

**Secretary Minutes from September 12, 13, & 14, 2008**  
**Fall Election Assembly**  
**Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need.**

**6:05PM Friday September 12, 2008**

Chairperson Sophie K. opened the Assembly with our preamble and Kathy S. read the Third Concept. Sophie then introduced/acknowledged our guest translator/transcriber Lurdes M. and the Past Delegates and Trustees from Area 42. The Assembly is being hosted by District 5B and District 22 is providing the cold drinks.

**Delegate: Michael D.**

Mike talked about the Washingtonians and the Oxford Group and how through their experience AA saw the need for unity to hold together. Mike is just learning his duties in his Area Delegate position and just as its time to rotate out. He said that it's been that way in every Service position he has had and he thinks that's a pretty good deal so he is going to keep coming back.

**Panel Presentations: Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need.**

**How does good leadership foster Unity? Justin P. GSR District 13**

Coming up here for my 3<sup>rd</sup> Area Assembly has been an honor. I'm not sure of what good is but I know all of us here are in the form of a leader, it's a responsibility, a sacrifice it's like sticking my neck out to bring the consciences of my group here, on how they would vote and decide on something up here. It puts a value on my sobriety. This unifies us. Leaders are in this room, Leaders are in the Group, and GSR's unify Groups by carrying group conscience to the Assembly, taking responsibility, getting behind our primary purpose. Unity is what keeps us from falling apart. Group level, District level, Area level and Conference level. Unified through our literature we have one common voice that allows our Supreme Leadership [God] to come through us all.

**What does it mean to trust our trusted servants? Tim F. GSR District 8**

I will share my experience on how I came to trust our trusted servants and Alcoholics Anonymous. I didn't trust many people when I got to AA and not too many trusted me. When in an institution a man I had drank with [I knew how he drank and I knew what kind of an alcoholic he was] came to share what I now have come to know as the message of hope. He was sober 2 years and right there he bridged the gap of belief in him and in AA and maybe this would work for me. I showed up at what is now my Home Group and I attended meetings getting a glimpse of members sharing and reaching out. I let my guard down and realize there is no angle other than having found a way to be happy most of the time. This bridge of trust is broadening. They make loving suggestions that I take and the desire to drink is lifted along with the pain & suffering under the lash of alcoholism, wow, now I'm really starting to trust. After some time in sobriety I find that the most grounded people in AA are the ones doing most of the work. And the higher you go the more work you do. I came from a world where the higher you go the less you work.

More Trust

With the drinking problem taken care of I now am stuck with this living problem. I know the root of my problem from step 3; I have to be rid of this. With God's help and more loving suggestions I have gotten into service and am now there for guys like me that are suffering and counting on the door being open and now there is this feeling of incredible obligation to make this primary purpose thing happen. I trust AA and the process, and through great sponsorship and a willingness to change I absolutely trust our trusted servants because one of them, no all of them have saved my life. AA doesn't need me I need AA; and the bottom line is this thing worked just

fine before I got here. Good AA members know that great suffering and great love are AA disciplinarians, we need no others.

**Relive me of the bondage of self-potholes in the path of service: Lee Z. DCM District 3**

I went to the Grapevine for articles on Leadership in AA. Do your leaders consult the group's conscience regularly? Are these leaders trustworthy? They are not governors, dictators or prescribers. This brings to mind the word good in the Ninth Concept, take your own motives. Are they sound? Are you searching for status? Are the service people a higher class of people than others? What is the common welfare of your home Group versus the Area? Be honest and humble of true talents versus the demand of a service job. Enthusiasm is no substitute for talent or skills. Are there negatives in your pitfalls? Stand flatfooted and firm is a quote from Bill W. in an article in April 1959. No Leader is faceless and neither is any leader perfect. Listen more with truth. Don't oppose for the sake of opposition, give and take.

Lee quoted from an article about the first Inter-group in NY city in 1946 having struggles that included arguing, throwing chairs & fistfights, the conclusion was order came out of chaos, dignity overcame childness - dealing with human lives and death was more important.

My feelings are that the 12<sup>th</sup> Concept and 3<sup>rd</sup> warranty are really an important part of this. Are we elevating ourselves over others as elitists? Are any of the proposals coming up pitfalls? The GSR's needed to stand up and carry the group's voice. Is the GSR's group message being hidden? Learn from the Concepts and Traditions.

I did a presentation/proposal about La Vina a couple years ago here that was a business plan version. It made people angry and caused quite a pitfall, I had to walk through that road. I was accused of being all kinds of bad things. I survived all of that, I became a better person, and I learned a lot about you and a lot about me. It lost by group conscience and I learned from that. We stand up for something or fall for anything. Surviving AA, I survived it because I loved it.

**Rotation: a step forward in growth: Linda F. GSR District 8**

This is my first assembly and I said yes to an AA request. I learned from my first AA-Coffee Maker job about my ego and pride. The traditional principal of rotation keeps AA members from becoming frozen in office. It also ensures that group's tasks are passed around for all to share. The group is where AA's service structure begins. The group's welfare is the primary concern in choosing officers, these titles do not bring authority or honor, and they describe services and responsibilities. AA is a society and needs structure.

The principle of rotation guides all our service functions; it saves AA from the only people who can destroy it - ourselves.

