

Secretary Minutes from April 4, 5, & 6, 2008

Pre Conference Assembly

6:05PM Friday April 4, 2008

Chairperson Sophie K. introduced the Guest, Panel 55 Area 06 Delegate Guest Francisco A. along with the AAWS Non Trustee Director Roberta L. the Past Delegates and Past Trustee from Area 42.

The Assembly is being hosted by District 6 and District 5B is providing the cold drinks.

Delegate: Michael D.

Mike is better prepared this year for the Assembly, is better utilizing the Area sharing on the Agenda Items, has become convinced that the "Area Service Structure" is one of the most important tools we can use in maintaining the "UNITY of AA".

And Mike has made a commitment to himself to contribute more this year to the CPC Conference Committee he is serving on during the General Service Conference in New York - and to take a dictionary with him. Mike will bring up some of the Grammar & Usage errors in the manual to the attention of the committee this year.

Mike compares his service position actions to the Steps:

#1 first I "do something" - I admit (surrender) there is a problem.

#2 I "do something" I become willing to ask for help.

#3 I "do something" I make use of the help available.

#4 I "do something" I determine what MY problem is.

#5 I "do something" I talk to someone about it, THEN

I "do something" I become willing to make whatever changes I can make.

Thank you for the tremendous learning opportunity, it has added to my understanding of both myself and of AA. Please pray that I serve you to the best of my ability.

Mike D.

Friday 6:25 PM

GSR Orientation in the Main Room

Returning GSR's are invited to join the Committee in the Blue Room.

Committee Meeting:

Sign Up Sheet Included:

Aurora S.	Angela D.	Sam H.	Michael L.	Kathy S.
Mike D.	Carol H.	Mark T.	Chuck G.	Carol B.
Jackie A.	Niels C.	Andy P.	Ted G.	Jason C.
Cindy M.	Melvin L.	Marion deP.	Dennis C.	Lonnie M.
Marina B.	Kevin B.	Susan B.	Scott B.	
Justin P.	David M.	Patty P.	Ray G.	
Lee Z.	Lyle C.	Paul E.	Ed deP.	
JD B.	Phil W.	Stephen V.	Roger L.	

Alt. Delegate Jason C Chaired The Committee Meeting.

Old Business: None.

New Business from the floor:

[6] Ed deP. In an effort to provide a better forum for those standing for positions at the Area Assembly, the following be considered: Friday evening prior to elections, 2 to 5 minute presentations be given and résumés be made available to the Assembly Members from all those standing for an Area Officer or Alternate Officer position.

[7] JD B. It was suggested at the Fall Assembly in 2007 to have accessibility to the Past Officers. If the Committee/ Assembly would like to request a link to an e-mail list on the Website of Past Delegates, it could happen easily.

New Business from Agenda:

[1] Archives Funding. Rodger L. passed out copies of an e-mail and reply from GSO Archivist Amy Filiatreau. Roger talked about how he is having to put out contribution cans for financing to get the supplies needed to preserve and display the archival items he has for Area 42. He wants to request a budget for Area 42 Archives. Roger has spent, out of pocket during the last 3 years, \$790.00 and would like reimbursement. It is the job of the Assembly to decide what the Archives is to have for a budget. A guideline changing, budget proposal should be written up and presented to the Assembly.

[2] Marion went over the Treasurers Report sheets in the packets. Line item 41, Funding to Outreach for Remote Areas. Reimbursements. Spending down some of what is in the account.

[3] Jason is requesting suggestions on what duties he should be delegated to do as the Alt. Delegate.

[4] District 6 DCM, Kevin B. volunteered to fill the vacant Alt. Registrar position.

[5] The optional dates for the fall assembly were discussed. It was decided to have the Assembly decide on the date to hold the event.

Committee Meeting Adjourned at 7:25PM

Friday Night 7:45PM

Proposal to Change Election Procedure in Area 42 Guidelines:

3.1 Area Officer Elections

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.

Proposal to add: 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 section 3.2.

E) The voting body will have a choice of at least two candidates for each office, whenever possible

Proposal to add: (1) If an officer is elected out of geographical rotation per 3.1 (c), and as a result, the SAGSC/NAGSC committee lacks one or more officers, the position(s) will be filled by election within the SAGSC/NAGSC membership.

Dave M. presented the proposal and Don L. fielded questions from the floor. This proposal would include all of the Area Officer positions in the event only one person should stand for any Officer position. This would have no effect on rotation. Stephen V. called for the question; there was not a substantial unanimity (67) of the total (39 in favor out of 104) registered voting members. 4 people expressed minority opinion. One person decided to change their vote as a result for the what they heard (not enough).

First reading of a proposal to alternate Assemblies from North to South:

This action would add to the Delegate Area 42 General Service Assembly Guidelines, under "Preamble" section 1.2 Meetings: A.

The proposal is as follows:

The Assembly Area meetings could be held each year once in the north (even numbered district i.e. Reno Dist. 2) and once in the south (odd numbered district i.e. Las Vegas Dist. 1). One year the meeting in September could be held in the north, and in March be held in the south. The following year the meetings would reverse and the south would host September's Assembly and the north would host the March meeting.

