

**Area 42 Assembly
September 7, 8, & 9, 2001
Tonopah Convention Center
Tonopah, NV**

Meeting Minutes

Friday September 7, 2001

Kathy S., our Chair, opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with the Serenity Prayer, followed by the Preamble to Area 42 Guidelines. John D then read the long form of Concept 3. Kathy announced that this is a non-smoking meeting, and introduced the Past Delegates and other guests in attendance. She also thanked the District 13 volunteers, who are hosting this assembly. She then introduced John S., our Alternate Delegate, for his opening remarks. He also thanked the District 13 volunteers. He pointed out that the 4th edition would be out soon, probably in November, possibly at the Roundup. He urged GSRs to ask questions, since this is their assembly.

Area Officer Reports

Archives - Roger R.: He mentioned that he recently traveled to NY, and visited the archives at GSO. He is now pushing to get histories of groups. He mentioned that they will have an Archives booth at PRAASA 2003 in Reno. He urged everyone to get those group histories written. He mentioned that our Alternate Archivist, Jack F., is out of town at an AA Intergroup function in Canada.

Registrar - Sam H.: He is trying to keep records updated as much as possible. He sent in changes to GSO before May, but the changes weren't made in the Western Directory. He said that he had not received any of the change forms back from anyone in the South. He knows that some of the groups in the North need to be updated, because they still have "702" area codes listed in the Western Directory. He mentioned that this position has taught him a great deal of humility, and he thanked us for letting him be of service.

Alternate Registrar - David W.: He welcomed anyone here for their first assembly. David mentioned that he had got back one change form from the south. He also mentioned that he had some of the change forms. He also mentioned that GSOs software is still very much of a mystery.

Treasurer - John G.: He stated that some of the Area contributions are still being sent to John S. instead of him. He urged everyone to make sure that their group is using the correct address. As of August 31, our Area 42 checking balance is \$10,840.28, and our savings balance is \$8329.24 (including our \$1000 prudent reserve), for an overall total of \$19,169.52. He also showed the report he has prepared, with contributions by group.

Alternate Treasurer - Byron F.: He pointed out that his primary duty is to serve as SAGS treasurer, in addition to helping John when needed. He mentioned that his written report only reflects the SAGSC treasury. The balance as of September 4 is \$7,434.06. Contribution income is ahead of budget. He pointed out the check register report, and the group contribution report. He also gave out the post office box for SAGS.

NAGSC Treasurer - Bill H.: He said that NAGSC has spent about \$3000 more than they have taken in. They have \$3270 in checking account. He is a little worried about being to fund people to PRAASA 2002.

Alternate Area Secretary - Barbara M.: She pointed out the large literature display in the back, and urged everyone to take advantage of it. She also serves as NAGSC Secretary. Their last meeting was in Elko, and they had a controversy, which helped with attendance. Their next meeting will be in Bishop. The minutes will be mailed out by next week. She noted that she has books in Spanish for sale.

Area Secretary - Steve H.: He stated that the April Area 42 Newsletters were handed out with the packets, so that the minutes from the Pre-Conference Assembly are available. He asked everyone to read them and point out their corrections in the morning. He wanted to keep his report short, as he is typing minutes as the Assembly is going on, and didn't want to add to his workload.

Alternate Chair - Joyce P.: She is so grateful to act as Chair of NAGSC and have the privilege of attending service meetings various places, such as Elko, with our Delegate, Joan. They went on to Ely, after the Elko meeting. She asked if anyone was here today, from Ely. No one answered. She then went to Henderson, to visit Kathy S., our Chair. She thanked everyone for the controversy, so that lots of people showed in Elko. She asked everyone to be sure to ask questions during this Assembly.

Chair - Kathy S.: Kathy thanked everyone for being here. She mentioned that people should ask if they have questions.

Alternate Delegate - John S.: mentioned that their most important job is to pray for the Delegate's health. He mentioned that Joan had been down three times this summer, for reports: One for SAGS, one for the Spanish convention, and once for the folks in Mesquite. He talked about the AA Group Membership Survey, which was given recently in the South, at the Specific Group in Henderson. He also has sent out the Group change forms. He mentioned that email meeting announcements for SAGSC are being sent to people who have email addresses.

