

NAGSC Business Meeting

Date: August 3, 2019

Location: June Lake

Address: 90 W Granite Ave

12:00 -1:00 pm DCM's & Committee Chairs meeting / GSR training

Chris opens Meeting with Serenity Prayer at 1:00 pm

Preamble

Reading from the 12 Concepts – CONCEPT 6

Approval of June minutes

Motion to approve minutes with stated changes

Seconded

Approved

Treasurer report (see below) – Laura

Motion to accept Treasurers report

Second

Passed

1pm-4pm General meeting

MOTION TO APPROVE PAT B'S BUDGET REQUEST FOR PARTIAL FUNDING ATTEND CORRECTIONS CONFERENCE (submitted in advance to Treasurer)

VOTE OCCURS

1 OPPOSED

Minority opinion

Discussion:

Phil – I would suggest amending motion to add non precedent setting

DAN AMENDS MOTION - Motion to approve Pat B's budget request as a nonprecedent setting amendment

Samantha – When we do our budgets each year, we end up with money we haven't spent at the end of the year...is that correct?

If we are underfunded, then we should do full funding.

Laura – We are still not fully funding our standing chairs.

Julie – In our guidelines do we have funding priorities? so my question is – where does funding for committee chairs fall for PRAASA?

Laura – States this outside of our funding priorities but says this is her personal opinion. I'm not saying you should say yes or no.

Julie – My concern is if we are underfunded, we're asking groups to dig deep and then we're funding someone to do this.

Joyce – No servant should have to take money out of their own pocket to serve.

Member – Budgets are never hard set, we have \$6000 in the bank which isn't much money, normally when everyone finds out we're short, God takes care of us, we also have to save up for these events. The budgets are always estimates.

Es – Pat had mentioned something about wardens and other professionals at this workshop, based on my limited experience, there's a whole other group of people that we get to deal with. The info I need to interact with treatment facilities is more than I had anticipated. I was considering going in Sacramento but in this instance it is the same date as Assembly.

VOTE OCCURS

OPPOSED 3
ABSTAIN

MINORITY OPINION CHANGES VOTE

OPPOSED 5
ABSTAIN 1

MOTION PASSES

Phil's Presentation on Regional Forum:

As you guys might know, we Area 42, is hosting the Pacific Area Region Forum. This is a nonfunded event. NAGSC won't be able to fund you to come to Las Vegas. I'm going to beg you to please come to Las Vegas. I know it's not going to be easy. We have a really good resort, it's going to be at the Westgate, it's the old Hilton. They gave us a really good price. At the last assembly you gave me the honor of being the chairperson of the volunteer committee. I do need some people who are good at communication. In the next few months we will be keeping in touch with the other areas. It's going to be a little more than a year from now. We're going to start our campaign at PRAASA in Tucson. We're going to try to have announcements at all the assemblies in the Pacific Region. At the assembly Paul is going to give me a little bit of time. Aug 21-23 of 2020. Please try not to plan events in our area that conflict with that. You'll be taking people away from seeing what general service is all about. Folks from the general service office in New York and a few of the trustees come and they give us reports from all over the world. They let us be in rooms with them and have private conversations with them. David R told a story from the podium that brought tears to my eyes. He was at his office in NY and some guys came and the receptionist came into his office, there's some guys here from Jerusalem and they want to talk to you. He greeted them and had them come into the office. After talking for a few minutes, they told him we have open meetings and we would really like to get some big books in Arabic and he went ok, you're on the Israeli side of Jerusalem and you want Arabic books? They said they have friends that come over to our meetings at night and they don't read Israeli they read Arabic and they're from the

Palestinian side. Next year is the year of international. A lot of people will be going to Detroit and it will split up travel money. I would like to get some of your contact information if you would like to volunteer.

Member question – I heard about a really good price, but we didn't hear what that price is.

Phil - And you probably won't for awhile..

BODY LAUGHS

Phil – He says he thinks it will be around \$80.

2:20pm-2:35pm Break

Chris re opens with serenity prayer

The body voted in Lonnie as a new finance committee member. Passed unanimously.

Guideline changes presented by Finance Committee – 1st reading

5.2 Expenses/ funding for the Northern Area Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and Archivist:
A - NAGSC will fund the Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer to the Area Assembly and the Pacific Region of Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) and the Pacific Regional Forum if funding is not otherwise provided and funds are available. (amended 12-3-16)

Change to:

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(No discussion)

Funding GSRs to General Service Events – Presentation by Laura

Read from AA Guidelines on Finance

“A.A.’s far-flung Twelfth Step activities, carrying the message to the next sufferer, are the very lifeblood of our A.A. adventure. Without this vital activity, we would soon become anemic; we would literally wither and die. “Now where do A.A.’s services — worldwide, area, local — fit into our scheme of things? Why should we provide these functions with money? The answer is simple enough. Every single A.A. service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible, whether it be a group meeting place, a central or intergroup office to arrange hospitalization and sponsorship, or the world service Headquarters [now the General Service Office] to maintain unity and effectiveness all over the globe. “Though not costly, these service agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion — to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in

full strength — and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to foot the bill.” Bill W., October 1967 Grapevine

Today we will talk about a specific area of self-support, that of your groups funding your GSRs to General Service Events.

