

Secretary Minutes from March 23, 24 & 25, 2007 Pre-Conference Assembly
Tonopah, Nevada

Friday March 23

“Preparing our Trusted Servants”

Assembly Opened at 6pm with the Serenity Prayer. “Why do we need a Conference?” was read by Susan S followed by opening remarks from Sophie K

District 8 is hosting the assembly. We are attempting to defray coffee expenses by putting out a collection can for sodas and coffee in the rear of the room. 170 Banquet tickets are on sale @ \$15.00. The meal is being provided by the Rite of Passage School from Yerington. Current Delegate Mike D explained some of the responsibilities of the area delegate. Mike will learn of a number of ways that the various delegate areas function.

As he goes through this rotation Mike will try to share with us as much of the information as we or he deems important.

Registration closed at 6:30.

6:35 PM GSR's were given presentations by Past Officers in the main room.

Break to Committee Meeting:

Present at the Committee Meeting ~ no sign-in sheet, so I may have missed you

Annie W	Ray G	Darryl B	Jason C	Lee Z	Andrew K
Michael M	Dave M	Aurora S	Sophie K	Roger L	Marvin W
Jackie A	Michael G	Susan B	Aaron O	Roger R	Lizz M
Mike D	Carol B	Marion T	John D	Chris M	Susan S
Stephen V	Patty P	Ted G	Mark T	Kathy S	John P
Leslie N	Frank A	Ed D	Phil W	Ron D	Melvin L
Bill L	Paul E	Kevin B	Andy P	Scott P	
Mike Mc	Carol H	JD B	Sam H	Gene L	

Service Manual Quote:

“Committee is the direction setter for the Area rotation.”

Past delegates will be assigned to sit with districts.

Where do we want to go? Any proposals?

Ed DeP: Motion to take Area Inventory

Suggested the chair appoint an ad hoc committee to get the process going. “I would move that we do this tonight so that we don’t put this off to a future date.” The motion was seconded then discussion ensued.

Vote was taken.

Overwhelming majority voted to put together an ad hoc committee.

When asked for a minority voice there was no response

Sophie: Question, Is this something you would like to get done in one day? Or over a few assemblies?

Ed DeP:

Have the committee report back on how the process is going to work, what the questions will be and the research of the background information is going to be. Then have the assembly decide what the duration will be after the ad hoc committee informs them of just what the inventory will be. More discussion ensued.

Sophie:

Specific concerns like demographic groups to be addressed. Seniors, Native Americans, whatever...

Ed DeP:

An amendment to the suggestion or a suggestion to the suggestion, is that we put a committee together that would have some from the South and some from the North involved. That way you can kind of break down those barriers between the NAGSC and the SAGSC groups.

Sophie:

So, I got it that it would be appreciated if this committee is comprised of members from both the North and the South and that it brings its findings to each the Southern and the Northern Area Meetings for feedback. There is a desire for a link on the area website where DCM’s can communicate with the committee, to post an idea or anything that does not come out of this meeting. Does everybody here use computers? We need to know if you need snail mail otherwise you’re going to be left in the dust. Things happen fast on the internet, we want to make sure we

get these things out to you by US mail if that's the way you communicate best. Sophie clarified that the ad hoc committee will make a proposal that will outline the questions and procedure. Then you can make a decision if you want that or not.

When asked if we could send a copy of the inventory to the individual groups for input, Sophie said we would request that it be on the list for consideration of the committee.

JD: suggested that we have a cut-off date for contributions and suggestions for the ad hoc committee from the body because the committee reports back in the fall.

Would it be helpful to have in the newsletter some samples of other areas' inventories?

Roger L:

reminded us that we are different in that we are split but that there are others guidelines we can use.

Marion: The ad hoc committee can use some of the questions and say that this is best served at the Area level or maybe this might be best served at the Southern and/or Northern areas. Send them in anyway and the two areas can use the information for what works there.