Delegate - Joan M.: Joan mentioned that she has had an exciting time since the March Assembly. She has visited many districts, including Mesquite. She has visited Las Vegas more this year than at any time in her life. She mentioned that she has conference reports to distribute. She challenged everyone to study them, including page 24, which has a great report which covers the GSRs role in AA. On page 22 is a great presentation, which covers sponsorship. Page 26 covers Language of the Heart, with several interesting papers. Page 6 covers the workshop discussions regarding love and service. In May, she went to Winnemucca, in June to NAGS meeting, in July she was a speaker at the Spanish convention in Las Vegas. In August she went to Elko and Ely. She hopes to see someone here tomorrow from Ely, or she will have to go back. She noted that she passed on our recommendations at the Conference. Joan mentioned that we need to nominate a candidate for Pacific Region Trustee nominee. We will have to do this tomorrow. Five groups in NV were selected to be in the membership survey this year. One was from the South, and the other four were from the North. She has sent back four of them back. Group contributions to GSO for the first six months of 2001: 29.5%, versus 27.1% of NV groups last year contributed to GSO. GSO staff assignments change on Monday, for two years. She mentioned that there are new pamphlets being produced, and she has a copy of the new pamphlet produced to reach Black African-American alcoholics. GSO will begin accepting orders for the 4th edition of the Big Book on October 1, but they won't be shipped until November 19. They are now taking suggestions for the 2003 conference theme. There are now 753 subscriptions for the Grapevine in Area 42.

Kathy then adjourned the Assembly for the evening. The Area Committee will meet in the Blue Room at 8 PM, while the Round Table discussions will take place in the big room.

Area Committee Meeting at 8 PM in Blue Room

Kathy called the meeting to order. She asked if anyone had anything to discuss. She reminded us that we make no decisions in here, just discuss things. Ed dP. asked a question, what her email address is. She doesn't have one right now, as she is between providers. Charlie K., the NAGSC North GSR survival training chair said he hasn't got any inquiries about another GSR training session.

Joan M. spoke about our Guidelines. She talked about the different indentations in the Amendments, and about the wording of 6.4, Spanish districts. Sam H. talked about the logo and said we should remove it, as it is not registered anymore. Barbara said that she thought that the registration rights were gone, but that we hadn't abandoned the logo. Sam thought we had. Whether it is abandoned or not, we need to take out the registration mark (the r in a circle).

John G. asked about DCMs who have GSRs who need money. He wants a list of those who need funding. Pat G. had some, and Byron F. clarified the order of funding.

Bruce T. asked about the timing device. No one has brought the new one yet. Old one will be here tomorrow.

Kathy S. brought up that the Al-Anons would like to have a small part in the Saturday night banquet. Could be considered for next year. Joan stated that at the Opening Dinner at the GS Conference, Bob Smith's son spoke a little. Since he is not an alcoholic, this would be somewhat of a precedence. Al-Anon would like to have a speaker there. Sam also pointed out the John C. spoke here a few years ago and he is not an alcoholic. Kathy thought we should bring it up before the body. Crystal K. thought it might be somewhat weird because she and her husband keep their AA and Al-Anon separate. Roger R. pointed out that Class A trustees have been an integral part of AA. John S. pointed out that it is a dinner, so that it is not a part of the actual business agenda. Kathy S. thinks Al-Anon just wants to be a part of the event. She pointed out that Bob Smith Jr. also spoke at the International. Barbara M. also attended a closed women's conference, where Sue S. spoke. Marc C. pointed out that John S. is chairing tomorrow night, but perhaps someone from Al-Anon could in the future.

Kathy asked about what we are we doing with taping. John S. paid for the room of the taping technician when he was treasurer. John G. pointed out that they used to bring the whole tape selection here for sale. David B., DCM, pointed out that he was doing the taping, and that he was being paid to do so by John T. David said that John T. felt that it was his responsibility, as the local tape supplier, to provide this service for the Secretary to produce the minutes. Joan M. said that when she was treasurer they did not ask her for

money. She thought that we need to remunerate them somehow. David is funded by his District; however, John T. insists on paying him. Sue thinks that we are required to have these tapes available by the Americans with Disabilities Act. David B. mentioned that John is taking a loss on this taping job, as there are not many requests to purchase Assembly tapes. Joyce P. mentioned (and Steve agreed), that the secretary needs the tapes for making minutes. Things have had to be pulled out of the tapes before to settle what is in the minutes.