If you are here today, you already know the importance of the role a GSR plays in your group’s participation in AA’s General Service. I don’t need to preach to the choir. It is likely your group understands the importance of you being here also, but do they understand the importance of funding you to these events?

If it’s time to have that conversation with your group at your next business meeting, here are a couple of things to share with your members.

In the pamphlet, “The AA Group, Where It All Begins,” on page 22 under the duties of the GSR, it suggests you represent your group at District Meetings and Area Assemblies. Area 42 meets twice a year in Tonopah and 4 times a year in our respective North and South sub areas. Nagscs meetings are area committee meetings also called assemblies.

This an autonomous group decision and an opportunity to open a discussion about the importance of your group’s Concept 4 “Right of Participation.” Share your experience of what you gain from face to face sharing with other GSRs and committee members at these service events. We are still just one alcoholic talking to another and in General Service our focus is how our groups and districts can better achieve AA’s primary purpose.

If your group agrees that it is a priority to have representation at service meetings it will be time to turn the conversation to funding.

Referring back to the group pamphlet, under financial support it is suggested, “Current experience indicates that many groups provide financial support for their general service representatives to attend service functions.”

Ask your group to include your funding in the monthly expenses. Open a conversation about self-support at the group level. My experience in service meetings is that when a group decides that a service is necessary, the members find a way to fund that service.

Here are some ideas of how to help your group fund the GSR expenses.

If your group doesn’t work with an annual budget, perhaps it is time to do so. This can be as simple as making a list of monthly expenses. Your treasurer can help with this. These might include: rent, utilities, coffee, supplies, literature, etc. Add these numbers up and divide by 12 giving you a monthly expenditure. Now go back to your treasurer and ask for an average of 7th tradition contributions. Is your group meeting this number?

Now discuss with your group the estimated budget for the GSR to attend service meetings. It’s important to remember you are not helping your group to fund “you”. You are helping your group to have a plan to fund any GSR. Having this funding plan in place may be what inspires to next person to service. Remind your group that no one should be excluded from service opportunities because they “cannot afford it.”

- District Meetings

This expenses should be minimal.

- Nagsc Meetings

What expenses are associated with these meetings? When if Carson City or Reno, probably not, but certainly for those which are held in more remote districts such as this meeting today. Budget with the assumption you will have longer travel to at least 2 of the 4 Nagsc meetings. Nagsc offers mileage for travelers of more than 30 miles round trip but remember, we are stressing a group's achieving "Self-Support" for their own GSR.

- Area Assembly

Our weekend Assemblies in Tonopah are going to be the groups greatest expenses. From my experience as treasurer, most members can spend \$200 or less for Area Assembly.

Example of GSR Annual Travel Expenses

District Meetings	30.00
Nagsc Meetings	100.00
Area Assembly	400.00
Other	70.00
Total	600.00 ÷ 12 = 50.00 per month

How to raise \$50 per month

You will notice that I have not included Praasa in this list. As a GSR you do not have a vote there and do not represent your group. The information and fellowship you receive at this event cannot be undervalued. It will be up to your group if they want to include this once a year event in the GSRs funding. For the purpose of this conversation I am only suggesting funding ideas for those events that are required as a GSR.

Green Can

Have a speaker meeting/pot luck every other month with donations earmarked for the GSR fund (Remember, as long as you are receiving voluntary contribution from AA members, you are holding true to the 7th tradition!)

Designate on day per week, one week per month or one month per year as a special General Service day/week/month. Focus discussions on GS, pass our pamphlets and accept donations to your GSR fund. Have a district event that includes panel speakers on what a GSR is and does and take donations for a district fund to assist GSRs with travel.

Come up with your own ideas that work best for your group.

If you inform your group, decide by group conscience to make this a priority you can change, "we can't afford this" to "we got this!"

Area conference Committees Discussion - Presentation from Julie

My name is Julie and I presently serve as your Panel 69 Alternate Delegate. For any of you who are new, we rolled out new Area-wide Conference Committees. The concept was first introduced last year after Rhonda's second PRAASA as our Alternate Delegate. She told me that other areas have a strong system to prepare not only their current delegates, but also anyone who may be a future delegate, and asked me if we could roll out a new voluntary project. Rhonda was the SAGSC Chair and I was the NAGSC

Chair. Both SAGSC and NAGSC voted to participate and anyone who wanted to could sign-up and be placed on a committee. We created 13 committees that mirror the General Service Conference Committees - the committees that delegates serve on at the annual conference where decisions are made which effect Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. We called the committees "Area Conference Committees".

