

**Fall 2013 Area 42 Assembly 179 voting members 223 Total Attendance**

Mike started 6:05pm

Motion to start meeting!

Seconded and approved!

Mike asked for new people to raise hands. Welcome!

Going over plans for weekend, menus for deli, delegates report Saturday 8am

**DCM REPORTS**

**Irene for Jake District 1\*** My name is Jake. I am an alcoholic. I am the current DCM for district 1. I want to welcome all of the new GSRs to beautiful downtown Tonopah. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> area assembly for me and I am very proud to be a part of all the work that has been done on behalf of AA as a whole in this room. At our last district meeting we had the second reading of the website guidelines that were put together by an ad hoc committee in our district for our website. These guidelines were unanimously approved. Please check out our website at district one all spelled out dash nv dot org. On August 25<sup>th</sup> we had a workshop on the three legacies of alcoholics anonymous. We had three speakers Dick H., Rosemarie and Nyla. They all spoke on one of the three legacies then we had questions for the panel. The workshop was awesome! It was at the 51 club in Henderson NV and the room was completely packed full. We got a lot of great feedback from this event and we would like to thank everyone who came to it and made it such a success. Our next event will be our annual picnic that will be held on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> in Boulder city. There will be a ton of fun and fellowship food and drinks and two bounce houses for the kids. We will have a speaker meeting that will start at 2pm so if you can please come join us. We will have our next district meeting tomorrow at lunch time in the blue room. We will be discussing our next workshop that I and our workshop chair are hoping will be held in conjunction with district 13 on the topic gratitude in action the 12<sup>th</sup> step of alcoholics anonymous. We in district one are very excited about the inventory process we will be going through this weekend. There is a lot of information to cover and we know that we will learn a lot. When I was at PRAASA this year we had a very long business meeting where a lot of questions were raised. That is where I heard a very important point brought up by the chair Madelyn P. She said remember that what we accomplish in this meeting is not as important as how we treat each other. Being a part of service in alcoholics anonymous has saved my life. I want to thank everyone here from the bottom of my heart for being a part of my recovery from hopeless state of mind and body

**District 2 DCM Report Roger**

Attendance at District meetings continues strong. All our GSR's are reporting good attendance, including a continuing arrival of newcomers. Finances are good with adequate support for GSR assembly attendance and to send the DCM to PRAASA in Boise. It is difficult for me to assemble enough superlatives to describe that experience. It was not only supportive of my current service, but provided a lot of support for new ideas and continuing improvement. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Roger H

**Jonelle District 3\*** Hi everyone, my name is Jonelle W. and I am an alcoholic and the DCM for District 3. Since my last report given at the July SAGSC meeting, we have finalized our plans for our 7th Tradition Workshop, which will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013 at Central Office in Las Vegas from 1-3 pm. We will have a panel representing several different entities from Area 42 to discuss where our money goes and how it is used... There are fliers on the table, if interested. I continue to reach out to meetings within my District and have had some success with this venture. We now have two new GSR's.. One is with us this weekend and one will get the low down with me when I return home. With the groups that have shown very little involvement in General Service, I am making efforts to establish some sort of connection with group members so I can at least keep them in the know... I will continue to outreach and make myself available to the best of my ability and beyond... Thank you for allowing me to be of service and thank you to all who are committed to doing the same. ( big smile )

**Kathleen District 4\* Hello Again From District 4**

Hi everyone, its just me, Kathleen DCM from District 4. Oh boy what a fast few weeks it has been. Our most recent NAGS meeting at June Lake just missed that horrific fire close to Yosemite. Although I think it may had just started. We have completed our second session of the concepts and are anticipating our Sharing Session coming up which will include our present Delegate, Sophie, and our Trustee, Roberta L. Please take a flyer home with you on our events table. This will be September 28, at Sunnyside, snacks and refreshments will be provided. We just finished our Sierra Round up, this past weekend, which we presented a panel of General Service, which has me concerned, I noticed this conference which used to attract around a thousand persons attending, has reduced to around half of that. I attended intergroup this past Tuesday to hear that Annypaa has since disbanded. My district meetings recently have felt a loss of people in service, We've recently lost our secretary, our treasurer, and our alt DCM. Hmm missing meetings, can spell trouble, in service, it may mean a possible relapse is near, I'm quite concerned. Upcoming is the third start of the Concepts, which this time will include the entire, service manual, which I've been informed to start on the second week of October, again Tuesday during the afternoon and Thursdays in the evenings. On October 12, our past delegate, Joyce

Y, and Pat S. will present a Grapevine Story Writing Workshop, address for this will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church 627 Sunnyside, please pick up the flyer for the information surrounding this educational day. Another event, which is my favorite, the Gratitude Dinner to be held on November 16, at the El Dorado Convention Center, tickets are \$32.00 and are selling fast, please again pick up the flyer pertaining to this event. Ok now I've missed a couple things which were highly successful, that being the all city Campout at Camp Richardson, Lake Tahoe in July, and the fifth annual Cornerstone campout at Stampede Reservoir just before Truckee, which was a sellout, Next year we're looking at going into a larger space likely the Group Space to fulfill all who want to attend. Well I think I've given you all the news which surrounds District 4, thus far, Thank you for letting me be of Service, Kathleen W. DCM District 4

**Michele District 5b\*** First I would like to welcome 5 b first time GSR'S to

Tonopah Pam, Pat, Linda, Curt. We are so very happy you are here with us. In August we had another fantastic workshop on the steps it was well attended approximately 50 people. The food was great the speakers were inspirational. Peggy our workshop chair is busy planning out next workshop just can't wait to see what it will be. Our next event is our Picnic which is on October 13 at the Wayne Bunker Park in Las Vegas Donovan our picnic chair getting tickets and posters ready for our next district meeting. We have a great group of GSR's that are committed to AA Service to their Groups and AA as a whole. We meet the second Saturday of the month at the KCBC club at 1:30 we look forward to seeing you there.

**Chris District 6 \*** District 6 meets every even month on the second Sunday of that month. We meet at the Carson City Alano club at 1:15pm. District 6 covers South Lake Tahoe, Gardnerville, Minden, Carson City, Dayton, and Stagecoach. If I were to drive that route it would be approximately 70 miles. As of last count District 6 has approximately 35 registered groups. Thanks to Julie I have been receiving NAGSC receipts by way of email. With this new way of handling things it has given me an opportunity to visit even more groups in the District and to say hello. The only hard part is tracking down those individuals if they don't put a group name to the contribution.

In July we had a Traditions workshop put on by 4 individuals, 3 of those were past Delegates. We had about 30 people in attendance and lots of junk food. In August I attended a Business meeting in Carson City for a group who was thinking about re-creating the service structure they once had. They were looking at the spirit of rotation and once again becoming an active part of the AA service structure. The meeting went well and they are taking it slowly making sure they get all who want to be involved. Starting just this week is another Traditions workshop in Gardnerville. I am hoping to get one started in Carson City later this year and possibly one up at Lake Tahoe. Since this is the year of the inventory District 6 will be have an inventory after our District meeting in October. It has been a few years. Roberta and Don L will be our presenters for this event. Thank you for allowing me to be of service

**Nelson District 7\*** My name is Nelson and I am an alcoholic, in service as your District 7 DCM. Our District 7 business meeting is held the third Friday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Serenity Club in Las Vegas. We have approximately 20 to 25 attendees each month. We are also your host for this weekend, so kick back and enjoy the assembly. On that note I would like to thank Sherri W. and Edie D. for putting it all together and making it happen on the tight budget we were given. I would also like to thank all the representatives from District 7 that have so eagerly stepped up to volunteer in serving you at this area assembly. District 7 has had quite a few challenges this year, but we keep on keeping on and GSR's continue to be on fire and wanting to participate. District 7 continues to fund up to \$200 per GSR that want to come to Tonopah and be of service for their group. However, we mostly supplement part of their expense as the groups usually want to be self-supporting. District 7 continues to have four (4) service events per year that are well attended. On June 22<sup>nd</sup> we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> event, The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition De-mystified (You Have to Give It Away to Keep It! ), featuring a skit performed by the We are Not a Glum Lot Players, panel discussion, ask it basket and as always a complimentary lunch served by Chef Bud. **Next Sunday**, September 15, 2013 will be the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual District 7 Mt. Charleston Picnic, which will be held at the Las Vegas Snowboard & Ski Report this year. Doors open at 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and the AA meeting will take place at 2:00 pm. Remember, this is NOT our usual spot, so make sure you get directions before you go. You can find a map to the event on our website. Additionally, due to the change of venue (bigger and better) we've gone to great lengths to keep the price of the tickets at \$10.00 and kids under 12 FREE. Please note that we only have 500 tickets, so if you haven't purchased a ticket to the picnic, we have tickets available here at the assembly. Our fourth and final event for the year titled, "11<sup>th</sup> Tradition Workshop: Anonymity for Inspiration & Safety," will take place on Saturday, **October 26, 2013** from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Serenity Club. There will be a skit performed by the Not So Glum Lot Players, a panel discussion, Ask It Basket session and a complimentary lunch by Chef Bud. Mark your calendars so you can come to our event and have some fun. Don't forget that you can now go to [www.LasVegasDistrict7.org](http://www.LasVegasDistrict7.org) to get more information about our events, District 7 meetings, workshops, and District 7 business. You can even go on the site with your smart phone for quick reference. Again, I would like to thank you all for letting me be of service. Respectfully submitted, **Nelson A. – District 7 DCM**