John K. brought up that in District 9 there had been a hostile takeover of a business meeting. A meeting has been taken over by a different group. The group which took over came in to a meeting with 15 people, and said they were having a business meeting, and took over another group, making it another meeting of their group. Joan pointed out the pamphlet the group. There is no AA police to protect the original group.

Saturday September 7, 2001

Kathy S. opened the Assembly at 9 AM with the Serenity prayer. Kathy had a few announcements, such as that this is a non-smoking meeting, shut off beepers, etc. District 20 will hold a meeting in this room at noon. She asked for all of the new GSRs and people who had not been to Tonopah previously to raise their hands.

John S from Reno read Concept 1, the long form. This tells the story of how the Conference charter was established.

Steve H. asked for any corrections or deletions to the minutes of the March meeting. None were heard. **A motion was made by John S. to approve the minutes, seconded by Byron F. Unanimous voice vote in favor.**

DCM Reports

District 1 Terri H., alternate: She had the new GSRs stand. They are finalizing plans for the picnic October 6 in Boulder City park, Ruth J. will be speaking. They have started a newsletter, and if anyone wants to give them something to publish, email her. They are having a short meeting today at noon.

District 2 Eric S.: He introduced his new GSRs. He is still going to groups trying to get groups to come to their district meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Triangle Club in Reno. They are writing group histories. He is also trying to get more contributions from groups.

District 3 Bruce T.: He asked his GSRs and alternates to stand up. The Founders Day breakfast was successful; they donated \$100 to Las Vegas Intergroup. They took their district meeting to Mesquite last month. They got the Delegate to attend and brought 12 or so from Las Vegas. They have a prudent reserve. Helped some of the outlying groups to get their people to the Assembly. Their next meeting will be October 14 at Central office in Las Vegas, at the back door.

District 4 Ed dP.: He asked his people to stand up. Concept 9 was discussed at the district meeting. They discuss one concept per month. He has decided that they will have controversial topics so that more people will show up.

District 5B David B.: Attendance is up and down. Every other month it is a different set of GSRs that show. They are having a picnic on September 23, from 11AM to 5PM at Bunker Family Park. This will include a speaker meeting in the afternoon. He tried an event at Lake Mead during the summer, but only 8 showed up. However, he had fun. He will try to announce it more next year.

District 6 Ray G.: Introduced the new GSRs. The Founders Day picnic came off without a hitch, thanks to his Committee. He had more food than the law allows. Their PI chair is in touch with a bilingual member, so they can make a tape, for the Spanish community. They are doing an inventory of schools, hospitals, libraries, to get a Big Book and 12 by 12 in them. Our Delegate, Joan came to the district meeting in August to give a delegate report. Their H&I committees are very busy, but can use more volunteers. Last week they lost one of their members, Ruth Mc.

Kathy S. mentioned that Dale F., formerly a DCM, is in UMC in critical condition with a heart attack.

District 5A John R.: He has gone around to all the groups, and many don't know if they are a group or a meeting. He hopes to have a picnic next year. He doesn't get much funding by passing the basket.

District 8 Sophie K.: She introduced the new GSR. The High Sierra group might meet at the Salvation Army, because they have a room which is accessible to the handicapped. They are hosting the next NAGSC meeting on October 7 at 1 PM. They will have Chile verde, rice, salad, and cornbread on their menu.

District 7 Pat G.: His GSRs stood and he introduced them. They had a picnic August 18 with over 300 including kids in attendance. They donated over 50 tickets to EOB, West care, etc. They had a sobriety countdown. One guy with 36 years, gave book to 2 guys with 3 days. Pahrump helped them a lot. He mentioned being a DCM is a lot more work than being the Alternate. Their next district meeting is Sept 17 at Steps club.

