

Assembly opened on Friday March 25, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.
Tonopah Convention Center, Tonopah, Nevada

Minutes from the September Assembly were approved unanimously without corrections or changes.

Area Officer Reports

Area Chair Mike D. (S) Welcome and announcements. Mike would like to have Greg M., General Manager at GSO, as our banquet speaker at a future assembly, and requests input from members with an opinion on this idea. Also, proposed that we have round table discussions on the Conference Agenda items, participants take a group conscience, and make a consensus recommendation to the assembly and delegate.

Alt Area /NAGSC Chair Jason C. (N): Report of NAGSC meeting Feb. 2005. NAGSC topics included funding of Area Webmaster to PRAASA, appointment of an ad-hoc committee to discover what documents need to be translated into Spanish, PRAASA funding of 10 DCMs/GSRs to PRAASA.

Area Archivist Roger L. (S): Working on compiling group, committee and district histories; requested histories from each past delegate. Roger is currently working on a permanent archives display at Las Vegas Central Office. Roger has a portable display and is working on putting together items for both North & South.

Area Registrar Sophie K. (N): Currently working with GSO for the semi-annual data updates. DCMs have been asked to contact each group in their district to obtain changes to meeting schedules, GSRs, and names and phone numbers of members willing to be listed in the directory.

Alt Area Registrar Mike M. (S): Registration with N.Y. through your Area Registrar gets your GSR on the GSO mailing list for Box 459, and provides a group contact person for GSO. Please see Sophie (N) or Mike (S) to fill out new group or new GSR information. Each registered group has a unique group number; please reference this number on contributions.

Area Secretary Marion T. (S): Need help with translation of Area Guidelines into Spanish. Once translation is done, upkeep should be fairly simple. Request that all reports be submitted in writing for summary in the minutes. If requested verbatim report in the minutes, please e-mail report.

Alt Area Secretary Mark C. (N): (Report prepared by Mark C., presented by Dan G.). Area literature report: beginning inventory balance for Assembly was \$633.49.

Area Webmaster Ken B. (N): Please visit our website at nevadaarea42.org. Cost of the internet service is \$4.99 per month. GSO website has a link to ours. PRAASA was very helpful in exchange of ideas, challenges and solutions.

Area Treasurer Ed deP (N): Transition between Byron F and myself went smoothly and I am currently collecting checks from the PO Box monthly with Pat G making the post office box pickup and mailing to me for depositing and updating the books. Due to PRAASA and Assembly expenses coming in we are showing a negative cash flow so far this year with expenses by far greater than income. Checking Account balance as of March 21 was \$4530 and with anticipated paid out for PRAASA and Tonopah the checking account balance will be about \$750. Savings Account balance as of March 1 was \$6060, this includes the \$1000 prudent reserve. As noted in the handout called Treasury Overview demonstrates that although contributions in 2004 vs 2003 were up by \$795, the expenses 2003 vs 2004 were also up but by double that amount. The monthly cost of doing Area business for the 12 months in 2003 was \$1088 and the cost of doing business for the 12 months in 2004 was \$1218. The monthly contribution average for 2003 was \$955 and that compared to \$1021 in 2004. This indicates that whereas we are not in trouble yet, our spending is outpacing our income. At the current pace we will spend down our checking account to almost zero within 24 months. We will still have our \$6000 savings account intact. We should establish a more reasonable "prudent reserve" than \$1000 and most Pacific Region Areas have 3 to 6 months' average in prudent reserve. Their average monthly spending times the number of months desired. I will submit a proposal to do this at the fall assembly.

Alt Area Treasurer Pat G. (S): SAGSC report: Printouts available for contributions and balances for 2005. Last deposit was March 23, with a balance as of that date \$12,020.80. Thanks to John S. for his assistance in learning the job.

