# NAGSC MEETING MINUTES JUNE LAKES, CA. AUGUST 3, 2013

**MEETING OPENED:** Chair Phil welcome 1P.M.

JUNE LAKES COMMUNITY CENTER, 90 W. GRANITE AVENUE JUNE LAKES, CA.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND DCM MEETING WAS AT 12:00 BEFORE THE MEETING. GENERAL MEETING STARTED AT 1 P.M.

#### **OPENED WITH SERENITY PRAYER:**

PREAMBLE: Northern Area general guidelines

AND THE SHORT FORM OF THE 12 CONCEPTS OF WORLD SERVICE: Phil read Concept # 9

Minutes from June 1, 2013 Meeting:

Everyone was emailed minutes to review, any discussion or corrections.

Paul moved to accept minutes as written; Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup> accepted as written unanimous

**Old Business:** Last August we discussed having meetings on Saturdays for a year to see if Saturday is better than Sunday. Ed, DCM 12, Difficult for our district to do the Saturday meetings, our district speaker meeting, Lonnie, I like Saturday because of the Job on Monday, Roger H Saturday is better, because of other obligations. Barbara M, those she has talked to would like Sundays.

Sophie, rather than first Saturday, change the Saturday. Rather than knock out a whole district.

Paul, February would be good for roundtables, but then the next meeting is in June later, would push everything really close to Tonopah. Ed at Dist. 12, really needs to know it is major conflict for Fallon Speaker meeting and one of the monthly fundraisers for the District.

Guideline 2.1 first Sunday of Feb, June, Aug, Dec. Unless it is decided by the body.

Phil requests if this group wants to know if the body wants a first reading today, or not. Laura, Can we have another meeting to take it back to GSR's, Phil that is the time between first and second reading. December can be discussed, amended, etc. before second reading and acceptance.

Well it's a wonderful life I was able to go to PRAASA in Idaho and attended the Chairs Round Table where I meet some of the Folks that have been traveling this path with me, we talked about some of the things that they have been going through in their areas. This always helps me in a new committeemen At our Assembly in April It was suggested that the Area perform an Inventory was asked to work on putting together a process to do that I'm very blessed I have been able to work on our areas Inventory Questions With a committee that consisted of a few folks from the north and South .I did use some of the contacts I've meet at General Service conferences as Roberta L. asked me to contact a couple of folks in Area 06 California Northern Costal, who do annual inventory. We asked our area to please send use some questions, and topics for discussion. Those Questions and Topics for discussion will be in your packets at the Assembly and a condensed version is in our Summer Area 42 newsletter. We would like everyone to know in advance what we will be discussing and have an opportunity to think about the things we will be discussing. We will also have some comment Boxes for use at the Assembly Please think about the Questions and come to our Area 42 Assembly in Tonopah Sept 6-8 and help us do this very important work.

I have been able to get up to Reno a few times this year to attend Northern Nevada Intergroup Meetings the most recent was July when Sophie was to give a little presentation. I liked her talk very much and it was very close to my heart. I continue to work with our friends in Intergroup to let everyone know we will always work with them we would love to put on workshops to help with understanding what is offered by AA to help carry the message of Hope and Freedom. We can and should be that communications conduit Between Groups and Districts to Area committees and Intergroup and at the level of Region, and to GSO and the General Service Conference. We

are very blessed to be part of this General Service during this exciting time.

# **NAGSC Guideline Change Proposal**

First Reading: August 2013

# Proposal is to amend:

#### 2.0 MEETINGS

2.1 Meetings will be held the first Sunday of the following months: February, June, August, and December unless otherwise decided upon by the NAGSC. Every effort should be made to include all cities of Northern Area. (amended 3-16-08)

Proposed guidelines change to read: Changes in bold font.

2.1 Meetings will be held the *last Saturday in February and the* first *Saturday* of the following months: June, August, and December unless otherwise decided upon by the NAGSC. Every effort should be made to include all cities of Northern Area. (amended 12--13)

#### Rationale:

- By changing the day to Saturday; members that traveled a long distance will not need to concern themselves about arriving home on Sunday night at a decent time to rest up for an early Monday morning work day.
- This could possibly also allow the hosting district to use buildings which are not available for our meeting on Sunday (churches)

Cost: This would not have a negative effect on the NAGSC guideline limit on rent for a meeting facility.