Please note Reno and Las Vegas are used only as examples. We would not need to limit ourselves to a certain city. Reno and Las Vegas are used only for their ability to accommodate large groups.

There was a request to try this out on a trial basis for two years rotating only the Spring Assembly. So an amended (non guideline change) version proposal will come back to the Assembly in September. This rotation would not happen till 2010 if enacted.

Chair has requested that this be taken back to Home Groups for discussion.

First reading of Proposal to Create Permanent Archivist Position

As the Area 42 Archivist I would like to propose that Area 42 have one permanent archivist – someone very knowledgeable of the history of Area 42.

We would still keep the rotating 4-year archivist and alternate. The permanent archivist would pass on his knowledge and give direction (if wanted). They would also be available to help identify material, people and stuff given to Area 42 archives.

The permanent archivist would NOT be funded at this time.

There were no questions for clarification.

Officer Reports

Area Chairperson's Report: Sophie K.

Thank you for allowing me to attend PRAASA. I'd like to share with you some of what I experienced there. At the Area Chairperson's Roundtables, discussion topics were:

How much oversight/management of standing committee chairs happens in your area? How many assemblies do you have and what is a typical agenda?

How do we handle written translation of documents? Does anyone use professionals?

How much time does any area spend talking about procedures and how to do business vs. actually carrying the message?

Do we fund officers to PRAASA and Forums?

A couple of sound-bite souvenirs:

When to say "no" to service? AA will survive without my service, but will I survive w/o doing AA service? I must trust. I must consult with others and check my motives. I must pray. About 12th Step work, when we wonder if we are "doing it right." When you deliver pizza, you're not responsible for whether or not they eat the pizza. Just deliver the pizza!"

Thank you for your trust. I am accountable to you.

Area 42 Alt. Chairperson: Michael M.

Mike told us his Service highlight was in October 2007 when he got to sit in with District 21 as they put in CPC Committees for their District (Southern Nevada). What was significant was listening through an English translator, it was difficult because the folks there were very passionate in their heavy discussion, going back and forth, and the feeling was as though watching a tennis match. The translator would say 3 or 4 words and it was very frustrating. So I know have a real appreciation of the translations, equipment and all that it entails at our Assembly.

On March 16 we had Roundtables at a Special SAGSC Meeting and it was a pleasure to be a part of that.

NAGSC Chairperson: Ray G.

I took a sober fall in January and have been basically for these months, totally out of touch, no e-mail no communication. For the March 16 Northern Area Meeting Sophie and Jason jumped in and took over in getting the Roundtables set up and lined up. It all went over very well. The presenters all did a real well. We have a great Team in Northern Nevada. I want to thank you very much.

Area Treasurer Report:

Marion just wants to remind everyone that the packets contain the Treasurers Report, it has the P&L statement from 2007, the P&L to date for this year and it has the proposed budget we will be voting on this Sunday. Please read it over. On the back it has the Archives budget that was submitted. It has the detail of contributions made by Group, last year and this year to date also.

SAGSC Treasurer report: Ted G.

In a box on the table are the end of the first quarter Report. It includes expense and income. It includes Group Contributions from the Southern Area. The prudent reserve is now in a separate interest bearing account. I am still getting contributions from groups that only have their group number on the check or money order and I need to have the Group Name on these, I would also like to request your group treasurers make out the checks or money orders to "Southern Area 42 Treasurer". I would like to thank all of you who have come here to do the work of AA. Without you it would not work.

NAGSC Public Information Chair: Jackie A.

In September 2007 I attended "Recovery Day in Fallon, NV. and met community members along with Paul E. the NAGSC Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair. We also provided materials to a youth center in Hawthorne. Julio, who is here this weekend is anxious to get started doing P.I. work in the Reno-Sparks Hispanic Community. We are doing work in outlying communities and have a Bridgeport volunteer prepared to visit with High Schools. We are available. Please see me if you need a workshop or materials.

Newsletter Editor: Mike L.

Mike is really enjoying his Area 42 position and working in General Service. This is his first Area Assembly. He is enjoying working with the Chairperson and Secretary on the process of getting the newsletter out. Mike would like to see more people submit service related articles for the four annual Newsletters.

Area Archives: Roger L.

Roger is invited to take the Archives display to the Pahrump Roundup. May 24th he will be at the Salvation Army with a display during their Service Sponsorship panel. We meet every Thursday at the Alamo Club at 5:00 PM. We need help in all archive areas. We also need money. It takes a lot to support archives, It is not my archives, it's yours. It belongs to you. I'm just a poor humble servant who is trying to keep it in order for you. Libby G. has been helping with scanning documents to link to online. We need money and help, please.

Area Alt. Treasurer: [NAGSC]: Annie W.

Annie was not present this weekend due to a training class in Texas she was attending. The NAGSC Bank Account balance was \$4877.46. Contributions for this YTD totaled \$2182.13. Expenses not including Spring Assembly Funding and a PRAASA reimbursement were \$2254.10.

Alternate Delegate: Jason C.