**Laura District 8\*** My name is Laura, I am an alcoholic and it is my pleasure to currently be serving as the DCM for District 8, which spans a length of Highway 395 in the Eastern Sierra of California, and includes meetings in Lone Pine, Independence, Big Pine, Bishop, Benton, Crowley Lake, Mammoth Lakes, June Lake and Bridgeport. My goal during this commitment is to improve communication and participation from the groups at the district and area level.

We have been achieving this by holding fun and informative District events which have been well attended. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. To date 6 of these stories and 2 photos have been 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, we have scheduled another workshop in Reno on Saturday, October 12. Please pick up a flyer to share with your groups or let me know if you want a flyer emailed to you. Some other events in the planning stages are a General Service workshop and Movie Night. District 8 hosted the August NAGSC meeting. The Northern General Service meetings are rotated through the different districts with the idea that we are carrying the message of General Service to the more remote areas. Our meeting was well attended by travelers and local members including a few that are new to General Service. Thank you to the committee members for coming to our District. We continue to organize unity rides at the district level. The idea is that we have volunteer members from groups that are located in towns with greater populations to support meetings in more remote areas. These unity rides not only provide support for smaller meetings but also provide an opportunity for members to “get in the car” and have an evening of fellowship as they drive to and fro. Our district C & T committee continues to provide AA meetings in the women’s and men’s county facility and the juvenile facility in Independence, the state fire camp outside of Bishop and takes a panel to the Alpine Recovery Center in Bishop. These 9 meetings each month are coordinated by a committee that meets monthly and is supported by pink can money from the groups. AA continues to be strong and active in the southern most district of the Northern Area and I am thankful to be able to serve AA in this capacity.

**Bob District 9\*** went after Tim Dist 9 is still located at Cent Off. and meets the 3rd Saturday at 2:30 pm on even months. We are holding a Step 4 & 5 workshop Oct 19, at Cent Off. from 2-4 pm Saturday. Bill H. and Mehdi O. will be speaking and there will be free food and drink. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Art District 10A.** Hello I’m Art, Alcoholic. After the April assembly, districts 10A and 10B had some talks about whether or not to combine the two districts. The idea fell on deaf ears in both districts. The idea may come up for debate again, as both the DCM and alternate DCM for district 10B have stepped down, and the alternate DCM for 10A has moved to Salt Lake City. Phil and Lonnie, have offered their help and support. We held numerous bake sales/auctions, breakfast’s and a root beer float social to raise money for our 17<sup>th</sup> annual Serenity in the Rubies , campout. We had plenty of good fellowship, an assortment of different meetings, activities for the kids, great food and all around good times. I would like to Thank, Sophie and Carrie for coming all the way out to Elko, to join us and to deliver her delegates report to the group. Penny our P & I chair, has taken a new meeting to the Vitality center in Elko, and Sam is working on taking a meeting into the Carlin camp. I want to thank area 42 and the Elko group for allowing me to be of service. Art F.

**Donny District 10b\*** stepped down Samantha G. report 2 GSRs here

**Chip District 11\*** Thanks for opportunity to serve, got to go to PRAASA. Thanks for having discussion on soda sales. District 11 will be happy to do whatever area decides.

**Roberta District 12\*** My name is Roberta, I’m an alcoholic and DCM for District 12. District 12 hosted a Traditions Workshop in May. The 44 attendees were entertained by the District 12 Players joined by guest actors Pat S. and Christie B. in a Traditions skit. After a potluck lunch, the panel consisting of three past delegates, Joyce Y., Joyce P., Pete L. and current Trustee Roberta L., presented the Traditions and answered many questions from those attending. Many commented it was the most informative workshop they had attended. Since May I have been visiting groups in the District to thank those that are participating and encourage those without a GSR to consider electing one to present the group’s voice at these Assemblies. It is my intention to visit every group in District 12 during my time as DCM. We have two new GSR’s and one new Alternate GSR as a result of these visits. As soon as I find a suitable place to meet, District 4, and District 12 will join together to schedule GSR Training. Hopefully this will take place in the next month or so. I attended the Reno Twelve Concepts Study Meetings and highly recommend the study for anyone interested in knowing more about General Service and why AA has been so successful all these years to consider the Study. In gratitude for my District allowing me to serve, respectfully submitted, Roberta B

**Glenn District 13\*** District 13 is doing well. We have 8 GSR’s regularly attending our district meetings; they all have great ideas on how to make District 13 a more productive, and informative district. Our committee reps are going to their respective committee meetings and giving us their reports.

We've had 4 meetings go dark since our spring assembly. We've had one dark meeting "The Tues Nite Men's Stag" started back up also our 50/50 group will expand its meeting schedule to include Monday nights. This will fill the 5 o'clock time slot that the 12x12 "Stepping Stones" meeting had.

I continue visiting our registered and non-registered groups to stir up support and to let our members and groups know the benefits of being involved in service and being self supporting.

Our District 13 speaker meeting is doing very well. Our GSR's run the meeting and is doing a great job at getting speakers that have good solid recovery. The meeting is held on the second Tuesday of every month. This month's meeting will be hosted by our newcomers group "Beat-up From The Feet-up" and they have asked Julian R. with 48 years of sobriety to share his experience, strength and hope. The meeting starts at 6:30 at the Triangle Club. Fliers are on the front table. We thank Vince C. our SAGSC treasurer for accepting our invitation to attend our July district meeting and presenting his report on self support and offering us ideas to better communicate to the groups in the district the need for supporting all our service entities.

We hosted two functions about the spring assembly. One was "The Doctors Option" workshop and the other was the "Unshakable Foundation For Life". Both were well attended and received. Our next function is scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup>, between 2-4:30pm at the Triangle Club. The theme will be "Gratitude in Action - Carrying the A.A. Message. I've been talking to Jake, District 1's DCM about having this as a combined district event. Will know more later this weekend and look forward to working with them in the future. Since we cannot find current guidelines for District 13 we have formed a committee to produce a set of guidelines that's in line with the A.A. service manual, along with Area 42 guidelines and SAGSC guidelines. The committee consists of our DCM, district treasurer, and two current groups'. We hope to have the first draft ready for our members review by the end of October. Thank you for letting me be of service, respectfully submitted, Glenn

**Lynn District 14\*** First of all I would like to thank the GSR's in attendance today for their service in this assembly. District 14 is the North Lake Tahoe area with meetings in Truckee, Tahoe City, King's Beach, Incline Village, Loyalton, Sierraville, Sierra City and Downieville. We have 12 registered groups actively holding meetings with 7 of these groups regularly active in General Service. The others are in some pretty isolated areas, so we have reached out with any needed support for participation in our district. We had our annual District 14 Jamboree on August 25<sup>th</sup> whose theme was educating our members about opportunities in General Service. Thanks to Sophie for speaking and Lyle for providing AA literature and information on CPC.

We are hosting a Traditions workshop on November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-4 with Debbie D from Concord as our presenter. I will be sending out fliers to all the DCM's to encourage participation from other districts.

Thank You for allowing me to be of service.

**Shannon District 15\*** I am very blessed to have a very busy group of GSRs that are growing in service. Since the last assembly we have had a growing group of people that have a sincere desire to be helpful in so many/any way they can, and for that I am truly grateful. We conducted a group conscience on all of our events and as a result they were very well attended and a lot of fun, food and fellowship was had by all. Our 1st event of the quarter was a Mothers Day themed eat and speak where we had over a hundred in attendance which was attended but several of our trusted servants and were able to make generous contributions to all of the service entities.