District 9 John K.: He asked the District 9 GSRs to stand. They are having a picnic next Saturday at Sunset Park, with family participation. They will have a Dunk-your- sponsor tank. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children. Grace is the AA speaker; they will also have Al-anon and Alateen speakers. It will be at Area A Sunset Park, and the food starts at 11. His District has some registration problems going on. The District meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 PM at a private residence.

District 10A Barbara B.: She asked her GSRs to stand. One was new. There is a new meeting at the Indian Colony. They were honored to hold the last NAGSC meeting, and were grateful for the controversy, which caused good attendance. She thanked Joan for attending. She has noticed the 7th tradition contributions are down recently due to the sluggish economy. She has seen more groups holding group conscience meetings, which produces more healthy groups.

Districts 10B, 10C, and 11 were not in attendance.

District 13 Mike McM.: He had his GSRs stand. He thanked the GSRs for doing a great job with the Assembly. District 13 has a bowling team, is challenging others. He asked for prayers for Dale F. who is in the hospital.

District 12 Crystal K.: She now has at least one GSR from each small town in the District: they now have one from Wadsworth, in addition to Silver Springs, Fernley, and Fallon. That part has been working for her, although she says she will be resigning.

District 15 Ralph M.: They had a “women sponsoring women” workshop, with 45 in attendance. They will be having another workshop, on relationships, soon. He asked his GSRs to stand.

District 14 Bill F.: He asked his people to stand. He noted that flyers are out for his October 17 event. Father Tom W. will speak Wednesday at 8 pm in Truckee. They have had a great influx of Spanish speakers. They had 3 people go with them to the event in the Rubies near Elko. On August 19, they had Jamboree, had Bob H from Southern California speak, with over 100 in attendance. They have an answering service, have 50 to 70 phone calls per month, mostly people looking for meetings; however, about 5 are people actually looking for help. Their next district meeting is September 18.

District 16 Judy A.: She had her people stand. They have had more people coming to meetings. They are having an event on December 15 at the Masonic Hall in Sparks. Their contributions are up, even though group contributions are down. She thanked the GSRs for hard work.

District 17 Dan S.: He had his people stand, and introduced a new Secretary. He mentioned that the previous DCM had recently resigned. They are getting together a hotline for Pahrump, so they will organize a hotline workshop. They will have their alkathon at the firehouse for Christmas. In July, they had the Lovell Canyon meeting, with over 100 in attendance.

District 18 Don S.: 8 months ago, he was told he would be representing the District. The district has been pretty much non-existent for the last 4 years. He has managed to contact each community within the district, which encompasses 6 towns and 12 groups. There is a new Spanish-speaking group in Hawthorne. On November 4, their district meeting will be held for the first time in over 3 years.

District 21 Julio A.: He thanked Joan for speaking at the Spanish convention. They are working with the H&I Committee to get into the North Las Vegas jail. He asked his people to stand. They are also working with the PI Committee to get more Spanish announcements on radio and TV. They are having a Unity celebration on October 13 at Stewart and Paradise, and Steve H. will speak. Flyers will be out soon.

District 20 Bill P.: He asked his people to stand. He had one new GSR here. He is working on doing a Founders Day event. They are also working on a phone system. They will meet at noon in this room.

District 22 Luis M.: He mentioned that they are working with the H&I Committee twice a week on the Northern Nevada Correctional Center in Carson City. They are working to prepare for next month's First Congress Hispanic Sierra Nevada, in Incline Village October 12, Carson City October 13, and Reno on October 14. Translators will be available to hear the speakers in English. They have a new Spanish group that just started in Hawthorne. They are still working for the 4th Nevada State Hispanic convention, July 5, 6, and 7, 2002. They are continuing to have one business and one study meeting per month.

John G. gave some announcements. He asked Committee members and officers to fill out budgets and mail to him by November 15, if you want money for next year. Be sure to see the him or the other applicable Treasurers if you need money.

John G. mentioned that he wanted to raise the \$450 to \$550 for speakers in budget next year. We will also need to pass a motion in the spring for the \$1500 to cover GSR travel etc.

Kathy reminded us that the Assembly is being taped. She suggested that you call 1-800-566-5575, Las Vegas Audio Taping for copies.

