

**NAGSC Business Meeting**

**Date: December 7, 2019**

Location: Gardnerville

**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**

**Approval of August 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**

**Laura presents Budget to be approved**

DAN MAKES MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGET

MOTION SECONDED

DISCUSSION

Dan: With the 9200 plus the 5000 the total travel expenses are..

Laura: We did some tweaking to add in the forum and I think that's why its not adding up correctly

\$13,125 is the total travel cost

Travel to NAGSC is considered a NAGSC meeting expense

(get rid of the 9200?) 43L disappears

Andrea: At area assembly, the area voted to fully fund the delegate to the general service conference so I think we should discuss removing that from our budget (line 53)

Laura: This is a good time for us to discuss leaving that in or taking it out.

Drew: Area 42 has its own budget/treasury not affiliated with NAGSC its separate, they can pay for their own delegate to go to New York. If we do that its because we have extra money to do that.

Dan: Apart from what area sent, has NAGSC historically contributed to that money?

Laura: Yes, historically NAGSC and SAGSC have contributed.

Julie c: We have historically contributed, but the area has excess funds.

But it is also about participation but my opinion is that area has a whole lot of funds that they haven't decided what to do with yet.

Paul: There was discussion when the budget came up and one of the things mentioned was that area could give NAGSC some money to help them out, one of the ways that could help NAGSC would be if they did not contribute this money and my opinion is not to contribute those funds this year.

Tinna: I believe the reason its not in the guidelines is so that the body can make this decision.

Will: Area said the best way to help us would be to get rid of this.

Laura gets sense of the body – who would like us to change item 53 to 0

Against – no one  
Everyone for

Amber: The archivist did submit a budget but there was no line item for it, his budget was for \$400.

Lyle: Archivist submits a budget every other rotation for the alternate, he was asked to give one so he gave one.

Julie: It's for his district visits, the area doesn't fund those visits.

Laura: I'm hearing to add additional \$200 for archivist on line 37.

2 against adding this

Pat: Question – could you clarify line 7 what are other entities?

Laura: This is the way the QuickBooks was set up before I got it, when a member of AA makes a contribution to nagsc, it's a separate line item.

Andrea: I don't have a computer, so I was hoping to get a sheet thru the mail, can we add 120 to the PI budget for visiting to districts.

Line 29 to \$720

Julie D: For the committee chairs to go to PRAASA, how much are giving each chair?

Laura: There are 9 committee chairs, we are capping it at \$500

Pat: line items 45 it appears as if line item 45 and the finance committee made a one-time exception to add funding to forum. PRAASA this year is very expensive. So what we've got is a 500 cap for PRAASA

and a pending idea that the leftover money can be used for forum. I would like to toss out an idea – if we have set 500 for chairs for PRAASA, what about giving the chairs the of using it money for the forum instead of PRAASA? Which could save us money and give them the discretion to choose which one to attend.

Amber: The forum is in our guidelines, it is the last priority E and not even the GSR's or DCM's are funded

Pat: it is an unusual year, what is the best use of our money?

Laura: I had a good conversation with Lonnie, he wanted me to remind the body of when we allot a cap of 500 to a standing committee to go to PRAASA, that money is not necessarily belonging to the corrections person to do with as that person wants to. The funding belongs to the NAGSC body. I think that it is not a good idea as a member of NAGSC and finance committee. I think that discourages people from going to PRAASA and I don't think we should do that. I think we can accommodate both. The excess funds should be left to the finance committee that's why you have a finance committee.

Dan: What was the increase for standing committee chairs from last year? For PRAASA...

Amber: 25% increase for officers and 60% increase for standing committee.

Dan: Now were spending more money after we asked the groups for more money.

Laura: We got a lot of feedback that they wanted us to better fund the standing chairs, the only factor that changes each year is PRAASA and that is dependent on location

Julie C: I'm thinking that there are three issues that were talking about and its overlapping.

Amber: Providing funding to PRAASA is not providing a service to NAGSC.

Samantha: We are not trying to build up a huge amount of money, when we have the money we need to spend it to break even.

Billy: We talked about better funding the committee chairs; we increased our funding to get more funding for committee chairs

Pat: I ask that we take a consensus on pat b's idea

Member: This is new to me that they can promise a group how their 7<sup>th</sup> tradition will be used at the NAGSC level.

Paul: I think the number should be higher than 500, I would have anyone revert back to the assumption page, if there is leftover funds it would take care of the forum, that does give the committee chair the ability to say ok I want go to praasa so the money will go to toward the forum budget.

Laura: We will probably not fully fund anyone to forum.

Joyce: Do we want to up or down but maybe not amplifying those possibilities. Some groups help more some districts help more, can it be flexible enough that maybe 200 more would be given to the struggling?

Paul: The committee chairs don't get funded by groups or districts.

Laura sense of body on \$500

Majority is for

Laura: As a body do you want to do any funding for forum? Sense of body

Julie: I feel like the area gets a whole lot more support from going to PRAASA, and forum is a luxury. I know were hosting it but I don't know what were getting out of the forum. We're trying to look good but what are the groups going to get from that? What comes out of going to the forum?

Joyce: I got a bridge between us and them. The general service people and friendliness.

Dan: We all know people in vegas, you can be of service to the forum through our area, I'm on members of advisory boards and I don't get reimbursed I'm going to be of service.

Pat B: I have not been as emotionally touched and motivated after the forum. At PRAASA I hear a lot of member opinions, when I attend a forum I am hearing factual information. Their experience is not limited and is limitless.