Our next event was a 4th of July themed event with a STEPS TO FREEDOM barbeque with chef bud and our featured speaker was Bob D. and a car wash put on by our G.S.R.'s to aid them in their trip here. The total in attendance was over 75 and the 50/50 raffle generated a healthy donation to central office. I am also very thrilled to announce that the 1st semi-annual traditions workshop/panel was a HUGE success with a grand total of 77 in attendance and the vast majority stayed for the entire 4 hour event. I am so overcome with gratitude as the district I am apart of is growing in understanding and effectiveness. Our alt. DCM had to step down due to availability and we help elections for a new alt. DCM. Our upcoming quarter is a very busy one as we have our 3rd annual Halloween event and would love to have the LVYPAA GROUP participate and are waiting a response on that. We are also hosting our Christmas and new year alcathons and are looking for anyone who is able and willing to chair and speak for either one of the events please contact myself or Jamey.

**Ed District 16\*** Covers Golden Valley, Hungry Valley, Lockwood, Sparks, Stead, Sun Valley, Sutcliff's, and Cold Springs. Had Sierra Nevada fall roundup, theme "going old school", sit down shut up and listen. Northern NV Intergroup 2013 Gratitude dinner, theme :Blessings Received" Speaker Lyle P. District 16 Christmas party Dec 7<sup>th</sup> AA Service Event Fellowship Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church 627 Sunnyside Dr. Reno, Sat. September 28<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4:30pm There are 11 members in District 16

**Christine District 17\*** Christine Alcoholic Lost Dist Secretary in June, got Alt DCM but he broke his leg. We have a chair for the Christmas and NYE Alcathon at 1230 Loop Road #2. Upcoming workshop Art, Acronyms, and AA October 12<sup>th</sup> Loop Road 1pm refreshments served. Dist 17 website is still down, for now. There is a hotline and it's in capable hands with several volunteers. The DCM is attending several groups in the area and the District has open chair and GSR spots. Thanks for letting me be of service

**District 18 Inactive\***

**Mitch District 19\*** My name is Dawn and I live in the Ely area and I am a GSR for several meetings that take place here in our little town. I just wanted to let you know that our group will not be able to attend the meeting that is taking place this weekend. Work schedules and it being the end of summer relatives visiting before snow flies, we don't have anyone that we are able to send. We just didn't want anyone to think that we were "dark" for not having sent someone. I would appreciate any information that you could pass along to us, and we can take it to our district meeting and business meeting.

**Kyle District 20\*** Julie doing report Kyle is sorry he had to miss the assembly. He is recovering from a procedure and is doing well. District 20 had its Campout in early August. Unfortunately it happened on the same weekend as the NAGSC meeting so our friends from NAGSC were not able to attend. Even though attendance was down, a great time was had by all who did attend. The district is updating our guidelines, specifically to address funding GSRs and others to NAGSC meetings so that we are not reliant upon NAGSC for funding help. Thank you for allowing me to of service, Julie C, District 20 Secretary

**Carlo District 21\*** Spanish not here See Below

**Bladimir District 22\*** Spanish not here See Below

**Area 42 Committees, Officers**

**Chris NAGSC GSR Survival Training report:**

I am still looking forward to helping those who would like to have a workshop in the Northern Nevada Area 42. If you would like to do so you can contact me at [eminutes@gmail.com](mailto:eminutes@gmail.com). Give me a date and time that you would like to have a workshop. We can work on putting together a flyer and invite surrounding Districts and Groups. Thank you for allowing me to be of service and hopefully see you soon. Chris S

**Carrie, Chair for special needs ,remote communities and**

**accessibilities.** I attended District 8's district meeting where I was able to discuss what special needs is and what we can do. Also have talked several members and groups of what can we do for remote communities. One of the members had told me his group through the Districts UNITY RIDES (which is where members from other groups load up a car and support smaller groups in their district). This member said that if the service of carrying the message was not part of the district and the members who participate the group most likely would have not survived. My thought is lets start talking about forming more of these unity rides in your districts and support the remote areas around us. There is a video in the archives room on special needs that our delegate Sophie set up for our viewing along with pamphlets. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**Rhonda Area 42 Archives\*** Have been attending events in the south we love to attend events, will be happy to bring archives to events contact Pat in north or me in south. Bought a scanner and printer, have been combining documents from the north and south, this will take about 400 years. We have group information, area history as el as past events come to Central office to check us out. Have been putting together District binders, as well. Please DON'T THROW ANYTHING AWAY!

**Irene Area Newsletter\*** First, I would like to apologize to the area that I missed the last deadline of the newsletter. The newsletter was issued on August 29 not August 10 as required. The current edition included the Guideline revisions, Finance Committee Report, the Inventory Panel Questions and the Newsletter Submission recommendations. There is a copy available on our Area 42 website. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, you can request one from your DCM or send me an email request and I can add you to the distribution. The next edition will be released on October 30, if you have a service related event or article that you would like to recommend submit them no later than October 20. I'd like to thank the Area for this opportunity to service, it a privilege and an honor.

**Paul Area Grapevine Rep\* Northern Area 42 General Service**

Since our last Assembly in April I have been invited to attend 2 workshops and 3 other events. Unfortunately I was unable to the first workshop on writing a story for the Grapevine that was on July 13<sup>th</sup> in Mammoth Lakes, CA. and two of the events were on the same weekend August 23-25. I was at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual High Sierra Campout in Mammoth Lakes, CA. on Aug. 23-25, I had a great time sharing the Grapevine with my fellow campers and I will be attending the Oasis Festival in Fallon NV. on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. The other workshop is another how to write a story for the Grapevine on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at the 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational United Church 627 Sunnyside Drive Reno, NV. from 1:00PM – 4:30PM, this is being put on by Laura J. and presenters Joyce Y. and Pat S. all who have had stories published in the Grapevine. I hope to see

you there. 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 was contacted by a group Grapevine Representative Mike S. for the Southside group in Reno to let me know that he was rotating out and to give me their new Grapevine representative's information. Now some of you might be saying "What a group Grapevine representative" yes this is possible. If you read the pamphlet "The AA Group" it lists a whole lot of possible service positions at the group level, one being a Grapevine representative. I do have a flyer "Why should I be a Grapevine Representative?" if anyone is interested please see me during one of the breaks. If your group already has a Grapevine representative please let me know. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul E.

**Samantha NAGSC PI\***

*DCMs and GSRs please read this at your meetings!*

NAGSC Public Information Committee Report September 6-8, 2013

Committee members: Samantha G. (Winnemucca), Joyce D. (Battle Mountain),  
Lee R. (Winnemucca), Kim (Winnemucca), Mike L. (?)

The PI committee met at 5pm on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> in the Mizpah Hotel lobby area and opened with the Serenity Prayer. There were 13 in attendance. Thank you all very much!!!

Here is what we discussed:

- How and where we want to hold quarterly meetings. The sense was to continue to have them at 5pm on Friday of each Area Assembly and a suggestion was made to have the other 2 before or after the June and December NAGSC meetings. We may also try conference calls. And if this doesn't meet our needs we'll readdress the issue and choose other options
- PI work at the Group or District level
- PSAs: TV and radio stations
- Message to Teenagers pamphlets: high schools and colleges - presentations could be conducted
- Big Books and/or 12&12s to libraries
- Overlap between CPC, PI, even Treatment and Corrections 12 Step work
- Meeting schedules in hotels, doctor's offices, police stations, counselor's offices, churches
- Difference between PI and promotion
- Using the "AA at a Glance" pamphlet or memo pads with AA phone number on it to laundry mats, bars
- How and where to get the PI kit – AAWS Conference Approved Literature catalog
- Mock panels are a hoot and a really fun way to learn information
- If you, your Group or District ever has questions I'd be happy to answer them or get the answer for you Remember, if your district or group would like a presentation or workshop at any of your events **PLEASE contact me** and we'll be glad to come. The PI Committee's job is to serve the districts and groups when needed (asked). Please invite the committee to your District or Group. Respectfully submitted by Samantha G., Northern Area 42 PI Chair Email: [nagscpi@gmail.com](mailto:nagscpi@gmail.com)

**Roxann Alt. Area Secretary\*** reported on literature Thank you all for the opportunity to be of service. Rich was very organized and had a list and outline of literature for me to have available for this assembly. The income from the April Assembly was \$126.49, after beginning balance of \$200.00 was taken out for this assembly's cash box. I ordered a total of \$166.49 in literature that is available. This order included 12 concepts and 12 traditions, in which we are using as a model for our inventory this weekend. Current balance in the cash box at beginning of assembly is \$160.00 for change. Thank you once again for the opportunity to be of service.