Bill W wrote; "When, in 1955, we old-timers turned over our Three Legacies to the whole movement, nostalgia for the old days blended with gratitude for the great day in which I was now living. No more would it be necessary for me to act for, decide for, or protect A.A. For a moment, I dreaded the coming change. But this mood quickly passed. The conscience of A.A. as moved by the guidance of God could be depended upon to insure AA's future. Clearly my job henceforth was to let go and let God." During the research of rotation I prayed and did inner soul searching. Sponsoring People: I thought the 12 Steps was enough; It's not. I have realized that my Home Group needs structure and rotation has not been going on for years now. Do I want to step up and ask these difficult questions? NO... The deal is:

I have a responsibility to my Group and to Alcoholics Anonymous and I want to give back what I have taken.

Discussion ensued regarding the spirit of rotation & group General Service dilemmas & solutions. Consensus was that it helps to have service people inform our groups through inviting District and Area to come in with panels & workshops, sponsors being Service Sponsors also. Importance of Business Meetings was stressed.

### **Friday Night 7:45pm**

Banquet tickets are \$25.00 this weekend. Big Book is being passed around for all to sign.

### **Explanation of Election Process**

District 14 did a brief & entertaining explanation on the third legacy election balloting and substantial unanimity (2/3 majority). The current Area Officers described the duties their positions required of them as outlined in the Area 42 Guidelines and /or the General Service Manual. Highlights included: We get to attend PRAASA and that is a most informative experience for trusted servants. I fill my position best by having no opinion. I have learned the Traditions and the Concepts and knowing where they apply when to use them. My biggest hurdle was to loosen up and relax. It would help to have the Area Guidelines tattooed somewhere on myself. Be accountable and transparent, God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called. My job is not just collecting the past but living in today and preparing for the future. We close the loop between us and New York, we see the whole circle completed about how we participate out here in Tonopah, NV.

### **District Reports:**

**District 1:** Marina B. District 1 hosted 4 workshops this year on the 12 Concepts, Sponsorship, Service and the traditions. We did district workshops on the Area Guidelines. We're gearing up for our Fellowship Picnic on October 4<sup>th</sup>. In Boulder City. We were able to distribute \$1000.00 in 7<sup>th</sup>. Tradition funds to GSO, Area 42, SAGSC and LV Inter-group this year.

**District 2:** Mark T. District 2 encompasses all of the groups west of South Virginia St in Reno. We are doing well and have been able to make respectable 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contributions to the related AA entities. The District hosted a Sponsorship Training Panel in May at the Reno Triangle Club and it was a huge success. It indicated that there is a hunger in the fellowship for more information pertaining to sponsorship. I have enjoyed my Area 42 involvement and will miss

**District 3:** Lee Z. 12 Step Panels were held at St. Luke's Church on May 15<sup>th</sup>. And July 17<sup>th</sup>. Panel members gave incredible inspiring answers with added humor of antidotal stories. How it Works Group celebrated 34 years with film of Bill Wilson. Grapevine Group is healthy & having potluck, speaker meeting every 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Rural areas are doing ok. The Mesquite Sharing and Caring GSR is growing and inspired with service. District 3 a very large area to cover, a solution is to make a zonal side district (3A) to include Ely, Panaca and Pioche. Due to cultural needs and area styles they are very autonomous.

**District 4:** John D. No report submitted to recorder.

District 5B: Andy P. District 5 BBQ Lunch Picnic at Wayne Bunker Park October 5<sup>th</sup>. We are having our 5<sup>th</sup> workshop at the Stairway II Club on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be having Mexican food at 2:00PM then there will be a Concepts Presentation Workshop at 3:00, Speakers Jason C. and Mike M. A special thanks to Cherrie N. and helpers for hosting the Fall Assembly with munchies.

**District 7:** DCM Andy K. We just had our 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mt. Charleston Picnic with 550 in attendance. We made about \$1200.00 putting us in the black for the first time in years, which allows us to do the seminars we do every three months. It's the first time we have had insurance up on the mountain, we are trying to do things right this time.

**District 8:** Phil W. DCM Our Dist stretches from Bridgeport to Big Pine. It seems that Lone Pine might like to be part of the dist. and Area. A proposal was brought up to start a Unity committee, to hopefully carpool to meetings needing support. Big Pine is restarting their meeting. The Dist PI and CPC committee is really moving forward, Inyo has requested a panel on what AA Does and doesn't do. We are also working on setting up a Hospital call list. District 8 hosted a service workshop in Bishop in July with Dave M. and Jason C. At PRAASA I was part of the roundtable on Young Peoples meetings and groups that was Chaired by Kevin B. the result of that is a Young Peoples Group in Mammoth. In Bishop the High Sierra Group hosted the July White Elephant

Social with Sam H. speaking. Mammoth Lakes Group hosted its campout Aug 22-24 Ed deP did talked about where our money goes, our Grapevine rep Jeannette B. set up a very nice display along with PI Chair Jackie A. who did a presentation Saturday evening.

**District 9:** DCM Rich W. District 9. We are looking for a Alternate DCM and District Secretary. Still looking to gain support from Groups. In the process of planning a Luncheon Sponsorship & Panel Meeting in the near future.

**District 10A:** Amelita T. Acting DCM. Elko Group takes an AA meeting into the Vitality Center Treatment Facility every Friday. Serenity in the Rubies was a success. Next year's Campout date in the last weekend in July. Recovery Picnic - tomorrow in City Park @ 1PM. Floating in Recovery BBQ/Pot luck (on-going) every other Monday @ 6:30PM different location announced each time. Gratitude Dinner Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the Hilton Garden Inn. Friday Night 8PM Speaker Group looking for out of town Speakers at least once a month.