Old Business:

1. Minutes from the September Assembly were approved unanimously without corrections or changes.
2. Joan M. presented a proposal for a guidelines change to define the method of presenting non-guideline-change proposals to the assembly. An ad-hoc committee, chaired by Joan M. prepared the proposal. Motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposal as written developed proposal. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Joyce P.: Bids for 2008 PRAASA, Oakland CA, Seattle/Bellvue WA, and Anchorage AK. Sense of Assembly: (2006 will be in Woodland Hills, CA; 2007 will be in Portland, OR). First vote: 24 Oakland, 35 Seattle, 38 Anchorage. Second vote: 63 Seattle, 47 Anchorage

2. Marion T.: Request for bi-lingual Spanish translation for Area Assembly agenda and Area Guidelines. William, Southern Area Spanish PI chair volunteered to translate material as needed.
3. Lee (GSR from How it Works, Las Vegas): First reading of proposal. Spanish and French Grapevines over the past few years have had a gross loss of over \$564,300. Propose that GSO eliminate the Spanish and French versions of the Grapevine.
4. Lee (GSR from How it Works, Las Vegas) second proposal. Eliminate the last paragraph of the forward to the Fourth Edition.

DCM Reports:

- 1 Jeannie P: DCM for one month, as former DCM Dale S. stepped down in February due to family obligations. District 1 picnic committee hard at work. Planning to have more guest speakers from service entities at District meetings.
- 2 Mike McC: District 2 meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Reno Triangle Club; 8-10 GSRs attend. Districts 2 & 4 will hold a GSR Survival workshop May 14 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Reno Triangle Club
- 3 Dick J. Dist. 3 will host the breakfast for Founders Day celebration held June 11. First meeting is the 1st Monday in April (April 6) 6:30 p.m. Putting together a committee to visit all groups in the district.
- 4 Brittney N.: 8-12 GSRs normally attend District meetings. Will be co-hosting a GSR Survival training on May 14. Planning several panels for this 2-year term, including one on Service in AA. November's Sponsorship panel was a great success.
- 5b Al T. : Has been working on discrepancies between the West Coast AA Directory, the local Central Office and Intergroup meeting schedules for groups in Area 5b. To date, has visited 19 groups and found that 4 of them no longer exist. Planning to visit the remaining 39 groups as time permits. To date, the following discrepancies have been found: 34 in West Coast Directory, 62 in Las Vegas directory. 29 groups support Central Office, 33 groups/meetings do not. There are 42 more groups in District 5B than what is suggested in the Service Manual. Objectives: divide district into smaller sub-districts with elected local committee members servicing smaller sub-districts; get more GSRs involved in District committee activities; provide workshops on steps and traditions when requested; provide videotapes to groups who request them; update AA West Coast, Central Office, and Intergroup schedules; assist unregistered meetings who desire to become groups; talk to non-supporting groups about the importance of support; talk to old-timers about the importance of getting back into service.
- 5 (5a not in attendance)
- 6 Max S.: GSR Workshop held in February. Planning 4th annual Founders Day Picnic in June, date TBA.
- 7 Brian B.: 20th annual Mt. Charleston picnic will be held August 21. This event usually draws 400-500 persons. Open house is being planned in June for District 7.
- 8 Joe: Discussing having District PI & CP, feel the need to be proactive in these areas.
- 9 Andy M.: District is meeting this weekend to determine when District meetings will be held. Discussing having a film festival of AA films.
- 10 Marsha (10A) The Five and Alive group had a Sponsorship workshop in February. The Campout committee is busy planning the 9th annual Serenity in the Rubies 2005 Campout to be held July 29-31
- 11 Steve S. (report by alternate Chuck): Camp-out in Kingston Canyon July 22-24.
- 12 Alt. Kathy S. District elections held in December; 10 new GSRs. Birthday Speaker and Chip meetings are 1st Saturday of the month at the Episcopal Church. There is a potluck held the last Saturday of the month at the McAtter building in Silver Springs. GSR workshop was held February 14 in Fernley.
- 13 Alt Don C.: 3 GSRs currently active in District. Plans for getting more participation. All groups meet at LV Triangle Club.
- 14 Chris R.: Two groups have split. There is a new group in Kings Beach called the "Primary Purpose" group. Discussion continues regarding who should have a voice in the group conscience at District meetings.
- 15 Marvin W.: Report given.
- 16 Tonia H.: Approximately 8-10 GSRs show up at monthly District meetings. New group: Sunshine Group represented at this assembly. Annual Christmas party was held last December 13, and was well attended.
- 17 (report not given)
- 18 Annie W.: End of the Road Group continues to have good attendance at 3 meetings per week in Wellington; Yerington Group still has 7 meetings per week. Schurz still has 2 meetings per week. The Hawthorne Group has 7 meetings per week, Walker Lake each Monday Night.

