

**Area 42
Fall 2006 Assembly Minutes**

Friday September 8, 2006

Assembly opened at 6:30 pm by Mike D. Serenity prayer by Jason C., preface read by Byron F., Concept 3 by Aurora S. Responsibility Statement read by Mike D.

Assembly agenda alterations: Friday add a round table on website presentation by Paul E.

Sat afternoon add items: Conference agenda dates presented by Mac S. and Webpage guidelines: Paul E.

Introductions: Visiting Past Delegate from CA Area 07: Inez; new Pacific Regional Trustee: Madeleine P. (Saturday night's speaker), Past delegates from Area 42: Julian R., Joan M., Manny B., Dick H., Roberta L. (also present Director), Ruth J., Kathy S., Kevin D. Comments from past trustees Julian and Ruth regarding campaign signs posted on the road from the south. If they were put up as a joke, it is not funny, if serious amends need to be made. The AA Way: Attraction not Promotion. Selection of our trusted servants is not a political process.

Delegate's remarks: Joyce P.: *Elections for officers will take place this weekend, members urged to put aside any preconceived notions or prejudices, and ask what is best for AA as a whole. "AA for the Northern Native American" pamphlet will be revised, need stories. 3 pages (800 words), submission by Dec 15 (Joyce has written guidelines & submission instructions). Handouts on GSO finances, Final Conference reports will be distributed this weekend. Please sign copy of Daily Reflections as a memento of Joyce's term as Delegate. One of the Roundtable topics is to Consider having Class B Trustee chair the General Service board. Treatment facilities questionnaire to be filled out, CPC & Treatment chairs please meet with Joyce.*

Joyce was able to spend a weekend with Hernan, editor of La Vina. La Vina is not just about Spanish speaking persons in the US, but touches many Spanish-speakers all over the world.

Next Conference theme: Our 12-step responsibility: Are we going to any lengths? Some of the suggested topics for discussion in our groups in the coming year are: inclusiveness in AA, our 3rd tradition, pearls of the fellowship, reaching out to those who want it., our primary purpose, attraction rather than promotion, working with wet drunks, practicing these principles in all our affairs, humility and responsibility as expressed by anonymity, are we resting on our laurels?, and raising literature prices for footing the bill. Suggested workshop topic is: Spiritual value for our AA dollar? Quarterly contributions for Nevada was \$18,625.13, contributions from parts of California (through 8/2/06) were \$337.42. Total groups are 496, active groups are 393, unknown groups are 103.

Thanks to all for the opportunity to serve as your Panel 55 Area 42 Delegate.

Area Officers reports:

AlternateChair: Jason C.: At the April NAGSC meeting, Dave M was appointed GSR Manual Trainer for the Southern portion of the Northern Area. Two officers, 6 committee chairs and 4 DCMs were granted full funding for the Pacific Regional Forum. A second motion to fund Carol B and Jason to the Special Forum in Banning CA was also passed. Many people commented on how well the March Assembly was organized and the Roundtables were a hit. June 4 NAGSC meeting brought a motion by Ray G. to change the guidelines concerning mileage reimbursement – this was the first reading of the motion. Mike McC was selected Grapevine Chair. At the August 6 NAGSC meeting, Stephen VanW. Was appointed Intergroup liaison. Second reading of the mileage reimbursement proposal was amended and passed. Amendment stipulates that voting members who drive to receive NAGSC funding may receive \$.20 per mile for mileage in excess of 30 miles one-way. An ad-hoc committee was appointed to research expenses and funding of standing committees. Jason encouraged all officers and committee chairs to pass along their experience, strength and hope to their successors.

AlternateDelegate: Byron F.: SAGSC meeting second Sun in November at T.I.E. Club, thanks to SAGSC officers & committee chairs.

Treasurer Ed D.: Costs of holding the assembly at the Tonopah Convention Center has gone up by 40% and our bill is now \$1225. We may want to consider some alternatives since we drink \$650 in coffee. If you are a coffee drinker you might want to consider a basket for coffee donations. Treasurers report given – we are currently healthy, due to a large contribution from the IAAWC which we voted to split with NAGSC, and to the increase in registration at assembly, making all of our assemblies almost self-supporting. Average funding to assemblies has increased from an average \$150 to average \$215, so costs have increased. Number of active groups contributing to the Area is up YTD over 2005. Our non-profit status had lapsed, causing us to pay \$1033 in various fees and penalties in order to be reinstated. Treasurer's transition guidebook is complete.