Sophie asked for any question or comments there were none, at 7:30 pm the meeting was adjourned

7:50PM

Panel Presentation:

The Role of the District & DCM in the Service Structure

Roberta L. Presented on the many DCM duties required to keep a district alive and informed.

Kevin B. Described what is expected to be accomplished by the district and the significance of the district business meetings.

Lizz M. Talked about her learning experience while being a GSR in a district that had been dark and the process through which it came alive again.

Aaron O. Highlighted his experience in moving into the DCM position in a district with 20 groups having 185 meetings. He has taken on the job of compiling the registrar information of the district along with being involved with the Young People's Committee in the South.

DCM Reports:

Scott P Alt. DCM District 1:

49 registered groups, 25 are active. 20 GSRs attend district meetings. Most of them are present this weekend. They conducted a district inventory which has directed them to help support Traditions and service work. They are now sponsoring quarterly workshops. The first, on sponsorship, was attended by 43 alcoholics and 4 panelists. The next workshop topic is "Traditions" on Sunday May 20, 2007 at St Rose Siena. District 1 fully funded the DCM along with one GSR to PRASSA 2007.

Mark T DCM District 2:

Diligently attempting to increase GSR attendance at District Meetings. Bill H (treasury funds are stable) and Sharon R (minutes are being recorded) have joined us and are very helpful in getting us organized. DCM roundtables at PRASSA were extremely helpful in expressing ideas on how to stimulate excitement and enthusiasm towards general service. February NAGSC was hosted by the district and we were honored to have the opportunity. Thank You for allowing me the service opportunity to give back what has been so freely given to me.

Lee Z DCM District 3:

"Our numbers are small but we are strong in our love for AA". Great distances from various meeting locations in the district give hopeful stimulation to the service duties of communicating needs so as to ensure a future of the district's growth in unity. Mesquite meetings moved to Old Grand School in room #12 at 150 Locus St. The Into Action Group moved to 700 Hardy Way in the Baptist church. How it Works Group will expand Thursday literature meeting at 7:30pm. I'm proud of the District 3 GSRs and thank you for the chance for the change of duties and the view to see it.

Gretchen H DCM District 4:

District 4 is self-supporting. Many new GSRs. We hosted 2 GSR Survival Workshops. In December we hosted the NAGSC meeting. Our Young Peoples Group has ANNYP. We have developed a plan for updating information on all groups in an effort to get more people involved.

Andy P DCM District 5B:

Our district focus in on getting more GSR support from the over 50 registered groups in 5B. Goal is to get 15-20 active GSRs then split up the district. Tonopah representation from the District is 13-15 this weekend. District 5B Picnic scheduled for October and we have scheduled a Service Workshop on June 23rd with Delegate Mike D.

Kevin B DCM District 6:

District 6 has approximately 20 groups; 10-12 GSRs attend district meetings and this event. DCM and Alt DCM attended PRAASA. District 6 officers are getting settled in, contributions are good. Annual Founders Day Picnic in Genoa on June 10, 2007 w/ Mike D's Delegate Report at Genoa Park. PRAASA lessons learned: 1) I am not alone. There are a wealth of DCM's that have the exact same issues that happen here. 2) seniors outreach: this demographic is often overlooked. There are a number of considerations in attracting these members.

Andy K.DCM District 7:

We're doing quite well. We are starting a Unity, Recovery & Service Seminar to promote service within District 7 at a date yet to be announced.

Phil W DCM District 8:

District 8 has 9 members present tonight. We attended the January GSR Survival Workshop in Reno. District 8 is growing in group support. Lone Pine, Bishop, Mammoth Lakes, June Lake, Bridgeport, Crowley Lake. Three of us attended PRAASA and had much to take back to our home groups. 2 GSRs and DCM attended PRAASA. August 24th - 26th is the annual Mammoth Campout.