**Lyle NAGSC CPC\*** I and the CPC Committee were asked and were very happy to attend District 14 annual Jamboree in the Truckee Park. It was a great opportunity to talk to AA members about General Service and what CPC is available for. We are invited to a workshop in District 8 this Fall and plan to attend. A GSR called about an AA member being asked to sign Sponsorship cards, from their Drug and Alcohol Department. The cards ask the sponsor's name, how often they meet, what step work has been done and a list of other questions. We discussed what a great time to talk about the 12 traditions at his home group and bring it to his next district meeting. The CPC Committee had three conference call meetings. On the last meeting we discussed plans for a workshop in Reno. 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 and 12). In Fellowship and Service, Lyle~ COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

**Julie NAGSC Treasurer\*** – As always I am humbled by the gifts of participating in General Service. I learn so much about myself. As NAGSC Treasurer I participate on both the NAGSC and the Area finance committees. I have been reminded once again that, just as in all other aspects of Alcoholics Anonymous, if I



trust my Higher Power, there is no need to fear that we will not have enough. I have learned to trust that we will be taken care of if we are using the funds entrusted to us by our groups on their business. I am grateful that I am trustworthy and that you have allowed me the responsibility of being treasurer. I have the privilege of participating on the Area Inventory Ad hoc committee. I love the willingness of the Area to send tough yet loving questions for us to discuss. I am very excited to see how we will grow. Again, I am in awe of Area 42 and the honesty and vulnerability which we are.

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**Mary SAGSC PI CPC\*** PI did a presentation for AARP at the Las Vegas Convention Center May 30<sup>th</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup> PI has presentations for Bishop Gorman HS and for Palo Verde HS once each semester. These events are for 6 periods over one or two days. We could always use volunteer speakers. Upcoming: September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup> we are scheduled for a convention booth at the U.S. Psychiatric and Mental Health Congress. We will provide more details as the date approaches. The CPC committee is planning presentations to all Correctional Officers over this next year. We will be sharing the dates and times for these events as we receive the information. The Sheriff's department is considering having an AA representative involved in their Homeless Outreach program. PI/CPC committee meets at 6:00 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month at Central Office. We would love to get more feedback and support. We encourage all who are interested to attend. Thank you for allowing me to be of service

**Tim SAGSC BTG\*** Going good with some contacts coming out and being connected to AA Members, BTG is helping new releases to get them AA members to get them to meetings and talk with them, or write them about AA.

**Dave SAGSC H&I\*** Financially contributions are up, spending lots of money on literature to bring into facilities, about 40 meetings going on in various institutions, we are making progress with NV Dept. of Corrections to get AA more inside. We are looking for people interested to help out with institutions. March 1<sup>st</sup> Salvation army Location on Palomino Ln. Lots of H & I info available there. Third Tuesday of every month 6pm central office Las Vegas

#### **Debbie NAGSC Corrections\***

Let me start my report with a help wanted ad...I am seeking volunteers to be on the Northern Area 42 Corrections Committee. There is still 1 year and 4 months left on this term. I am seeking help to contact prisons and even jails to find out if they have AA Meetings in their facility, and if we can put select pamphlets and/or books in their libraries. I am looking to chat with those who are taking meetings into facilities and those that have a desire. Pre-release contacts and bridging the gap are the topics I want to chat about. I have found that in contacting the DCM's in the districts that I needed specific volunteers for contacts and/or a bridge from a facility, that they knew who to put me in contact with. Thank you DCM's and your volunteers! I have had one pre-release contact request that I was able to match. What that means is that an inmate being released to Reno filled out a contact request pamphlet, sent it to the General Service Office, whom contacted me. I was able to find an outside volunteer in Reno to forward the information to and contact the inmate by mail. I had a woman contact me for information on starting a meeting in a county jail. We chatted a bit and bless her heart she thought she needed permission and she was just checking on any protocol. A Conference Advisory Action in Corrections...It was recommended that the revised pamphlet "A message to corrections professionals" be approved. To wrap up my report, I have a few highlight items I pilfered from the Delegate's Page on the area website regarding CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS. The committee requested that the trustees' Committee on Corrections continue their thorough review of all Corrections materials with a couple of specific changes and additions.

My favorite bullet point...In discussing difficulties in engaging AA members in corrections service, the committee recognized that some AA members who have not been incarcerated may feel they have nothing to offer in corrections service. The committee requested the staff secretary work with the Publishing Department and the trustees' Committee on Corrections to incorporate text in the Corrections Workbook section "Ideas to Stimulate Corrections Twelfth Step Work Within AA" to reassure all AA members that they can participate in corrections service by sharing AA's basic message about getting and staying sober. Thank you for this opportunity to serve...Debbie S.

**Lonnie NAGSC DCM Committee Chair\*** We are working on helping D.C.M.'S with nonprofit status and tax I.D. numbers. As a group we are coming up with a calendar of events to avoid conflicts. Ronda from the south and I meet every area 42 conference with all the D.C.M.'S in the area to help and discuss solutions with the challenges the D.C.M.'S have and to bring the area closer together.

**Justin Secretary** report passed with changes\* Thanks to past trustees and past delegates for their help, hope pastel colors work ok, Thanks to Mike for organizing packets stuffing, thanks to Tony for translating, Packet on jump drive, some limited printing and office supplies available, will be running 5:30AM

**Carol Area Treasurer** passed approval\* Here we are, September already. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer this year. I know we had a few events both North and South, for us to take pleasure in while sharing some camaraderie together. We should be able to pay all submitted September expenses. There is a list of all 2013 Group Contributions received to date; they are posted on the wall by the door, near the table. I am mailing receipts to your groups for the contributions received. I have some group and some personal e-mail addresses, and if you wouldn't mind asking your group treasurer to submit their e-mails along with contributions, if they haven't already done so, it would save the money I spend on snail-mail postage at this time. Thank You, Carol B. Area 42 Finance Report Jan. 1, 2013 through Sept. 6, 2013 is located on [nevadaarea42.org](http://nevadaarea42.org) under the password protected Area Member info link. Contact [treasurer@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:treasurer@nevadaarea42.org) or [webmaster@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:webmaster@nevadaarea42.org) for the log-in password.

Back to Mike for Break 7:30pm

#### **7:50pm Blue Room**

Welcome Paul from Oceanside he will be monitoring and speaking.

No Decisions made in this room just help and discussions,

Mike explained Area had to pay \$200 extra to Ralph for rental truck he would not have made it and we need our PA system.

Mike asking and explaining about District 11 handling sodas, and spending extra funds for DCM to go to PRAASA, Asking for our feedback. Spirit of rotation is concern, we are supporting each other, entire assembly should be involved, are we supposed to fundraise? Self support? Our coffee cost \$650 and the donations do not cover so area is paying the difference.

\*\*\***Phil About banquet**, banquet people are not allowed to have change from the area per finance guidelines, they must use their own change to start. Clarified from Cherie, ask in advance for bank, will be available, if needed. \$200 in 5's need to be given to Banquet and \$200 in 5's for registration. This is for change purposes.

Hard to find finance guidelines need to make easier to find, member of finance committee was appointed not elected as per guidelines. We are electing 2 FC members on Sunday.

Need some kind of reminder about non guidelines proposals to come up for reminders,

The Finance Guidelines Need to be posted to the website as per September 2012 minutes,

The FC guidelines are not a part of the Area Guidelines. We would have to bring it up to add them. Justin to email to area tonight.

Jeannette asked for specific data on how we justified a raise in registration cost. Our Assembly expenses are usually higher than our income.

Closed at 8:45pm

#### **SATURDAY**

8am Mike started with serenity payer

Report on the 63rd General Service Conference

#### **Sophie K., Delegate Area 42, Panel 63**

It is an honor and a privilege to serve Nevada Area 42 and the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous as a Panel 63 Delegate. Thank you for your service in sharing this report with your meeting, group, district, intergroup or standing committee. The information has the potential to spark some spirited conversations, and I welcome the opportunity to hear your questions, comments and concerns. Just like the GSR, I am a link in the chain between the General Service Conference and the group. Your feedback will become part of the conscience of A.A. as a whole in the United States and Canada. You can reach me at [delegate@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:delegate@nevadaarea42.org)

The informed group conscience of Alcoholics Anonymous in the U.S. and Canada expresses itself each year at the General Service Conference. This conscience is considered the voice of our Fellowship and will guide the groups and the General Service Board in fulfilling our primary purpose in the years to come. This year the 63rd General Service Conference met from Sunday, April 21 – Saturday, April 27, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Times Square Hotel in New York City.