Alternate Treasurer: Pat G.: Thanks to groups who put their group name/number on contribution checks – it helps. Printouts are available on the table for group contributions. Account balance is healthy,

mostly due to IAAWC contribution, which has not been disbursed. Southern Area Committee Chairs requested to submit budget. Deadline is Oct 15. E-mail budgets to Pat. (see contact list for e-mail address).

Secretary Marion T.: Please read assembly minutes in the packet – we will vote to approve them tomorrow. Hope this weekend to talk about professional translation of our guidelines into Spanish – we have not been successful in attempts to get them translated within our area. Please don't lose your packet. Guidelines were printed and distributed in the Spring with one page missing – that page is in your packet – please 3-hole punch to make a complete set. 90 complete copies are available for those who did not receive them in March. Thanks for all the help it took to get minutes from Spring Assembly, special thanks to Mark C., John S. and Dave A.

Alternate Secretary Mark C.: Literature inventory in \$734.58, which includes \$71.56 cash on hand. A reorder including an additional literature rack for Spanish pamphlets has been provided, as suggested by the Spanish DCMs. Any requests or concerns regarding literature at the assembly are welcome.

Archivist Roger L.: A trailer donated for traveling archives. The trailer needs work to get it water-tight, but should be fine. Archives committee has been meeting at the Triangle Club every Thursday 5-7 pm, mostly putting papers into clear plastic sheet protectors. Need volunteers who understand the service structure.

Alternate Archivist Roger R.: Michelle, the new director of Central Office in Sparks is with us. Central Office in Sparks is making room for permanent archives. Roger L. has been doing a great job in the South – please look at the Archives room here & see for yourselves. We are still collecting group histories, meeting schedules and special event flyers.

Registrar Sophie K.: There were 211 registrants at the last assembly, 138 of which were GSRs. Since then, 11 new groups have registered in the Area – 3 in the South and 8 in the North. Welcome letters went out to new groups in the North. As of this morning, GSO says we have 493 active groups in Area 42.

Alternate Registrar Mike M.: No report

DCM Reports

District 14 Chris R.: District 14 has a new alternate DCM, Duncan H. who is willing to step in to the DCM position. Hosting the 9th annual AA-AI-Anon Jamboree September 24 at the Truckee River regional park. Joyce P will be the AA speaker and Tina B, the Area 34 delegate will be the AI-Anon speaker.

District 5b Ken H.: DCM Al T. is ill and unable to attend. District is not too healthy at this time – no chairs or alternates. GSR attendance is at an all-time low with only 1 at the July meeting. Due to lack of participation, the steering committee decided not to have the picnic this year. Elections are in November, hopefully things will get better then. The district is in solid financial shape.

District 16 Tonia H.: All is well in District 16, with 10-12 people in attendance. Annual Christmas affair in Sparks will be December 9 at the Masonic Hall on Pyramid Way.

District 13 Chris M.: Alternate DCM rotating into the DCM position. Monthly speaker meeting is held every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. The district will be holding a Traditions play on October 22. Elections have already been held, Justin will serve as new Alternate DCM, Kathy continue as Treasurer, and Nino will be Secretary for District 13.

District 4 Gretchen H.: District is doing well, have met all expenses, have not had many panels but expect to have some soon. Good attendance and participation at District meetings. We have had several new meetings start, and a few resurrected. Many of our new GSRs and first-timers are present at this assembly.

District 1 Marina B.: We have 49 groups registered with New York, and of those we have 25 groups that are active with GSR participation and financial support. Held a Sponsorship workshop at Club 51 on April 15 which was enthusiastically received. Annual picnic is scheduled for October 28 in Boulder City, speakers Mike M and Randy J.

District 8 Joe A.: Two new GSRs will be attending this weekend, including a group that has been around a while but have just elected their first GSR. They are participating both in attendance and in financial support of the district. Mammoth Lakes group had a great campout the last weekend in August, which helped tremendously to get the prudent reserve back up where it needs to be.

District 3 Dick J.: Introduced Lee Z, new alternate DCM.

