

Fall 2017 Area Assembly Minutes
September 8 – September 10, 2017
Tonopah Convention Center, 301 Brougner Ave., Tonopah, NV 89049

Friday, September 8, 2017:

Assembly Opens @ 6p.m. with the Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions read by Clint F.

“WELCOME TO TONOPAH!”

Recognition of new GSRs. Please register with Laura, Area Registrar, this weekend if you have not done so yet.

No Banquet.

Contribution jar by the coffee to help off-set cost. Please contribute if you are drinking the coffee.

Justin P., S Grapevine Chair, announced that there are clipboards available if anyone is interested in writing their story for the Grapevine.

Jonelle W., Area Secretary, asked for approval of Spring 2017 Assembly Minutes. Passed.

Area Secretary: Hello Area 42, my name is Jonelle and I am alcoholic and your Area 42 Secretary. Once again, I am super grateful for being allowed to serve in this position. I am sometimes overwhelmed by all of the growth producing experiences I am having. I am really getting the hang of writing and checking my email a bazillion times a day, asking for clarity just as often, and sending flyers that are NSFW – not suitable for website – back to be re-vamped and postable. I have never paid so much attention to reports, presentations, and feedback as I have thus far. It is amazing what you can learn when you actually are forced to listen and then transcribe. Not much to report other than some reminders... if you have not submitted a report to me prior to this assembly, please make sure that Tony and I have a copy. You can leave one in the REPORTS box, for me, on the stage. Make sure all service events that you would like posted on the website are void of all last names, personal emails (use your relays!) and phone#'s. I will send them back to be corrected if not... also, please send them to me before our Webmaster, Libby, so I can police, I mean, check and give her the go-ahead. Thank you all for all you do and allowing me to do it with you!

Area Treasurer: Hi I'm Paul, alcoholic; Your Area 42 Treasurer, I hope your summer went well. I would like to thank all of the groups that have sent in contributions this past fiscal year, our fiscal year runs from August 1st thru July 31st. Your Area Treasury is in good shape, I have the books and bank statements over at the table on the far side of the room. If anyone has any questions please don't hesitate to come and ask. In your packets you will find a "Profit & Loss" statement; this shows our total contributions (income) for our fiscal year August 2016 to July 2017 and our total expenses. We ended the year with a net income of \$4104.60. You will also find a "Balance Sheet" this shows our "Total Liabilities & Equity" our checking, savings and assets. Again if anyone has any questions please come and ask. I have given your DCM copies of receipts that I have for the groups that I don't have an email address on file. Please have your Group treasurer send a note with an email address for me to send your receipt. If your treasurer does not have email access someone in your Group probably does and there are plenty of places where you can create a free email account for your Group. This would make it easy for your Group to get information not only receipts but information from your DCM, NAGSC or SAGSC, Area 42, and GSO. Also if your group creates an email account this would prevent you from having to send in a new email address when your treasurer rotates. These are password protected so that only members of your group will be able to see the information you just give the password to your home Group members. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

DCM Reports:

District 1: Hi everyone! My name is Joan R. and I am an alcoholic. It is my pleasure to serve Area 42 and District One as DCM. District One covers the area from Searchlight, Nevada to East Flamingo, Las Vegas and from Green Valley and Henderson to Boulder City. District One has hosted two workshops so far this year: a Traditions Workshop that included a presentation of the Traditions Play in April and a Safety in AA Workshop in July. The latter workshop was very well attended and has inspired at least one group to establish its own safety guidelines to handle future emergencies. Coming up in October is our Annual District One Fellowship Picnic. It will be held on October 14, 2017 from 11 am to 4 pm at Broadbent Park in Boulder City, Nevada. Claudia B. will be our speaker. We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and water. Our members will also lead children's games and we will have a face painter on site. Please bring a dish to pass and join us in celebrating our Fellowship. In November, we will host our final workshop for the year, an Eleventh Step Workshop at the Green Valley Club in Henderson, Nevada on November 4, 2017 from 2 pm to 4 pm. We will participate in a short guided meditation and then share on our experiences with the Eleventh Step. Thank you for letting me be of service and for your time and effort in making the Assembly possible.