- 19 Does not exist
- 20 Jon M.: Founders Day celebration June 3-5, speaker Tom W. from the Bay Area. Fire on the Mountain Men's retreat April 14-16. District is struggling with getting more GSRs involved, and working to update the group list.
- 21 Jesus (William Translating) PI, H&I working – May 15 – 1st local Hispanic Form – Aug 19-21 @ Union Plaza – wants info on La Vina.
- 22 Present

Standing Committee Reports:

Accessibility North: – no report given.

Accessibility South Aurora S.: Has ordered a workbook from GSO which should arrive within a week or two.

Public Information (PI) North Paul E.: Working with Northern Nevada Intergroup PI chair Mike D. to work out a plan, so that efforts are not duplicated, and energy can be spent on under-served areas. Looking forward to the new PSA approval. PRAASA was very helpful. Planning a workshop with CPC chair Amur R. for District 8 in Mammoth Lakes, CA August 6, for GSRs and any AA member who would like to attend and learn how to help CPC and PI.

Public Information (PI) South Will B.: Vision – approval of videos & to get tapes & PSAs distributed to stations. Will be setting up a table at an upcoming play "Days of Wine and Roses" at CCSN Cheyenne Campus April 14-16 and 21-23 7:30 to 10 p.m., and April 17 & 24 2-4:30 p.m.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) North Amur R. – working with Paul (PI) to develop a letter and reply card to send to professionals. Has started correspondence with Area 03 CPC chair, who has many current programs for panels and workshops. Cooperating with Northern Nevada Intergroup CPC in efforts to avoid duplication of effort. Ordering CPC workbook and kit from GSO. Any DCM interested in a workshop please let Amur know.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) South Bill L.: Set up a table for the K-12 counselors for Clark County School District meeting held at Spring Valley High School February 22 - 500 counselors attended. Want to work with DCMs & GSRs to get information to doctors.

Corrections North Robin M. Northern Area CT&B committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Reno Central Office at 6 p.m. This committee currently supports over 50 meetings in northern Nevada. Stockpile of literature is almost gone. Pink can contributions are down. Please rekindle Pink can. Volunteers are needed for Corrections or Treatment meetings. Meetings are currently being taken into Galena High School at the request of the guidance department.

Grapevine North Sam H.: Subscriptions down. La Vina – problems getting subscriptions mailed.

Grapevine South Janine B.: Provided a Grapevine literature table at the International AA Women's Conference in Las Vegas in February; will also provide a table at the TriState Roundup in May.

GSR Survival North Shelly M.: Met with District 12 in Fernly/Fallon on February 12, and with District 6 in Gardnerville February 26. District 20 (Alturas) tentative for April 9, District 4 scheduled at the Triangle Club in Reno for May 14.

GSR Survival South Aurora S.: Survival guides are available at the Grapevine table. Thirty-two new GSRs attended the January SAGSC meeting.

Intergroup Liaison North Annie W.: Central Office Director Beverly C. resigned 9/2004, taking a position at Central Office in Sacramento. Virginia H. hired as new office manager for a short time. Michele was hired in February.

Intergroup Liaison South: Report given by Alternate Ted G.

Treatment Facilities North Patty P.: Lots of good information at PRAASA – will be meeting with the Northern Intergroup Treatment Chair.