The Area Conference Committees are comprised of members from both the north and the south, randomly placed on one of the 13 committees. Our intention is two-fold. First, to help our Area grow in our understanding of what the General Service Conference does and how the committees work within our conference system. Secondly, and just as importantly, to build unity between the north and south. Most of us only see members from the other end of the state at our assemblies in Tonopah. Last year, the committees met via conference calls and learned what each of their committee's responsibilities were, who their contact at GSO was and many reviewed what their corresponding General Service Conference Committee recommended regarding their committee's agenda topics.

The north and south voted to continue this project for Panel 69. Rhonda (Delegate), Paul E (Chair), Jake S (At Chair/SAGSC Chair), Chris S (NAGSC Chair) and I (Alt Delegate) have rolled out the 13 committees again with new members representing both the north and south. Again, this project is completely voluntary. We asked current Standing Committee Chairs and Officers to chair the committees.

Why am I so excited about this project? I want all new GSRs to be better able to explain to your home groups what happens at the annual General Service Conference. To be able to understand the value in our Conference Agenda Topics, as well as your group's voice and responsibility. I want all new Standing Committee Chairs to feel unity within our entire area. To know your connection to the General Service Conference. But mostly, so that new members of our area's General Service structure will be better prepared to make yourselves available to stand for positions and ultimately for Area Delegate. You will have served on different committees on each panel and will have experience and knowledge and feel better prepared when you attend your first conference.

Rhonda, our Panel 69 Area Delegate, told me her vision for next year at the annual General Service Conference. She said that she would love to have feedback from all of the Area Conference Committees on the Conference Agenda Topics. She told me that even though only a few delegates sit on the Grapevine Committee with her, that many other delegates provided feedback from their areas on the Grapevine Agenda topics to the Grapevine Conference Committee Chair. They used every single piece of paper that was given to her chair. She wants to be able to give each of the 13 committees feedback from Nevada Area. For example, if there are three topics for public information, one of which is to review the PI Kit and workbook, she would love a report from the PI Area Conference Committee on all three, including reviewing the workbook. That way the PI Committee could review the workbook and the contents of the PI Kit. We will provide the committees with a short checklist of things she would like to hear about. Like, are the contents helpful in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic? Are the pamphlets relevant and current? Regarding the other topics, what does your committee think? If it is an item to "review", were they able to review the items from the background provided? If it is an item to "consider", what do you think? What are your opinions? If it is an item to "discuss", what are your thoughts?

From the pamphlet *Circles of Love*: "The General Service Conference serves as the group conscience for A.A. in the U.S. and Canada. The Conference meets for six days a year, yet the 135 or so Conference

members are active in Conference affairs throughout the year. Every A.A. group shares its experience with other groups through its area delegate to the Conference.”

This will help us to fulfill our responsibility of providing a voice from Area 42 to the Conference. This will help us to be more fully informed. But mainly, this will help Rhonda to better prepare for the General Service Conference and bring feedback from Area 42 to the Conference.

DCM's, Standing Committee Chairs, Officer Reports:

Alt Delegate (Julie C): My name is Julie and I have the privilege of serving as the Panel 69 Alternate Delegate for Nevada Area 42. Rhonda has shared with me all of the correspondence that she receives from GSO. I have been reading as much of the information that I can. She gets so many reports and minutes and memos. It truly is an honor to serve as your Alternate Delegate. I have learned so much, especially about how little I know.

Rhonda scanned all of the committee reports from the General Service Conference which include her hand-written notes. I have updated the folders for the Area Conference Committees. Some of the Committees have both a Trustee Committee and a Conference or Delegate Committee and some only have a corresponding Conference Committee. I have created a folder named 69th Report and placed the corresponding reports in your folders. I have the names of the volunteers from the last SAGSC meeting and after I get the new volunteers from the NAGSC meeting I will update the committees and send out an email notifying the Area Conference Committee Chairs. Hopefully early next week.

DCM Reports

District 2 (Joel B):

1. District 2 usually has 12-15 district members at monthly district meetings. We realize that we have unrepresented groups in our district and we have started visiting these unrepresented groups with the hope of encouraging their involvement in General Service. We visited one group last June and now they have a new GSR who came to our last district meeting.
2. District 2 continues to be financially stable and we have been helping with funding GSR's to attend area functions.
3. We have edited our guidelines to be more specific regarding who gets funded and the amount of funding available per GSR/alt-GSR. Only one voting member will be funded per group for assemblies. (i.e. If a GSR is attending an assembly and paying their own way, then the alt-GSR will not be funded by district). Also, amount of funding available per GSR/alt-GSR is \$50 which could be increased based on available funds.
4. Billy O. has stepped up to be the District 2 Archivist. Many thanks Billy!
5. District members would like to discuss mandatory reporting in meetings during our next district meeting so it is on the agenda for this month.

