

**Secretary Minutes from December 4, 2011**  
**NAGSC Meeting ~ District 2, and 4 Hosted Reno NV.**

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**NAGSC Meeting: 12:00 PM**

- Rich B. lead us in the Serenity Prayer, Regina P. read our preamble, Rich S. read Concept 12 (short form)
- Mileage and sign-in sheets were passed.
- Introductions were followed by approval of the August NAGSC Meeting Minutes.

**Officer Reports:**

**Chairperson: Sophie K.** Alt. Delegate. NAGSC Chairperson Report

Hello everyone, Thank you for receiving this report in my absence; this surprise reunion with my sister and her family is truly a gift of sobriety.

During the last few months I have been working from the sidelines with new NAGSC committee chairs and also beginning to pass on my ES&H to those diving into NAGSC and Area 42 pre-conference logistics.

I've also been thinking about Concept One and feeling the "final responsibility and ultimate authority" creeping from my head toward my heart. GSRs: Concept 1 is coming at you in February and March. You play the critical role in the upcoming NAGSC and Area 42 Roundtables. You show up, listen, ask questions, and then return to your group to inform its conscience. After that, you represent your group's conscience to AA as a whole through the Area Assembly - that's Concept One in action. That's how the groups assume "final responsibility and ultimate authority" - through you, the GSR!

I hope that you and your group get to experience it all in February and March. It's the magic of A.A.

GSRs: my job, our job, is to strengthen your group's connection to the General Service Conference and to A.A. as a whole, worldwide. It's an honor and a privilege to serve you.

Happy sober holidays everybody. Sophie K. NAGSC Chair and A42 Alt. Delegate

**Treasurer: Rich B.** NAGSC Treasurer's Report

Starting balance	\$13,795.06
Total income and contributions	\$7,848.60
Total expenses	\$10,259.19
Reconciliation	\$50.83
Ending Balance	\$11,435.30
Prudent Reserve	\$1,250.50
Notes: Income & Expenses from June to present.	
1. 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition (NAGSC)	\$181.00
2. Contribution	\$2342.19

3. Fuel Reimbursement

\$1081.60

Vote additional money for mileage.

Vote on the 2012 NAGSC budget

**NAGSC Secretary: Phil W.** Hi everyone and thank you all for being here and supporting Northern Area 42. As secretary, I get to do many things involving communication with all of you. I recently sent out a copy of the final report from the Pacific Regional Special Forum. I was able to go as a member of AA and was very happy I did. I attended a couple of workshops, one of which was on a topic which is to be discussed at the General Service Conference this year, that topic is "Anonymity in a Digital Age." As we are now using more digital technology it really is a question which we all need to be aware of. The World Wide Web is a vast place and once some thing is out there it can't be taken back.

The Pamphlet Understanding Anonymity has had some changes added to it which address the subject. On page 5, I quote, "At the public level of press, radio, TV, films, and other media technologies, such as the internet, anonymity stresses the equality in the fellowship of all members by putting the brake on those who might otherwise exploit their A.A. affiliation to achieve recognition, power, or personal gain. When using digital media, the A.A. members are responsible for their own anonymity and that of others. When we post, text, or blog, we should assume that we are publishing at the public level. When we break our anonymity in those forums, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others."

Larry N. a past trustee, gave an impassioned plea to those in attendance to please understand what we are doing on the web when posting, maybe taking into consideration the 11<sup>th</sup> tradition, humility and a little less ego, understanding that posting on the web is mass media.

I also attended a workshop on the concepts where we discussed 'trusting your trusted servants'. I'm really happy that I attended this workshop as it gave me a new liking for the concepts. The next Regional Forum will be in Alaska and I will probably not be able to attend so was very happy I went to this one.

As your secretary I also try to represent you at the assembly in Tonopah. I stood when our Alternate Delegate asked for help with work to be done on agenda items and will be coordinating the condensing of items so we can do our round tables and take the items to our home groups and Districts. I will be asking for help from all who would like to work with me on the condensing project, should be lots of fun.

