

## Secretary Minutes from March 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 2011

### Fall Area 42 Assembly

#### Tonopah, Nevada

#### Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Assembly Opened with the Serenity Prayer at 6:30 PM by Area Chairperson Carol B. Carol briefly discussed the Saturday Roundtable setup, asked all new GSRs to stand, introduced past the Delegates, including Roberta L, Kevin D, Joan M., Ruth J, Julian R, and current Delegate Byron F, along with Rod B., the current Pacific Regional Trustee, who shall be our guest speaker this weekend. Assembly started with DCM Reports.

#### DCM Reports:

##### District 1 Emily F. DCM

My name is Emily F. and I am the DCM for District One. If you are a new GSR with District One please be advised we will be meeting tomorrow at noon in the back corner of this room and lunch will be provided. We held our annual Picnic in October and are in the process of planning the picnic for this year. We are also working on new emails for all the officers and GSRs in the district, some of which are already active. I was able to attend PRAASA in Honolulu and have taken from that some terrific ideas which I hope to implement in our District as far as reaching out to new or unrepresented groups. As always, thank you for allowing me to be of service!

##### District 2 Tom E. DCM

Hello Everyone, I am Tom Emerson and an alcoholic and I am delighted to be sober. I am the DCM for District 2. District 2's area is west of Virginia St. We have 20 groups registered and 38 meetings. Our district meeting is on the second Tuesday at 7 PM at the Triangle Club. We have 12 to 17 people showing up - representing over half of the groups and our treasury is well.

##### District 3 Frank D. DCM

Has 6 GSRs attending of 13. District is going well.

##### District 4 Richard S.DCM

Two years ago there were two of us attending District 4 Meetings. We are now out of the dark with a DCM and 8 GSRs We keep moving towards the light. We have approved a flier to post at the Reno Triangle Club, to inform the groups of our monthly district meetings.

##### District 5B Rhonda W. DCM

District 5b has been working on contacting the groups in our district. We have compiled a list of all the active groups and a plan to visit new groups and groups with no GSR representation. We currently have 44 contributing groups in our district and about 30 active GSRs. 5 members from District 5B were able to attend PRAASA and it was a great experience for all of us. In December of 2010 we had our elections and we have filled all of our service commitment positions. We are planning a few workshops for the year and our Annual picnic in October.

##### District 6 Lee H. DCM

If you want to know more about the District 6 boundary, where it is and what towns it includes, check out the map at our Area 42 website at [www.nevadaarea42.org](http://www.nevadaarea42.org). Since switching our district meetings from monthly to every other month, attendance, though not measurably larger, is a little peppier. We'll take what we can get. New GSRs have continued to find us and to trickle in to the district meetings, and I remain optimistic that once we start our district group inventory process, we'll flush out another GSR or two. This is the beginning of my fifth year in active district service and I'd say that participation is about where it usually is at this time of year. We currently have 11 GSRs on our roster and 3 Alt. GSR's. Our District meetings are very active. I attended the NAGSC/Roundtables and would have found it very difficult to help GSRs shape a report for their groups without the presentations. The simpler, hotter topics seemed to be the best hook for generating group interest (i.e., adding something to the Big Book, showing actors faces in PSAs, discussing for the umpteenth time the pamphlet on Spirituality, etc.) The DCM's burden and perennial lament: How do we get more groups to participate in general service? I got a lot out of my time at PRAASA, and the late-night DCM roundtable was one of the highlights. It was mostly a brainstorming session and we did what DCMs and DCMCs probably always do when they get together, we complained about AA members' indifference to AA General Service and the shortage of GSRs. We were on a pretty good roll until one DCMC from California stepped up to the mike and told us that out of 120 groups in his district, he had 6 GSRs at his last district meeting, and out of his 6 sub-districts, not a single DCM. That put things into perspective for us, and I started feeling a little more gratitude for the enthusiasm for AA service in my district. And looking over at the District 6 part of the room today, I see a really great turnout!

### **District 7 Edie D. DCM**

District 7 has 15 groups attending District meetings regularly. Average attendance at meetings is 20-25 people. Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 6:30pm and has recently moved meeting to the Serenity Club to be more centrally located in the district. Lisa T. is new treasurer. March 17<sup>th</sup> we had a traditions meeting/panel/play and it went great. We are working on Mount Charleston Picnic. I attended my 1<sup>st</sup> PRAASA this year and it was fantastic.

### **District 8 Tim F. DCM**

District 8 is alive and well. We have 4 GSR's and 1 Alt. GSR. I attended PRAASA along with 1 GSR. PI & CPC panels are doing well. Unity Ride is still quite active. As are various panels.

### **District 9 Mike W. DCM**

The District 9 business meetings are being hosted at the camel club on Eastern and Sunset behind the seven eleven on the south west corner. Meeting is held on the third Sunday of the month from 2pm to 3pm. We have on average nine servants in attendance including D.C.M., Treasurer and G. S.Rs. striving to increase attendance of group's not in attendance. Looking forward to seeing and experiencing what God can do in District 9.

### **District 10A Dennis W. DCM**

Our District has been in hibernation for a while now and we are trying to get moving again. I took office in January after being elected in the November elections "I wasn't present". We have had two district meetings and I participated in the conference call and the round tables in Reno. I am also working with our new district Secretary to identify the groups in our district using the intergroup list with the western directory and our own meeting list to see which groups want to participate with us in service. There are currently four active GSRs in the district, one of which (Amelita T. of the Elko group) went to PRAASA for us as neither my alternate nor I could make it. They all helped out on the agenda items taking them to their home groups and coming here to share what they have learned. They are Amelita T, Laney M, Friday Night Speakers Group Alt. GSR, filling in for Ralph C who is doing the sound here for the Assembly. Kozmoz S, Carlin Crystal Light Group, and Gene L, Monday Men's Group J room Elko. We have new CPC and PI chairpersons that have been given packets along with contact numbers to area chairs and are coming up with ways to get out there and do their service. I am happy to announce that we will be having our annual Campout in the Rubies on July 22-24 with attendance being open to all. We don't have flyers as of yet but we will get them out as soon as they are ready.

