progress, reporting at each month's meeting. In October we invited Dan, NNIG chairman and Steve, SWACYPAA chairman. They discussed the June 3-4-5, 2016 convention of the Southwest Conference Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous at the Nugget. The local group won the bid to bring the conference to Reno and now they are looking for support as they fund this undertaking. There will be monthly events, generally on the third Saturday of the month. Steve is the general service liaison for SWACYPAA and we look forward to supporting the young people's efforts. Home groups are gearing up for festive events. Several members enjoyed the Gratitude dinner last month. One home group has had successful pot luck celebrations and on December 12th, the Eye Opener is adding a Sponsorship workshop to the event. We look forward to supporting District 16 and the 29th annual Christmas party, and the NNIG New Year's Day Masquerade event. In January, we will be joining districts 4 and 16 on the 10th, presenting a Grapevine writer's workshop. We would like to schedule a traditions workshop in 2016; any co-sponsors? 2016 brings PRAASA, Roundups, Area Assembly and District 2 is ready to serve.

District 4, Wayne H

We had the Gratitude dinner November 14th at the Eldorado in Reno. We also had various Thanksgiving activities around the district, including a turkey dinner at the Reno triangle club to help get people through the holiday. We have a couple of events coming up that I wanted to mention. January 1 we will be having a masquerade themed new years day event at the Atlantis casino in Reno. Doors open at 2:00, tickets are available through NNIG central office. I wanted to congratulate the Reno Nevada's Young Peoples AA for winning the bid for the Southwest Area Conference of Young people's AA (SWACYPAA). The planning committee is meeting 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The Reno Triangle Club has always had rent set at one half of the 7th tradition. Which works out great for new groups. If you have a new/small group, and only get \$4 for 7th tradition, you rent is only \$2. However, The club has recently put out a memo stating they expect one half of all monies collected, not just the basket (i.e. The pink cans for hospitals and institutions.). This has been discussed at the group and district level. Most of the groups felt they could no longer pass the pink cans because the money collected is supposed to go to hospitals and

institutions, NOT to support the Reno Triangle Club. We are still trying to schedule a meeting with the clubs board to discuss the situation.

District 6, John F

District 6 approved the updates to its guidelines. One change we made is: *Whenever prudent, assist GSRs with expenses to Area Assemblies, and PRAASA.* District 6 had a General Service assembly table at the Carson Valley Gratitude Dinner. I am estimating close to 500 were in attendance at this event. Our own Area 42 Chair, Mike M. was the speaker. The District is planning a 3 panel workshop in January that include Grapevine, Archives and PI CPC presentations. We continue to reach out to new meetings who may be interested in General service. Last month our District Corrections treatment chair and I visited a group in Dayton to share information about General Service and the Pink Can. Visiting groups that I have not been to before in my district is always an enlightening experience for me and reminds me of how much service opportunity is available in AA.

District 8, Scott B

It is good to see you all again in Reno for this NAGSC meeting. The last NAGSC meeting was held at sunny June Lake in the beginning of August when our district, District 8 hosted. It was a pleasure for the district, thanks for that opportunity. I would like to start my report with a little background information about District 8 for those who aren't familiar with us. North to south the district runs along US Highway 395 from Bridgeport to Lone Pine. This is a distance of about 150 miles. From east to west the district extends from the sierra crest to the Nevada state border. The population in our district is mostly rural, Mammoth Lakes and Bishop are the main population centers. There are ten registered groups in the District. The newest is the Benton Group that celebrated its sixth anniversary August 1. Since the last Area Assembly in September, our district organized and held a Meeting Secretary's Workshop in Mammoth Lakes. This workshop featured a panel of three local members who shared on the topics of AA's primary purpose, the meeting secretary's duties and responsibilities and finally about how a meeting secretary can handle situations that might be baffling. The panelist's presentations were followed by question and discussion sessions. At one point, a panelist read a copy of the report on 'Safety in AA' that was delivered by Rhonda W. at the fall assembly and this was well received by the audience. The workshop was relatively well attended with 25 participating which is a very healthy turnout in my experience. In early November many of the groups in the district co-hosted their third annual gratitude dinner which was also well attended, this was not a general service event. In the meantime, the district committee has been working diligently to update the district guidelines. This has been an ongoing project throughout this rotation and a few minutes of our bi-monthly business meetings are typically dedicated to this task. At this time there are no special district activities planned as we head into the holiday season. In closing I would like to thank District 4 for hosting this event.