Aaron O DCM District 9:

Three members present from District 9. District has several clubs, 3 major conferences and conventions as they are the located in Las Vegas. Well over 150 Meetings in the District. Young Peoples Committee is bidding on hosting ICYPAA. The District had been inactive; they are getting started doing a monthly district meeting.

Lizz M DCM District 10B:

We hosted a GSR and Grapevine presentation in February. We would like a sample of district guidelines if anyone has some to share with District 10B. Unity Days in Winnemucca will be May 4-6, 2007. We need all the support we can get for this event. E-mail me (lizz635@sbcglobal.net) regarding room reservations or if you would like to volunteer in a service workshop.

Kathy S DCM District 12:

Seven District 12 attendees present tonight. Fernley has 8 Groups going right now. As DCM I am looking forward to visiting meetings all around the district. District contributions have increased; two of us were able to attend PRAASA. I learned how much our program is loved by our Class A Trustees. I thank you and my sponsor Roberta for allowing me the honor of giving back to the program I so dearly love and can pass the gift on.

Chris M DCM District 13:

District 13 is the Triangle Club located at 4600 South Nellis in LV. We have approximately 33 groups with 36 meetings. Attendance is usually 5-10 at the district business meeting on the last Tuesday of the month @ 6:30pm at the Triangle Club. We will be coming up with different events to get people excited about General Service. Our Traditions play in October was a blast. If anyone would like to put one on please see me. We have speaker meetings using past and current trusted servants on the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 6:30pm.

Ron W District 14:

DCM and Alt.DCM were not present. Seven members were present from the district which includes Incline Village, Kings Beach, Tahoe City, Truckee, Sierra City and Sierraville.

70% participation at district meetings which are held every other month. DCM and 2 GSRs attended PRAASA. 50% of the GSRs attended the NAGSC meeting roundtables in February.

Patty P DCM District 16:

Eight were present from District 16. The DCM and Alt. DCM plan on attending the "out of the way" AA Meetings in the district and see if they can stir up interest in GSR service. DCM attended PRAASA and was intrigued with the Panel 4 presentations regarding the gray pages being reinstated into the Grapevine. Patty informed us that she is of the opinion that only doctors who are members of Alcoholics Anonymous need submit articles to the AA publication.

Susan S DCM District 18:

8 present from the District. Susan was grateful to have attended PRAASA. Highlights were the Liz (Area 58) presentation on Young Persons and the outdated videos, and the Hawaii Delegate's presentation on brochures & pamphlets. This is the second PRAASA attended - the first was when Susan accompanied Don S, the past DCM who brought the district out of the dark. "It is an honor through the grace of God to now continue on in Don's legacy as the acting DCM for this District 18."

Eugene E DCM District 20:

District 20 has 3 members present. The district has not had a business meeting for quite awhile and Eugene, who was the acting district treasurer, is attempting to get it up and running again. April 14th at 1:00pm in Susanville at the Fellowship Hall will be the first district meeting this year.

Assembly Adjourned 9:05pm

Saturday Morning March 23, 2007 8:00AM

The Assembly opened with Concept Three read by Ruth J. Chairperson Sophie K. announced that the packets are all gone this morning. Banquet Tickets are already sold out.

Area 42 Archives display is located in the back room. Please take a few minutes this weekend to check it out. All the DCMs need to meet with the Registrar Bill L. He has Group Information Update forms for you.

Jason C., Alt. Delegate, assigned the seating for the conference agenda item roundtables. Facilitators did the rotating.

Mariano J. DCM District 22:

We meet on Wells Ave. Reno, NV on Sundays and Wednesdays 6-7PM. RSGs attend the District 22 meetings. We plan and work from the General Service Manual and the AA Group Pamphlet to keep the Traditions. Two group anniversaries coming up are Grupo Un Nuevo Dia ~ 3 Years & Grupo Nuevo Luz ~ 16 Years. The groups are buying many of the LaVina publications, Best of Bill and CDs.