### **District 11 Chip H. DCM**

Sobriety is alive and well in Tonopah, Goldfield, and the Smoky Valley. We have meetings everyday in Tonopah, once a week in Goldfield, and three times a week in Smoky Valley. There is also a meeting once a week in Austin. The Tonopah group takes AA into the Tonopah jail and the Smoky Valley group takes AA into the NDP Conservation Camp twice a month. Our groups contribute to our district and GSO. We are having district meetings and other AA activities. We're very small but active in AA and sobriety.

### **District 12 Debbie S. DCM**

As of January 2011, District 12 business meetings have been changed to the 1st Saturday of each month, 5:00pm at "The Wolf Center", 457 Esmeralda St., Fallon. District 12 is made up of Fallon, Fernley, Silver Springs, Lovelock, Yerington, Hawthorn, and Austin. We currently have 9 GSR's, an Inter group Liaison, Alternate DCM, and a Treasurer attending business meetings. Our Treasurer would like to create some guidelines. There is a Round-Up being planned for Fallon. A committee is working hard to get the "Oasis Festival" put together for Oct. 15, 2011. We, have booked (invited?) the Grapevine Rep. to set-up in hospitality. The committee is looking for this to be an annual event. Flyers are on the table.

### **District 13 Glenn Alt. DCM**

Don apologizes for missing the first Area Assembly but work calls and all hands must be present.

Goals for the next 2years:

A. Increase participation from groups and GSRs. Only 2 months so far but doing well. We have 6 GSRs here this week-end

B. Grow attendance for the, District Speaker, meeting which is the 2nd Tuesday of each month, through group participation.

A group will be responsible each month for the meeting, Le. Speaker, flyers, set-up, coffee, literature, and clean up. So far we have the next 4 months with group having volunteered.

C. Hold week-end pot-lucks twice a year with speaker and/or discussion topic. That wraps up the DCM report for the spring meeting,

### **District 14 DCM Ron**

District 14 includes Sierraville, Truckee, Tahoe city, Kings Beach and Incline Village on the north side of Lake Tahoe. Two of the groups in Truckee joined with the Truckee fellowship. We have 3 new groups registered with GSO. Young people in AA have formed the Tahoe Incline Village Young People in AA and have bid to host the 2012 All California Young People in AA Round-Up. All of our positions are filled but the Community Outreach Chair.

### **District 15 DCM Dave A.**

District 15 is alive and well. We have more GSRs here than last year. Due to the economy our fundraiser the Christmas Alcothon was down a bit and the same for the New Years marathon. The proceeds for Central were \$100.00. Intergroup held their annual Service Festival at the TIE Club and we had record setting attendance. We have a Traditions workshop set for June 2010. TIE Club hosted an Intergroup Service Festival; there was an enthusiastic turnout of over 80. Since last June we have been doing various Tradition workshops with the help of Cowboy Lee at the district 15 and group levels.

### **District 16 Alt. DCM Ted**

District 16 is doing well. We have 2 main events, the Christmas Affair, we broke even, and the 11<sup>th</sup> Step Retreat coming up. We held elections and have filled all positions.

### **District 17 Alt.DCM Bill J.**

At District 17 we have elected our new officers, Juan M. as D.C.M., Bill J. as alternative D.C.M., and Roy R. as treasure. We are currently actualizing our meeting schedules, and recently added Sandy Valley to our district after talking to the D.C.M. from District 7; we are also working on getting the new G.S.R.S. to be active on our District, and also working on fundraisers and events for our local District.

### **District 19 DCM Dan**

District 19 includes Ely. We have a meeting every night with about 30 members. We have 1 GSR attending here. We have a strong fellowship.

### **District 20 DCM Julie C.**

Our district is a sparsely populated large geographical area in NE California. We cover three counties that have less than 50,000 people, plus an additional 12,000 inmates in three major prisons. District 20 currently has six GSRs and two alternate GSRs. At our last election, all offices were filled. One group has asked the district for secretary training, which we will discuss doing as a district rather than specifically for the group. That same group has requested assistance in working with the courts. Their Alt GSR volunteered to be the contact person from the district with our CPC Chair. Unfortunately, we canceled our last district meeting where we were going to have Lonnie provide GSR training and discuss the agenda items, due to heavy snow and poor road conditions. Additionally, the Intermountain Keynote group had to cancel its annual St Patrick's Day speaker meeting where Carol B was scheduled to speak due to last weekend's weather. Our annual Sierra Cascade Campout will be August 5th through 7th at Lake Almanor. It is with much gratitude that I thank both the district and NAGSC for partially funding me to PRAASA. Some of the highlights that I took away from PRAASA are when I give an opinion with anger or passion that I am promoting my opinion rather than leading by example. I was reminded that as a DCM I am here to serve the GSRs, not govern. I hope to make sure that the district meetings are not all administrative and that we always keep in the forefront our minds and hearts that we are here to ensure that when the still suffering alcoholic reaches out for help we are still here, intact and available, full of love, understanding and compassion.