District 10a, Amelita T

District 10A hosted the Elko Gratitude Dinner on November 21 at the VFW Hall. It was a great success thanks to everyone's hard work in preparing food and cleaning afterward. We didn't get an exact head count, but estimate we fed between 90 & 100 people. NAGS Chair, Phil W., was our guest speaker. Members really enjoyed Phil's story and how he presented it. Unfortunately, a family matter prevented me from attending and I missed out on a great story. In keeping with tradition, proceeds from the dinner was given to GSO to express our gratitude for their services. We are so very grateful to Phil for traveling across the state to carry the message of hope and his outstanding example of service and commitment. Now that winter is officially underway, we will wait until Spring to invite members to Elko to share the message. Anyone willing to travel to Elko is encouraged to see me after the

meeting. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again at our next NAGS meeting in Reno, provided the weather allows for safe travel.

District 10b, Samantha G

District 10B meetings are hosted by a different Group each time and meet the 4th Sunday of odd months at 10 a.m. We have no GSR(s) in attendance today. The November District meeting had 2 GSRs and 1 alternate GSR in attendance. We have only received 7th Tradition contributions from 2 groups in the last 2 quarters and cannot afford to fully support the DCM to NAGSC or Assembly meetings. At our September district meeting during the GSR sharing portion, there was much discussion concerning unity or lack of between the groups in Winnemucca. One GSR said how important it is for him to visit other groups to see how they do things. The question of, "Are we working the Steps in our personal lives?" was asked since there's so much dissension between the groups. District 10B participated in Unity Days in Reno. Three of us Winnemuccans drove down and had a blast. The comments on the way home were about how fun and informative the event was. Thank you to the committee for inviting us to participate and be a part of. At our November meeting the GSRs were asked to go to their groups and discuss what to do about finding a new DCM since I've been serving for 2 years now. We still need a treasurer and a secretary too. One member shared he is finishing his paperwork to be able to carry meetings into the jail and we voted to give a GV subscription to the jail. A visitor from one of the groups said her group is working organizing the Unity Days event they used to hold here in Winnemucca. We discussed ways to protect anonymity when talking to the public about renting venues. There was concern around needing \$1 million insurance policy and it was suggested to speak with other districts and GSO for guidance. It was recommended that we consult with other groups, districts, NAGSC, and Area before choosing a date so we don't conflict with other AA events. Our Special Needs chair, Roberta, gave a presentation on handicapped accessibility and service animals in AA meetings. And she brought our GV chair, Debbie, with her. We had lots of conversation about AA not being above the law and legalities regarding service animals as well as various types of handicaps and how AA groups can accommodate members. Thank you Roberta and Debbie for coming all that way to be of service!

District 12, Ed L

Hi everybody my name is Ed and I am an Alcoholic Merry Christmas, District 12 has been thriving even without me. I took a 7 week trip across the country and when I came back everything was running smoothly. Big shout out and thank you to John A. for stepping up while I was gone. We seem to have GSR's for almost every group in our district how that happened I don't know. We have been scheduling presentations at every business meeting and inviting anyone in the district to attend. This has proven to be an effective method of relaying the message of AA to anyone interested. I have contacted other smaller meetings as well as the recovery center in Fallon and put them on our email list. I took this advice from two awesome people in our Area Julie and Lyle. We continue to increase our attendance at our monthly speaker meeting after the change. This meeting was held on the first Saturday of every month for better than 30 years and Alcoholics don't like change and having to change the meeting to the second Saturday took some time to sink in. We are very lucky to have a few members in our district that know all of the AA history in the Fallon, Hawthorne, Silver Springs and Fernley areas. This helps keep traditions in the district alive or in some cases bring them back. We hope to expand this knowledge in the future to include all of District 12.

District 14, Anne Y

Things are going well. Our Quarterly Speaker Meetings have been growing. We had about 100 people at the one in October. We have a new alternate DCM Pete K. John Mc had to step down. Roberta came to our last meeting and talked about special needs. It was very informative and everyone enjoyed it. Our next Quarterly Speaker meeting will be February 4th.

