

NORTHERN AREA GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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March 16, 2008

Reno Triangle Club 635 Wells Ave.

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12:15 p.m. NAGSC Standing Committee meeting:

Ray began with a brief explanation of his broken leg incident, and apologies for being out of contact by cell phone and internet.

Informal meeting of standing committee chairs. Ray asked for any additions to the agenda. These were:

Discuss funding for Tonopah for committee chairs

Address the priority list for funding

Food for today's meeting?

Other info shared was:

Carol H. reported on her attendance at PRAASA

Marion distributed flyers for WAACYPA XII to DCMs

Sophie reminded all that the area assembly begins on Friday April 4 at 6pm and runs through Sunday at 12:00 noon. She encouraged everyone to attend for the entire event.

The meeting was asked to move, by the club manager, as no meetings are supposed to take place in the main room.

12:30p.m. Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned

1:15 p.m. NAGSC general meeting opens with Serenity Prayer and

AA Service Preamble read by Sam H.

Review and approval of minutes: Motion to approve minutes as submitted; motion seconded and carried. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Secretary Report: Carol H.

Please update info on the sign-in sheet; secretary requests written reports to be turned in after your presentation. If you can email them that's even better, then I can copy and paste for the minutes. Thank you for letting me serve. Also, thank you for sending me to PRAASA! I learned a lot about general service and hope to put it to good use. If you want a more extended report, see me or call or email for details.

Treasurer Report: Annie W.

\$1434.42 deposits YTD

21.92 expenses YTD (bank charge)

6361.88 current checking account balance

Proposed budget for 2008 will go to the finance committee;

Bank charges 37.00

Office supplies 340.00

Chairperson exp. 1400.00

Mileage 2200.00

Funding- Area assembly 3600.00

Funding- PRAASA 2200.00

Funding- Forum 3000.00

Total = 12,777.00

Ray asked if it looks like we will be able to aid people this year who are going to area assembly? Annie said there are funds to assist if groups cannot fund by themselves. Please request from Annie or Ray if you need NAGSC funds.

Finance Committee Report: John D.

To date the finance committee has worked on/completed the following tasks:

We have acquired detailed Treasurer's report for Calendar Years 2004,2005,2006 and a summary report for 2007.

We have identified income and expenses trends over the years 2004-2007, for specific events and tasks.

We have prepared charts of the trends for presentation at a later meeting. At this time we can say that NAGSC does not have a financial crisis, nor does it have a severe financial problem.

We have established a preliminary funding priority list, based on the NAGSC guidelines and on the results of a NAGSC member's poll. We will refine the list prior to submitting it to the NAGSC members.

We are working the "available funding" issue so as to establish funding limits recommendations for various activities.

We plan to prepare forms so as to simplify the budgeting process for Officers and Treasurers. These forms will include prior years' actual expenses to be used as guidelines for the following year's budget.

We are preparing a "Sense of the Committee" recommendation for a Treasury computer program to aid in the transition among Treasurers.

Submitted in loving service,

John. D. Finance Committee

(Belated introductions of attendees took place)

Delegate Report: Mike D.

no report

Alt. Del. Report: Jason C.

no report

Area 42 Registrar Report:

no report

Archivist Report: Roger R.

no report

Area 42 Webmaster Report: JD B.

no report

Chairperson Report: Ray G.

"Out of touch, back in touch" as per his injury; Ray repeated his injury tale for those present. Reviewed the agenda for today, and apologized to the hard working committee chairs and DCMs that there will not be time for oral presentation of their reports due to the roundtables.

Old Business:

Second reading of proposal to change NAGSC meeting schedule:

The current NAGSC guidelines call for six regular meetings per year. Additionally there are two scheduled assemblies in Tonopah each year. Much time and travel is required to attend all these meetings and a great deal of expense. As we are painfully aware, the cost to travel has increased dramatically in the past several years but contributions have not kept pace.

*Is the current number of NAGSC meetings necessary?

The South meets 4 times per year outside the assemblies.