District 18 Annie W.: All is well, Hawthorne group having monthly speaker meetings with better attendance. Northern Nevada Native American Conference is coming up. Hawthorne group is growing, and have had a considerable number of visitors and newcomers. District elections will be held in November.

District 10b Lizz M.: Meetings have been well attended by all 3 groups. Looking for some help from District 22, as there is a Spanish-speaking newcomer in one of the groups and no others who can speak Spanish.

District 11 Chuck (alt): There are approximately 6 active meetings in the District with 9 members in Smokey Valley, 2 in Fish Lake and 5 in Tonopah. Have a member who goes in to the correction facilities. Gratitude Meeting scheduled November 17 at the Kingston firehouse, and a birthday meeting coming up December 22 at 8 pm, also at the Kingston firehouse.

District 6 Mac S.: District is doing well. More meetings are being formed particularly in the Dayton and Carson Valley. Will have the Fall Festival October 27-29, and the 3rd Annual Native American Conference October 6-8.

District 17 Roxanne Z.: The district has 19 groups and 30 meetings. District meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of the month. There are quite a few committees active now; CPC and PI are doing ad on TV and the 2 radio stations in Pahrump. He is also working with the H&I chair to make sure there is literature available at the various facilities. H&I holds 2 meetings per week at the jail in Pahrump. Hotline 12-step now has a chairperson who is working on updating the packet to make sure information is current. Working on a service workshop so people can find out what 12-step and hotline work is. Liaisons from Al-Anon and Alateen attend the district meetings. The district is working on their non-profit status so we can use the Community Center for meetings. Had a Lovell Canyon barbeque and spiritual meeting, where speakers were Larry & Gail from CA.

District 12 Kathy S.: (Kathy is GSR who was asked to give the report). There are approximately 35 meetings in the district, meetings were moved from the old post office to the Nugget. District speaker meeting is the first Saturday of the month, and has been well attended. The hotline has been very active, and received a 12-step call from Tonopah last week.

District 2 Mike McC: District 2 has 2 new groups. The district has a new DCM so Mike can finally rotate.

District 7 (Alt DCM Andy K.): DCM Brian and his wife just had a baby girl, so he is home with his family. The Annual Mt Charleston picnic was a big success & the district is doing well.

District 5a (Alt. DCM Holly): Meet at Stairway 1 at 5 pm first Saturday of the month. They have been discussing having a monthly speaker meeting to raise funds for the district. Trying to get a district newsletter started with AA birthdays, articles, and jokes.

Round Tables conducted until 10 pm.

Saturday September 9, 2006 - 9:00 am Assembly reopens

Serenity Prayer Ray G; Concept 9 John D. (authority and responsibility); Right of decision read by Madeleine P. Pacific Regional Trustee.

Minutes were approved.

A recording of a Third Legacy speech by Bill W. was played for the Assembly

Continuation of DCM Reports

District 9 report given by District treasurer Jon M.: District is healthy – recently had a movie night which was fairly well attended.

District 15 Marvin W.: Upcoming event is a BBQ on October 1, and the district is doing well.

District 20 alt DCM Ryan: Annual event is the Founders Day picnic in June at Lake Alminore was well attended. Fire on the Mountain men's retreat is coming up – see Jon for details.

District 21 Jose U.: There are now 15 groups in the district. Elections were held and new officers elected. H&I is working with Montevista and Westcare, and trying to get meetings for the young people there. We are starting to work with Indian Springs Correctional facility and jails in North Las Vegas and on Mojave. PI has a spot on local television, and they are working on the Las Vegas newspaper El Mundo. We have given information to the Catholic Church in Overton. We are planning a picnic at Freedom Park September 24.

The following reports were given during the counting of ballots.

PI North Paul E.: Attended Forum in Seattle, where he was able to attend 2 workshops: AA Around the World, and Rituals and Chanting in AA. In the first, he learned that the Big Book is currently published in 51 different languages and in 180 countries. AAWS issues a license agreement that is good for 10 years; after that time the agreement needs to be renewed by AAWS and the GSO of the country involved, or any time a translation is updated or reprinted. These agreements are critical, not only to protect the integrity of the AA message, but for the development of unified AA structures. Anyone interested in being the next PI chair, Paul would like the chance to work with you before the end of this rotation to ensure a smooth transition.

