

September 6, 7, 8, 2002
Tonopah Convention Center
Tonopah, NV
Area 42 Assembly Meeting Minutes

Friday September 6, 2002

Kathy S., our Chair, started with the announcements and introductions at 6:30 PM followed by the Serenity Prayer, followed by the Preamble to the Area 42 Guidelines. LaDonna H. then read the long form of Concept 1. Kathy announced that this is a non-smoking meeting, and introduced the Past Delegates and other guests in attendance, which included Phyllis H, John G, Dick H., Manny B., Roberta L. She pointed out the Ask-it basket, and the address change basket. The new DCMs and GSRs were recognized. She also thanked the District 18 volunteers, who are hosting this assembly. She thanked Trent for acting as out taper. Kathy then introduced **John S., our Alternate Delegate**, for his opening remarks. He also thanked the District 18 volunteers. He urged GSRs to ask questions, since this is their assembly. He asked everyone here for the first time to stand. About one third of the room stood up. He mentioned how the election meetings are always most exciting. We are all responsible to go back to groups and report. He has been here since 1989. He is grateful to AA, and thanked us for allowing him to serve.

Area Officer Reports

Joan M., Delegate: She gave reports in various districts, NAGS, and SAGS, since May. She brought her photo albums along. And she brought us all the GSC reports to take back. She went to the Forum, and it was great, because she knew people there. She pointed out how useful the conference reports are. Pages 6 & 7 are a compilation of workshop topics to talk about on groups. Pages 58 through 61, "other considerations", is useful because these will be a clue as to what is going to be on the agenda for next year's Conference. She plans on helping the newly elected delegate when asked. Attending the Conference was overwhelming the first time, and easy the second time. She has a binder that has been passed down since Julian was Delegate, now filled with background information from this year. She will then be available to help with whatever is needed. She thanked us for letting her be a part of service at this level.

John S., Alternate Delegate: He kept calling Joan's doctor to make sure she didn't get sick. Sunny has brought up GSR survival guides, available for \$2. He talked about the membership survey. He thanked the people who were on the SAGS Committee. He said that they made his job an easy assignment. He reminded everyone that the November SAGSC meeting is upcoming, so get your budgets ready! He encourages the GSR's that they let it be known that they want to go to PRAASA 2003 in Reno! November 10 is the next SAGSC meeting. He thanked us for letting him be of service. **Kathy S., Chair:** She thanked us for letting her learn how to do the job. This job has helped her to practice patience, tolerance, love and acceptance. She thinks she has grown thanks to the work we have asked her to do. They were all growing experiences. **Joyce P., Alternate Chair:** She welcomed everyone. This will be an exciting Assembly for people's first one. She spoke of her attendance at the Forum. NAGSC is busy with guidelines changes. They have new representatives from Quincy. She thanked Charlie for asking her to be in his survival seminars. She talked about the Schurz meeting on Friday nights at 6 PM. It is a remote community on the reservation. She thanked District 18, as they also volunteered to host the NAGSC October meeting in Hawthorne. She thanked us for letting her do the job. **John G., Treasurer:** He thanked Byron F. and Don L. for covering for him during his vacation. Our balance includes \$9338.31 in checking, \$6051.58 in savings plus a \$1000 prudent reserve, for a total of \$16389.96. He also provided a list of donations so far this year, by group, with the budgets on the last page. Contributions are down a little this year, below expenses. He is sorry if he scowled when you asked for money. Thanked us for letting him do the job.

Byron F., Alternate Treasurer: Contributions and expenses seem to be on budget. He mentioned the "General Other" line in his report, which is money disbursed by SAGSC, which the Area 42 Treasury owes them. He also handed out the group donation list. He was thankful that he has been able to grow by working. **Steve H., Area Secretary:** He thanked everyone for letting him do this job. However as usual once you learn how to do a job, it is time to rotate. He won't be too sad to rotate to a different job.

Barbara M., Alternate Area Secretary: Barbara is happy to be rotating because she had a hard time getting the NAGSC minutes out on time. She feels that it will be good for both her and NAGS to get a new Secretary. She thanked District 6 for hosting this and the NAGS meeting. She is happy to see that people from 10A and 10 B are here. The outlying areas need us. The young man from Winnemucca was still shaking on Mother's Day weekend and he is here now. The pamphlets and books in back are for sale at cost. She reminded everyone about PRAASA 2003. **Scarlett P., SAGSC Secretary:** She thanked us for letting her serve us. **Bill Henderson NAGSC Treasurer:** Bill is the "heart of gold" Northern Area

Treasurer. They have a balance of \$7185.44 in checking, and they are not in bankruptcy, or borrowing. They have \$1035.99 in savings today. Their total income was \$7480.66. He also provided a list of group contributions. **Sam H., Registrar:** Sam wrote a report, but left it home on his table. He spent the last two years working hard to get area codes changed for meetings in the Western Directory. He has some Directories available for \$4. He showed the group change form, and the new group form. He also had a district change form, for new DCMs. He wants people to come and get them. He has gained in humility from this position, because people don't communicate with him. He thanked us for letting him serve. He did not make the Forum, although he intended to. **David W., Alternate Registrar:** He welcomed the past delegates and trustees. He mentioned the GSR pamphlet, and urged people to get them. He mentioned that they are testing the use of the program Access, at GSO. They will send a copy of Access to Registrars, and Area Chairs. It should make the registration process easier. Please see Sam for group changes forms, etc. He thanked Sam and the Area. **Roger R., Archivist:** He mentioned that at PRAASA 2003, we will have the traveling archives from NY, plus our own archives. He mentioned that our archives are set up in the back room. He won't mention that we need group histories. He mentioned that we need volunteers to cover the archives at PRAASA 2003. He mentioned the Conference report, pages 16-18, two big articles about archives. **Jack F. the Alternate Archivist,** was not here yet.