Julie D: I made a recommendation that we send people to the forum and not PRAASA. It makes me a better AA member. I'm upset that praasa is at a resort. I want to boycott that.

Paul: I have a suggestion – line item 53 that we made 0 earlier that we take that 1200 and divide it proportionally between those

Laura: line item 56 is now going to read -4070 so the 25 would be increased to 50

Sense of body – in favor

Laura: The finance committee will meet after PRAASA and by the June meeting this is how much we can offer each person.

Pat: This is a one-time exception since it's a special year and I think the committee chairs should be able to decide whether to go to PRAASA or forum –

Will: Forum is on the bottom of the funding and I've been involved with The finance committee for 5 years and we never even put on the budget before and the funds just aren't there.

Amber: PRAASA is in march and forum is in august.

Laura: What does this mean if a standing chair turns in a bill for \$500 since forum is cheap, will we just pay that \$500? This raises a lot of questions on a practical level.

Jake: As a group member, I have a real problem with you giving \$500 to any member?

Laura: thinks there will be funds for both and I think we are setting a dangerous precedent

Dan: I believe we have a finance committee and I trust your decisions.

Joyce: I think we are losing sight that its one time and not setting a precedent.

Mike: We're all in agreement on PRAASA, why don't we visit this come June and see what we can do?

SENSE OF BODY

In favor – 19

Opposed – 16

10 MINUTE BREAK

**2:20pm-2:35pm Break**

**Chris re opens with serenity prayer**

LAURA GOES THROUGH LINE ITEMS AS AMENDED

**VOTE TO APPROVE BUDGET**

FOR

OPPOSED 2

**MOTION PASSES**

## NAGSC Recommended Budget for 2020 (previous 2017, 2018 and partial 2019)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	
1	Final Passed Dec 7, 2						INCOME AND EXPENSE 2017, 2018 AND 2019		PREVIOUS	PREVIOUS	PREVIOUS	Proposed
2								2017 Jan - Dec	2018 Jan - Dec	2019 Jan - to date	2020 Jan - Dec	
3	<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>											
4							<b>Income</b>				<input type="checkbox"/>	
5							4001 · 7th tradition	\$558.00	\$604.22	\$804.78	\$675.00	
6							4002 · Contribution Income	\$12,184.11	\$11,857.37	\$13,844.92	\$12,750.00	
7							4003 · Income from Other Entities	\$0.00	\$215.61	\$446.33	\$300.00	
8							<b>Total Income - Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$12,742.11</b>	<b>\$12,677.20</b>	<b>\$15,096.03</b>	<b>\$13,725.00</b>	
9							<b>Expense</b>					
10							66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	-\$35.50				
11							7004 · NAGSC Meetings					
12							Fuel Reimbursment	\$1,191.70	\$2,787.28	\$1,491.10	\$1,600.00	
13							Rent	\$450.00	\$856.60		\$400.00	
14							7004 · NAGSC Meetings - Other	\$61.78				
15							<b>Total 7004 · NAGSC Meetings</b>	<b>\$1,703.48</b>	<b>\$3,643.88</b>	<b>\$1,491.10</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	
16							8000 · Standing Committee Expense					
17							Correction			\$545.14	\$380.00	
18							CPC				\$0.00	
19							DCM Trainer				\$0.00	
20							Grapevine				\$0.00	
21							GSR Training	\$153.29			\$0.00	
22							Intergroup				\$100.00	
23							Other	\$20.00	\$190.25			
24							PI Committee	\$310.97	\$200.00	\$72.27	\$120.00	
25							Accessibilities & Remote Communities	\$84.52			\$0.00	
26							Treatment	\$214.33	\$325.71	\$46.00	\$120.00	
27							<b>Total 8000 · Standing Committee Expense</b>	<b>\$783.11</b>	<b>\$715.96</b>	<b>\$274.69</b>	<b>\$720.00</b>	
28							8050 · Bank Service Charges	\$51.00	\$4.00			
29							8054 · Office expenses					
30							Chair				\$150.00	
31							Secretary		\$518.58	\$41.36	\$100.00	
32							Treasurer	\$170.58	\$219.41		\$100.00	
33							Archivist				\$200.00	
34							8054 · Office expenses - Other NAGSC Secretary	\$0.00	\$59.18	\$17.47	\$0.00	
35							<b>Total 8054 · Office expenses</b>	<b>\$170.58</b>	<b>\$797.17</b>	<b>\$58.83</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>	
36							8056 · Tax Preparation	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	
37							8090 · Travel					
38							FALL ASSEMBLY	\$2,166.58	\$2,563.61	\$2,199.49	\$2,500.00	
39							SPRING ASSEMBLY	\$2,010.78	\$2,568.63	\$2,373.27	\$2,500.00	
40							<b>TOTAL 8090 Total Assembly</b>	<b>\$4,177.36</b>	<b>\$5,132.24</b>	<b>\$4,572.76</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	
41							PRAASA					
42							Committee Chairs	\$2,265.41	\$858.49	\$1,935.11	\$4,500.00	
43							DCMs	\$100.00			\$350.00	
44							GSR	\$350.00	\$122.00	\$50.00	\$350.00	
45							Officers	\$779.25	\$571.93	\$1,112.44	\$2,000.00	
46							<b>Total PRAASA</b>	<b>\$3,494.66</b>	<b>\$1,552.42</b>	<b>\$3,097.55</b>	<b>\$7,200.00</b>	
47							Pacific Regional Forum					
48							Committee Chairs	n/a	\$0.00	n/a	\$450.00	
49							DCMs	n/a	\$0.00	n/a	\$250.00	
50							GSR	n/a	\$0.00	n/a	\$900.00	
51							Officers	n/a	\$0.00	n/a	\$250.00	
52							<b>Total Pacific Regional Forum</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>\$1,850.00</b>	
53							<b>Total 8090 · Travel Total</b>	<b>\$7,672.02</b>	<b>\$6,684.66</b>	<b>\$7,670.31</b>	<b>\$14,050.00</b>	
54							8500 · General Service Conference Fee	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	
55							<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$11,744.69</b>	<b>\$13,245.67</b>	<b>\$10,844.93</b>	<b>\$17,520.00</b>	
56							(Income minus expense equals net income)					
57							<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$997.42</b>	<b>-\$568.47</b>	<b>\$4,251.10</b>	<b>-\$3,795.00</b>	