Hispanic CIA; Corrections Institutions and Hospitals Committee:

Two members from Reno and one from Carson City have formed this committee; they are working with the prison in Carson City and are serving a group that is called "Alegria de Vivir." They meet with a group of 12 to 24 inmates every Sunday from 9 to 11AM. We are working on recruiting more members to join for the purpose of visiting other institutions in the area that have requested our help. We wish you continue to enjoy many more hours of blessed sobriety.

Albino A, Gilberto B. & Orlando C.

Marvin W. DCM District 15:

Concepts Workshop on April 28. The district has bought 2 subscriptions of La Vina so we can do everything we can to help another alcoholic. The district is doing well.

Ron D. DCM District 17:

All positions are filled and all people are involved after getting back on track after some learning and growing through a district inventory. Look for a Lovell Canyon event flyer.

Marco S. DCM District 21:

17 Members present. District 21 is 14 groups strong – the newest being 1 year old this month. H&I Committees meet in 4 locations weekly. PI has requested permission to take information meetings to local churches and a high school. The 5th Hispanic Foro of General Services will be taking place at the Walnut Community Center in LV on May 20, 2007. They have requested the participation of Area 42 officers to help on a General Service Panel. 233 total members in this District. 21 are women and 89 have been sober over 1 year. District 21 Inventory: two suggested questions. 1. What can we do to grow more on members? 2. What can we do to help groups that are not in the Traditions?

Roundtable Report Backs and Sense of the Assembly

CPC & PI ~ Jackie A.

Roundtable feedback was very positive regarding the new Workbook Kit.

Discussion on the many opportunities there are to stimulate interest. Maintaining a level of anonymity and confidentiality are concerns along with remembering that as we go out we are not representing AA as a whole. Presentations are being done by groups also. The facilities are grateful to have the information available to them. Meeting schedules are a good tool to hand out to these facilities. The kits are not available to the general public; they are resources available for the trusted servants serving on these committees.

Finance ~ Add Sentence from General Service Manual to Self-Support Pamphlets. ~ Ed DeP

Overwhelming unanimous positive response to this request. Only question was "How much will this cost?" There is no additional expense in printing adding to these pamphlets. Ed said that it was mentioned that we didn't cover all the finance agenda items. And he reminded us that it could go on for days if we were to try to address everything going onto the floor at the General Service Conference.

Grapevine ~ Gray Pages Reinstatement ~ Michael Mc.

Mike explained the background along with the pros and cons regarding the Grapevine once again publishing articles written by non-alcoholic professionals about alcohol and alcoholism to the monthly issues. Disclaimers have been in place and would continue to stay in place. There is a 4 to 1 margin opposed to this addition to the current Grapevine. Mike D., GSR of the June Lake Group and emergency room physician, shared during the open discussion that there is dis-information and mis-information regarding alcoholism that is propagated by people who sell alcohol and people that treat alcoholics for money "We need to be knowledgeable about the disease of alcoholism to carry the message to alcoholics to fulfill our primary mission," he added. Ruth J. informed us that the "Gray Pages" were not articles but two double-sided light gray colored pages that included one or two non-solicited paragraphs from professional publications. Most of the opinions expressed at the mikes were to allow the addition back into the publication. When asked for a show of hands in favor of the inclusion of the "Gray Pages" the vast majority changed their votes to support their Grapevine reinstatement.

Literature ~ Native American Pamphlet/Hispanic Version Big Book 3rd Edition ~ Susan B & Dave M.

Susan told the Assembly that her presentation was well received and there was no opposition regarding the publication of the Spanish Third Edition Big Book. David reviewed and discussed the Native American pamphlet that has already been approved for publication. The deadline has been extended three times and there have been 36 stories submitted to date. His presentation stimulated much discussion; the consensus was "Whatever we have to do to get them in the door". The open mike brought a Native American who suggested that the pamphlet be titled "Am I an Alcoholic?" rather than focus on one particular demographic.

Treatment Facilities ~ Michael G. & Sam H. Video "Hope": Review Summary of Local Sharing.