Kathy then asked for Old Business from the March Assembly. Since there was none, we moved on to New Business.

Joyce P. gave the first presentation. **This is a proposal to purchase a 2nd set of translation equipment.** She pointed out that they have no translation equipment for NAGSC. Area 42, the Las Vegas Roundup, Las Vegas Intergroup, and SAGSC helped the Spanish-speaking districts buy the first set of equipment. The first four each put in around \$500, and \$250 each from Districts 21 and 22. It has been a problem shipping it back and forth. It costs about \$35 to ship. She asked at NAGSC to see what they thought. It is thought that Northern NV Intergroup, and District 22 might be able to help. Approximately \$2500, would get a transmitter and 20 receivers. When we host PRAASA 2003, we may need more equipment. Julio A. from District 21 said it cost \$65 to ship to the North. Some times the equipment may be needed in the North and South at the same time. Barbara M. said that there are 4 Spanish clubs in the Reno-Sparks area. She reminded us that she had brought a lot of Spanish literature here to Tonopah. John F. is asking how the breakdown would go on this. He believes that there is a need for this equipment. He wondered if there is a proposal. John S. moved that we give \$500 for that effort. Kathy said that after we have this discussion, and Joyce get talks to others, we will put on the agenda for March.

However, after much discussion, it was decided that John S. had a motion on the floor. John restated the motion to approve \$500 of funding from Area 42 toward the second set of translation equipment, compatible with the existing equipment. The motion was seconded. Kathy called for a vote. All except two were for it. The minority did not speak. **Motion passed, appropriating \$500 for the equipment.**

John G. then mentioned that the Reno Fall festival may donate an additional \$500.

Joyce P. will form an ad hoc committee, to get it together for the December NAGSC. John G., Luis M., Sam H., Barbara M., Dick H., and Julio A. were named to the ad hoc committee.

Kathy then turned it over to Joan M., to lead a new **discussion on serving Remote Communities in Nevada.** Joan M. spoke about the meeting before the conference on remote communities. She noted that remote communities aren't necessarily rural, but also could be the senior community, nonEnglish reading community, etc. She spoke of our members in Silver Peak. Also spoke of Loners International. Are we looking for remote communities?

Many people then gave their thoughts on this subject. Charlie K. from District 14 mentioned Calpine, and how they had a group for a while. He mentioned that he had traveled to the small towns when he was DCM. John K. talked about working hotline. Someone asked him about a phone meeting in Texas. This is an hour and half meeting on a phone conference line. He will give the number on request. Jerry mentioned that he had hardly been out of Las Vegas in his life. He wondered if there was a statewide list of meetings. The Western Directory was mentioned as a resource. Kerry DeR. mentioned that setting up a website for the area would be great. It was suggested that she should put together a proposal.

Rick said that in Bishop they decided that they were a remote community. But they are aware of even more remote communities. They have been hanging up PI cards in Big Pine (pop. 500), with tear off tags. Someone is thinking of starting a meeting there. We should be taking flyers to general stores in small places. Dean mentioned that Las Vegas Intergroup started a website. Bruce T. talked about Pioche. He has called them. They had a GSR move away, but they are trying to get started again. But he also found another remote community in a club 3 miles from his house.

There was good sharing of experience, strength, and hope for about 45 minutes. Kathy then adjourned the meeting for lunch break.

Kathy reopened the meeting at 1 PM.

The next item on the agenda was Committee Chair reports.

PI North: Bob was not here.

GV North Marc C: Grapevine office is upgrading computers at GSO. Order forms for pocket planners and wall calendars are now out for 2002. He is encouraging groups to order the GV. They are forming guidelines for their committee. October 21 is their next meeting. Any groups that don't have GVRs should call him. Trying to committee alive. There are 753 active subscriptions in Area 42. There was an overall increase, but we lost 40 in NV, which was the second biggest loss of any area. La Vina is still going.

Intergroup Liaison South John F.: John thanked everyone for their prayers over the last couple of months. Jack Fisher is still doing a great job with Central Office. Richard L is the new Asst. Mgr. Gratitude Ball made \$2000 profit, thanked TJ for doing a great job with her committee. Founders Day, made \$1567.20 profit.