Kathy then gave us a break until 8 PM. The Round Tables will be set up in the big room. The Area Committee then would meet in the Blue Room.

Area Committee Meeting

Kathy S. opened the meeting at 8:05. It was taped. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. Kathy mentioned that tomorrow we will be having DCM reports during the election of officers. We don't have a great deal of other business. One proposal will be considered. **Joyce P.** asked about Mike D. presenting the proposal. Kathy pointed out that it was submitted while Mike lived in Nevada, and it came in on time. He only moved out of the Area, three weeks ago. **Ray W.** asked about committee reports. Kathy pointed out that they, too, will be done during the election process. **Barbara M.** mentioned that she was co-author of the Literature proposal, and she still lives here. **John G.** spoke of the Eastern and Western Directories. It was his experience this summer, that the phone numbers are no good. Only a few had good phone numbers. He urged DCMs to get all of the information in from your groups. He also is suggesting that our Area have a post office that we keep. He is getting checks from all over. Have a central office, which we could forward to. He also wanted to talk about funding the alternate officers to the Assembly and other functions. He wants to clarify this in the guidelines. He wants everyone to talk to the groups about funding alternates. He has a problem with the program Quicken, because you can't make a journal entry. He thinks we should get something different. **Terri H.** mentioned that some of the groups in her District sent in their change forms and it took a long time for them to get the contact and address changed at GSO. She said that Quickbooks, is a good program. She teaches some of these programs at Community College. **John F.** is asking what is in the guidelines regarding funding of alternates. **John S.** mentioned that in the Guidelines, it specifically mentions that the Area funds the alternate officers to the Spring and Fall Assemblies. **Sam H.** addressed Terri's comments about sending in the change forms. He put some in last year, and the changes weren't made in the same year. This year they did a better job of getting them, but his own home group was wrong in there. But most of the ones that he sent in this year got changed. All we can do is keep trying. **John S.** said that at the Forum, it was announced that the registration system at GSO is changing. **Ray G.** mentioned that District 6 has a permanent PO box. He thinks it would work good for the Area, too. **Joan M.** thanked us for helping her do the best she could. We have 400 groups in this Area, and we don't have 400 GSRs here. Just try to find someone in a group to do something. Try to give people incentives to get them to work in service. Does the area wish to apply for 2015 International? It is probably not feasible yet, because we don't have enough indoor air-conditioned facilities. And the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority wouldn't want it around the 4th of July. **Barbara M.** thought that the Reno Convention and Visitors Authority might want it. But it would still have to expand some more. **Kathy S.** suggested an ad hoc committee to look into. Joan then read the letter. Do we want to think about it? Joan suggested we wait until the 2020 International. **Kathy S.** suggested that we wait until after PRAASA 2003, so that we have some experience. Standing Committee Chairs may have suggestions for those who would replace them. GSO only recognizes one chair from each area. Might have to do some work on getting both. **TJ R.** mentioned that North and South were both recognized by GSO. **John S.** said that we can train the people at GSO. **Mark C.** said that if you call them enough, they do understand our situation here. **Joan M.** offered herself to help us anyway she can.

Pat G. asked about Liberty Bells group proposal. Kathy mentioned that their proposal came in a little late. It is on the agenda as a discussion item. **Charlie K.** mentioned there were a lot of new GSRs, and we need to schedule more GSR survival training sessions. **Greg L.** from District 13 talked about their weekly service meetings and their sponsor review boards. He is trying to educate his GSRs. He would like the new Delegate to do more in educating people regarding their service positions. The Area Committee Meeting adjourned 8:45.