District 2 is exploring further fellowship building activities for the future. Thanks to all the members of District 2 who make our district great and thanks for the opportunity to be of service.

Joel B. DCM

District 4 (Dan M): First off, I would like to thank everyone in District 4 for showing up at meeting we have 6 to 10 groups showing up for the meeting. We have most all of our positions fill Amber S has stepped as the Alt DCM as she felt was holding to many positions and wanted let others have opportunity to be of service, Christine N. is now the Alt DCM.

At our last meeting we were talking about doing a work shop on Service and Sponsor ship, 7th tradition or H&I still working out the details on what it will be. We have money in the bank which is going to help get GSR and myself to get to Tonopah next month.

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service

Dan M, DCM District 4

District 6 (Drew H): Hello everyone, my name is Drew, an alcoholic, and I humbly serve Dist 6 as DCM. It is good to be at Gull Lake, and it is good to be sober today. Dist 6 meets on the 2nd Sunday of the even numbered months at the Alano Club in Carson City. We are active and healthy district. It has been busy in all aspects of my life this summer, including Alcoholics Anonymous. Back in June, Dist 6 hosted our annual Founders Day Picnic in Genoa. The weather was perfect as was the venue...largest attendance in recent memory. Good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

I was asked by the Southshore grp to participate in a Secretary Workshop, where many questions and ideas were discussed. I was taken aback with the desire of those present to better carry the message of hope and recovery at their home grp.

Our dist 6 Committee Chairs have been busy this summer as well. Our Dist Grapevine rep Elise F, along with NAGSC Grapevine Rep Mark, put together a Grapevine Story Writing Workshop up at the lake in July. Pat S shared his vast experience as well.

Our Dist 6 C & T chair, Ed S, hosted a Treatment Panel for the Facilities in the Carson City area, raising awareness of the need of volunteers to take meetings in to these facilities.

I've been asked and will be presenting a "Hot August 12 Traditions Study Group Nights" on Wednesday nights at the Carson City Alano Club. 7-9pm, 4 weeks, 3 traditions per week...love studying traditions! I have flyers.

At The fall assembly, we hope to produce an updated and more accurate map of the district boundaries. As busy as my life is, making time for General Service keeps me centered,(and its the only time I get to see my sponsor, it seems)

God Bless, and hope to see you all at Assembly

I love my Home Grp, I love you guys, and I love Alcoholics Anonymous

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Drew H

District 8 (Julie D): First of all on behalf of district 8 I want to thank everyone for coming here. Summer has really kicked off it's been great. All our meetings have really started to rock. We have lots of events are going on. Today, Betten is having their annual potluck at 4 pm. It's really fun. WE also have our 43rd annual campout Aug 23-35 in Mammoth Lakes. We have the whole group site at Shady Rest. Online there are flyers (eastern sierra AA or mammoth lakes AA). Big Pine has a campout Labor Day weekend. If

she gets a flyer, she will send it out to everyone. There's a new meeting Bishop on Saturday mornings. We have a unity ride that's been going so we can go to the smaller areas. One of our concerns has been trying to reach out to the Hispanic community. We're thinking of having a PI in Bishop and Mammoth first. They've also discussed having a workshop. Women's retreat in big pine – November 1, hope it will be annual.

District 10a (Julie):

Hello everyone,

I'm Julie and I am the new DCM for District 10A since May 19th when our old DCM Ronnie stepped down.

To begin, I'd like to say thank you to my district and everyone here for this opportunity to be of service. It has been a wonderful experience so far. On March 1-3,2019 I attended the PRAASA in Irvine California. It was amazing to see so many people from all over the globe and learn about the workings and planning of AA at a higher level. The panels were all so fun and informative.

On March 17th we held our St. Patty's day Corned beef and Cabbage fundraiser. We had a lot of fun. My sponsor and I along with a few other district members attended the Reno Spring Festival April 26-28. Another wonderful, fun experience. June 15th was our Founders day picnic in the Elko city park. It was my first event as DCM. We had lots of fun and fellowship. (And chicken)!

This July 26-28 we held our annual Serenity in the Rubies campout in Lee, Nevada because our regular spot was burned in a fire last summer. It was beautiful though and I was able to attend for a couple of hours Saturday morning. I could not stay as I had to work.

Finally, I am looking forward to our Area 42 assembly in Tonopah in September and the Oasis Festival in Fallon in October. Once again, Thank you. Good day.