I was privileged again to review the conference agenda items for the 58th GSC held in NY from April 27 to May 3. Sophie, Marion, Mike M. and myself worked on putting together the summaries for the roundtables. I love that it takes many personalities to make AA work as it does. I attended the election meeting of ANNYPAA (All Northern Nevada Young People of AA). They began electing a WACYPA (Western Area Conference of Young People in AA) Committee that would be responsible for the WACYPA Convention to be hosted in Reno December 31, 2008 - January 4, 2009. In February I attended the New Beginnings Group anniversary in South Lake Tahoe. I'm grateful to have shared my story. Thank you for funding me to PRAASA. The Roundtables proved to be the highlight for me. I gain so much from those.

Delegate:

Mike D. talked about Group conscience versus Group consensus. He has the opportunity in New York to share your opinions, responses and understanding of these agenda items, which may change somebody else's idea. And they get to share those with me. It all comes to the same thing as it comes to at the Group with the GSR, the District meeting with the DCM and here with the Delegate. I am your representative, but as more information gets presented I have to see how that applies to what you have told me and what I have to do about it, so that's what I do.

NAGSC Secretary: Carol H.

Carol told us that her job as NAGSC Secretary is to record the minutes of the meetings and send them out. Carol then thanked everyone for the opportunity to attend her first PRAASA. A short story about that adventure will be in this next Newsletter. Thank you for letting me serve.

Area Registrar: Bill L.

Thanks for your cooperation, I'm in charge of getting the ribbons and I still don't have them all but we will work on that. And hopefully next Assembly it will be much more organized. Kevin B. is the new Alternate registrar you appointed this weekend. We will be in contact and this September we ought to have a great Assembly. If anyone has New Group or Group Change forms please give them to me. Thank you very much for letting me be of service.

Area Webmaster: JD B.

So far the website has been updated. We have separated the site into separate pages, individual pages for NAGSC events, SAGSC events and an individual Spanish page.

There was a small misunderstanding between myself and the website hosting regarding where things were supposed to go but we have worked it out. I had a delay last month because of installing a new system. The Website Survey was included in your packets. Please fill them out so we know how you feel about the website, if you like it or don't like it and if I should be flogged in a public square or not.

Area Alternate Registrar: Kevin B.

Kevin introduced himself as the new Alt. Registrar and is looking forward to being of service.

Area Alternate Archives: Roger R.

Again I urge each group to work up a history so we can add it to your District binder. Also we need the [dated] flyers that you have from your various events held in your District.

Area Secretary: Carol B.

The Fall 2007 Assembly Minutes were not double sided copies, therefore not complete. They are available to read on the www.nevadaarea42.org website. We will submit for approval both the Fall 2007 and these Spring 2008 Assembly Minutes at the September Assembly. In my effort to keep you better informed of the Area 42 business, I appreciate your giving and updating your e-mail addresses or mailing addresses to me, so the entire burden is not left to your DCM's to print and copy all Area information in addition to their District duties. Thank you for filling out your Website Surveys.

District Reports

Marina B. DCM for **District 1** told us they hosted a workshop on Area Guidelines & 12 Concepts February 10th. The panel included Byron F. and Julian R. Well attended Workshops on Sponsorship, Traditions and Service have been hosted over the last year and the District plans on continuing these events during the rest of this year. Boulder City will be the location of the District Picnic on October 4th. Libby G. has a monthly District Archives Newsletter. Two GSR's attended PRAASA. GSR's have stepped up and are hoping to get information and encouragement to the outlying Groups in the District.

District 2 DCM Mark T. informed us that all Groups west of Virginia Street in Reno are in District 2. District attendance and interest is gaining, as is participation in General Service. 7th. Tradition contributions are generous and allows them to contribute also. May 17th. They are hosting a Sponsorship Panel at the RTC on Wells Ave. from 2 till 4 PM. Mark thanks everyone for allowing him to give back what has so freely been gives to him.

Lee Z. **District 3** DCM has new GSR's from Mesquite and the Grapevine Group. There will be District panels at St. Luke's Church basement from 7:30PM - 9 PM on Thursday May 15 and Thursday July 17, 2008. Possibly a traveling panel to Mesquite.

in the future. There is a problem with the District 3 size, managing to include Ely regularly is difficult. There is a ray of hope with two new prospects. Treasury is healthy and our Groups are self-supporting. I will strive to do more with the half way houses.

Justin P. Alt. DCM from

District 4 Alt. DCM Dennis C. District Attendance is growing, they have 48 Groups with 113 Meetings per week. 12 Active Groups 6 GSR's attending this weekend. We are reaching out to smaller and silent Groups to remind them they can become a part of us. We e-mail the groups with District events. Two of the Groups are involved with WACYPA, which are very active. We are financially strong and whole as a District.

District 5B DCM Andy P. The District has come a long way in the last 1-1/2 years, from being a Dim District. Every 2nd Saturday 20 GSR's meet at the Stairway II Club at 1:30 PM, they cover most of NW Las Vegas. Three Workshops and 1 Picnic are planned for this year, next workshop is Saturday June 21st 1:30PM at the Stairway II Club. Join in for "History of AA", food and refreshments.