Who participated in this year's conference? What was it like? We were approximately 130 voting members – area delegates, trustees, directors and GSO staff – who came from all over North America. We ranged from 36 to 75 years of age, from 7 to 37 years of sobriety. Business was conducted in English and translated into French and Spanish. It was clear that more important than anything we discussed was how we treated one another. We were examples of the miracle of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The theme was "The General Service Conference Takes Its Inventory – Our Solution in Action". The first year of what will be a three-year process, this is the first time that the conference has ever officially reflected upon itself. Comments



from inventory discussion groups will be in the final conference report, available free of charge at Area 42's fall assembly.

In February and March of this year, Area 42's GSRs, DCMs, officers, committee chairs and interested members considered 16 of the 59 items from this year's General Service Conference Agenda. At the Area Assembly the informed group conscience emerged, and I carried it with me to New York.

The Conference operates via a committee system. Each delegate is assigned to a conference committee (e.g. Public Information, Corrections or Finance) which in turn addresses the agenda items assigned to it. Relative to each agenda item, a conference committee has three choices: to make a recommendation, to make a suggestion or to take no action. A recommendation expresses a strong position, and it will come before the conference for discussion in the general session. A recommendation that is approved by a 2/3 vote becomes an advisory action. A suggestion will be reported but not necessarily discussed. No action is just that, yet it doesn't minimize the importance of an item and sometimes makes a significant statement.

The full report of the advisory actions, additional considerations and recommendations that did not become advisory actions can be found on our Area 42 website ([www.nevadaarea42.org](http://www.nevadaarea42.org)) on the Delegate's page.

Here, in brief, are the outcomes of the agenda items that we considered in Area 42 roundtable discussions and presentations. In this report, I will incorporate my observations as well as include information from GSO and Grapevine staff, Trustee Committees and Board reports.

### **COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY**

#### **Agenda Item:**

A. Discuss suggestion to revise text in the section *Referrals from Court and Treatment Facilities* in the pamphlet "If You Are A Professional..." to reflect current A.A. experience.

#### **IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT:**

The statement in the section *Referrals From Court and Treatment Facilities* in the pamphlet "*If You Are a Professional....*," be revised as follows:

"Each group is autonomous. Some groups, at the request of the prospective member, have the A.A. group secretary sign, initial or stamp a slip that has been furnished by the court. The referred person provides the slip to the court as proof of attendance."

Note: The whole pamphlet will be looked at as it will be reprinted in Nov.2013. These changes were felt to be important enough to flag the attention of the Trustees' Literature committee.

#### **CORRECTIONS**

*In Area 42 we heard suggestions regarding two discussion items on the agenda.*

For the conference committee's discussion notes, see "Additional Committee Considerations" on the Area 42 website, delegate's page. Members and committees involved in Corrections work may find this interesting and helpful.

#### **FINANCE**

Our 7th Tradition states:

"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

In 2012, forty-two percent of groups in the U.S. and Canada contributed 7th Tradition monies to our General Service Office. These contributions covered 70% of our costs to maintain group and world services. In other words, in 2012 the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous was 70% self-supporting.

To be able to pay the remaining 30%, and to maintain a reserve fund adequate to assure our financial health and stability, we relied on the profit from the outside sales of our literature – specifically the Big Book. Today, sales of hard copy books are declining while those of e-books are booming. The era of digital publishing is forcing us to face the hard reality that we will have to rely more and more on our 7th Tradition to meet our financial needs.

We have two ongoing financial responsibilities. Per federal law, one of them is to fully fund our pension obligation to retired and current employees. (Trustees, directors and delegates are not employees.) How much is that obligation? Just over \$10,000,000. As long as our GSO remains in business, pension benefits which have already been accrued cannot be changed. We will be depositing approximately \$1.9 million per year into the pension fund through 2016-2017.

Our other ongoing financial responsibility is to maintain the reserve fund so that we can continue to operate our services.

What kinds of services do we offer? Our General Service Office's work includes sending out new group kits; providing information about our program of recovery to professionals; referring inquiries to local committees; maintaining a database of group and service position records; editing, designing and publishing all A.A. Conference-approved literature in three languages: English, Spanish and French; overseeing translations/licensing of AA World Services copyrighted material and much more. (For a full listing of the services provided by our General Service Office/Alcoholics Anonymous World Services please go to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) and search "services provided by GSO")

The Treasurer of the General Service Board, Terry Bedient (non-alcoholic), stated that money is not the problem – that group participation is. Never have fewer groups participated in fellowship self-support. Never have total contributions been so great. Fewer groups are contributing more.

Those members and groups that do participate are a part of ensuring that:

- ☐ Alcoholics in other countries get to read the Big Book the first time in their own language – just like we did.
- ☐ Judges learn that A.A. is not a religious organization.

- ☐ GSO staff will answer the phone to answer your group's questions.
- ☐ World Service Meetings will happen and so will presentation topics like "When a Culture Restricts Women's Access to AA."

For me, participation means feeling connected with AA beyond my home group. When I participate in a jail meeting, and when I attend an area assembly, my AA world gets bigger. When I participate in the birthday plan, and when I contribute to the basket, I am believing in A.A. Unity world-wide. It's a heart connection with still-suffering alcoholics wherever they are – in my town or in the world.

Contributions may go to help keep the vital services offered by Central Offices functioning or it may help to fund a translation of the Big Book, but as our new General Service Board Chairperson says, "Finance is not important itself, but it is a tool that enables AA to do 12th Step work."

Just as a benchmark figure, if the 52% of the groups that did not participate in 2012 contributed \$138.69/year, we would be paying our own way. If each of our nearly 1.4 million members contributed \$11.06/year, we could meet our obligations ourselves. For our information: in 2012, 34% of groups in Area 42 participated in world services. Area 42's contributions were \$2.63 per capita.

How can we make the meaning of self-support relevant to 52% of our fellowship?

I believe we can be responsible for everything related to carrying our message of hope and recovery. We can be self-supporting. I need to ask myself:

- ☐ "What is my stake in my Recovery?"
- ☐ What is my home group's stake in Unity and Service?"
- ☐ If group participation continues to decline, what will our services look like in 5 yrs?
- ☐ As a Fellowship who will we be?
- ☐ Who do we want to be?

These are all important questions.

The Trustees' Committee on Finance sends their **deep** appreciation for the Fellowship's response to requests for contributions and for participation in the Birthday Plan. The committee assures the Fellowship that the principle of corporate poverty – "just enough" – continues to be their guide. The 2013 budget sets our reserve fund at "just enough" - 10.8 months of operating expenses.

The Trustees' Committee Finance Report states that for 2013 our GSO will have an intentional \$600,000 deficit budget in order to reduce the reserve fund and pay down some of the pension liability. For 2013 there will be no increases in literature prices. The Trustees' Committee will be grateful for the Fellowship's continued emphasis on self-support. For 2014 our GSO will have a balanced budget, will continue to emphasize self-support by the Fellowship, will increase prices on selected pieces of literature (not specified), and will print and market the commemorative first printing, first ed. of the Big Book.

Moving forward, the focus will continue to be on self-support as sustainable revenue for A.A.'s future.

***Area 42 did not consider any Finance agenda items and the Conference Committee made no recommendations.***

#### **GRAPEVINE**

##### **Agenda Item:**

B2. Consider discontinuing the requirement for the current format of the La Viña print magazine (i.e. 68 pages, perfect bound [no staples]). ***Area 42 was in favor of discontinuing the requirement. (Using my right of decision I voted against it. More information came to light than we had at our Area Assembly, and I voted my conscience.)***

**The committee took no action** stating that it needed more background regarding La Viña's financial history and information regarding what a new format would be. The current format and "spiritual parity" will be maintained.

Highlights from the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. Office Report:

1. "Quote of the Day" – In 2012 the [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org) website added the Grapevine quote-of-the-day to its homepage. By February 2013, 16,500 people had signed up to receive it via e-mail.
2. Audio Recording Program – In January, 2013 the audio recording program went live. Members can now record their stories directly onto the website.

The Grapevine was highly successful in 2012. Income was \$200,000 over budget. Sales of anthology books and calendars contributed greatly to the success. However, the overall trend shows that subscriptions have gone flat.

##### **La Viña:**

The General Service Board was directed by the Conference in 1995, 2001 and 2012 to invest in La Viña as a service to the Fellowship. In 2012 La Viña's circulation increased by 8.6%. Changes in format and additional content may be tied to the strong showing.

In 2012 La Viña's profit was under budget and overhead was over budget. La Viña contributed \$29,000 to the pension fund. The budgeted loss was approximately \$106,000; the actual loss was approximately \$116,000.

