

**Secretary Minutes from March 27, 28, 29 2009**  
**Spring Assembly**  
**59<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference:**  
**“Our Commitment to Carry AA’s Message – Enthusiasm and Gratitude in Action”**

**6:00pm Friday March 28, 2009**

Chairperson Byron F. opened the Assembly, with the Serenity Prayer.

Byron presented an overview of the weekend, stating this is a pre conference Assembly and that at the end of April, beginning of May our Delegate will go to New York and meet with other delegates from the US & Canada. They will meet with thirteen GSO staff members and trustees to form committees and discuss a host of agenda items. The purpose of this assembly is to review the six agenda items our Delegate, Jason has chosen and get a sense of the assembly on these topics to take to the General Service Conference in New York. We will receive DCM and Officer Reports. There are three or four items presented last assembly that we’ll be voting on Saturday. We will hold election for a replacement to that position of Alternate Registrar that had to resign. This position is assigned to the South but if we don’t have any nominations then we’ll open to everyone, north and south. Business items will be read for the first time, and then we’ll vote on these items at the next assembly in the fall. Our banquet held Saturday evening will host Speaker, Julian R. who’s been in Area 42 Service for a long time, and will share his experience, strength and hope.

This evening we will break into two sessions; GSR orientation is held with trusted servants who provide an opportunity to ask any questions of them and concurrently in the Blue room, we’ll have a full Area Committee meeting. Your Area committee members are: Officers, Alternate Officers, DCMs and Alt DCM’s if your DCM is not here. Byron asks new GSR’s attending to stand and introduce themselves. We have 37 new GSRs attending.

**7:30pm**

Byron opened the meeting after break and began DCM reports\*:

**District 13:** Justin P. District 13 has 33 active groups meeting on a daily or weekly basis. 13 of which are listed correctly in the Western AA Directory. We are working on different ways to inspire & get groups involved with GSRs. There are 7 GSRs that meet regularly at district meetings and support district events. 6 of them are here at this assembly; 3 alt GSR & 4 people involved with district without any voting rights. Manny B. hosted a BBQ speaker meeting and 40 people attended. Last week Lee D. did a Traditions workshop with 20 attending. This year we plan 5 more events regards to Traditions & Service in AA. We’ve developed a monthly newsletter with updates, new groups & times, descriptions of our roles as trusted servants that we’ve posted around the club for everyone.

**District 6:** Dave M. We have 12 GSRs in attendance along with all our committee members. We’ve been busy with workshops, revising our district guidelines & we’re exploring a district web page. I had the opportunity to go to PRAASA & it was great. I attended DCM roundtables & learned some new ideas & got a lot of information.

**District 1:** Susan B. District 1 in So. Area 42 includes Henderson, Boulder City and Searchlight areas. We have 40 groups, 20 GSRs attend our meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month. We attended PRAASA and we’re hosting quarterly workshops this year. Our annual picnic is in Boulder City in Oct. Tomorrow our district meeting will be in the back of this room & we’re serving lunch. I’ll see you there.

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**District 16:** Ed O. District 16 covers Golden Valley, Hungry Valley, Lockwood, Sparks, Stead, Sun Valley & Sutcliff. Our district officers are in the process of trying to get more GSRs interested in participating in our district meetings. I have also asked GSO for helpful ideas to accomplish this task. We are financially stable at this time and have all district officers in place.

**District 17:** Joyce L. Our district includes Pahrump, Death Valley, Armargosa, Shoshone & Tacopa. Right now we have 5 active GSRs with 2 alt GSRs that come regularly to meetings. We do have our H & I committee being very active around the valley. They place brochures and literature in all the hospitals & women's jail. We're looking forward to increasing our activity.

**District 2:** Tim W. Our Alt DCM is also here, Tom E. We've had 3 district meeting since I began this term. All our service positions have been filled, and we have adequate funds. 6-12 active GSRs & we've updated all our contact lists. We've confirmed boundaries of our district and we have a total of 22 registered groups. We're in the process of contacting groups not represented by GSRs to hopefully get them involved. At the February meeting we invited GSRs of district 4 which was dark at the time & I understand they've 'seen the light'. We're happy to see that happen as they represent so many groups. The district hosted the March NAGSC meeting and we learned a lot at roundtables. We're discussing hosting a panel for Reno/Sparks area later this year.

**District 3:** Russ C. District 3 is getting active. Since January we've had 3 new GSR's from groups previously inactive. Frank D. from High & Dry in LV, Mark J. from Pioche, & Jim M. from Caliente. District 3 had correspondence with Tom B. & Carol B. with other area officers in hopes to redistricting District 3 to change 10c to 3a & 3b. A different proposal was created to allow 10c to be involved in area service as a southern district. District 3 is hosting a 12 step panel April 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Lukes Church; Flyers are available.

**District 10a:** Tom C. District 10a is fiscally healthy and all district service positions are filled. We have 2 GSRs attending. One from Elko group and one from Friday night speaker group in 10a. Planning is on for our annual campout in July; flyers on table. The Founders Day picnic is in June and in November our gratitude dinner. The Elko group continues to take a meeting to the Vitality center. The Friday night speaker group tries to have an out of Towner speak once a month.