*Are the meetings which are held immediately after assemblies – April and October needed since most of the members gave reports and were present at the assembly only two weeks prior?

Proposal to change the meeting schedule in the Guidelines

Current.

2.0 Meetings

2.1 Meetings will be held the first Sunday of the following months:

February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Proposed.

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February, June, August, and December unless otherwise decided upon by the NAGSC. Every effort should be made to include all cities of Northern Area.

Discussion? Questions?

Concern voiced: is the reason why we have had 6 instead of 4 because we have more hard to reach districts that want to host meetings? Response: there is no clear answer to this question. It was brought up 4 yrs ago, but it seems time to revisit. We do rotate to accommodate more people from distant districts. The way it is structured now, the Gsrs and Dcms get to meet often to reach out and connect about workshops. Sophie hopes that people will reach out with the phone and email in the absence of as many meetings face to face. The question was asked, "Can the treasurer and finance Committee have adequate time to discuss funding for workshops with fewer NAGSC meetings?" answer:

The guidelines would probably have to change because presently, according to the guidelines, standing chairs have to make requests for funds 2 meetings in advance.

Phil says he will bring a proposal to change those

guidelines because that will be too far out to make those requests.

Ray's experience is that often when a proposal is approved, the guidelines may need to be revised as well. Ed reported that he has been involved in many such changes and it keeps the organization fresh. Look at things that don't make sense and change them; if need be change again.

Paul E. noted that the guidelines for eligibility for assembly attendance will also need to be changed. A member suggested that trying new things in NAGSC is like working the program. It often requires some adjusting before it works right.

Stephen called for the question. None opposed. Ray summarized the proposal to change to 4 meetings per year, eliminating April and November. Call for the question; motion to change the NAGSC meeting schedule, seconded, and vote taken: one opposed, no minority opinion. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Sophie area chair:

Round tables significance was explained. The General Service Conference delegates committees decide on the agenda items. The roundtables will attempt to present the items from 4-5 different committees that might come to the conference floor; our delegate is then informed of his area's group conscience. In today's roundtables, those present will divide into 5 numbered groups, and the facilitators will rotate to all the groups. After all roundtables have taken place, the facilitators will present a summary of the discussions as best they can. We will hear the Southern Area roundtables at Tonopah.

Summaries of Roundtables:

Sam, Grapevine: Spanish cds sell better than English cds; consensus all for this, except for 1 person. Latino communities are more receptive. According to Mariano, many people prefer the cds. Complaint; when people subscribe to the magazine it takes a long time to start receiving them. That has been addressed by mailing the subscriptions to the printer directly.

Debbie, Finance: mixed feelings at the roundtables; several good ideas to educate treasurers. Suggestions to combine trainings and workshops and to provide a kit list.

Dennis, PI - PSAs: on considering approving the new 2008 public service announcement. Currently there are 4 out there. Updates are typically only done to the oldest ones. These are in Spanish and French as well as in English. The cost of \$25-30,000 is within the budget. A suggestion was

made to put these on face book and my space, and other websites.

Phil, PI - poster: poster has been tabled to 09. Discussed the gray pages instead. In Phil's opinion, "Gray pages are cool."

Carol, Trustees: The request to revisit the 2007 Conference advisory action on eligibility of both Class A and Class B Trustees for chairperson. Roundtable consensus was 3-2 in favor of revisiting this decision. Discussion included the reasons to revisit mentioned in the background information.

2. Ray has one more new business item. With Mike McC.

resigning, Mike told Ray he has trained Scott B.

This is an appointed position; but Ray has offered to the group to temporarily appoint Scott, but to open the position for someone else to be considered after area assembly.

Because he can attend Tonopah, he would like to let Scott be the temporary chair.

Moved, seconded and passed unopposed. GSRs and DCMs, please offer this position to anyone else interested to be discussed at the next NAGSC meeting

NAGSC Committee Reports: oral presentations tabled and presented in writing only, to accommodate the round tables.
CPC Paul E.