LV Roundup Liaison Kerri DeR.: Committees working hard. Hospitality room moving back up front. Golf tournament Friday at noon at highland hills. She has a case here. Asked people to take them. Lvroundup.com, if you go to info@lvroundup.com, will send you a pdf version of the form.

CPC North Ralph C.: Last May, they did an exhibit for Aerospace Medical Association. Really enjoyed doing it. Thanked NAGS for support funding him there. Now have a PA in Elko, trying to set up continuing education in Elko. He is talking to Joan about the continuing education thing.

GV South Ray W.: The Grapevine committee has 21 members, and is still growing. They worked at the Young People's Roundup. He is working with Jack at LV Central Office to try to get some 4th edition Big Books at the LV roundup. Asking for more GV representatives. They sell maybe one or two subscriptions per month.

H&I South Andre C.: He has a list of women cleared for the south, but he doesn't have their phone numbers, to let them know if they are cleared. They need help covering the 2nd, 4th and 5th weekends at Harris Springs Ranch need help. 90 people have been cleared for state prisons, but they need to go through the list and get it down to 20 or so. So the state won't clear anymore until this happens. They need more women and men for the NLV jail, which is easy to get cleared for. There are two people who have expressed interest in the "bridging the gap" program. They need a chair for it. David A is the new Southern Area Spanish Corrections chair. Andre thanked us for allowing him to serve.

Correctional Facility North Rick W.: He asked how many in the room had been to a meeting in a facility. There were many raised hands. Many remote districts handle it different ways. He is talking to people in each district to see who is handling there. Some districts have a committee but no facility, while other districts have no committee but many facilities. He is learning that there are many ways to handle the job. GSO is asking for updates on meetings in facilities, and he has some for Andre.

Accessibilities South: Renie was not here.

Treatment Facilitator North Karen R.: She has been in contact with the Reno-Sparks Intergroup's committee, trying to coordinate with them. She will be calling the outlying areas, and will also make herself available.

Intergroup Liaison North Joe R.: Central office in north is running well, although poor. They are trying to set up a prudent reserve. They are going back to groups to see if they would participate in a second 7th tradition during November. The Bracer has a new website. Bracer@nnvg.org Intergroup is making new list because they spelled his name wrong. 775-772-4368 is phone number, we have it spelled correctly.

PIC South: Rick B. not here.

Special Needs North Sue K.: She read us the 12 Steps as translated from ASL, sounds different. She showed us a binder she has put together, which covers ADA, parking, lighting etc. Has a TTY at home now, is in the paperwork. They can call her. She told us about the Special needs newsgroup on line, which is a great learning tool. She was at a workshop in Oregon. Interpreters are not members always, and they have a special form they can sign to get them into closed meetings. GSO has a new pamphlet out, Time to Start Living; it is in the larger print.

CPC South TJ: She still has her co-chair, and thanked her. They attended the American College of Nurses convention, and there were 200 visits at the booth. Many thanked them for being there. Next, they will do a presentation for the Harris Springs Ranch staff on what AA does and doesn't do. They have an envelope of information to take to their doctors in south. Her doctor recently told her that since she was 12 years sober, she didn't need to worry anymore about contents of medicine!

GSR Survival NAGSC North Charlie K.: On May 12 at the Reno Triangle Club, they had a panel. There was a big crowd, and many questions. On May 15 at Incline Village at Bill F's house, they met before a regular business meeting. He says they do about a 2-3 hour session. He urged other DCMs to schedule a session.

GSR Survival NAGSC South Phil DeS.: There is a GSR workshop at 10 AM in Bishop prior to the upcoming NAGSC meeting there. He was put on the committee to update the GSR Survival Guide, but doesn't have any answers.

GSR Survival SAGSC Sunny S.: They do a workshop prior to SAGSC meetings. She also has gone to District 13 to do a one hour workshop. She noted that she didn't have a funded job. John S. urged her to continue her fine work, and to put out her budget at the November SAGSC meeting, as funding is available. Kathy then announced that there is an archive display set up by Roger, in the Blue Room, and that Joan also has some stuff on display in there.

