

# Secretary Minutes from March 26, 27 & 28, 2010

## Pre Conference Assembly

### **6:00PM Friday March 26, 2010**

Chairperson Byron F. introduced the Guest, Past Area 42 Delegate, current Non-Trustee AAWS Director Roberta L. along with the Past Delegates and Past Trustee from Area 42.

The Assembly is being hosted by District 2 and District 11 is providing the cold drinks.

#### **Delegate: Jason C.**

Jason wants to thank the two ad-hoc committees appointed to update the GSR Survival Guide and the Website. I am happy to announce that I will be doing a daily blog on the Delegates Page of the website during the GSC April 17<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. Jason will also, have the dates of the appearances and presentations he will be scheduled for this summer and showing his Delegate's Report dates on the website Delegates Page. If you are going to attend the International in San Antonio, stop by the hospitality suite that is being manned by the Pacific Region. Jason was asked to share on "AA Tomorrow" at the convention while there. If any of your groups have an opinion on any of the agenda items that you want to pass on to me, please do. A Special Needs pamphlet project is in the making, they are looking for submissions from members with recovery stories from those who face an additional challenge to receiving the message of AA, because of a special need such as a visual, hearing impairment, brain injury, autism, etc. It is not limited in any way. Young Peoples video is still looking for submissions, especially from the Hispanic Community. They have one in French and three in English. Opening for a Non Trustee member on the Trustees Committee on PI those interested must apply by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The Online contribution link to GSO is set-up and ready to go. They will be electing a new Pacific Region trustee at the GSC. That is it for the updates

#### **Alternate Delegate: Mike M. No Report**

Friday 6:30 PM

GSR Orientation in the Main Room

#### **Committee Meeting:**

Byron F. Chaired The Committee Meeting.

No notes recorded at this meeting. Committee Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM

### **Saturday Morning March 17, 2010**

**Banquet tickets are \$15.00. ~ Dance at 9PM hosted by District 11. ~ All 3 Treasury Summaries are on table.**

## **District Reports:**

**District 1 Alt. DCM: Emily F.** Our District meeting format is to go around the room with introductions and a brief share on the groups. We read the GSR Preamble to remind us of our purpose. We implemented a plan to repay SAGSC \$1000 in 10 installments. We are now set up with the Secretary of State as a non-profit, and are working on building to a \$1500 Prudent Reserve. A Workshop is in the works, with the hope to answer group's questions through presentations well as a "Q and A Database" for the GSR to take back to their groups.

**District 2 DCM Tim W.** District 2 held a Q& A session at our Business Meeting with our Delegate, in December. We have circulated the format for an outline of a group history from our Archivist to our GSRs. The DCM participated in the Area Committee Conference Call in January and attended PRAASA. At PRAASA I participated on the Anonymity Panel and gave a presentation on: Conference Committee: VIII. Public Information – Item F: Consider development of a policy on the practice of showing full faces of actors who are portraying A.A. members or potential A.A. members in Conference-approved visual media. Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup>, we held a special District Meeting for the sole purpose of reviewing the agenda items for the roundtables.

**District 3 Russ C.** The district is self-supporting. We have a new meeting in the district, not yet registered. Grapevine Group has a new GSR. Bob D. and I went to Mesquite and visited the Sharing and Caring group (Dave K. is their GSR). I received input from the Grapevine group and the How it works group related to the roundtable discussions. District 3 voted to fund DCM to International Convention this year and send \$500 to Central Office.

**District 4. DCM Darryl N.** District continues to be active with 5-6 groups participating. 10 groups are contributing to the district. District 4 and District 22 hosted the NAGSC Meeting on December 6, 2009. The district provided snacks and the meeting was held at the RTC on Wells Ave. in Reno. I have \$ 75.00 to return to District 22, as we were frugal shoppers for the food. I attended the Round Tables at the February NAGSC Meeting. Attendance and 7<sup>th</sup>. Tradition are both up in District 4.

**District 5B DCM John C.** There are 123 meetings a week within the boundaries of District 5B, during panel 57, district 5B was approached by GSRs from several groups in the dark district 5A for representation in Area 42. As of the assembly we have migrated 5 groups from 5A to 5B. Some 5A groups have migrated to District 7. The GSRs in 5B provide liaison support to Archives, PI/CPC, Grapevine, H&I, Intergroup, Registrar and Finance Committee. We sponsor quarterly workshops and an annual picnic. Currently 19 GSRs and 6 Alt GSRs are active in the district.