DCM Report **District 6** from Kevin B. The District has 18 members in attendance There was a sponsorship workshop and a GSR survival workshop held at the Dayton fellowship hall in December. New groups are forming and the corresponding GSR's are sprouting up. The DCM was fully funded to PRAASA from the district. Notes were e-mailed to the GSR's with hard copies available at the area assembly. The district is working on holding a district workshop; we are working out the details. District 6 is hosting a unity picnic at the Genoa Park on June 15th from 10am until 5pm. The District is honored to be a part of the process by presenting a second read on the area election proposal and a first read on the assembly rotation proposal.

Andy DCM **District 7** has a May 24th Sponsorship Seminar scheduled, it's catered and it's free at the Salvation Army from Noon to 2:00 on Palomino Lane in LV. We are ready to go for our annual Mt. Charleston Picnic August 17th. We are up and running and we are doing great.

Phil W. told us **District 8** is active, High Sierra Group set aside day in November to do a Group Inventory, it was really fun for me was help out. The Mammoth Lakes Group completed an Inventory, I felt both Groups came up with things they had been working on. We have CPC and PI (panels are being set up to go to Schools) we started a new committee to deal with issues in the District. H&I is covering both jails, juvenal hall, prison work farm and a Rehab center. In early July there is a Service to your Home Group seminar in early July. And check out mammothlakesaa.com to se upcoming events this Simmer.

District 9 Rich W. of the newly "Lightened" District 9 now has 6 -7 GSR's attending District Meetings. 3GSR's and the DCM attended PRAASA. We are working on our finances. Thanks to Area 42 and SAGSC for helping us.

Gene L. of **District 10A** reports that District 10A has 4 groups. Elko Group is doing extremely well. Spring Creek has changed to a Big Book format, which is stimulating much interest. August 16, 17 & 18 is the Serenity in the Rubies Campout. Gene is looking to stay in AA Service for many more years to come.

Lizz T. from **District 10B** tells us there is not much going on in the District, Battle Mountain. is struggling as they have for sometime now.

Serenity Seekers in Winnemucca having more frequent and better attended Business Meetings. They have some events planned for this year but the "Unity Days" have been canceled until further notice. June 14th. Is the BBQ in the Park. Hopefully we will have a joint workshop with District 10A sometime this year.

District 11 has a new DCM Chuck G. with 14 active members. They have placed Spanish Big Books & 12 and 12's in the District Libraries. Joe W. visits the prison with a meeting twice a month. New Goldfield Meeting at the Baptist Church Tuesday at Noon. Hadley sub-Division Firehouse has a Meeting twice a week, Sunday at 5PM and Tuesday at 6PM. Kingston has a Meeting on Friday at Kingston Firehouse at 7:00PM. Tonopah meetings have changed times, Monday at 7:30 and Wednesday at 7:00 both at the Senior Center. The towns in District 11 are really spread out. Kingston to Goldfield is 128 miles.

District 12 Kathy S. thanks District 12, and Area 42 for allowing me the honor and pleasure of attending the 43rd annual PRAASA in Anchorage Alaska. I can only give back a small percentage of what has been given me. The spirituality I receive is immeasurable, and PRAASA always brings that back into perspective, as does this assembly. Our district is doing well with meeting in Silver Springs up to 60 on Saturday's Drama in the Desert, Fernley's meetings are growing along with the population, Fallon is holding, Wadsworth has a new meeting Lovelock and Nixon are small. We have 5-8 groups represented at the district business meeting. To those of us who know the feeling of service, the rewards far outweigh the effort it takes; it is the easier softer way.

District 13 informed us that the entire District is located at the Triangle Club, 4600 S. Nellis. LV, with 30 Groups conducting as many as 86 weekly Meetings in the District. There is a District Speaker Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM and District Business Meeting is the last Tuesday at that same time also. Five of the 13 active GSR's are attending the Assembly this evening. District 13 does partially fund GSR's to the Area Assembly and this year, 1 GSR to PRAASA.

District 14 Alt. DCM Lonnie M. Tells us 75% of the District 14 GSR's usually attend the Assembly here in Tonopah. We started reviewing the General Service Manual at every District Meeting as we can see that the GSR's have no knowledge of that Service Manual and we want to be a little more informed as a Group. Thank You. Patty P. from **District 16** is very glad to be back in Service. Patty missed PRAASA because she is still suffering from dizzy spells that are a result of her accident last year. The district is doing well. Wendy S. is the Christmas Affair Chair this year.

Dale B. is filling in for **District 17** DCM. 18 Meetings in Pahrump. Death Valley, Beatty, Tecopa, Amargosa Valley & Sandy Valley all have Group Meetings. Eight Groups contribute to the District and there is a \$2,000.00 prudent reserve. New AA Hotline # is 775 513-7975, Spanish Speaking Hotline is 702 387-8744. H&I is working well, taking meetings into the jail and information to Doctors & Medical facilities. Lovell Canyon - Coming August 23rd 2008. Workshop on Sponsorship in the planning.

District 18 Susan S. Participation in the district is encouraging. Mina has started a new Meeting. Susan will visit them this next week, literature and contacts have been sent to them. PRAASA was amazing, a humbling experience. So much enthusiasm, wisdom and love. Too much to capture in a report.