## **Guideline changes presented by Finance Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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### **MOTION TO ACCEPT MADE BY DAN**

Seconded

No discussion

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **YOUNG PEOPLES STANDING COMMITTEE – Presentation by Dan**

SENSE OF BODY – MAJORITY IN FAVOR

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER AT LARGE NEEDED**

Carol Nominated and Accepts

BODY APPROVES CAROL

### **Presentation on Regional Forums - Paul**

What Are Regional Forums?

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack N, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure. You can go to the General Service Office web site [aa.org](http://aa.org) for more information. Each of the regions in the U.S. and Canada have a Regional Forum every other year. In 2020 it will be time for the Pacific Region to have our Regional Forum and Area 42 will have the pleasure of hosting it. The Pacific Regional Forum will be in Las Vegas at the Westgate Casino on August 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will need volunteers to help, so anyone planning on attending please contact Phil W. if you wish to help out. Thanks, Paul

### **Presentation on Conference Committees - Julie**

#### **Each Area Conference Committee**

- Corresponds to a General Service Conference (GSC) committee

- Under the leadership of our officers, chairs and/or liaisons, will work together to become knowledgeable on the GSC agenda topics for their committee.
- Will have members representing both the North and the South, which will allow us to meet and serve with members from both ends of the state.
- Will recommend to the delegate one or more topics from their committee to be presented (however, a committee may decide not to recommend any topics).
- Will provide the presenter(s) for the topic(s) chosen by the delegate to be presented at either the roundtables or the assembly.

### **Area Conference Committee Chairs – To Do**

#### **BEFORE January 31<sup>st</sup>**

- Contact members of committee via email or phone to confirm their participation.
- Create a free conference call account to be used for your committee.
- Ensure you and your committee have access to your folder on the 2020 Agenda Items google drive.
- Determine who will be participating in the summarization of agenda items (*no previous experience needed* – we will provide mentors).

#### **BETWEEN Feb 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Ensure you have enough resources to summarize all agenda topics in your conference committee (ask for help if you need it).
- Coordinate with the alternate delegate that all topics are summarized by the deadline.
- Decide, as a committee, which topics to recommend to the delegate to be presented at either the roundtables or assembly.
- Send your recommendations to the delegate and alternate delegate; if your committee chooses more than one topic, please prioritize your choices.
- Determine who will present their topic(s). Could be individual or team presentation.

#### **BETWEEN Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mar 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Coordinate discussion and consensus within your committee on all 2020 GSC Agenda Topics for your specific Committee.
- Write a short report for the Area Assembly on behalf of your committee.
- Ask GSRs within our Area to provide feedback to you on any of your agenda topics.
- Provide feedback to the Delegate to bring to the General Service Conference on behalf of your committee and Area 42, as a whole.

## 2020 Pre-Conference Due Dates

Due to the Committees		Due from the Committee	
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Receive <u>List</u> of Agenda Topics	February 20 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Summarizations</u> Due to Area Alternate Delegate
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Receive <u>Background</u> Information in English for all Agenda Topics	February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Agenda Topic <u>Presentation</u> Recommendations Due to Area Delegate
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Delegate announces which Agenda Topic <u>Presentations</u> for Roundtables and Assembly	March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Committee <u>Reports</u> due to Area Delegate and Area Chair
NAGSC Roundtables: Sat Feb 29 <sup>th</sup> in Reno		SAGSC Roundtables: Sun Mar 1 <sup>st</sup> in Las Vegas	

## 2020 Final List of Agenda Items

On or around January 31<sup>st</sup>, GSO will provide a list of topics for the 2020 General Service Conference to the Delegate. The list will be grouped by Conference Committee.

Your committee can use the list to plan what resources you will need to do the following:

- a) Summarize each item from the background information
- b) Discuss, review and make recommendations to the area
- c) Prepare for possible presentations to the body

Ask for additional help if your list is long or your committee is small.

## 2020 Summarizations of Agenda Items

- A listing of items needing to be summarized and the background information will be placed in a folder under 2020 Agenda topics for your committee, either by the end of day on Friday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> or early on Saturday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Please arrange for a conference call with your committee for Saturday, Feb. 15. Your committee will determine how many items need to be summarized, who on your committee will be summarizing each item and *very importantly, if your committee needs additional help*. Many hands make for light work.
- Send your committee assignments to your support contact (bottom of page 4).

## Why do we Summarize Agenda Items?

1. To create a document that is easier for groups and GSRs to review. The background information is hundreds of pages. The summarized document is typically 25 to 30 pages.
2. GSRs can bring the list of summarized items to a business meeting and let their groups know that all background information is available upon request.
3. Most of us do not have the time to review hundreds of pages of background. Providing a summarized document will allow greater participation for our area in the conference process.