2.6 NAGSC will provide funding up to \$200.00 to assist the hosting district with the rent of the facility only. Funds available. (amended 2-28-10)

To become effective: Upon adoption

Respectfully Submitted, Phil W.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Alt Registrar Proposal: Emily, to establish online registration Emily C., Alt. Registrar to present proposal at the Fall 2013 Area Assembly in regard to Online Pre-Registration

#### OBJECTIVE

Streamline the registration process, project attendance more accurately; become more efficient in preparation of packets for distribution, forecast banquet attendance as well as refreshment requirements. Facilitate effective cash flow to meet assembly expenses in advance of assembly weekend. ne registration.

Paul: have discussed this with registrar: how is payment made: there are different ways: Ed DCM 12, they do this can you send to WSO at the same time. No different. Carol: will the option available, to registrar, will we be able to get hard copy or soft copy for packet. Mark, registration at Tonopah will still be available.

**Treasurers Report**: Lonnie M. Contributions are down. DCM preparing a complete outline of where you contributions addresses. Seventh tradition \$102.00 for Today's meeting.

# August 3, 2013 NAGSC Meeting NAGSC Treasurer:

I am very sorry to miss the meeting. My deepest gratitude to Lonnie, Carol and Phil

for filling in for me today. Over the next few months we will be preparing next year's

budget. I would like to talk to each officer and chair individually so that we can create

a budget next year which supports our service priorities. Based upon our funds, we

may need to make different funding choices, so that we can grow our service outreach.

Please keep that in mind as we discuss our budgets. I continue to be touched when I

go the post box and find another contribution. Please thank your groups. I emailed the group contributions by district to all the DCMs (there are few copies

available). Also the YTD financials are available for those who would like a copy. If we

run out, please contact me and I am happy to email or mail the reports to you.

	2013 2012
Beginning Cash	\$11,796 \$13,149
Contributions: Group Donations	3,717 4,554
Other Entities .	5,154 -
7th Tradition	241 291
Total Contributions	9,112 4,845
Expenses:	
NAGSC meetings	2,681 1,885
Spring Assembly	1,894 2,110
PRAASA	3,941 1,816
Contribution to GSC	1,250 -
Supplies	<u>137 614</u>
Total Expenses	9,903 6,425
Ending Cash	\$11,005 \$11,569
Notes:	

 Cash is down \$564 from 7/31/2012 – primarily from additional PRASA

spending in 2013 and additional mileage for NAGSC meetings

 The additional spending was offset in large part by a large contribution from

IWC for \$4,680.

• Group contributions are down 20% or \$912 from 2012.

# Respectfully submitted by Julie Childers, NAGSC Treasurer

**Financial Report:** Kathleen moved Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous accepted as read.

**REPORTS**: Area Delegate Sophie: NNIG in July report to General Service, went to Elko at camp out.

I am giving a presentation at the next conference ?ASSEMBLY? about getting the message to remote area.

Wait to book PRASSA on line, will come out in September, Town and Country Hotel, Hotel Circle North,

119.00 Tower Room and 129.00 Garden Room. Google PRASSA 2014 and register online so PRASSA room rates can be obtained.

A petition for a commemorative Stamp for the GS conference in 2015, GSO has not been contacted directly, not on agenda for any convention. A letter from GSO has been drafted explaining AA does not endorse this idea, to the US Postmaster.

Self-Support: Spiritual Nature of Self Support, Gratitude for the new life I've been given, giving without expectation of return. Personal little inventory, what if I don't get anything in return. How to experience the spirituality,

gratitude in self-support. How about the idea that a group can become isolating and not realize that it is part of a bigger picture.

Sophie created a page out of the service manual of those service the GSO provides, to carry the message to the Alcoholic that still suffers. A Financial outline of what's going on at GSO and the Financial Services of GSO. Handouts on table.

#### **REPORT; Michael Area Chair.**

Chair the meeting in Tonopah, outline when the meeting is. This fall is an area inventory. A committee

has put together a list of questions, we have got a facilitator, and he will be our speaker Saturday night.

We are focusing on an inventory for the area and housecleaning for our Area. Questions: John when was the last inventory, 2007. Questions about what would be done with this inventory. Mike explained a discussion is on agenda for Saturday for what we are supposed to do with this inventory.

# **Roxann H: Secretary Report NAGSC**

Thank You for allowing me to be of service, and tolerating my emails, in multitude.

I did redo the mailing list, so if you are receiving my emails, we are great. If not I have sent a contact sheet around the room, please put your full name and email on it, so that, I can continue to maintain a current list.

Again Thank You for allowing me to be of service.