H&I South (verbatim report) Alan V.: I'm representing the H&I Committee of Las Vegas since our Chair Bryan was unable to attend due to his work situation. Being a recent "transplant" from Southern California 6 months ago, I consider this a great opportunity and a real privilege to be here doing this. I am currently serving the Las Vegas H&I Committee as their "Bridging-the-Gap" sub-committee chair. H&I meets the third Tuesday of every month at Central Office in Las Vegas at 6:00PM. We regularly take meetings into City, County & State Correctional facilities as well as many of the shelters, treatment centers, and detox facilities in Southern Nevada. We've started rebuilding the "Bridging Services" in our area at the end of January this year by contacting various facilities and recruiting fresh volunteers. A number of the H&I volunteers are helping by getting this information to facilities when they take their meetings there. We have also "networked" with bridging committees in several other geographic areas and hopefully the area 42 web site will be a very valuable tool in this effort as well. And for anyone that is not familiar with "Bridging-the-Gap", feel free to contact me for more detailed information. Our committee is totally supported by group (and individual) contributions. We receive no funding from Intergroup of the Area. We're enlisting the help or as many meetings as possible to start utilizing the infamous "Pink Cans" for contributions. It seems that we could always use more literature and books for our service work. Recently we had more requests for books and literature than we had funds to accommodate them.

And this really impairs our service work. For this reason (on behalf of our committee) I would like to request that all of you – ESPECIALLY D.C.M.s AND G.S.R.s – PLEASE take this information back to your groups. And DCM's PLEASE give this information to your GSRs who are not here today so that they have the opportunity to enlist help from their group as well. We're even willing to supply you with the "pink cans:" The other are in which we need your help and support is with the bridging effort. We can always use more volunteers for this valuable service. And anyone wishing more information, etc can contact me, personally. My contact information is in the current newsletter on both page 5 and page 6.

Presentation of Agenda Items

Agenda Item IIIC (Correctional Facilities.) Presented by Cindy from District 1. "Review Final Report exploring the feasibility and cost of producing and distributing an informational video introducing AA to training academies for corrections personnel." Estimated cost of production: \$50,000. *Vote: overwhelmingly in favor. Opposed: 10*

Agenda Item VII C (Policy and Admissions) presented by District 2. "Consider requests to revise the timetable for the election of one delegate in the Western Canada Region to allow for two odd and two even panels in that region." Currently, 3 delegates rotate at once, and 1 next rotation. *Sense of assembly: In favor of granting the request.*

Agenda Item IVA(B). (Finance). "Review and discuss report from trustee's Finance and Budgetary Committee on delegates' fees." Cost is currently approximately \$2600 per delegate, and areas are only asked to contribute \$600-\$800. Should the conference ask areas to increase the support for delegates' expenses? *Vote – yes*

Agenda Item IXC. (Report & Charter) presented by District 4 – Brittney. "Consider request to include online meetings in languages other than English, French, and Spanish in AA directories under 'ONLINE MEETINGS'" *Vote substantially split, with a slight majority in favor of granting the request.*

Agenda Item IID (Cooperation with the Professional Community) presented by Andy M. from District 9. "Consider request to create a video for Professionals". Cost is approximately \$50,000 with production in 6 months. *Vote: 84 in favor, 20 opposed.*

Agenda Item VIII D (Public Information) "Consider report from trustees' Committee on Public Information recommending first steps in determining the feasibility of replacing tow videos, "AA Come Rap with Us" & "Young People and AA", with estimated initial project costs not to exceed \$20,000. *Majority in favor*

Agenda Item XB (Treatment Facilities) presented by District 8 (Joe). "Consider request that the 'Singleness of Purpose Statement' currently used in six CPC pamphlets be added to the pamphlet 'AA in Treatment Facilities'". *Vote: Substantial majority in favor - opposed 6.*

Agenda Item VI-I (Literature) presented by Jason from District 17. "Discuss suggestion to develop a publication oriented toward and addressing the concerns of AA members with long-term sobriety." *Vote: Substantial majority in favor - opposed 10.*

Agenda Item IIC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) presented by Amur R. from District 14. "Discuss the need for a pamphlet directed to the Criminal Justice System". *Vote: Substantial majority in favor – opposed by 5.*