District 20 has a new DCM, Lyle C. and 5 new GSRs and new alternate GSRs. Unity through service is in front of us. We have a good start from where we were. However, our district is very large; 203 miles between Alturas and Portola covering over 12,000 square miles. We have about 60 meetings a week, with 22 registered groups and a handful on not-yet registered groups. We are looking for a new home for our one function, the Founders' Day campout This year we are looking at new campsites on a smaller scale. We want to keep the tradition going and look forward to more time to plan for 2009. Many thanks to Gene E., for all his dedication to service, which kept district 20 alive during some sparse years.

Eduardo L. from **District 21** we have 15 Groups in the District and two of them were born this year. We formed a CPC committee 6 months ago. Our P. I. Committee is working very well. We also have a H&I Committee and they are attending the hospitals and jails. May 4th from 8-3 at the Walnut Community Center in North Las Vegas we will have our 6th Foro De Servicios Generales and you are all invited. Another of our Committees that is doing very good work is our La Vina Committee. That's how we carry the message with the La Vina and also we are giving life to our Third Legacy. I wish the best for you, 24 hours of sobriety. Flyers are on the table.

District 22 has Julio giving a report. H&I takes meeting into the Carson City jail, 40 people attend those meetings. The 10th Nevada State Convention is July 18,19&20, 2008 in Reno at the Holiday Inn on 1000 East 6th Street. Reservations call (888) 465-4329. District 22 has 1 District meeting a week with the GSR's studying Traditions and Steps. PI committee is getting 3-5 people from the Groups to work with the radio stations.

Saturday April 5, 2008 8:45 AM

Roundtables:

Below are the General Service Conference Agenda Items discussed at the roundtables.

IV. Finance (#1) Presented by Debbie S.

A. Discuss request that a Finance Kit be developed to assist group, Intergroup/ central offices, district and area service workers in carrying the message of our shared responsibility for the Seventh Tradition. This was passed favorably but it was by a slim 3/5fifths majority.

V. Grapevine (#2) Agenda Item C: Presented by Sam H.

Consider publishing two CDs of stories from La Viña on Traditions One – Twelve ~ Overwhelmingly Passed

VIII. Public Information Agenda Item B (#3): Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s) Presented by Dennis C.

1. "Consider approving the proposed 2008 television P.S.A. – "I Thought" – developed by the trustees'

Committee on Public Information ~ Also substantial unanimity to approve this Item.

2008 Conference Committee on A.A. Grapevine (#4) Presented by Phil W.

Agenda Item D: Reconsider the 2007 General Service Conference Committee Advisory

Action: "The Grapevine and La Viña include a section on the medical, legal and social aspects of alcoholism, with an appropriate disclaimer."

In December, 2007, the Delegate for Area 47 (Central New York) submitted the better than-2/3 majority vote of that Assembly to the General Service Conference Coordinator

requesting an agenda item that the Grapevine delete the section on alcoholism. ~ Area 42 submitted the better than-2/3 majority vote of leaving the Pages on Alcoholism in the Grapevine.

Item (#5) presented by Carol H. XI. Trustees F. Discuss request to revisit the 2007 General Service Conference Advisory Action to consider all eligible Class A and Class B Trustees when selecting the Chairperson of the General Service Board.

This was opposed. The majority felt the Class B Trustee item did not need to be revisited.

IV. Finance (#6) Andy P. received a wide variety of opinions and comments during the Roundtable presentations regarding this Item.

B. Consider request to "Discuss the benefits and liabilities, both spiritual and practical, of funding the General Service Office of AA solely by the voluntary contributions of AA members and AA groups, that profits from literature sales will no longer be used to fund our General Service Office. Further, consider a procedure for gathering input from the Fellowship as a whole and prepare a report on these discussions for the 2009 Conference."

Suggested we support GSO from the basket and not use money from literature sales.

This received a substantial majority to pass the request to consider and discuss.

The Literature Item presented by Andy K. **VI. Literature (#7)** Note: C and D will be combined for SAGSC roundtable number two

C. Consider a request to change the title of the pamphlet "44 Questions" to "FAQ" subtitled "Frequently Asked Questions About AA." The Assembly was extremely substantial in favor of changing the "44 Questions" pamphlet.

Literature: D. Consider a request to reinstate the pamphlet "Letter To a Woman Alcoholic" was very substantially opposed. The majority wanted to leave the pamphlet discontinued as had already been decided at the GSC.

VIII. Public Information (#8) Agenda Item D: Consider proposed text for a new section on posthumous anonymity in the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity." Marina's presentation explained the pamphlet format of this along with opinions she received from the Roundtable participants.

The editor in G.S.O.'s Publications Department recommends that this material should, if accepted, go on page 9 of the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" – right before the Q&A on Anonymity at the Media Level.

Substantial unanimity was in favor of adding the new text to the pamphlet.

VIII. Report and Charter (#9) Note: A1 and A2 will be combined for roundtable number four.

Presented by Lee Z.

A1. The AA Service Manual, 2007-2008 Edition:

Consider paragraph titled "District Information" for inclusion in Chapter Three.

Summary

The background information included one document and a reference to pages s30-33, The District and the DCM, in the *AA Service Manual*. The document contains the new information that will be considered for inclusion in the Service Manual. See paragraph below:

60-70 % of the Assembly body was in favor of adding the "District Information" paragraph.