**District 9:** Keith W. Alt. DCM. We sponsored a service sponsor workshop last winter and are in the process of hosting another. We established guidelines and were formally a dark district & we're in the process of revitalizing. We have a dozen GSRs attending regularly. Our service positions in the district are archivist, Grapevine Rep, Secretary, Treasurer, H & I and alternates for each position. We have 3 GSRs here today plus a new GSR I just met.

**District 14:** Lonnie M. District 14 is doing quite well. We had a meeting at Incline last Wednesday and we combined 5 groups into 1 and we now have representatives from all meetings in district 14. We have a Loyalton GSR which is 60 miles north of Truckee. We had a speaker meeting Dec 26; Clancy I. came to Incline Village and we had 400 people attend which is good for the middle of winter. Ed D. & Kevin B. did a GSR workshop which was really good for their first district meeting. We also had speaker meeting February 27 with Yogi T. from Tennessee & that was a really good turnout.

**District 5b:** John C. We are the NW portion of Las Vegas & north up Lincoln county & Nye county & along Clark county. Geographically, we're large but we meet in NW Las Vegas. We've worked on self support packets for meetings and we're getting

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volunteers from GSR ranks to visit non represented groups. We have workshops May, Aug & Nov. Topics to be announced. Individual GSRs volunteered to be liaisons for central office and various committees & bring reports back to the district. We have our annual picnic in planning; we're also working on website. 5 meetings have relocated and 4 meetings are paying liability insurance as requested by city.

**District 10c:** Tom B. They have me listed as 10c in north. 10c has been a dark district for a long time. Because we got organized in Ely NV, we presently have 6 groups. 3 GSRs are present today. We have in our area, a past delegate Jody who takes meetings with us. We have 1 new alanon meeting-I know that's a separate issue. We're presently working on deleting 10c and becoming District 19 in the south. If we get your blessing with that we look forward to meeting with you some more.

**District 7:** Sylvia B. I want to thank district 7 GSRs for allowing me to serve as district committee member. We have tripled participation in our district. We now have 8 groups represented. We have many, many meetings in our district. The GSRs today are new and we're proud of that. We were meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays every month at central office but we've now moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 6:30pm to 7:30pm at St Rose Hospital @ Durango & Warm Springs. Circumstances warranted this move to that time & day. We hold service events every 3 months. Our annual Mt Charleston picnic is in August. I and our Alternate DCM do have plans to meet with groups so we can have more participation here in Tonopah and our district.

**District 20:** Lyle C: District 20 is from the Oregon border, from Alturas to Grey Eagle; it's about 200 miles from the front door of one meeting to the front door in the south. It's a pretty large district. I was able to go to Portola to celebrate a 30 yr anniversary n February; quite a few of us from Chester & attended. The Friday night meeting in Chester turns 30 in April and we're going to have a potluck. Flyers are on the table. The 'Almost' Founders Day campout is in July, and Marion D. & Jason C. are going to speak to us. Chester GSRs and I went to PRAASA & I learned lot of things I'm not doing in our district. So I got busy; I went to 2 new meetings in our area & got to meet some new people & gather names for our 12 step list. We're working on a website; actually our alternate DCM, Julie's working on it. I say our, but it's her doing it! We've been having a difficult time from the High Desert Institutions; we got names for clearance to go in but because of budget issues, we can't get in the door. We've been taking Grapevines and reading materials in. The other institutions are letting us in so we're going in as they open.

**District 10b:** Curt S. We have a large & sparsely populated area. We have monthly meetings and 2 or 3 GSRs are attending here. We have a campout June 12, 13, 14; flyers on table. Corrections & Treatment is active in men & women's institution. The juvenile facility is now just started up also. Young Peoples meeting is once weekly and we also have a weekly speaker meeting.

**District 11:** No Report

**District 8:** Carrie C. The Unity Ride to Bridgeport was very successful, 4 Mammoth people went. February, Big Pine ride, 4 mammoth & 4 Bishop people went and in March we all went to June Lake to get together & support our groups. The Bishop group meets 3 times a week at St. Timothy's Church in Bishop CA. The meeting times are Monday, Thursday & Saturday @ 8pm. High Sierras Friday 8pm Young Peoples meeting is held at Church of Religious Science and is doing well. The Bishop & High Sierra groups recently held their bi annual white elephant auction & potluck, which was attended by

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approximately 70 people. We had Carol B. from Topaz as our speaker, Thank you Carol. The Boiled Owl Men's Stag, Wednesday at 5:30pm has averaged 25 men the last few weeks. Our core group is about 10. We've contributed to GSO twice a year and to District fund to help with mileage for our representatives who travel outside the areas. The Mammoth Lakes group has started a speaker meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 8pm. Mammoth has 26 meetings a week. Young Peoples meeting Monday 8:15pm is going strong. New meetings, Sunday 12 noon and Wednesday 6:30pm. Mammoth CPC/PI did a presentation at Wild Iris and at the Health & Human Service Office in March. The Crowley Lake group is meeting as always & is very consistent. June Lake is Wednesday 6pm and open meeting at June Lake Community center. Big Pine meeting is doing well Sunday 5:30pm at Big Pine Community United Methodist Church. Bridgeport Wednesday 7pm open meeting at Senior Center. Walker is Women's open meeting Wednesday 7pm at Walker Senior Center.