District 10b, Dark

District 12 (Shelby B): No Report

District 14 (Steve L):

District 14 – AREA 42 – North Lake Tahoe Basin, Sierra County North – Sierra City, Sierraville and Loyalton along Highway 49. We have 11 Registered Groups plus 1 A.A. meeting, Totaling 56 A.A. meetings in District. We have 7 Registered GSRs, nearly 2/3 of all Groups in D14 Represented!

District 14 Website is NorthTahoeAA.Com and our District 14 Committee meetings are held every Odd Month, 3RD Wednesday, from 5:30pm to 6:50pm.

District 14 Annual Jamboree was held August 25th at the Truckee Regional Park and the event was a Kick in the Pants.

TITYPAA, our District YPAA Group recently put in a BID for the 2020 SWACYPAA Conference where Santa Barbara was awarded to host the upcoming Conference. Our very own Area 42 Delegate, Rhonda F. was the Saturday Night opening Speaker at the 2019 SWACYPAA. Great Conference – Lots of Panels, including a Panel on General Service where our Past Delegate, Phil W. was one of the Speakers. SWACYPAA is a Registered 501 (c) (3) Nonprofit Organization.

District 14 is going through some Guideline and Financial Changes where we have (2) Ad-hoc Committees formed to present information to the Groups to have the Group's Vote on changes,

additions, ideas, etc. to Their District 14 Guidelines.

District 14 recently eliminated District 14 Officer Votes where, only Group GSRs are the Voting Members at the District Level.

District 14 will be hosting our Quarterly Speaker Meeting sometime in the Fall – look for more information to come.

Group One will be having their Annual Holiday Party, typically early December where the event is a Pot Luck, Speaker Meeting, look for that flyer soon to come... The Food is Off the Hook...

I am hoping that in the near future, that District 14 can meet up with other District's in the Area to possibly host a panel event or speaker meeting in regards to General Service and how AWESOME it is to be a part of GENERAL SERVICE!!! Everyone here is Super Awesome in my book...

Steve L. aka Scooby Doo

District 16 (Andrea B): Hello Northern Area, my name is Andrea and I'm an alcoholic. District 16 has had many changes these past months. We were grateful to have Barbara M as our DCM. In June Barbara resigned and Andrea B became our DCM. Barbara was then elected as Treasurer. In July our group elected a new Grapevine Representative Kimmie. We are working on building up our District again and keeping our eyes open for new GSR's. In service, Andrea B

District 20 (Jay S): Hello everybody and sorry I could not attend this meeting. District 20 has been hard at work planning our District camp out and hope to see you all there. The whole weekend only costs \$50.00 and includes food and everything. My friend Julie has flyers and they are also available at the NNIG web site. Thank you so much for allowing me to be of service and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

District 22 (Tony A): We are holding our business meeting the first Thursday of the month. 3rd Thursday of the month, traditions study. We are going to be having a couple meetings in September to elect a support committee to help the Spanish convention in Vegas. There will be another meeting to elect the new service people for Hispanic congress. This next year is going to be difficult. We are also going to elect a new committee coordinator for a new International Convention. The district received \$715 from the convention and they will be sending \$715 to NAGSC. In our District mtg we also talked about contributions and they decided they will contribute \$300/yr to the Area. This panel we are not going to take a penny from the area. This last Tonopah all the GSR's were self-supporting through their groups.

Chair Reports

Chairperson (Chris S): This summer, as far as AA is concerned, has been pretty quiet in comparison to other years. One thing I'm looking forward to is the campout that district 20 is having in August. I have attended one in the past and it was wonderful. If I remember correctly there was a lake right across the street. I am also looking forward to the new conference committees and hoping they will flourish and grow. We can learn so much more and be able to carry a much larger message as a NAGSC community. We've had some changes in a couple of positions lately but those always get taken care of by someone else who would like to be of service. So as I sit here at the computer writing this I realize where has the

summer gone. For the last 22 months my wife and I have been raising our now 6-year-old grandson, who is soon to go home in 1 week thanks to a program of recovery in Reno. We have also been building an addition on the back of our home for my mother who is alone and at that age where money is running out. Then of course a full-time job to top it off. Shall we call this life on life's terms? Sure, I will and one thing I do know is that is that without recovery, unity and service none of this would have been possible. You individuals who I call my family keep me tied to this wonderful program and keep me in the middle of the herd.....safe. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to you. Chris S. NAGSC Chair

Area 42 Chair (Paul E): Hi I'm Paul alcoholic and your Area 42 Chair. I hope all of you are enjoying this summer. We have a very busy upcoming Area 42 Fall Assembly coming up September 6th – 8th in Tonopah. We will have a full Area Delegate's report and a report from our Pacific Region Trustee Kathi F. Some 1st and 2nd reading of some proposals. Please read the Area 42 newsletter that will be coming out after next week. We will also be hearing some reports from our General Service Conference Committees if you have volunteered to be on one of these committees you should be contacted soon from one of the Co-Chairs. I hope to see you all soon in Tonopah.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area 42 Chair, Paul

Treasurer (Laura J):

Reports Available

- Profit and Loss to date
- Balance Sheet to date
- Group Contributions Receipts
- List of Contribution Addresses E & S

Financial Data

- Savings 1253.44
- Checking 6597.80

I want to thank all groups and individuals for your contributions to the Northern Area fund.