# **Carol B: Area Treasurer Report**

Area 42 Treasurer Report to NAGSC

Because of the groups' generous contributions this spring/summer and the NAGSC contributing \$1250.00 towards the large amount we sent to GSO towards delegate/GS Conference reimbursement, which we received from Julie last month, along with the \$4680.00 IWC contribution; the Area 42 checking account is \$11,255.41 just above where it was last August (\$10,486.23). We should have enough to cover the September expenses without worry. All contributions I have received are getting a receipt; either emailed to the group treasurer or snail-mailed to the return address on the envelope.

This September, you are going to be asked to pass the 2013/2014 budget for the area, I ask that you please take the time to go down the list of items and question any and all concerns you may have regarding any of the individual expenditures, please insure that you are content with the way we are spending your money as you authorize this budget.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind the DCMs to check with your GSRs that are requiring partial funding for the assembly. I can't issue the (\$50.00) area funding to them in Tonopah until I see that they have already requested financial assistance from their Group, District, and NAGSC/SAGSC first. Last spring, I was told by a GSR that his home group told him to just bring his receipts to the area treasurer for complete reimbursement of all expenses to the assembly. "The AA Group" pamphlet covers the setting aside the funding for the GSR on page 22 "Financial Support: Current experience indicates that many groups provide financial support for their general service representatives to attend service functions."

#### **Scott Webmaster: Area 42**

Area 42 maintains a website at <a href="www.nevadaarea42.org">www.nevadaarea42.org</a>. The purpose of the site is to provide information relevant to AA General Service throughout the Area. On the site, you will find minutes from Area Meetings, various guidelines and forms related to area business, and contact information for Area Committee Officers.

The site is multi-lingual. The main content is in English but Spanish translations are available for much of the content.

Anyone wanting to have content added to or updated on the site should contact either the Area 42 secretary or myself at above. If your updates do not appear within a couple of days, feel free to send a reminder as sometimes updates can get missed.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

# **Emily: Registrar Report;**

Good Morning All,

My apologies for net being present today, however Emily has agreed to step in and be of service to you all in my absence. Thank you for allowing me to be of Service and thank you Emily for attending the meeting today.

I need the DCM for district 22 to contact me regarding some of the updates that have been submitted. There are a few that are incomplete and unable to be updated. Please email me at your earliest convenience. All other updates that have been emailed to me have been updated in the FNV data base.

I will have spreadsheets ready at our next assembly for all DCM's. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Tonopah. Respectfully, Jeannette B.

# Roger H: DCM DIST 2

District 2 meetings are in good shape, and participation at the district level continues at a satisfactory level. Our biggest venture is an attempt to gain tax exempt status for a district bank account. So far the IRS has been slow and unresponsive. We hope to have a better report at Tonopah. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Roger H.

#### **Kathleen District 4:**

Hello again and good afternoon from district 4. Well all is well with our district although a few people missed July's meeting due to the holiday falling on the same day as our meeting night. We've just passed Concept 11 and going to be finishing our second round of concept study within this month. As a few of you here know we've expanded the base for the next round to now include the entire service manual as well as the concepts to likely begin within the first week of October. Our final get together for this past study shall employ the Trustee Roberta L at our ending Sharing Session on or about Sept 28. Other upcoming events is our Fall Round-up, on Labor Day weekend August 30- Sept 1st which I'm happy to announce a General Service panel has been formed as a workshop, to which our present delegate Sophie, our assembly Treasurer Carol, our GSR Daryl and myself as DCM will discuss our jobs in service, which should be a treat for anyone wanting to have access to discuss questions about these positions in General Service. The date for this will be August 31 at the Round up at the Peppermill hotel casino at 9:30 am, all are invited to join in our discussion.

Another event the Gratitude Dinner on November 16, 2013 this year I will celebrate my 30<sup>th</sup> time of going to this wonderful event, held at the El Dorado Convention Center, this year, Thank you for letting me be of Service Kathleen W. DCM District 4

#### **District 6 Chris S:**

Not to active. Holding a Concepts study that is going well.

## **DCM Report - District 8 Northern Area 42**

District 8 welcomes the traveling members of the Northern Area. Thank you for coming here to carry the message of general service. Part of my goal while serving as the DCM is to emphasize the importance of our connection to the area which is sometimes challenged because of our distance from the center of activity so we very much appreciate you coming to our District!

We have been busy here with several organized District events. In June we held a Gratitude Picnic in Millpond Park with about 60 members attending. We enjoyed beautiful weather and scenery, burgers and dogs, yummy potluck dishes, games and a chili cook off! Sophie gave a talk to our members, sharing her experience attending her 1st General Service Conference. Everyone had a great time and we will likely make this an annual District event. Next year we are adding a pie baking contest!