District 16, Catherine H

In September at our District meeting I was finally able to have Roberta B. Northern Area Special Needs/Remote Communities Chair give a short presentation. Roberta was able to show us an AA announcement in sign language. I found the presentation to be very informative. Also in September the district recruited Elise R. To be the District Grapevine Chair. Our October meeting Gary S. Northern Area 42 Treatment Facilities/Bridging the Gap Chair attended our meeting with a short presentation, and again I would like to thank Gary for coming out on such short notice. At our November meeting we had Sheryl E. Northern Area General Service Committee CPC Chair, and Joyce Y. NNIG Chair with a short presentation. I am finding more often that having these Chairs coming to our District Meeting, I am learning about all that AA does. Also in November Andrea B. shared with us about the Stepping Stones Workshop that I was unable to attend due to work. On a personal note I know I need to spend a little more time on my reports, People do read these! A gentleman came and introduced himself from another area, he found me by reading the reports from Northern Area 42. I was very pleased to see that people do read these reports. This gentleman is very active in General Service and is moving to District 16. I wish to welcome him to his new home in his new A.A. family. Okay this is a reminder to everybody, on December 12 at the Masonic Lodge on Pyramid Way will be the 29th Annual Christmas Affair. I want to make sure that I thank Stacy P. Christmas Affair Chair and her Committee for all their hard work. I know this is going to be the best Christmas Affair yet! On January 10, 2016 we have the Grapevine Workshop. District 16, District 4 and district 2 are going to be there. Debbie S. the Grapevine Chair for Northern Area will be our facilitator. Please come out and join us at the Alano Club in Sparks and write your story. There should be flyers for both the Christmas Affair and for the Grapevine Workshop available here.

District 20, Larry B

I haven't a lot to report from District 20, just the usual. I guess I am having a crisis in faith: how is what I am doing impacting the alcoholic who still suffers. I must admit that I have not followed the recommended practice in these cases - I have not consulted with my service sponsor, I have not called the DCM co-ordinator for NAGSC, have not even consulted with my sponsor. Though I question the effectiveness of some of our service work it is not meant to be critical. If I do have specific criticisms I will try to suggest positive alternatives. My intent is just to present my doubts honestly and to be open to suggestion and information any of you may have.

District 22, Henry B

No report

Chair, Liaison Reports

Cooperation with Professional Community, Cheryl E

Aloha All! Here are the activities that CPC (NAGSC CPC and NNIG CPC) has been involved with since the Fall Area Assembly in September 2015.

University of Nevada Medical School, Reno: Joyce Y (NNIG CPC chair and NAGSC CPC co-chair) and I, along with other CPC committee members meet with Dr. D and 4-5 third year medical students. We provide the students with some appropriate pamphlets and central office meeting schedules and a short presentation on CPC. The students get an assignment from Dr. D to attend a 12 step meeting and then they report back on their experience in about 6 weeks. We also attend the report backs. We meet with a new rotation of students every 6 weeks. This continues throughout the year. Since the last report in September, we met on Oct. 5th, Oct. 19th, Nov. 16th, and Nov. 30th.

Washoe County School District (WCSD), Reno: Joyce, Tom B., and I met on Oct. 28th to discuss and fill out a project review submission form for the Washoe County School District. Our request is to make presentations to health classes. Tom submitted the form. We received a reply from the school district asking us to meet with the project review team on Dec. 10th. Joyce, Tom, and I met on Dec. 4th to discuss what we will present at this meeting.

UNR National Judicial College: Joyce had been in contact with Crystal N from UNR Judicial College. Judges attending the judicial school for a week from all over the country would be attending the Almost Heaven meeting at 5pm on Oct. 27th at the Triangle Club. Joyce and I attended Almost Heaven business meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13th, to let them know there would be ~26 judges at their meeting on the 27th. Several CPC committee members and other AA members attended the Almost Heaven meeting that night to support the group. Joyce will be contacting the Program Attorney, Irene H at the Judicial College in to see if CPC can get on their curriculum on a regular basis.

Right At Home, Reno: Right At Home provides in home care and assistance. Their care givers are seeing some clients with alcohol problems. CPC gave a presentation to about 8 care givers on June 24th. Right At Home has about 140 care givers. We are still in contact with Tricia S, Right At Home Client Care Coordinator, to schedule another presentation.