District 2: (from CD) Nicole. District 2 needs new treasurer, treasury and new bank account. Hosted NAGSC in August. Thank you!

District 3: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS STEVE M. AND I AM AN ALCOHOLIC. THIS IS THE DISTRICT # 3 REPORT: FINANCES ARE HEALTHY FOR DISTRICT 3 AS WE HAVE A NUMBER OF HOME GROUPS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DISTRICT. THE CURRENT BALANCE IS JUST OVER \$2,000.00. I WILL BE REPORTING THE NUMBER OF GROUPS AND DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN OUR DISTRICT WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE JULY 27TH OR \$7.27 CHALLENGE FROM NYC GSO.WE HAVE NO NEW GSRs TO REPORT. THE

CURRENT ROSTER STANDS AT 5 GSRS. WE ARE DISCUSSING WAYS TO FUND GSRS AND MEMBERS TO ATTEND PRAASA 2018 IN RENO. NO NEW EVENTS ARE BEING PLANNED AT THIS TIME. IN SERVICE, STEVE M. DISTRICT 3 DCM.

District 4: (from CD) Darrell. Held District meeting last night – 12 in attendance. We continue to grow slow but steady. Since NAGSC in August, we registered 2 more GSRs with GSO. I continue to visit groups to discuss interest in General Service. Thank you!

District 5B: District 5B is planning our annual picnic at Children's Memorial Park on Gowan and Rainbow on Sunday, October 8 from 12-3pm. Tickets are 5\$ and that includes BBQ and a drink. There will be other side dishes provided. We plan to have our cakewalk and 50/50 raffle and lots of fun and fellowship. There will be a meeting starting at 2. This is our major fundraiser for the year so please spread the word and help support our district. We have tickets available for purchase here this weekend. We are also planning a workshop in November on the Doctors Opinion. Our last workshop on Sponsorship was well attended and a moving experience so thank you to all of you that participated. Our District has finally adopted some guidelines which had been a long time in the works, so we are grateful that we are functioning with working guidelines. It was helpful for us to have guidelines from some of the other districts so thank you to the other districts for your support with that. We are looking forward to attending PRAASA this March. Hope to see you all there!! Grateful in Service, Lisa I DCM District 5B.

District 6: Hello everyone my name is Mike and I am an alcoholic serving as DCM for District 6. District 6 encompasses Carson City, South Lake Tahoe in California, Douglas County, and to the east Dayton and Stagecoach in Lyon County. The district has about 39 active registered groups and 21 inactive home groups with about 25 groups participating with the district. All positions are filled except Grape Vine and we are looking to filling that position soon. This rotation we have a new position of Archivist which was filled by Claudia C from Stage Coach and she is always reminding us to include the date on flyers like every other archivist. We meet every even month on the second Sunday at the Carson City Alano Club which is pretty centrally located for our large district. The biggest challenge for me is keeping up with our active district. We hosted the June NAGSC meeting where Phil gave his delegate's report. At our district August meeting Samantha, the NAGSC corrections chair travelled from Winnemucca giving us a great and informative presentation. In October Mary D the NAGSC Accessibilities / Remote Communities chair is scheduled to visit us. The district is very grateful for the visits by the NAGSC chairs to help us better serve. Coming up the district is sponsoring a meeting secretary workshop on September 24th at the Carson City Alano Club with John F and Chris S as moderators. The district have also agreed to sponsor workshops soon on Safety in AA and Corrections times and places to announced. It is wonderful to be here in Tonopah again. I am very grateful to be able to serve. Mike L.