We have two more service meetings to fund for the remainder of this budget year, this meeting and the Fall Assembly. Your contributions continue to help with those events and with the events that come at the start of the next year.

The finance committee will be sending our budget request forms to the officers and standing chairs of Nagsc in the next month. Please fill those out and return so that we can begin putting together the budget for 2020.

I am passing around the form to request mileage funding for travel to this meeting. As a reminder, this is for officers and standing chairs, who rely solely on Nagsc for funding and who travel greater than 30 miles one way to this event. We also offer assistance for DCMs and GSRs, only if your District or group cannot fully fund you.

I will be giving a presentation later today with some ideas on improving GSR funding within our groups.

Yours in service today and every day,

Laura

Secretary (Noel C): Thank you all for your service! Please continue to send your reports to me. If you're able to send them at least 24 hours in advance to the meeting that works best so I know who has sent me reports going in to the meeting. Please let me know if anyone still needs to be added to the email list. Also, keep an eye out for last names in your reports since we scrub the minutes of those.

Archivist (Lyle C):

Hello everyone,

Gabriel, Alt Area Archivist, and the southern area archives committee continues to work on organizing and improving our Area Archives, which are located in the Las Vegas Central Office. Please remember to give me copies of your district or group business minutes, event flyers and any other historical documents that you want maintained in your area district binders. I have brought District 8's binder, so please take a minute to look at it.

In June of this year a new archives checklist was released on aa.org. It has sections on What are archives?, Getting Started, Accession (which are Controls), Arrangements, Facilities, Electronic Records, Preservation & Storage and Reference Services. This will not only be helpful for Area 42 archives, but also for any district or group archives. We have a lot to learn about storing and preserving our archives. The new archives book, **Our Great Responsibility**, is available now for \$10. This book contains never before published transcripts of archived audio recordings of Bill W. addressing the General Service Conference, as well as more than sixty photographs and other images from the A.A. Archives. For more information, visit the [A.A.W.S. Online Bookstore](#).

Yours in Service, Lyle C

Public Information (Andrea B): Hello Northern Area, my name is Andrea and I'm an alcoholic. I spoke with a representative of the Washoe County Libraries to ask them what books they have available for the public to check out. They currently have 6 Big Books, 1 Spanish Big Book, 1 Audio version and 2 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

I am available to visit your District meetings to give a presentation to the GSRs in your District on how to get involved with Public Information and how we reach the still suffering alcoholic. Please call me and make arrangements for a visit that would be most welcomed.

Thank you, Andrea B

Treatment/Bridging the Gap (Ed S):

My name is Ed and I am an alcoholic, grateful to serve A.A. and sobriety-seeking alcoholics as treatment and bridging the gap chair for northern Area 42. The treatment and bridging the gap committees include A.A. members throughout northern Nevada in communities with and without treatment facilities. Service opportunities generally are through the Bridging the Gap program, meetings inside treatment facilities, and Orientation to A.A. at Bristlecone TF and Carson Tahoe Behavioral Health Services TF.

Bridging the Gap presentations and temporary contact coordination occurs at several treatment facilities in Reno/Sparks (NNIG districts 2, 4 and 16), Carson City (district 6) and Fallon (district 12). DCMs and committed volunteers serve as temporary contact coordination in "rural" North Tahoe, South Tahoe, Elko and Susanville and nearby (more or less) communities (districts 6, 14, 10a, 20). Recently a member in Battle Mountain volunteered to serve as temporary contact by phone with a newcomer destined for West Wendover after departing treatment in Fallon's New Frontiers TF. Temporary contact coordination occurs far and wide in Northern Nevada's communities, with the willingness, patience, love and prayers of many committed members.

BTG volunteers serve as presenters, speakers, temporary contacts and coordinators. Opportunities to serve are always open. Participation is tremendous in Northern Nevada. The Bridging the Gap Committee roster for Northern Nevada outside Reno/Sparks was updated in July with about one hundred temporary contacts on the call list. (The NNIG BTG Chair maintains the roster for Reno/Sparks.) Information about service opportunities and volunteer needs for treatment facility services is announced at NNIG H&I and South Tahoe H&I committee meetings, District 6 committee meetings, and various group meetings in District 6 and often through the Bracer newsletter, and circulation of flyers at meetings and through emails sent by our NAGSC and district secretaries. The June 23 treatment facility service workshop in Carson City with presentations for Orientation to A.A., Bridging the Gap, and meetings inside TF's at treatment facilities attracted new volunteers for all three services.