I met with Parole and Probation in Reno. I talked with them and filled a literature rack that was almost empty. I have made a second visit to fill the rack again, which it needed.

I was contacted by Karen M. A member in Yerington, about coming down and talking with the school and sheriffs dept.

I sent her some literature and set up a meeting.

Unfortunately it was cancelled and will have to be rescheduled. Thank you for letting me serve.

Corrections Sam H.

I would still like to get lists of the facilities being covered in the different districts. Currently I have received only districts 6 and 8. I am currently taking meetings into Plumas County Jail and California Correctional Center in Susanville, Ca. I have members taking meetings into the Federal Prison and the Federal Prison Camp in Herlong. My clearance for the Federal prison was turned down. Though it's a men's prison, CCC allows women to come in for the meetings and I have one lady who will be attending her first meeting tonight. You do not have to have been incarcerated to carry a message to those who are. They already know how to get into there but need to hear how to stay out.

Grapevine, La Vina Chair Mike Mc.

Mike announced he is stepping down. Scott B. will be

stepping in, to complete the term. He is not here today because of a sponsee's injury. More information will be presented during new business. Mike's written report follows:

It's been a privilege for the past 2 years to be of service as the Northern area 42 Grapevine, La Vina Chair.

I would like to thank all members of the NAGSC body who helped me bring the message of the Grapevine to the Northern Area. And most of all, for enhancing my sobriety through service.

GSR Survival North Ed deP.

Class held at Reno Triangle Club on 2/9/08 had 10 attendees including 3 different districts, one DCM and two Area Officers. Past delegate, Pete L. Lent a hand with the class. Contributions will be used to replenish supply of pamphlets and booklets given out.

GSR Survival South Dave M.

Nothing much to report. I haven't been asked to do any workshops. Today I was asked to come down to Mammoth for a workshop at the end of July. I will be asking for funding in the near future. If any districts need a GSR workshop please let me know. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

NNIG Liason Steve Van W.

NNIG has a new central office director, Beverly C. Phone service is currently filled for after hours but central office needs volunteers to fold brochures our local newsletter, and to help answer phones during regular business hours (mon-fri 9-5).

They formed an ad-hoc committee to look into the possible need for an events coordinator for such events as Founders Day Picnic, Gratitude Dinner, New Years Eve Dance, Halloween Bash, etc. Though we currently have Picnic chairperson, the events coordinator would oversee the yearly events and help out the various chairs. Thank you for allowing me to serve!

PI Jackie A.

Lots of new activities planned by Reno Intergroup. Hopefully we will become more open to sharing their plans so we can be aware of the success of the events. I will continue to extend my assistance. No other new activities to report at this time.

Special Needs Susan B.

Sophie was kind enough to direct me to Daniel S. In New York, who did what I am not capable of, put together online meetings via the internet. This way truly keeps the anonymity of members unable to physically attend meetings. He responded whole-heartedly to my request to print up

flyers extending the hand of AA. The site is bilingual in English and Spanish and has 28 subjects to choose from and share in. I have also been busy distributing informational pamphlets to handicap related businesses within the Reno area. Yours in service, Susan B.

Treatment Facilities Mike G.

Hello everyone! I have been busy making phone calls to treatment centers to no avail. I made contact with every treatment facility I have on my contact sheet; as well as the New Frontier and Alpine Center and have not been able to set up one workshop- the prevailing reason being the owner/manager don't want or need a workshop. Shirley O'N. from the Northern Nevada Medical Center for Medical Withdrawal did show interest and we both exchanged pamphlets and long conversations on the phone. She and her husband are the only two employees and I may be having a small workshop with just the 3 of us. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

DCM Reports: Also tabled and presented only in writing

*** Please update your DCM info for the Chairperson***

2 Mark T.

No report

4 John D.

Attendance at District meetings has skyrocketed from three to ten! Using the "DeParrian theory of controversy and nourishment for increased meeting attendance" Appears to be working. Dennis is also very active in attending district 4 group meetings spreading the word about the district. The district is self-supporting. Treasurer Pat A. Reports that we have sufficient funds to send the DCM to both assemblies, and to support GSRs as needed. Next meeting we intend to disburse excess funds.