**District 6 DCM Dave M.** 10-15 of the groups in District 6 participates in the District Meetings. We now meet every other month. Our Ad-Hoc Committee finished updating the District Guidelines. We also have several groups that contribute 7<sup>th</sup>. Tradition to the District but have not had any representation, so we are trying to get these groups involved in the district so they will know their voice is as important as their contributions. I attended PRAASA and I am always blown away by the energy this fellowship brings to this assembly. I attended both DCM workshops and came back with some new ideas on how to reach the groups that are not active in the district. I thought the presenters did a great job on their agenda item topics. Thank you.

**District 7 Alt. DCM Charlie H.** 15 of the 22 groups are represented at the District meetings. April 17<sup>th</sup>. Is the date for our next service presentation "Working with Others" at the Serenity Club. On July 17<sup>th</sup>. we will host another presentation, topic TBA at the Serenity Club. The Mt. Charleston Picnic will be on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**District 8 Carri C.** All the groups are doing well. We had a CPC Workshop in Big Pine. It sparked an interest our members. Where the Bishop group has now started a CPC/PI Committee. Our "Unity Ride" continues to support the remote groups' w/4-5 members in the car. We are very grateful to host NAGSC in June in Mammoth Lakes. I was funded to attend PRAASA this year. Thank you.

**District 9 DCM Rich W.** We have 8-10 GSRs who attend our district meetings. We are working to get more support. We will begin our District Inventory next month. Contributions have declined as of lately. We are planning a Service function once our inventory is complete.

**District 11 DCM Norma W.** So far we have had 2 District 11 meetings w/Pot Lucks. \$340 in the Treasury. Round Mountain has been contributing to the District. There are 10 groups in District 11. We are doing the beverages for the Assembly this year. I am new at this and need help from any seasoned DCM. Thanks for letting me serve.

**District 12: Carol Ann D.** We support A Monthly Speaker Meeting in Fallon on the first Saturday of the month. Each Group takes turns hosting and supplying the speaker. Fewer GSR's attending District meetings due to illness and family problems. We are trying to provide partial funding to our GSR's, but we are not receiving as much financial support, as in the past. My attendance has dropped off because of surgeries and will be moving to California, and I will be resigning as DCM. Doreen H. shall be the new DCM for District 12.

**District 13 DCM Justin P.** District 13 has 30 active groups that meet daily or weekly. Most are correct in the Central Office schedule and with GSO. We have 15 GSRs, and 2/3's regularly attend the assembly. Harry and Christine our two newest GSRs are here with us. District 13 is fiscally challenged, and we are grateful to SAGSC and the Area for the funding support we receive from them. I attended my second PRAASA this year. Our Speaker Meeting meets the second Tuesday @ 6:00PM and the business meeting is the last Monday @ 5PM.

**District 14 DCM Lonnie M.** The "75 Years of Miracles" is sold out with 250 registered for the weekend. The District 14 website is up and running <http://laketahoearea-alcoholicsanonymous.com>. We are indicating wheel chair accessible meetings on schedules by adding a logo. District is planning two workshops; 1.How to be a treasurer 2. What is General Service? Thank you.

**District 15 DCM Dave A.** TIE club has new GSRs; Paul C. from Taking it to the Streets group 8-9:30 Sundays & Bryan F. Lunch Bunch group. Christmas and New Year Alcohons were successful; we raised \$162.22 for Central Office and \$147.48 for the district. A Traditions Workshop is coming soon, w/ Cowboy Lee Chronic Relapse Meeting. District picnic is in planning stage. We meet 1<sup>st</sup>. Wednesday night each month at the TIE Club at 7PM.

**District 16 DCM Ed O'.** I am anxious to get started on the agenda items to be presented and voted on this weekend. Our district is sponsoring a 11<sup>th</sup>. Step Retreat which will be held on Mother's Day weekend this year. Two weeks from now the Reno Spring Festival April 9, 10, & 11 at the Circus Circus casino. We have 18 active contribution groups in the district.

**District 19 DCM Tom B.** We are still growing; we have had 2 District meetings since the last assembly. We are presently lining up Alt. GSRs for all 6 groups. Our district collected \$100.00 to help fund DCM to the Assembly. Ely AA Meeting schedule is in the Ely Newspaper and at the only Supermarket in town. The "Old Timers Group has grown in the last year from just a couple people to 15-20 now, they meet Sunday and Wednesday nights, both closed meetings, at the Hospital.