Committed volunteers in Elko, Carson City, Fallon and nearby towns take meetings inside to clients at the treatment facilities in their community. The NNIG Treatment chair announces need for A.A. volunteers for inside meetings where treatment facilities are willing to have them. Not all treatment facilities do. A.A. volunteers are needed for inside meeting service at some TFs in Reno and Sparks. The NNIG alternate treatment chair has cooperated with Vitality Unlimited Carson City to start inside A.A. meetings with volunteers from District 6. Vitality Unlimited would like to add more inside meetings, so more A.A. volunteers are needed.

Orientation to A.A. has a new volunteer to coordinate and join the still serving presenters for the weekly presentations at Bristlecone TF in Reno. A coordination meeting will be held August 2. Orientation to A.A. continues to hold weekly presentations with sufficient volunteers for now at Carson Tahoe Behavioral Health Services TF.

New volunteers are provided suggested A.A. materials for the service position involving TFs and clients. The materials include reproduction of A.A. guidelines from the Treatment Committee workbook, suggested and relevant pamphlets, and the shared guidance orally and written from past and serving experienced committee members. Having served as NAGSC chair and in other A.A. service positions in TFs for a while, I feel better prepared to make presentations on service opportunities at district, group and other A.A. meetings in northern Nevada. I am glad I get to grow in fellowship with you in months ahead. I am excited to go to the NAGSC Meeting in June Lake. My wife and I will visit Yosemite N.P. on Sunday. Thank you for letting me be in service.

Intergroup Liaison (Pat S):

Elections were held June 4. NNIG bylaws specify no other business can be held on election night. No more than one person made themselves available each various office, therefore all elections were by acclamation. Here are the results:

- Chair Paul M.
- Vice Chair Jami F.

- Secretary Sharon L. (elected at July meeting)
- Treasurer Kathy A.
- Intergroup/Steering Committee (2 positions)
 - Mike
 - Brian D. (elected at July meeting)
 - Answering Service Brian A.
 - Public Information Chris H.
- CPC Ben M.
- Corrections Charlotte C.
- Treatment Ryan S.
- Sunshine Stacy P.
- BTG Couleen
- Bracer Barbara M.
- Speaker Meeting Chap S.
- Activities Tina G.
- Web Master Marshal H

It was decided to put all minutes and treasury reports online (nnig.org), not in the Bracer newsletter.

I have been working with Paul, the NNIG chair, on plans to hold a workshop to delve into how Intergroup and General Service work as partners and what more can be done to accomplish this. Former Area Chair Phil W. has volunteered to represent General Service. Paul offered to have the meeting at Intergroup's Central Office in Sparks. A couple of possible dates are being considered with a decision possibly to be reached at the next NNIG meeting, next Tuesday.

"Bracer" needs stories of LOCAL recovery.

NNIG holds a monthly speaker meeting at the Silver Legacy in Reno. Upcoming speakers: Regina M. from Reno (August 10), Bubbas Q. from Reno (Sept. 9, Katie H. of Orangevale, CA (Oct. 12).

NNIG Gratitude Dinner is Nov. 16 at the Atlantis. Folks living outside the Reno/Sparks area can make reservations by phone at (775) 355-1151.

NNIG Archives committee will present the Emmy award-winning documentary "Bill W. ...the Creative Force Behind Alcoholics Anonymous" Aug. 10, 1-4 p.m. at the Sparks Alano Club.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

GSR Survival Manual/Trainer (Tinna O): No Report

Cooperation with the Professional Community (Samantha G): My name is Samantha G. and I am an alcoholic. I am thrilled to serve as this rotation's CPC committee chair!

I am excited to be invited to present at District 6 on August 11th in Carson City. Thank you District 6! If your District or Group would like a presentation or workshop, please invite your CPC Committee!

Tom A. who serves as Alt. Delegate and California Northern Interior Area 07 CPC/PI Chair, had invited Area 42 to share the experience, a table, and costs of a conference in South Lake Tahoe. The conference

is the California Probation, Parole, and Correctional Association and will be held on August 27-29; which is a Tuesday through Thursday. The non-profit rate is \$900 for the booth and registration, including meals. This conference is a way to reach professionals and get them the CPC information first hand. Even splitting the costs would be very expensive so I looked into ways to cut that down before I made a formal request for funding and I had secured a free place to stay during the conference. There was some miscommunication and due to costs the conference being in the middle of a work week, I will not be requesting funding. However, we may be reaching out to some of you closer to South Lake Tahoe to help out by participating in an AA meeting for professionals during the conference.

If you know of any non-AA gatherings your CPC Committee could set up and share AA information with professionals, please let me know. I'm starting to contact professionals to see if AA can be of service. I'll let you know what I find.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. In love and service, Samantha

Respectfully submitted by Samantha G., Northern Area 42 Corrections Chair

Registrar (Tony A): He stated that it has been very quiet. Unsure if that's good or bad.

Finance Chair (Nancy W): No Report

Corrections (Pat B):

The NAGSC Corrections Committee is responsible for coordinating service for 5 State of California facilities, 3 California County facilities, 8 State of Nevada facilities, 7 Nevada County facilities, and one Federal Facility. Every District throughout the NAGSC geography has at least one correctional facility.

A.A. has a presence in most of the facilities throughout the NAGSC geography. Service work is coordinated through District level H&I, or C&T, committees. The NAGSC Corrections Committee focus has been on facilities where A.A. currently has no presence, and among those, we are concentrating on a few facilities that have contacted us and requested A.A. meetings in their facilities. The primary function, and challenge, of the Committee Chair is finding willing and eligible A.A. volunteers to staff meetings in facilities and guide the volunteers through the facility security process and subsequent required training. A pertinent point related to volunteers is that having been incarcerated is Not a requirement for Corrections Service work. We need not share experience on getting to or being in prison. Inmates already know the path to prison. Our goal is to show them the path to freedom.

Our current priorities and related Districts follow:

Districts 2, 4, and 16

The State of Nevada Northern Nevada Transitional Housing facility located in Reno has requested our help in establishing a meeting in their facility. The target timing for the meeting is Sundays at 10AM. We had three volunteers complete the training a few months ago but have had a need for more volunteers to establish the meeting. We now have additional volunteers scheduled to complete the State's training on August 15th.

Washoe County Detention Facility, (Parr Blvd.). Men's and Women's A.A. meetings are taking place in this facility with a bare bones volunteer staff; one man and only a few women. Two women's meetings and one men's meeting take place weekly. We had a number of volunteers complete the county's

training months ago. We are awaiting word from the county on final security clearance for those applicants who completed the training. The County has now scheduled a new training session date for new volunteers on Saturday August 17th, 8AM, at the County training facility on Parr Blvd.

Service work for these facilities is being coordinated in conjunction with Northern Nevada Intergroup Corrections Chair Charlotte C.

Districts 10A, 10B

State of Nevada facility Wells Conservation Camp contacted A.A. and requested our assistance in establishing a meeting in their facility. At the local direction of A.A. Joe H., we are searching for volunteers to staff this request. We have two additional volunteers pending one of whom made himself available at the Area Assembly Conference Committee gathering this past April. Joe has found a third volunteer. Our number two volunteer is scheduled to complete his training on August 15th so it is possible that an A.A. meeting at this facility could start in the near future.

Other Pending Opportunities

In District 20, Susanville, a previously established meeting at State of California facility High Desert State Prison went dark due to lack of volunteers. We would appreciate any and all help in finding members willing to participate in corrections service. In addition to High Dessert State Prison, there are three other State of CA facilities and two county facilities throughout the District 20 geography. I work in conjunction with the Northern California H&I service structure in effort to coordinate volunteer development in District 20.

Corrections Correspondence Service, (CCS)

Seems momentum throughout the NAGSC area is picking up with a few recent volunteers requesting CCS information. CCS is one of the corrections committees most valuable efforts. This service connects an incarcerated alcoholic who has requested our help with a sober A.A. member on the outside through the mail. The only requirement for participating in this service is the willingness to write about one letter per month and share recovery experience, strength, and hope. So any A.A. member who is willing, is eligible to participate.

Submitted: Pat B, NAGSC Corrections Committee Chair

DCM Coordinator (Anne Y): – Our district meetings are going really well. Thank you all for showing up.

Accessibilities/ Remote Communities (not filled): No Report

Grapevine: No Report

Area 42 Newsletter editor (Gabe S): No Report

Area 42 Webmaster (Mike L) – Hello everyone my name is Mike and I am an alcoholic serving as the area web servant. It is great honor and privilege to be able to serve in this capacity. The area website nevadaarea42.org is important information tool for our area. The Website is like a recovering alcoholic not perfect but always striving to do better. The Area members aren't shy to point out the website character defects and I strive to correct them quickly as possible. Since our last meeting the communications committee, which is charged with the duty of finding anonymity breaks on the website

such as last names, personal email addresses, personal phone numbers. We actually only found only a few from 2016 and 2017 and they have been corrected on the website. Also the help of Diana M from District 1 in the south begun the updating the Spanish language documents on the website. I am so grateful for the help making the site equal as possible for both the Spanish and English-speaking members. You can find my contact information on the roster or email me at webmaster@nevadaarea42.org and thankful being able to serve.

7th Tradition \$153

District Hosting December 7 meeting: District 6 (Gardnerville)

Motion to close

Seconded

AA Members state responsibility statement.