District 7: Hi everyone, Lisa Grateful Alcoholic. I am pleased to say there has been a lot of positive activity in District 7 since the spring assembly. We had our second service event in June. It was on Our Three Legacies, Getting into Service. We had a wonderful turn out and excellent speakers on the panel. To our joy, Phil was there and said a few words to the crowd, Thanks Phil. It would be hard to talk about one of our events without mentioning the food; we had a fabulous Taco bar, thanks to all who contributed. On Aug 13 we held our 32nd annual Mt. Charleston picnic. It was quite the success, we had a record turnout. There was a sober band, games for the kids, a snow cone truck and the 50/50 raffle. Other than it being much cooler on the mountain, the best was having the opportunity fellowship with old friends and make new ones. Thank you to our Picnic Committee & all the volunteers. Our Alt. DCM has been committed to visiting those groups without representation, as well as meetings. Because of his efforts we have gained about 6 new GSR'S & a couple of meetings are now registered groups. Our district meeting attendance is generally about 20 GSR's and committee reps. We even had a couple of meetings with 30 attendees. It is a joy to be in the company of those who are excited about participating in service. Our last Service event is in October, it will be about Safety In A.A.. Check our website, lasvegasdistrict7.org. for upcoming details. In Love & Service, Lisa T.

District 8: (from CD) Peggy. District 8 covers a lot of territory. In April, we set up a PI Committee – goal is to have a Big Book in every library. Also have schedules in libraries. In May, set up new meeting for travelers at 6:30a.m - 8 – 12 steady members attend. In June, Phil gave delegate's report. Announced Chili and Pie cook off winner. See me if you want to know who that is. July we contributed to the 7/27 Challenge. High Sierra group contributed \$331.00. Mary D. did a presentation on Service Dogs. Workshop on Safety in A.A. by Julie C. September 23rd -Fun Raiser picnic to be held. Thank you!

District 9: Hi I'm Vickie and I'm an alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 9. First off, District 9 is awesome and we have some amazing GSRs. Everybody in District 9 wave! Isn't that amazing? District 9 is located in Las Vegas between Interstate 15 and Eastern Avenue, and goes from Charleston, south, all the way to the border of California. It seems like a big area but of course much of it is desert. Our main clubhouse in the area is the Camel Club, and there are a lot of meetings at Commercial Center, 6th and St. Louis, and a couple on the strip. We are growing in support, and I hope that we continue to grow. District 9 is hosting a fabulous, world-class workshop on October 7—mark your calendars because this is going to be awesome! Billy N., Past Class B Trustee at GSO will be presenting a workshop on anonymity, social media, and the relationship between social media and the Twelve Traditions. We believe this is a relevant topic for our time and something that can really benefit the fellowship. So, October 7, at the TIE Club, from 9am to 4pm. Lunch will be provided. I know it's long but that's because there are so many things to talk about! Please join us—we would appreciate your support to help make our first workshop in a while successful.

♡ If you have any questions please call me at . . . I am really excited that our District is coming together and hope that we continue to grow. Thank you for letting me be of service.

District 10A: Hi everyone my name is Ema grateful addict alcoholic and I am the the DCM for District 10-A its a honor and privilege to be a part in this amazing journey and serving as a DCM District. I would like to start out my report with a big Thank you to Phil for coming out to our Serenity At The Ruby's campout was on July 21 to 23 and sharing his experience with us and also pass announcement about how important safety is in all our groups it was a great campout Thank you. And our district meeting was on July 15 2:30 our discussion was mostly about the disruptive behaviors and how important it is to work together as a group and communication. We also dicuss the importance of making commitments and finishing them. We Apso discuss about the difference between close AA Meetings and Open AA Meetings that was a tough topic. With being said I greatly appreciate everyone's input in our district. Our Yearly Thanksgiving Dinner coming up in on Saturday Nov 11. And we are looking for a speaker that evening. Thank you and grateful to be of service. Ema DCM District 10A.

10B: Dark. No Report.

District 11: (from CD) Debrah. District 11 is doing well. We have a bunch of meetings. New meeting in Goldfield. We had a picnic and a campout in Kingston.

District 12: District 12 Cate S. DCM Lisa H. Alternate DCM, reporting. District 12 has been fortunate to have several Area 42 committee chairs attend our business meetings and help us fulfill our district's primary purpose of carrying the message. Many thanks to Mary D., Accessibilities Chair and Pat B., Bridging the Gap. Special thanks to Sue H. who graciously agreed to visit next January, after I had inadvertently booked both she and Pat during the same month. (oops) Lisa H. and I visited Elko in May along with several area officers and other DCMs and found Ema (?) to be as enthusiastic and excited about AA as always. We are struggling a bit with BTG (?) in our district, but have now found someone interested in taking the commitment; we hope to have our program in place and running by the time of this report. Sadly, family commitments prevent me from traveling as I would like, but fortunately we have a fabulous alternate who's experience in general service will serve our district well "on the road" as well as at home. Thank you, Lisa! Respectfully submitted, Cate S.

District 13: My name is Kim. In March I was a GSR and now I am the DCM for District 13. I don't know much, however, Glenn W. has been great! Without him I would be lost. We have done two workshops since March. We were in partnership with District 15. We had 25 people. The 2nd workshop was the Dr's. Opinion. We had 55 people and a lot of newcomers. We have 3 new GSRs and are starting to build our group again. Thank you.

District 14: District 14 primarily covers the North Shore of Lake Tahoe including Incline Village and Crystal Bay on the Nevada side and Tahoe City and Kings Beach on the California side. Also Truckee and up north to Sierraville and all in between. We meet every odd numbered month on the 3rd Monday at 6pm at the Community House in Kings Beach, CA. Since my last report we have had a bit of upheaval and turnover in our district but all in all we are doing pretty well. We have received enough donations to meet our expenses including travel expenses for me for PRAASA and the Spring assembly. Recently we have had turnover with phone coordinators and web managers but we seem to still keep those services going. We have been trying to fill the Archivist role for quite some time now but having trouble filling that position. As far as Group representation we are doing OK. Tahoe City is still trying to fill service positions and we don't have a GSR from up North Sieraville but all the other groups seem to be participating well. The last two district meetings we have had the honor of having Pat B. give a presentation on BTG in May (quite a few yellow cards have now been filled out within our groups) and Carol B gave us a GSR orientation in July. Our district members have been quite pleased with the presentations and we hope to get more Area officers up to the lake. We still have our quarterly speaker meetings and they are going strong. Usually hosted by an AA group within the district or a group of AA's not affiliated with a specific group. It has gone well and remains self supporting and our speakers have been great. Most recently we had our annual Jamboree on the Truckee river in Truckee in early August. This aa/alanon speaker event went very well and our 50/50 raffle was quite successful in raising funds to support our speaker meetings and continue to carry AA's message. Our next speaker meeting will be in October. that is all, thank you. Mark P.

District 15: No Reoprt.

District 16: Hello to Area 42,I am Nancy, alcoholic, district 16 DCM. District 16 is in located in Sparks and goes North to almost the Oregon border.Our district has been relatively quite in activities. All positions are filled, yet given work schedules of us all, it seems difficult to have us all at our business meeting the same time. However we have had the pleasure of several committee chairs attending our businesses meetings. Most recently Public Information with Sue H. Coming up in the next two months we have scheduled Cooperation with the Professional community and then Bridging the Gap. As DCM I recently attended a very nice traditions workshop in Winnemucca. In that our PRASSA will be in our Sparks location this coming year, we are looking forward to upcoming service opportunities.I'm glad to be of service here today and I thank you for your time here also.Sincerely, Nancy W.

District 17: District 17. Pahrum, Beatty, Sandy Valley, NV, Death Valley and Tecopa,CA. District 17 is doing quite well. We have filled two of our vacant spots at the District level with Jack as our Archivist and GeorgeAnne as our Grapevine Rep. Still looking for and alternate treasurer. We have had three workshops since the last assembly, the topics were on Service, Sponsorsip and Meditation. We've also had some fun times with a chili cook off/talent contest and a pool party/pot luck. Our average attendance has been approximately 30 people at these events.Our attendance at meetings has been low, but is expected to rise again with the return of the snowbirds. We have our annual camp-out at the end of the month. **NOTE: I will not have specific information until September 6th.** Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

District 18: Dark – No report.

District 19: Dark – No report.

District 20: Hello, Area 42. I'm happy to see everyone today. District 20 held a well-attended business meeting last month in Chester. The District is financial solvent and donations have been up this year on the whole. We have a sub-committee led by Julie C. looking into switching our current telephone and answering service over to Central Office but in true AA style, we're taking it slow. Our Outreach Committee led by Larry B. has gotten to several meetings that are not currently represented with GSR's including Adin, Spaulding, and Quincy with more to come this summer. We appreciate both Julie and Larry for their leadership. We had a fantastic Secretary's Workshop and Potluck last month in Susanville with Chris S. and John F. as our wonderful trainers. We had close to 30 people from the District and I heard many positive comments during and after. We are also hoping to have another workshop in the fall with Samantha G. and Pat B. as our leads. Mary D. is planning on attending our next business meeting and we are looking forward to that. All in all, there are still good things happening in District 20 which is all tied to making connection with each other and a Power Greater than ourselves. In Loving Service, Heidi R. District 20 DCM.

District 21: (from CD) Jose. Wishing everyone a great 24 hours! Going to groups to talk about Traditions. In July, we attended the Forum and went to California for a La Vina event. We will be hosting our National Convention in 2018. We are visiting groups in Mesquite. We attended a state convention in June and are working on the Round-Up. Christmas event will be held December 10, 2017. Thank you!

District 22: (from CD). Luis. We meet 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. 1st Tuesday of the month we study the Service Manual. We have 12 groups, 9 are active. Visit once a month to discuss what we do. Thank you!

Standing Committee Chair Reports:

Accessibilities North: Mary - not here yet.

Accessibilities South: No Report.

CPC North: (from CD) Anne. Things are good. Looking forward to going to District 16 on September 19th. I am available to visit all other Districts as well. Thank you!

CPC South: Hello, Area 42! Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Southern Area 42 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve you.

We work closely with the Public Information and Accessibilities Committees and we have all been very, very busy carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to professionals who work with alcoholics in the raw and to members of the general public. We set up information tables at events, and those people who want what we have come to us. We do not promote AA. We are frequently the least popular table at an event, but there's always someone ... Since our report in March, we have attended many events, including a table every month at the Giving Project at the Eagles Vet Center, which reaches out to our veterans who are suffering from this disease. We have attended 3 health fairs, 1 conference, and 7 community events, including Project Homeless Connect. We have an enthusiastic and dedicated group of volunteers, but we especially want to thank Samuel, the Public Information Chair from District 21, for joining us to help reach into the Spanish-speaking community. Thanks also to Paul in District 17 who is carrying the message in Pahrump. We attend monthly meetings of the Care Coalition, Pact Coalition, Nevada Homeless Alliance, and the Mayor's Faith Initiative. To help educate our fellowship about what we do, we submit information to the Area 42 Newsletter and the Las Vegas Silver Streak. We had tables at the Gratitude Ball and Founders' Day, and attend any AA event we're invited to. Hint, hint! In addition to our monthly committee meetings, and participation in Intergroup and SAGSC, we held an internal workshop in July to assess what we are doing, how we are doing it, and what we can do better. We reviewed the General Service Board's Strategic Plan to see how we can be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. We are a work in progress. The following service positions are open: Public Information Chair, Accessibilities Co-Chair, and Treasurer. Our committee is always looking for volunteers for events. Our busy seasons are spring and fall, and this fall is no exception. We have several events coming up. Please see the flyers on the table for more information about how you and your sponsees can help. We missed one health fair because we didn't have anyone to staff a table.

Corrections North: I am thrilled to be here today serving as your Northern Area Corrections chair! My sobriety is greatly enhanced by making myself available to be with all of you who serve AA at the Area level. I am here to serve in whatever capacity you need. Here's what has been going on so far. A group in Winnemucca has been trying to get enough committed support from female AAs to start a meeting in a local correctional facility. And we were invited by District 6 to give a presentation in August. Thank you District 6! What does the Corrections Committee do? Our AA Guidelines state its purpose is to coordinate the work of the individual AA members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics behind the walls, and to set up means of smoothing the way from the facility to the larger AA community through pre-release contacts. AA's Corrections Workbook states through a Corrections Committee working with corrections personnel, alcoholics are reached who might never otherwise find the AA program. An active Corrections Committee is a vital link to prisons and jails, providing professionals and other workers in correctional facilities with information about AA, literature, and guidelines for setting up AA meetings on the inside.