**District 11:** Chuck G. Tonopah has 12 meetings covering 7 days a week at Larry's Bookstore on Main St. Goldfield has a Tuesday 11AM meeting at the Baptist Church. Round Mountain, Hadley Subdivision has 2 meetings at the firehouse Sunday at 5PM and Tuesday at 6PM. Kingston has 1 meeting at the firehouse on Friday at 7PM Joe W. is doing the reopened Institution meeting at the facility located on Hwy 376 at mile 6 marker. We had a July AA Campout at Groves Lake. Easy does it. We are active in District 11. Thank you all.

**District 12:** Kathy S. Thanks to GSRs and the district for allowing me to serve as DCM. District election is in December, I'm thinking positive that some members will be available to lovingly give back. Fernley Picnic was well attended. The Fernley groups are getting large. Silver Springs doing fine with 4 meetings with 30 members. They will host a Speaker Meeting in Fallon the first Saturday of the month. Wadsworth is still going at the Big Bend Ranch thanks to Mike H. for all the District work he does. Lovelock has a new meeting @ Noon on Thursday on the Reservation Tribal Building. Language of the Heart took a Group Inventory and it was healthy. I spoke at the forum for national recovery month in Fallon to tell what AA is and what AA is not. Monday night Women's meeting is being revised or dropped. Fallon New Frontier meeting may start.

**District 13:** Triangle Club 4600 S. Nellis LV: Christine M. This position has made me realize how much more I need to learn. We have a couple new GSRs to attend this meeting. It seems to really fluctuate. We will be holding elections shortly and I look forward to handing over this position. Recently we have been devoting monthly business meeting time to cover learning about the different service positions starting with group secretary through DCM. I'm sure the incoming members and GSRs will do a wonderful job.

**District 14:** Lonnie M. An Ad hoc committee has been put into place to review the district guidelines. We have decided to do this every two years as the GSRs are rotating out as they have a better idea of any needed changes. There will be a C&T workshop before the end of the year. We have sent all GSRs a new updated 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition percentage disbursement suggestion. This is to try to increase the group contribution distributions.

**District 15:** Dave A. Alt. DCM The district is fiscally healthy and Spiritually wealthy. We are having the District 15 Picnic Sunday September 21 starting at 10AM at the TIE Club 329 N. 11<sup>th</sup> St. We are currently in the process of putting together a Service workshop, Traditions workshop and a Sponsorship workshop, which we do every year.

**District 16:** Patty P. Things are going well, District meeting attendance was good and we hope it keeps up. The Annual Christmas Affair will be December 21<sup>st</sup>. Flyers available. We need donations for the raffle. We need people for cleanup and Set up. Patty introduced the District 16 members in attendance.

**District 17:** Frank W. We have 19 meeting places and are trying to get all meetings registered. Alternates positions are all in effect. Lovell Canyon Cook-out was successful, we broke even. October 4<sup>th</sup>. Spaghetti Feed with a talent/no talent show. Working on 2009 Round Up. At the 1<sup>st</sup>. Step Club on Sunday November 2, 2008 1-3 PM we are having a tradition workshop. There will be Alco-thon meetings Christmas and New Years. We have a brand new webmaster Carl K.

<http://aadistrict17pahump.org> is the website for the district.

**District 18:** Susan S. No report submitted to recorder.

**District 20:** Lyle C. had a successful "Almost Founders' Day Campout" in July. Approximately 100 people attended the Saturday night speaker, with 40 campers attending the weekend. The Chester hosted the campout. Half of District 20's expenses are for a telephone answering service. The service has an updated twelve-step and meetings list. There are nine men volunteering to go into a newly started High Desert meeting. At this time books, grapevines and La Vinas have been delivered to the prison. We have 13 GSRs (including alternates). In August Ed deP and Marion deP provided a GSR Survival workshop in Susanville, 15 participated. Additionally, discussions regarding the seventh tradition took place, helping groups to understand the need to support general service. The DCM and a GSR attended the Pacific Regional Forum in Spokane, which was great fun and inspirational. We took highlights back to the groups.

**District 21:** Eduardo L. DCM. Our Committees are La Vina, H&I, PI, CPC and the newly added Archives Committee. H&I visits Indian Springs, North Las Vegas and Clark County Detention Center on Washington & 4<sup>th</sup> St. We go Monday thru Thursday 6AM - 7PM. The PI & CPC provide local information and visit Groups weekly. La Vina works hard to motivate members to send in stories and to subscribe to the magazine. We sponsored the 6<sup>th</sup> local Forum in Las Vegas with the purpose to motivate members to the services we support. The District 21 Convention Committee is formally requesting the "National Hispanic Convention of Nevada", we also support our Interstate Convention. We will continue to work together for the same cause, AA.

**District 22:** Mariano J. We meet every Wednesday from 6-7:30PM. We are studying the General Service Manual with the GSRs. Twice a week we meet to prepare to be on the Spanish radio station Sunday mornings @ 6AM with PI. We have seen positive results as an outcome. There are 12 groups in District 22 with 18 or more members and a new group in Sun Valley. We visit the Carson City Prison Group every Sunday with more than 35 people showing up for the meetings. All groups of District 22 are helping to make this possible.