I always, I love seeing you and enjoy getting to communicate with you. Phil W. Please utilize the Area 42 Service Website to stay aware of the most recent updates. [www.nevadaarea42.org](http://www.nevadaarea42.org)

## **District Reports: 12:30PM**

**District 2: Tom E.** Hello Everyone, I am Tom E, District 2 DCM. My district was generous enough to donate \$500.00 to Central Office. We are still reaching out to meetings in our area. We had a visitor last meeting checking us out. Pete L. was an

invited guest speaker at our Nov. meeting and did a great job. We have good group of GSR's and our service positions are filled. Thank you, Tom.

**District 4: Rich S** District 4 hosted the November speaker meeting at the Grand Sierra Resort; the raffle raised \$550 for central office. Attendance at our business meetings has nearly doubled over the past few months: we now have 8 or 9 GSRs instead of 4 or 5.

**District 6: Lee H** Group participation in District 6 is at or above our average, which is great. We're about to launch our "Visiting Groups" committee comprised of every member of the District 6 committee who is able or willing to participate. We'll be visiting meetings that are not GSO-registered as well as groups that are registered but have no GSR. Currently, District 6 has 34 registered groups listed as "active" and roughly 30 groups/meetings not listed at all. We hope to generate interest in AA General Service, maybe gain a GSR or two, and at the very least, update our meeting schedules, both local and national.

District 6 had its first ever information table at the recent 44th Annual Gratitude Dinner in Gardnerville, now sponsored by four Carson Valley AA groups. Asha A., GSR for the Roadside Group in Gardnerville, made poster-size blowups of service related things, the most impressive of which was a giant map of District 6. This map was adapted from a section of the Area 42 map found on our Area 42 website. It was a real tease for those AA members not familiar with the general service structure and the concept of districts and areas. Minden/Gardnerville Group GSR John F. and I staffed the table and answered questions. At times we dusted off an old chestnut, challenging people to participate in their business meetings by claiming that "they" (undefined) were changing the wording for the next edition of the AA Big Book (removing the word "God", changing all the masculine pronouns to feminine, etc.) and asking how people felt about it. We got some pretty startled reactions - one person looked about ready to cry - and then we discussed how group and district participation was the means by which the AA member and the member's group had their say regarding any proposed changes to our beloved Big Book.

AA service continues to be challenging and fun and I'm grateful for the opportunity.  
Lee H. District 6 DCM

**District 8: Scott B** District 8 is located in Eastern California. The district is bordered to the west by the Sierra Nevada crest and the Nevada border to the east. It extends from Lone Pine to the south to Bridgeport in the north. The two largest groups in the district are the Mammoth Lakes group in Mammoth Lakes, and the High Sierra Group in Bishop. There are numerous smaller groups which are located in Lone Pine, Big Pine, Benton, June Lake, and Bridgeport.

There is a lot of enthusiasm for service in our district. The Mammoth Lakes group has a strong presence in the community through their CPC committee. Also, both the Mammoth and Bishop groups have active Corrections and Treatment committees that

carry meetings into the Mono and Inyo county jails and to the juvenile detention center in Independence.

The District 8 committee is hosting a pot-luck/workshop on January 7 at the Highlands Community Center in Bishop from 11:30AM to 2:00PM. The topic will be Anonymity and all are welcome to attend. Thanks, Scott B District 8 Alternate DCM

**District 10A: Dennis W** Hello Everyone, since our last meeting things have been real busy for us in District 10a. I am not sure where to start.

Our PI committee has been getting the radio ads obtained through GSO, out to all our stations in the Elko area. They have also been recruiting people to talk on the DUI impact panels. We are looking forward to attend local forums to get the message out.