CPC/PI South Bill L.: CPC is doing well, no commitments at this time. We should have an event in November, will let you know when and where as we hear from GSO. PIC did an event National Police Night Out on August 1 in Hartke Park in Las Vegas. It was successful, and our Spanish AA friends helped out at the tables. Our next event will be the National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, sponsored by AADAPT in affiliation with Westcare and the Southern Nevada treatment community. The

event will be held in Area C of Lorenzi Park on Sunday September 24 11am – 5 pm. John P. has volunteered to serve as the next CPC chair. If anyone is interested in serving as the PI chair, please let us know. Both committees meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Central Office Las Vegas.

Northern Area 42 Intergroup Liaison Steven Van W.: Northern Nevada Intergroup held elections in June and all positions have been filled. He brought a list of newly elected officers. Intergroup needs volunteers for the 12-step list due to the high volume of calls both during business hours and after hours. NNIG is in the process of taking control of the annual Gratitude Dinner again, but their insurance would not cover a pot-luck affair of 1500-2000 people, so are having a catered affair at Circus Circus Saturday November 18.

Grapevine (North) Mike McC: Over the past several months, has traveled to numerous groups and functions in Northern Area 42, including Reno NV, Bishop CA, Herlong CA, Battle Mountain NV, Elko NV, Portola CA and Grupo Latino Anniversary/District 22, in most cases traveling with our Delegate Joyce P. At these meetings he set up the Grapevine/LaVina table with books, CDs, Joyce would give a Delegate's Report & Mike give a brief Grapevine presentation. Because we are such a geographically large area, it would be good if each district had a GVR. Three additional groups/districts have extended invitations to attend, including the 3rd Annual Native American AA Conference in Carson City.

Grapevine (South) Janine B.: Had a table at the Tri-State Roundup and Mt Charleston picnic. We have also been sending a copy of the Grapevine to halfway houses and treatment centers since we no longer have an end-of-the-month speaker meeting.

CPC (North) Amur R.: Attended Forum in Seattle where great information was shared. GSO set up a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Let's be friendly with our friends". Amur has a copy and is empowered to copy and disburse it. Looking for a laptop to be donated to the CPC committee to facilitate presentations. Is currently gathering information to pass to the next CPC chair, including form letters, addresses, literature, and the PowerPoint presentation.

Corrections (North) Robin M.: Northern Area CT&B committee officers are rotation out. If interested in one of the positions, please attend the meeting on the 3rd Tuesday at 7pm at Central Office. Literature supplies have been restocked. Corrections, treatment and bridging the gap service commitments are always available. Schedule has been updated, and presentations are available for home groups and district meetings.

Treatment (North) Carol B gave report: – all is well.

GSR Survival North David M.: New to the position, not a lot has happened since appointment. Attended District 10b with Joyce, Carol, and Jason to work with Lizz starting up that district. Went to Forum and attended 2 workshops, Chanting and Rural Communities.

GSR Survival (South) Aurora S.: Survival guides available at the back of the room for \$2 each.

District 22 Carlos C.: We had our 8th convention in the month of July. Hernan, editor of La Vina, conducted a workshop for us. He explained what La Vina is going to do in the next year. There will be a book of the best La Vina stories from the last 10 years. In March they start to sell the new CD for steps 1-6. We are having our 6th Congreso de la Sierra Nevada September 30-October 2 at the Biltmore Hotel in Kings Beach. Grupo Latino celebrated their 20th anniversary on August 26. September 16 Grupo Nueva Vida will celebrate their 10 year anniversary at Paradise Park, which will include a public information meeting. Thanks to Joyce for all her support of these events.

Central Office Liaison (South) Jack F.: Standing in for Andre C. Monthly group contributions for 2006 is \$7200, and total donations average \$11,000 per month. Monthly expenses including committees are \$10,500. Monthly literature sales average \$4300, with literature costs at \$3600. Information calls average 1000 calls per month, 110 12-step calls. We receive 150 hits per day on our website. Our new Unity chair is Niles C. Gratitude Ball in April took a \$2500 loss, and Founders Day made a \$2600 profit. Maggie W. is our new computer person, who is doing well with keeping our meeting schedules and such up to date. Steering committee has decided to discontinue Saturday hours at Central Office. New Young People's committee chair is Amos T. There will be a Men's International Conference at the Riviera March 30-April 1.