**District 15:** Dave A. Thanks to my predecessor, Marvin W. we had a prudent reserve to send 2 of our GSRs rather than taking from southern area for Tonopah. We're not contributing but we're not taking away from so. Area so we do feel good about that. This is our transition period, so no written report; I'll do better next time.

**District 4:** Steven C. District 4 is out of the dark. On March 5, 2009 we reestablished our business meetings. Our current Delegate Jason C ran the meeting. In attendance, past DCM John E., current GSRs; Steve L., Darryl N., Rick S., Gary G., David & Ed D., Inner group Rep, and myself Steven C. I was voted in as new DCM. We have 6 GSRs present at this assembly. My plan of action for district 4 is to attend all business meetings in our district; to recruit GSRs by attending meetings and helping with GSR elections and having them attend district meetings. Pat M. our past treasurer kept our account current and left a prudent reserve of \$800.00 to send DCM to assembly in March/September, She will be rotating out at our next business meeting and Steve L. will be taking that position.

**District 21:** Andres S. Eduardo L. is Alt DCM and we have 16 groups with representation, committee members also. We have the corrections, jail weekly meetings. PI is taking information and meetings to the public. All the trusted servants of the committees are new starting this year. La Vina is working very well. We are promoting the 7<sup>th</sup> Forum for General Service and are inviting all of you to come. It will be the 17<sup>th</sup> of May at 8:00am to 3:00pm. It will be at 8448 Lake Mead Blvd, LV, NV. We are working at the convention for the Spanish Community taking place July 4, 5 & 6 at the Hotel Tuscany in LV. Our email is: alcoholicslv@aol.com

**District 22:** Carlos C. We visited 10 groups to present the new committee of our district. We are having business meetings the last Saturday of the month and the study meets every Wednesday. Last month we saw the service of the DCM and GSR and its importance of service to help in his recovery for himself and his group. This month the topic is the pamphlet 'The Group of AA' and next month will be our traditions. I informed Carol B. our NAGSC secretary via email that we will use our district physical address for all our mail (1479 Wells Ave, suite 2 Reno NV 89502). Thanks to her, we obtained the new PSA of TV that came out in November called, I Thought, yo creia in Spanish. Univision is now playing the PSA with the public information phone number. March 18, our PI committee did a 30 minute program on Spanish radio station (radio lazer) about how the Hispanic community can reach AA in our area. Charter communications, the cable provider in our area agreed to play the PSA for a month on

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all the channels in Spanish. The PI committee went to Winnemucca in February, to support a Hispanic member who is doing meetings in Spanish twice a week in the group; Serenity Secret. In the Vina March-April issue there was a story published from a member, Sonia who belongs to La Nueva Vida group of Reno. The article titled My First Love that goes to show the support of our members to La Vina Grapevine. We went to PRAASA in March, we learned, we enjoyed and met a bunch of members in service. Thanks to our area treasurer Sophie, who motivated us to go-the translation was really good. Our future events are: April 11 Grupo Nueva Luz is celebrating the 18 anniversary with a planned meeting in 98 Richard Way in Sparks, NV. Grupo Viviendo Sobrio also is having 3 days of planed meetings inviting to share all the groups of our district, that will be April 24, 25, 26. Our district had a speaker meeting April 18 to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> an anniversary of the publication of the Big Book. The speakers are Alberto the member who is taking care of the archives in Spanish in California. His topic is "How is the Big Book Born" and Juan Coronado from Watsonville CA, his story is in the new edition of the Big Book in Spanish with the topic "The Wealth of an Alcoholic". May 16, the group Nuevo Dia is celebrating its 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Richard Way building. Our district is extending the invitation to participate in the Hispanic forum in Las Vegas in one of the round tables with the topic, 2<sup>nd</sup> tradition. We want to invite Jason C. our Delegate to give us his report in the last week of May or first week of June. We are supporting and motivating members in our district to assist with our 11<sup>th</sup> convention Hispana Del Estado De Nevada in July 3, 4, 5 in Las Vegas, NV in the Tuscany Suites & Casino.

**Area 42 Officer Reports: \***

**Area Archivist:** Paul E. Alt Archivist Caroline T-J. & I put together a survey that's included in packets. We need to know what you feel is most important to be in your area archives. I attended round tables & PRAASA and got a lot of information from other areas. I learned the difference between area archives and area histories. I Attended WACYCAA in Reno over New Years, after 5 days, 1500 plus people-many activities with lots of enthusiasm. There's a flyer for ICYPAA conference in GA on the table.

**Alternate Area Archivist:** Caroline T-J. Thank you for sending me to PRAASA, so glad this is a 4 year term as there's a lot of materials & work to be done. The storage issue has been resolved. LV Inner group has storage & display @ Central Office for \$1.00 a day rent. We meet Tuesdays 8:30am to Noon; we need lots of volunteers with different skill sets. I.e.: building, organizing etc. We need your district info.

**Area Treasurer:** Sophie K.\*\_Gratitude goes to Home Groups who felt strongly enough to send contributions to ensure AA as a whole. The Contributions List Report and Profit & loss Statement in detail, 01/01/09 -03/27/09 is posted at the table for everyone. Total Assets: \$23,884.74.