### **Saturday September 13, 2008 8:30 AM**

Sophie opened with the Serenity Prayer. Minutes from both the September 2007 and April 2008 Assemblies were approved without comments or corrections.

### **Second 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.

Roger L.

This proposal failed after several questions, comments, opinions and explanations from the floor regarding this "elder statesmen archive caretaker position". There was not a substantial unanimity of the total (41 in favor out of 149) registered voting members.

### **Delegate Report: Mike D.**

Mike apologized for his lack of knowledge regarding the outcome of the General Service Conference and not bringing the early bird copies of Box 495 that contain the results of the floor actions taken to pass around during Delegate Reports given around the Area this year. The full 2008 Report is now available and there are copies for everyone to take. Mike spoke of his 2 year CPC Committee position. Mike went over the 5 categories of actions taken at the GSC in New York each Spring. Advisory Action... Recommendation not resulting in an advisory action... Floor Action...Addition committee consideration...Floor action not resulting in an advisory action...

Birthday Contribution envelopes along with GSO Contribution envelopes are here for the taking. Mike uses these to fulfill his personal responsibility to Alcoholics Anonymous for some of the blessings he has received as a member of AA.

**Alt. Delegate Report:** Jason C. This is my report for the last 6 months of service to Area 42: Jason spoke on the "Never Had A Legal Drink" Panel at the Reno Spring Festival. May 4 Shared at the Lost and Found group on Sunday. June 6-8 WACYPAA Campout. June 19 South Shore Detention Center. July 13 SAGSC meeting. Delegates report. Good to see how the SAGSC our counterpart, conducts business. July 20 Bishop Delegates report and service workshop. August 29-31 Regional Forum in Spokane, Washington. Participated on the panel, "What does GSO do for your home group?" "The sense I got was that workshop participants wanted to know how to show others how great General Service is." The workshop gravitated towards ideas on how to show others that general service is great. Jason joined a home group in Reno, the Galena 12 & 12, Book study, study of the steps.

**Saturday 9:35AM; Area 42 Panel 59 Officer Elections:**

**154 registered voters participated at this time. 2/3 % votes required for substantial unanimity**

The Election process was facilitated by past Pacific Regional Trustee Julian R. Julian gave a brief history of the Third Legacy election procedure.

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>1st vote</b>	<b>2nd Vote</b>	<b>3rd Vote</b>	<b>4th Vote</b>	<b>5th Vote</b>
Delegate	Marion DP	37	20			
(N)	Jason C	62	78	91	104	
	Sophie K	52	56	58	48	
Total Voting		151	154	149	152	
Alt Delegate	Ted G	28				
(S)	Windy D	17				
	Mike M	107				
Total Voting		152				
Chair	Byron F	115				
(S)	Ted G	34				
Total Voting		149				
Alt Chair	Marion DP	89	103			
(N)	Rich B	12	5			
	Carol B	54	46			
Total Voting		155	154			
Treasurer	Sophie K	73	99	117		
(N)	Rich B	10	6			
	Carol B	38	31	35		
	Paul E	11	3			
	Phil W	20	10			
Total Voting		152	149	152		
Alt Treasurer	Cherie N	64	77	94	106	
(S)	Ted G	22	14			
	Windy D	7	0			
	Marina B.	53	57	58	45	
Total Voting		146	148	152	151	
Secretary	Windy D	20	5			
(S)	Chris M	56	48	54	62	
	Marina B	67	94	92	84	From Hat
Total Voting		143	147	146	146	
Alt Secretary	Phil W	66	57	51	49	
(N)	Carol B	80	87	93	100	
Total Voting		146	147	144	149	

Registrar	Paul E.	30	17		
(N)	Roger R	39	24		
	Kevin B	82	110		
Total Voting		151	151		
Alt Registrar	Andy	29	20		
(S)	Chris M	49	65	93	110
	Leslie N	45	49	54	37
	WindyD	29	9		
Total Voting		152	143	147	147
Archivist	Paul E	72	114		
(N)	Rich B	52	31		
Total Voting		124	145		
Alt.Archivist	Caroline TJ	80	93		
(S)	Roger R.	50	39		
Total Voting		130	132		
Finance	JD B	63			
Committee	Marina B	34			
Member-at-large	John	39			
(S)					
Total Voting		136			
Finance	Julie C	39			
Committee	Rich B	44			
Member-at-large	Phil W	42			
(N)					
Total Voting		125			



### **Area Committee Member Reports:**

**NAGSC Special Needs Chair:** Susan B. April 11<sup>th</sup>. I had the honor of presenting the 12 Traditions and distributed flyers at the Spring Festival. I have large print pamphlets and the Big Book in Braille; which is being donated to "Pat" at Nevada Bureau of Services to the Blind & Visually Impaired in Reno. I also have age relevant pamphlets for the Sierra Nevada Job Corps substance abuse counselor "Sharon" to introduce our program to her troubled youth who occasionally are in mandatory attendance meetings at my home group Caring & Sharing in Stead.

**SAGSC Special Needs Chair:** Honore A. Due to a previous comment, I was unable to attend the Fall Assembly this year. Everything is going well here in the South, I have contacted everyone with special needs and they are doing well. I plan on holding this position through the rest of this year. Thank you for the Service opportunity.