Please note that the only source of income for the Grapevine, Inc. is subscriptions and sales of its literature. The Grapevine, Inc. cannot receive contributions from the fellowship or sell advertising space. In the past it often drew from the General Service Board's reserve fund to pay its obligations.

In 2012 GV, Inc. increased its balance in the reserve fund by \$100,000. By the end of the year it had covered 95% of its unfunded subscription liability. There was no drawdown from the reserve fund in 2012. Forward through 2015, the GV will continue to develop finance strategies and plan new products.

To be self-supporting The Grapevine will need to sell 15,000 more subscriptions and La Viña 20,000. Currently the GV has 6% market penetration in the fellowship; La Viña has 13%. This means that our efforts are reaching the same audience over and over. Overall, subscriptions have gone flat. Have we tapped out the market?

The Grapevine's greatest challenge is reaching "fresh, new readers". The executive editor and publisher shared that without access to a new audience, "... Grapevine management would be able to do nothing more than manage the decline of the magazine" because a magazine cannot prosper with a finite set of readers.

#### **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS/REGIONAL FORUMS**

##### **Agenda Items:**

B. Discuss inviting up to 21 non-A.A. speakers to participate In the 2015 International Convention at A.A.'s expense.

*A42 was in favor of inviting...*

##### **IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT:**

11. Up to 21 non A.A. speakers be invited to attend at A.A.'s expense.

10. The undernoted three cities, expressed here in alphabetical order, be considered as possible sites for the International Convention in 2025

Montreal, Quebec

St. Louis, Missouri

Vancouver, British Columbia

#### **LITERATURE**

##### **Agenda Items:**

D. Consider a suggestion to add "Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers" to the end of the *open* meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card. *Area 42 was in favor of this suggestion*

##### **RECOMMENDATION FAILED**

Comments from the Conference floor included: the suggestion is inconsistent w/group autonomy; Class A Trustees and other non-alcoholic professionals speak at conventions; AI-Anons attend anniversary meetings. Verbiage matches what's in "The AA Group" pamphlet" – the goal is to make our literature consistent.

E. Consider a request to add an index to the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. *Area 42 was opposed*

**The Committee took no action**, commenting that the Big Book is spiritual in nature rather than academic and an index might discourage a full reading of the material.

F. Consider a request to add the subtitle "None Left Behind" to the newly revised "A.A. and the Armed Services" pamphlet. *Area 42 was opposed*

**The Committee took no action**, stating that this request was fully and appropriately addressed by both the Conference Committee on Literature and Conference members at the 62nd General Service Conference.

#### **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

##### **Agenda Items:**

C. Discuss fellowship sharing on the effectiveness of the language of the Short Form of Tradition Eleven. *A42 was opposed changing the language of the short form, saying "It's good as it is."*

##### **IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT:**

4. The 63rd General Service Conference affirm that the internet, social media and all forms of public communications are implicit in the last phrase of the Short Form of Tradition Eleven, which reads: "...at the level of press, radio and films" (Passed w/unanimity)

Floor discussion included: The committee reported that anonymity at the public level was addressed in '64, '67, 68, '74, '93, 2000, 2007, and 2008. Many agreed with the comment that change would have to come at the local level, through sponsorship.

D. Review report from trustees' PI committee on establishing a Public Information Social Media page. *Area 42 was opposed to establishing a PI social media page.*

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION: the Conference PI Committee agrees w/ trustees' conclusion that AAWS, GSO, AA Grapevine and La Viña cannot establish a presence on Facebook in a manner which would be consistent with A.A. Traditions.

E. Consider a request from AA World Services for permission to use commissioned online stores to sell and distribute digital AA literature. *Area 42 was in favor.*

##### **IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT:**

AA World Services be permitted to utilize digital channels and current (commissionable) support and distribution technologies, such as, but not limited to, smart phones, tablets, e-readers, applications and commissioned online stores for the sale and distribution of digital AA literature. The committee requested that the board ensure that all contracts protect our Traditions, with the option to discontinue any and all contracts at any time. The committee requested that a status and financial report be submitted to the appropriate 2014 Conference Committee.

#### **TREATMENT/SPECIAL NEEDS-ACCESSIBILITIES**

*In Area 42 we heard suggestions regarding two discussion items on the agenda.*

For the conference committee's discussion notes, see "Additional Committee Considerations" on the Area 42 website, delegate's page. Members involved in Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities work may find this helpful.

## TRUSTEES

### Agenda Items:

C. Review the General Service Board's proposed plan regarding the slate of directors for the A.A.W.S. Board and the A.A. Grapevine Board.

The committee reviewed the General Service Board's proposed plan regarding the slate of directors for the A.A.W.S. Board and the A.A. Grapevine Board and **took no action**. The committee did not support the proposed interlocking directorate.

## ARCHIVES

### Agenda Items:

C. Consider a request to post selected archival audio recordings on our GSO's A.A. Web site. *Area 42 was in favor*

### IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT:

5. The posting of freely accessible, anonymity-protected archival clips on G.S.O.'s A.A. website be done at the discretion of the trustees' Committee on Archives and G.S.O.'s Archivist.

These will be 2 to 3 minute clips, "interesting quotes and anecdotes relevant to the fellowship's history" – *Michelle Mirza (non-alcoholic), GSO archivist*

A. Consider a proposal to publish a commemorative "75th Anniversary Edition" of the First Ed., First printing of *Alcoholics Anonymous* in April, 2014. *Area 42 was in favor*

### IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT:

4. A commemorative 75th Anniversary Edition of the 1st Edition, 1st printing of *Alcoholics Anonymous* be published in April, 2014

*(I voted no, then yes on the vote to reconsider, and then, when it was all over, I regretted having supported it.)*

This item was discussed for more than 2 hrs with strong feelings expressed from many angles. It failed on the first vote 79/47. It was reconsidered and approved 96/28.

The arguments against publishing were many.

☐ It's a novelty item;

☐ It's a slippery slope to sell our spiritual text as a trinket;

☐ It's promotion and for profit and against Traditions 7 and 11;

☐ Rather let's find a way to turn our attention outward rather than inward at ourselves;

☐ It wouldn't be offered in translations (French/Spanish) Note: the English book would be produced through a "photographic" process; translated versions would have to be typeset.

☐ Is this a fundraiser because our 7th Tradition contributions are not sufficient?

The prevalent argument in favor of publishing the commemorative edition was that the book would provide an opportunity to connect the younger generations with our roots. An AAWS Director assured the body that the book was conceived as a celebration of an anniversary and is not intended to be promotional or for profit.

Once again, the conference was back to the issue of self-support.

Saturday morning, at the farewell brunch, rotating U.S. Trustee-at-large Don M. asked:

As a Fellowship, who are we? Who do we want to be?

It all comes down to self-support.

I'll conclude my report here, leaving your group, district and Intergroup to discuss these critical questions. I am available to discuss this report, the conference, or any other General Service topic upon request. Please contact me at [delegate@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:delegate@nevadaarea42.org). Thank you for your service in carrying our message and for the honor of trusting me to serve as Area 42's delegate.

Finished 8:41am Great Job!

Mike announced Lost glasses, big book going around for signatures, coffee costs \$650 please donate to offset our expense, discussing agenda for day, should be done 4:30 banquet 6pm, we will be done by 11:30 Sunday please stay for new business.

Pink sheet is inventory, letter is purple, GSRs and DCMs were to formulate questions for the inventory committee, that's the pink sheet. There will be separate cds and people taking notes during this inventory for review over the next 6 months.

Finished 3 questions by 11:30 Mike adjourned for lunch,

Mike opened after lunch 1pm

Paul reiterating guidelines for last question

Closed discussion 1:35

Paul asked for a motion to appoint 4 ad hoc committees to review inventory questions; motion made, seconded and approved.

September 7, 2013

### **Area 42 Inventory**

Emphasis was placed on the importance of not repeating the same thing that has already been said or an individual going to mic for a second time on the same question. Each speaker will be permitted to speak for 90 seconds. Mike and Paul both stressed these suggestions.

Paul read the sub questions under each topic in order to get people thinking about the topic at hand.

#### **How Effectively Does Area 42 Communicate?**

Overall Area 42 communicates quite effectively. DCM communicates regularly. Invite group members to the district meeting (those who are not GSR's). Some groups are never represented at District meetings. Encourage more participation by AA group members. Are email users actually reading what they get through email? Extend the hand of AA to anyone/anywhere. Make members feel a part of. Communicate the idea that contributions to AA are from those who have the money. All others are welcome.