**Treasurer NAGSC:** Phil W. Thanks northern area groups for all the help and the area for making help available if funds were needed. Our groups contributed \$8083.82, made deposits of \$4,484.46. We spent \$2,064.45. Bank balance is \$10,504.06. The entire report is posted at the table including contribution details list

**Treasurer SAGSC:** Cherie N. We have \$20,241.82 and \$5,448.75 in savings account. We received #3,021.20, Jan – Mar 22 from the groups. I have a report broken down by groups. For DCM's, please see me or I will mail receipts to you for your group

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contributions. It is my intention to provide reports to DCMs monthly of their districts groups contributions.

**Hospitals & Institutions North:** John R. We bring meetings in every week to Salvation Army, 3 detox's, jails & prisons, of course. Las year we gave \$27, 00.00 in literature. On Jan 10, 2010 Tom A. of NC is presiding over our workshop-he's a well noted speaker on service, with 50 years of sobriety. For more info, call Tim R. 375-7465.

**H & I SAGSC:** No Report

**Public Information Chair/Cooperation with Professional Community SAGSC:** Cindy M. Oct: Provided literature table for Community Resource Days at Wynn Elementary School. Nov: Display at LV Roundup and Volunteer Signup sheet. Dec 10: Attended Homeless Health Fair at Behavioral Health Center in Downtown LV. Dec 16: Conducted six presentations at Beth Moore Continuation School and had three young speakers. Jan: Mailed sixty letters and pamphlets to assisted living homes with no response, but are doing phone call follow-ups. Feb 17: Presentation to six classes at Beth Moore Continuation School. Feb 25: Participated in Community Resource at Randy Elementary School. We are presenting again at Beth Moore Continuation School and will do regularly. Ongoing: We are in the process of compiling Volunteer List and Calendar of Events to track activities, we've been pretty busy. We recently agreed and will be providing pamphlets to groups who wish to distribute to professionals outside the AA community. The Spanish CPC/PI has been working with us and our new business cards will be in English and Spanish as well as adding to the website. We are partnering with NA and AL Anon to present to five classes at Bishop Gorman High School. In Oct, we will exhibit at the American Psychotherapy Assoc., Oct 22-24 AARP Conference, Nov 2-5 US Psychiatric and Mental Health Conference. We meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month at Central Office 6-7pm.

**CPC NAGSC:** No Report

**Public Information Chair NAGSC:** Kathy S. Learning the new position with the help of outgoing chair Jackie A & Paul. Attended PRAASA and is grateful for the experience. Went to Fallon Mental Health Office as a request from AA Hotline to take meeting schedules. Also updated Juvenile probation Office, Churchill County Social Services, Churchill County Jr. High School. Seven children at the Jr. High were written up for minors & consumption. I am in contact with the High School. District 12 has new Young Peoples meeting on Sunday night, April is National Alcohol Awareness Month and was asked to speak and supply AA literature with a booth April 11.

**Accessibilities Chair SAGSC:** Leslie D. This year I was able to attend PRAASA in Oakland. It was great & I got a lot of new ideas from the special needs/accessibilities round table. I'm putting together a volunteer sign up list for people that will take meetings to home bound members or people willing to take people by car. Accessibilities is working on finding an ASL person for So. NV because we don't have any meetings for deaf or hearing impaired. I'm hoping to set up display at LV Founders Day so we can share some of the special needs literature.

**Correctional Facilities:** Roger R. This march is the first time The Grapevine has been issued without metal staples. These will allow the Grapevine into the jails. There are several AA people bringing meetings to jails, but is not part of any formal record. I will be contacting the various DCM & GSRs to find out who these people are and have a formal record of their efforts.

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**Las Vegas Roundup:** Rhonda. I'm president of Board of Directors for LV Roundup. They made a bunch of money last year which was good because they'd lost a bunch the year before. They decided to give \$1,000.00 to Hispano AA & Al Anon for their participation in the roundup. They did not give to Central Office or Inner Group because they have a lot of money already and we decided they didn't need it. See you in November over Thanksgiving weekend.

**ANNYPAA:** Tim is the Alt. GSR for ANNYPAA: We hosted a young people's conference in Reno 12/31 to 01/04. It was held in Reno and infused our area with a lot of energy, which we've not had in a long time. 30 committee members serve this group and one of the things we do as an 'Invasion' group, is for all the members and anyone else who cares to join us; goes to any group or meeting for a one month period. There was some confusion based on ANNYPAA and WACYPAA and what happens when you bid for a conference. You take the name of the conference for your group for that year so anyone who heard about WACYPAA – it's really ANNYPAA. For the sake of the conference, we take on that name. This is not a group level decision so we obediently say yes, and that's what we did. I'll list off what we have in our service group; chair, co-chair, secretary, co-secretary, treasurer, co-treasurer, webmaster, inter group, co- inter group, archives, outreach, invasion, activities, hospitality, GSR and alt, graphics. Every month we try to have a major event. ANNYPAA started a little before 2007. When we bid to get WACYPAA (4 months before conference) it was an amazing experience. You get to meet everyone from all the geographic locations trying to stay sober and be a part of service. Thank you

**Registrar:** Kevin B. I've spent last few months online with GSO learning the database. Security is extremely tight. I have the lists of groups per district, so DCMs see me and you can have your group lists. Please consider reusing old group numbers from inactive groups. I have statistics I want to share with you: Area 42 has 942 groups. 16 groups are incomplete, 99 groups are unknown, 341 groups are inactive, 10% are in CA, 28 listed districts; 14 in the north, 14 in the south.