I have been busy as well trying to get to the dark side, being our district covers a lot of area I am relying on the telephone a lot to get information and clues on names and phone numbers. I try to do a little each day to get new information but a lot of meetings in the area just want to be meetings and not involved in AAWS. I did get money in the budget to travel but I want to be sure there is somewhere to go before committing the gas money. I am also trying to get someone involved in H&I, I have gotten in touch with one prison official and he wants AA in his facility. There is an inmate that wants to start a meeting in the prison so I am working out the details and hope to supply enough books and literature to get it started. It was believed that we weren't really welcome but that is not turning out to be true, at least at Wells Correctional Camp.

On the fun side our Gratitude dinner was a success, I missed it due to a family emergency but I am told every one was well fed and there was a play written by one of our local members that was a hit. Unity is alive in District 10a and I am glad to be of service. Thanks, Dennis W

**District 12: Deb S** Roberta, our Alt. DCM, had been working with P.I. Chair to get Big Books into the libraries of our rural towns in our District. Roberta has reported that she has completed her task. In her travels, she was in touch with a contact person in Lovelock, there are no meetings held in Lovelock at this time; and Austin has requested some literature, which was taken care of with P.I. Chair. In Oct. the first annual "Oasis Festival in Fallon" was a success, committee members had both a big sigh that it was pulled off and a rush to start on next years; Lonnie came out to Fallon to give a GSR Survival Training. "Language of the Heart" group that meets at the Catholic Church in Fallon now requires a one million dollar facility insurance policy, a cost of \$300, annually. Gratitude dinners have been consumed, now groups are gearing up for the Christmas and New Years alcathons. Fallon will run shifts at the meeting hall (151 Industrial Way) to keep the doors open until 10pm on Christmas Eve and again all day Christmas day. Hawthorne (537 D St.) will have its doors open from 10am until ????? New Year's Eve. I'm looking forward to being on the committee to condense the conference material in Feb. Dist.12's GSRs have voted in \$600 for me to go to PRAASA in March. In service Deb S. DCM

**District 14: Ron W** It has been recovery as usual in District 14 since the last NAGSC meeting with two exceptions. One, a historically inactive group on the northern edge of our District has elected a GSR and is becoming involved in General Service. And two, we are planning a workshop for the coming year and have asked the groups for suggestions on topics they would like to see presented. Hopefully having the groups involved in the topic selection will increase attendance and also help us to see if there is a need within our District that is not being met that we may not be aware of.

**District 16: Bruce A** District 16 we have our Christmas affair on Dec. 17, everyone is invited, and our speaker is Carol B. We have donated \$50 to the Treatment committee for used Big Books. We have paid the deposit for the 11th step retreat and we are looking forward to a great time on mother's day weekend. Carol came to our District mtg last month and it was nice to have her there, we have added 3 new GSRs and we are excited about the growth.

**District 20: Julie C.** GSR Training ~ Lonnie, the GSR Survival Trainer, North, provided training at our last district meeting. The training was interactive and especially helpful for our new GSR and Alt GSR. We appreciated Lonnie's style and willingness to provide an individualized training. Unfortunately, we had a low turnout and it was a struggle for me to remember that I am but a trusted servant, I do not govern. It is not that I was trying to "rule", it is that I was taking it personally that we had low attendance, especially in front of a NAGSC chair. I do not govern; it is not my business how many people show up. What is my business is ensuring that I am doing my job always aware of my partnership with my higher power and bringing love to the room.

PI/CPC ~ Two weeks after the GSR training we had our first sharing day in a number of years. Tim W., NAGSC CPC Chair was able to participate, unfortunately, Carri, NAGSC PI Chair, was unable to attend due to an accident. Tim provided handouts and did a great presentation introducing us to CPC. To entice attendance we used controversial topics, such as "is signing court cards against the traditions" and "how do we change misconceptions in our communities about what AA is and what AA isn't? It worked because we had a wonderful turnout of people from all corners of the district. At least thirty people. Even though tempers flared, tears were shed, and amends were made it was apparent that love was present. The highlight for me was when we held hands at the end to say the Responsibility Pledge; we had to wait because people were throwing out invitations to different functions wanting to make sure everyone was included. It was a privilege to be a participant.