In early July we held a Grapevine Story writing workshop. We had 15 members attending including several that traveled from the Reno area and Mary H, a GV Trustee who came from the Sacramento area. We heard presentations from members who have had stories printed in the magazine, ate pizza and salad while writing our own stories, then read and discussed what we had written. We had 9 members read stories and those are in various stages of being submitted for consideration for publication. Thank you to all who helped with this amazing and informative workshop, and for those who could not make this one, some of the presenters are hoping to repeat this event up in the Reno area at some point.

Last weekend our groups in Bishop held their semiannual white elephant speaker meeting and potluck dinner. This event was also well attended by members that gathered for good food, fellowship, a crazy, funny white elephant and to hear Jeryl, the delegate from Area 09 in southern California speak of his experience, hope and strength with our members. We had a wonderful weekend, sharing our local sites with Jeryl and his wife Rozanne who both loved having a chance to visit in our District.

The High Sierra Campout will be held in Mammoth Lakes on August 23 – 25, the theme this year is "The Sunlight of the Spirit". Please come join us for this wonderful sober weekend in the woods! Registrations are available on the table or online at mammothlakesaa.com.

Our C & T committee meets the last Monday of each month and continues to do strong 12<sup>th</sup> step work in 5 corrections facilities and one treatment center in our district.

We meet as a District on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the odd numbered months, with our next meeting being held at Area Assembly in Tonopah. Some upcoming events that we are planning are a General Service Committee workshop for the fall and we are hoping to start up a "Movie Night" as a winter event.

AA general service continues to be strong and active in the southern most district of the Northern part of Area 42 and I am thankful to be able to serve AA as a DCM.

**District 10 A: Elko**: Chris Alternate: Talking about gratitude dinner coming up and the Campout.

**Joyce D GSR Battle Mt District 10b:** Lost DCM don't know if Alt is going to work. The distance, we are struggling to get ourselves together, and we are a wreck.

**Ed Alt DCM gave meeting**. **District 12** issues with First Saturday of meeting of NAGSC.

# District 14 DCM Report—Lynn D

Sorry to not be with you today and am extremely grateful to Anne for representing District 14.

1) District 14 is hosting our Annual Jamboree on August 25<sup>th</sup> in Truckee, CA. As part of our effort to encourage participation in General Service, we have invited all committee chairs to come help educate our members by meeting you, by understanding your role in the AA service structure, and by providing pamphlets or other AA service literature you deem relevant to your activities.

We will have a table/booth set up for all those committee chairs that can attend, so that our members can get more information on the great opportunities for service outside their individual groups and district.

I also sent out the event flier to all the other DCM's for distribution to their groups.

2) We are hosting a Traditions workshop on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> with Debbie D. Her presentation will be a comprehensive study of all 12 Traditions and

interactive with the members in the audience. She has suggested an all-day format from 9 to 5 with a lunch break where we have a Pot Luck style meal. Another group got great participation by offering pre-registration with a cover charge of \$5 per person. This method will allow us to monitor the interest and expected attendance.

3) Our district treasurer has asked if we can get a Tax ID for the district bank account. His incentive is that a tax ID gives us two benefits at the bank. 1) We can get a debit card and 2) We can do deposits with a smart phone. It appears applying for a tax ID is a simple online process, but it does ask for a responsible party and a physical address. We are asking for other district's input on how their accounts are set up. Historically, the district treasurer had his/her SSN and name on the account and then it was transferred at the time of rotation. Thank you for letting me of service. Lynn D

#### District 16: Ed O

Hi everybody, I am Ed O, DCM Dist. 16, Home group is Back room group that meeting in Golden Valley, Dist. 16 cover Sun Valley, Lemmon Valley, Stead, and North of I80 and East of 395. District is quiet, we have ample reserves to put on our Christmas Affair on December 7, 2013 12 noon to 4 pm with no other activities at this time.

No Report from District 20 or 22.

**Break 2:15-2:30** 

Paul Grapevine: AA non trustee opening. Attending several meeting for reports.

# Northern Area 42 General Service Grapevine Chair

Since our last meeting in June I have been invited to attend 1 workshop and 3 other events. Unfortunately I was unable to the workshop on writing an article for the Grapevine that was on July 13 and two of the events are on the same weekend August 23 – 25. So I will be attending the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual High Sierra Campout in Mammoth Lakes, CA. on Aug. 23 – 25 and the Oasis Festival in Fallon NV. on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. I am willing to attend any upcoming events but I need as much advance notice as possible so that I can make sure that I don't have a scheduling conflict.