## **How do we Summarize Agenda Items?**

- Read the entire background information for an agenda item.
- Take the most relevant information and summarize into a paragraph or two under “historical context”.
  - ✓ Why is this an agenda item? Did a specific area, district or group request this? What issue or problem is the item addressing?
  - ✓ Has this been an ongoing concern? Has this issue been on previous agendas?
- If the background is complicated, ask for help – work on items as a committee. Use your resources.
- Ask what the delegate needs to know. What will Rhonda want to know?
  - ✓ Does your group have input, ideas, opinions, questions or concerns?

## **Committee Recommendations**

- Meet via conference call with your committee members (North and South) to discuss the agenda topics on your committee. Choose which topic or topics your committee wants to recommend to the delegate. A committee may decide that none of their topics are interesting enough to bring to the body. In that case, some committees may present more than one topic.
- Decide who will present the topic. Depending upon the topic your committee may want one or more people to do the presentation.

## **Committee Reports**

Develop a committee consensus on each of the agenda topics, which will be the basis of your report.

Some ideas for how to develop a committee consensus:

- Ask those who summarized items to present to your committee.
- For committees, with many items, consider breaking into groups and presenting 3 or 4 items within small groups within your committee.
- Write a report for the area chair for the assembly and the delegate to bring to the GSC in April.
- Update the report for the delegate prior to April for any additional feedback received between the assembly and the conference.

## **Points to Consider for Agenda Topics**

For Committees with workbooks and kits:

- Are the kit 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”, are you able to review the items from the background provided? If so, what do you think?
- 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 ideas and thoughts?

## **Thank You!**

Because of your willingness and effort:

- ✓ Our area will be better informed

- ✓ Our voice will be included throughout the General Service Conference
- ✓ Our members will be better prepared to serve the area
- ✓ Our area will be better able to reach the still suffering alcoholic

Thank you for your hard work and dedication and for participating in Alcoholics Anonymous.

### Area Conference Committee Support

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<p><b>Area Chair: Paul E</b>  <a href="mailto:chairperson@nevadaarea42.org">(<a href="mailto:chairperson@nevadaarea42.org">chairperson@nevadaarea42.org</a>)</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corrections</li> <li>• Public Information</li> </ul>	

### Summarizing Agenda Topics – Lyle and Carol

Carol – This allows GSR's to take the summarizations to their group.

The last couple of years we've had access to all of the background information. You can find it all on the Area website. You can also see all the summarizations from last year. It's a way to get a good idea of what they're looking for.

Lyle -

My process for summarizing agenda topics:

1. I open up the blank document to fill in the form.
  - a. The agenda topic is already done for me
  - b. The historical content "why is it on the agenda" is where I briefly summarize the background I have just read
  - c. What does the delegate need to know is typically asking what does your home group think about the agenda topic.
2. How I summarize the background is:
  - a. I print out the background information
  - b. I read the entire background for one item at a time.
  - c. I highlight or make notes on what I think the important parts are, taking into consideration which of the three action words "Discuss, consider or review".
  - d. When reviewing the background information some things I try to include:

- i. Costs and timelines if listed
  - ii. If the item has been discussed repeatedly, I try to briefly summarize the history without putting down all the times (how important is the history to the current request?)
  - iii. If it is a pamphlet I include the proposed text. For example, CPC D from 2018, I copied the new text and identified the changes.
  - iv. I only include the most important details.
- 3. How I determine what question to ask for "what the delegate needs to know?"
  - a. Discuss – I ask that GSRs to have their home groups discuss the item.
  - b. Consider – I ask that GSRs to get an opinion from their home groups.
  - c. Review – Typically we don't have access to review, so the delegate doesn't usually need feedback.

### **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. Since the Fall Assembly we have been preparing for the preconference agenda process. We created a document with a calendar as a resource for our committees.

I am in the process of creating new folders for each of our area committees to work with next year. We are using google drive mainly because it is free. I will be sending links to the new folders by early next year to everyone who is on the committees. We will place all the documents that we have emailed out in the folders for easy access. Rhonda will send the agenda topics as soon as she gets them and the committees can begin having conference calls.

I have a much better understanding of how the process works than I did just one year ago. By reading the reports after the general service conference I saw that there is a tremendous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes. I have so much respect for the time and effort that our Trustees provide to us. They do so with thoughtfulness and love for Alcoholics Anonymous. I hope I am able to honor all decisions made by our trusted servants; knowing that they were made in the best interest for the still suffering alcoholic.

### **DCM Reports**

**District 2** (Joel B): No Report

**District 4** (Dan M): No Report

**District 6** (Drew H): Hello Northern Area 42, my name is Drew, an alcoholic, humbly serving dist 6 as DCM. It is good to be at a NAGSC Meeting, and it is good to be sober today. Dist 6 encompasses Carson City, the Dayton Valley, South Lake Tahoe, Topaz Ranch Estates, and the beautiful Carson Valley. We are an active and healthy District. We meet as a District on the 2nd Sunday of the even numbered months at the Carson City Alano Club. (which happens to be tomorrow this month). Its hard to believe this service panel is already half way thru! We feel honored to host today's Committee Meeting and are excited to be hosting the upcoming Area 42 Pre Conference Assembly next Spring. It is important to "chop wood and carry water" to be part of something bigger than ourselves.