**Alternate Registrar:** Position to fill at this assembly

**Secretary:** Marina B. Nothing to report, for this new position.

**Alternate Area Secretary:** Carol B. As alternate area secretary, I have been assigned website duty. The website updates should be completed in June as described in area guidelines 5 and 6.

**Secretary NAGSC :** Carol B. This gives me the opportunity to provide the literature table this weekend. Please let me know if there's anything you'd like to see additionally. This year, we have several service manuals – For GSR's, it's everything you wanted to know about general service, but were afraid to ask. \$2.40 each and available in Spanish also. Many items here are at no charge. Please stop by so these materials can rotate out to your groups. NAGSC has newly elected Finance Committee that has challenge of initiating budget procedures without the basis of guidelines in place, while they are undergoing renovation.

**Grapevine NAGSC:** Jeanette B. Grape Vine subscription price increases from \$20.00 to \$27.00 in June. The lovely mailbox at front of the room is for dropping off subscription forms. If you submit them, I'll get them mailed for you. So order today for the low cost of \$20.00.

**Grapevine SAGSC:** Cynthia L. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at Central Office. There are 20 GV reps in city of LV. We work a phone list when the GV comes in and the GV reps come

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by Central Office to pick up. We're challenged getting more involvement and we'd like to get together with the North for feedback. We have table at Founders Day and Gratitude Ball. We do a lot of district picnics. We're self supporting but we give a lot away in the spirit of getting the message out.

**NAGSC Chairperson:** Marion T.-d.P. We met in Reno March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Grand Hotel in the Sierra Room for round tables. It was very positive and effective due to air walls in-between the groups. Really useful discussion and it was well attended. 94 people and all but 1 district had representatives attending. Thanks to Julie, Mike, Kathy, Paul & Carol for thoughtful presentations. Next meeting is June 7<sup>th</sup> hosted by District 20 in Susanville.

**Alternate Area Chairperson:** Marion T.-d.P. PRAASA was useful and informative. Some items I thought were interesting were; AK uses conference calls due to geographical issues, similar to Area 42. Who steers agendas for assemblies? Many areas use agenda committees to set agendas, or the DCMs set the agenda. Where is our focus? How areas facilitate information to GSRs to groups. We seemed to fall into the middle in our processes. I returned more informed and on fire!

**SAGSC Chairperson:** Andy K. The round table session went very well. Thank you to the presenters for all their work. Thanks to Mike M. the previous chair for all his help. I attended some of the same meetings as Marion and had a different take on the information. PRAASA was helpful and lots of information.

**Area Webmaster:** Ralph C. The first 3 months of this position have been very trying to say the least. I got some good information and ideas at PRAASA about our website. I am trying very diligently to keep the website up dated and secure. Visit our site at [www.nevadaarea42.org](http://www.nevadaarea42.org) and feel free to send me comments. Expenses have been very low so far.

**Intergroup SAGSC:** Guy D. Central Office received 1200 information calls and 132, 12 step calls in February. All shifts are currently covered, but we're always looking. Silver Steak is the local AA News letter, and we're looking for articles about 'experience, strength & hope'. Gratitude Ball is 4/4/09 at Sun Coast Hotel Speaker is Stephen P. with 62 years. Founders Day is 6/10/09 @ Salvation Army with an old timer's panel and serving breakfast, lunch & dinner/speaker mtg. Intergroup liaison attended PRAASA and went to the intergroup & Young people's round table sessions.

**Alternate Delegate:** Mike M. District 5b invited Jason & me to give a presentation on the concepts in November. This year we had an anonymity break at the level of newspaper in Las Vegas. I had local counsel and had help from GSO in the form of a letter. I sent to this individual, and let's just say their passion of the first amendment is equal if not greater than our traditions. I followed suggestion by GSO and it worked out wonderfully. I had the opportunity to assist with roundtables and I learned more at PRAASA. I also let Jason know I'd be only too pleased to go to NY for him.

**8:59pm:**

Byron closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

**Saturday March 28, 2009 8:00am:** Chairperson Byron F. opened the meeting with the Serenity prayer. Byron turned the meeting over to Marina B. Secretary for approval of minutes from Sept. '08 Assembly. Minutes were passed without any issues or corrections. Byron then reviewed the process for the day, which explained the agenda items to be

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voted upon. Introductions were called for area committee members and attending past delegates and trustees.

**8:45am Roundtable Presentations:** Roundtables were conducted in the North and South with each presenter providing history and background information to each group. Discussions and input were lovingly provided on every item. The items were presented in summary form from the roundtables that took place March 1st by members listed below, and were put to a vote accordingly for Jason's consideration to take to New York Conference.