Kathy gave us a break at 2 PM. The Assembly reconvened at 2:20 PM.

The next order of business was **the election of a nominee for Pacific Regional Trustee**. Ruth J. chaired during the election. Jim C.'s term is up. Each of the 15 areas in the Pacific Region will nominate one. At the next conference each of the PR delegates plus an equal number of other delegates will elect the PR trustee. Qualifications include the following: length of sobriety at least 10 years though not mandatory, a business or professional background, and leadership in AA. A grasp of the AA structure is important. Availability is important. In addition to quarterly board meetings, which take two or three days, a Trustee will average 3 weekends per month on the road. Ruth asked all the Past Delegates to stand. 5 stood, including John G. from another Area. Bob H., Kevin D., Roberta L., Dick H. and John G.. Roberta was the only one who was available to do the job. **Roberta L. was elected as our nominee, with all in favor except for two abstentions.**

Kathy S. took us to the next agenda item, which was **to increase the Area payment to GSO for Delegate expenses to \$1500**. John S. came back up to the microphone to explain his proposal. Each area sends in money to cover the GSO expenses related to their Delegate attending the Conference. GSO asks for a minimum of \$800. Area 42 sends in \$1000. However, it actually costs over \$3600. Some areas send in none. Other areas pay full funding of \$3600. He is just urging that we up it to \$1500. If we believe in self-support we should do this. The other \$2600 is being made up by someone else.

Kevin D. pointed out that last time we raised it from \$800 to \$1000 a few years back. We probably are due to pay some more. When he was Delegate, the Delegate from S. Ill was completely paid for by their Area. John G. asked about the letter from GSO that talks about the suggested \$800. John S. clarified the issue, and Susan U. from GSO clarified further. The January letter goes to all areas, asking for \$800. Two areas out of 93 sent in \$3400, which is the costs of hosting the Conference per Delegate. This includes the trips, printing, secretaries, etc. The majority of the areas pay \$800, which is the amount that is required by GSO. Many pay a couple of hundred more. GSO is very happy for any amount more than what they require. Pat G. asked why it would make any difference, since the money all comes from the groups anyway. Ruth J. responded that if we only contribute \$800, that is less than could be spent for books, translations, new pamphlets, etc. We should pay as much as we can to try to cover our share. After much discussion, the motion was passed. Then, when the minority spoke, they were in favor of raising the amount further. There was a motion to reconsider by Gabby, to raise it to a total of \$2000. Rick asked John G. what we could afford to do. John G.'s opinion was that we could do it at \$2000. The question was called, and all were in favor except for three.

Warren P. spoke in opposition. He thought he has learned that if you want something you should ask for it. He sees it as second guessing the Conference. Bob thought that a bureaucracy is getting more than they need. Christopher thought maybe we were carried away. Joe R. thought we had made progress, and should move on. There was no one among those who voted for it, who were in favor of re-considering after the hearing the minority voice, **so the motion stands to increase the amount we send in to GSO for Delegate expenses, to \$2000.**

Next **Roberta L. and Dick H. gave us an update on PRAASA 2003**. Roberta thanked everyone for showing confidence in her, as nominee. She then asked Ruth to come forward and speak about PRAASA. She told us that this would be PR 35th. Her first one was 1973 in LV. The first one was in Fresno, just like the next one. Roberta mentioned that she and Dick have been working. We have now reserved the Reno Hilton, which is near the airport. We have a contract with them. Dick got it voted in 2000. Deposit has been made with the hotel. Roberta has attended the last two PRAASA wrap-up meetings, and Dick was also there last time. They have named treasurers in the North and South, who will be John G. and John S. Al P. will help with translations. Roberta has prepared two clipboards to sign up people for various committees for people to show their willingness. Dick then told us about their vision of organization. You don't have to be in service to be a part of the committee. They met with John G., the chair of PRAASA 2002 in Fresno. They plan to put some of the committees in the North, some in the South. So they asked us to put down more than one choice when signing up. The core committee is the Past Delegates, and Roberta will be the Chair, while Dick will co-Chair.