**District 20 Lyle C.** Last district meeting was held on 03/20/10 at the Susanville Fellowship Hall with twelve members attending. District 20 held a GSR Survival Guide workshop with Kevin B and Jeannette B. The district has strong finances for the first time in a while and is planning to sponsor some local events. Chester Fellowship will host the District 20 camp out. District 20 has added a toll free number for teleservice. We are attending meetings at CCC and High Dessert. I went to their PREA orientation and was not asked to sign an agreement. Quincy fellowship had a holiday meeting, Portola held its annual speaker meeting on Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. The Intermountain Keynotes group did host its annual St Patrick's Day speaker meeting potluck on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**District 21: DCM Eduardo L.** During 2009 we had 16 Groups, now in 2010 we have 18. Our Committees, La Vina, PI, HI, CPC are working and doing their service. We schedule two group visits a week. We also are promoting our 5<sup>th</sup>. General Service Local Forum, which will take place, May 16, 2010. At Magy's Salon near Mercado del pueblo. Near Streets are Lake Mead Blvd. and Nelles Blvd. The groups from District 21 decided by majority not to participate in the roundup anymore. Thank you.

**Saturday March 27, 2010 8:45 AM** *[This is the outcome of the agenda items, not the order they were presented]*

1. **Panel on PI .1.Joan M.** changing Anonymity pamphlet regarding members' anonymity in death notices to media; Consider adding a statement to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" to clarify the importance of not breaking the anonymity of living A.A. members in memorial announcements when one of our Fellowship dies. *[The consensus was YES]* 2. **Roberta L** showing full faces on AA conference approved videos. Consider development of a policy on the practice of showing full faces of actors who are portraying A.A. members or potential A.A. members in Conference-approved visual media. *[The consensus was YES]* 3. **Mike M.** Consider changes to the "A.A. at a Glance" pamphlet. Consider replacing the term "drying out" with "detox" in the "What A.A. Does Not Do" section of the "A.A. at a Glance" flyer so that the phrase "provide drying-out or nursing services or sanitariums" is changed to "provide detox or nursing services or sanitariums. *[Consensus was NO]* 2. Consider replacing the full text of the "What AA Does Not Do" section of the service piece "Information on A.A." into the "What A.A. Does Not Do: section of the "A.A. at a Glance" flyer. Consensus was . **YES**

### **Round Table Agenda Item Consensus**

Literature – Item C Consider developing Conference-approved literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous **YES**

Finance – Item B "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix"

- 1) Consider a request to replace the Pie Charts with wording about each group's autonomous informed conscience
- 2) Discuss request to include material about A.A. Grapevine

Consider a request to add Seventh Tradition stories **NO**

Finance – Item A Review input from the Fellowship gathered by the trustees' Finance Committee on the following:

If we continue to use literature profits to fund services, should there be a limit?

If there is a limit how do we continue to pay for services if there is a shortfall in contributions? **NO**

Corrections Item B Review report from trustees' Committee or Corrections on signing sponsorship agreements and legally binding documents. **NO**

Public Information – Item G Consider submitting a request to the Conference Committee on the Agenda to hold a future General Service Conference on the theme of "Anonymity in a Digital Age" **YES**

Finance – Item C Discussion of additional ways to communicate with the Fellowship about self-support

**DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY**

### **Officer Reports**

**Area 42 Chairperson: Byron F.** We instituted procedures last year to begin Area Committee Conference Calls We set it up with a \$200.00 budget. To date it has not cost anything. We meet on scheduled Sundays at 5:00PM and use our personal phones [many use cell phones] to utilize the cost free service available to us. The three calls we have had to date have been learning experiences. We discussed some administrative things and we did get some things squared away in anticipation of the roundtable agenda items. Going forward; we are going to expand the number of participants to attend area committee calls and meetings to include the Standing Committee Chairs (both North and South) as well as the Area Committee. The next conference call will be the second Sunday in June at 5PM

**Area 42 Alt. Chairperson: Marion Dep.** It's been an exciting six months for your Alternate Area Chair. I have been working many projects including the Website ad-hoc committee and Conference Background Summary committee. This year we had 667 pages of background material summarized by 20 volunteers. This task was done in 3 day and 4 hours. NAGSC roundtables had a good turnout, thanks to presenters, Brittany, Gene, Kevin, Lee, Lonnie, and Sophie for an outstanding job. District 8 is hosting the next NAGSC meeting at Mammoth Lakes. PRAASA Chair's roundtables discussed a number of aspects of communication, and participation in Area Committees, Standing Committees and Districts. All areas represented who had effective and efficient translation of documents into Spanish are using professional paid translators at an average cost of \$25.00 per page. New and improved Area 42 Website is up and running. Our ad-hoc committee had 0% attrition and 100% participation. We met several times by teleconference and web conference. Although each of us did our part, we owe a special thanks to two members of the team. Scott B. from District 8 contributed enormous time and technical expertise to the project. Nothing could have been done without the generosity of spirit and true humility of our webmaster, Ralph C. from Elko. We will need to invest in getting all material on the website translated into Spanish.