Our Dist Committee Chairs of been very busy. In October, Ed S presented a C & T Panel Discussion with the topic of Carrying the Message to Alcoholics inside Correctional Facilities where much info was

shared and discussed. Ed, along with Terry N, have been working with the local Carson City treatment facilities and have arranged more and more meetings for them, creating even more H & I service opportunities. Elise F, our Dist 6 Grapevine Rep, has taken over Marks duties as the NAGSC Grapevine Rep.

This past August, Dist 6 hosted a 12 Traditions Study Group at the Carson City Allano Club and starting in January, we will host another 12 Traditions Study down here in the Carson Valley at the Minden/Gardnerville grp. flyer to come...

A grp in Carson recently elected a GSR, so we're excited to welcome them to the Dist and General Service.

In G'ville, a newly listed group that has really taken off has expanded to include a monthly Speaker Meeting and there is talk of also starting a 11th Step Meditation Meeting soon.

At our dist biz meeting tomorrow, I've asked Rhonda, our "special worker" from Central Office, to give a quick presentation of the 12th step call list for the district and for our Feb2020 biz meeting, I have our NAGSC GSR Trainer, Tinna O, scheduled to help our GSR's prepare for the round tables, grp sharing sessions, and the pre conference assembly, or more lovingly referred as "March Madness!"

In the last month or 2, I have been trying to visit a different group in my district each week. Looking ahead to the 2nd year of this Service Panel, I hope to be able to continue to do this.

I love my home group, I love you guys, and I love Alcoholics Anonymous.  
Yours, in service, Drew

**District 8 (Julie D):** No Report

**District 10a (Julie ):** Hello again everyone. I'm Julie from District 10A over in Elko. It's been a fun and event filled couple of months. I attended the Area 42 assembly in Tonopah in September with the alternate GSR from our Elko group. Kelly is sound a great job. Joe H from Battle Mtn. and I attended the Oasis festival in Fallon in October. It is always wonderful to see old friends and make new ones there. I was able to have a conversation with the Elko groups treasurer and they were able to contribute to the district last month. And speaking of the Elko group, they held a Halloween party at the end of October. I was not able to attend but I heard it was great fun! The District held our annual Gratitude dinner on November 17th. We had amazing helpers to help set up, the attendance was over 75 and before we prayed we took a moment of silence for our Alt. GSR Travis who was killed in Fernley in a motorcycle accident a few days prior. Our speaker was Liz from Modesto, with 34 years of sobriety. All in all I believe the whole day was a success. I'm also happy to share that I have been in contact with Ed from Bridginv the Gap to set up a workshop in Elko. We are tentatively scheduled for the second Sunday in February. At our Gratitude dinner we held elections for secretary and alt-DCM positions and both were filled. I think that is all. Thank you for helping me stay sober today. Julie

**District 10b, Dark**

**District 12 (Shelby B):** No Report

**District 14 (Steve L):** No Report

**District 16 (Andrea B):** District 16 meats on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. . We meet at Sparks Christian fellowship, 510 Greenbrae boulevard Sparks Nevada. District 16 borders the South east of Virginia Street us395. North of i-80, East to Fernley, North trigger lock rest to the California border.

We have 35 meetings or groups in our district. Oh which four groups are represented by GSR. We will need to visit these groups and invite them to our district meeting and inform them of the benefit of a GSR for their group.

We have welcomed two new GSR into our district. Stacy s with THE LADIES OF THE EVENING and Alyssa is with the young people's group SPARKYPAA. Diane will also be completing her rotation as GSR and we will welcome Troy as the new GSR for CARING AND SHARING IN STEAD.

Stacy a Christmas Affair chair is doing a wonderful job at coordinating district 16s 33rd Annual Christmas Affair. This will take place Saturday December 21st from noon to 5 p.m. . It is at Sparks Masonic center 2425 Pyramid Way Sparks Nevada. The theme this year is " Our Big Book- 80 Years, 71 Languages". Come all for food, fun and fellowship. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Our speaker is Julie C. Of the Virgin Islands. There is a \$5 suggested contribution.

Come the first of the year, district 16 will be shifting energy toward a workshop this workshop will be geared toward the 35 groups of our district and anyone else who would like to attend. Our theme for this event will be called " Beyond the Homegroup ". The focus of our workshop is to enhance the homegroup few of the AA resources and activities that exist Beyond a 1-hour recovery meeting. Our goal is to attend every group, perhaps business meeting; in our district and personally welcome them to attend.

Finally I would like to state, I am very grateful to serve as district 16 DCM. Along with our GSR, District officers and committee chairs; we have so much support and experience. Our members do a wonderful service at keeping our group informed thank you members of district 16 sincerely Andrea B

**District 20** (Jay S): No Report

**District 22** (Tony A): No Report

### **Chair Reports**

**Chairperson** (Chris S): Hello everyone my name is Chris and I am your alcoholic NAGSC chair. So here we are at the end of another general service year. At the beginning of this position and at the end of the election NAGSC meeting Dec. 2018, I thought to myself like any good alcoholic in general service, "OH MY GOD I HAVE BITTEN OFF WAY TOO MUCH AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M DOING". Then the next thought that came was don't worry you'll have help, just like I have been told over and over in general service. Oh man I feel so sorry for all of you that I am going to bother, and bother I did. So here is life at its best. The room addition on my house is complete that my wife and I physically built, my mother who was supposed to move in has happened, and we are no longer raising our grandson. So that simple statement of, "this too shall pass" is a true statement that we tell everyone whose backside is falling off in the meetings. I know it happened to me to. So now back to the beginning of where I started. It's been a year in a new position and I survived. I know just a little more, to make me a little more relaxed in this position and I have such a wonderful family in all of you who have helped me so much. As we work into this new General Service year with all these new committees and doing all this new stuff, hang in there, we will help you with every step you take. This is going to be such a wonderful learning experience and you to will probably look back and say my backside didn't fall off and I know just a little more. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Chris S NAGSC Chair