A2. The AA Service Manual, 2007-2008 Edition:

Consider a suggestion to place a glossary of terms used in the AA Service Manual and the Twelve Concepts for World Service after the text of the AA Service Manual and directly preceding the index.

Substantially in favor of this consideration.

B. AA Directories (Canada, Western U.S. Eastern U.S.)

Consider listing the Online Intergroup of AA (OIAA) in a new section titled "Online Intergroups" under the section "International Correspondence Meetings" in the directories where Online Meetings appear, and include the online intergroup website and e-mail addresses.

This also was passed substantially in favor of the consideration.

Basket Passed: District 6 and 5B contributed to the Assembly \$134.50, after they covered their expenses for the food and beverages provided.

Saturday 2:30PM.

Area Inventory AD HOC Sub-Committee Reports:

GSR/ DCM Role and Responsibility First Question:

2. GSR and DCM participation:

a. Do they know what services, information and workshops the various area committees, standing chairpersons and officers can provide for them?

b. How can we increase participation of GSRs and DCMs throughout the area?

Neils C, Valerie N, Leslie, Lisa & Tim W. were on this Committee.

Suggestions:

Workshops, facilitating training for Area 42 GSR's & DCM's as to communicate the purpose and scope of their perspective rolls within the structure of Area 42 and the whole of Alcoholics Anonymous. Participation of DCMs and GSRs will be enhanced through stressing the importance of these rolls through training. Education is of utmost importance in these things.

Form a committee to put these materials together to work on these materials to provide workbooks and informative materials based on the Service Manual and our guidelines to inform people before they come to Assemblies exactly their roll is and the importance of that.

Question Six: Primary Purpose

With the mention of Dark or Dim Districts in our populated and rural areas, are we reaching out to all of the Districts, Groups & members of AA in Area 42 and is participation at Area Assemblies reflecting a good cross section of our Area?

Carol B. John C, Susan B, & Inga L. made up this Committee.

Report covered gathered experience from Past Delegates in Box 459 article, some highlights from the floor during the Assembly and the Committee member's insight.

Recommendations (based on *ad hoc* committee member discussion and [February/March 2006] Box 459 article):

1. DCMs and GSRs from districts neighboring with non-participating districts pay visits to meetings in the "dim" or "dark" district, inviting them to the active district's meetings and activities.
2. Area committee members and officers visit meetings in said districts and ask the members what they need.
3. Develop specific, clear-cut, written guidelines for area officers and committee chairs in relation to the responsibility to serve, and to spark interest in service, in all of Area 42. This might ensure more assistance from the officers and chairs and keep them focused/on-task.
4. Schedule the Area Assembly in parts of the state where there is little or no participation. (Assembly as 12th Step call).

Group Conscience: Topic C Marina B. Marvin W. David A. & Debbie S..

Are we as an Area doing enough to discuss all agenda items that may require a vote or a sense of the assembly, so that the individual group conscience (from GSRs and DCMs) can make an informed collective group conscience for the Delegate to take to the GSO conference? Or are we forcing the Delegate to go to the GSO conference and make our decisions for us? (Concept 1)

We were reminded that Concept 1 is in place for our Trusted Servants and a fine job is being done for Area 42.

We are somewhat limited by the time constrictions between the Final Agenda Items being released and our Pre-Conference Assembly.

Suggestion: Encouraging the Assembly to look into Arizona's practice of having a mirrored General Service Conference consisting of Agenda Items assigned to separate committees, DCMs as Panel Chairs and GSRs as Committee Members. Seriously begin a dialogue with their Home Groups regarding this system of involvement and communication process. See www.area03.org guidelines for more information.

GSR/ DCM Role and Responsibility Question 3:

Are we doing enough to educate new GSRs & DCMs about their role as "Trusted Servants" and the assembly process?

Marion deP. Mike R. Sherrie S. & Roger R. Highlights included;

Enthusiastic sponsors to recruit alternates. GSR workshops to focus on individual topics., How to conduct a Group Conscience, address Singleness of Purpose in their Group. How the GSR is Guardian of the Traditions within their Group, What is and what is not an AA announcement. How to give a GSR report that is interesting and informative. To focus on these specifics start with your GSR Trainer Chair. Request special Assembly, District or Committee workshops. At the Assembly, dispense with the AA meeting on Saturday, and replace it with a new GSR and new DCM orientation meeting.

Officers Question 5

Mindful that holding office is a great responsibility not to be viewed as the outcome of a popularity contest, are we choosing our officers with care? Is there a sufficient pool of eligible and willing candidates?

Mike M. Tara G. Sylvia B & Paul S.

1. Make available the duties of each Service position so we have understanding of what job entails.
2. Encourage Service Sponsors.
3. Encourage Workshops.
4. Requiring nominees to provide Service résumés when standing or making themselves available for a position..
5. Suggest a Guideline change proposal to require a résumé be provided.

Primary Purpose Question 3. What is the purpose of the Area?

Paul E. Libby G. Ray G. & Carolyn T.