**NAGSC GSR Survival Guide Chair:** (N): Dave M. I had the opportunity to participate in the Bishop Service workshop with Jason C. Carol B showed up and kicked in, it was great. I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to be of service. These past 2 years have been great.

**NAGSC Treatment Chair:** Mike G. Not much to report, just phone calls between GSO and me. I was just asked to participate in a District 14 Panel with Sam H. the Corrections Chair. I have had two positive responses for Treatment Facilities workshops. On September 22 I will do another workshop at Lake Tahoe Community College, this will be a second Tahoe Turning Point workshop. As always, thank you for allowing me to be of service to you.

**NAGSC Treasurer:** Annie W. Total 2008 Deposits YTD are \$5854.45 Total YTD Expenses \$7096.58. Balance as of September 5<sup>th</sup> \$3627.59. With what we have budgeted & the DCMs attending the last NAGSC meeting requesting partial funding for 18 GSRs in their Districts, the budget allows a maximum of \$150.00 per Northern Committee Member for funding this weekend. Please see me to obtain forms for funding.

**Area Chairperson:** Sophie K. Brief accounting of my efforts in the last 6 months. Two Newsletters came out as a result of Carol B., Mike L. and my coordinated efforts. I participated in a District 8 Service workshop along with Jason C. Dave M. Carol B. and Paul E. I attended for the first time, the Pacific Forum in Spokane, WA. 2 weeks ago. Where some of our trusted servants from the GSO & General Service Board Trustees came out West to spend a weekend with us. Someone who really made an impression was the outgoing Class B [alcoholic] trustee At Large Dorothy. She showed us a slide show of the countries she has traveled to take AA to places where it does not yet exist. She was truly an example of going to any lengths [camel riding for several hours] to carry our message.

**Area Treasurer Report:** Marion DeP.

Marion went over the Profit and Loss sheet that was in the packets. Bottom line at this point; we are negative \$238.42. Which we can well afford. Current Checking balance is \$19,119.34 Savings is at \$1,388.56 and the CD Account is \$5,000.00. Our prudent reserve is approx. \$8,000.00, we are in very, very good condition. Group Contribution sheet in also in packets.

**SAGSC Grapevine Chair:** Melvin L. I attended the Forum in Spokane WA. In August. While there I had the opportunity to have lunch with the Grapevine Editor; Robin. We discussed the idea of removing staples from the magazine. Also spoke about swapping articles with La Vina and the timely arrival of magazines to subscribers.

**NAGSC Secretary:** Carol H. My tenure has been very educational & fulfilling. I didn't know what I was getting into in February of 2007 when I was asked to take over for the elected secretary who was MIA. I have learned a lot about NAGSC in the process. In addition of keeping a roster of contact information on all NAGSC participants, I was responsible for the meeting minutes and Recording Guideline changes. An ad-hoc committee is now working on further revisions, mostly involving the new Finance Committee. Minutes and Guideline updates are available at [www.nevadaarea42.org](http://www.nevadaarea42.org). I plan to make myself available to ease the transition to the next Secretary. I've enjoyed it immensely. Thank you for letting me serve.

**SAGSC Inter-group Liaison:** Leslie D. Central Office: The website is still not completely ready yet, it's a work in progress. The VA Hospital Meeting has been taken out of the directory due to restrictions for non-military personnel to attend. Gratitude Ball was a success this year, and it's in the planning stages now. It will be held April 4, 2009. Founder's Day was also a hit this year, and it will be held June 6, 2009. We are in need of a Special Needs Chair; any questions contact Las Vegas Central Office @ (702) 598-1888 The Silver Streak Newsletter is doing quite well. Remember that the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Las Vegas Roundup will be held November 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2008 [www.lasvegasroundup.org](http://www.lasvegasroundup.org) for more information.

**NAGSC Public Information Chair:** Jackie A. PI representation is being provided for Recovery Days in Fallon, NV on September 13, 2008 by Mary. Thanks to the assistance from Julio our Reno area Inter group PI representative. I provided a large box of PI pamphlets, display rack to District 10A for distribution within the area. Northern Area needs a new Service Volunteer Nominations for next PI Chair as my term has come to an end. I have PI training information binders and materials, documentation for fulfilling the position and can assist in the transition of responsibilities as needed. I attended the Mammoth Lakes camp out on August 24&25 and gave a presentation on PI on Saturday evening. I also brought a PI rack full of brochures and information on AA for distribution at the event. Thanks for the invitation Phil of Mammoth. Material was sent to Laura P. of the Bridgeport, CA group to present at the High School in Yerington, NV. Thank you for allowing me to be of service the last two years I have learned a lot and been blessed to make many new friends along the way.

**SAGSC PI/CPC Chair:** Cindy M. April - Presentations given to 8th grade health classes. May - Apollo Nursing College; presentation to Psych Class. June - Rancho HS Parent/Student Expo. July - Steelworkers Conference. August - USPS. Paul Colley elementary. September - Bilingual presentation with Spanish CPC.

**NAGSC Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair:** Paul E. On April 10<sup>th</sup> I went to the High School Yerington, I did a presentation for some students, parents, some AA members and the vice-principle. I give him Big Book and 12 & 12 for the school. Marsha from 10A contacted me a presentation for HS students, parents and some AA members. I was able to talk with the regarding her setting up a meeting with a judge in Elko. I sent her guidelines for Cooperating with the Court, DUI and Similar Programs. She requested pamphlets and a rack for the Library and schools in Elko. I contacted Jackie A. and that was taken care of. I was contacted by Mariano, District 22 DCM about a PSA for the radio in Spanish and I was able to deliver that along with some Spanish literature I had. I checked and filled the literature rack at Parole & Probation in Reno. Thank you for allowing these last two years as your NAGSC CPC Chairperson.