Area Assembly

September 7, 2002

Kathy S. opened with the Serenity Prayer at 0900. She made the following announcements: this is a non-smoking meeting, we must turn off our cell phones, and she thanked District 18. She introduced Pete L., another past Delegate. She mentioned that we are doing elections, and that we will have reports during breaks between ballots. **Steve H.** asked if anyone had any corrections or additions to the April 2002 Assembly Minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by voice vote. Kathy mentioned that our archives are set up in the back room, and that the literature display is in the back of this room. She then introduced **Dick H. and Roberta L.** to report on PRAASA 2003. Roberta is excited about PRAASA 2003, since our last one in NV was in Las Vegas in 1986. She hopes we will all be there the first weekend in March. She asked for more volunteers. **Dick H.** asked that all who have not attended a PRAASA, raise their hands. Probably 2/3 of the people there raised them. He mentioned that it moves around the region. Ruth has buttons for sale. The Committee Chairs are in place, and they walked through the Reno Hilton on August 11, to make themselves aware of any potential problems. There were over 1100 in attendance at the last PRAASA. Roberta is the Chair. Registration and Spanish translation are being done in the South. Robin M. and John F., of the Registration Committee, were introduced. They have the mailing list from the last PRAASA. They will mail in the next couple of weeks, and again in January. John F. will need more volunteers as they get ready to do this. Dick mentioned that Victor F. is in charge of the Spanish translation. They will have professional translators. They have transmitters and receivers for 175. **Roberta L.** was grateful that Dick and the south committee are doing registration. She talked about the walk through, and mentioned that we have a contract with Encore for taping. She has an ASL translator. Adrian B. from GSO will be the Saturday night speaker. The committees are working. She is trying very hard to let go and let God, and let the committees do their work. This will be a real growth and spiritual experience. There will be a free shuttle every 30 minutes from the airport to the Reno Hilton. The Reno Hilton has plenty of parking, has an RV area, and has a golf driving range. Don L. is the Program Chair, Sam H. the Secretary, John G. is Treasurer, Robin M. the Registration Chair, Barbara M. the Housing and Transportation Chair, Ed dP. the Round Tables Chair, Judy K is the Alanon Chair, and Ruth J. is the advisor. There is a delegate committee steering us. We will have a full committee meeting at the close of this Assembly tomorrow afternoon. Mark C., Grapevine Chair, pointed out the Literature Committee's volunteer list. Robin M. added that registration forms are available in the pdf format, and he has sent this to Dick and Roberta. Barbara M. has a list of people in Reno who are opening their homes for GSRs and DCMs, in case your group can get you to Reno, but not afford a hotel. If you want, you can put your name in the Ask-it basket. She thanked Kevin D. for putting in a bid to get this PRAASA.

Terri H. read the third legacy procedure. These are on pages S20 and S21 in the Service Manual. It is considered to be unique to AA. The first candidate to reach over 2/3 of total vote is winner.

Kathy then invited **Ruth J.** up to Chair the election. **Steve H.** announced that the number of voters eligible was 156. Some of the people who were not eligible to vote came forward to be ballot distributors. The first election was for the Delegate. This year the Delegate will come from the Southern part of the area. She asked for any others who want to be nominated. **Kathy S. and Steve H. introduced themselves, as they made themselves available for the position of Delegate.**

Kathy then asked for District reports. **Eric S., District 2:** Eric introduced the GSRs from District 2. He is rotating out as DCM. They have elected Bill Henderson to be the new DCM. **Terri H., District 1:** She introduced the new GSRs and alternates. The picnic is ready to go; it will be October 5 in Boulder City in Central Park. Her district will meet at lunch time in Blue room. They have a District website. **Ed dP., District 4:** In September they concluded their topic meetings on the Traditions. They have had pretty good attendance at their District meetings. They had a GSR Survival class with about 20 there. They will have district elections on the first Thursday in October. **Bruce T., District 3:** The District is alive and well. There is a new club in Mesquite. He pointed out Dick from Mesquite. Veteran Services now have meetings. Bill L. was elected as the new DCM. The Mesquite convention will be September 26.

Results from Delegate, First ballot: 146 ballots were cast, 98 needed to elect, Kathy 108, Steve 38. **Kathy S. elected new Delegate.**

The election for Alternate Delegate is next: Barbara M., Sam H., and Joyce P. introduced themselves.

Ray G., District 6: He publicly thanked Joan for speaking in their District. Their 2nd Annual Founder's Day picnic was held at a park in Genoa, and was great. He is rotating after this term. They had 7 GSRs in attendance, and he had them stand up. Six of them are brand new. They will hold their District elections in November. **Dick J., District 5A:** His District is inside the Stairway Club in Las Vegas. There are 18 groups, with 55 meetings a week. They are having a Sponsorship workshop next Sunday at 1:30 PM for men, and the following Sunday at 1:30 PM for women, at the Stairway Club. **Sophie K., District 8:** Their last District meeting was held in a car. The Mammoth Group had a campout 3 weeks ago. The Mammoth Group's new meeting hall is at the corner of Minaret and Hwy 203, across from Whisky Creek. Bishop and High Sierra Groups are here with 4 first time attendees. She had their new GSRs stand up. Results of the first ballot were that 162 votes were cast, 96 was needed to elect. Joyce P. 82, Sam H. 30, Barbara M. 50, need to cast a 2nd ballot. Then it was noted that this was greater than the number of eligible voters. This ballot was voided.

District 5B Lauren K. gave the report for **David B.:** She thanked the GSRs for coming up to Tonopah. She had them stand. Their upcoming picnic is September 28, and Eddie K is the speaker. Tickets are \$5.

District 7 Pat G.: District 7 has 25 active groups. Two new groups represented here are the Midnight Wackers, and the Any Lengths Group. Sherree D., one of their GSRs, recently passed away. They recently had their annual picnic on Mt. Charleston, and there were over 400 there. They didn't make any money on it, so they may have to raise the price next year. He will be rotating out this year.

The actual results of the re-cast first ballot included 139 votes cast, 94 required to elect. Joyce P. 73, Sam H. 20, Barbara M. 46. Please cast a 2nd ballot.

District 10B Butch S.: They have a number of groups that are doing well. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to be of service. **District 9 John K.:** He is rotating out. He wants the District to meet in the corner of this room at 11:45 to vote in a new DCM. They will have a picnic September 29 at Sunset Park Area Cc. He thanked everyone, and especially Joan. **District 12 Bonnie MacN.:** She is an alternate filling in as the DCM since May 4. They hold regular District meetings, the 1st Saturday of every month. They had a potluck and speaker meeting, and had the Delegate come up. Joan has helped them reorganize. They have pretty good participation. The groups in District 12 are Fallon, Fernly, Lovelock, and Silver Springs. They have had some problems, but they are on their way. She appreciated the opportunity to serve.