The Area's purpose is to help carry out the primary purpose of AA. Thus insuring growth and harmony in the AA Fellowship. The Area carries the voices of it's Groups through the GSRs and the DCMs to the Delegate and on to the General Service Conference and for the Delegate to bring back the information from the GSC to the Groups. The Area conducts its business through its Service Committees. The area is a Service body only, never a government for Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Area purpose should be added to the Guidelines and we will draft a proposal to add Statement of Purpose to the Guidelines.

Is the branching of our Area into NAGSC and SAGSC divisive, or instrumental in fulfilling that purpose?

We do think that the branching of the two committees does work very well and is fulfilling the Area's purpose. With the vast distances in our area the structure of our committees is very efficient. It would be very difficult for one committee to cover the whole area and to reach all the alcoholics who may need the services of the committee. So we do think it is working well right now.

Sunday April 6, 2008 8:30AM

Committee Chairperson Reports

Angela D. gave the **SAGSC Liaison** report for Leslie D. *Central Office* received 822 information calls 91 12-Step calls and had 5,162 website hits. Hotline 1,277 calls and 142 12-Step calls. Volunteers are always needed. *Treasurer Report* Beginning Balance: \$34,959.40. Expenses: \$10,703.61. Income: \$22,738.45. Ending Intergroup Check Book: \$34,257.89. Literature Account Balance: \$12,299.50. Prudent Reserve Account: \$54,642.52.

Silver Streak Wants members with 1-year sobriety and longer, to contact Kitty N. with contributions of how AA works in their life. *Founder's Day* June 7th. At the Salvation Army. Call Las Vegas Central Office for details 702 598-1888.

Cindy M. PI Chair gave Southern CPC/PI Report. They are participating jointly with LVYPAA and the Spanish District in various conferences; PSA's are being aired on KNBC-13 & Channel 121. LVYPAA is working to groom speakers to go into schools, we have obtained proper protocol from Clark County Schools & have notified Health and Science and Guidance Counselor Presentations that we are available to come to their classrooms. We are exploring a Founder's day outreach program as well. Past events have included Riviera Health Fair, Clark County School District staff events and Critical Care Nurses Conference. Upcoming April 2008 events include Clark County Health Fair, Thurman White Middle School Health Classes presentation/speaker (with LVYPAA cooperation) and Student/Parent Expo Rancho High School.

NAGSC Liaison to NNIG Report Stephen V. tells us that the Central Office coordinator, Michelle has resigned and Beverly C. is back. NNIG Chair Pat D. has formed an AD HOC Committee to look into the need for an events coordinator for their four annual events (Picnic, Halloween, Gratitude Dinner and the New Year Gala). The Founder's Day Picnic will be held in Sparks at Richards Way Park on June 14th, 2008. Reno is Hosting the WAACYPA at the Sierra Resort Casino Dec. 31-Jan. 3, 2009.

NAGSC Southern Section GSR Survival Guide report.

David M. told us it has been pretty slow this year so far but he has been asked to participate in a planned a GSR Workshop in Mammoth in Mid-July and District 6 is planning another GSR Workshop for incoming GSR's this year. Dave thanks everyone for allowing him to be of Service.

NAGSC Treatment Chair Report:

Mike G. is having problems getting interest from the treatment facilities in the Northern Area. Last year there was a Workshop with Turning Point at Tahoe. And a Hospital in Reno is looking hopeful for a possible Workshop in the future. If anyone knows about a Treatment facility that may be interested in meeting with Mike please contact him. Mike has made contact with every Treatment Center he is aware of in the Northern Area and there has been no interest in meeting with him.

NAGSC Special Needs Chair Report:

Susan B. has continued to extend the hand of AA through literature distribution and contact with other alcoholics who have established a website for reaching out to alcoholics with special needs. There are flyers (purple) on the table with contacts to meetings and addresses in English and Spanish translation of over 20 points of interest and correspondence. Please distribute these to members who have a special need to access this information. Susan gifted us with the homemade banner on the wall.

Northern Area 42 General Service Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair:

Paul E. Updated us on; Mary D. the CPC coordinator at GSO contacted me about a non-AA professional who wishes to start an A.A. group in Gerlach Nevada. Mary explained that A.A. is not affiliated with outside organizations. Mary asked me to contact Lisa in Gerlach to see what I could do to help. I contacted Lisa and suggested that after the group / meeting was started the best way would be to turn it over to the A.A. members. I picked up a new meeting start up package from Central Office and mailed it along with literature. I met with Parole and Probation Dept. in Reno. I talked with them and filled a literature rack that they had that was almost empty. I have made a second visit to fill the rack again, which it needed. I went to Yerington and talked with the High School students and sheriffs dept. Thank you for allowing me to serve Paul E.

NAGSC Corrections Chair Report: Sam H. Goes to the county jail and this month makes 20 years going into the same facility, He recently talked to the PI Chair from Northern California H&I to let her know what we were covering in Area 42, to make sure all facilities in CA are covered. Last week one of our members was sent home from taking a meeting into a prison camp because he was told he smelled of alcohol. He asked for a breathalyzer test and was told to go home. Sam called the Prison about this matter and hopes to have it resolved.