**Agenda Item 1: Finance-A Carol.** "Review material submitted from the fellowship concerning the 2008 Conference Advisory Action "the trustees" Finance and Budgetary Committee gather input from the fellowship on the benefits and liabilities, both spiritual and practical of fully funding G.S.O. Services to the Fellowship (G.S.O. functional expenses) by the voluntary contributions of A.A. members and groups." Vote: No.

**Agenda Item 2: Literature-G. Paul.** "Is there a need to develop Conference-approved literature that focuses on topics of spirituality and agnostic or atheists in AA?" Vote: No.

**Agenda Item 3: Corrections-D Susan.** "Discuss issues that may be involved in AA members complying with the rules of correctional facilities, such as signing "sponsorship agreements" or legally binding documents." Vote: Yes.

**Agenda Item 4: Literature – H Joanne.** "Consider request to publish a book of stories from members living in remote communities". Vote: No.

**Agenda Item 5: Literature-J Don.** "Consider request to develop a video on the General Service Representative proposed video modifications to an existing video that would supply a consistent message on the duties and responsibilities of group GSR's. " Vote: No.

**Agenda Item 6: Grapevine-C Mike.** "Consider request that the following 2004 Conference Advisory Action be rescinded". Vote: No.

#### **Lunch Break/Reopen Assembly 1:15pm**

Byron F. opens the afternoon session with the following statistics: Registered total attendees 231. 186 are eligible to vote. Of the total DCM and GSRs in Area 42, 84 are from the South and 85 from the North. We have 9 trusted Past Delegates, 2 Trustees and 9 Guests attending this weekend. The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition is observed.

**1:45pm Proposal to add Statement of Purpose to Area 42 Guidelines:** *A guidelines change proposal, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading*

Paul E., Caroline T-J., Libby G., Ray G. "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 if 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.

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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.

Vote: Proposition is Adopted

**Proposal to Redistrict 10C to District 19.** *This is a non-guidelines change proposal. Tom B.* "The proposal: District 10C requests the Area to grant our admittance to SAGS as an active service body to be acknowledged as District 19, to become effective immediately upon adoption."

Vote: Proposal is adopted.

**Proposal Concerning Past-Delegate Participation in Area 42 Service.** *A guidelines change proposal. Tuesday Night Men's Stagg, District 13, Area 42. Justin P.* The proposal to add the following:

Section 1.0 Area Assembly

1.1 Membership

F. Past Delegates are to be considered voting members of the assembly.

Section 3.0 Area Elections

3.1 Area Officer Elections:

K. Past Delegates maybe nominated for any position that they have not previously held at the

Area level. They are not to be nominated for Alternate Delegate.

Joan M. past delegate Panel 51 contacted all living past delegates and conducted a poll. The consensus was that none of the past delegates would like to stand for any position and that currently there's nothing in guidelines prohibiting past delegates from standing for anything. Byron restated clarification: The 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the proposition already exists and they can stand for election and clearly from Joan's poll, we're not going to get a lot of volunteers right away. The 1<sup>st</sup> part about voting is a moot point. The assembly agrees with the Chairman: A vote is not needed at this time.

**Proposal for Trail Rotation of the Spring Assembly Location.** *A non-guidelines change proposal, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. District 6, Area 42 Kevin B.* "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 & Las Vegas are used as examples.) 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 then become effective for the 2010 Spring Assembly."

Vote: No

**Proposal to Establish an Annual Budget for the Area Archivist** *A guidelines change proposal 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Area 42, Web servant John B.*

"That the area 42 guidelines be amended as follows: Sections 4.2 add a subsection G. To read:

G. the Area 42 Archivist shall be funded in the amount not to exceed \$2000.00 per year for supplies, space, and other miscellaneous items as needed."

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Vote: No

**An Area Guidelines And Website Guidelines Change Proposal** 1<sup>st</sup> reading Marion T.-d.P.  
Proposal to add 4 items to the list of Area 42 Website contents:

1. Area and district maps
2. District hotline numbers (where applicable) or links to DCM blind email on district maps
3. Digital archives
4. Contribution addresses for Area, NAGSC, SAGSC, Districts, and GSO. Addresses may not be home addresses per website guidelines.

This proposal was submitted and is actually 'corrected' as detailed in the following presentation by Marion, with some changes, which occurred during assembly.

"First I need to give you an explanation. When our Area Guidelines were adopted several years ago was the area secretary and I was asked to update the area guidelines with what we just passed as website guidelines. I was not given specific verbiage as to what was put in guidelines, so I made a judgment call that was apparently incorrect. It was incorrect to list the website contents in area guidelines which was wrong. I'm sorry, the website guidelines which we approved site that the contents of the website guidelines can be determined by a website committee and do not need to go to the floor for vote. We delegated that to our area committee. So if the website contents can be modified without coming to this body, that's the decision that we made. They don't belong in the area guidelines because then you have to have an area guidelines proposal to change anything. Do you see the conflict? What I would like to propose is not in your packets. It just evolved this weekend. Allow area secretary to remove 1.4.K.8 (which is that list). We do need to have a reference in our area guidelines but the way this was done makes a mess of things according to our website ad hoc committee. So, I don't know how this stayed in there for 4 years without anyone noticing it before, but there we have it. Does anyone have a problem with the area secretary removing the error?"

Vote: Is unanimous for the record.