The bottom line of Michael G's report was that very few of the people interviewed had actually seen or used the video. In September, 2006, GSO received 91 replies to 411 questionnaires sent out to Delegates, Bridging the Gap, Committee Chairs from Treatment Facilities, H&I, PI, and CPC. Equipment issues, video too old, too long, too boring and dull were some responses when asked why they would not utilize the video. Good feedback from Area 42 Roundtables. Many suggestions to update the video.

Public Information ~ Julian R ~ Consider Report Regarding Changes to GSO's AA Website

Primary link is the GSR as to what goes on with the operation of the Website. Inter Office Website Committee is working with PI Committee for what is needed on the Website. Pertinent aspects recommended were that the AAWS Board should continue to be responsible for preparing 1) a quarterly report regarding website activity to the Trustees PI Committee and 2) a summary of actions taken by the AAWS Board in response to the requests or correspondence concerning website activity. An annual summary will be sent to the Conference PI Committee for their consideration.

Several pages reviewing actions taken in 2006 are in the background of this agenda item. This all shows a very good process of review, a process of control showing that we have delegated the responsibilities to these other committees. They will recommend that any major issues be turned over to the fellowship for conference advisory action or change.

Finance ~ Kathy S ~ Discuss Increasing the Personal Contribution Limit from \$2000 to \$3000.

There were wide and varied opinions regarding spending or giving away money. Some felt this was a personal issue. Most felt that in the light of inflation that this was a reasonable request.

This caused many to go back and remember what Bill W. said regarding property, money and prestige. Most were in favor of the raise and many leaned toward making the one-time bequest. Aaron O., DCM District 9 and professional estate planner, shared that in setting up wills and trusts such bequests are usually arranged for annual disbursement and are not locked into a single bequest. AAWS currently asks attorneys to discourage this. A few opposed.

Public Information ~Joan M. & Joyce P. ~Consider 2007 Membership Survey be Conducted Randomly

Joyce was involved in the survey question changes accomplished at the General Conference last year. Joan reminded us of the fact that the membership survey is information for the general public and is not so much for the fellowship. Since 1968 AA has taken a survey every three years. The consensus is that we should do this as in the past.

Report & Charter ~ Kevin D. ~ Discuss Suggestion to Discontinue Publishing the Directories

There was much discussion regarding the necessity of this publication as Inter-groups and AA websites have more current information than the directories. The directory is self-supporting @ \$3.60 a copy. New software is being put together for this publication this year. Four people were in favor of discontinuing the directories.

Trustees ~ Ruth J ~ Review Report Regarding the Option of a Class B to Serve as CEO

Consensus: No big objections or any reason to be hurried into this. It's already been entered into the by-laws; only the mechanics need to be worked out.

Con: Our AA visibility can be raised in whatever field the Class A is in. Anonymity is not an issue. Saves us from alcoholic egos. Pro: Pool of Class A's is small. Term is 6 years, (two 3-year terms.) A Class A Trustee could do the media representations so as to keep the Class B out of the limelight.

Minutes from the September 2006 Fall Area 42 Assembly were approved without discussion. Banquet seating at 6:00. Speaker Meeting seating at 7:30. Assembly adjourned at 3:30PM.

Assembly opened at 8:30 AM Sunday Morning March 25, 2007

Area Officer Reports

Sophie gave us a rundown of the preparation work for this first Panel 57 Area Assembly and all the people involved in making it happen along with the highlights of the late Saturday night events. Announcements were made regarding various Districts and Groups. District 9 will host the Fall Assembly on September 7, 8 & 9, 2007. Chico is doing our interpreting this morning.

Delegate ~ Mike D.

Mike reminded us that he is not our leader. He is our representative. His growing period is lasting the rest of his life. Mike reminded us that General Service is just moving out of group service. His fear of service evolves into practicing principles of service in his affairs as he became more involved in service. Fear still jumps in as Mike rotates through the various positions he has held. Our “unanimity” as individuals, groups, districts, area, regions, etc. is equally important. Mike again reminds us that he is our servant.