The results of the second ballot showed 145 votes cast, requiring 98 to elect: Joyce P. 93, Sam H. 13, Barbara M. 39. Therefore, Sam drops out because he had less than 29 (1/5 of the ballots). Kathy gave us a break after the third ballot was cast. **Steve H.** announced that he registered one more GSR, so now the number of eligible voters will be 158.

The results of the third ballot showed 145 votes cast, requiring 98 to elect: Joyce P. 108, Barbara M. 37. So **Joyce P. was elected Alternate Delegate.**

The next election was for **Area Chair**, which will come from the North this year. **Barbara M. and Ray G. introduced themselves as willing to stand for this position.** Ballots were then cast for this position.

District 14 Bill F.: He welcomed the new people. His District is in the North Lake Tahoe area, and they had an increase at meetings during summer. They celebrated the 50th anniversary of AA in the Tahoe area this summer. They had Joan M. come to Truckee in July with the Delegate's report and also to tell her story. In August they had 5th Annual jamboree in the Truckee park. Also, in August they had Charlie K. give the GSR survival workshop. They also introduced newly-wed GSRs who came to Tonopah. He will rotate out. Jason C., their alternate DCM, is not here this weekend because he went NY to get married.

District 11 Joe W.: He was previously a DCM back in Omaha. They now have 3 meetings a week from their 2 groups. He is from Smokey Valley. They are getting in to the prison north of Tonopah for meetings. They are putting announcements on bulletin boards locally. He is glad to be at a function with more than 5 alcoholics.

The results of the first ballot showed 146 votes cast, requiring 98 to elect: Barbara M. 82, Ray G. 63, none of the above 1. We then broke for lunch.

District 16 Judy A.: They are now planning for their Christmas affair. They did their District inventory in July, and feel they have improved since last year. She has 8 from her district here, and they stood. They like to railroad their committee members. Service has kept her sober. They have been able to get more in their District active. **District 13 Greg L.:** He had his GSRs stand. He introduced everyone. Service has saved

his life. He spoke of the Pacific Regional Forum in Phoenix; he learned a lot there. We need to educate people in AA. His District now has service workshops every Sunday at 2:30 at Triangle club. They are going through all the service positions. They also have a sponsor panel board.

The results of the second ballot showed 149 cast, requiring 100 to elect: Barbara M. 86, Ray G. 61, 2 for none of the above. So a third ballot will be taken.

District 18 Don S.: He is here from Hawthorne “by-God” Nevada. He got moved with his job to Hawthorne. His home group is the Sagebrush Group. His first assembly in Tonopah was a year and half ago, and he has grown through service. He had his GSRs stand, and introduced the 6 of them. Joan will visit them to give her Delegate’s report later this month. He asked if anyone was here from Luning, Mina or Gabbs. No one responded.

The results of the third ballot showed 146 cast, requiring 98 to elect: Barbara M. 91, Ray G. 55. So a fourth ballot is required.

District 15 Ralph M.: He had one new GSR there. On October 13, at 2 PM at the TIE club, they will have a sponsor workshop. They are also planning their Christmas alkathon. They need volunteers. **District 20**

Bill P.: He is rotating out. He has 6 GSRs here, and he had them stand. He got hurt in May. He was glad to have a good turnout here. **District 17 Scarlett P.:** She isn’t a District officer, but she lives there. The Lovell canyon campout was good. They had a good turnout for their talent/non talent show. She doesn’t know the new hotline number yet. They will continue to do local Alkathons. **District 22 Luis M.:** July 5,6, & 7, they had their 4th Hispanic Convention of NV. They were able to pass on \$2800 to help set up the Convention in Las Vegas next year. They held their District elections last week. Pablo S. will be the new DCM. Julio G. is the new Alternate DCM. October 11, 12, & 13 they will have their 2nd Regional Congress in the Alanon Club in Carson City. They will have 3 speakers from Mexico. When he rotates out, he will be the H&I Chair for his District. He thanked everyone for his service.

The results of the fourth ballot showed 146 cast, requiring 98 to elect: Barbara M. 94, Ray G. 52. The motion for a fifth ballot was voted down. Manny B. pulled Barbara’s name out of the hat. **Barbara M. is the new Area Chair. District 21 Ruben O.:** Lee translated. They have finalized the new members of the District. They have 7 new GSRs, and committees for H&I and PI. They also have an intergroup coordinator. The last Saturday of each month, they have a service meeting to talk of sponsorship and traditions. They would like to get more GSRs to do this in their groups. They have a newsletter they put out; they are about to publish their second one. He thanked us for our help.

We broke for lunch at 11:30.

Next, committee chair reports were given during the next part of the elections, instead of our proposal.

The next position was **Alternate Area Chair**, which will come from the South this time. **John K. and Steve H. introduced themselves.**

Intergroup Liaison North, for Joe R. was Ray D.: A good job is being done by all. The Gratitude Month celebration is November 10 at Circus Circus in Reno. He thanked us for allowing him to be of service.