**Delegates Report:** Jason C. Welcome everyone to the Area 42 Pre-Conference Assembly. My name is Jason and I am an alcoholic. I presently serve as Area 42 Delegate. Before I begin let me clarify that the meeting at 9pm last night was an Area Officer meeting and not an Area Committee meeting. The intent of the meeting was to help we the Area Officers get better acquainted with one another. And that happened. Mike L. who you saw up here presenting on one of the agenda items, was a past newsletter editor and The Area 42 Newsletter editor has had health difficulties and Mile put the newsletter together in about 3 days. I dumped things on him, was very direct and he kicked butt. I want to thank him for that. Sophie, Marion and Mike headed up the roundtable background summaries that some of you have seen by now. Mike also handled an anonymity break at the newspaper level in LV. He mentioned it last night, and I appreciate that. The roundtables were awesome. I attended in the North, they were on the same day and it was a pretty incredible turnout and it was great to see. It was a great location and well put together. Byron mentioned how the agenda items are chosen. Since I've been coming to assemblies, it's pushing 10 years in NV; we've tried a number of ways to get the info from GS

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Conference and get it out to the membership in a productive, cohesive manner and bring it, funnel it back to the GS Conference through a conscience or sense of the assembly. Roundtables so far have been the most effective means for doing that; however we're only able to cover a short few items. So I chose those items by polling the 6-person team who did the summaries and a couple of other area officers. They rated their top 6 and I chose the 6, that's how they came to be. We're entertaining the idea that that may not suit our needs that that we need to change it up. The roundtables are effective; maybe we need to add onto that or make a change. I think this is healthy, but nothing's going to change today. I am on the PI committee and that's what I predominantly going to deal with while I'm there. If you'll notice there's no PI item on there. The PI items weren't sufficient to roundtable discussion so there's kind of a glitch in the system so we're trying to work out. I just wanted you to know about that. There were a lot of people who really picked up the slack a couple of months ago. As information was coming in from New York, I got a call from my Mom to tell me my Father had passed away. He's 61 years old and it's young. I got to tell you, it really took the wind out of my sails and people filled in the blanks when I just couldn't. I just couldn't deal. I couldn't and GSO sent us the thing about the anonymity break and I just stared at it. I asked Mike to deal with it and he did. He did and it was awesome, just when you think you get beyond it a little bit. The joy of being present in my own life is, I'm present in my own life. I want to thank.....I didn't call anyone. I didn't return emails or phone calls. I couldn't, but I want to thank you for picking up the slack on my duties when I couldn't. I thought my legs only shook at 2000 people at PRAASA but they shake in front of 200 here. When we started sending emails out at this rotation, there's a gentleman named John C. and there's also a gentleman named John C. who's not an alcoholic who resides in Los Angeles. Now the email addresses were so closely matched, he was getting emails from these crazy area service junkies! His response was not so, ahhh tactful. He did deliver a message that we got, but it's typical. I will say it was tactful, not the message you'd see in sharing with one another in love and service. It was great to watch and unfold because there was a part where he had a realization--he had a normie spiritual awakening. I'd like to share that with you. It says; "Seriously are we still sending this stuff? UGH! Ok, I'll wait this out for the stragglers, but please spread the word to get me off your email lists. Cheri, I finally get it! Why the hell did Sophie tell me she was an alcoholic-then BAM! PRAASA.....ooohhhh that's why you said you haven't smoked anything in 25 years." God bless his heart he's crazy. I laughed at this for about 10 minutes. "You guys are acronym crazy. Stay the course everyone! I may not know you, but I'm proud of you". Signed J.C. I'm not sure who the real J.C. is. I think we probably there's 2 of them but this one certainly has a sense of humor. One of the things that was a proposal on this floor from district 21 to create a 7<sup>th</sup> tradition poster and that will be discussed in New York and accepted under IVB under finance and they will discuss in April/May. The committee I was assigned at General Conference is PI and the Conference theme is "The Commitment to Carry AA's Message – Enthusiasm and Gratitude in Action". Our Area, you and I voted to contribute \$5000.00 to cover Delegate expenses to conference. It cost \$5200.00, so we were able to cover 96% of the cost for the Delegate to go to conference. We have a letter here from Doug R., Conference Coordinator and I wish to share it with you. 'Dear Friends, we very much appreciate the \$1200.00 (which is they minimum they ask) and the generous \$3800.00 over and beyond the established amount toward your areas

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delegate expenses, as a splendid example of Tradition 7. With gratitude and love to you in Fellowship'. That is a good deal. I do have statistics I'd like to mention. The contributions cover 68% of expenses but literature made up the other 32%. The audited financial reports 2008 have not been issued but the contributions are 68% and the literature made up the difference 32%.