Alt. Delegate ~ Jason C.

Jason has found himself busy with the business of the Area. He is helping when requested from the many fellow officers and chairs. The Area, NAGSC and SAGSC roundtables have kept him quite busy the last couple of months. At PRAASA Jason again had the opportunity to explain at the alt. delegate roundtable the unique structure of our Area 42. He is keeping busy holding the Agenda Chairperson position on the NNNAAA Conference Committee. Jason is grateful for the opportunity to serve in this ego/butt kicking service position.

Alt. Chairperson ~ Mike M.

Mike finds this assembly to be the best he has ever attended. PRASSA Area Chair roundtable was informative and educational. When Mike shared that he felt as though he were “herding cats” at SAGSC meetings, the other area chairs reminded him his job is to make a plan and stick to it – and not to plan the outcome. Mike gained respect for what we have after seeing and experiencing some other areas. Mike has a love and passion for Area 42. Thanks to Marion T. for helping update the SAGSC Guidelines from a 1997 version.

Area Secretary ~ Carol B.

PRAASA was as exciting and educational as it always has been in the past for me. I am happy to say that because God qualifies the called rather than calls the qualified. You will be reminded that He is not finished with me yet. Our valued Area 42 Delegate Mike and Sophie our Assembly Chair were asked to participate as panel presenters on Friday afternoon, and both were given tough tasks which they carried out very well indeed. I am looking forward to working with Webmaster JD and the newly appointed Newsletter Editor Mike L. in keeping you informed of our area’s progress in service and information. Thanks so much.

Alt. Area Secretary ~ Aurora S.

Aurora has no report but is glad to serve as the Alternate Area Secretary and is thankful to be of service.

Area Treasurer ~ Marion T.

Including your group name and group number on your check or money order helps get it properly credited to your group. If you want a receipt or print-out of your contribution, please include a note with your request and an e-mail address. I attended PRAASA in Portland – awesome experience. If you would like to borrow CDs from PRAASA, please let me know. Treasurer’s roundtable was enlightening as to how other areas handle their finances. We discussed the contributions made to GSO for Delegate Conference expenses – the amount requested by GSO is less than 1/3 the actual cost paid by GSO. Area contributions stated were: \$5000, \$4000, Actual cost from the prior year, \$3000 and \$2000. Area 42 sends \$2000. We will need to file a return for 2006. Cost estimates are \$200-250 for a non-CPA tax prepare, and \$400-500 for a CPA. Finance Committees and their functions were also discussed.

Alt Treasurer ~ Annie W.

NAGSC March deposits totaled \$338.76, a total of \$1115.33 year to date. Total expenses were \$2091.87. These included \$438.47 for Chairperson’s expense reimbursement, \$1200.00 for PRAASA funding and \$408.40 for mileage expenses. The expenses to date are \$2091.87. Balance in checking account is \$5952.87.

Area 42 Archivist ~ Roger L.

Our Archive trailer is parked outside. I have two more glass display cases for the display in Las Vegas. They were donated by the Triangle Club. The Archive Committee meets there at 4600 South Nellis in LV from 5-7pm every Thursday. I have been helping doing archives since my first year sober, starting with my home group. Now we are trying to get the histories of groups, committees, clubs, past delegates, and past everything. Your junk is our treasures. I need tapes, old flyers, meeting schedules, newsletters & minutes. We also need volunteers. From PRAASA: The archives KEEP the record straight so that myth doesn’t dominate fact.

Alt. Archivist ~ Roger R. (Archivist not Archive)

We are starting a special folder with summaries from past delegates to New York. We have forms in the archive room available to help you in putting together group histories. Also we need flyers from your group functions. Sophie and I are from District 8, the sobriety capital of the Eastern Sierra. Get those group histories in.