H&I South Robert for Andre C.: He tried to get to the Tonopah jail, to get some big books up there. All of the committee offices are open, as Andre is rotating out. Among their new groups are one at the Shade Tree Shelter, and one at Salvation Army. Prisons are a problem again. He doesn’t know if we’ll be able to get into Indian Springs. The committee meets the 3rd Tuesday every month, in the back room at Central Office. **Grapevine North Mark C.:** He is grateful to NAGS and the Area for letting him be of service. The Grapevine is going through a lot of changes, including upgrading computers. They raised the rates an extra \$3 for postage after July 1. He has subscription forms. There was also a cost increase for back issues, \$30 for 15 now. There is a bulletin board on the website for GVRs, all you have to do is go on line and register. Be sure to check it out. They had a workshop in Carson City on June 16, they had three GVRs in attendance, plus himself. They have \$650 in inventory, and around \$380 in cash. Grapevine circulation is up by 8 in NV, while La Vina is down 1 subscription.

Results of the first ballot showed 138 votes cast, requiring 93 to elect: Steve H. 109, John K. 29.

Steve H. is the new Alternate Chair.

The next election was for **Treasurer; Byron F. and Rhonda M. introduced themselves.**

PI South and Accessibility Rick B.: The PI committee has recently provided speakers for a Sociology class. They also had an invitation from FM 107.5 to do an interview. They have been taking PSAs to local radio stations, and putting the AA hotline number in free newspapers. They still have their ongoing program to keep Big Books in our local libraries. They need volunteers to help with all of these areas. And regarding the Accessibilities Committee, they need help desperately. The previous Chair has moved away,

and he has taken over in the interim. The next Accessibilities Committee meeting will be 10 AM, next Sunday at the Triangle Club (LV), on the porch. **Correction Facilities North Rick W.:** He came to the Assembly as a guest 2 years ago, and he has loved to be of service for the last 2 years. He has been trying to take an inventory of all correctional facilities in the northern area. He has sent out forms and is waiting for responses. He thanked everyone. **CPC South TJ R.:** She is the outgoing Chair, Marion Thomas will be the next CPC chair. They still have 5 regular committee members. There is Psychology convention in Las Vegas in December, which GSO is sending them information on. They have had two committee meetings on how to give presentations to professionals. They gave workbooks to those who came to these workshops.

Results of the first ballot showed 150 votes cast, requiring 101 to elect: Byron F. 132, Rhonda M. 18.

Byron F. is the new Area Treasurer.

The next election was for **Alternate Treasurer**, which will come from the North. Mark C. nominated **Ed dP. Ray G., Rick W., and Sam H.** also made themselves available for this office. They all introduced themselves.

PI North John D.: He has done a survey of which towns are in which districts. He has also made list of all the high schools and libraries in the North. They desperately need volunteers. He would like to have a volunteer in every town. He will be finding the DCMs to badger them into getting volunteers. **Grapevine South Ray W.:** He mentioned the postal rate increase in July. His committee is now selling 85 issues a month in the South. He urged us to find someone in your group to be a Grapevine rep. They are having elections in November, and he will help the new Grapevine chair. He pointed out the September issue, with the twin towers on the cover and the topic of “getting over fear and resentment”. Forgiveness is the way to recover from these.

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GSR Survival North Charlie K.: They have been making presentations and holding workshops. They had a big workshop in August. This job requires some travel. He doesn't have any workshops scheduled right now, and he will be glad to do more this year if anyone asks. He thanked us for letting him do the job. **LV Roundup and Intergroup South Liaison John F.:** Regarding the Las Vegas Roundup, he mentioned that Marion T. is the Chair. He pointed out the registration forms on the table. If you have any questions ask him. He is also the Intergroup liaison for the South. He thanked TJ for chairing Intergroup; she does a good job. The Gratitude Ball sent \$4000 to Intergroup. The Founders Day event lost around \$700 for Intergroup. The LV Roundup made an \$11,000 contribution. He noted that Intergroup has \$14,000 in prudent reserve. The results of the second ballot showed 148 votes cast, requiring 100 to elect: Ed dP. 56, Ray G. 43, Rick W. 18, Sam H. 31. Rick comes off the ballot, because he had less than 20%. A third ballot was then taken.

Treatment Facilities North Karen R.: She has worked with the northern Intergroup Treatment Committee. She went to Fallon, to the New Frontier treatment facility, and talked about singleness of purpose. She got some Big Books and 12 by 12's out to them. She will be rotating out. **Young People's Roundup South Kelly B.:** Their next event is in Mesquite, a speaker meeting and dance on September 20. They are doing this in cooperation with the Utah Young People's Conference. On October 25, they are having their Halloween event at the TIE club. They have turned their Young People's Roundup into a one day event. It was held at Sunset Park. They didn't have a big turnout. They are reevaluating what they will do next year. Their committee meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 4 PM in the back room at Central Office, but they might move to Monday nights. Their next meeting is September 22. **CPC North Ralph C.:** He was not present, and no one gave a report. **Special Needs North Sue K.:** She recently went to a meeting that had an accessible building, but where the meeting was in a back room that wasn't. Be sure to look at the bathrooms, just look at whether your meeting is accessible or not. She thanked us for allowing her to serve on this committee.