**Area 42 Chair** (Paul E): Hi I'm Paul alcoholic your Area 42 Chair. It's nice to see everyone here especially with the weather outside, I won't take up too much of your time. Because I know you have a lot of business to take care of today. With the end of this year coming, the focus starts turning towards the General Service Conference agenda items. We will continue with our Area Conference Committees and do something very similar to last year. Having the committees choose the items we discuss at the NAGSC and SAGSC agenda topic meetings (roundtables). These committees are voluntary and if you are not on one of them and wish to be part of the process please let Chris, Julie or me know. It's not too late to sign up, I would hate for someone to feel that they were left out. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul

**Treasurer** (Laura J):

As of 03/09/2019:

- Savings            1253.58
- Checking           10617.00

I want to thank all groups and individuals for your contributions to the Northern Area fund. Your contributions continue to help fund our officers, Standing Chairs, GSRs and DCMs, to service events in our efforts to carry the message of AA through General Service. The Nagsc budget is in a much more positive position as we enter our second year of this rotation.

The finance committee met prior to this meeting to conduct the annual audit of the Nagsc banking accounts. Report to follow.

I have the request mileage funding sign in 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. If you require assistance for gas funding, please see me.

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,

In October I was invited to attend District 2's monthly meeting to discuss archives. We had a heartfelt discussion on their archives and enthusiastic participation. Billy has volunteered to not only be the district archivist, but also is on the Area Conference Committee on Archives. I look forward to serving with him.

In January I will be going to Las Vegas to continue helping organize our area archives, which are located at the Las Vegas Central Office. We pay a nominal fee for rent and offered a 50% increase for next year in the area budget.

Yours in Service, Lyle C

**Public Information** (Andrea B): Hello Northern Area, yesterday I sent out an email to the dcms of Northern Area 42. I invited them to contact me and make arrangements to have a public information presentation brought to their District business meeting. Some districts I have already visited but I had a DCM request a return visit, so I thought I would extend an invitation to all. All except Joel of District 2, because I will be attending District 2 business meeting this Thursday at central office. Thank you so much Joel! I needed the action.

I have not given much action to my Public Information service this summer and fall, as I have had so many changes in my personal life. All those changes have settled and I again and focus on service. The Washoe county library currently only carries 1 English Big Books, 0 Spanish Big Books, 2 Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, 0 Living Sober and one Audio Big Book. That means the library has lost 5 Big Books and one Spanish Big Book since August I have left a message with the contact person at Washoe county library, Debbie Stears and I hope to have the Big Books return to the shelves soon. Thank you for letting me be of service Andrea B

**Treatment/Bridging the Gap** (Ed S): My name is Ed and I am an alcoholic serving as the treatment and bridging the gap chair for northern Area 42. The Treatment and Bridging the Gap Committees are made up of A.A. members with solid sobriety throughout northern Nevada. Twelfth Step service opportunities are formally identified in the Treatment Committee (TC) Workbook as a) the Temporary Contact Program to "Bridge the Gap" between Treatment and A.A.; b) Regular A.A. Groups (outside, self supporting) and Treatment Facilities A.A. Meetings inside for clients only; and, c) Presentations to Treatment Setting Clients which include the Bridging the Gap Program presentation and the Orientation to A.A. presentation series.

Service to the alcoholic who still suffers happens in many ways, and is the joy of my life today. Opportunities at Treatment Facilities are open - always. Of continuous demand are temporary contact volunteers - male and female of a range of ages and zip codes throughout the NAGSC geography. Temp contacts must be available on a specified date to call and arrange to take the recently departed client who has requested help in bridging the gap between treatment and an A.A. meeting in their area. A lot of 10 minute speakers also are needed. They go in with Bridging the Gap presenters for bi-weekly or monthly presentations and with secretaries of Treatment Facility A.A. meetings (a.k.a. Inside Meetings) and sometimes regular A.A. Group meetings held in treatment facilities.

The treatment committee also includes A.A. presenters and Inside Meeting secretaries and panel members. Presentations and inside meetings are scheduled weekly, bi-weekly or monthly at multiple facilities in Reno and Sparks and in Carson City, Fallon and Elko. Presenters and Inside Meeting secretaries lead presentations and meeting agenda before a room of clients, whether full or not, and arrange beforehand for the 10 minute speakers or set of panel speakers to attend and share their experience getting and staying sober. Sometimes a treatment facility requests we start a Bridging the Gap program and Inside Meetings or modifies the facility's treatment schedule and requires changes to scheduling A.A. volunteers. One facility recently switched to a two week treatment cycle in District 6.

A.A. Coordinators also are a part of the Treatment and BTG Committee. They “recruit” committee volunteers regularly, in person-to-person conversations before and after group meetings, with announcements at a variety of meetings, and by holding committee workshops. Coordinators welcome new volunteers, guide and train as needed, and provide relevant pamphlets and guidance from the GSC and Treatment Committee Workbook on sobriety requirements, applicability of Twelve Traditions, and tips or pointers gained from experience of local A.A. volunteers and the rules and regulations of the treatment facility.