Agenda Item III A (Correctional Facilities) presented by District 16. "Consider including the following statement on AA's Singleness of Purpose in the pamphlet 'A message to Correctional Professionals': 'Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as "substance abuse" or "chemical dependency". Non-alcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to AA and encouraged to attend AA meetings. Anyone may attend open AA meetings, but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed meetings" *In favor – Majority, opposed 25*

Agenda Item XIID (International Conventions/Regional Forums) presented by Tonia from District 16. "Discuss the concept of restructuring and/or increasing Forums (Regional/Special)" Cost up to \$25,000 per forum. *Majority was opposed.*

Agenda Item V-B (Grapevine) presented by Carlos from District 20. "Consider request that in 2006 or later, La Vina produce an audio CD of La Vina stories on Steps 7 through 12 as a companion to its CD of stories on Steps 1 – 6. Production \$2,600, manufacturing for 5000 = 1.80 each \$11,600 total. *Vote: 1 opposed, the rest in favor.*

Julian R: Item to be brought up at this years conference. Proposal to consider splitting the Literature committee into 2 separate committees. Workload is very large – too large for conference week. 2003 Conference week – met for 17 hours, 2004 met for 9 hours. Can we reduce the workload coming in? Some of our pamphlets are frequently revised - unless there is an error, perhaps we should not review an item two years in a row. Splitting the committee has several results, one of which is that 2 committees would require twice as many members, and twice as much time to report to the general conference. This is not an item which will come up this conference, but it may in the future.

Announcements – Joyce P thanks to presenters.

Pahrump NV Roundup May 20-22 2005 @ Saddle West Hotel & Casino

Pat G. – tickets available for Gratitude Ball in Las Vegas

Make sure Name of Group is on check when you send in S Area contributions.

Brenda – 20th anniversary of group

Kevin D – 65th International. Office of Homeland Security has a proposal in Congress to require passport for entry into US. If you leave the country, you must have a passport to reenter. Applications \$97.

Aaron (GSR Spec Group) – from Canada – If you have a conviction in the last 5 years, send in application and \$75

Kingston Campout. July 22-24.

Sunday announcements:

Greg M. – future speaker for Assembly (Sept or March)

Ask-it Basket

Meeting chair: Ruth J.

Past delegates present: Roberta L., Kathy S., Kevin D., Joan M.

Questions:

What are the membership requirements for Carrot-Cake anonymous?

If a person stops drinking & goes to AA, then starts taking pills, are they still sober?

Please explain AdHoc committees & how long they last.

Will Tiger Woods win the Masters this year?

How do you see remote areas doing their own CPC, PI & C&T committees?

Is there any way to speed up the agenda topics so we can have a better group conscience?

Why did we close the discussions so early on Saturday?

Principles before personalities – please explain.

Will we consider moving assembly back & forth Reno-LV

On the topic of Singleness of Purpose: Is there anything that can be done about a club that baptizes & 13th steps new members?

Why doesn't the AA General Service conference include Mexico?

Is New Beginnings (Hazeldon) acceptable literature to be read in an AA meeting?

How do the items we voted on yesterday get on the agenda what is the process?

Why don't we encourage people to join other fellowships.

If a GSR needs to get help with funding, who do we go about it?

Will sending non-AA emails to directories be ok?

I voted on proposals yesterday as a trusted servant. Where does it go from here?

What is Substantial Unanimity?

Why are the MILESTONE books given to non-AAs?

Is the Lord's Prayer a politically correct way to end an AA meeting?

What's wrong with saying "Keep coming back" after the prayer? Is that chanting?

Mike: if you're new to service – when you come to the Assembly in September you will receive a copy of the conference report. There is also a summary of conference advisory actions taken for the last 54 years. Copies available from your Central Office or GSO.

Suggestion from the Floor: When doing bulk e-mail to AAs, please use BCC so each recipient does not receive all addresses or all recipients.

Assembly closed at approximately 11 a.m. Sunday morning