The results of the third ballot showed 147 votes cast, requiring 99 to elect: Ed dP. 69, Ray G. 49, Sam H. 29. Sam drops off, because he had less than 33%. A fourth ballot was taken, with only Ed and Ray. The results of the fourth ballot showed 145 votes cast, 98 needed to elect: Ed dP. 84, Ray G. 61. There was a motion for a 5th ballot, but it failed. John S. pulled Ray's name out. **Ray G. is the new Alternate Treasurer.**

The next election is for **Area Secretary**, which will come from the North this time. **Ed dP. and Karen R.** introduced themselves as available for this job.

Kathy next had us start the Area business agenda. She asked for **Old Business**. None was brought forth.

Moving into **New Business**, the Proposal for literature chair, which was in everyone's packet was presented. Mike D. presented the proposal (as he had written it up). It reads as follows:

That Area 42 create and establish the positions of Area Literature Chair and Alternate Area Literature Chair. Some of the reasons for this proposal are as follows.

- I Most Pacific Region areas have Area Literature Chairs.
- II At present, in Area 42, the job is delegated to the Alt. Area Secretary.
 - A. In addition to transporting and setting up literature displays at Area Assemblies, the Alt. Area Secretary is expected to perform the following duties;
 - 1. To help with Area Assembly registration and
 - 2. To be the acting secretary for whichever sub-area s/he represents.
 - B. Since the Alt. Area Secretary is busy at these assemblies, once the literature display is set up, no one is available to service it.
 - C. Many members, who are new to A.A. and/or service, know very little about literature, its availability, or the accessing procedures.
 - D. If there is no one available to "man" the display, there is no one available to answer the questions.
- III Creating these positions (Chair and Alternate) would make two persons available to coordinate and/or set up and service the Area Literature displays at assemblies, at SAGSC and NAGSC meetings, and at other Area or sub-area service functions, as well as to provide Literature workshops.
- IV We need to have Area wide coordinators for the various literature information functions.
 - V. Having worked as a "Literature Person" at the Group, District and Area level, I have a feeling for the importance of the job and a hope that it can be better organized and served throughout the area.

There are 5 area officers and 5 alternates. These rotate on a two year cycle. (There is 1 area officer and alternate who rotate on a four year basis. Adding an Area Literature Chair and alternate will result in 6 area officers and alternates who rotate on a two year schedule. At present, the Chair and Secretary are on one rotation and the Delegate, Treasurer and Registrar are on the other. The Literature Chair, if created, would go with the Chair and the Secretary, to balance the rotation at three offices each.

The Lit. Chair and alternate will have to be funded, but there should be funds available. The results of the first ballot showed 132 votes cast, 89 required to elect: Karen R. 33, Ed dP. 99. **Ed dP. is elected new "controversial" Area Secretary.**

The next election is for **Alternate Secretary**, which will come from the South this time. **Scarlett P. and T.J. R. introduced themselves as available.**

John F. asked if the Literature proposal were approved, if we would elect someone this year. It was pointed out that it would not be applicable yet. He asked if the Literature Chair and Co-Chair would be voting positions, and the answer was yes. **John from Carson City Happy Hour**, mentioned that the majority was opposed to this proposal in his group. He is surprised that we meet twice a year, while the Nevada legislature only meets every other year. He was shocked that they took the web stuff out of the 4th edition.

Mark C. spoke, as he is the Literature Chair for PRAASA 2003. It is hard to be in two places at once. He is much in favor. However it won't help him out for PRAASA 2003. **Barbara M.** said she co-wrote it with Mike: he wrote it, she liked it. She reminded everyone that we have so many outlying areas. This is the only time they see the literature. It would be great to have somebody do it. **Ron L.** thinks it is excessive that we already fund 10 officers. He thinks we should have two areas, instead. He pointed out that there are 6 NAGS meetings in the North each year, and there are only 4 SAGSC meetings in the South, annually. **TJ R.** thinks it is not needed. She thinks we could ask someone else to do the job.

Results of the first ballot showed 134 votes cast, 90 required to elect: Scarlett P. 60, TJ R. 74.

Joan M. mentioned that there is a literature committee in GSO. It would make sense to have someone doing that job in our area. She told GSO to send the comments regarding literature to Barbara M. this year.

Kathy S. read what a former Area Officer who couldn't be there had to say, regarding this proposal. She was against it, and thought it was another job for the same old people to do. This former officer characterized PRAASA and the regional forums as "schmooze-fests".

Results of the second ballot showed 140 votes cast, 90 required to elect: Scarlett P. 57, TJ R. 83.

Byron F. talked about funding for these new officers. He said that both the Literature Chair and Alternate would be funded to the Area Assembly twice per year. They would be funded to PRAASA on funds-available basis. **Pat G.** thinks it would be one more way to get the message out. **John S.** says that we need to make sure the Guidelines “go all the way down” in defining these officers as voting members. **Bonnie McN.** says she lives in a rural area, and groups have a hard time getting literature. This might help. **Mike D.** says he believes there is a lack of literature awareness. He found confusion in groups. Most City groups know about some of the literature at Central Office, but it is a much bigger problem in rural areas. Some areas hold literature workshops.

Results of the third ballot showed 142 votes cast, 96 required to elect: Scarlett P. 50, TJ R. 92.