Coordinators serve at the level of facilities, districts and Intergroup for Temporary Contacts, Inside Meeting secretaries and panel members, and Presenters for BTG and for Orientation to A.A. They usually maintain a roster of Committee Members, used as a call list of the A.A.s volunteering to do Twelfth Step work at a particular Treatment Facility, District done in District 6 and 12, for the NNIG H&I Committee in Reno and Sparks, and for Northern Nevada Districts outside Reno and Sparks. Maintaining the roster also means regular contact with volunteers for scheduling and recruiting and reaching out through committee members.

As NAGSC Treatment and BTG chair I wondered “what is a Treatment Committee or a Bridging the Gap Committee or H&I Committee? I fretted that it involved it would mean to “set up” a committee, organized with a chairperson, a secretary, a treasurer and so on. Today, thanks to General Service mentors, I understand that a committee is what its members say a committee is, and does what its members must do to keep carrying the message. The Treatment Committee Workbook describes structured committees directly responsible to those they serve and also says, “as each group is autonomous, so is each area. Each committee determines its needs, then follows through within the treatment structure in the area.”

Recent and upcoming events:

- Northern Nevada Bridging the Gap Committee meeting, tentatively set for Saturday January 18, 2020, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Sparks Alano Club, co-hosted by NNIG H&I and NAGSC Treatment and BTG committees. Announcement flyer to come. Contact Colleen S. NNIG H&I Committee BTG Chair or Ed S.
- Northern Nevada Treatment and Bridging the Gap Committee meeting for District 10a, tentatively set for Sunday, February 16, early afternoon, co-hosted by District 10a and NAGSC Treatment and BTG Committee. Contact Ed S.
- A second Inside A.A. Meeting has been established at Vitality Unlimited - Carson City, Sundays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Contact Terry N.
- Carson City Juvenile Services has requested an A.A. meeting for teens with alcohol abuse problems in Carson City. Volunteers are being sought to sponsor, secretary, and as 10 minute speakers. Interested in volunteering? Contact Ed S.
- Opportunities to carry the message into Northern Nevada Treatment Facilities through Inside A.A. Meetings, Bridging the Gap, or Orientation to A.A. can be found through the NNIG Central Office in Reno. Call 775-355-1151 or email [officemanager@nnig.org](mailto:officemanager@nnig.org).
- To schedule a General Service presentation out of the Treatment Committee Workbook on Treatment Facility A.A. Meetings, on the Temporary Contact program and Bridging the Gap, or on Orientation to A.A. Presentation series, call NAGSC Treatment and BTG Chair

**Intergroup Liaison (Pat S):**

- In October we held a workshop on how NAGSC and NNIG operate and cooperate. More than a dozen attended at the NNIG Central Office in Sparks. Our Area 42 Chair, Paul, represented General Service. I think it was a great success.
- Northern Nevada Intergroup (NNIG) meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Sparks Alano Club .
- Kathleen from Reno was elected to fill the vacant vice chair position.
- NNIG holds a monthly speaker meeting at the Silver Legacy in Reno. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Speaker at 7 p.m. Upcoming speakers:  
December 14: Heather S. (Reno)  
January 11: Charlie H. (Las Vegas)  
February 8: Joyce Y. (Reno)
- NNIG Archives is looking for “long-timers” to interview. The NNIG newsletter (“Bracer”) also wants to publish articles about long-timers.
- A lot of what Northern Nevada Intergroup does might be classified more as social events rather than AA **service**. But as liaison I feel I should report those to you also. I’ve left flyers on the table for the Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> NNIG New Year’s Eve celebration in Reno, the Reno Spring Festival March 27-29 in Sparks, and upcoming NNIG speaker meetings,.

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!

District 14 has contacted me to assist them in organizing a panel for professionals. Maureen and I have spoken many times now and are working out the details. Thank you District 14 for requesting help from the CPC committee! That’s what it’s here for!

I am still hopeful that District 12 will be able to work out the details for a CPC presentation or workshop. If your District or Group would like a 10-30 minute presentation or 3-hour workshop please invite your CPC Committee! We can do a mock panel and prepare AA members on how to approach and inform professionals in their community of what AA does and does not do.

Something of note. Area committees typically have small budgets and in AA we pay our own way per our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. This means if my group or district invites or requests an individual or committee to be of service by sharing, presenting, or conducting a workshop, we reimburse their fuel and/or lodging expenses. If a group or district cannot afford part or all of the costs, then the Area committee can determine if the budget is adequate to cover those costs.

Following up, the LinkedIn page is now available <https://www.linkedin.com/company/aaworldservicesinc>, and the content is based on the

2019 Conference Committee on C.P.C. Additional Consideration that highlights and reaffirms the 2018 Advisory Action regarding LinkedIn. The presence of a LinkedIn page describing Alcoholics Anonymous is intended to be a tool to aid local C.P.C. committee work in the U.S. and Canada to inform professionals about A.A.

The trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment and Accessibilities noted the value of a static LinkedIn page as a touchpoint to getting professionals to the A.A. website, and the A.A.W.S. board approved the implementation of a LinkedIn page at their November 2019 meeting.

If you know of any other non-AA gatherings where your Northern CPC Committee could set up and share AA information with professionals, please let me know. I'm starting to contact professionals to see where AA can be of service particularly in the rural portions of our Area. I'll let you know what I find out.

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

**Registrar (Tony A):** No Report

**Finance Chair (Nancy W):** No Report

**Corrections (Pat B):**

### **National Corrections Conference**

I was fortunate and pleased to be able to attend the third annual National Corrections Conference in Houston, TX November 1 -3 and I want to thank the NAGSC for sharing in the funding required to be there. There were approximately 280 A.A. members and non-member corrections professionals in attendance.