Area Registrar ~ Bill L.

Greg M., GSO General Manager, attended the Registrar Roundtable at PRASSA. He informed us that the new online portal that will allow me to input the current status information immediately will be up and running in April 2007. Passwords will be given to each registrar. New system will save 20-25% for GSO. In July, GSO will be printing the new directories. I need all DCMs to pick up folders I have, and all Group Information forms need to be mailed back to New York by May 15, 2007. We had 196 total register: 130 GSRs, 25 DCMs, 30 area chairs & officers plus past delegates and past trustees.

Area 42 Webmaster ~ JD B.

Thanks to Ken B for the setup of an easy site. All past and present Area 42 newsletters received and past Area 42 minutes dating back to 2001 are posted. GSR Survival Guides in both English and Spanish are posted, as are the Area 42 Guidelines in both languages. All NAGSC/SAGSC/Area 42 e-mail addresses have been updated. Links to GSO, Inter-groups and all AA area websites are available on the nevadaarea42.org website.

Sophie recognized and apologized to the SAGSC and NAGSC officers and chairs who were not given the opportunity to give their respective reports this weekend. [The reports that were turned in to the area secretary will be available to read in the June newsletter as they were not actually a part of the recorded minutes of the assembly.]

Old Business

There was no Old Business

New Business

First Readings of Area Guideline Change Proposals:

1.) Area Officer Elections:

David M read a version of his proposal to amend the Area Guidelines.

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- C. Nominations from the floor will not be accepted for Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson unless there are less than two names remaining after all those eligible and present have been announced and those wishing to do so have withdrawn.
- E. The voting body should have a choice of at least two names for each office, whenever possible.

The proposed guidelines change to 3.1 C and 3.1 E is as follows

- C. Nominations from the floor will not be accepted for Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson unless there are fewer than two names remaining after all those eligible and present have been announced and those wishing to do so have withdrawn. In such case, nominations will be open to all members who are eligible in Area 42 (South and North). This will not effect rotation as specified in area 42 Guidelines 3.2.
- E. The voting body will have a choice of at least two names for each office, whenever possible.

David will read additional guideline rephrasing under

1.4 Area Officer Duties: in September at the Fall Assembly

2) Newsletter Editor and Webmaster: Voting and Funding.

Ed DeP has submitted the following guideline amendment proposal regarding AA event participation by these two trusted servants.

Objective: To provide both funding and voting privileges to area newsletter editor and webmaster to Area Assemblies and PRAASA when funds are available.

Potential costs: Annually – Assemblies \$800 for both assemblies and both people; PRAASA annual cost of approximately \$1000/

Rationale: Provide valuable services to Area 42 and should be participating members of the Assembly service process.

Amend these sections:

1.4 J.6 which currently reads “The Newsletter Editor will be a voting, non-funded member of the Assembly.”

To:

1.4 J. 6 The newsletter editor will be a voting, funded member of the Assembly. (See funding to Assemblies and PRAASA under section 4.2D)

Also regarding webmaster

Amend these sections:

1.4 K.3 which currently reads: “The position will be funded as requested by the Area Assembly with a limit of \$200.

To:

1.4 K.3 The position will be funded as requested by the Area Assembly with a limit of \$200. (See funding to Assembly and PRAASA in section 4.2 D)

1.4 K.7 The webmaster will be a non-voting member of the Assembly.

To:

1.4 K.7 The webmaster will be a voting member of the Assembly.

And

4.2 D. "Treasurer, archivist, secretary, and registrar: Full expenses for semi-annual Area Assemblies. Full funding to annual PRAASA, funds permitting. (rev 9/99)"

To:

4.2 D. Treasurer, archivist, secretary, registrar, newsletter editor and webmaster: Full expenses for semi-annual Area Assemblies. Full funding to annual PRAASA, funds permitting. (rev 9/99)

There were no clarification questions from the floor.

New Business, cont'd.