District Meetings: We are attending Northern Area district meetings to give a 10 minute overview on CPC. We attended District 16 business meeting on Nov. 17th. We may have a new committee member from this visit! We will be participating in a workshop with Archives, Grapevine, and PI at District 6 (Carson City) sometime in Jan. 2016.

CPC Committee Meeting: We held a NAGSC/NNIG CPC committee meeting on Oct. 11th. There were 5 in attendance, including the NNIG CPC liaison, Sharon G. We reviewed the recent CPC activities. We also reviewed the activities we would like to pursue as a committee in 2016. This helped to submit a budget proposal for these activities. The activities that we discussed for 2016 are: continue with UNR medical school; Washoe City School District; UNR Judicial College; nursing schools in Reno area; continue to visit district business mtgs; professional breakfast/lunch. We also continue to work on a basic presentation that can be used as a starting point for any CPC presentation. Our next committee meeting will be after the holidays sometime in Jan.

NNIG CPC/PI: At the Nov. 2nd Northern Nevada Intergroup (NNIG) business meeting, a motion was made that NNIG CPC will temporarily assume NNIG PI responsibilities. It was unanimously accepted. The NNIG PI position had been open for a year. Therefore, NNIG will be CPC/PI with Joyce Y. as the chairperson until the new rotation in June 2016 when

elections are held. This will mean that NAGSC CPC and NAGSC PI will be working as a team with NNIG CPC/PI, which has already been taking place.

Public Information, Lyle C

Like all of A.A., the primary purpose of members involved with public information service is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Working together, members of local Public Information Committees share A.A. information with the general public, including the media. Public Information committees need all types of volunteers, from the shy to the bold: If your district or group doesn't have a PI committee, you can volunteer to chair the committee. The NAGSC PI committee is available to help you get started. Please don't hesitate to contact me. If your district or group does have a PI committee here are some ways you can help: Fill literature racks in libraries, schools and other public locations. Contact police stations, hospitals, and senior centers about placing literature and schedules in their facilities. Help plan events. Learn to speak to groups or as part of a panel. We always need members who are excited at the prospect of going to our high schools and colleges. I want to thank Joyce Y for stepping up and helping Northern Nevada Intergroup as the new PI Chair. I enjoyed collaborating with her on Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) last panel and look forward to working with her, as well as Cheryl, your NAGSC CPC chair during this upcoming year.

Grapevine, Debbie S

My name is Debbie, your alcoholic Northern Area Grapevine Chair. Did you know your Grapevine Chair, currently myself, has in possession, an inventory of Grapevine items to display and sell at your events? For the time between our fall and spring Area assembly, I have been able to put something on my calendar for each month, except February. The month of OCTOBER, I was invited to set-up a display of books for Oasis Festival in Fallon. I was later invited to set-up a display at Unity Day in Reno, conflicting dates. We were able to have a display set-up at both events by splitting up some inventory. NOVEMBER the Minden/Gardnerville Group Grapevine Rep. invited me to join her, with some books for sale at her display table during their Gratitude dinner. DECEMBER, I have been invited to give a short presentation to District 12 at their business meeting. JANUARY, I have been invited to the Grapevine Writing Workshop, hosted by District's 2, 4, and 16. In MARCH, it is the Northern Area's turn to set-up the display at the Area Assembly in Tonopah. While visiting with some of our fellowship, I was awoken to the fact that not all of our membership who have been exposed to the Grapevine Magazine know that they can also purchase books, CD's, and other Grapevine items. It would be my judgment and perception that some of our fellowship are unaware to the fact that the stories, art, photos, etc. are submitted by our members. District and Group Grapevine Reps. could play a key role in this education. Invitations to your Area Grapevine Chair, to set-up inventory displays at your events and/or make presentations at your business meetings, workshops, etc. also aide in the education of the Grapevine. You can also visit grapevine.org to find a host of information, register to become a Grapevine Rep., and make purchases. If you have glazed over by now, wake up for this important announcement from Grapevine...Grapevine is currently offering free shipment through the end of December. Visit grapevine.org.