La Vina presentation: Lee Z. Lee repeated his presentation, which was not voted on since the assembly voted in the Spring. Joyce reported on the General Service conference decision regarding La Vina. The General Service Conference voted in April to continue its support with general service dollars. It is true there have been problems with circulation, two of the greatest problems have been changes of address and difficulty with reading the handwriting on order forms. Regardless of the problems, La Vina subscribership is on the rise; Grapevine is not. La Vina is the world's magazine, not just North America. Articles in La Vina come from all over the world, and it is being distributed literally all over the world. Much loving discussion ensued.

Website Guidelines Agenda Item: Paul E. Paul went over a brief history of the Website. This is the second reading of the proposal to adopt Website Guidelines. The assembly unanimously voted to adopt. Site content of Area Guidelines is to be revised to reflect these changes.

Agenda Item GSO Deadline: Mac S. Proposed that GSO finalize its yearly agenda at their November meeting so that the area committees will be able to get the proposals out to the DCMs and GSRs by February 1. As it is currently being done, the groups do not have time to come to an informed group conscience on issues requiring a vote. Initiated in 1992, the purpose of the Area 42 March Assembly is to provide the delegate with a sense of how groups and individual members feel about agenda items scheduled for discussion at the April General Service Conference. Much discussion ensued. It was mentioned that this request has been made to New York many times, but it has never passed. Several people suggested that we need to be more efficient with getting the information out at the area level, rather than trying to get New York to change its system. Mac returned to the microphone and acknowledged that the suggestions for solution at the Area level made sense. The proposal was re-read in its original form, and the measure passed, 6 opposed, no minority opinion.

Round Table Report-Backs

Jason: Area Service structure. Area 42 is the only one of the 93 areas with a north/south division, so we have 3 bodies that serve. This was done to better serve the outlying areas and give them more opportunity to be involved in general service. It also created more service positions. The alternative to this would be to request we be split into two areas, but this is a long process and not easily passed.

Lee W. Alternate Delegate from California Interior Area 07, Topic: Area Officers & Structure.

Basically went over the Area Guidelines which are very clear and concise on this topic.

Mike M. Topic: Group Number on Name Badge. Our outgoing Registrar, Sophie, put together a method by which we can find out exactly how many GSRs, DCMs and area officers we have, so that we know how many voting members we have. Some felt the group number is not very helpful, but the group name and district would be.

Joan M. Topic: Self-support Thoughts from discussion: sobriety chips – is this a good use for group funds. Self support (50% of GSO income is profit from book sales), if every member donated \$1 per year to GSO, it would be fully self-supporting. At the group level, what does the group spend the dollars from the basket on, and is \$1 enough? Need for funding for GSRs to go to Assembly, PRAASA, Forum.

Jack F. Topic: Intergroup in relation to the Area and General Service. Discussion included what Intergroup does: publishes meeting schedules, responsible for standing committees in the Southern Area, respond to phone calls and walk-in requests for help, and information calls for visitors and local members, publish a local newsletter, maintain a 12-step list and hotline. There is a description of IG function in Service Manual (page S36) and in a pamphlet P16, The AA Group page 35. Although not a part of the General Service structure, it is a vital part of AA.

Roberta L. Topic: Should Class B Trustees Be Eligible For the Position of Chairperson of the AAWS Board? According to the Service Manual, a Class B can be chairperson, but year after year conferences have affirmed that the Chairperson will be a Class A trustee. Considered four points during discussion. 1. Is there presently and adequate pool of candidates from the Class A group? 2. Are we looking at those who are best qualified for the position? 3. Is the present method of stratification in conflict with our concepts and traditions? 4. Have we not demonstrated competence and the ability to serve AA? Roundtable discussion did not come to a strong consensus, although there was a leaning toward continuing to have Class A's in the position as long as there continues to be an adequate pool. If at some time in the future we get to the point where there are not sufficient qualified Class A candidates, we should definitely consider Class Bs for that position. The main objection to Class Bs in that position is anonymity, because traditionally that person has been the public face of AA, and would appear at conventions and conferences for other outside organizations, visit foreign countries, and so on.