How does general service help the alcoholic? Keep the words small and the concepts simple for newcomers. Pay close attention to what is on the Area 42 website. Be sure we are fully informed before taking a group conscience.

Take the information to the groups. Often groups are not represented at district meetings. Continue to reach out to newcomers. Share the excitement we find at Area Assembly with our home group. We don't know what is going on in committees in which we don't participate, a lot is going on that needs to be shared. It's our responsibility to share with home group the exciting things that are going on in general service. Try to find those who are interested in service and encourage them. The whole point of the service structure is communication. Delegate to area committee to DCM to GSR to home group. What about dark districts and GSR's who are not connected and the groups that don't have a GSR? Keep trying! GSR's have to be prepared to be unpopular. Sponsorship is important. When you are asked to sponsor, sponsor in service too. Build enthusiasm. Emphasize how important general service is to the survival of AA! Offer a Concept study. Activities to better understand the importance of the role of the group in the Conference process.

In our current society, the website is very helpful. Communication is a two-way street. We need to listen as well as inform.

#### **Is Our Structure Fulfilling Our Area Purpose?**

Purpose: Carry the message to the suffering alcoholic. Assure growth and harmony in the Fellowship and on to the General Service Conference. A service body only, never a government. District 22 is thankful for the translation service. Have 13 committees mimic the General Service Conference in Area 42. Committees would actually work in the same manner as Conference committees do. Should we be a north and south or should we just combine the two? Northern area is more spread out than the Southern area. In the north, Intergroup and General Service could work better together. In the south this works better.

Possible mock Conference. Follow a similar procedure to what is done at the Conference. Provide unity and clarification.

#### **Do Our Leaders Follow the Traditions and Concepts?**

It is helpful to get a service sponsor. In order to stop accepting money from IWC and other AA entities, the Assembly must pass a motion not to accept money from those entities.

Our leaders sometimes direct us as to what to do rather than leading by example.

These contributions come from AA activities.

The Women's Conference is about alcoholic women.

I don't see anything wrong in taking money from an AA event.

As leaders we need to have the courage to be transparent.

Are we accepting money that GSO would not accept?

There is danger in deferring to someone else who is going to stand for the same position you are. It takes the decision from the body.

A service sponsor can clear things up so that GSR's continue to come back. Service sponsor can explain things like the Concepts.

We self-govern by calling each other on our BS. Leaders are kept in line by this.

About GSR's sticking with us, sometimes rotation is a good thing.

#### **What Are Our Service Priorities?**

Increase participation and communication through Area Assembly.

Take the Newsletter to my home group and share highlights.

Sports for alcoholics. Participate in games with other alcoholics.

Invest in remote outreach regularly.

Break for 10 minutes

Welcome back!

Ask if basket looks good on time for Sunday!

Ruth is going to have election for our area 42 nomination for Pacific Regional Trustee.

Ruth explaining Trustee position and process.

Eastern Canada Trustee is also rotating out.

“Rotation helps solve personality problems and sometimes a good funeral is the only way to solve a problem”

Byron, Joyce, and Pete past Delegates from Area 42 standing. They gave 1-2 min experience and qualifications.

**Area 42 Committees, Officers continued during voting**

**Cherie Alt. Delegate\***

Asked for sense of assembly to do a mock General Service Conference, most in favor.

**Jeannette Area Registrar\*** As your area 42 registrar, I would like to thank you for allowing me to be of service. I have spreadsheets for each DCM, listing all the active groups in your district. Please get with me during the weekend and we can review your districts data and correct any errors. Please ensure when completing your forms to use correct street addresses & full names (we are not anonymous to each other) have group update forms available if you need them. For all DCM's, if you would like to have your listing emailed to you, please let me know. Thank you again, Jeannette

**Carlos DCM 21\*** Alt DCM Augustin. Treasurer Gabriel Alt Tr Miguel Secretary Juan Alt Sec Eloy . The DCM Committee has visited and met with committee chairs to foster unity and help. District 21 has Lit. Committee, H&I, La Vina, Archives, Forum Committee, Roundup Committee. Tony Translating into English

**Bladimir DCM 22\*** The District is carrying the message to as many groups as possible. The District, for the first time, attended the roundup august 30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Peppermill Resort. It was fantastic, and thanks to all who made it possible. October 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13 District will be attending Regional Conference in Reno at the Holiday Inn. You are all invited. The next state convention will be in the northern part of the state. The corrections committee is doing an excellent job, Thanks for everything! We returned the service literature to the intergroup office with all the books and \$1350. Translated by Tony S. into English

**Dean Grapevine\*** The Southern Area Grapevine Committee meets the second Friday of each month at 6pm in the Las Vegas Central Office, 1431 E. Charleston Blvd, Suite 15. Sept 13 will be our next Grapevine meeting There are a number of events coming up that we will be involved in. Dist 7 Picnic Sept 15 Mt Charleston. 10 am Dist 1 Picnic Oct 5 9:30 at Broadbent Park 1301 5th Boulder City. Round Up: I will be out of town For Thanksgiving weekend and will be unable to attend. Robin R has graciously offered to help us with Round Up. If you can volunteer to help please let me know. We would like to see a Grapevine rep from every group and I would ask each GSR to support the election of a GVR in their group. Please encourage Reps to attend the Grapevine meeting. Please email us at [sagsgrapevine@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:sagsgrapevine@nevadaarea42.org) Thank you for letting me be of service, Dean

**179 voting members 170 cast votes Pete 47, Byron 79, Joyce 44**

**Vince no report\*** will print and post on wall

**Don SAGSC Sec\*** The only thing I have to report is, I sent the minutes for review.

**Stephen SAGSC Special Needs\*** I'm working on figuring out what this job entails. There is a few people that I am looking forward to talking to for more info.

**Emily Alt Area Registrar\*** My name is Emily and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to serve the area as your alternate registrar. If you need to register as a new GSR please see me. Just a reminder; please recycle your name tags holders, they are expensive and as an area we strive to be prudent with our funds. There will be a box Saturday night to start putting them in at the registration desk. I have been working on some ideas for online pre-registration which I will be discussing with you further over this weekend. Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

**Mike NNIG\*** Hello everyone my name is Mike L and I am an alcoholic serving as NAGSC Liaison to NNIG (Northern Nevada Intergroup). Since the last Assembly it has been my goal to see improvement of communication and co-operation between NNIG and NAGSC. To that end our delegate Sophie K was invited to visit the intergroup meeting this last July. Sophie spoke about the connection and value that GSO has with the local home 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 NNIG. . I was also invited to visit Central Office and met with Leslie the office manager at Central office. Leslie very graciously showed me around Central Office showing me how Central Office provides services that enable important 12 twelve step work. Leslie and I talked about communication between NAGSC and Intergroup how they could work together. In June NAGSC also approved a guideline change works toward a structure of the duties of the standing chairs that should improve better co-operation and working relationship between NAGSC and NNIG. During July NNIG financial stability changed dramatically when it received a contribution from the AA International Women's Conference that was held in Reno recently of \$28,080. This contribution has allowed the



NNIG's prudent reserve to be fully funded; I don't remember the prudent reserve ever being fully funded. The contribution has also allowed Central Office to replace some badly needed office equipment such as computers and plans are in the works to replace the antiquated telephone system. There has been some very loving discussion to bringing in the groups in the discussion how to manage the balance of this contribution and finances in general at NNIG. NNIG provides many important services and its committees are very active. During the last couple of meetings of NNIG I got a sense of a better informed group conscience to better serve AA. Thank You for letting me serve.

**Don Southern Area Intergroup Liaison\*** To see last months' L.V. Central Office finances reported; check on nevadaarea42.org under the password protected Area Member info link. Contact [treasurer@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:treasurer@nevadaarea42.org) or [webmaster@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:webmaster@nevadaarea42.org) for the log-in password.

Central Office received **990** information Calls and **86** - 12th step calls

Our Hotline received **1,242** information calls and **103** - 12th Step Calls

The **lvcentraloffice.org** website had an average of **163** hits per day for a total of **5,053** hits for the month. New and updated meeting schedules are now available at our website. **Hotline committee** - Right now we have 3 open shifts, mostly the 5th week which only happens two or three times a year. **The 12 Step Committee** - The 12 step phone list was purged and it's up to date. Volunteers are needed to take 12 Step calls.