The first reading of this proposal was presented by Paul E.

### **Proposal to Add Statement of Purpose to Area 42 Guidelines**

A guidelines change proposal  
First reading September, 2008

Background: As a result of the Area Inventory at the September 2007 Area Assembly, following are the findings and feedback from our subcommittee on the question of "What is the Purpose of the Area?"

Based upon the Assembly members' comments and assumptions as to what the Area's purpose actually is, a general Statement of Purpose would clarify our guidelines. When this matter was reported to the spring 2008 Area Assembly, it was the sense of the Assembly that this Ad Hoc Committee should draft and submit the following Statement of Purpose.

Currently:       None exists

Proposal to add: Statement of Purpose, immediately following the Area 42 Guidelines Preamble.

"Area 42's purpose is to help carry out the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous, thus insuring growth and harmony in the A.A. Fellowship. The Area carries the voices of its individuals and groups through the G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s to the Delegate and on to the General Service Conference. The Delegate brings back information from the General Service Conference to the G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s and on to the groups and individual members.

The Area conducts its business through its service committees and is a service body only, never a government for Alcoholics Anonymous."

To become effective: immediately upon adoption

References: The A.A. Service Manual

Chapter Four: page S32

(Note: Page S34 of the Service Manual states: ". . . the area holds an important middle position in the Conference structure – through the elected delegate, it participates in A.A. worldwide, while through the D.C.M.s and G.S.R.s, it is close to the local scene.")

Chapter Five: page S40

Appendix C: page S93

Tradition Five

Respectfully submitted by Paul E, Caroline T-J, Libby G, & Ray G.

***There were no questions for clarification from the Assembly floor.***

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Kevin B. presented this Non Guideline Change Proposal:

**Proposal for Trial Rotation of the Spring Assembly Location**

A non-guidelines change proposal

First reading Sept. 2008

From: Dist. 6, Area 42

Kevin B., DCM

With reference to the Area 42 Guidelines

1.2 Meetings

- A. The Area Assembly shall meet semi-annually at the end of March and September. The time and place of each meeting will be selected, by the Area Assembly, far enough in advance to guarantee the scheduling of the appropriate facility. (rev. 9/99)

District 6 proposes that the Area Assembly location be rotated between the Districts in the North and South on a biannual basis. The Spring Assembly could be held on a rotational basis – one

year in the North and the following year in the South – in a community with the means to support the Assembly. (Reno and Las Vegas are used as examples.)

NAGSC and SAGSC could, at their discretion, develop a method of selecting the host district for their prospective Spring Assembly.

The scope of this motion is to establish a two-year trial period. At the end of the trial period the rotation would end unless a motion to continue the practice came from the Assembly. The proposal would become effective for the 2010 Spring Assembly.

Background:

This proposal is based on the following conditions:

1. We are growing out of Tonopah and the community is becoming unable to support the logistical needs of the Assembly.
2. We could encourage newer members from our local areas to attend the Assembly and learn how their voice is transmitted to GSO and A.A. as a whole.
3. It would help cut down on the travel expenses for GSRs from smaller groups. They could afford to send a representative to at least one Assembly a year.
4. For as much as we have grown attached to Tonopah, the potential of exposing all of the Area to all three sides of our triangle (recovery, unity and service) would be a great service to our fellowship.

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Justin P. presented the first reading of a Guideline Change proposal.

**Guidelines Change Proposal, Past Delegates Standing for Area Officer positions:**

Currently there is no specific instructions/suggestions pertaining to past delegate when it comes to positions that they can run for in our Area 42 Guidelines . Having done some research with many helping friends in service. It appears that many Delegate Areas have a specific use for their Past Delegate. The feeling from my group is that the Past Delegates have a lot of Experience, Strength, and Hope that they can possibly best be used in an Area Position if they should be elected. So it is our proposal to add the following:

**3.1 Area Officer Elections:**

K. Past Delegates may be nominated for any position that they have not previously held, at the Area Level. They are not to be nominated for Alt. Delegate.

Background Research:

Area 76 ( Wyoming ) has an "unofficial tradition" of electing the immediate past delegate as the area chair.

Area 22 (No. Indiana) and Area 51 ( North Carolina ) practice the tradition of having the immediate past delegate stand for the chair position and they are nearly always elected.

Area 61 ( Rhode Island ) and Area 38 ( Eastern Missouri ) have the immediate PD serve as Convention Chair.

Area 49 ( SE New York ) gives all past delegates a voice and a vote at assemblies and committee meetings.

Area 44 ( Northern New Jersey ) allows past delegates to stand for any office they have not previously held.

Area 37 ( Mississippi ) has PD serve as Finance Committee chair.

Area 58 ( Oregon ) has them serve as Grapevine chair.

Justin P.

GSR Tuesday Night Men's Stag

Dist 13

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JD B. read this first reading proposal:

### **Proposal to Change Area 42 Guidelines**

This is a proposal to change the Area 42 guidelines as they pertain to the Area Archivist.  
To become effective 2010.