6 Kevin B.

(Reported by Dave M., alt. DCM)

Just had our district meeting last week. We discussed up-coming workshops we would like to do in the future. We look forward to hosting Tonopah in a couple of weeks. We have begun planning for our founders day picnic. And I found some fun idea's for DCMs to do in their districts at recoveryskirts.com

8 Phil W.

Dist.8 report

Hi all,

In dist 8, we have a district that is in California and along the Eastern Sierra mountains. In the north Bridgeport is located approx.60 miles North of Mammoth This is the county seat and also where Mono county jail is located. The H&I committee of the Mammoth Lakes Group do the service commitment to our Jail By taking a meeting up there every week. The Bridgeport group Has 2 weekly meetings. June Lake Has a group which meets once a week .Mammoth has about 3 meetings a day. To the south Bishop has 3 groups the High Sierra Group, the Bishop Group, and the Pickled Owl Group. In Bishop there is a C&T committee which takes care of the Inyo county Jail also the Prison work farm located near Bishop. This committee is also taking meetings to the Recovery

center and Juvenile hall in Inyo County.

Dist 8 has formed a CPC-PI committee which has taken a panel to a local school and is working on involving as many people as would like to help carry the message. We are working on putting a panel together to talk to the Drs. and health care workers of Mono County. Our dist .is growing in the service area and more members seem to be getting involved. Thanks for letting me be of Service. Phil W. DCM #8

10a Gene L.

no report

10b Lizz T.

District 10B is still alive and functioning. Battle Mtn attendance is still low.

They stopped the Thursday meeting. Current mtgs are on Tuesday night and Saturday morning.

The Serenity Seekers in Winnemucca are still trying to secure a location(& date) for Unity Days. Hopefully by the Area Assembly, I will have flyers. They are still going to try to get the 1st weekend in May. I hope to see you there.

12 Kathy S.

no report

14 Duncan H.

no report

16 Patty P.

Things are going well. I am feeling much better since my accident. We have a new Christmas Affair chair, Wendy S. I am glad to be back and missed everyone in my absence.

18 Susan S.

. Apologies for my absence; thanks to Annie for presenting this report. Group participation in dist. 18 continues to be encouraging. I'm pleased to announce a new meeting in Mina. They meet once a week; and as with most new groups (especially in rural areas) they are struggling for funds and consistency in attendance. I recently mailed them information on "starting a group" and encouraged them to contact GSO for a beginners guide. Hopefully I will have more to report on this at our district meeting in April after we have attended ourselves. PRAASA was an amazing assembly. Each year, more topics, more experience strength and hope shared. A total of 702 registrations taken, so many for their first PRAASA. Such a humbling experience and I remain very grateful to the district for their provision of funding my way there. Because of the wealth and quantity of sharing held over the past weekend my report to the district will be in the form of recordings. I look forward to seeing you all in Tonopah (are assembly). Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

20 Lyle C.

At noon on March 22 there will be a St. Patrick's corned beef and cabbage pot luck. Area 42 Delegate will speak in Bieber. We have a new DCM, officers and five new GSRs

Looking into new facilities and overall feasibility of continuing annual Founders Day campout in June. Renewed emphasis on unity through service.

22 Mariano

no report

Other business/concerns/comments:

AA related Announcements:

Ed deP. : WACYPAA 12th annual conference needs volunteers including experienced “older” aa’s.

Chris has 2 seats available for rides from Reno to Tonopah; contact Dennis C.

Sophie: Tonopah is Fri 6pm to Sunday noon try to be there for all of it....

Susan: Special needs committee flyer for homebound or rural or non handicapped accessible for online meetings is available and will be at Tonopah, too.

Motion to adjourn, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 4:10

Area Website: <http://www.nevadaarea42.org>

NEXT MEETING: June 1, 2008

Location : South Lake Tahoe - address tba