**SAGSC Chairperson: Andy K.** Last year when I went to PRAASA, all I got out of it was that everybody wanted laptops. I was very put off by it, but I went to the point of submitting a request for one. This year when I went I got information from the other areas on what we do (or don't do). I am very glad I went because on a personal level, I had been feeling very disgruntled about what we actually do (including myself) in my opinion, we could do more. I would like to do more; unfortunately I don't know what I am doing. But I am really glad I got to attend PRAASA. Other than that, the Southern Area is doing well. We had three round table presenters back out at the last minute but, I want to give kudos to the three that stuck in there and did a great job.

**Area Treasurer Report: Sophie K.** Thank you to the groups, districts, intergroups and individuals contributing to the Area 42 Treasury. Wrapping up 2009

- The 2009 tax information has been submitted to the E.A. (Enrolled Agent of the IRS).
- The profit and loss data and balance sheet are in your packets.
- The 2009 budget was approved with an anticipated shortfall of \$8000; the year ended with \$3300 in the red.

2010 – year to date Profit and loss and balance sheet also in the packet. It's too early in the year to do projections. Contributions to date are substantially up; expenses are only slightly so. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. *[Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was passed unanimously]*

**Area Alt. Treasurer: [SAGSC]: Cherie N.** The financial information sheets from SAGSC are on the left side of the table, along with the Area and NAGSC breakdowns. January through .March of this year, and all of last year are there. Last year we received a total in contributions of \$7296.05, Literature sales of GSR Survival Guides was \$24.00 \$437.00 contribution from SAGSC meetings. Expenses were \$9285.25. this left us with a negative income of \$2395.07

**NAGSC Treasurer Report: Phil W.** Jan. 1 NAGSC had a balance 12,538.60. We have had contributions of 1,191.73. We have had expenses of 237.75. Leaving NAGSC with a balance of 13491.88 on 3/1/2010. More information on table. Thank you.

**Area Secretary: Marina B.** Marina apologized for the disarray of the rosters, and is sending updated and corrected copies out to all. Marina found it to be an amazing experience to attend the secretary roundtables and the newsletter at PRAASA, share information and ideas, and come back with quite a few. Please, everyone, write down this e-mail address [area42newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:area42newsletter@gmail.com). You can submit articles, topics, stories, items of interest with the rest of the fellowship. I want to thank Lurdes for all of her translation services, [and Alec for this weekend]. She certainly has her hands full and we appreciate and thank her for that.

**NAGSC Secretary: Carol B.** The Alternate Area Secretary position has me serving as your Area 42 Literature Person and NAGSC Secretary, please bring your requests to me. I have added some Braille literature should any of your groups have the need. The NAGSC Finance Committee is keeping busy making Guideline changes while attempting to better regulate the funding procedures we are putting into place, and the individual budgeting is beginning to come together. I am certainly enjoying serving you, and am thankful to you for choosing me as your trusted servant in this position.

**SAGS Secretary: Edie D.** SAGSC has approved 2010 budget; held roundtable discussions on February 28<sup>th</sup>. We agreed to purchase laptop for SAGSC Secretary, in order to have an archive of minutes going forward. The SAGSC Chair will no longer be a voting member of the Las Vegas Roundup Committee, as it has nothing to do with this body. I was unable to attend PRAASA this year. Thank you.

**Area Registrar: Kevin B.** Keeping up with the edits to the data base is interesting. I am grateful to everyone who pitched in while I was away last fall. Latest stats for Area 42 are. 18106 Total Members, 972 Total Groups, 456 Active Groups, 340 Inactive Groups, 14 Incomplete Groups, 60 Merged Groups, 95 Unknown Groups, 95 California Groups, 875 Nevada Groups. Inactive groups will remain on the lists for historical purposes, they cannot be renamed or changed, however they can be resurrected. Inclusion into the Directories deadline is April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please see me during breaks if you need to update your groups. I was honored to attend PRAASA and participate in the roundtables this year. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Area Alternate Registrar: Michelle.** I am the Alt Registrar for the Area. If anyone is here who needs to register their group or district with new information, please see me or Kevin (with the computer) before you leave. I want to thank the assembly for sending me to PRAASA; it was very informative, we have changed "Registering the groups" to "Listing" the groups. Thank you