Background:

In accordance with Area 42 Guidelines Section 1.4 subsections F 1 and 2 the Area Archivist has been charged with the duties to catalog and maintain all archival material for Area 42 . And provide displays of archival material at Area functions.

Due to the fact that the Area Archivist is a relatively new position within Area 42 we have never decided what funding should be allowed that position.

Proposal:

Propose that Area 42 Guidelines be amended as follows:

Section 4.2 add a subsection G. to read; The Area 42 Archivist shall be funded in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 per year for supplies, space, and other miscellaneous items as needed.

J.D. Brown

Questions for clarification included.

What has the past funding been for this position? This will be addressed by the Treasurers Report

Will there be funding next year for this position? If we request it from the Treasurer.

How did you come up with the \$2,000 figure? A breakdown of expenditures & needed supplies.

Who decides what is archival material? The Archivist.

There should be guidelines. Proposal does not address that issue.

My Group would like to have their input heard when a budget amount is decided.

Area Chairperson responded to this: "As part of the treasurer's budget, she will reveal to you the amount for 2009, the amount for the Archivist is there. We have two things going on. This is a first reading. If you approve the budget tomorrow this becomes a moot point, but the proposal was submitted and the process says this is what happens."

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**Proposal to Request that GSO Create a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Poster**

A non-guidelines change proposal

From: District 21, Area 42

Eduardo F, DCM

Proposal:

Our suggestion is to send to the General Service Office in New York a request that they print our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition on posters which they can sell or donate to all A.A. groups. The purpose is to motivate more A.A. groups to participate in our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

The expense should be supported by our members. We are including a sample poster for you to view. Bottom of the poster statement reads " Hands that Give are Never Empty"

***This proposal was unanimously passed and will be submitted at the GSC in New York next spring.***

**Chairperson Sophie K.** called for an In-House Business discussion regarding hosting the Assemblies. There was a question for response on the host district supplying lunch along with snacks. Replies consisted of: 1. We could have a minimum donation toward the food cost. 2. We need to support the town of Tonopah by eating in their restaurants. 3. With all the money we have in the Area treasury we could afford to pay for the food rather than pass basket for donation for the food.

4. We used to keep it to a minimum of food brought in and we had a budget. 5. We need energy drinks. 6. It's funny how we argued for over an hour and a half 6 months ago over reimbursing for archival expenditures, but now that we are talking about upping and not paying attention to the budget for our stomachs we aren't having a problem with that, I don't understand that. 7. If it works don't fix it. 8. We could consider following the example of the Alanons that used to share the room with us, they had members who actually gave their time to put something together and bring it here.

Sophie suggested that we could take this [loving discussion] to our Northern and Southern Committees for further discussion and to share the results with the other end.

Sophie also wanted to contrast this election assembly to the last one two years ago. "It was over before lunch. This turnout for people making themselves available was just awesome".

Jason asked that anyone residing in the Northern area who may be interested in the Webmaster position for 2009-2010, please submit a resume or reasonable facsimile to him, as it is his [Delegate's] duty to appoint the Webmaster.

NAGSC Meeting in the Blue Room at 4:30. Business will resume at 8:30 AM tomorrow Sunday morning.

### **Sunday Morning 8:30AM**

The Assembly opened with the Serenity Prayer and a reading from Dr. Bob's last address. Ballot election voting was wrapped up.

- As a result of the NAGSC Meeting Saturday afternoon, Carol B. read a proposal to request a possible loan from Area 42 to the NAGSC. The NAGSC is requesting Area 42 Treasurer to make available a sum not to exceed \$5,000.00 should it be necessary. We are also requesting the NAGSC GSR's to appeal to their Groups to increase their 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions to include NAGSC if it is not currently doing so and the Groups that do support NAGSC to please increase the percentage for the next few months, as the contributions have decreased by 40% in the last two years.

There was 1 question regarding the financial status of the SAGSC and 1 question regarding the Area 42 financial status. Both entities are in a positive [flush] financial condition. ***This request was passed by the Assembly body, there was no opposition.***

- A motion for the newly elected Area Officers to communicate with GSO using their personal e-mail addresses for the duration of their rotation ***was passed in by substantial unanimity.***

### **Trustee At Large Nomination**

Joyce P., Dick H. and Dick T. are available to serve AA in this position. Simple majority vote for an Area 42 nominee. Submission to be forwarded along with up to 14 other Pacific Region nominees to a regional luncheon for consideration. One of these nominees will be sent to New York for consideration. Joyce P.43 ~ **Dick H. 80** ~ Dick T. 7

**WAACYPA** Conference is being hosted in Reno, NV at the Grand Sierra Resorts Jan. 2-4, 2009. The organizers have joined us this weekend and have been of much help to us. Let's support them as best we can and get out there this New Year's Eve too.