The question was called. Based on raised hands, it looked like more were in favor of the literature proposal. **Sophie K.** spoke to the minority. She thought literature was available to rural areas. **John K.** thought the proposal wasn’t clear enough. Unless they speak to everyone, he thinks will do no good. He doesn’t like it as written. The vote was taken again, and Kathy counted the raised hands. **The results showed 66 for the Literature Proposal as written, 62 against. Because a Guidelines change takes a two-thirds majority, the motion failed.**

Results of the fourth ballot showed 142 votes cast, requiring 92 to elect: TJ R. 100, Scarlett P. 42. **TJ R. is elected as Alternate Secretary.**

The next election is for **Area Registrar**, which will come from the South. **David W. and John K. introduced themselves.**

Next Kathy introduced a member of the Liberty Bells group. They had sent in a proposal, although it came in well after the deadline and was not really in the form of a proposal. Their group wants to change the title of the chapter in the Big Book, which is now “To Wives”, to “To Family and Friends”. She also thinks in the Big Book, they should change it from Husband 1, 2, 3,4, to Alcoholic 1,2,3,4. Look for more on this proposal, as it may come in on time next year.

Results of the first ballot showed 138 voted, with 93 required to elect: John K. 44, David W. 94. **David W. was elected as Area Registrar.**

The next election was for **Alternate Registrar**, this time from the North. **Mark C., Sue K., and Karen R. introduced themselves as available for the office.**

The first ballot results showed 133 votes cast, 90 required to elect: Karen R. 18, Sue K. 68, Mark C. 49.

The second ballot results showed 141 votes cast, 94 to elect: Mark C. 46, Sue K. 88, Karen R. 7. Karen will drop off as a choice because she has less than one fifth. The third ballot results showed 144 votes cast, 96 required to elect: Sue K. 110, Mark C. 34. **Sue K. is elected as the new Alternate Registrar.**

Kathy made some announcements, then we cleared the room so that it could be prepared for the banquet and speaker meeting Saturday night.

September 8, 2002

Our Chair, Kathy S. opened the meeting at 9 AM with the Serenity prayer. Kathy talked about the new business that we talked about yesterday. She opened it up for any discussion anyone had.

The Sober House Sisters GSR said that she didn’t know she was supposed to register. She didn’t know she was supposed to get a brown envelope. She wanted to know what was going on. She hadn’t been here before. Would just like to be helpful to newcomers. **Roger R.**, our Archivist says he is still looking for volunteers for PRAASA 2003. He really liked the score sheets in the envelopes. **John G.** thanked the last young lady for speaking out. He thinks that the newcomers are overwhelmed. He suggested that the NAGS and SAGSC meetings before the Assembly should tell the new people attending what to look for.

John K. suggested that the Assembly may want to look into having volunteers out front. Send some of our nonvoting members out front. He thinks registration needs to be open while assembly is on. **Jan** from Las Vegas suggested that we preregister, like they do in California. Sherri S. from Boulder City said she came to the Assembly first as a guest, and she really enjoys being here.

Kathy S. stated that we try to do a lot to educate people. She says it is natural that it is confusing. She asks the DCMs to go back and start to educate the people in their Districts. We need the DCMs to tell their GSRs what to expect, and how to help them through the Assembly once they get here. Go back and start preparing them for March. We know that it will be about the conference agenda items. There will a registration desk, packets, etc. Talk to people in your business meetings. Attend your NAGS and SAGSC meetings. They are preparations for Tonopah and the assembly. **Don L.** said that he will volunteer to sit at registration desk and be a greeter. **Joan M.** reminded everyone that our Spring Assembly next March,

should be March 28, 29, & 30, not the dates stated on the program. Our next Fall Assembly will be September 5, 6, & 7, 2003. **Warren P.** said he thought the food was a lot better this year at the Banquet. He thinks Alanon will ask us again to have a speaker and banquet, and he wanted to get peoples' feedback. **Jack F.** had some new business. It was brought up at a recent SAGSC meeting that GSO should produce a Twelve Concepts window shade, in English and Spanish. **Phyllis H.**, our Pacific Regional Trustee says that was a recent Conference action, and these products will be available shortly. **Ray W.** suggested that the Area order the three window shades and put them up during our Assembly!

Kathy S. then asked the panel of experts, which included Delegates, Past Delegates, and Past Trustees to come to the podium for the ask-it basket session. This included **Roberta L., John G., Julian R. (who chaired this session), Dick H., Manny B., Joan M., Phyllis H., Steve H., and Marita H.** Julian thanked the everyone who helped with the elections, and last night's banquet, including the people who served food, and the Alanons. The first question was:

Any suggestions on how to bring life to sponsorship for the beginner and oldtimer? **Roberta L.** responded that that automatically happens when you sponsor people. When people ask her for help it brings life to her program. She hopes it works for the person asking help also. She feels the magic of the program. **Why was the GSO archivist, an alcoholic, replaced with a nonalcoholic one. The non-alcoholic one is real good, but why?** **Phyllis H.** said they didn't purposely select an archivist based on them being an alcoholic or not, they just picked someone with the qualifications. They needed a professional archivist. She says that we have a great one in Judit. **How can we find a Higher Power that will work for us? Why do people say you have to find God to stay sober?** **Dick H.** said that one reason is because you do. I need to find something outside my skin, to run my life. The GOD word is scary when you are new. He had searched a little previously, when he came in he didn't want to talk about God, and the theme is finding a power that can help us stay sober. **Given that a recent court case ruled that AA is a religion, partly because we close with the Lord's Prayer, why do we keep doing it?** **Joan M.** said that when you look back in history, Bill W used it. And the other Big Book (the Bible) was kind of a backup Big Book in the old days. Some groups have quit using the Lord's Prayer, but it is a group decision. The Akron Group doesn't start with a prayer, they just start. It is not mandated. Groups may be better without it. **Ruth, could you explain the elephant thing? What does service mean to you?** **Ruth J.** said that it means giving back in time and energy what has been given to her. If she is grateful, she knows that she owes AA some money and some time. One doesn't supplant the other. She started out in service by buying donuts, washing ashtrays, etc. She still doesn't think she has paid her debt back. So she keeps doing service, and it doesn't have to be general service. And the elephant thing is that, making changes in AA is kind of like mating elephants. In both instances they action occurs at a high level, it is accompanied by much bellowing and trumpeting, and it takes two years to see the results! **Speak to anonymity, when you have to sign a court paper.** **Manny B.** said that some groups sign the papers, some don't. It is kind of up to the individual and the group. There is a lot of discussion, that a judge is an outside agency, does a judge have a right to get a signature. He signs, sometimes just his initials, or his first name only. If you don't feel comfortable, then don't sign, somebody else in the group probably will.

What was Bill Wilson's age when the 12 Traditions were adopted in 1950? They were stumped.

What does sanity mean in the 2nd step? **John G.** answered that the whole second step is puzzling to him. One of the hallmarks of insanity, is not knowing that you are not acting within normal limits. This step talks about being restored to sanity, it calls for a regrounding. Some people are eccentric and can get away with it if they have money. He sees how crazy his thinking was as he goes along and looks back.

Accepting reality and how it happens to him is the key today. Cease fighting anything or anybody, and that gets him back to sanity. **What is the big deal about the Traditions?** **Julian R.** says that people say that the 12 Steps are why they are sober, but those same people feel that the 12 Traditions are why AA is here today. **I have around 3 years, and am sponsoring, and wants to know if I should call my sponsees, or make them suffer, (like I did) and wait for them to call me.** **Marita H.** said that her sponsor called her every day when she came in. Her sponsor took her to meetings. The weller she got the closer she got to her sponsor. Go ahead and call them, as it looks like you have answered your own question, when you talk about suffering. **Can Past Delegates hold service positions?** **Steve H.** said that the General Service Conference recommends that you not become active in service for at least a year, after you have been a Delegate, as in applying for a Trustee position. He doesn't think he could be a Delegate in the US or Canada. It would be permissible in another country, not part of our service structure. It is important that a group not get a Past Delegate for a GSR. **What is a God box?** **Joan M.** answered that her sponsor once gave her one. When you have a problem that is staying with you, you write it down, put it in there. If you

can't leave the problem alone, then you pull it back out. That shows that you haven't really given it to God.

Could we have a dance after the speakers meeting on Saturday night?

Ruth J. says that traditionally we don't have dances connected with service events. You could talk to the Chair. These events are a little different than Roundups. **Julian R.** said that he had forgot to thank District 18, so he did. The Ask-it Basket questions ran out, so they asked for any questions from the floor. **Sophie K.** asked anyone up there how long have you been in service and are you still married? **Dick H.** mentioned that he is married, to an alcoholic. He has been in service almost since he got sober. His wife went to meetings with him. Sometimes she gives him a "look". It is something to consider. He needs to keep balance in his life. AA gave him a life, but it isn't his life. **TJ R.** asked who makes the decision for this body how to end this assembly. **Ruth J.** says that we haven't taken a conscience. Whoever is chairing the meeting gets to choose. She thinks if you feel strongly enough, you should write a proposal. **Barbara M.,** Area Chair-elect, said that if you want a dance, go figure it out yourself. She is asking the Past Delegates to come back. She has been married for eleven years. When she told her husband that she was elected, he said they need another computer. **Warren P.** said that the closing prayer is a continuing controversy. He saw a copy of a letter that Bill W wrote in 1963. It reportedly said that one of the reasons that they closed with the Lord's Prayer, was to teach patience and tolerance to those that didn't want to use it!

Kathy S. went back on the podium to Chair. She said that she had called the Jim Butler Motel and moved the reservations of those who already made them to the correct weekend in March. She thanked everyone who has helped over the last two years. She thanked District 18. She thanked, our taper, Trent.

Joan M. stated that she is now the Past Delegate-elect. She forgot to bring her cotton handkerchief. She really is our crying delegate. She thanks everyone who helped her perform the job of delegate. Throughout her years of service, we are all a part of doing this simple work. We pass it on to maintain our own sobriety. During her two trips to GSO in NY, she got to see the World Trade Center, and then see where the World Trade Center was. She mentioned all of the great people she has met. The Area will need new standing committee chairs. If you are someone who didn't get elected to a position, put your name forward. Her sobriety has changed a great deal just by being in service. She thanked us for the opportunity to help the best fellowship in the world. **Kathy S.** pointed out the announcements on the agenda. Our Pre-Conference Assembly in Tonopah will be March 28, 29, & 30, 2003. PRAASA will be in Reno March 7, 8, & 9, 2003. Our next Fall Assembly will be September 5, 6, & 7, 2003, in Tonopah. She closed with a Patrick Overton quote that "When you walk in the dark, and approach the edge, believe that there will be something solid to step on, or that you will be taught to fly." The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.