**Area Archives: Paul E.** I would like to thank Caroline in the South for the great job they are doing down there, and the crew that came up and set up the room here. I attended PRAASA again this year, and enjoyed the Panels, especially considering that they took a dry topic such as the Service Manual and made it so interesting. I attended the Archivist Roundtable Friday and Saturday, and was able to get insight on how to better do my position I have been collecting flyers from events in the North and here. Please put the year on the flyers when you date them, tree years from now we will have no idea, without the year. Also please put the district or Group that is hosting the event. Who, When & Where is important. I have received 2 Group histories. Please send me two (2) flyers, so we have them for both North and South. My main focus this year is to record the old timers histories for digital archiving. Thank you

**Area Alternate Archives: Caroline T-J.** We have started a new meeting "The Area 42 Artifacts". Each month on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday, we meet at the TIE Club in Las Vegas, 12:30 till 2:30. We serve lunch and invite a panel of 4 long-timers to share memories of early AA in Area 42. June 6<sup>th</sup>. We will expand our horizons in June and go out to Pahrump and we plan on going out to Mesquite later this year. We have displays at picnics and workshops, please checkout our monthly Silver Streak column. I was able to attend PRAASA this year along with 2 other Archives Committee members. Our Archives Committee meets at the Central Office every Thursday from 9:30 till 11:30 AM. If you wish to donate historical documents related to Area 42 please notify me at;

## **Committee Chair Reports:**

**SAGSC Public Information Chairs: Cindy M. PIC & Tim H. CPC** Recent events include:

**10/14/09** Community Resource Day – Wynn Elementary – literature display

**10/14-26/09** Exhibit for American Psychotherapy Association, volunteers worked two hour shifts.

**10/22-24/09** AARP Conference, volunteers worked two hour shifts. Great response

**10/22/09** PI Chair attended Spanish CPC meeting, provided guidelines for Spanish Young People's DVD submission. **10/27-28/09** Bishop Gorman HS presentations to Freshman Health classes. Worked in conjunction with Al-Anon/Alateen. Had three young speakers. Excellent response.

**12/19/09** CPC Chair attended CPC/PI Workshop in Pahrump and made presentation and offered to help organize their committee. **2/14/10** PI & CPC Chairs attended and made presentations at Service Workshop held at TIE Club. **03/05-07/2010**

Bobby D, attended PRAASA and attended PI & CPC roundtables, coming back with many ideas that will be discussed in future meetings. Upcoming Events **3/30-31/10** Bishop Gorman HS presentation with Alateen. **4/12/10** Presentation to Prestige Assisted Living.

**6/14/10** Welcome Home Veterans event 10AM-2PM at Gold Coast Casino **10/13-16/10** Association of **Journalists**- Literature Display at the Planet Hollywood.

**NAGSC Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair: Rich B.** I am unable to attend this weekend due to another commitment. Two of the Districts in the North have requested my presence. I gave a presentation during the District 8 hosted CPC/PI workshop on Jan. 9th, 2010, in Big Pine. The workshop was in conjunction with a presentation from the Mammoth Lakes PI/CPC Committee. It was well attended by members from Big Pine, Mammoth, Crowley Lake, Bishop and Lone Pine It was very informative and there was participation from many AA members, who also work in the education and medical fields. District 6 is assembling a PI/CPC Committee to cover the various South Tahoe, Douglas County, and Carson City agencies. They asked me to join them for their first couple meetings to help familiarize them with the pamphlets, presentations etc. I also have been in contact with some of the professionals working in the South Lake Tahoe area. GSRs and DCMs who would like me to participate on panels, workshops or sharing sessions with you, please contact me.

**NAGSC Public Information Chair: Kathy S.**

I am very glad to be here at the assembly this spring, it's been difficult for me physically and emotionally, I owe my life to the program and the grace of God. As with my Grapevine subscription, I eagerly await the arrival of our BOX 459, for helpful and informative information to pass on. Each year since 1949 the Trustees Public Information Committee has been sending its' annual Anonymity Letters to the media. Sub committees seem to be the way to go in the rural areas. We have PI/CPC people in some of the districts in the north. I am working at getting more into the schools here. I am in contact with the Library, JPO, Sheriff, Hospital and Treatment. I'm just learning my position with PI, but I will continue learning and passing on what you have given me. Thanks for the spiritual 'booster shot' that I needed so desperately.

**SAGSC Grapevine: Cynthia L.** There are 15 active GVRs presently. Process is for all the reps to order and pick up the Grapevine issues through the Central Office each month. We meet at Central Office on 2<sup>nd</sup>. Friday at 6:00PM. March edition of the Silver Streak has an article about the Grapevine. Activities include District 1 picnic, Intergroup Service Workshop, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>.TIE. Presentation LV Roundup. District 5B picnic. Gratitude Ball and Founders Day.

**NAGSC Grapevine Chair Report: Jeannette B.**

Some new items at the Grapevine display this weekend are: A Rabbit Walks into a Bar, jokes from the Grapevine. New CD's Emotional Sobriety 2 vol set & Spiritual Experience 3 vol set. More La Vina options are available this weekend. Grapevine is available at a 7 issue subscription for \$17.00.If you have old subscription forms with an address other then: P.O. Box 422488 Palm Coast, FL, please dispose of them as the FL address is the only one that receives the subscriptions now. If you would like a Grapevine display at your next function, please contact me, information is available at the front table. Thank you.

**SAGSC GSR Survival Guide Trainer Report David W. No Report**

**NAGSC Southern Section GSR Survival Guide report Mike D.** Mike has not given a Training Session to date. Mike would like to see the GSR Training in the North, to be done as they do it in the South. The "Trainer" as is referred to in the South, could work with the GSR's for 45 minutes before the NAGSC meeting four times a year.

**NAGSC Northern Section GSR Survival Guide report. Kevin B.** I was invited to go to Susanville to do a GSR Survival Guide session with District 20 and had a great time up there. If you would like a GSRSG session in your District please let me know. Thank you.

**SAGSC Liaison to L V Central Office: Carolyn C.** Caroline is replacing Guy. Annual Intergroup Service Festival was moderated by Mike M. and it was a great success, speakers included Intergroup/SAGSC Committee Chairs and or members. Cherie N. did a fantastic job on a Concepts Workshop. Attended PRAAA and found it to be very informative. Gratitude Ball will on April 10, 2 010.

**NAGSC Liaison to NNIG Report: Graham S.**

NNIG Monthly Speaker meeting has new format for countdown, raffle sales are helping, if your group would like to host a meeting, call Jim S, through Central Office. Cabbage and Cribbage was well attended. Answering Service is fully staffed. Send your AA Sobriety Birthday date & home group and send to nnigbracer@gmail.com or the Central Office, to be recognized in the Bracer. Bracer is still looking for ES&H articles; send them to [nnigbracer@gmail.com](mailto:nnigbracer@gmail.com) or the Central Office. If your group needs a "Pink Can" contact Vince G. through the Central Office. NNIG is doing everything it can to keep the Central Office solvent and working. They wish that the Northern Nevada groups buy AA related items such as chips, books, etc. from the Central Office and not the clubs. Buying these items from Central Office supports the local AA and Central Office needs the funds.

**SAGSC Special Needs Chair Report: Leslie N.** Special Needs is responding to requests from our Central Office to visit those that are homebound. We are currently compiling a list of ASL Interpreters to meet the needs of those requesting this service. We also have a signup sheet of AA members willing to visit those that are homebound. Despite numerous announcements at Intergroup meetings and regular meetings about what Special Needs has to offer, we have not received hardly any request for this service. The goal and focus of Special Needs is to get the word out that this service is available to our AA members and the general community. Therefore we have posted a running advertisement in our local AA newsletter (The Silver Streak) that Special Needs/ Accessibility is here to assist those in need. Southern Area Special Needs is working closely with our area Public Information to get the word out to the community. I attended the last PRAASA and got a few ideas on how to reach out and let AAs know this service is available, and hopefully in the near future Central Office will get more request for our services

**Special Needs Chair Report: Steve V.**

Thank you for allowing me to serve NAGSC in the capacity of Special Needs, or Accessibilities Chair, as they like to call it now. The other day while attempting to help a deaf student find an ASL meeting, we found that there are no ASL meetings in the Northern Nevada area. I hadn't seen the problem till then, we are checking with the Coalition for the Deaf for ASL meetings. One day at a time I learn how little I know of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. When I grow up I hope to be a truly effective member of AA. Thank you for allowing me to participate in my own recovery.

**SAGSC H&I: Tim R.** 2009 Big Books 120 cases approx. \$27000.00 in 2009. Sponsoring 50 plus meetings. We were able to send a rep. attend PRAASA. As of Feb. 2010 we have a High Desert meeting. YTD \$5570.25. Current balance \$5974.18 including \$1000.00 prudent reserve. We are giving approx. \$2500.00 per month. 500 people attended the Corrections Workshop in January.

We meet at Central Office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every month at 6PM

**NAGSC Treatment Chair Report: Mike L.**

The combined committees of the NNIG Treatment, Corrections, and BTG has diligently been working together to keep each other informed on needs in the area. There are presently about 20 meetings in Northern Nevada Treatment Facilities. I have been going to the Intergroup meetings in an effort to offer to pass on the Hope video to some of the treatment facilities that have an interest. The important part; getting AA meetings and AA literature into these facilities. Thank you.

**NAGSC Corrections Chair Report Roger L.** There is an AA meeting being brought into just about every facility in the NASC area. I am in the process of listing everyone who takes a meeting to the various Correction Facilities. There is an effort right now in AA to make a change in the Corrections Pamphlet; it has to do with clarifying communication about specific regulations of individual facilities. AA members are urged to help out in bringing the message going into the facilities. DCMs & GSRs are encouraged to check with the men and women doing this service and get back to me with the information.

**Newsletter Editor: Mike L.** Area 42 newsletter which consists of service related information, articles, and announcements is getting out on time or close to but it can use more input from area service members. The newsletter can be a valuable source of AA service information. I attended my first PRASSA earlier this month which was very exciting. I was able to attend the newsletter roundtable. I found some the areas have a very large budget for newsletter for printing, mailing and translation. Our newsletter budget for our newsletter is basically zero since we publish it via email and on our website leaving it up to the DCM's to get out to the GSRs. Because of the wonderful service by Lurdes we haven't been paying for translation into Spanish. I was impressed by the good ideas that I heard from the other newsletter ideas. Newsletter can be found on the area website at [www.nevadaarea42.org](http://www.nevadaarea42.org) via going to minutes and newsletter link.

**Area Webmaster: Ralph C.** Our Area Ad-Hoc Committee has been very busy doing their painstaking efforts to completely revamp the entire Website. We have met several times via conference calls. Thank you for sending me to PRAASA, I got sick while there, but I did get a lot of good info. The new website is really something; all pages can be read in Spanish and English. District contacts and district meetings information. It is an excellent tool for us and I hope everyone has a chance to use it. Questions or comments please contact me via internet as [webmaster@nevadaare42.org](mailto:webmaster@nevadaare42.org) or see me this weekend, Thank you.

**ANNYPAA Liaison to NAGSC Report: Dan** We just had elections and are getting squared away with our whole new service body. We are trying to reach out to the different areas, James is here, and he is the Co Chair for our outreach. We are trying to get into H&I and General Service in the area. If you need information on ASL get in touch with the WACYPAAC Committee, they have been working with them

**Saturday March 27, 2010 8:45 AM**

**Ruth J. Past [Panel 29] Area 42 Delegate & Past Pacific Region Trustee** gave us a presentation on "Trusting our Trusted Servants". We trust our GSR to carry our voice to the entities beyond the meeting room. Make decisions as to what needs to be carried on down the line; this is what all the General Service levels do. We share our ideas and thoughts as to what is best for AA as a whole. Ruth asked us to get familiar with the process and read the General Service literature (12 Concepts Illustrated). Mutual trust is the key.

**Panel on PI .1.Joan M.** changing Anonymity pamphlet regarding members' anonymity in death notices to media; Consider adding a statement to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" to clarify the importance of not breaking the anonymity of living A.A. members in memorial announcements when one of our Fellowship dies. [The consensus was YES] 2. **Roberta L** showing full faces on AA conference approved videos. Consider development of a policy on the practice of showing full faces of actors who are portraying A.A. members or potential A.A. members in Conference-approved visual media. [The consensus was YES] 3. **Mike M.** Consider changes to the "A.A. at a Glance" pamphlet 1. Consider replacing the term "drying out" with "detox" in the "What A.A. Does Not Do" section of the "A.A. at a Glance" flyer so that the phrase "provide drying-out or nursing services or sanitariums" is changed to "provide detox or nursing services or sanitariums. [Consensus was NO] 2. Consider replacing the full text of the "What AA Does Not Do" section of the service piece "Information on A.A." into the "What A.A. Does Not Do: section of the "A.A. at a Glance" flyer. Consensus was YES

## Round Table Agenda Item Consensus

Literature – Item C Consider developing Conference-approved literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous YES

Finance – Item B "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix"

3) Consider a request to replace the Pie Charts with wording about each group's autonomous informed conscience

4) Discuss request to include material about A.A. Grapevine

Consider a request to add Seventh Tradition stories NO

Finance – Item A Review input from the Fellowship gathered by the trustees' Finance Committee on the following:

If we continue to use literature profits to fund services, should there be a limit?

If there is a limit how do we continue to pay for services if there is a shortfall in contributions? NO

Corrections Item B Review report from trustees' Committee or Corrections on signing sponsorship agreements and legally binding documents. NO

Public Information – Item G Consider submitting a request to the Conference Committee on the Agenda to hold a future General Service Conference on the theme of "Anonymity in a Digital Age" YES

Finance – Item C Discussion of additional ways to communicate with the Fellowship about self-support  
DISCUSSION ONLY

## Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

### General Service Representative Survival Guide

#### Ad-hoc Committee Report to Area 42 Assembly: GSRSG ~ Ad-Hoc Committee Chair, Carol B

Our well-rounded committee consists of five trusted servants from five various districts, an Area Officer (Sophie K.), SAGSC GSR Survival Guide Trainer (David W.), Alt GSR for the Rush Home Group in 5B (Natasha S.) and 2 NAGSC Officers (Marion DeP. and Carol B.) The goal has been to revisit and better categorize the manual and simplify the presentation to encourage a better understanding of the terms and procedures described therein. Those of you, who have attended the various GSR Survival Guide presentations by the many facilitators that have covered this service commitment over the years, know how few pages of the Guide's contents are thoroughly understood by the new GSR, in a classroom environment. What we are asking of you today is, to accept the first 12 pages as a replacement to the old printed version, and to utilize the internet access to the Area 42 Website, nevadaarea42.org, to links provided to: The FAQs pages. Parliamentary Guide and AA acronyms defined. It has been a pleasure to serve Area 42 in this capacity for these few months.

**Web Site Ad-Hoc Committee Report: Mike L.** The Web-Site Ad-Hoc committee was formed by the Area 42 Committee at the Fall Assembly to address ways the web site can be improved and report back to the committee. We communicated at length through email and twice met on conference calls since the Fall Assembly. We discussed at length the problems with present site; the navigation of the site, the difficulty of management of the site to keep the site updated, and difficulty to pass the site down to next panel web servant. As instructed by the Area 42 Committee we published a web site survey for the area general service members. Marina, our Area 42 Secretary, emailed out the link to the survey by email. The survey is also available on the web site but that link is having technical difficulties. I have been working with Ralph to resolve the problem. SAGSC was contacted to find the process they used to create their website and found that the cost of a professional web site designer could be very expensive costing upwards of \$5,000. After we found that the cost could be so prohibitive the committee became so ambitious that a test site was created by members of the committee and be seen by clicking on a link that has been posted on nevadaarea42.org. The test site was created keeping in mind the need to organize the site to better navigate and update the site. If you have not filled out your website surveys please do so and if you didn't receive the survey emails please give me your email address and I will forward you a copy. Thank you for letting me serve.

## **Non Guideline Changing Proposal:**

**How it Works Group [District 3] Proposal to Area 42: *Increase the numbers of items discussed and commit to addressing a broad range of issues at the Area Assembly.*** Discussion included; [Ruth, past Trustee] The delegate is only involved in discussion (unless an item makes it to the floor) during the GSC at the level of the committee they are assigned to for their two year panel. In this case it is Public Information. Also, you and your group are free to discuss any and all items they want to and bring the results to your delegate. [Jason, current Delegate] appreciates the proposal, but he feels that the roundtables feedback has been most helpful to him and the fellowship. A mindset change for the area is needed, a matter of wiliness for people to take the time, and there is quite a bit of it needed. I am totally open to spending the entire weekend doing nothing but every agenda item. The various areas cover the agenda items in various ways. [Byron, Area Chair] is personally in favor of not limiting the delegate or the assembly to only discuss items in just one category. I hope the proposal is not limiting the conversation to online and roundtables. [Kathy, past delegate] In the past, background information was given to members of the fellowship to give presentations, the agenda items were selected by the delegate and a committee of the area officers. [Scott, Bishop GSR] I don't remember a binding decision from this body at the recommendation made in the fall to focus on the delegate's specific committee assignment. The roundtable process has been a pleasure to attend. I question the basis of this proposal; exactly what is it the proposal is trying to fix? What specifically is being proposed here? Vote taken on this reading, as it is not a Guideline changing proposal. The Chair looks for substantial unanimity, Chair deems the show of hands to show a "**NO**" vote. *[Chair called for any questions on the vote. There were none]*

## **7<sup>th</sup>. Tradition Basket Passed:**

**District 2 and 11 contributed to the Assembly \$188.27, after they covered their expenses for the food and beverages provided.**

**Sunday March 28, 2010 8:30AM**

**Ask It Basket**

The Sunday Morning Assembly was not recorded, nor was there any notes taken.  
For the Answers to the Q & A session please ask someone who attended the Sunday Morning portion of the Area 42 Assembly.

District 13 will host the Fall Assembly District 11 will provide the cold drinks.  
Assembly adjourned with the Responsibility Statement at 10:00 AM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Interim Area 42 Secretary  
Carol B.