Proposal to Create an Area 42 Finance Committee

Marion T. submitted and explained the background for this proposal. We are one of only two of the 15 areas in the Pacific Region that do not have a Finance/Audit Committee already in place. The financial burden to the area for this committee would be less than \$200.00 annually. Eligibility to serve on this committee is open to any voting member at the Assembly. There are no guideline changes to insert here.

Questions from the floor to clarify were regarding the Treasurer having help from a body-elected committee and built-in continuity being provided by the selection of rotating committee members.

Area tax return for 2006

Chairperson Sophie K. brought up item of business that Marion brought up earlier regarding filing a tax return for 2006. Cost estimates are \$200-250 for a non-CPA tax prepare, and \$400-500 for a CPA. Motion was made and seconded to fund Marion to hire a CPA to do the area tax return. Open mike brought suggestions that we would be prudent to hire a CPA to file for the area. Vote authorizing the treasurer to hire CPA to prepare Area 42 2006 Tax return was passed.

Area Inventory Ad Hoc Committee

The Area Committee meeting on Friday formally requested Sophie to appoint an ad hoc committee for the purpose of setting up an area inventory. Sophie will proceed with that; there is no more information at this time.

Ruth J. called us together for the Ask it Basket. [District 16 again saw to it that the Easter Bunny had been there.] **Joyce P.** was the newcomer (past delegate) on the panel. Her questions were regarding the NNNAAA and the NAIGSO, Are They AA? NNNAAA is a service conference of people who want to celebrate sobriety. **Native American Indian General Service Office** is not AA. They are a group who want to have their own GSO. The last question Joyce got was to inquire if she thought there was any value to having an Area Fashion Advisory Committee. Joyce has some ideas. **Kevin D.** was asked what we can do to "grow more group members, to get the members interested in service."

What can we do to help groups that have meetings that are out of Traditions?

If the group is not following Traditions they are not an AA Group.

Should districts have a registrar to keep info updated or is it up to the DCM?

Districts don't need registrars. **Pete L.:** Should we provide AA literature to church 12-Step groups? No we can sell it to them but not affiliate ourselves by supplying them. What is a DCMC? We don't have enough groups to utilize the DCMC process. Check out Northern Ca Costal website to see how they do it. **Roberta L.:** thanked the committee for a really wonderful weekend. Do NAGSC and SAGSC Officers have a vote at Tonopah? Yes, persons elected by the NAGSC or SAGSC body are eligible to vote at all Area Assemblies. If we are a program that tells our members that we are not different or unique then why do we print pamphlets that say the opposite? Membership survey shows that we are not serving everyone everywhere, so we print pamphlets to reach out to certain areas or groups. **Dick H.:** Why are proposals not discussed upon first reading? Who makes the decisions when we are not all together to vote? Housekeeping is done by a poll of the committee officers as necessary between Assemblies. **Joan M.:** What is an Area Inventory? Compare it to a personal inventory; it goes forth to a group. How can we make changes and what can we do to make it better? What happened in the past? What things work and what does not? Should we keep doing something or should we change it? What is your opinion on having an Area Finance Committee? This way the Treasurer has an advisor. Money gets spent correctly and through a group of trusted servants. PRAASA Quote: We don't have financial problems in AA we have participation problems. Why do we have North and South and in what ways is this good and in what ways is it bad? We used to rotate Assemblies in Reno and Vegas once a year in September only. The people who got elected were usually from the part of Nevada they were meeting in. In 1972 or 1973 we went to Tonopah and started splitting up the positions available to each North and South.

Districts 21 and 22 brought interpreters this weekend.

Marvin, a Spanish interpreter from District 21, extended an invitation to the Area to join them in Las Vegas at the 5th Annual Hispanic Forum to be held on May 20, 2007 at the

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Meeting adjourned at 11:50AM with the "Responsibility Pledge"

See you in Tonopah on September 7, 8 & 9, 2007

Area 42 Secretary ~ Carol B