**Our Unity committee** - The unity committee has been very active in visiting local AA meetings and where necessary, reviewing the traditions with them to ensure they are compliant. Also, there is a meeting listed on the schedule that does not use conference approved literature. This issue has been brought to the steering committee for resolution. During the last steering committee meeting, it was agreed that the current meeting schedule be reviewed to ensure accuracy. **The Silver Streak** is our monthly newsletter, and is looking for local AA articles to print. All articles, stories or events need to be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please contact Patti at the Silver Streak or Jack at Central Office. Yearly Subscriptions for the Silver Streak are only \$10, \$7 for the electronic version, and \$1 dollar for single issues. **The Founders Day** Celebration will be having their first planning meeting after the first of the year.

Our Intergroup meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 6pm, at Central Office. For more information on any of our events or to contact any of our Intergroup Committee's please go to the Las Vegas Central Office website at: [www.lvcentraloffice.org](http://www.lvcentraloffice.org) or call central office at 598-1888 Thank You for letting me be of service. Respectfully submitted, Don Intergroup Liaison Southern Area 42

**Pete 41 Byron 98 Joyce 37**

**Dan M.** ANYPAA is no longer active, website is still up.

**Scott webmaster Area 42\***

Area 42 maintains a website at the URL <http://www.nevadaarea42.org>.

The site is hosted by 1&1 Internet and currently runs on top of version 3.5.2 of the Word press Content Management framework. According to the Area 42 Website Guidelines, "The purpose of this website is to provide General Service activities information about Alcoholics Anonymous and about A.A. in Area 42. To create another way to access and inform all AA Members in Area 42 of events and to keep mailing costs from expanding as the Area expands in population and to better communicate with remote areas of Area 42." On the site, you will find minutes from Area Meetings, various guidelines, 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 [webmaster@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:webmaster@nevadaarea42.org). If your updates do not appear within a couple of days feel free to send a reminder as sometimes updates can get missed. During the Area Committee meeting at the spring 2013 Assembly a request was made to provide a password protected page on the site. Specifically, the Area Treasurer asked if it would be possible to provide a password page where financial information of interest to Area members could be posted. The password would be available to anyone who is a member of A.A. in Area 42 and was be announced at the Assembly during the Webmaster's report. That request was satisfied and a password protected page has been added to the website for evaluation by the body of the assembly. At this time no confidential information is posted there. The link to the page can be found at the bottom of the main menu. It is labeled Area Member Info (login required), Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Kevin Brun Emailed report\*** I am trying to get involvement in the northern area but I need feedback from the DCMs...still taking referrals from the BTG folks. Had one request from a for profit treatment center

for books...I will need some direction on the area policy for giving books to treatment centers. Respectfully, Kevin

**Mike Area Chair report\*** Made it to NAGSC great experience, have spent lots of time preparing for Area Assembly. I'm available to come to events.

**Erica LVYPAA** had successful campout at Lake Mead The campout torch was handed to St. George for next year. Bidding for international ICYPAA. The Chair is James H. From Erica GSR Straight Pepper Diet and Alt General Service Liaison for LVYPAA

**Phil Alt Chair\*** Made amends for his part in upsetting anybody in blue room Friday night. And, Hi to all of you I'm Phil and I'm an Alcoholic. I'm very grateful to be here this weekend with all of you. As we left the Assembly last April I was very excited to be part of our Area. We had just let our Delegate know how we felt about a few Agenda Items and now it would be her time to go to New York to Help AA at the General Service Conference. We are now back here in Tonopah to hear from Sophie and to do an Inventory of how we feel our Area is doing what we feel we should be doing. In the North we have moved on with our effort to further define our roll in Northern NV area 42 with sharing the Message of General Service. Helping Districts and Groups and yes Intergroup with some of the things we are privileged to learn through our attending General Service Assemblies and Communication with other Areas, and Districts within our Area and the General Service Office in New York. Being in General Service I am working at keeping our message uniform so that and the Groups in the Northern Area and in the world are able to do their Primary Propose of Carrying our message of Hope, with uniform Literature and a Magazine called the Grapevine. Passing on how groups in Hawaii are taking this message to remote communities, sharing about how groups in Alaska are serving the Special needs of their Native Members. Letting other areas know how our Area is going into Prisons and Jails, and How we can help Districts and groups set up committees or groups of people interested in taking our message to Hospitals and Treatment facilities Helping others know what is available to folks to help them with their vital 12<sup>th</sup> step work. I did get to work with a great group of people putting your questions to the Area together into Discussion topics for this assembly. Through communication we are getting closer together every day Communication seems to be at the heart of what gets done in General Service. Thanks for being here and Thanks for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

**Pete 35, Byron 116, Joyce 18**

Pat S. Reporting on Newsletter Content, Irene said Google images are not free.

Emily and Jeannette going over proposal for online registration,

Including online packets to be printed at home,

Concerns include anonymity on security, and a lot of people don't have access to online media, Saving the area money would be nice,

Emily Suggests Running assembly as free event website and banquet as paid version.

Tina makes motion to try free option for spring assembly and banquet as option and downloadable packet. Would only be test not set in stone and can change format as we see fit. Motion passes, minority opinion, Our website guidelines say we cannot link to any other websites except AA, Are they data mining for info, Spring is a crazy time not a good time to try something new. Vote passes for second time majority passed but not my much. Website for info below

[http://help.eventbrite.com/customer/en\\_us/portal/articles?t=246606](http://help.eventbrite.com/customer/en_us/portal/articles?t=246606)

**BYRON 128 Pete 47 Byron is our Area 42 nomination for Pacific Trustee.**

**Joan reading second reading of amended guidelines, 3:30pm**

David K. Moved to adopt proposed guidelines as read. Seconded and now discussion

Some corrections to correct redundancy consider adding Finance guidelines to this as addendum, need a separate motion,

Mike Is closing for tonight. Sunday morning we will finish tomorrow

**9am Sunday Mike opened with Serenity Prayer**

Joan continues with discussion on proposed guidelines updates

motion from floor and seconded to Strike out 1 B4 and 1 B5

Point of Order, Cannot make motion while we had a motion from yesterday.

Cherie asked if we can make some changes and bring this back in March.

Lots of discussion to rescind, not to rescind.

Some one called question, Joan ask for vote to approve guidelines majority wants to approve, Minority opinion, bring it back in march with the corrections we have already made, lots of changes that body would like to see, Where are Finance Guidelines, Put changes in writing give to ad hoc committee.

Joan asked for revote, Approval of guidelines Did not pass second vote. Guidelines to come back in spring. BRING CHANGES TO COMMITTEE IN WRITING!

**Chris GSR Survival Trainer from North\*** Lots going on in October events.

**Cherie Alt. Delegate, Finance Chair Budget report\***

Translation equipment misplaced or missing, minim cost is \$3,300 not included in budget

There is a \$5,000.00 CD (Certificate of Deposit) coming due in November. Cherie asked for a vote to use up to \$3,300 for new translating equipment. Majority approved.

Pete asked for clarification on income from roundups and events, Cherie clarified (International Women Convention)

Gave this year and we cannot budget proposed for these events, incomes.

Discussion on why or how can we as an area give \$3,500 to send Delegate when we are spending too much on other stuff, Translation equip ect.,

Paul mentioned remote outreach and why we should increase to more money, Sense of assembly most opposed to more for remote outreach.

Phil asked to reduce contribution to GSO. Cherie asked for sense of assembly, majority not in favor of reducing GSO contribution for Delegate Conference.

Jeannette asked for more transparency from Finance Committee, seems like to her that some decisions are being made by them without Area Body approval. This is not the case. Claudia expressed her trust based on written disclosed documents, majority agreed.

Motion from Rhonda to pass budget, seconded. Approved!

Mike calling for election of Finance committee members, and asking for FC committee members to talk a little about themselves to let the body know who they are. Dan, John, Glenn, Cherie. Body elects Glenn and Dan to be Finance member John is stepping down in December. We have enough members.

Sophie explained some of the process of our elections.

Scott Webmaster, Explaining password protected area of website. Would be for financial information. Please email webmaster for more info.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Samantha asked for consideration of body to discuss and think about expenses to come here and if we should still do this.

Paul from area 08, loved our assembly, and talked about importance of AA Grapevine.

Talked about added New Assembly online registration to our nevadaarea42.org

District 11 cannot do sodas at .50 cents and they asked us if we can raise the soda to \$1, Discussion followed, District 11 is fine to have it go back to spirit of rotation,

Mike asked for sense of assembly if we want District 11 to continue soda sales, over whelming yes, They will sell for \$1 as area wants.

Thanks to District 7 for food hosting, Need to nominate for March Assembly District 8!

March dates for assembly March 28-30 2014.

Motion to Close 10:56am Seconded and approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin P.  
Area 42 Secretary