I received an email from Janet B. the A.A. Grapevine Inc. Office Manager, that there will be an opening for a non-trustee director for the A.A. Grapevine corporate board in 2014. If anyone is interested the deadline for your resumes is Sept. 9, 2013. I have a copy of the email with the details if anyone is interested.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul E.

**GSR Survival:** not much in last 2 months: No Report: reminded everyone he is available to help Chris: <u>eminutes @gmail.com</u>

# Lonnie DCM Coordinator: D.C.M. Coordinator Report

We are working on getting information about no profit statues and tax id numbers for groups.

We are also working on setting up an events calendar to avoid conflicts of events.

We keep working on ways to be more effective working with area chairs and groups.

# Finance Report

We are working on a couple of things. First we are reviewing are guide lines; we need to include financing D.C.M'S to Tonopah. We will be looking at everything, will have our findings hopefully by the first part of the year.

We are also working on a new budget for next year

Thank You for allowing me to be of service.

Lonnie M.

# Mike Intergroup Liaison: NNIG

Hello everyone my name is Mike and I am an alcoholic serving as NAGSC Liaison to NNIG (Northern Nevada Intergroup). I am really enjoying working at improving communication and co-operation between NNIG and NAGSC, though very challenging at times. At the last NNIG meeting on July 2<sup>rd</sup> the chairperson Dan S announced that NNIG received a contribution of \$28,080 from the AA Women's International Conference that was held in Reno. This contribution has really improved the finances of NNIG. This contribution has allowed the NNIG's prudent reserve to be fully funded, I don't remember the prudent reserve ever being fully funded and has also allowed Central Office to replace some badly needed office equipment. Also at the last NNIG meeting in July our delegate Sophie K visited the Intergroup meeting and spoke about the value that GSO has with the local groups. Sophie's visit was

well received and I believe her visit was invaluable to put a face on General Service and improve communication with Intergroup. I also was able to meet with Leslie the office manager at Central office this last week. She very graciously showed me around Central office, it has been quite a few years since I have been there. We talked about communication between NAGSC and Intergroup, Leslie suggested that she would like to plan a get together with all the Intergroup chairs and NAGSC standing chairs to exchange ideas and to put faces with names. I will keep the body informed as this idea develops. I also brought with me contact information of all the NNIG committee chairs to share with the Standing chairs, I hope this helps. To get more information on Intergroup you can go to NNIG.org to get upcoming events and it is a great resource for meeting schedules in Northern Nevada. Thank You for letting me serve Mike L

**Carrie-** special needs remote communities. Went to dist. 8 meeting.

# **Rick CPC Secretary Report:**

### **COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY ~ NORTH**

The CPC Committee had three conference call meetings. On the last meeting we discussed plans for a workshop in Reno.

CPC has been invited to attend two events; a Jamboree in District 14 Aug. 24 and a workshop in District 8 TBA.

I have emailed a letter from the Committee to Northern Area DCM's asking for their assistance in helping us find out how many districts and groups have CPC Committees. Also, asking if any districts or groups need or want help from your NAGSC CPC Committee.

The Committee has a great group of people already, but would love representation from the North Central area (10a, 10b or 12).

In Fellowship and Service, Lyle C  $\sim$  COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

**Sophie: GS Conference Inventory outline**. Traditions and Traditions check list for inventory

GSO is using the 12 concepts for world service as a mirror. What are the current conference practices and procedures and how the effectiveness of

the original plan as Bill W intended. It's happening now because of the self-supporting issues. EBooks are shorting the sales of literature. Choices and decisions of spending limited resources. In 64 years the GSO never has taken inventory. Took 3 years to hammer out the process. It's a 3 year inventory covering 44 questions. In 8 different categories. Groups of 9 conference members discussing 5 questions. Wednesday am of conference, I was in a meeting a huge group of experience and our 5 questions shared. Was great, language of the heart, spiritual

One question. How well do all conference members communicate to members on how the conference works. Pamphlet "The AA Group" specific inventory questions. Concept questions for inventory. On AA.org concept questions. For guidelines, for inventory.

Phil: next meeting December 7, 2013 District 12 Hilliard Hall Silver Springs Community Center. After discussion and a group conscious it was voted that the meeting will be held on Saturday. 2945 Fort Churchill Street, Silver Springs, NV. 89429

**AA Announcements:** Concept workshops in Reno. September 28, 2013 a group reunion. Roberta L current Trustee as a speaker. Archivist announcement: workshop at Pat house in Minden.

Meeting closed at 3p.m. promptly with the responsibility statement.