### **District 21 DCM Andres S.**

District 21 has 18 groups and visits different groups each Monday. LA Vina is working to support itself for its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary to be celebrated in Bakersfield, CA on July 30 & 31, contact Rodolfo for information. The H&I Committee takes a meeting into CCDC every Thursday and will soon be going to Pahrump and Indian Springs. PI Committee coordinator is Eduardo Lara. We are celebrating local forum of general services on May 22, 2011, State Convention of Nevada on August 21 of this same year.

### **District 22 DCM Leonel J.**

District 22 has 11 groups we work with, one of which is a women's stag. Special thanks to the South Lake Tahoe, South Shore Group and to the Golden Group for the opportunity to speak on the behalf of the Spanish Community. Treasurer is Carlos, and Secretary is Henry. Most importantly we are here to learn and be a part of this great assembly.

### **Area Committee (Blue Room):**

#### **Delegate Report-Byron F.**

There is a full time paid position open at GSO. I have applications. I would like to go over more Agenda Items with less depth to give everyone a better idea of what we are doing in New York. Please give us some feedback. A special forum is held once every 8 years in each Region. I am looking for additional funding to go in August and how to approach this issue.

#### **Alt. Delegate: Sophie K.**

Went over round table procedure.

### **Area 42 Registrar, Michele B.**

Have given DCMs group list and looking to have them go over and revise active groups.

### **Communications Chair: Phil W.**

Need interpreter and will meet after Assembly Meeting tomorrow. We have tried translation software and it does not work well enough. We will look at cost.

### **Finance Committee, Cherie E.**

We will rotate the 4 committee members 2 every 2 years so that they have history. We have errors in the guidelines. We now have 6 members due to committee members holding different positions 4 voting and 2 nonvoting. We did not know that an additional Forum was this year and we did not budget for it. Finance Committee's recommendation is that we have no money to fund for an additional Forum. Forum funding has previously been for Delegate, Alt. Delegate and Area Chair. Federal per diem states that lodging is \$77.00 per night and \$ 42.00 for meals per day. We will work on blending the 2 sets of guidelines.

### **Appointed Trusted Servants:**

#### **Webmaster, JD. B**

The website is updated with all the documents I have received since I took over in January. We are behind on Spanish translation due to the fact we have no translator. The Communications Committee is working on getting one. I have tried using translation software and it does not work well enough. I made a mistake and changed the website layout. Thanks to Scott for the quick fix.

#### **Newsletter Editor, Pat S.**

The 1<sup>st</sup> edition made it out on time; there are a few copies available here if you haven't read it yet.

Please treat the newsletter as a confidential document. Looking for Service oriented articles. Access the newsletter from the Area 42 website: nevadaarea42.org.

### **Committee Chair Reports:**

#### **NAGSC Corrections and Bridging the Gap, Lyle C.**

Since taking on this position I have begun building a relationship with the Intergroup chairs for Corrections and Bridging the Gap. The Intergroup Corrections Chair told me that due to recent state finances in Nevada, meetings had stopped for awhile in the Reno & Carson City facilities, but they are back on now. The Bridging the Gap Chair was very helpful in describing the process that they use and would like to have a face-to-face meeting with NAGSC and Intergroup Corrections, Treatments and BTG committees. I have been in contact with the SAGSC H&I Chair and hope to meet with her here. The NAGSC committee members in Bishop, Tahoe and Susanville all have a working system of volunteers and literature. Anyone from other outlying areas like Elko or Winnemucca who can tell me how you are doing or need our help, please come talk to me this weekend. A prison in Susanville is requesting Spanish speaking members to attend the Spanish meetings, if anyone from District 21 or 22 can help, also please talk with me. I received correspondence from GSO via Byron about the service for AA members inside to correspond to AA members on the outside. The corrections system requires that participants live in different regions. It is a great opportunity for members who cannot go into institutions to be of service, as is BTG. I hope to be able to attend the Bridging the Gap Weekend in Area 07 this fall. Thank you for sending me to PRAASA. It was a wonderful experience. I attended all the panels and a Corrections roundtable and got to meet other Corrections and BTG Chairs.

#### **SAGSC H&I Chair, Rose-Marie D.**

For the year 2010 H&I gave out to Hospitals and Institutions the following:

Big Books	119 cases
12x12	62 cases
Pamphlets	2055
Meeting Schedules	2289
Wallet Cards	225
Pocket Big Books	12 cases
Daily Reflections	4 cases

As of February 28<sup>th</sup> the following is reported:

Beginning balance including reserve	\$4,545.77
Donations for February	\$2,430.40
February expenses	175.00
Ending balance	\$6,801.17

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month H&I meets at central office. At our last meeting we gave out:

Big Books	14 cases
12x12	14 cases
Spanish BB	20
Spanish 12x12	18
Pamphlets	155
Meeting Sch.	299
Pocket BB	1 case + 5
Large Print BB	2

We authorized approximately \$4,300.00 to order new supplies so our balance will be less in the month March 2011.

H&I goes to approximately 55 facilities, Prisons & Jails to give our information & invite the people who attend these meetings to AA.

### **Bridging the Gap Las Vegas, Alan V.**

Right now we're a "sub-committee" under the Las Vegas H & I Committee. The H&I volunteers taking meetings into the various facilities provide the B- T -G request for contact sign-up cards to the interested residents of the facility who would like to make contact with someone on the outside to get to and familiar with some meetings and A.A. members. These cards are either mailed to Central Office or dropped off there by an H&I volunteer. We pick these cards up at least once a week and assign the person to a B- T -G volunteer. The two most frequent problems are they .don't provide accurate outside contact information or they turn cards in too late. When assigning someone to a volunteer we do our best to select geographically related zip codes. Sometimes a person wonders why they signed up because they haven't heard from us for many, many months. It's usually because we haven't received a request \from someone near to them. We provide information/sign-up sheets at meetings and other A.A. functions to make more people aware of this service, and (hopefully) to enlist more volunteers. In a few instances we've received a card or letter from a prison inmate who might not be released for over 6 months. In cases like this we find a B- T -G volunteer who is willing to write to that person in order to assist them after their release. We do provide a "blind" address in such cases for anyone that wants to utilize it, since many do not particularly want an inmate to have their home address. To some extent this lends itself to another GSO program called "Corrections Correspondence". Some areas and localities do have a separate committee designed strictly for the corrections correspondence program from GSO, and information I am aware of, this too, is a very needed and rewarding type of service.

### **SAGSC Special Needs/ Accessibilities Leslie D.**

Special Needs is running a service available ad in the local AA newsletter (Silver Streak). We have been responding to calls from Central Office for at home and hospital 12 step calls/meetings. We have 1 individual that was ordered by his doctor to have AA meetings before he can have a liver transplant, we have been visiting him on a weekly basis for the past 2 months. Special Needs participated in the last Southern Area Service Festival and had 1 person volunteer for this committee.

We are scheduled to attend and set up a booth at the upcoming Southern Area Founders Day June 11 th 2011; there we will pass out pamphlets and have Braille Big Books available, in addition to having wheelchairs for those that need assistance. Recently a wheelchair was donated to Central Office for Special Needs. Now we have 2 wheelchairs available for Southern Area events.

Special Needs is working with another AA member that is deaf in hopes of starting a new meeting for the deaf/hearing impaired.

Right now the meeting will be located at the Triangle Club, day and time to be announced. We are still going through the process.

We have passed out and posted flyers at numerous Southern Area meeting rooms stating that Special Needs/ Accessibilities is active and strong in the Southern Nevada Area. We welcome invites to district meetings so we may explain that our services are here to carry the message to those in need. Southern Area Central Office has posted on its web site that Special Needs in conjunction with PI/CPC is available in the greater Las Vegas and surrounding areas.

### **GSR South Survival NAGSC, Tim F.**

We had a GSR workshop January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Triangle Club in Reno, about 20 GSR's attended. We orientated GSR's about the agenda items and about the round table process. We also encouraged group participation at PRAASA and the Area.

### **GSR North Survival NAGSC, Lonnie M.**

### **NAGSC Grapevine Chair, Doreen**

### **SAGSC Grapevine, Co-Chair, Melanie M.**

Elections for the committee were held in December. New Co-Chair is Melanie M., new Treasurer is Michelle P., and Robin R. moved from Co-Chair to Chairperson. We meet monthly on the 2nd Friday, 6:00 p.m. at Las Vegas Central Office; on average, about 6 of the 18-20 group representatives in the area attend this meeting. We receive 240 magazines monthly from New York, and generally manage to distribute at least 80% of them, although some issues are more in demand than others. If your home group doesn't have a Grapevine rep, we'd encourage you to consider it. Providing access to our 'meeting in print' is a simple way to get involved in service, and it's a great commitment for newer members of our fellowship. So far this year we've taken literature out to the Corrections Workshop in January and to the Service Festival earlier this month. We continue to attend the End of the Month Speaker Meeting, with books, pamphlets and info on literature & service opportunities. And we'll be at the 37th annual Gratitude Ball on April the 9th - join us if you're in town!

### **NAGSC CPC Committee, Tim W.**

I met with the outgoing chair, Rich B., to discuss the role of CPC in Northern Nevada and some of the more recent activities. Took an inventory of the CPC literature. Spoke to a GSR from District 6 and offered assistance with CPC activities around South Lake Tahoe, including attendance at a health fair. Spoke to another GSR from District 20 regarding communication with treatment professionals in Susanville and offered assistance, including a CPC workshop. Made contact with the CPC Chairs of NNIG and SAGSC. Confirmed the budget for the CPC committee is \$600. Please let me know if you would like to participate with the NAGSC CPC Committee. Also, I am in the process of developing goals for the committee. If you have any needs that I should be aware of, please let me know.

### **NAGSC Public Information, Carri C.**

I have been reading the literature and was able to attend PRASSA. Pat and I both went to the discussion groups on PI. and I received good information. I am excited along with the committee to continue to carry the message to the Alcoholic who still suffers in the Northern Area. One is with the help of DCMs and GSRs our hope is to have a book in every library in English and Spanish in the Northern Area. I would like to thank the committee members Pat S. Julie C. and Jared T., and am looking forward to work with them.

### **PI/CPC SAGSC PI Laura M., CPC Don H.**

Literature table @ TLE. Club End of Month Speaker Meeting Association of Journalists - Literature Display @ Planet Hollywood Public Information presentation by Cindy M. at District One Workshop: "Anonymity in the Digital Age" Project Homeless Connect, Cashman Center United States Postal Service Health Fair @ Henderson Convention Center PI/CPC elections: Laura M. PI Chair and Kim, Secretary Cindy and Tim will continue as co-chairs for 6 months or until filled. Bishop Gorman High School presentation, five health classes Palo Verde High School presentation, five health classes. We Participated in DARE event @ Frank Kim Elementary School Don elected as CPC Chair. Doug H. is co-chair. Don conducted PI/CPC presentation at Service Workshop @ TIE Club Literature table at Parole and Probation office. Bishop Gorman High School health class presentations, five health classes. We had a presentation at Palo Verde High School in five health classes. We will have a literature table at the Human Resource Convention and LV Convention Center.

### **SAGSC Intergroup Liaison, Glenn W.**

Last month Central Office reported Check Book balance of \$37,658.06 a prudent reserve of \$20,535.15 Literature Account of \$7,520.50. We had 1,200 Information Calls, 1,548 Hotline Calls, 271 12th Step Calls Hotline has all shifts covered. The 12 Step Committee has a new Chairperson his name is Scott S. and we have elected a new CPC Chairperson, his name is Don H. The By-Laws Committee has finished their review of the Intergroup By-Laws. Packets of the by-laws and the proposed changes are ready for our groups review and can be picked up at Central Office. We will be voting on these changes at our June Intergroup Meeting. (Second Monday in June) Silver Streak is looking for local AA articles to print. Need to be submitted by the 15th of the month. Unity Committee is doing fine with nothing to report. The Southern Area Intergroup Service Festival was held on March 13. Thank you all who participated in making it a successful event. The Gratitude Ball is on April 9th, and will be in the ballroom at the Sun coast Hotel and Casino. Tickets are can be picked up at Central office. The Founders Day Celebration event will be held on Saturday, June 12, at the Salvation Army, 2900 Palomino Ln. in the main Chapel. It's an all day event and starts at 7:00 am, and the cost is \$5.00 dollars at the door. Intergroup meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 6pm, at Central Office.

### **NAGSC Intergroup Liaison, Roger H.**

Executive Director Bev C. has been replaced and I don't have the name of her replacement. Some NNIG people are dropping out of commitments. We are looking for a new secretary. Many reports have not been turned in due to lack of attendance. Central Office has

a new credit card machine with a minimum \$10.00 purchase. The Bracer always needs new stories, it has not been printed in the past few months due to commitments not being fulfilled, but it will be out this month.

### **ANNYPAA Liaison Report, Regina P.**

We had our elections in Jan. and we continue to carry the message. Regina P. is our new General Service Liaison Dan M., is the co General service Liaison. We changed our Bylaws for the GSL position to coincide with area elections. We are on the same page as Area. We are facilitating meetings at Willow Springs (Men's meeting) West Hills in the adolescence Ward. We are continuing to find other avenues to share our experience strength and hope. We have an active Events Committee. In March we had our Pajama Jam Party and it was successful on Fun in sobriety. So we have scheduled events until the end of the year! We have been hosting Panel Meetings. The next Panel meeting will be on Home Groups. Of course, Our 6th Annual Young Peoples Camp Out Hosted by The Keep it simple Group is in June 24 thru 26, 2011. The location is Taylorsville Community Park and campground, CA. Sobriety fun and camping with swimming, Speaker Meetings, Biking, Resentment Bonfire hiking and so much more. Pre registration is available for 20.00 and 25.00 the day of June 24. Campout info at [www.annypaa.org](http://www.annypaa.org). Our website is very informative. We suggest everyone visit the site to get all the activities of how we roll in sobriety. We have been supporting TITYPAA on their adventure to bid for Accypaa. Members of ANNYPAA went down to ACCYPAA to outreach and support those who continue to endeavor upon our primary purpose of carrying the message! Along these same lines, ANNYPAA has decided to throw in their sobriety party hats and bid for ICCYPAA" International Conference of Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous." We are passionate about this endeavor and have been in action to get the Bid together with the dotting of the I's and crossing of the T's. Our Theme Is "Freedom From Bondage" We are grateful to Pete L. for the giving of his time weekly to guide us thru the 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and the 6 warranties. This has helped us to bond deeply at the group level! We have been working on our Skit to represent the Journey of "Freedom From Bondage". We will be outreaching at the WOW Conference.

### **LVYPAA Liaison Report, Joey**

We have won the bid for January 2012 covention and purchased a facility, report to follow.

### **Saturday Afternoon Roundtable results:**

<b><u>Agenda Item:</u></b>	<b><u>Approximate Sense of Assembly</u></b>		<b><u>Y/N</u></b>
<b><u>Conference Committee: V. Grapevine — Item B Ruth J.</u></b> Consider permitting A.A. Grapevine, Inc., to accept contributions limited to the same General Service Board contribution policy, to be used for operation expenses with excess funds continuing to be forwarded to the Reserve Fund.	60% Yes	40% No	Yes
<b><u>Conference Committee: V. Grapevine — Item E Joan M.</u></b> Review and discuss the results of the surveys conducted per the 2010 Advisory Action.	Discussion Only		
<b><u>Conference Committee: II. CPC — Item D.2 Phil W.</u></b> List of goals and project suggestions for C.P.C. committees.	Discussion Only		
<b><u>Conference Committee: IV. Finance — Item C Caroline TJ.</u></b> Consider a request "that the trustees' Finance Committee develop a Finance Workbook, a draft of which is to be made available for the 2012 General Service Conference, to assist group, intergroup/central office, district and area service workers in carrying the message of our shared responsibility for the 7th tradition.	50% Yes	50% No	Split
<b><u>Conference Committee: IV. Finance – Item E Phil W.</u></b> Discuss the list forwarded from the 2010 Conference Finance Committee for additional ways to communicate about self-support:	Discussion Only		
<b><u>Conference Committee: III. Corrections — Item A Scott B.</u></b> Review progress report from trustees' Committee on Corrections on revising the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell".	Review		

<b><u>Conference Committee: III. Corrections — Item B Scott B.</u></b>	95% Yes	5% No	Yes
Consider adding references to the Big Book in the pamphlet “A.A. in Correctional Facilities,” including a proposed section describing Big Book studies as a possible.			
<b><u>Conference Committee: VI. Literature — Item B Roberta L.</u></b>		Review	
Review progress report from the trustee’s Literature Committee on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.			
<b><u>Conference Committee: VI. Literature: — Item E Rod B.</u></b>	99% Yes	1% No	Yes
Consider suggestion to replace the text under “When you’re a G.S.R.” in the pamphlet “G.S.R. General Service Representative.”			
<b><u>Conference Committee: VI. Literature: — Item F Julian R.</u></b>	40% Yes	60% No	No
Consider a request to develop an item similar to the Self-support or “green card” to help promote the use of our literature as a twelfth step tool.			
<b><u>Conference Committee: VI. Literature Agenda — Item G Roberta L.</u></b>	90% Yes	10% No	Yes
Consider a request to reconsider the 2010 Conference Advisory Action: "the Trustees Literature Committee develop literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists. and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous."			
<b><u>Conference Committee: VI. Literature — Item H Rod B.</u></b>	95% Yes	5% No	Yes
Consider a request to include the A.A. Preamble in the front inside pages of the Big Book.			
<b><u>Conference Committee: VI. Literature – Item I Mike M.</u></b>	95% Yes	5% No	Yes
Consider a request to develop a publication about the General Service Office.			
<b><u>Conference Committee: VII. Policy and Admissions — Item D Mike M.</u></b>	60% Yes	40% No	Yes
Discuss request to change the deadline for the submission of Conference Agenda items.			
<b><u>Conference Committee: X. Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities: Item C Rod B.</u></b>	80% Yes	20% No	Yes
This video is a reprint of the 1990 video (with original dialog). Area 36 requested the trustee’s Committee (TC) remove the line “Uncle Sam is not gonna come in and bail us out”, when the video is reprinted. The cost to remove the single line in the three languages of this service piece would be \$8,235.00. They cite it as a “political flavor” statement, referring to the government bail-outs of the banks and auto industry going on at the time of the video revision, therefore an outside issue. In actuality, the dialog line was already in the original 1990 video.			
<b><u>Conference Committee: XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums – Item B Julian R.</u></b>		Discussion	
Discuss ways to encourage interest in Forums and how areas communicate about upcoming Forums in their region.			
<b><u>Conference Committee: VIII. Public Information — Item C Pat S.</u></b>	80% Yes	20% No	Yes
Consider approval of the General Service Board "Policy on full-face identity of Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or Its Affiliates."			



Byron F. has requested feedback from this assembly body, with your thoughts/suggestions on the format of these Roundtable discussions that included several more GSC agenda item topics than in the past. [area42delegate61@gmail.com](mailto:area42delegate61@gmail.com)

## **Sunday Morning March 27, 2011**

### **Area 42 Officer Reports:**

#### **Delegate Report-Byron F.**

Thanks to all for Agenda Topic Preparation. We have a staff position open at GSO.

E-books activity is underway. Grapevine & La Vina activity is also underway.

They plan to post "blogs" from GSC meeting in NYC 1st week of May.

I am available anytime but I need advance notice. GSC in NYC is the 1st week of May.

Already booked for:

- The SAGSC Meeting on May 8.
- Speak at District 13 Speaker meeting May 10.
- I will attend my sponsee's wedding in Buffalo NY weekend of May 21.
- NAGSC meeting and District 6 picnic on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- I will attend "additional" Forum Woodland Hills August 19-21.
- I will speak at Boulder City picnic October 1st

Feedback this weekend will allow modifications for March '12. I am on Conference Literature Committee. Have great oversight- Roberta is Chair and Rod is Vice Chair of Trustee Literature Committee.

Keep perspective---my PRAASA encounter story.

Our actions here will neither launch the AA Fellowship into a new dimension nor can our actions cause its demise.

**Alt. Delegate: Sophie K.** Michele Obama and I have something in common. Neither of our jobs has clearly defined duties or responsibilities. So, like the First Lady, I have created a role for myself. You are letting me orchestrate the Pre-Conference/Prepare our Delegate roundtables and all events and activities that lead up to that. I have had A LOT of help! That's my job. To alternately delegate the work between the north and the south. Thank you to everyone who has helped to prepare our delegate for the conference. That means all of us!

**Area Chair: Carol B.** Thank you for allowing me to attend PRAA SA again this year along with 30+ Area 42 members earlier this month in Hawaii. It is truly an honor to serve as Area 42 Chair and have the opportunity to join area chairpersons and alternates from the 14 other Pacific Region Areas at the two nightly roundtables. I can't begin to express the unique and inspiring experience I was able to enjoy while learning of the various ideas challenges and solutions available through sharing with others in this general service position. Those of the Area Committee who were able to attend PRAASA this month, please take a moment during your service (and recovery) travels to very briefly mention your favorite highlight of this year's Regional event. The 2012 PRAASA is being hosted by the Western Washington Area in Bellevue next March. This is a wonderful opportunity for GSRs to investigate AA General Service. It gives a preview into the entirety of this fellowship through a pair of glasses unknown until you experience it. There is nothing unusual in asking your Home Group to fund you to participate in this upcoming event. Many groups pass the basket a second time with the request for the additional funding, so the GSR may attend a Regional Assembly, to gain a better understanding of what goes on in Alcoholics Anonymous. The Ask-it-Basket is here all weekend for you to fill with your questions about something that has not been addressed for you yet, and also for questions regarding something that happened or was stated over the weekend that you need clarified. This is the place to bring any problems or questions regarding AA general service business or activities.