Accessibility Chair Report: Honari ? Alternate Standing Chair until we get a Chairperson. This committee distributes packets to the AA groups in the South. they have information regarding transportation around town to get to and from meetings, contact information to GSO. Homers and Loners contact information. Green Valley Nooners and the Misfits are the only two groups that have representation right now. Also trying to get a list together of people who are willing to take meetings to people.

NAGSC Grapevine Chair Report: New replacement Scott B. has taken in so far this weekend at the Grapevine Table \$312.75. Any Northern Area Districts that would like a Grapevine Presentation please contact me so I can make myself available to you. Contact information is in your pamphlets. Thank You.

SAGSC Grapevine Chair Report: Melvin's trip to PRAASA was interesting. More interesting is the discussions here on the Grapevine issues, I love the controversy of it. I think we all love the consensus that the Gray Pages are back.

NAGSC Northern Section GSR Survival Guide report: Ed deP reported the class held at the RTC on February had 10 attendees including 3 Districts. Past Delegate Pete L. lent a hand with the class. Contributions are used to replenish pamphlets and booklets handed out.

SAGSC / BTG Chair: Neils C. reminds us that this is a valuable program. People in Home Groups can get involved by temporarily communicating with inmates and clients before they get released to establish a first AA Meeting relationship with the person. It's a warm familiar face, it's a friendly handshake to get them started on the road to recovery through AA. Las Vegas Central Office can always reach me if you want more information.

211 Registered Voting Members ~ 231 Total Registered Attendees

Next Assembly ~ September 12-14 2008. Spring Assembly ~ March 27-29 2009.

Ask It Basket

Sophie K. Current Area Chairperson facilitated and Roberta L. Current Non-Trustee Director of AAWS, Mike D. Current Panel 57 Area 42 Delegate, Kevin D. Panel 45 Area 42 Delegate, Francisco A. Panel 55, Area 06 Delegate, Kathy S. Panel 53 Area 42 Delegate fielded questions,

Questions:

1. What are the next steps for the Area 42 Inventory? ~ Roberta L.
- 2A. What role do the past Trustees and Past Delegates do here? ~ Kevin D.
- 2B. If we are a non-voting Office of the District what is our role here? ~ Kevin D.
3. Why is Nevada not two areas? Why does AA not want Areas to divide? ~ Kathy S.
- 3B. I read that at the GSC all Delegates are assigned to a Service Committee as soon as they get there. Why don't we as Area 42 do the same thing here with the GSR's and DCM's? ~ Kathy S.
4. Who comes up with the questions and issues for the Roundtables? ~ Mike D.
5. Can a Group or District or Area vote someone out of Office? ~ Francisco A.
- 6A. How long can you be a GSR for your Group? 6B. I did not serve a full term. May I stand for that position again. ~ Kevin D.
7. Please address Area Officers voicing their opinion. ~ Kathy S.
8. Why are some people opposed to chanting at the end of Lords Prayer? ~ Roberta L.
9. With the spirit of rotation how can we stay in General Service if we only have 1 Group? ~ Mike D.
10. Please explain if H&I is part of AA. ~ Francisco A.
- 11A. Why did we vote on the election proposal on Friday Night as there were very few people, many of which were new GSR's who didn't understand the proposal? 11B. Is there a way for the Area Assembly to provide support to copy and provide documents? ~ Kathy S.

For the Answers to these questions ask someone who attended the Sunday Morning portion of the Area 42 Assembly.

Treasurer Report to Assembly: Marion deP.

Marion went through the spreadsheet line items with the body.

** \$4381.00 is what it breaks down to finance an Area Delegate to New York for the General Service Conference. GSO requests each Area to cover \$1200.00, We have been sending \$2000.00 since 2002. Marion is requesting that we ask our Home Groups to decide if we should increase the amount to \$3,000.00 for future years, then bring this back in the Fall for decision.

*The Assembly voted to reimburse the Archivist \$790.00 for out of pocket expenses that had not been covered by individual AA Member contributions collected during the last 3 years.

In the past the Archivists bought cardboard boxes to preserve and store the collected archive items. \$3,916.00 was the requested Archival annual budget to cover the itemized supplies needed to display and preserve. A motion to amend the Archival budget to \$1,000.00 was made. The Area Chair saw that there seemed to be confusion on the floor [there was no discussion regarding either the importance or triviality that Archives holds for this Area at this time.] and declared no further action would take place until the Fall. Marion asked that this be taken back to your Groups to decide how much you want the Archivist's budget to be for the future.

*** Marion requested the body consider an amount to be set for funding of Service Events to Remote Districts through a "Outreach Budget". It was recommended and passed with substantial unanimity to authorize \$1,200.00 per year. This is not a Guideline change, it will be an item for possible discussion and vote each year.

Proposal on Election Procedures

Motion from the floor:

In an effort to provide a better forum for those standing for positions at the Area Election Assembly, the following be considered:

Friday evening prior to elections, 2 to 5 minute presentations be given and résumés be made available to the Assembly Members from all those standing for an Area Officer or Alternate Officer position. This proposal was not passed by substantial unanimity. The Chair will set agenda time prior to elections in September for candidates information.

District 5B will host the Fall Assembly District 22 will provide the cold drinks.

Assembly adjourned with the Responsibility Statement at 11:45 AM Sunday April 6, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,
Area 42 Secretary
Carol B.