After a break, Kathy asked our Delegate, Joan to come up and talk about the next topic, which is a discussion of **how groups handle closed meetings when a dually addicted person identifies themselves as an addict.**

Joan Murdock pointed out some traditions. She said that when she first went to meetings, they were mostly open meetings. In a closed meeting of AA there should be nothing but things related to alcoholism. Joan takes a meeting into a prison, which is not a group, and not a closed meeting so that an alcoholic and addict can both be there. In closed meetings of AA groups, only alcoholism should be discussed. She then opened it up for discussion.

Bill from "How it Works" said that his group discussed this topic. They came to a conclusion that "Love and Tolerance is our code". After the meeting some of the members speak to those who have dual problems and explain to them. Jimbo, from the Henderson Men's group, pointed out that this is a subject we will be talking about for the rest of our lives. He came in via a court card. He had a dual label because he wanted attention, but now he just calls himself an alcoholic because he has done all 12 steps. His group didn't know what a closed meeting meant. He said he stood up in a meeting recently because everyone was talking about vacations.

David W. showed us the blue card with the open and closed meeting statements on them so that people would know what to look for. He read the statements.

After about an hour of sharing of experience, strength and hope, Joan thanked everyone for the discussion. She believes that it is important to discuss these situations, and hopes everyone now has a better understanding of the difference between open and closed meetings.

Kathy then closed the meeting. The Banquet seating began at 6 PM.

Sunday September 8, 2001

Kathy, our Chair opened the meeting at 9 AM with the Serenity Prayer. Jay S read the long form of the Twelve Traditions.

Our next item on the agenda was a **discussion. The topic was "What are we doing to reach inmates who commit crimes behind alcohol and drugs?"**

Joan M. is very interested because it is in her work life too. Her job is to classify inmates as they come in. She looks at their rap sheet. She thinks 95% or more have some alcohol or drug abuse in their history. She gives them a pitch as she classifies them, asking them what they will do as they come in and go out. We need to get into those jails, prisons, etc., so the people there see what we do, not what we say.

Roger from Bishop, says in 1987 he got in on the ground floor of going to an honor camp. There are 125 inmates in the camp, and 2 or 3 show for the meetings, that they take in weekly. He says that they don't have enough with drug experience going in. Cutty Sark is his drug of choice. This has become his favorite meeting every week.

Rick W., Corrections Facilitator from NAGSC, has been going to men's jail for 5 years. He hated it for the first two years. Now he has a sponsor. It has become his favorite meeting of the week. Becky, the GSR from High Sierra Group, goes to Independence jail on Wednesday nights for the women's meeting. They have very young women. Sometimes they identify as addict, sometimes alcoholic. They don't see many of them on the outside. But they have planted a seed. Bill from the How it Works Group had his first felony DUI in 1980. He went to prison. Three years ago, he started coming to AA. He can get into the NLV jail, but not state, because he is ex-felon. He goes to NLV once a week. He would like to start another meeting there. He urged people to contact Andre from SAGSC H&I for clearance.

Bob H. said that on our Assembly program in 1972 in Reno when he was elected Delegate, Warden D. was the Speaker. He spoke of the rewards he has received from speaking in prison. After about an hour of sharing of experience, strength, and hope from these and others, Joan thanked those who shared. She hopes this sparks people's attendance at jail and prison meetings.

The next item on the agenda was the Ask-it Basket. Ruth J. chaired the panel, which consisted of Joan M., our current Delegate, and the following Past Delegates: Roberta L., Dick H., Kevin D., Bob H., John G. Susan U. from GSO Staff was also on the panel.

After the panel was adjourned Kathy had some announcements. Kathy thanked everyone, especially the volunteers from District 13, Jim M. and his staff. We were reminded that the next **NAGSC meetings would be October 7 and December 2, 2001. The next SAGSC meeting will be November 11, 2001.**

PRAASA will be March 1-3, 2002, in Fresno, CA. Our next Area Assembly will be the Pre-Conference one, March 22-24, 2002, in Tonopah. The Pacific Region Forum will be July 12-14, 2002

in Phoenix. And next years Fall Area Assembly will be September 6-8, 2002 in Tonopah. We closed the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer.