

Area 42 Fall Assembly Minutes 2015

Friday Sept. 11, 2015

6:00PM Welcome – Opening Announcements

Phil W. Open; serenity prayer, read from pamphlet AA tradition, declaration of unity, anonymity statement.

Officer Reports:

Paul E. Approval of March Assembly minutes, no corrections, Ray moved to approve John 2nd, approved unanimously

Treasurer report: Tinna O. As Area 42's Alternate Treasurer I was asked to take over the responsibilities of Area 42 Treasurer, per the guidelines, after the passing of our Treasurer. I have accepted this service commitment.

I would like to express my condolences to the friends and family of Vince C. I am very sorry for your loss and for the loss of a faithful servant to Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Finance Committee Chair and I have worked hard to get current on the Area's books.

We believe we have a good grasp of our status. We currently have \$23,276.32 in our checking account, and \$5,567.96 in our savings. The 2014 Taxes have been filed and we are current on our filing with the Secretary of State, of Nevada. It was my privilege to work with the Finance Committee to create a proposed budget for you to consider. I will make myself available to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions you may have about this proposal.

Please ask your group treasurer to clearly write your entire group name on contribution checks or money orders. We will accept the contribution either way, but your group can only get credit if I know your group name

Thank you for allowing me to serve our outstanding area. Tinna O.

DCM Reports:

District 1: Claudia B. Hi, my name is Claudia and I am an alcoholic. I am also the DCM for District 1. First, we are continuing to develop guidelines for our district based on the ones kindly given to me by the DCM from District 13. We have also planned with them our fall workshop on the Third Legacy of Service. It will be held on October 24th from 2 to 3:30 pm at the Triangle Club. There will be speakers and snacks and the topic will be "The Mystery of the Concepts Unraveled." We have also arranged for our annual picnic to be held on October 10 at Broadbent Park from 11 until 4:00 pm. There will be a speaker, bounce houses, face painting, food and more. We have also added an interesting segment to our District 1 meetings where we read a chapter from the Service Manual and have a group discussion on a specific topic or problem that a group may be having or have heard about. Now that I am healed from the accident in Atlanta, I can continue my task going forward continuing talking to groups who want to know more about general service and be where I can be of maximum service to AA and the alcoholic who still suffer. Thank you for letting me be of service.

District 3: Jerry B. The new meeting time of 11:00 am for the District 3 business meeting preceding the SAGAC meeting went well and will continue. We will also hold a business meeting again in Mesquite next year. District 3 is financially solvent. Steve M has been elected as the alternate DCM for District 3. Steve will do this position on an interim basis if someone with less service experience would like to volunteer. Our monthly speaker meeting is on-going. Flyers were on the table. New time is 6:30 Pm the third Wednesday of the month at the US Vets 525 E Bonanza. Our first meeting was hosted and well supported by the Graduates Group. Steve M gave a powerful message. The next meeting on 9/16 is hosted by the Weekend Warriors. We are planning on holding one of the speaker meetings in Mesquite. I was asked to speak at the My Place Group at the Bungalow Club. It is great having them involved in General Service through their GSR Angela E. Partial funding for any District 3 GSR whose group does not have the funds to attend Area 42 assembly was made available. Any last minute District 3 business to report. Thank You, Jerry

District 4: Wayne H. Hi, I'm Wayne and I am the alcoholic DCM for District 4. One of the things I love about being sober in Reno is the number of activities there are, not to mention the large number of meetings in the area. One of my favorite activities that happens in July is the Serenity in the sierras camp-out. It's a great 4 day mix of sobriety and fellowship. I love to run into people I have not seen in sometimes years to see them still sober and active in AA. This event always has great attendance and I don't think I know of anyone who has attended and has not had a good time. The Fall Roundup was September 4-6 in Reno and the Gratitude dinner is scheduled for November 14th at the Eldorado in Reno. As for District 4 proper, our attendance at the district meetings still tends to fluctuate. But in general has been improved. We had Cheryl E. and Joyce Y. come to our August district meeting and gave a presentation on cooperating with the professional community (CPC). On August 29th we hosted a GSR training workshop led by Ray G. I just wanted to thank Cheryl, Joyce and Ray again for their service. Thank you for listening. Wayne H.

District 6: John F. District 6 continues to have strong support at its District meetings. We meet on the even months in Carson City at the Alano club at 1:15 p.m. It is our hope to continue to reach out to groups that are not currently on the General Service radar. As suggested by the by our DCM coordinator, I am inviting Northern Area service chairs to attend our District meetings to give a presentation. Last month we had Roberta, our Special needs chair in the north come give a great presentation that included information about service animals, meeting accessibility and GSO

resources on special needs topics. The District has also been in the process of revising its guidelines and will be happy to share them with anyone interested. District 6 members have been very active. Our grapevine rep has been going to multiple events and groups. Our Corrections and Treatment chair has been visiting groups about the pink can donations and members of the district helped with the planning coordination of "Unity day" that was held in Reno. Finally, I want to share that I was able to attend my first international conference in Atlanta. I left feeling unbelievable grateful for being part of such an amazing miracle happening not only here at home but all around the world. It is my hope to charter a large bus and take everyone to Detroit on 2020 © Thank you for letting me be of service! John F.

District 5B: Bryce B. My name is Bryce and I'm an alcoholic. I'm the DCM for District 5b. We have approximately 22 GSR's who are active in our district. We meet the 2nd Saturday of the month at the KCB Club behind the VA clinic on Rancho and Alexander. We encourage anyone in service or thinking about getting into service to come to our meetings and see what we do. August 8th we had our 2nd workshop of the year. It was on the 4th step. Our panelists were Andre H., Jonell W. and Claudia B. They gave an informative description of the 4th step. It was well received by all who attended. The food was very good also. There were lots of leftovers. Our picnic is planned for the 11th of October. We will have flyers out soon and have all the information put on the Las Vegas Central Office website. Actually we should have flyers available at our convention this weekend. Briefly, the picnic will be at the Children's Memorial Park located just past Gowan on Rainbow. The actual address is 6601 W Gowan Rd. Las Vegas NV. It will be potluck style so if anyone wishes they can bring a side dish. However, We suggest a donation of \$5.00 to help cover the cost of leasing the space. We will possibly be having one more workshop towards the end of the year. No specific plans yet. Our "PRAASA" style formats seem to be working extremely well so we may stick to that.

Some of the things we may consider are these:

1. Anonymity, "Is it still important in this modern era?"
2. The importance of Tradition 5; "How can we be inclusive, not exclusive and still maintain our primary purpose?"
3. Our 7th tradition, "The cost of our worldwide fellowship; where does the money go?"
4. Tradition 2; "Considering Concept 5 and our 4th Warranty; why this tradition may be one of our most important".
5. 5th edition of the Big Book; "Is it time to start the discussions on a new Big Book?"
6. Our legacy of service; as participants in general service; "Are we doing enough to expose our group members to not only the benefits of general service, but the necessity of such service?"

I'm convinced that our next workshop will be another success like the previous ones. I believe at our next meeting on the 10th of October we'll decide what to do. Its always an honor to be of service as the DCM for District 5B. Thank you, Bryce B.

District 2: Mary D. Greetings! District 2 membership has seen some changes with new GSRs and alt GSRs in attendance at our monthly meeting; we welcome all to this service. Our attempts at creating a GSR training prior to the Fall Area Assembly have fallen short; therefore, we have been utilizing the district meeting for basic training. We will be purchasing Service manuals until members receive their kits from GSO. August 29th a GSR orientation and training with Districts 4 and 16 for incoming and alternate GSRs at the Mt Rose Recovery group location 1:30-3:30 is planned. Alt DCM, Cyndy is heading up an ad hoc committee to create district guidelines. Our district is grateful to District 6 for sharing their guidelines and we will be using their model as we go forward. It's estimated the process will be about six months. August guest were CPC members who shared information with our group. Fall guests include a visit from Intergroup. Joyfully in service, Mary D.

District 7: Bud L. Hello everybody my name is Bud L. and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as your District 7 DCM. Wow, we have had a great year so far, our first two service events were well attended and a lot of fun. Our major event this past August was our 30th Annual Mt. Charleston Picnic, which by the way sold out again. I want to give special thanks to the Picnic chair Gene L. for putting on a spectacular event along with his committee. This year for our 30th we had a live band (Coin Slot). Brad and his band played great music people sang and danced. We were very glad that they could come and celebrate with us. Matter of fact they had so much fun they asked us to include them in next year's picnic. Which of course I am sure we will. We also had an actual "Good Humor Ice Cream Truck" come up the mountain and sell at cost ice cream and tell stories of his truck for us. Another great addition to the picnic. We also want extend a special thanks to Jake for representing the Grapevine, Cherie for representing CPC/PI, and Rhonda for representing The Archives, lugging their displays up the mountain and hanging out with us. Once again Chef J.B. catered great food for us to enjoy. We were very happy to return to the new and improved Foxtail picnic grounds to celebrate our 30th year. Great event, sorry if you missed it. So if you missed it we do have some shirts and mugs commemorating our 30th year for sale at the District 7 table. Our next service event will be on November the 7th from 11am-2pm at the Serenity Club. It will cover Traditions 11 & 12 with the not so glum lot players; ask it basket and a speaker panel. Followed by a free lunch provided by some guy named Chef Bud. We have had great participation at our business meetings and new GSR's are showing and participating as well. Again it is refreshing to see the excitement for AA growing. District 7 has sent many prayers towards Emily and her family for her loss. Vince you are loved and will be missed. Thank you for allowing District 7 to host this weekend and if you need anything see one of our trusted servants at the District 7 tables. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District 7 DCM. In Service, Bud L.

District 8: Scott B. Hello Everyone, I am very glad to be here at the Fall Assembly and feel very privileged to be allowed to represent my district, District 8. A little background about us. District 8 covers much of the Eastern part of Central California. Occupying a stretch of mostly open desert and mountains between the Sierra Crest and the Nevada border, our District contains both Inyo and Mono Counties. Geographically, these are two of the largest counties in California, but population wise they are among the smallest. As you can imagine the demographic of the district is mostly rural, with Mammoth Lakes and Bishop being the two main population centers. There are ten registered groups in the District. The newest is the Benton Group that just celebrated its sixth anniversary at a picnic last month. The oldest group is probably the Bishop Group which has been holding meetings at the same location in Bishop since the 1950s. Since the last Assembly, District 8 was allowed to host the August NAGSC meeting in beautiful June Lake California. We are glad to report that all went well and all of us in the District enjoyed the opportunity to host our Northern Area neighbors. We held a well attended Chili Cook-Off/Delegates Report in June where Mike M gave us his conference report and we followed that with a GSR training session led by Ray G in July. The Northern Area's Julie and Lyle C traveled hundreds of miles from Chester to Bishop to speak at the bi-annual White Elephant Pot Luck and were greatly appreciated by all who attended that event. Finally, Mammoth Lakes held its 39th annual High Sierra Campout at the end of August. I would like to close by saying I have greatly enjoyed the privilege of serving as DCM for the past several months and am looking forward to the rest of this rotation. Thanks for letting me be of service, Scott

District 9 given by Alt. DCM: John F. Hello everyone, District nine is alive and well! We had a district 9 event at central office on August 22. Bill H. did a step study on step 10. The event was well attended and we had over 30 participants and a good time was had by all. We are planning on continuing our step study into the beginning of next year until we are through all 12 steps. The current balance in our treasury is \$1662. Yours in service, John F.

District 10A not present emailed report: Amelita T. Here's our report for District 10A: Roberta B., Special Needs/Remote Communities, came to Elko on July 18 for outreach. The video she shared was interesting and very informative. She gave us information how to order our own video to continue sharing with other members in our fellowship. Ray G., GSR Survival Guide, did a workshop on August 22. There were more than 20 people in attendance! A huge turnout for a small community such as Elko! He had lots of valuable information to share and encouraged feedback from all. We are grateful to those willing to go the extra mile to share with us in rural communities. I am currently working on a couple more outreach events in the Elko area before the snow falls and hope to travel to surrounding areas to invite group representation at our future district meetings. Thank you for allowing me to be your trusted servant for our area. Respectfully, Amelita T.

District 10B: Samantha G. District 10B meetings are hosted by a different Group each time and meet the 4th Sunday of odd months at 10 a.m. We have 1 GSR in attendance today. The July District meeting had 2 GSRs in attendance. 10B still lacks in receiving 7th Tradition contributions and cannot afford to fully support the DCM to NAGSC or Assembly meetings. During the GSR sharing portion, one GSR said along with financial trouble, they're considering letting go of some of their meetings because they don't have chairpersons showing up and others are chairing more than one meeting a week. Another GSR reminded us that if the meeting is supposed to continue, God will keep the doors open, if not, the meeting will close. The question was asked, "How do we strengthen carrying AA's message?" We discussed inventorying whether or not a Group is focusing on Tradition 1. We also discussed how the principle of unity in Tradition 1 applies to Groups being part of a District. A GSR said he sees a lack of leadership in the GSRs in this District and suggested we each bring 2 people to the next District meeting; we applauded that suggestion. We discussed hosting the Delegate again this year to his Conference Report. We plan on holding it at the Three Legacies Group in Winnemucca. We will probably include a couple other Area committees like last year and make it a potluck. Last, but not least, we are excited about participating in Unity Days this October. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Samantha

District 11: Debrah R. Hello everyone, my name is Debrah I am an alcoholic. Sobriety is alive and well in Dist. 11. Little Smokey Valley has three meetings a week and is going strong. The annual Kingston camp out was a big success once again, with A.A.'s from Dist. 11 as well as Winnemucca, Fallon and Austin coming together. About 25 people showed up for the Friday night campfire meeting and the Saturday night Birthday meeting. Tonopah now has 12 meetings a week including a women's meeting and a men's stag on Sundays. We have had some sorrow, on June 27th Chuck W. passed, sober. He was gone to glory in the blink of an eye. He left us with a legacy of love, service and sobriety. He inspired many to trudge the road of happy destiny. Thank you for letting me be of service.

District 12: Ed L. Hello everybody I hope you are all doing well and enjoying life to the fullest. District 12 is alive and well, we have a great group of dedicated people in our district willing to help. We have decided to have a different presenter at our monthly business meetings. In the past it has been difficult to get participation at our Saturday workshops. We would have only a handful of people show up and this isn't fair to the people who traveled miles to inform us of what their committee does and possibly recruit. By having monthly workshops we have accomplished two things. 1. We don't waste our committee chairs time. 2. The people who do show up are our GSR's and anyone wanting to learn. This helps to get the message back to the groups via business meetings and meeting announcements.

We encourage every person in our district to show up to our business meetings. This being said we will hunt down each and every one of the committee chairs and pin them down to a date and time. Unless you would rather come to our table so that we may talk quietly about a date and time. Thank You for allowing me to be of service, Ed L

District 13: Alison S. Hi, my name is Alison and I'm an alcoholic. I'm honored to serve as the DCM for District 13 where all of our meetings are held at the Triangle Club, in Vegas. Our District is doing well, we have between 7-12 members who regularly attend our District business meetings. We lost a couple of District Committee Members recently, but have posted a flyer displaying our current openings at our club in hopes of sparking an interest. We're very grateful to have been able to host our first Grapevine writing workshop with Jake in June that was not only super fun, but informative as well. Our next event will be a combined workshop with District 1 on Service. We will be performing a Concepts Skit on October 24th from 2p-330p at the Triangle Club. Our monthly speaker meeting attendance is decent, it varies each month and is largely based on the speaker and who they invite to support them. Our GSR's pick the speakers and take turns hosting the meeting each month. This meeting is held on the second Tuesday of every month @ 6:30p. Our GSR's also volunteered to visit the dark meetings in our District, and as a result we gained 2 new GSR's. I had the privilege of going on a, "DCM Date" with Claudia earlier this year. That short meeting over coffee was a great way to get to know another DCM from my area and gave us both the opportunity to share our ideas and experience with one another. Thanks for allowing me to serve. Respectfully submitted, Alison S. District 13 DCM

District 14: Anne Y. All is well we have all of our district chairs. We only have one group that does not have a GSR. The Jamboree was August 10th it was very well attended. We had a desert raffle that made quite a bit of money. We were able to cover all of our expenses and still have a little money left over for distributions. The Incline Village group is doing an inventory. So far there are quite a few people interested. We shall see how it turns out.

District 16: Cathy H. Back in May on the 16th was unity day at Sunnyside church. Several GSR's from our district attended. Andrea B. our alternate DCM was involved in the whole process. I can't believe how much information I learned on that day. I have been informed that they will be having it next year also. Andrea has also accepted the responsibility to keep us informed. I do believe it is my understanding that they are starting a smaller panel called the stepping stones to recovery. We had to guest in May Julie C alternate committee registrar for area 42 and Lyle C PI chair for northern area. This is about the time that the district had learned we do not have a full and complete set of the guidelines. Andrea B did bring a proposal to the table to update parts of these guidelines. This is when we formed an ad hoc committee to revise all of the guidelines. John N ad hoc guidelines chair, Andrea B alternate DCM, Nancy W GSR for the ladies of the evening group, and Jen M GSR from serenity on Sunday were all put on this committee. I would like to thank them again for all of their time and effort. On June 6, 2015 district 16 hosted NAGSC meeting at the Christian fellowship church in Sparks, heard from Mike M. the newly elected delegate about his trip to New York. I found it very interesting that he shared the letter that started AA here in Nevada. Everyone who contributed with snacks and coming out our district appreciate it. At our monthly district meeting in June Phil W. Area 42 chair came and shared his personal experience on how he started in service. I want to publicly announce that Phil traveled three hours each way on a school night to share his story with us. Thank you again Phil. District 16 and the 11 step retreat have parted ways. I nice letter was read at our meeting from Nancy W. from the 11 step retreat committee thanking us, letting us know that they are moving on. A vote was taken to separate, that vote was unanimous. We did have a guest scheduled for August 18 Roberta special needs chair for northern area that I regretfully had to cancel. To devote all of our meeting time to go over the new proposed guidelines. This is the last time I'm going to be able to say to this body December 12, 2015 will be our 30th annual Christmas affair. Please it does not with any other service meeting if you find yourself in the Reno Sparks area please stop by the Masonic Lodge for one of the best meals ever.

District 17: James S. Hi my name is James, I'm the DCM for District 17. We have been working on filling all our open seats in the District. We have filled our Alt. DCM seat, Literature seat and events planner seat have been filled. We have been working on our group to fill our GSR position. We have a speaker meeting on the 19th of this month, Sat. from 10 to 4. We are working on a 12 step play and workshop starting on the 20th of this month. We are hoping to generate more interest in service work. I'm enjoying and starting to learn more about service at the District level. District 17 meets at 650 So. Blagg, 5:30PM Thank you for letting me serve.

District 20: Larry B. Great to be here, to be immersed in the fellowship of the spirit, to work in cooperation with other AA members in an atmosphere of love and tolerance in support of our primary purpose - to reach out to the alcoholic who still suffers. Carrying the message is our overarching goal in District 20. Yet we are continually confronted with how to best reach the still suffering alcoholic, especially with a limited number of members in service and only a few groups active at the district level. But to go even further - how can we carry the message to the alcoholic who is still drinking if we have "sober" alcoholics in our groups who are still suffering? How can we carry the AA message, encased in our code of love and tolerance, to distant locations if we don't practice it whole heartedly in our home group? To address this issue at the District level our Outreach committee has recommended an approach that emphasizes connection over commitment. We visit groups with a message of; "Hi there, we are your distant neighbor from over the hill. We would just like to get to know you and get a contact so we will have correct information on

meeting times and dates, 12 step call lists, your local AA events, and how things are going." We make no mention of GSR,s, monetary distributions, or service commitment unless asked. This approach has met with some success but we have not yet addressed this issue at the group level or even decided that we should. I invite you to share your experience; it is ever so valuable and much appreciated. Just the act of sharing communicates support and caring, and is a unifying act and I believe Unity to be a key element in growth. None of this is intended to diminish the accomplishments of dedicated and capable district members. The CPC committee continues to make progress, the PI committee is active, the Event committee works to resolve unforeseen issues, and we recently appointed a Second Tradition committee to evaluate District performance in this area. The Susanville Fellowship continues to carry the message to jails and prisons and sponsors AA related events. Those efforts are greatly appreciated. Yet with all the apparent progress I feel diminished: not so much in the sense of being less than I was but in the sense of not being all that I could be. I am diminished each time I fail to reach out with love and tolerance to the still suffering member on the margins of the group. The group is diminished when a member is fearful of fully engaging; the District is compromised when groups are unable to participate; and likewise the area and GSC. Each instance is a blow to unity and compromised unity is restricted growth. How do I/we counter this? Or perhaps I am delusional and should view the situation from a different perspective. What do you think?

District 21: Gabriel R. The XVII Convention Hispanic was in Nevada, Las Vegas in July 2015.

Lyle C. Hospitality report: I had the privilege of serving as the Hospitality Room Chair for Area 42 at the International Convention in July. We had volunteers representing Area 42 for two hour shifts in the Pacific Region hospitality suite, which we shared with other areas in the Pacific region. First, I want to thank our archivist, Rhonda and newsletter editor, Anne for creating a wonderful banner representing all of Area 42. They spent a lot of time and creative energy in designing this beautiful banner that we will have for years to come. Pat S, our alternate archivist also provided a binder which included the letter that started Alcoholics Anonymous in Nevada, Area 42, as well as other Area 42 history. Next I want to thank our volunteers who selflessly spent a couple hours away from the convention representing Area 42 in the hospitality suite: Anne K, Matt D, Samantha G, Pat S, Carol B and Julie C. Additionally, John F and one of his friends handed out flyers announcing where the suite was to convention goers. And the others who quietly helped anonymously. To briefly describe the hospitality suite experience, there were tables from each of the areas within the Pacific Region with whatever information each area wanted to provide. Our banner was large enough that we hung it on the wall and the binder was on one of the tables for visitors to view. Joel, our Pacific Region Trustee, took many photos of our banner for his slide show. For people who love souvenirs going from suite to suite is a fun opportunity. Other visitors love to see all the different histories and cultures of each area, region or service. Sometimes the room was packed with visitors other times we were able to fellowship. The Pacific Region coordinators agreed that each area would be given a few souvenir pins to take back to their respective areas. In Fellowship and Service, Lyle C. ~ Public Information ~ Northern Area

Committee Reports:

NAGSC Secretary: Laura J. I am enjoying being part of the Northern Area committee. I feel our all girl committee is doing a good job communicating with the fellowship and facilitating meetings. We are looking forward to working with our new treasurer and I want to thank Tinna for her service to the North and for the time we have spent working together. I also want to thank the Northern Area in advance for sending me to the 2016 Praasa in Spokane, WA; which I plan on attending. I hope to be joining my fellow service junkies, especially those with recording secretary positions to spend the weekend learning and discussing our ideas on how to best carry the AA message. I always seem to learn something new at this event. Last year I learned about keeping a "Motions Log" as part of my secretary's duties, which I have now completed for the North. Since this position does not come with any official duties at this assembly, you will probably catch me hanging around the Literature table over the weekend. Please come say hello and let me know if I can help anyone in any way! Yours in Service, Laura J

NAGSC Treasurer: Tinna O. I would like to thank the NAGSC as a whole for allowing me to serve as your treasurer since January. Due to circumstance I will have to move on to serve as Treasurer for the Area and we will be electing a new NAGSC treasurer here at this Assembly. I'll let others explain the particulars of this election. I am truly blessed to have served with you, the best of the best. We currently have \$9,008.40 in our checking account and \$1,251.84 in our savings CD. Our contributions total to date \$7,864.45 is down 9% from this time last year. Our expenses, at \$10,914.97 are up 30% from this time last year. So, our bottom line looks somewhat lopsided. We must remember, in this fellowship, spending our money on carrying our message is our ultimate goal. A look at our P&L report for this year reveals several very active standing committees and lots of participation in our NAGSC meetings, Area Assemblies, and even PRAASA. Please ask your group treasurer to clearly write your entire group name on contribution checks or money orders. We will accept the contribution either way, but your group can only get credit if I know your group name, I will make myself available to answer any questions you may have about our books at the Assembly or anytime by email or phone. Thank you for allowing me to serve with you. It has been my privilege. Tinna O.

NAGSC Registrar: Julie C. Due to the difficult times for our Area Registrar over the last few months I have been working with the Records Department at the General Service Office. Not only have they sent their heartfelt concern and sympathies to Emily and her family, they have been extremely helpful in processing the Group Change Forms. For security purposes, GSO only allows one user for each area to have access to our records, which is Emily, so there is no way for me to see what is already in the database. Therefore I have been completely reliant upon GSO and they have been great. I really appreciate the opportunity to work with GSO; I just wish it had been under different circumstances. I appreciate all of your understanding during this assembly. We have not had the amount of time in advance to prepare that we normally do because of Emily's surgeries. Thank you to all of the volunteers for stepping in to help at the registration desk. As always: DCMs: Please continue to send New Group Forms and Group Change Forms to me. I will forward onto GSO and copy Emily. You can text a picture of the form to me if you like. GSRs: Please let us know if you don't get your packets. We will contact GSO to see what happened and most importantly to get your packets to you as soon as possible. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Alternate Registrar, Julie C.

NAGSC Archivist: Pat S. Although participation has waned somewhat, Archives is alive and well in the North.

Year to date activities:

- Attended Archives workshops/panels at PRAASA in Layton, Utah
- Took Archives display items to Area Assemblies
- Archives display at Reno Spring Festival
- Archives display at Unity Day (Northern Nevada's first-ever)
- Attended Archives panels and spoke with GSO Archives representatives at the international Convention in Atlanta. Also took NAGSC materials for display at the Pacific Region hospitality suite.
- Made Archives presentation to District 12 (Fallon)

There are several tentative presentations/displays scheduled at various locations in the north.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service Pat

NAGSC CPC: Cheryl E. Aloha All! Here are the activities that CPC (NAGSC CPC and NNIG CPC) has been involved with since the Spring Assembly in March 2015.

- **University of Nevada Medical School, Reno:** Joyce Y. (NNIG CPC chair and NAGSC CPC co-chair) and I, along with other CPC committee members meet with Dr. DeKay and 4-5 third year medical students. We provide the students with some appropriate pamphlets and central office meeting schedules and a short presentation on CPC. The students get an assignment from Dr. DeKay to attend a 12 step meeting and then they report back on their experience in about 6 weeks. We also attend the report backs. We meet with a new rotation of students every 6 weeks. This continues throughout the year. Since the last report, we met on April 13th, May 4th, May 29th, June 15th, July 14th, July 30th, and August 24th.
- **Center for Spiritual Living, Reno:** On April 1st, Joyce, Tom B. and I gave a presentation to about 20 prayer practitioners at the center. The practitioners wanted to learn more about the disease of alcoholism and the alcoholic personality to better help their members with drinking problems. We brought the AA literature rack and schedules for them. The practitioners were very engaged in the presentation and we had a lot of interaction with them.
- **Student Outreach Clinic, UNR, Reno:** Joyce and I met with Dan Lybbert, first year medical student, on April 10th, at NNIG central office. The Student Outreach Clinic meets once every 3 weeks on a Saturday with students that are alcoholics, drug addicts, or have other addictions. They use a book called "Group Treatment for Substance Abuse". Dan was interested in knowing more about AA and how we might work together to help these students. Dan has us on a "call as needed" basis. We have not received any calls from him to date.
- **University of Nevada, Sanford Center for Aging, Reno:** Dr. Sina Ward, director of Senior Outreach Services invited CPC members to attend the education talk at the Laxalt Auditorium, Nelson Building of UNR, on April 14th. We brought an AA literature rack an hour before the talk and made ourselves available to answer questions and provide information on AA before and after the talk. This event allows us to network with other providers as well, and learn how we may reach the suffering alcoholic through their services. At this talk, we connected with Right At Home. This was the last education talk for the spring. They will resume again in the fall, and CPC will attend.
- **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), UNR, Reno:** Dr. Ward from the Sanford Center for Aging, got Joyce and I in contact with Joan Zenan, the OLLI Curriculum Committee Chair, to discuss the possibility of CPC doing a presentation to be scheduled in their fall curriculum. We sent in an outline of a presentation. After the curriculum committee reviewed it, they turned it down. They want an educational talk on alcoholism with no ties to any institution, like AA. Putting together the outline was inspirational for Joyce and I, and we believe the presentation could be of value, so we will continue to pursue this through other channels.

- **Right At Home, Reno:** Joyce and I had met with Tricia Starbuck, Client Care Coordinator. Right At Home provides in home care and assistance. Their care givers are seeing some clients with alcohol problems. Joyce and I, along with the NNIG Sunshine Committee chair person, gave a presentation to about 8 care givers on June 24th. We were well received. We provided AA meeting schedules and literature, along with Al-Anon meeting schedules. Right At Home has about 140 care givers. They plan to have us come back in the fall to give another presentation.
- **Washoe County School District (WCSD), Reno:** The school district changed how it schedules folks to talk with employees and/or students. There is a more rigorous process now. The CPC committee has a member that is retired from the school district and will initiate the process in this fall.
- **District Meetings:** We would like to attend Northern Area district meetings and give a 10 minute overview on CPC. We attended the District 4 business meeting on August 6th and the District 2 business meeting on August 11th.
- **CPC Presentation:** We continue to work on a basic presentation that can be used as a starting point for any CPC presentation. We are modifying the CPC presentation that GSO provided to accomplish this.
- **CPC Committee Meeting:** We held a NAGSC/NNIG CPC committee meeting on July 19th. There were 5 in attendance. We have a new NNIG CPC liaison and two new committee members. We reviewed the recent CPC activities. We also reviewed the May edition of the Grapevine, which had a special section on CPC and activities that other areas/districts are involved in. We will be meeting again on October 11th to determine other activities we want to pursue as a committee and budget for these for 2016.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to be of service. Cheryl E.

NAGSC Corrections: Mike L. Hello everyone my name is Mike L and I am an alcoholic serving as NAGSC Corrections Chair. District 16 in Sparks has had a real interest where I was able to participate in two corrections presentations answering questions and gaining interest in service in corrections facilities. As well District 12 has invited the corrections committee to make a presentation at there district meeting in October. It has been a pleasure to be able to work with the new very enthusiastic NNIG corrections chair Harry H. He has begun by managing to arrange for the Par Blvd Washoe County Jail to start taking applications for AA members to bring meetings into the facility. It has been a very long time since there have been meetings at Parr Blvd. In August NNIG voted to start to use Pink Can money to pay for Grapevine and La Vina to as many as 35 treatment facilities in Northern Nevada. The Grapevine requires that subscriptions be addressed to a not to just facility but to responsible person at the facility. So we are all working to arrange to get the names from each facility. I recently started listening to a speaker tapes from the International Convention in Atlanta After I heard a tape on Corrections Correspondence Service I got in my heart to step up to be willing to serve for the Correspondence Service since I had heard there was a great need for male volunteers. A few days ago I received a warm note from the Corrections desk at GSO via email stating right now there is a waiting list to participate in the program. It is wonderful to see the fellowship has responded so well when the call for help was made. It good to be here at our assembly and being able to serve to help to bring the message to the incarcerated alcoholic. My contact information is on the roster and if your group or district would like the corrections committee to visit please contact me. Thank you for letting me serve

NAGSC DCM Coordinator: Chris S. In the beginning of this rotation in the northern area we talked about communication amongst each other. How can we better reach out not only to ourselves but the still suffering alcoholic? DCM's reaching out to the NAGSC chair positions for a 10 minute presentation and the other way around. We can't wait for each to do the job of reaching out we just need to do it. So as the year progressed, everyone started reaching out to each other and pretty soon we had presentations and workshops happening. At our last NAGCS meeting NAGSC chairs actually started getting people on an actual committee. DCM's were busy getting the Chairs to come and do presentations. Some Intergroup positions were working together alongside their counterparts in general service. When this position started in the last rotation these were some of the topics talked about, but I think that it really never took hold as well as what is happening today. General service saved my life and my sobriety at a time when I felt there was nothing else to do in AA. Another topic of discussion was email lists. DCM's do you have an email list of all your GSR's? GSR's do you have an email list of all your home group members that would like to be a part of the information highway. Doing a flyer of your District meeting and posting it in some of the homegroups via your GSR's could save the bored life of a sober alcoholic. So once again communication is key. Chris S.

NAGSC Grapevine: Debbie S. Hello, my name is Debbie, your alcoholic Northern Area Grapevine Chair. The fall assembly is the turn of your Southern Area Grapevine Chair to set-up and man the display table, whereas it is the duties of your Northern Area Chair at the Spring Assembly. With that being said, two hundred, thirty dollars of Grapevine items were sold at the Spring Assembly. Two Grapevine Magazine subscription forms were filled out and left with me to mail out. I was asked at the Spring Assembly about the mailbox that is usually here, the one I did not bring. The mailbox is here at the Fall Assembly. You can fill out a Grapevine Magazine Subscription form and either check the box that says, "bill me" or attach a check payable to "Grapevine" and drop it into the purple mailbox. Jake will make

sure they are properly dropped into the U.S. Postal Box. The Northern Area was given a list of eight inmates, incarcerated in the North, that had requested Grapevine Magazine subscriptions. In utilizing our Northern Area Secretary to post a letter flyer by way of e-mail, our groups, districts, and members contacted me for an inmate and ordered the subscription. They were all filled inside a couple weeks. What a loving and giving group of members we have! I was invited to set-up a Grapevine display at the "Serenity in the Rubies" campout, out of Elko. There were awesome speakers and meetings, good food and fellowship. A Grapevine Magazine subscription was ordered from there. I have been invited to set-up a Grapevine display table at the 'Oasis Festival in Fallon' on October 17th. I have personally visited the aagrapevine.org website. I signed up to receive the free Grapevine Daily Quotes at my e-mail address. I placed an order for Northern Area supplies and items. The website is easy to navigate through and ordering online was quick, easy and painless. All members can get the free Daily Quotes and order online. Again that website is aagrapevine.org. In closing, I look forward to serving over the next year and couple months, one day at a time.

NAGSC GSR Survival: Ray G. I have had a very exciting and busy summer hosting 4 GSR trainings. Using the Survival Guide, front to back, Inviting questions and more of a conversation as apposed to teaching this is, I think, the best service job I have ever had. Elco, district 10A, was the headliner with a room full of about 20 participants. July 18, District 8 Mammoth, Aug. 16, District 6 South Lake Tahoe, Aug. 22, District 10 A Elco NV, Aug. 29, District 4 & 6 Reno, Thank you for allowing me to be of service

NAGSC PI: Lyle C. The PI committee from the north continues to look for ways that we can serve the districts and groups in the North. We are willing to come to district meetings to discuss the value of starting a local PI committee and to hear about the successes and challenges of existing PI committees. At the June NAGSC meeting as part of our report, we presented the "what and why of PI" and asked if we could be of service to any districts. Here are some examples of the goings on in the North: District 8 has a strong CPC/PI committee which provides panels. District 20 has started new CPC and PI work. PSAs are now on the largest radio station. There have been requests for how to reach the still suffering alcoholics in some of the communities. We went to a District 16 meeting and briefly discussed the value of having a PI Committee. Some ideas for introduction of PI in small towns:

- Start small like including meetings in local papers along with the hotline phone number.
- Place schedules in library, hospital, sheriff, doctor's office.

I was able to attend the International Convention in Atlanta and was asked to participate at the Public Information Booth. This was the first time that GSO provided booths for each of the standing committees. I was on the registration floor for four hours at the PI Booth. The new PSA video "Shadows" was there for viewing in English, Spanish and French. I was able to discuss with members at large about PI, mainly the concept that we are informational not promotional. I met some staff from our General Service Office and other Area and local PI Chairs. One of the PI Chairs from Florida talked at length to the District 20 PI Chair and me regarding an upcoming CPC/PI open forum. I received a memo from GSO, which Paul has sent out, requesting information about how local groups, districts and areas are currently using social media. This is not a call for discussion or opinions on the value of using social media, but for actual experiences. For example, I am aware of closed facebook groups that are being used. Please see me this weekend or email me your experiences at pinagsc@gmail.com I had the opportunity to discuss the value of running PSAs (public service announcements) on the local radio stations to a concerned Area 42 member. I explained that letting the public know about Alcoholics Anonymous is informational not promotional. We are anonymous individually, but AA is not anonymous. A quote the PI Workbook: "What is Public Information Work and Why Should A.A.s Do It? Public Information (P.I.) in Alcoholics Anonymous means carrying the message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic by informing the general public about the A.A. program." In Fellowship and Service, Lyle C.

NAGSC Special Needs / Remote Communities: Roberta B. I have been busy with Special Needs since the beginning of the year. There is much to learn and it took me a while to get up to speed and decide on an area of concentration. The incidents of people bringing dogs purported to be service dogs to meetings are increasing and there are specific rules in the ADA regarding such animals. It is important that our groups are familiar with the rules of the ADA in order to avoid issues and to assure that all AA members with special needs of any nature can feel welcome and comfortably attend meetings. I attended the May business meeting of District 12 with information about special needs, specifically service animals and handicap access. In July I travelled to Elko and made a Special Needs/Remote Communities presentation at the business meeting of District 10a. It was a small but enthusiastic group. We watched a short video of the 12 Steps and a special needs member's story in American Sign Language. 10a and the Elko Group are wonderful hosts and I thoroughly enjoyed my stay, the drive not so much. I also attended the August 9th District 6 business meeting with a short sign language video, info on Service Animals, some access issues and discussion items for home group business meetings. I was scheduled to attend the business meeting of Area 14 in July, but had to cancel due to a medical issue. Hopefully, I will be able to reschedule before the snow flies or my house sells. I was scheduled to attend the District 16 business meeting in August but that was canceled due to other pressing District 16 business and hope to reschedule that also. If any District or group in the Northern Area would like a presentation, please let me know and I will schedule it as soon as possible. I would like to visit the more remote areas while the weather is still good. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Roberta B.

NAGSC Treatment: Gary S. Hello All, My name is Gary and I am your alcoholic Northern Area Treatment Chair. I hope everyone has had a great summer, of course climaxing with an exciting ,fun filled weekend in beautiful down town Tonopah. First , I want to thank District 8 from June Lake California for Hosting the Fall NAGSC Business meeting. The weather was great, and the beautiful scenery made the drive very enjoyable. That with the company along for the drive and great fellowship at the meeting made for an unbeatable day. The first 9 months of my term as your northern area treatment chair has been a real eye opener, and learning experience. I would like to thank everyone who has guided, supported and had faith in me as I waded into the world of general service. On to the business at hand. As I began this journey , I soon learned that the treatment chair was also responsible for the BTG duties as well. I continue to receive BTG requests from both AAWS and several areas from around the pacific region. Since the first of the year, most requests have been handled successfully. But in that respect I feel that I have failed. If even one alcoholic requesting help finding their way into our fellowship is left out on their own without someone there holding out a hand to help , we have failed! My hope is that from now till the end of my term as your northern area treatment chair, ALL requests for help can be met, with those coming to our communities finding their way home into our fellowship. To do that, I will need your help. Sometimes I get requests with little time before those requesting help come home. It would be great if when I get requests, especially those relocating to the outlying areas, that I had contacts in place of people willing to welcome those requesting our help to our fellowship. If anyone is willing to have their names added to my list of contacts, Please see me at our next break, or my contact info is on the northern area contact list. On the treatment side, all seems to be moving along well in the northern area. There are several new groups that have formed in area treatment centers in the last few months. Not that I can claim any responsibility in the forming of these new groups. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize my counterpart, the NNIG Treatment Chair, Joel B. These new groups are the result of his motivation and dedication to his service commitment. Needless to say his hard work has made it much easier for me to focus my effort on the BTG side of my duties. I can only hope that my efforts bear results equal to his. Thank you for your time and for allowing me to be of service, Gary S.

NAGSC NNIG Liaison not present emailed report: Mike M. Hello my name is Mike and I'm an alcoholic. The Central office is running smoothly Leslie S. and Dan M. the Intergroup chair are doing an amazing job. Central office has a wonderful selection of recovery related items chips, jewelry and literature. Last month there were 234 total calls to Central office. There has also been a part time employee hired to help with the increasing work load We had elections and I'm happy to say that most of the positions have been filled, we still need a Bridging The Gap Chair. The body also voted on H&I providing the Grapevine and lavina to hospitals and institutions and we are now doing so. The New Year's Eve Gala is officially now The New Year's Day Gala and will be a masquerade theme and will be held at the Atlantis Casino. The fall is an exciting time of year there're many events scheduled. Please check out our newly updated website nnig.org for all event information. Thank You for Letting me Serve

SAGSC Chair: Jonelle Greetings Area 42, my name is Jonelle and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving Area42 as the Southern Area General Service Committee Chair and I think I am really starting to get the hang of this... As long as we have no more discussions revolving around Guidelines, proposals, Roberts Rules & voting procedures, I'm good! No, but seriously... I have truly enjoyed my experience thus far and am excited to be challenged and grow as I continue to serve... (Just not a huge bunch, ok...) We have had two SAGSC meetings since our Spring Assembly. Our May 17th meeting was primarily devoted to our Delegate's post conference report. At our July 12th meeting, we were graced by the presence of Phil, our Area Chair and Laura, the NAGSC Secretary. It was announced that our Alt. Area Secretary/ SAGSC Secretary will be relocating, which has left her position open. We will be voting this weekend for a new trusted servant. I want to personally thank Erica for all her commitment and dedication to Area 42, no matter what position she has served... So thank you Erica! Our next SAGSC meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2015 at the Tie Club at 1:15pm. I thank you all for what you do and allowing me to do it with you!

SAGSC Treasurer: Edie D. The P&L as well as Balance Sheet reports are posted on the wall above the table at the entry. You will notice on the Balance Sheet that there are two banks listed as we closed out our Wells Fargo accounts and transferred the funds to Chase Bank. Further reports will only show the Chase accounts. As of 8-30-15 we are showing a net profit of \$1,647.05 and all Officers, GSRs and DCMs have been reimbursed for the Spring Assembly as well as the funded personnel to PRAASA in March. I am certain that I will be writing checks this weekend for Fall Assembly reimbursements. Our group contributions for the last fiscal quarter were \$2,230.32, plus literature \$42.00 and 7th Tradition \$134.75 giving us a total income for the last quarter of \$2,407.07. Our total expenses for the quarter were \$1,237.01 leaving us a net income of \$1,159.76. As mentioned, we closed our Wells Fargo accounts and moved all the funds over to Chase Bank. This was a decision made by the SAGSC Finance Committee in part to make it easier in future rotations to add and remove signatories to the checking account. With the passing of our Finance Committee Chair, we were delayed in making the transfer of funds, however all is now in order and the only change for the groups is that they can now make their checks out to SAGSC. Thanks for the allowing me the opportunity to serve as your SAGSC Treasurer for this panel. Edie D.

SAGSC Bridging the Gap: Lenny H. no report

SAGSC CPC: Cherie M. PI/CPC committees meet at Central Office the 2nd Monday/Month at 4:30 pm. We work together a majority of the time. All are welcome.

Met with HR Dept of Valley Electric in Pahrump and supplied literature for their employees.

Met with Henderson Library directors and Pahrump Library. Supplied them with BB/12&12/Spanish BB for their permanent collections and Grapevines for the periodical sections.

Attend Mayors Faith Initiative workgroup monthly and had a table at the 7/11 event.

Supplied lit racks to majority of the SNAMHS locations in Southern area. Presentations to some locations to staff. Table at Gratitude Ball.

Table at PTA Annual event and 2 PTA training events.

Attended Convoy of Hope's kickoff luncheon.

Table at NEAC Metro Women's Resource Fair.

Table at Nevada Homeless Alliance event.

Table at Lutheran Social Services monthly event.

Table at Catholic Charities Prenatal Health Fair.

Presentations (3) to clients of HELP So NV. Screened "Hope" DVD plus speaker and literature.

Table at Founders Day.

Tables Dist 7 and 15 events.

National Night Out- Tables at 8 locations in Vegas area. A big thank you to all who volunteered and staffed tables.

"Muchas gracias" to Dist 21 who we shared tables with at the NE and NLV locations. We look forward to working together for many upcoming events.

Attended Dist 21's Forum and the CPC roundtable there. A great experience.

Have attended many group and district business meetings to raise awareness of PI/CPC work. We now have some group reps and the green can is being passed. Thank you to all groups who have donated to our committees. We're able to carry the message with your help. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Cherie M. CPC So Area 42

SAGSC PI report given by Cherie M. (CPC Chair): Russ C. I'm Russ and I'm an alcoholic and the Public Information Chair for Southern Area 42. I'm grateful to be here and grateful to be of service.

P.I. had literature tables presented at the Gratitude Ball, the PTA Convention, Founders' Day, the Mayors Faith Initiative Unity Celebration, and represented at eight locations in the Las Vegas area on National Night Out August 4, 2015. With contacts made at the Unity Celebration I met with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and in cooperation with them are developing an assessment program for the Clark County Detention Center to help identify problem areas of inmates that will defer them to programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous. There is work to be done as the rough draft would go against our Traditions of Anonymity and Affiliation.

Literature was displayed at Summit Mental Health and I will display literature at The Veterans Hospital 9-14-2015.

Some of our future events include:

~ Suicide Prevention Walk For Hope taking place this weekend.

~ September 26 Choice Open Air Markets in North Las Vegas.

~ Clark County Employee Health Fair November 18 & 19

~ Convoy of Hope November 21

~ Las Vegas Roundup November 26, 27 and 28 th.

We will continue attending group and district business meetings to help inform AA about what P.I. does.

Thank you for letting me be of service. Russ C.

Break 7:45

Resume 8:00

GSR Orientation: Don L. talked about the Area structure (Area, NAGSC, & SAGSC) and the funding / 3 treasuries, Nancy H. Talked about the Grapevine, Brouk H. talked about anonymity online.

Area Committee meeting: (blue room) 44 in attendance, Mike M. our Delegate announced that the General Service Conference reports were not here and would be handed out at the next upcoming NAGSC and SAGSC meetings. He asked if we might consider have the fall Assembly later in September. Discussion followed and since this was the first time the reports were not there that it might not be necessary to do so. The availability would have to be looked in to.

Phil W. Stated that the Area 42 Guidelines (3.3 B) state that the Area Committee selects the replacement of Alternate Officers. We need an Alternate Treasure and 3 members (Kathleen W., Will. L., & Edie D.) made themselves available, the Area Committee took a sense of the meeting and Edie D. was selected with 68%. We also need an Alternate Secretary and Glenn W. made himself available and was selected unanimously.

The DCM / Standing Committee Chairs meetings at the Assembly were discussed and it was the sense of the members that attended in March that this was a good idea. It was asked if they wanted to meet together in one meeting or separate. A sense of the meeting was taken and the result was 30 to meet separate and 5 to combine the two meetings.

Sat. Sept. 12, 2015

Open: Alejandra, serenity prayer, Laura, unity statement, Anne, anonymity statement, Phil, 12 & 12, service manual (end of chapter 6)

Delegates report: Mike M. We are going to start with the end. A PSA, I saw at the Conference this really touched me and this seemed to grabbed the new comer at there darkest point of there life (The Doors). Let me see you because you look different to me and what has changed is me. This has really changed my whole perception of A.A., the fellowship, and the Area. The biggest thing that I have learned is to be less ridged. Maybe my idea or idealistic of the way things are is not right and maybe I could listen to you and I could learn something and that you have the right to be right or the right to be wrong. 1. There is going to come a time in your life in you're A.A. service history when you are going to have the opportunity to stand and make yourself available for Delegate but you will think you won't be ready. 2. I hope I have found a way to convey how much you mean to me and the significance you have in my life. I hope I'm able to communicate that to you through this report. I thought about you so much while I was away at this Conference, and what you were thinking and how this would effect your home group and would you what me to get up out of my comfort zone and raise my hand and say something. 3. I going to open it up for questions, so ask me questions.

Why are you here, what is your role here today. Your job is to take notes and take this information back to your groups and try to the best of your ability to share my report with them. This is an interesting crowd. We are here to communicate. There are really two ways for your group to communicate with the General Service Office (GSO) 1st Box 459 this comes out quarterly through the GSO, 2nd is through communicating with your Delegate we just pass information back and forth to one another. It's just a flow of information that's the purpose of why we are here. This has been an interesting process and in no way I could have been prepared for this as much information as I tried to seek and get out of people there is no way for them to have told me exactly what happens at the General Service Conference (GSC). I'm going to do my very best to give you all the secrets that was not told to me before I went to the GSC. What I focused on were the 10 items that we discussed at the Spring Assembly here. Something about the conference it's like the wizard of oz with what is behind the big curtain. Someone pulled me aside and they said get rest and a couple days later someone said to me now on your breaks you are going to have the opportunity to go up to your room, but you don't want to do that, you want to go out and talk to people, you want to go out and meet them, you don't want to go and isolate in your room. Yes but she just told me to get rest and they said no don't do that. So about 48 hours before I ready to leave I just all tightly wound my phone rings and a good friend of mine calls me and she says now listen, on Tues. or Wed. you are going to see someone have a melt down and it may be you and if it does don't worry about it just keep going. Conference began on Sat. night with a remote communities discussion, then we had an orientation the 2nd year Delegates spoke to the 1st year Delegates to just give us an overall of what to expect. One got up and said something that just kind of put a light bulb and had a little change in me, he said you are not going to hear anything here that you haven't heard before, there's not going to any new steps, concepts or jargon you are going to know everything we are talking about. At that moment I felt a part of.

There are two boards that serve A.A., Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (AAWS) and the Grapevine. GSO does not run A.A. it is ran by these two boards. AAWS: has over site of the GSO, group services, printing & distributing literature (AA website aa.org 30,000 hits a day this is a wonderful 12th step tool). These two boards are ran by 21 Trustees and 7 of them are non-alcoholic. The Grapevine: 74,000 monthly print subscriptions, and there is 5262 online subscriptions (Nevada has 554 subscriptions and California has 6542). The Grapevine had an annual profit \$325,828 in 2014, La Vina: 10,379 bi-monthly subscriptions and that's an increase of 234 from the year before. La Vina had an income of \$59,447 but spent \$132,026 and that's a -\$72,579. In 2016 La Vina will be 20 years old (need to sell 25,000 to 27,000 subscriptions to be profitable) New archive content on the web site aa.org. International Convention approx. 57,000 in attendance (784 registered attendees with ASL, 93 flags that were displayed in addition to the eagle staff representing the Native American and first nations). In October we will be saying good bye to our dear friend Phyllis our general service manager, the new manager will be Greg T. 10 agenda items from March; 1. Finance to increase the annual contribution from 3000 to 5000 (only 27 gave the max) did not pass. 2 Grapevine discuss ways to increase subscriptions. Did not make it to the floor, did not pass. 3. lit. a) mental health pamphlet (class A came to mic. this is not to teach) passed. b) pamphlet for women passed. c) aa and the gay and lesbian pamphlet passed
AA wants your stories on all three of these pamphlets. Inactive groups or districts Review business plan for Grapevine did not make it to the floor Corrections correspondence did not make it to the floor. 12 & 12 & 12 cost from 10, 000 to 50,000 did not pass. Letter from Area 42 first correspondence from Nevada. July, Jack Alexander article.

Election of two finance committee members: (Ruth)

Three made themselves available from the North, Claudia C. (north), Barbra M. (north), Maryanne T. (north) elected, by simple majority. Two made themselves available from the South, Steve M. (south) elected, Lisa G. (south) by simple majority.

Confirmations: (Ruth)

Glenn W. for Alt Secretary confirmed. Edie D. for Alt Treasure confirmed

DCM reports:

District 15: Tim S. District 15 held a "Unity in A.A." eat & speak, the Area Delegate chaired the meeting, giving his talk on his New York trip. He introduced the 4 speakers (3 with 50 years and 1 with 56 years) all 5 speakers were well received. We served meat sauce & vegan spaghetti. The food was eaten till no sauces were left. We had fewer than 60 in attendance. There was about 15 homeless; 10 of which do attend meetings. I feel the event was a hands down success. In a somber note, do to health and other situations in my life, I'm sorry to announce I'm stepping down as DCM. Thank you Tim S.

District 22: Henry B. The District 22 Reno wishes all Happy 24 hrs of sobriety. The District 22 meets once per-week on Tuesday and we make the unity with the groups. The District 22 gave the total support to the XVII Convention Hispanic in the state of Nevada, Las Vegas it was in July 2015. The Committee of H&I, is taking meetings into the jail in Warm Springs and Carson City and we are between a maximum of 18 people and a minimum of 9 people. The telephone service to the public in Espanol (775) 335-6489 and we are receiving 8 to 12 calls monthly from the community. The last participation of District 22 was on 9 August in the city of Las Vegas, working together with the District 21, Area 42 for us to participate in the table 10 at the Forum of Las Vegas. The District 22 Reno continues doing the unity with all the North Area. By their attention thanks DCM Henry B.

Break 9:50**Resume 10:00****Finance Committee:** Carol B. Budget sheet in packet

Budget: line 6185 GSR Survival Guides, Ray G. moved to have Area 42 pay for this expense and no longer have GSRs pay for the GSR Survival Guide 2nd from floor. Discussion; James, groups should be self supporting and cover the expense, Carol, you can download this at araenevada42.org, **1st vote passed**, minority opinion; Janet, groups should be self supporting and cover the expense, Pam, you can download this at araenevada42.org, Ed, how much did you pay for your last drink, **2nd vote after minority opinion, 68 for 52 opposed, passed simple majority.**

Tom: Motion to have budget done at the March assembly John 2nd, **Did not pass only 3 for, no minority opinion Motion to approve budget, passed unanimously**

AA e-communications presentation with questions: Brouk H. Use of technology in the changing world, many felt that A.A. as a whole needs to develop a more effective approach to technology. Particular at the Conference level, where the dissemination of information and communication is so critical, new technologies can provide the Fellowship with some benefits. Technology can be used to reach new people (both in terms of service and recovery) and to provide for the wide dispersion of materials relative to the processes and procedures of the General Service Conference. Through secure shared websites, conference calls, blogs or other electronic meeting mechanisms, information can be disseminated more frequently, helping to stretch the Conference out over the full year rather than bunching everything in short, intense bursts. Technology could also be well applied at the Conference itself, facilitating communication between committees, for voting and tabulation, and for presentation of items to the Conference as a whole.

Questions from floor; Justin: Do we need to get educational training and/or professionals to do our web sites. A. it shouldn't be that complex (its where you are) Cherie: are there any PI/CPC web sites to look at A. I'm sure there are, Ron: concerned privacy issues and security A. Sue: workshops where and when A. St. Louis MO. Oct. Tom: is the committee going to be putting anything online A. at present no, at this time we are not funded

Lunch 11:45**Resume 1:00****Inventory Review:** Andrea / John Timers, Nancy H.

1. a). John: when getting emails with attachments PDF is best, b). John: Newsletter from Area, Box 459, Chuck: ditto, Laura: we are doing a good job it is better to get 2 or 3 emails than not get it at all, Darryl: coordinating events, David: think our communication is lacking but some don't care or want to get the information, Joan: sponsorship and have a home group, Pat: nothing works better than 1 on 1, Joyce: some people don't want the information, Anne: will put your events in Newsletter, John: there are contacts on the Area 42 web site for Officers, standing committee chairs, and DCMs
2. Barbra: have DCM visit all meetings in district, Fox: I'm an alcoholic the term dark district is ok I have no problem with the term, Dale: past DCM from remote district and sometimes you can't find the people,
3. Matt: utilize past delegates and trustees, Rhonda: we have great resources of long timers, Samantha: have seen some progress from a few years ago,
4. Claudia: it works for our Area, Maryanne: not only good geographically but financially, Justin: it can be confusing, Rhonda: we work like a family, Barbra: , Mike: have developed great friendships, Lenny: when I came in I was a little

confused and I have seen progress and I have seen the Traditions in action, Darryl: not divisive makes it more cohesive, Paul: read statement of purpose from Area 42 guidelines, Pat: we do a dam good job,

SAGSC Grapevine: Jake S. Hello area 42 my name is Jake- I am an alcoholic! I am very happy and excited to be here with you in beautiful downtown Tonopah Nevada again. I am currently serving as your southern area 42 grapevine chair. I know that we have a very busy weekend planned here so I will keep this short and sweet. I will not take time to talk about all of the workshops and events that I have been to since the last time we were here, but I do want to say thank you to all of the groups, workshops, and events that have asked me to speak and or set up the grapevine display. If you would like me to come speak to your group or set up the grapevine table I am always willing to do so. If you have something coming up and if you would like me to attend please let me know. On October 24th the grapevine will be at the district 1 and 13 workshop at the triangle club. And in November we have our biggest event of the year at the Las Vegas round up at the Westgate Hotel and Casino. I hope by now that all of you are aware of the grapevine subscription challenge for 2015. We are doing very well in the subscription challenge and we are currently at a 21% increase in new subscription growth. We started the year with 456 Grapevine subscriptions. This year we have received 96 new subscriptions, and we are currently in fifth place overall. Please if you have never subscribed to the Grapevine or if you used to have a subscription and you were thinking about renewing it now would be a great time to do so. Any print, online, complete, or redeemed gift certificate will count towards the grapevine subscription challenge. Debbie and I have the subscription forms to fill out back at the grapevine table. You do not have to pay any money this weekend just fill it out and put it in the mailbox. If you have never seen the online version it is really cool. On there you can see every article, joke, or feature that has ever been printed in the AA grapevine since 1944. This week we will be playing a AA Jeopardy game. The top three qualifiers will be playing for the championship before the Saturday night banquet. The winner will receive a year print subscription to the AA Grapevine. So put on your thinking caps and show off all that beautiful AA knowledge. Alcoholics Anonymous has saved my life. I know that I do not have to explain this to anyone sitting in this room. General Service has become a huge part of my program of recovery. Thank you all so much for all of your service and giving me a life beyond anything I could have ever dreamed. I love you all. Jake

“Solutions to Keep our rooms Safe”: Rhonda W. My Name is Rhonda and I am an Alcoholic. I am your current area 42 Archivist. When Phil asked me to share on the topic of safety in AA or Predators in AA my first thought went to 13th Steppers. What I discovered while reading the research was 13th stepping is only 1 element in the destructive thread that runs through AA. Some of the other problems we have been having is illegal activity and bullying. Then we have some that are not so obvious like, indifference, language and lack of respect.

I am going to start today with predators, we call them 13th steppers like it is some kind of cute (next step in AA) sort of thing. The truth is they are predators. Predators in AA are members who take advantage of others in sexual, spiritual or financial ways. This is not just about the old timer trying to get the newcomer into bed, this also includes pressuring newcomers to go to church, join religious groups or attend seminars or self help programs that are not AA related. It also includes financial predators, preying on peoples weakness' to get them to give you money, asking straight out for money or pressure to buy items like Avon or Mary Kay. These newcomers feel pressured into helping and even believe that if they don't purchase whats being sold or have a home party they will be excluded from AA.

Next let's address illegal activity, “AA cannot be viewed as a sanctuary from the laws of the society we live in”. Illegal activity in AA is not protected by anonymity. We have all been in a home group where the treasurer has run off with the money, I have even run off with the money once. (I paid it back in full) Most of the time we turn the other cheek. We rely on our higher power to work it out. A lot of the times the money is returned and sometimes it is not and we loose that member of AA. Your group has the right to file a complaint with the police if that is what you decide. It is a theft and if it is a lot of money, you probably should. If people are selling drugs in your meeting, call the police. If people are harming others physically in your meeting, call the police. We also need to cooperate with the landlords of our meeting places. No smoking means no smoking. No loud music blaring, no trash left around the building. Look at it like it is your home, would you allow that behavior in your home?

Now we have bullying, a fairly new discussion in AA these days. Something I have never personally looked at. I went online and read a bunch of non AA related material about bullying in AA. Most of the blogs and remarks were from people who didn't like to be told what to do, (like the steps). After I weeded through the whiners I ran into a few that made me look at myself and my sponsorship tools. Do I demand that the women I sponsor do anything? Do I look down on them, talk down to them? Do I put them down or shame them for human behavior? And then, how do I act in meetings, am I holier than thou? Do I bully? Do I cross talk, or yell “Who are you” when someone forgets to identify themselves? Do I intimidate the newcomer? I once had a girl tell me she was afraid to ask me to sponsor her because she heard I was mean. Did I create that?

There is a solution. In the new Pamphlet “ Many Paths to Spirituality” is says “ The Spirit of tolerance is strong in AA..” And our treasured Big Book says Love and tolerance is our code. When should we set aside our tolerance and take action? These are the problems that should not be tolerated:

Sexual predation, verbal threats, physical altercations, an active drunk taking over a meeting, language, vulgarity, slurs, anonymity violations, and non alcoholics at closed meetings. We are not talking about general meeting disruptions, the drunk guy who puked in the hallway, the women who blurts out phrases every few minutes. We have all had to deal

with the newcomer who hasn't quit got the protocol down. We are talking about extremely disruptive or dangerous behavior.

Bruce D wrote a paper for the Area 2 Convention in Alaska, he wrote a synopsis of safety in AA, using some of the traditions. I am going to break it down for us. Trad 1: Unity- Do I treat our meeting place in a way that will let me and others continue to meet here? Trad 2: We have trusted servants in our group (or we should have) Use them, they are our leaders (Kinda) Trad 3: Meeting should offer a sense of confidentiality for anyone who wishes to recover. I shouldn't have to worry that I am being tagged on a facebook page at an AA meeting. Trad 4: Group conscious Does my group talk about these issues? What safety guidelines have we discussed? Trad 5: If my group is practicing tradition 5 having only the purpose of carrying the message, there will be a less chance that it will become viewed as a dating service, a place to vent politics or religion, or a forum for dispensing folkloric medical advice.

What it all basically boils down to is Concept 9 " Good Service Leadership is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees...(Short Form) Well, we are all the trustees of the traditions our trustees cannot be everywhere so we must step up and help in our own home groups and with our own sponsees.

Here are some of the suggestions from our 62nd General Service Workshop in 2012 " Safety in AA: Our common Welfare" Be on the lookout for newcomers, introduce them to healthy people. Be a great sponsor, talk with your sponsees about safety in AA. Be aware of stalkers or predators, let your sponsees know. Be an example of appropriate behavior Most newcomers have no idea how to behave, sober. Seek legal help if need be. Keep your group and yourself healthy. Safety in meeting rooms should be taken seriously.

I would like to close with this. We are not trying to stir up a witch hunt here. We need to focus on communication and the creation of safe environments. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Comments from the floor: Nate: awareness be aware of what's going on, Claudia: it is my responsibility to speak up, Byron: safety also includes making it comfortable for the impaired, Tom: our meeting is struggling with profanity in meetings, Tom: great for group inventories, Kathleen: have a workshop, Tom: AA has made the news in the few years it is important to get on top of things right away, Barbara: continue to talk to people, Chuck: some people come in with altera motives concept 9, Pat: sometimes we need to pull someone aside and talk to them, Mac: try to make people fit in, Katherin: we have a cow bell at our meeting, Robert: patience and tolerance are key, Julie: after presentations at PRAASA I brought it back to my home group, Roberta: we should be cautious about what we print, Audrey: old timers took me to coffee and warned me, Fred: I have addressed this at detoxes and treatment centers, April: introduce our newcomers to healthy people, Amy: have a good sponsor, Bridget: it is our responsibility to call the police, Cherie: as I recovered I changed my behavior, Bill: the Big Book states that we are not the arbiter of anybodies sex conduct, Maryanne: profanity is not a requirement for soberitiy, Terry: it starts with me first, Joyce: when I was at PRAASA Madeline stopped the business meeting and said anything that we have come here to accomplish is never ever more important than the way we treat each other in the process, Darryl: it is our duty to step up, Samantha: let your language reflect your spirituality please no cussing, Fox: I want to protect the newcomer, Fox: I want to protect the newcomer, Cherie: put a statement in your format about profanity, Sue: I want to challenge us to if you haven't been to a meeting that you can't stand to go to it and be the power of example, David: take a group conscience, Mike: Thanks,

Break 3:05

Resume 3:25

PRAASA 2018: Byron F. location Nugget, Sparks, NV. first full weekend in March 2018 rooms \$100.00 per night single or double

SAGSC GSR Survival: Lisa T. Hi everyone Lisa grateful alcoholic and current SAGSC GSR trainer. At our last SAGSC meeting on July 12th we had 14 new GSR's 3 or 4 of them were from District 21 our Spanish speaking District. Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

SAGSC H&I: Matt P. I'm an alcoholic my name is Matt. I've been clean and sober since August 31 of 98. I am the H&I Chair for Southern Nevada Area 42. It has been an exciting first nine months in my commitment. First of all, we would like to thank all the individuals and groups that have donated their time, energy and contributions to H&I. As of this month, we have had over 12,000 dollars in donations and have spent 8,000 dollars in books and literature. Without your support and help we will not be able to take the vital message of Alcoholics Anonymous into these institutions and facilities and carry the 12-step message to another alcoholic. Because of you an alcoholic has found a solution. Our committee has been working on being more unified with the different steering committees in our area. We've just nominated a liaison for the Silver Streak and the Intergroup website. We are working with Bridge the Gap to answer all correspondence with alcoholics that are incarcerated. Also we are answering all pre-release contact forms that are sent from any correctional facility. So that when the inmate is released from the correctional facility, Alcoholics Anonymous will be there for them. In the beginning of the year G.S.O. had sent the grapevine chair Jake and I a request from over a dozen inmates that are incarcerated here in Nevada. The inmates were requesting subscriptions for the grapevine. With the generosity and contributions of individual members of Alcoholics Anonymous we were able to fulfill over a dozen subscriptions here in the Southern Nevada area. Right now we are

short handed and don't have enough volunteers for the jails and prisons. We've been trying to get more people actively involved on the correction side of H@I. In the beginning of the year we had over 17 people fill out applications for the N.D.O.C. Nevada Department of Corrections. To volunteer and take panels into jails and prisons. As of right now we have 16 approved that are waiting to go thru the orientation process but we still need more volunteers. In the past nine months we have been given the opportunity to go into 5 new hospital and treatment facilities with around twenty new panels a week. We desperately need volunteers that would be willing to go into the hospitals and treatment facilities. To carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Some of the facilities do not require a background check just a minimal amount of sobriety and willingness to help other alcoholics. Thank you.

SAGSC Intergroup Liaison: Dean S. Last month Central Office (Jack F) reported 838 Information Calls, 83-12 Step Calls —Hotline received 2,441 info calls, 232-12 Step Calls. We had average of 148 website visits per day for a total of 4,588 for the month. Central Office bank balance was \$13,241.60. Literature Account \$12,044.17. Total of all accounts, \$39,425.02. Prudent Reserve is \$20,548.46; which is less than the goal of a year's operating expense. It takes approximately \$11,000 a month to operate Central Office, times 12 months would be over \$130,000.

Treasurer (Don H) reported month's income of \$12,101.56 -- YTD \$80,028.51 Group contributions for month \$7,029.21 -- YTD \$46,990.65, Expenses for month \$13,705.56 --YTD \$86,166.02

Hotline (Claudia) Newly completed bylaws were presented and passed at last Intergroup meeting. Please announce to groups & friends Hotline always needs volunteers.

12 Step Committee (Billy K) The 12 Step list is used by people answering the Hot Line to connect a caller to a volunteer member of AA who is willing to work with them. It's a great way to get connected & be involved in A.A. work with strangers

Silver Streak (Ken) Published monthly & supports Central Office. Contains info on events, meeting updates, etc. There is now a birthday section for donations. Free subscriptions by email or printed copies available for \$1 each.

Gratitude Ball committee (Kristin) meets 2nd Thursday of the month at Central Office. The next Gratitude Ball is scheduled for Westgate Hotel, April 23, 2016.

Founders Day Committee **celebrated 80 years of Alcoholics Anonymous at a new location: Christ Church Episcopal** 2000 S. Maryland Pkwy Las Vegas, NV 89104

Intergroup meetings are held on the second Monday of every month, 6pm, at Central Office and we encourage all representatives from your Districts and groups to attend. Please see me for any needed contact information or go to the website: <http://www.lvcentraloffice.org/>

Thank You for letting me be of service. Respectfully submitted, Dean S.

SAGSC Special Needs: Darryl B. Since the Spring Assembly we've had a few missteps, but the having such productive period before is hard to live up to. Nothing tried nothing gained. So we've gone back to being on call and available. Our cooperation with the Hot Line is starting to get the desired results I guess all good things and new ideas take time. We still need Volunteers for our Committee and someone to step up and be Co-Chair, and the Hot Line always needs Volunteers of all types. At this time I want to thank the few steadfast Committee members that have always been there to help. August 22nd thru the 24th I was privileged to attend the West Central Regional Forum, meeting with Trustees, past and present, Dellegates, GSO and World service staff who graciously answered all my questions. I also met the Area 41 Special Needs and Accessibilities Chair who gave a great report. Listening to her and attending workshops on Remote and Indigenous members and the Concepts reaffirmed that we have a lot more to do but that we are on the right track and have accomplished much. After the summer doldrums our busy season is coming up. Upcoming events are the 24th annual Disabilities Awareness Day on October 17th at East Las Vegas Community Center 10:am. to 2:00pm. The Convoy of Hope November and 21st. the Saturday before Thanksgiving at Champion Field on Bonanza from 8:30 am. to 2:00pm. and of course our own Round Up, Thanksgiving weekend. We will have a table there throughout. Just to mention a few, with more to be announced. Thank you Darryl B.

Sun. Sept. 12, 2015

Open: Justin serenity prayer, Paul declaration of unity, Libby anonymity statement, Phil Chapter 7 working with others

Officer reports:

Alt. Delegate – NAGSC Chair – Finance Committee: Carol B. Hello All, I hope everyone has had a decent summer. I know it's been a hot one this year, both in the south and the north too. I look forward to this assembly because we have the opportunity to look at how we are doing and what we can do for area improvements.

The NAGSC has met twice this summer, in June for our annual Delegate Report meeting in Sparks, and August 1st. we met in June Lake. The body has decided to continue the Pre-conference presentations in the format of round-tables, with the advantage of smaller more informal discussions held in separate break-out rooms, as we have been doing in the north for about 8 years now. We are short a NAGSC Treasurer currently, and hope to get that position filled here at the assembly.

As you know, we lost Vince C. this summer and are a finance committee of 5 right now. Tinna O. has gracefully stepped into the area treasurer position while also wrapping up her NAGSC treasury duties this weekend. Early last

month we had a conference call and went through the area officer and the two appointed position submitted budgets. After careful consideration we came up with a suggested proposed budget for the August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016 fiscal year, which has been sent out through your DCM's for you to have the opportunity to familiarize yourselves with. Please take the time to voice any questions or suggestions you may have regarding the budget line items this weekend. I am planning on being seated at the treasurers table with Edie and Tinna this weekend, please feel free to stop by and say hello. Thank you once again for your commitment and dedicated service. Carol B.

Alt. Chair: Justin P. My name is Justin and I'm alcoholic. Nice to see so many first time and second time GSRs here, welcome! Don't let our fancy titles or our fancy clothes make you think we are anything but drunks just trying to stay sober. As alternate area chair my duties are primarily to assist the area chair, Phil, with the assembly. Which includes bringing and storing the translation equipment, helping to sell banquet tickets and fill in any other things that may come up. The Dcm from district 10b Samantha and Phil and I have been working on the area inventory comparison that is scheduled for Saturday. I'm looking forward to that. In July we had a District 15 event with our delegate Mike which I was able to be involved in. It's been a great gift to watch Paul take over as secretary and do such a great job. Also, We will be trotting in tonopah Saturday morning at 6am from here. Thanks for Letting me be of service, Justin

Secretary: Paul E. Hello and welcome to the Area 42 Fall Assembly. Has everyone had a chance to go over the minutes from the Spring Pre-Conference Assembly? Are there any corrections? I would like to thank everyone that sent me your report ahead of time, this will make it so much easier for our translator. For those of you who did not send me a report. Please bring me a copy of your report so that I can make a copy for our translator and the minutes. Please review the rosters to confirm that your information is correct. If not please let me know as soon as possible. When anyone comes to a microphone please state your name. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Alt. Secretary: Glenn W. no report

Registrar: Emily C. 212 in attendance, 169 voting members. Thank you to Julie C. for backing me the past couple of months. Thanks, for your support this weekend.

Archivist: Rhonda W. Hello my name is Rhonda and I am an Alcoholic. I am your Current Area 42 Archivist. We have had a great summer here in the Archives, Pat Attended the International Convention in Atlanta and brought back some CD's of the Archives presentations and the History of AA. Anne and I created the Area 42 District map and I have to say it exceeded our expectations. Please Visit the Archives Room to see this magnificent piece of art. We attended the 30th Annual Mt Charleston Picnic, the Response was overwhelming. This fall we have more picnics and workshops to attend. We will also be attending the Las Vegas Round Up. They have invited us back to set up a display, Our committee will be working the next couple of months on this. I have searched the Archives for Plays and skits about the traditions, looked for by laws for intergroup committees, searched for history tidbits for the jeopardy game and created about 15 new binders. Just a reminder that we would like all of you to create a binder of your position and turn it in at the end of your commitment. Thank You to all of you who have turned in your past paperwork!!! The response has been great and I am convinced that our area records are intact and current. If you have any events and would like Archives to set up a tale please let me or Pat know we would love to come. Also, I am putting together a book of guidelines if you could email me a copy of your district guidelines, committee guidelines or any guidelines. I will get a book put together for the Area. In Service and Love, Rhonda

Web Servant: Libby G. Hi, my name is Libby Garry and I'm an alcoholic and the Area 42 Web Servant. Welcome to Tonopah everyone. This will be a short report because my job is pretty uncomplicated. Basically, people send me requests for things to be added, updated or deleted from the Area website. Over the past six months addition requests have been mostly district workshops. They all go on the Upcoming Events page. It includes a summary on the page as well as a calendar entry. Once the date is passed then I go in (eventually) and delete the event summary, although it stays on the calendar. I can also include a link to any flyers. All you need do is send an email to the Webmaster (which can be done via the contacts page). I've also had requests the Area Newsletter and a few other miscellaneous documents. I add SAGSC & NAGSC minutes and other announcements. These go on the specific page for each of them. The area also has minutes and various other documents to be updated. In other words, if you are looking for high profile glamorous AA work, you don't want to do the web servant job. However, if you like working from home while watching TV, it's a great job. To help share the website I've created a flyer, please share with everyone in Area 42. Remember the website address is nevadaarea42.org Thanks for letting me be of service. Libby G

Newsletter Editor: Anne K. Hello, everyone. My name is Anne and I am an alcoholic. I am also your Area 42 Newsletter Editor. The Summer 2015 Newsletter made its way to Area on Aug. 13. It included the tentative agenda, the finance report; messages from our chairman, Phil W., the Southern Area General Service Committee and the Northern Area General Service Committee chairs also contributed this issue. The agenda and Phil's message indicated this weekend will include a presentation on how to best manage our presence in the digital universe from Brouck H. – who has served AA in the technological arena. To give us all a better understanding of what he will be talking about, this

issue of the newsletter includes a deeper dive into the Eleventh Tradition. A large portion of the AA Online Guidelines was included along with a short essay on the Eleventh Tradition originally published in the Grapevine in 1958 by co-founder, Bill W. You may or may not have noticed, but the newsletter has been ahead a season since the first issue came out in February. At the time, it was called the spring issue when it really was the winter issue. That has been corrected and we are back in the right season. The issues online are updated. Apologies for any confusion this may have caused. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this newsletter by helping edit or bringing other things to light. I appreciate the help. If you would like to see something included that isn't, or if you would like to contribute an article, please let me know at least one month before deadline so your suggestion can be considered. The next newsletter will be published on Oct. 31. Finally, I'm going to circulate an email sign-up sheet for those who want to receive the newsletter. Please distribute this newsletter to your districts and groups as you see fit. If you know of someone who isn't as active in the digital arena as you are and you think they might enjoy reading up on Area 42, please print a copy for them so they can stay informed too. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Anne K.

Alt. Treasure: Edie D. nothing to report

RENVYPAA: Matthew S. RENVYPAA is Reno Nevada Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous. Our committee went to Arizona to bid for SWACYPAA (Southwestern Area Conference for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) and we were awarded the bid. SWACYPAA 2016 will be held in Reno. SWACYPAA host committee elections will be held at the Reno Triangle Club (635 S. Wells Ave. Reno, NV.) on Sunday September 20th from Noon to 6:00 PM, food will be provided. All support and attendance at elections would be greatly appreciated. YPAA (Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) is for anybody who is young, young at heart or has room to grow. Matthew S.

Chair: Phil W. Hi to all of you, I am very grateful that you are all able to be here this weekend. I had a very busy spring and summer, which has been Balanced between my personal professional life both which I would not have without A.A. I have to say thanks to the many folks who have helped as we worked on putting together the different parts of our area assembly. I have been able to visit different folks and really enjoy checking out our area. I believe that we should be working to strengthen and unite our Area and the fellowship it is part of. I really do love the fact that I get the privilege to do this commitment and do understand that I do have a responsibility to you to live and act in a way that represents our sober way of life. I really do like it when you ask if there is anything you can do to help and will do my best to find things for anyone who would like to help us out. Once again I love to cruise around our beautiful Area and do like to visit your districts and home groups. Please let me know If I can visit you and or be of any assistance. I love A.A. and this area Thanks for allowing me to do this commitment Phil W.

PRAASA 2018: Sophie K., Mike M. elected PRAASA Chair

New Business: Motions / Proposals

AA GSC Agenda Item Proposal: Sue H., 2nd Wayne H. **Proposal:** That Endnote #4 of Warranty 6, Concept XII be removed from the book, "The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service" manual. Endnote #4 reads as follows: "Bill here, apparently inadvertently, used the phrase "in action and spirit" instead of "in thought and action" that appears elsewhere in both the Conference Charter and the statement of Concept XII."

The sentence that the Endnote #4 in Warranty Six refers to reads as follows: "That though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in action and spirit."

Background: An ongoing A.A. Concept Study Group in Reno, NV, Area 42 (Nevada and parts of Eastern California) became concerned during discussion of Endnote #4. Specifically, the Study Group feels that Endnote #4 was added out of speculation as to what Bill meant to say. Furthermore, it is felt that since the endnote was added after Bill W.'s death, it cannot be confirmed or otherwise responded to by Bill himself. The Study Group proceeded with several inquiries about this matter with the help of Sophie K., Area 42 Delegate during this time, Tracy O., a staff person at GSO who has the service manual as one of her responsibilities, and Michele M., A.A. Archivist at GSO. The results are that no evidence can be found to indicate that Bill himself meant anything different from what he wrote in Warranty 6.

Additional Findings: The Study Group learned that Panel 63 Area Delegate George J. previously addressed and was pursuing this same concern in 2013. Unfortunately he died before he could complete the matter. Our communication with GSO did reveal that in 1972, while editing of the content of the Service Manual, an unknown person in the Publishing Department (at GSO) marked out the printed wording in Warranty 6 and wrote in their preferred personal handwritten changes. These changes were indicated for the changes to be made in the printing of the 1978 A.A. Service manual. This resulted in Endnote #4 being added. This all took place after Bill's death in 1971.

Conclusion and Requested Action: Because the content of Endnote #4 remains speculative in nature and because there is no clear historical evidence that Bill meant anything other than what he wrote, the Concept Study Group is requesting that Endnote #4 of Warranty 6, Concept XII be removed from the manual and printing of "The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service".

History of Actions Taken to Date:

2013: Concern about the endnote raised in Concept Study Group and discussed with Area 42 Delegate.

2014: Research on matter conducted by Concept Study Group with assistance of Area 42 Delegate, GSO staff and AA Archivist.

2015: Proposal accepted by unanimous vote of District 4, Area 42.

2015: Proposal accepted by unanimous vote of Area 42, Northern Areas General Service Committee

2015: September - Proposal to be presented to Area 42 Area Assembly.

Reference: 2014: Concept study group attendees: Cheryl E., Joyce Y., Merl C., Nancy W., Sober Sue
Passed unanimously

Proposal for Battle Mountain Group to move from District 10B to 10A: Ronnie D. Greetings from the Battle Mountain Fellowship Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. We would appreciate consideration of our request to move our fellowship from District 10B to District 10A. This request is made with good faith and for the following reasons:

1. The majority of our members do frequent business in Elko and take the time to attend meetings and activities at the Alano Club on River Street.
2. A good number of our members do have sponsors and sponsor newcomers in the Elko area.
3. The Battle Mountain Fellowship and Elko and Carlin Groups have a history of keeping in close contact and supporting each other by attending each's meetings and providing mutual service work activities at all locations.
4. Reception to the Battle Mountain request for movement of fellowship to District 10A have been favorable from two District 10A GSR's and various Elko fellowship members.

We do appreciate being part of District 10B while realizing our request is a logical choice considering the above reasons. Thank you for considering our most humble request.

It's up to the Districts

Proposal to update guidelines: Carol B. 1st reading

Background: There are some items that were not addressed during the revisions passed in 2014. This is basically a guideline housecleaning proposal.

Currently: Most of this proposal consists of items that are not being followed, so they need to be changed, eliminated or if you so choose; adhered to, and stay in place.

Proposed changes are in a **bold larger** font.

Clarification Statements are in *italics*, not to be included in the guidelines.

1.0 AREA ASSEMBLY

This addition is suggested because the Webmaster is not included as a member of the Area Assembly.

1.1 Membership:

The following shall be members of the Area Assembly:

C. Liaisons, NAGSC/SAGSC Committee Chairs, **Area Webmaster**, Area Newsletter Editor, and any other NAGSC/SAGSC officer not already an Area Assembly/Committee member.

1.4 Area Officer Duties:

B. Duties of the Alternate Chairperson:

These two items were moved last year to the Alt. Chair duties, from a deleted section; titled Interpretation, in the Area 42 Guidelines Area 42 has no Special Needs Service Committee Coordinator. Unless we want to elect a person to that position we should remove this language from these guidelines.

4) The local Special Needs Committee Chairperson shall notify the Alternate Chair and Area Treasurer, ~~and Special Needs Service Committee Coordinator~~ as soon as **the interpretation** assistance is requested so that any necessary arrangements can be made.

5) The local Special Needs Committee Chairperson, ~~in coordination with the Special Needs Service Committee Coordinator~~, shall obtain from the interpreter(s), in writing, a quote for the hourly fee for services to be provided, or for a set fee for the Assembly or meeting.

D. Duties of the Alternate Delegate:

Coordinate all agenda item preparations and arrangements necessary for the NAGSC/SAGSC and Area 42 ~~pre-conference roundtables~~. **pre-conference assembly.**

We have a pre-conference assembly each spring, which is not necessarily in the format of roundtables.

E. Duties of the Secretary:

3) Publish the Area 42 assembly **preliminary** agenda as prepared by the chairperson. Distribute it to all area officers, DCMs and DCMCs no later than thirty days prior to the assembly.

It is not possible, 30 days in advance to have an agenda finalized for the assembly. It is however, possible to prepare a preliminary (subject to change) agenda.

J. Duties of the Registrar:

~~1) Maintain a current mailing list and Phone numbers of all members of Area Assembly.~~

~~4) Provide a current mailing list for the Area Newsletter editor. (rev. 9/00)~~

This has not been adhered to for several years, so unless we want to ask to enforce this we should probably remove it from the guidelines.

L. Duties of the Newsletter Editor:

The minutes have not been included in the newsletter since 2008, because of the size of the newsletter when they are included. The area secretary currently releases the minutes to the area website and the members when they are finalized.

1) Publish with the assistance of the Area Chairperson and Area Secretary the Area Newsletter. Provide in that document the agenda ~~and minutes of Area meetings~~ at appropriate times, contacting the Delegate for information for the Newsletter, and by contacting North and South Area Chairperson for Newsletter items. The publication dates will be February 23, April 30, August 10, and October 31. Include ~~the~~ revised Area 42 guidelines in the ~~October 31st~~ issue of the Area 42 newsletter, **which follows the revision.** (rev. 9/10)

M. Duties of the Area 42 Webmaster:

2) To keep the website updated ~~monthly~~ **as revisions/updates are submitted.**

The website current events and calendar should be updated more often than monthly.

2.0 AREA COMMITTEE

This proposal is attempting to add Committee Chairs & Liaisons to the Area Committee. In other words, the area committee (people listed on the 5 Area Rosters) consists of the Area Assembly members, minus the GSR's. Perhaps we could also switch E. with D.

2.1 Membership:

The following shall be members of the Area 42 General Service Committee:

A. Area 42 officers which include: Delegate, Chairperson, Secretary, Archivist, Treasurer, Registrar, and their alternates.

B. The DCM, DCM Chairperson, or alternate DCM from each district.

C. Elected **and appointed** NAGSC/SAGSC officer(s), **liaisons and committee chair** positions. (rev 9/99)

D. Each member of Area Committee will have only one vote.

E. Appointed positions of Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.

2.2 Area Committee Meetings:

A. The Area Committee shall meet at least twice a year (normally the Friday evening ~~before of~~ each Area Assembly).

3.0 AREA ELECTIONS

3.1 Area Officer Elections:

B. The appointed election person will record the names, of all those present and eligible **that wish** to stand for the Area offices. ~~Those who wish to withdraw their names for any of these offices may do so.~~

This is the General Service Manual suggested format for elections, Area 42 has not followed this, probably because it is quite time consuming

5.0 AREA DISTRICTS

5.3 District Elections (qualifications and election procedure per Service Manual)

This policy has not been followed for several years, if at all. Do we want to follow it as stated or as we have been doing it? The Group Change forms turned into the Registrar replace item C. instructions.

B. The outgoing DCM and DCMC shall notify in writing the ~~Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Area Secretary, and Area Registrar~~ of the name, address, and phone number of their replacements. and the alternates.

C. The DCM shall ~~notify, in writing, forward to the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Area Secretary, and Area Registrar of the name, address, phone number, and group of each GSR at least once a year and as changes occur.~~ **Group Change Forms as they are turned in.**

These proposals carry no financial impact.

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Break 9:55

Resume 10:00

Proposal to update Finance Committee (addendum): Carol B. 1st reading

Proposed changes are in a **bold larger** font.

Clarification Statements are in *italics*, not to be included in the guidelines.

Background: Because of the proposal passed in March 2015, there are changes necessary to the finance guidelines addendum to the Area 42 Guidelines, and a couple items that I hope to also address:

First item to be located at the very end of the current Area 42 guidelines; this shall precede the Finance Committee guidelines addendum section.

1. (Addendum to guidelines) AREA 42 FINANCE COMMITTEE – APPROVED 2012

Item 2. Is the Statement of Purpose.

2. The purpose of the FC is to ~~define~~ fulfill fiscal responsibility and ~~Standardize~~ procedures in Area 42.

This third item is a change I am suggesting because I feel that the Alternate Treasurer, as an active financial participant for the area, should be partaking in the committee business activities. In my opinion, the Chair is the facilitator / moderator, and should be the non – voter in the case of an even number.

3. 1.0 AREA 42 FINANCE COMMITTEE

1.1 Membership

The current Area Treasurer, and alternate, NAGSC and SAGSC Treasurers, and immediate past treasurer shall automatically be members of the committee. In addition, two at-large members will be elected, one residing in the North and one residing in the South. In the event there is an even number of members on the committee, the ~~Alternate Treasurer~~ **Chairperson** shall be a non-voting member.

4.

1.4 Replacement

If a member of the Finance Committee is unable to complete the rotation, the ~~Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair~~ **Finance Committee** will select a replacement to be confirmed, ~~by the Finance Committee~~ **or replaced at the next regularly scheduled Area Assembly.** The replacement assumes duties immediately.

5. 2.1 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

B. Drafts **and submits proposals to** financial guidelines policy/amendments for consideration by the Area Committee and the Assembly.

Because there has not been a prudent reserve equivalent to 1/3 of previous annual expenses, this probably should be reworded. This is up to you (not the Finance Committee) to leave it as is or change it.

6. 4.0 PRUDENT RESERVE

The Prudent Reserve is to ensure that, after all obligations are paid, enough funds are held to conduct area business.

We shall strive to attain a savings account ~~Experience has shown that, for any~~

~~given year a~~ reserve equal to 1/3 of the previous year's expenses, **will to** ensure that the Assembly will be able to meet its financial obligations. A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of area officers is necessary to draw upon our prudent reserve.

7. 6.0 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

This requested addition to 6.2 is the definition of "funds permitting", directly from, and as stated in the Area 42 Guidelines before the 2014 revision.

6.2 Area Officers Funding

H. Some travel expenditures are authorized on a "funds permitting" basis. A "funds permitting" condition exists when \$1,000.00 or more, will remain in the account after the expenditure. This is in addition to the prudent reserve.

These proposals carry no financial impact

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Delegate: Mike, Thank you all.

Host from spring Assembly: TBD

Close: 10:50 Responsibility statment