The district voted to fund books for our libraries and create our own archives while organizing the Area's archives for District 20. District funds are healthy. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.  
In Love and Service, Julie C ~ DCM, District 20

**District:22 Lionel J.** no report

**Area 42 Archivist: Paul E** At our last meeting I announced that I was looking for volunteers from each District to take the binders for there District and sort through them and help me get them in order. District 20 and District 8 have already done this. Any other district that would be willing to take on this project please let me know. This is a good way for the District to get involved in there history and the Archives and maybe get some more group histories or update the ones that are already in the binders.

The project about putting a small display and creating an Archives reading area in the Central Office is on going and should happen some time in March or April 2012. This would be so that A.A. members could come in and look through and read from the District binders, old copies of the Bracer (NNIG newsletter) and other interesting Archives material. I believe this could also spark some interest in the Archives and maybe get some more group histories.

As always I am looking for flyers and any other interesting A.A. materials form the past about your group or the Area.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul E.

**GSR Survival Chair: Lonnie M.** I have done two survival workshops in the last couple of months. I want to thank district 12#, and 20# for inviting me and giving me an opportunity to share my experience and learn from them. We had great turnouts in both sessions. They have taught me more than I have taught them. I hope to do more workshops, because I have a lot to learn about my job and without your feedback I don't know if I'm helping or not, so please let me know what you think If you have questions or comments please get a hold of me. Thank you for letting me of service. Lonnie

**Finance Committee Report: Jeannette B.** The NAGSC finance committee held the annual audit on 12/4/11. Julie C. facilitated. I was absent for the audit portion due to employment requirements. Our audit revealed only one error that was quickly remedied. All NAGSC finances are in order. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Respectfully, Jeannette.

**CPC Chair: Tim W.** We conducted another conference call for the NAGSC CPC Committee on December 1st. In attendance, besides myself, were: SAGSC CPC Chair, NNIG CPC Chair, and CPC representatives for Districts 2 and 6. Each of us discussed recent CPC activities we have been doing, such as: contacting and meeting with Drug Court representatives, dealing with court cards, hosting medical students at open AA meetings, making presentations to students at high schools and community colleges (we have a great presentation which can also be used for meetings with any professional as well), hosting information tables at health fairs, literature being left at schools, hospitals, courts and libraries. District 20 held a workshop on October 15th to discuss PI and CPC issues which I attended. I made a presentation to explain what CPC is about and distributed some information which can be used in meeting with

professionals who refer people to Alcoholics Anonymous. We had an interesting discussion about the topic of court cards. The GSO's official position on court cards is that it should be up to group conscience of each group as to how they should be handled. Let us know if your district would be interested in a similar workshop, or if you would like me to attend one of your monthly district meetings to explain what CPC is all about. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. Tim Weis

**Corrections Chair: Lyle C.** I want to thank NAGSC for allowing me to attend the BTG workshop in Sacramento. I learned a lot and meet many people with years of experience with BTG, and made many contacts. We had a busy agenda and were in meetings most of the time. There was a sense of humility and a sincere desire to be helpful.

District 20 (Kyle H and Emory B) Antelope Fire Camp now has meetings. The CCC and the Federal Prison in Herlong both continue to have active participation. CCC inmates are asking for more BTG contacts. Plumas County jail is doing well. Lassen County has a new coordinator and everyone is being asked to reapply for both women and men. I have been going once a week to High Desert in Susanville and we are trying to get others cleared. Inmates are asking for CCS (Corrections Correspondence Service), so remember that we are always looking for people to write to inmates.

Dist. 8 Alt. DCM, Scott B reports the jails continue to have participation and literature is made available. However, new members have been having trouble getting clearances. District 6 (Chuck M): There is no new report at this time. In Fellowship and Service, Lyle Childers ~ Corrections and BTG Chair

**Area Webmaster: J.D.** Not present, no report sent

**Area 42 Newsletter Editor: Pat S.** My name is Pat S. and I am your Alcoholic Area 42 Newsletter editor. The newsletter continues to publish, primarily online, on time. The next issue will be online XXXX, prior to the March 30 - April 1 Area Assembly. I am always looking for articles. Remember, the newsletter is a CONFIDENTIAL AA document. The guidelines:

- Articles must be service related.
- Last names cannot be used.
- Do not include personal information (phone numbers, email addresses, snail mail addresses).

Send articles or other correspondence to me at [area42newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:area42newsletter@gmail.com). I have a handful of hard copies of the current edition here today. It can always be found at the Area Website: [www.nevadaarea42.org](http://www.nevadaarea42.org). Yours in service, Pat S, Area 42 Newsletter editor.

**Grapevine Chair: Doreen H.** My name is Doreen I am an alcoholic and your Northern Area 42 Grapevine chair. I had a really great time attending campouts this summer and the Fallon Oasis Festival in October... with the \$7 Laura sold at

Mammoth Lakes campout and \$7 I sold at the last Tonopah Conference plus the \$86 worth of books purchased at the Oasis Festival I have \$100 to buy more Grapevine material... between those 3 events, a total of 7 subscriptions were sold, 4 at the last Tonopah... bringing my laptop to sign you all up immediately worked really well!! I reported at the last NAGSC meeting that Emery from Susanville had given me 2 boxes of past Grapevines... I have distributed them at the Empowerment Center in Reno, New Frontier Treatment Center Fallon, Room for Ruth for woman and the new Fallon Serenity House for men both in Fallon... I still have 1 box left if anyone would like some Grapevines or LaVinas to distribute in your town's recovery homes please come see me after the meeting!! I am looking forward to continuing to serve as your Grapevine Chair. Doreen H.

**Public Information: Carri C** Hi Everyone sorry I missed the meeting in Reno, But the good news is that the PI committee is doing what it set out to do , that is getting Big Books in all of Area 42 Public Libraries. Thanks for allowing me to be of service Carri C.

**Accessibilities/Special Needs: Chris S** Hello to all: Since first making myself available at the last Area Assembly in Tonopah on the weekend of Sept 9-11 some of the ways that I have tried to carry the message are:

1. I sent an introduction letter out to all the DCM's to send out to all their GSR's about things to look for in the meetings to make the meetings more inclusive to all. For example,

a. can those who are wheelchair bound even get into the meeting? Once into the meeting are the restrooms large enough for them to use? If H/C accessible, do we have that on our schedules for those to be aware of.

b. Do we carry large print material for those who have a problem seeing?

c. Do we try to keep service animals out because our group took a group conscience that no animals are allowed or do we understand that pets and service animals are different.

If you don't know there is a website [http://www.ada.gov/service\\_animals\\_2010.htm2](http://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm2).

2. I started a new email address for those who have questions or need help. That address is: [nagscsnchair@gmail.com](mailto:nagscsnchair@gmail.com)

3. Within the Remote Communities part of this Chair position, I made contact with Area 17 in Hawaii. They were the first to have a CEC Committee (Cooperation with the Elder Community). I also downloaded the workbook and after the first of the year I will look into forming a small committee to start with, within the Carson Valley. The Carson Valley has a couple of retirement homes and it has been brought to my attention that the need is there.

4. One of the things that I learned while talking to an individual at ada.gov office in Washington D.C. is that while the federal government carries the minimum requirements that is needed to be met, if your state has stricter requirements, then the State over rules. If you are looking something up be sure that you check both.