My full written report on the conference is available today. To summarize some key observations, the professionals in attendance expressed a great deal of gratitude and enthusiasm over A.A. participation and cooperation with the correctional system. Professionals attending included District Judges, Probation and Parole Officers, the Warden of a Texas state prison, and the current State of Texas Assembly member who currently serves as the Chairman of the House Committee on Corrections. There was a panel presentation made by past and current inmates who found A.A. in prison. The current inmate is serving time in a Texas state prison and attended the conference under the supervision and courtesy of the Texas Department of Corrections.

One consistent message among the past and current offenders was that the correctional system had many times "turned them loose", but the correctional system "never set them free". This means that upon one or more releases from incarceration, the inmates left prison with the same problem that put them in prison in the first place; alcoholism. They were not "set free" from their bondage to alcohol.

The other recurring message from professionals was that A.A. is their best answer to repeat offenders who's crimes are fueled by drinking. When alcoholic inmates have served multiple years incarcerated and reoffend behind alcohol upon release, How Much More Prison Time Is Going To Solve Their Problem? Clearly corrections professionals are in support of Alcoholics Anonymous to help reduce recidivism.

I was able to meet with members of the Northern California H&I Committee while at the conference. We have a cooperative relationship on Corrections Service where our geographies overlap.

The Northern CA H&I Committee made a presentation on a new service they have been testing at San Quentin State Prison called "Inside Visitation & Sponsorship Service, (IVSS). This program may very well have application throughout the NAGSC geography.

Another presentation outlined multiple day A.A. Recovery Workshops that are taking place in correctional facilities with, of course, the complete support of prison officials. Outside A.A. members gather behind the walls to conduct panel presentations on the Steps, Traditions, Living in Sobriety, and many other topics. California is one state where these weekend workshops are occurring in state prisons.

### **NAGSC Corrections Committee**

The state of the NAGSC Corrections Committee is good with 16 new committee members joining us since we met in June.

There is a new Northern Nevada corrections newsletter called "The Link" now being published. The distribution is primarily email with limited print copy production. There are some hard copies here today of the Winter 2019 publication along with a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to be on the mailing list for "The Link".

### **Facility Update**

On November 8th committee member Charles J. and I met with the warden at Lovelock State Prison also known as Lovelock Correctional Center. The warden spent over two hours with us including a facility tour in which the warden showed us five different locations for a potential A.A. meeting and asked us to take our pick with the commitment to provide the required security officials at any location we chose. The warden also summoned a current inmate who is trying to stay sober into the office. We heard from that inmate how a few inmates are trying to keep each other sober with no official meeting. We will be starting a weekly meeting at Lovelock on Saturdays from 9:30AM - 10:30AM in short order. There is a core of cleared volunteers to get this meeting started but we are seeking additional volunteer to help sustain the meeting. We are asking for volunteers to commit to staffing one meeting per month. Having the experience of being incarcerated is not a requirement to be in Corrections Service. Inmates already know the pathway to prison; we show them the pathway to freedom. We are planning to start this weekly meeting in mid-January.

The Lovelock facility falls within the boundaries of our District 12. I will be participating on the District 12 General Service meeting in February to discuss this and other opportunities for a potential Corrections Committee. A.A. member Charles J. has volunteered to serve as the Facility Coordinator for Lovelock Correctional Center.

I have State of Nevada Department of Corrections volunteer applications here with me today for anyone here interested in the exceptionally rewarding service.

The newly established meeting at State of Nevada facility Northern Nevada Transitional Housing in downtown Reno is progressing nicely. This weekly meeting occurs on Sunday mornings and is staffed by a rotating team of two and three committee members from a total of eleven committee members who

are on this facility team. The coordination for this facility falls under the NNIG Corrections Committee and Chair Charlotte C.

Our efforts to offer increased support to the men's and women's meetings currently taking place at the Washoe County Detention Center, also known as Parr Blvd., are progressing slowly which is consistent with the pace at which the county is clearing those volunteers who have already submitted applications and gone through the required training.

I was most pleased to be able to participate in the District 6 H&I Workshop held on October 27th in Carson City coordinated by District 6 Corrections & Treatment Committee Chair Ed. S. The event was very successful with many participants sharing their experience and many learning more about A.A. Service with Correctional Facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat B

NAGSC Corrections Committee Chair

**DCM Coordinator** (Anne Y): Everything is going well. We have had lots of good discussion. The DCMs and Committee Chairs are interacting. The chairs are being asked to come to district meetings.

Thank you for letting me be of service

Anne

**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 L I am alcoholic serving as Area 42 webservant. The area website serves as information conduit for the area. The purpose of our website is to provide General Service activities and information about Alcoholics Anonymous and Area 42. The website can be found at [nevadaarea42.org](http://nevadaarea42.org). The protected member area of the website is reserved for area financials and for un-scrubbed material such as agenda items background material. The password to access the protected area is area42member. The website is both English and Spanish always working diligently with Spanish speaking members to make the website equal and useful to all. To facilitate the work of the area conference agenda committees you will find the last conference's agenda background and agenda summaries in both English and Spanish. Also on the website you will find a Google calendar with the area activities and the area district meetings. If you have questions or comments please contact me at [webmaster@nevada42.org](mailto:webmaster@nevada42.org) It is a great honor to serve the area thank you allowing me to serve.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition \$125**

**District Hosting Feb 29 meeting: Reno**

**Motion to close**