Kevin D. Topic: Purpose of PRAASA and Forum. PRAASA (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly) has been held since 1968, the location of which is set by the delegates within the Region. The next 3 are Portland in 2007, Anchorage in 2008, and Oakland in 2009. The purpose is to assist the delegates in becoming more informed so they can do a better job at the conference. It also helps other General Service servants with sharing of information and methods at the Roundtables. The next regional forum will be held in Spokane in 2008. Forum presentations are given by the GSO staff, and staff members are available for questions and concerns.

Kathy S. Topic: Group and District Service. Roundtable was well attended. Discussed all the areas of service from cleaning ash trays through DCM and Area Service. Discussed the fear of stepping into a new service position, and the benefits we got on the other side.

ELECTIONS

Into by Ruth J., census of voting members verified by DCMs.

Third Legacy procedure read by Pac Reg Trustee Madeleine P.

Delegate (South) candidate Mike D., Elected by acclamation.

Alternate Delegate (North) candidates Jason C., Ray G. First Ballot: Jason 87 Ray 49. Second Ballot: Jason 105 Ray 38. Jason elected.

Area Chair (North) candidates: Ray G., Sophie K. and Ed D. First ballot: (90 to elect) Ray 32, Sophie 53, Ed 50. 2nd ballot: (85 to elect) Sophie 53, Ray 21, Ed 47. 3rd ballot will be Sophie & Ed. 3rd ballot: (92 to elect) Sophie 85, Ed 53. 4th ballot (96 to elect) Sophie 98, Ed 46. Sophie Elected

Alternate Chair (South) candidate: Mike M. by acclamation.

Secretary (North): Candidates Carol B. & Mark C. First Ballot (141 voted 94 to elect) Carol 68 Mark 73. Second Ballot 93 to elect: Carol 61 Mark 78. Third Ballot 93 to elect: Carol 69 Mark 70. Fourth Ballot 93 to elect: Carol 71, Mark 69. To the hat: Carol B.

Alternate Secretary (South) Aurora S. By acclamation.

Treasurer (South): Marion T. by acclamation

Alternate Treasurer (North): Candidates Annie W., Sam H. First Ballot (84 to elect) Annie 72 , Sam 54. Second Ballot (87 to elect) Annie 82 , Sam 48. Third Ballot (87 to elect) Annie 99, Sam 32. Annie elected.

Registrar (South): Bill L by Acclamation

Alternate Registrar (North): Candidates Tonia H, Lisa H. First Ballot (87 to elect) Tonia 101, Lisa 29. Tonia elected.

New Business: Secretary Marion T. asked that we obtain quotes for professional translation of our area guidelines into Spanish, and that the Area Officers be empowered to approve the expenditure. Motion was made and passed. Carlos C (DCM District 22) stated he would like the Hispanic districts to shoulder some of the costs in the spirit of self-support. Jason stated he feels this is an Area need and an Area expense.

Assembly closed for Saturday afternoon. Banquet and speaker meeting Saturday night, speaker Madeleine P.

Sunday September 10, 2006 assembly reopened at 9am.

Joyce P. Delegate's remarks: Thanks for your trust and guidance and for teaching the art of giving.

Madeleine P – description of Trustee position. We have 21 trustees who serve as the Board of Trustees for AA. Board is composed of 7 Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustees and 14 Class B trustees who represent the various regions and some who are elected at large. At first the Class A's outnumbered the Class Bs, when we were still shaky and needed the strength of the friends of the program. We delegate responsibility of AA to the Trustees. There is AAWS (AA World Services) and the Grapevine board. There are 3 board meetings during the year in addition to conference week. If you also serve on one of the operating boards, you have an additional 4 meetings per year to attend in New York. Trustees are the administrators of the 2 operating boards and the conference as a whole. The Trustees are the worker bees who implement the decisions made at the General Service Conference.

Mel S – Unity Committee South: Would like to address GSRs and groups about unity through service, and how we keep our common welfare first.

Ask-it Basket was held, with questions answered by our Delegate, Trustee, and Past Delegates/Trustees.

Assembly closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion T.

Area Secretary

Next Assembly: March 23-25 2007, Tonopah Convention Center, Tonopah, Nevada