**SAGSC Chair Report: Justin P.** Our Southern Area is comprised of odd numbered Districts. There are 11 Districts that meet at the TIE Club (329 north 11<sup>th</sup> St. Las Vegas) 4 times a year. Those meetings are the second Sunday at 1:15pm of January, May, July, and November. Our GSR Survival Training (for new or returning GSR's or anyone interested in more GSR info) meets at 12:30pm before the regular meeting. The SAGSC also has a special meeting for the Roundtable discussions in February. Our first meeting was held on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. We had 22 new GSR's. a total of 75 in attendance. We are fortunate to have our Delegate (Byron) in the south this rotation, and heard from him. Our finance committee gave a report and made recommendations to the SAGSC body. We also heard from Michele our Registrar, Tim from H&I, Robin from Grapevine, Cindy from CPC/PI, Michael from LVYPAA, JD our Area 42 webmaster, and Glenn the Intergroup liaison. The DCMs that gave reports were: Emily from District 1, Frank from District 3, Rhonda from District 5b, Edie from District 7, Michael from District 9, Don from District 13, Paul from District 15, Juan from District 17. We had an absentee report from Chip in District 11. During his meeting the body decided to put an ad hoc committee together with Cherie as chair to review our SASGC guidelines. More will be revealed. On February 26<sup>th</sup> we had a roundtable

discussion at the TIE Club. Around 100 attended! Special Thanks to, Michele b, Julian R, Ruth J, Joan M, Edie, Andy K, Caroline, Kathy S. And the note takers as well! Who will remain anonymous because I don't know all your names (my bad sorry). It was a great learning experience and much was learned for next year. As for the SAGSC Chair position is concerned there have been calls from all over Area 42 asking all sorts of questions. Some questions I've been able to answer and some that have been referred to other general service servants. The TIE club has allowed a General Service section of their news and notes board. Thanks to the help of Dave A. on making that happen. Thanks for allowing me to be of service. AND. Congratulations to those that have made it up here and are new in General Service!

### **NAGSC Chair Report: Sophie K.**

The Northern Area Committee has met formally once since we had our elections in December. On January 29, 2011 we met at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno to have our annual roundtables on agenda items for the 2011 General Service Conference. To prepare new GSRs for the spring pre-conference process the NAGSC offered a special workshop in Reno, mid-January. In one hour (?) Joyce P., past delegate, covered the theory then Lonnie and Ben brought the action and the laughs. In preparation for the roundtables event numerous members volunteered a lot of personal time to AA service whether through summarizing background material, presenting agenda items in the roundtables or helping with logistics. As of that day we were all still sober! Service keeps me IN AA. Thank you to all who participated in any way. Our Special Needs/Accessibility Chairperson had to step down, so that Chair position is vacant and calling your name. Thank you to the standing committees for your enthusiasm and commitment, boldly going outside of their personal comfort zones. If you're not on a committee we are saving a seat just for you! Don't be shy! Jump right up with that offer! The June NAGSC meeting will be Sunday, June 12 at Genoa Park in Genoa, NV. This is the second Sunday in June. District 6 will have their annual Founders' Day Picnic – a potluck starting at noon. Our Delegate Byron F. will give his report and the NAGSC meeting will begin at 2:00. Everyone is invited for the whole day. Bring a dish to share.

### **Area 42 Treasurer, Cherie E.**

We have a Wells Fargo new checking balance of \$3,678.20, and a Wells Fargo checking balance of \$8,435.25. We have a B of A CD of \$5,000.00 and a B of A checking balance of \$7,992.69 making a total of \$25,106.14. We have an Archive fund of \$ 25.00. Opening Balance of \$ 12,696.82 and retained earnings of \$ 13,495.26. The Area office expenses were \$ 103.97. PRAASA travel expenses were \$ 3,938.89, and a bank service charge of \$ 12.00, making the total expenses \$ 4,054.86 and a net income of \$ -1,110.94

### **Alt. Area Treasurer: Phil W.**

### **NAGSC Treasurer, Rich B.**

The documents to file the 2010 taxes to the IRS, was sent to Cherie in Southern Nevada just at the beginning of the year. The beginning balance as of January 1, 2011 was \$14,881.88, and \$1000.00 in savings. Since December 31<sup>st</sup> a total of \$2688.80 has been deposited from 7th tradition, contributions, and interest. To date, the expenses total \$2195.78, leaving a balance of \$14,588.75 in the checking account and \$1000.33 in the savings.

### **SAGSC Treasurer, Vince C.**

We have a checking balance of \$6,873.20 and a Savings balance of \$15,888.93 making a total of \$22,762.13. Retained earnings were \$-452.65 and the net income was \$ -790.49. The SAGSC meeting expenses were \$152.96. The office expenses were \$ 81.54. PRAASA travel expenses were \$ 2,154.60, making the total expenses \$ 2,389.10 and a net income of \$ -790.49

### **NAGSC Secretary: Phil W.**

### **Area 42 Registrar, Michele B.**

So far this year, I have been learning the new database and making the changes as they come in. Here are the latest stats for Area 42. We have a total of 1,016 total groups, 483 Active Groups, 353 Inactive Groups, 11 Incomplete Groups, 60 Merged Groups, 105 Unknown Groups, 98 California Groups, 916 Nevada Groups; G50 had 3 2 hour sessions to train Registrars on how to use the database with updates. I was issued the certificate in late February and we are up and running. I was honored to attend PRAA5A in Hawaii and participate in the round table discussions especially with the other Registrars from the Pacific Region. I have lists for the DCM's of their districts and encourage DCM's to review the unknown and incomplete groups. The inactive groups will remain on the district list for historical purposes. It is the unknown/incomplete groups that special attention can be made to. The reason they are unknown is usually because a contact person for the group is missing or a phone number, an incorrect address. If this information is obtained, we can get the group active. Please feel free to email me at [registrar@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:registrar@nevadaarea42.org) with any updates, changes or concerns.

### **Alt. Area Registrar, NAGSC Registrar, Jeannette B.**

If you are a GSR and need to update your information please see me today or send me an email through the Area website.