Though I always hope for more participation as all of us do, I realize that I will

take what I can get. Just to get the message out there is all I can do. In total I received 4 emails from meetings/groups and of those 4, 50% were for the most part H/C accessible. Dist. 2 and 4 have had this NAGSC meeting in a place that was H/C accessible. If you did not receive the intro letter please email me at [nagscsnchair@gmail.com](mailto:nagscsnchair@gmail.com) and I will send you a copy. Please remember that I am not here to tell you what to do but just to inform you of things to look at to make your meeting/group more inclusive to all.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service humbly in service Chris S.

**Treatment Facilities: Bruce A** we had our committee mtg today and it was a big success. We have recieved over 60 Big Books and we have added more volunteers. We now have 24 members and we have 2 new facilitators. Our focus for December is Road trips to outlying treatment centers.

**Inter-group Liaison Report: Roger H.** I was asked by Sophie to give an oral presentation on the connection between NAGSC and Intergroup.

The question I was to answer is why NAGSC and Intergroup have the same committees.

Questions answered:

1. What is intergroup?
2. Is Intergroup part of AA?
3. Is it General Service?
4. What does it do?
5. How does it work or now is it organized?

All of these questions and more were answered. I hope I was of good service and answered the many questions that were raised.

I am looking forward to being of service in the future as this commitment has been a great learning opportunity for me.

Thank You For Allowing Me To Be Of Service Roger H.

**ANNYPAA Liaison: Regina P. / Dan M. Co-Liaison** We meet the 3rd Sunday at Triangle at 3:30. The Halloween event hosted with NNIG was a success! We look forward to supporting NNIG in all areas necessary. We voted in our ICYPAA Chair, Gabe and Co- Co Chair, Greg. ICYPAA, the 54th International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous will be held Sept 13-16th in St. Louis. Our intention is to go bid for the conference. Anyone interested in being a part of this possibility come to our monthly meeting or go to website for information [www.annypaa.org](http://www.annypaa.org). In the spirit of rotation, we are having our elections Jan. 15th at 1pm. Food is provided. Have an inspired Holiday season! Your Trusted General Service Liaison, Regina P.

**Registrar: Jeannette B** NAGSC Registrar report:

Some change forms have been trickling in via email. I have received a few updates here today. I will be forwarding these items to Michelle in Las Vegas to complete the

updating. Michelle is the area registrar and has direct access to the GSO data base. Please feel free to get your updates to me at tahoejj@clearwire.net.

**Old Business:** At the August meeting the finance committee had recommended raising the fuel reimbursement from .20 to .40 per mile. After discussion it was decided that this was a guidelines change and the proposal will be brought back as a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to change the guidelines about fuel reimbursement. This guideline is 5.3 in your NAGSC guidelines which can be found on our web site

<http://www.nevadaarea42.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/NAGSC-guidelines-amended-approved-8-1-1031.pdf> After some discussion at this meeting the proposal was passed with the minority opinion ask for. None given

NAGSC Treasurer Rich B. then presented the Budget for approval. After some discussion the budget was passed. Budget sent as attachment

**New Business:** Lonnie M. announced a workshop on how AA spends the money that is sent to it, and are we doing what our fellowship expects of us? The workshop will be held 1/28/2012 at 1pm in Reno's Triangle Club.

We closed the meeting with Responsibility Statement

*The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket was passed and collected \$130.50*

### **AA Related Announcements**

January 28<sup>th</sup> 2012 'power of the purse' workshop~ Reno NV  
March 30-April 1 2012, Area 42 Assembly ~ Tonopah, NV  
March 2-4, PRAASA ~ Bellevue, WA

Area 42 Website	<a href="http://nevadaarea42.org">http://nevadaarea42.org</a>
ANNYPAA Website	<a href="http://annypaa.org/Welcome.html">http://annypaa.org/Welcome.html</a>
Reno Central office	<a href="http://www.nnig.org">http://www.nnig.org</a>

## **NEXT NAGSC MEETING**

### **Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – Noon**

### **Grand Sierra Resort**

### **Roundtables**

THANK YOU all for your participation and attendance at these meetings

Respectfully Submitted: Phil W