Many know Madeline P., she's a Pacific Regional Trustee. She sends the 15 delegates from Pacific Region, updates and reports. I'm going to share a few things from that. On July 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 Grapevine subscriptions price for 1 year will increase to \$27.00. I want to read this: "The AA Grapevine has not kept pace with the increase in cost and inflation over the years. This represents an attempt to actually charge what is needed in costs to produce the Grapevine. LaVina cannot be staple free at this time as it would have to be 33% larger in size. Please know, the AA Grapevine Board is actually looking at ways to increase circulation and size of LaVina. She also mentioned the PI committee wishes to remind members that they continue to welcome video submissions from young members in the US and CN in English French and Spanish. Per the committee request, the staff secretary created an account on YouTube. I've had some discussion with one of the past delegates and there might be a little controversy there. It's where AA public service could be uploaded and viewed, all options to rate, comment or discuss on this site have been disabled and other sites are being reviewed as well. You can view them at [www.youtube.com/user/aapublicinfo](http://www.youtube.com/user/aapublicinfo) to look at the anonymity and safety of minors coming to the fellowship. The General Service board would welcome any input you have on this topic.

Phyllis H. past Pacific Region Trustee is now our General Manager of the General Service Office. Greg M. has retired from that position.

Many of you know a gentleman in this room named Richard H. He received a letter accepting his name as candidate for Trustee at Large. \*

### **Saturday 2:45pm**

**Area 42 Alternate Registrar Election:** Byron requests Ruth J. to handle the election process. Ruth explains as ballots are passed out that, we have 186 eligible voters and that it takes 2/3 vote to elect. Ruth asks 4 past delegates; Kathy, Joyce, Joan and Roberta to count the ballots. Ruth then advises the assembly that there are people from the south making themselves available to serve. Ruth asks them to the microphone to introduce them and share their length of sobriety and service work:

**Michelle:** sobriety date is May 19, 2006. I've been involved in Intergroup, Secretary for Home group, GSR for a year. I'd like to make myself available for this position and it would be an honor if you'd consider me. **Bob F.** Sobriety date April 30, 2000 and after 24 years of trying to figure this thing out, I got railroaded into GSR spring 2003 and have been in service ever since. Treasurer, secretary, GSR and sometimes all at the same time. Currently I am GSR of my home group. **Wendy D.** I've been sober since August 12, 1979 and served in many service positions. Secretary, co-chair, GSR, Atl GSR, Atl DCM, acting DCM, Hotline chairman, and Publisher of Newsletter. It would be my pleasure to serve some more.

**Bob P.** Sobriety date is December 15, 2007 and I'd like to offer my services.

The ballots were collected and the results were: Bob F. 36, Bob P. 7, Michelle 98, and Wendy 24. With 109 required to elect, we went to a second ballot which results were:

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Bob F. 26, Bob P. 4, Michelle 126 and Wendy 15. The new Area 42 Alternate Registrar is Michelle B. with 126 votes.

**3:00pm Chairperson:** Byron states we have one order of business before turning the meeting over to Jason. For Fall Assembly, it's traditional for south and north be 'host' districts. We're appreciative of District 14 for 'hosting' the whole thing this assembly, but I need a volunteer district from the north to bring refreshments in the fall. District 7 from the south has offered to bring food. District 20 has volunteered. Thank you.

**3:05pm New Business:**

**Proposal to bid for Area 42 hosting PRAASA in Las Vegas 2013** *Justin P. District 13*

"We propose to bid for PRAASA being held in Las Vegas 2013 and failing that bid, apply for bid each year until we do get it in Las Vegas."

For those that don't know Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly Statement of purpose is: The purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity among the groups, areas and members of the pacific region. To encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences to provide an opportunity for members to discuss aspects of AA. The assembly and PRAASA committee should always follow the recovery, unity and service legacies of AA. Area 42 has hosted PRAASA 5 times since 1969. Las Vegas had it last in 1986. Three other areas bidding have had it 3 times, so area 42 has had it the most times. The other areas bidding 2013 are Boise ID and San Diego CA.

Byron calls for question: Do we need to ask our groups? Consensus is No, we can vote on this new item now. Much loving discussion followed with a final vote after minority opinion was called.

The assembly voted yes.

**Proposal to partial/fully fund Delegate to the International Conference:** *Jason C.* "Area 42 would consider providing partial or full funding to the Area Delegate in order to represent and attend the International Conference 2010 in San Antonio TX".

Jason presented this proposal to assembly with background information he received by polling past delegates in the pacific region. Input was received with comments in favor and against. The call for a vote for a sense of the assembly was made: Vote was No.

**Proposal to meet as an area committee more frequently via teleconferencing:** *Marion T-*

*d.P.* "We are asking that we set up a teleconferencing call (schedule to be determined) to allow the Area 42 Committee members to meet via phone frequently. Currently due to geographical restraints, we meet twice a year at this assembly.

Teleconferencing will allow us to be more effective in our service work and communications. The costs are estimated at \$400-\$600 annually."

Vote was yes.

**4:00pm Assembly is adjourned.**

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**Sunday, March 29, 2009**

**Assembly Opens 8:30am:** Chairperson, Byron F. opens the day's session with the serenity prayer and asks for unfinished business.

**9:00am Ask It Basket:** \* This session is conducted by past delegates and trustees attending. Questions are submitted throughout the weekend and distributed to our panel of trusted servants. Each member then address's their given question to the benefit of the entire assembly.

**10:00am Fall Assembly:** Chairperson Byron F. states Fall Assembly dates are September 11, 12, 13 in Tonopah, Reviews hosting districts and thanks everyone for this assembly.

**10:15 am:** Meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully Yours,  
Marina Bradstreet  
Area 42 Secretary

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