### Area 42 Archivist: Paul E.

I attended PRAASA in Hawaii where I had the nervous pleasure of being a presenter on one of the panels. One of our past trusted servants whom I respect their opinion very much, told me not to worry that we were all friends there, so I have thought about this since then. If we were all friends there and I consider my home group is my new family, which must mean that everyone here is part of my extended family. I am still working on the Long Timers' project. This is to interview and record long timers' histories (experiences) with 40+ years. I am looking for a couple of more members to help out with this project. I have a list started and am always looking for more to add. Anyone knowing of someone in the Area with 40+ years please let me know. In October I was able to record Bill G. (53 years) and Mary G. (52 years) from Carson City. I went to see the Area's archives in Las Vegas on Oct. 11 through Oct. 13. There I was able to actually see all of the material that is there. I spent one day helping Caroline the Area's alternate Archivist sort through some of the stuff. I would like to say what a wonderful job she is doing and it is a very big job. While I was there I attended the Las Vegas Inter-group meeting, this was interesting. A little different from the North but A.A. service is doing just great in the South. I have not received any new group histories since our last meeting. Please go back to your home groups and talk to the long timers to get the history of your group. I am continuing to collect flyers from all of the events that I have seen in the Northern Area. Once again I would like to mention, please, please when you put the date on your flyer please add the year. As the years go, by when we look at an old flyer from the past without a complete date (month, day, & year), we really don't know exactly when the event happened. Also if you know which district or group that is hosting the event please add that to the flyer as well. If anyone has any from there district please save me two. One for the binders in the North and one for the main Area 42 binders.

### Alt. Area Archivist, SAGSC Archivist: Caroline: TJ.

Life is going well in the Archives. We have been plugging away at getting the Area records in order and could use some help with sorting and filing. It would be nice if each District and Committee would elect or appoint an Archivist to help with that particular section of the records. Breaking them down and working together makes the project manageable and FUN. Our Area history is very interesting and we want to put it in order so that it can be shared with our fellowship. We have moved the monthly Artifacts meeting from the TIE Club on Sundays to one Saturday per month at Central Office – where the Archives are physically located. Jack F. led us on a tour of the Archives in January and we've had an all-gal panel and an all-guy panel in February and March. Our next regularly scheduled Artifacts meeting is Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We're putting together a panel to discuss the history of Spanish-speaking AA in our Area. Please come join us. We serve lunch (\$5) at 12:30 and then the panel members share their memories of early AA in Area 42 from 1-2:30. There are flyers on the table – please take them back to your groups and make announcements at meetings. If you are hosting a District meeting, workshop, picnic or other event, please invite us. We would love to bring an Archives display to your AA-related events. If you wish to donate historical articles, photos, meeting schedules or items specifically related to our Area, or volunteer your time and talent to create Area 42 Archives for everyone to enjoy, please contact me at.

[alternatearchivist@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:alternatearchivist@nevadaarea42.org). We look forward to your participation and assistance with this major project of bringing local AA history to everyone. We have a real need for people with audio expertise. Why are we doing this? Because Bill said so: *"We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian... It is highly important that the factual material be placed in our files in such a way that there can be no substantial distortion... We want to keep enlarging on this idea for the sake of the full length history to come... Every one of the new and unexpected developments in A.A. has, lying just underneath, an enormous amount of dramatic incident and experience—stories galore.... It isn't hard to prepare a fact sheet of what happened—that is, dates when people came in, groups started and so forth. The hard thing to lay hold of is the atmosphere of the whole proceedings and anecdotal material that will make the early experience alive."*— Bill W., 1957

### Old Business:

September 2010 Minutes approved as amended.

### New Business:

The total cost is up to \$ 8,300.00 to cover the Delegate expenses to attend GSC. A motion was made by Edie D. to fund the Delegate an additional \$ 2,500.00 (over and above the current 2011 [\$2,500 Area 42, and \$1,000 SAGSC] reimbursement to New York) to go to New York. The motion was passed. Three (3) Minority Opinions were voiced and a re-vote was taken. The minority swayed vote and the ***motion failed***. We will not fund the Delegate any additional moneys.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Proposal:

Reimburse Treasurer \$ 125.00 for Quick Books update. ***Motion was passed***

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Proposal:

Fund Registrar for laptop and printer with a \$ 700.00 maximum budget. Motion was amended to change the \$700.00 to a maximum of \$1,000.00. ***Motion passed***.

Motion was made to pass the basket to help offset the cost of laptop. ***Motion failed***.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Proposal:**

Fund Delegate, Alt. Delegate and Chair [total amount not to exceed \$ 1,000.00] to attend “Additional” Pacific Regional Forum in California this August. Motion was passed. Minority was heard and ***motion was passed.***

### **Announcements:**

Total registered attendees for this Area 42 Assembly is 178.

Joan M. offered to share on the Traditions (including our self-supporting 7<sup>th</sup>.) to any requesting group or district.

Carri C. offered to bring PI information to any requesting districts in the NAGSC area.

Please utilize your area trusted servants to bring panels and workshops to your districts.

Contact Ralph C. for any tapes of this weekend at: [musicmoodproductions@yahoo.com](mailto:musicmoodproductions@yahoo.com)

Area 42 Website contact page was revised.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Pacific “Additional” Regional Forum: Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills, CA - August 19-21, 2011

Next Area 42 Assembly in Tonopah, September 9 –11, 2011

PRAASA 2012 will be held March 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> in Bellevue, WA.

A 10 minute break was followed with the “Sunday Morning Ask-it Basket”.

Ralph C. has CDs of this annual informational event.

### **Close of Assembly!!!**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rich W. Area 42 Alternate Secretary