Corrections/Bridging the Gap, Mike L

Hello everyone my name is Mike L and I am an alcoholic serving as NAGSC Corrections Facilities chair. My focus in my first year in this position has been the making myself available to districts and groups to bring how AA

members can bring the message to incarcerated alcoholics. Since my last report at the assembly I have visited this fall District 12 in Fallon and District 6 in Carson City making corrections presentations. I also visited two groups, the Minden Gardnerville group and The No BS Men's Stag, which meets at the Carson City Alano Club. The Minden Gardnerville group for years has been bringing meetings to the Douglas County jail was interested in hearing how the Corrections Correspondence service works. The No BS Men's Stag meeting who are interested in starting their own corrections committee and wanted hear how they could get started. One interesting thing that came out of this meeting one of the home group members is the father of the new warden at the Lovelock state prison and I am very hopeful that I will be to be able make contact with the warden. I am planning to visit that meeting next week. I really enjoy making myself available to serve. My contact information is on the roster and if your group or district would like the corrections committee to visit please contact me.

Special Needs/ Remote Communities, Roberta B

This rotation is half over and I am happy to report that I have been to half of the districts! Thanks to the DCMs, I have visited Districts 6, 10A, 10B, 12, 14 and 16, traveling about 1,750 miles. The Special Needs message has been well received and I am happy to say that some of the districts have used the information already. Within the next couple of months, I hope to schedule visits of the remaining Districts. I will be returning to District 12 in January as I have received additional information which I did not have when I visited them last May. Districts 2, 4, 8, 20 and vientosos are on my radar, so DCMs please see me after the meeting to schedule for next year or I will hunt you down. Even if you think your district has no reason for special needs information at this time because you have no special needs members, the situation could change tomorrow. It is important that the GSRS take information about Special Needs to their home groups to make a plan to accommodate all present and future AA members who wish to recover as we have been privileged to do.

Treatment Facilities, Gary S

Will email

Intergroup Liaison, Michael M

Not much to report, Dan M our intergroup chair gave a report on the letter from the Triangle Club to the 5 biggest groups at the club, Beginners are Winners, The Aloha Meetings, New Awakenings, Midday Group, and Almost Heaven. As of November 14, 2015 all groups must contribute 50% of the 7th Tradition and 50% of all money collected for any purpose, primarily the Pink Can. Dan pointed out the 4th tradition and AA group autonomy and AA as a whole. As Dan reported, and I concur, this effects not only the groups at the Triangle Club, but our entire fellowship, because we all give to the Pink Can to provide our literature to hospitals, jails, and institutions. This doesn't fund AA, its sole purpose is to carry the message. An adhoc committee was appointed to look over the letter sent to these groups.

GSR Survival Manual/Trainer, Ray G

I don't like the word trainer, I like to present an interactive conversation. I travelled to Elko, Bishop, and Reno districts in the spring, I have had a quiet summer. I presented a proposal at the DCM/Chair committee meeting to do full GSR orientation. It will be on Jan 16, here at this facility. (South Reno United Methodist Church) This will be a training session not just for new GSRs but for and anyone interested in general service. Flyer will be available soon.

DCM Standing Committee Facilitator, Chris S

We formed this committee 3 years ago to help new DCMs and chairs to roll into their positions. Today, I want to say that everyone is rolling, DCMs are scheduling workshops, and Committee Chairs are travelling to districts with presentations. I am grateful for the willingness I am seeing. I am really wowed by how the message is being carried through these positions. After being in General Service for 9 years I know how much this has helped

my sobriety so if we are grabbing just one person onto service through these meetings then we are doing our jobs.

NAGSC Old Business None

NAGSC New Business None Discussed

7th Tradition Collected: \$130.00, 50% to be paid to meeting room

Important Dates:

Nagsc Round Tables: March 12, 2016 1pm, Reno, NV

PRAASA: March 3 – 6, 2016, Spokane, Washington

Spring Assembly: April 1 – 3, 2016, Tonopah, NV

SWCYPAA Convention: June 3 – 5, 2016, Nugget, Reno, NV

(Southwest Conference Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous)

Pacific Region Forum: September 30 – October 2, 2016, Hawaii

Next NAGSC Meeting: Saturday, March 12, 2016 1pm

Agenda Item Round Table Discussion
South Reno United Methodist Church
200 De Spain Avenue
Reno, NV 89511

Carol closed the meeting at 3:35pm with the Responsibility Statement.

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