### **Treasurer's 2009 Budget Report:** Marion DeP.

1. How much does the Area want to send to New York to help defray the Delegate's expenses for attendance to the General Service Conference? Actual cost per delegate attendee was in the area of \$4300 - \$5000. We have been sending \$2000.00 per year. After questions & comments the Assembly passed a motion by substantial unanimity to

- send an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 to cover the cost of the Area 42 Delegate attending the GSC in 2009 only.
2. There is a question regarding 2009 funding & future storage space rental cost for the Archivist. Discussion concluded with a motion to fund the Archivist \$400.00 plus the storage fees not to exceed \$1200.00 per year. This was amended to assign an ad-hoc committee to determine the storage rental situation. The motion was passed to fund the Area Archivist \$400.00 for supplies plus an undetermined amount for storage for 2009 only. There was no minority opinion.
3. The budget bottom line has us negative \$4420.00 for the end of 2009, which we can afford. ***The 2009 budget was approved by the Area body.***

**Mariano J. DCM from District 22** [hosting the sodas & water this assembly] has donated the funds collected from selling the sodas this weekend to go towards the next assembly snack foods in the spring. Mariano expressed his gratitude to the Assembly for including the Northern Area Spanish District 22 into the fellowship here at the Assembly. \$250.00 was the donation from the drinks purchased for this event and he also gave away the leftover sodas and waters.

### **Ask It Basket**

**Ruth J.** Facilitated, Questions were:

**Kevin D.** Does H&I belong to the General Service structure? The Conference uses Corrections & Treatment Facilities. Las Vegas & California uses the term H&I. Other than that it's C&T.

**Kathleen N.** (Past Delegate from Area 02) In Dist. 10B we have two active groups. What suggestions do you have to help us inform our groups about the advantages for our members to contribute and participate in the General Service Conference? That's why we have Forums and Assemblies. Sponsorship and bringing them here with you. Your GSR is your direct link to your Delegate.

**Joan M.** The Dr's Opinion was moved from page 1 in the 1<sup>st</sup>. edition to Roman Numerals in the 2<sup>nd</sup>., 3<sup>rd</sup>. & 4<sup>th</sup> editions. How did we change that? Because the Dr's Opinion was written by a non alcoholic it was felt that it should not be included in the main 164-page section of the book.

**Julian R.** What relationship does AA have with Hazelden? We cooperate not affiliate. They are one of our largest purchasers. Are all Hazelden publications AA approved literature? None are.

**Kathy S.** Is there an official way to introduce yourself at an AA Meeting? There are no rules, however, my training was at closed meeting we are only alcoholics out of respect. Beyond that open meeting are done in many & various ways, there are no written guidelines for us. It's a personal decision that perhaps you could take to your sponsors & grand sponsors to investigate further. Should we be concerned with singleness of purpose and in giving the newcomer every possible advantage? I have been trained to give any newcomer the advantage. If they appear to be confused as to what to add on to their name, talk to them after the meeting. Explain the differences in private rather than take them down to their knees at the meeting. Give them an opportunity to choose where they belong and need to go that will best suit them by explaining all the options that are out there. **Ruth** added; Don't ever exclude someone that might be alcoholic. "Better to include one that doesn't belong than to ever exclude someone that might belong."

**Manny B.** What does the Host District do for the assembly? The District is responsible to provide volunteers to provide snacks and they conduct our services [AA Meetings]. What is Young Peoples AA and is it against traditions? They are a "special interest group" they are not separate from us. We have several of them, Birds of a Feather [airline pilots], women's stag groups & men's stag meetings, the purpose of all of them are the same, to better carry the message to alcoholics. Manny once, in early sobriety went into a Woman's Meeting. He was allowed to stay, [because these meetings are AA meetings].

**Joyce P.** Should non-AA literature be allowed in AA Meetings? AA as a whole says, it's for the individual group to decide. You have a GSR, the Traditions and a group conscience to decide what is best for it. How about Tradition One? How is what were doing in our group affecting personal recovery and AA unity? If we go back and answer that, then maybe your group can decide what's best for it.

**Dick H.** What is the process for changing Districts? I am assuming it is a Group that you're talking about. It is much simpler then it use to be. You notify New York of your new District number. Whenever you make any group change, go through your area registrar so it is listed where and as it should be. Where can I find all the information to do the steps by page and paragraph out of the Big Book? Bill W. in his wisdom some years later wrote the 12 & 12 and had specific chapters for each step. The Big Book is more confusing because it is not set up in that format.

**Julian R.** Why do we allow people who don't send in résumés to run for office? Good question. Some do and some don't. Julian suggests that it is a good practice to learn to put one together. There is a format to use to get an idea for listing your service positions held for your résumés.

**Area Secretary End of Rotation Website Guideline Update:**

Carol B. went over the results of the Spring Website Survey. 66 replies turned in, of those 21 had not visited the website. The input from the remaining people were most helpful in determining the changes/\*additions to be made this next year on your Area 42 Website.

[www.nevadaarea42.org](http://www.nevadaarea42.org)

Changes are:

1. The title Webservant has been changed to Webmaster to coincide with the Area Guidelines.
2. The site will not contain pictures, full names, addresses or phone numbers of members of Alcoholics Anonymous.
3. The Area 42 Newsletter [Beginning with February 2005 Issue] and Assembly Minutes current and past [Beginning with Spring 2001]

Additions include:

4. \*District [DCM] Links (rev 9/08)
5. \*Assembly Agendas on the Area 42 Assembly Information Page (rev 9/08)

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Sophie K. thanked the assembly for their enthusiastic participation and for the opportunity to be of service to them. She passed the podium to Byron F. , the newly elected Area Chairperson.

Byron announced that the Spring, 2009 Pre-Conference Assembly will be held March 27-29 at the Tonopah Convention Center. He asked for a district in the North to host the next assembly and a district in the South to bring cold drinks.

Assembly adjourned 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Carol B.