Corrections Committees can:

- provide samples of meeting formats for jails and prisons

- conduct workshops or mock panels to show AA members **how to** introduce AA to those who work in the corrections or criminal justice field
- work with AA members on **how to** organize panels to speak to local, state, federal prisons, jails and detention centers, or students attending corrections/criminal justice training academies
- inform local groups and districts **how** Pink Cans provide AA literature to inmates
- provide samples of meeting formats and letters to wardens or prison administrators
- provide samples of program plans for a correctional institution
- inform AA members of the literature available for carrying the message into jails and prisons

Corrections Correspondence Service allows inmates to correspond with outside AAs on an individual basis. Your Corrections Committee can:

- offer suggested guidelines to help when writing to members inside the walls
- inform AA members **how to** set up pre-release contacts (Bridging the Gap)
- provide samples of letters

DCMs and GSRs, if your District or Group would like a presentation or workshop, all you need to do is invite us. We'd be glad to come! Please let me know if you are already taking meetings into correctional facilities or are interested in participating on the Corrections Committee.

I'd like to thank the Northern Area General Service Committee for allowing me to be of service. It is an honor and a privilege to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in a fun and informative way. Email: nagscpi@gmail.com Committee members: Samantha G. (Winnemucca D10B)

DCM Coordinator North: Since our last assembly I have been working on connecting with our Districts. Participating in workshops, District meetings and inventories for AA entities has hopefully helped others as it has helped me. Although it should not be surprising to me it has definitely been an eye opener to hear that meetings way up in Chester that resides in District 20 has similar group and meeting challenges that District 6 may have in Carson City. I do not think it is coincidence that Safety in AA has been in the forefront of topics for many AA entities as we have also some new published information from the General Service Office be released. I want to welcome Joel B. as the new DCM of District 2 replacing Tom M. who had to step down due to personal commitments. I was gone A LOT this summer. It is good to be back in the service groove. Thank you Chris S. for stepping and helping as he always does when asked. I look forward to connecting with and visiting more districts and helping where I can. Thank you for allowing me to serve. John F.

DCM Coordinator South: Hi everybody, My name is Claudia and I am the DCM coordinator for the South. My duties in this position is to facilitate one training session prior to the January SAGSC meeting of a new rotation year, provide literature to assist them and to co- chair a training section at each of the area assemblies. I had our first meeting before this one and hope to be able to help our DCMs most effectively serve their districts. My colleague in the north and I also provide a google group available to all of the DCMS and officers to help keep track of other districts' events and keep the communication open between them. I have been offered some suggestions as to how to better coordinate the communication between the DCMs and will talk about them with my colleague from the North. In the mean time, if you have any suggestions of ways the DCMs can help each other with their common challenges, please let me know. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Grapevine North: Again, thank you all for allowing me to serve as co chair for the Grapevine and La Viña representing the north. Grapevine and La Viña representatives link the journals to members of our Fellowship. We have taken Grapevine displays/sales to several events, and have offered to do so at future festivals in Reno, Sparks and Lake Tahoe. We held a Grapevine workshop in Reno and are available, ready and willing to address any group or district. I'm happy to report that most NAGSC districts now have Grapevine/LaViña representatives, as do many groups in the north.

Please stop by the Grapevine/LaViña table, say hi, and for goodness sake if you don't currently subscribe, do so and leave the subscription form in our special mailbox. Again, thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Grapevine South: Justin alcoholic. Southern area grapevine chair We are fortunate in the south because Las Vegas central office buys the literature and then we reimburse them when it sells. So we have a huge selection of books The northern and southern grapevine chairs rotate assemblies and this assembly it's the south. I have a clipboard for requesting GV material for the PRAASA or suggestion of any kind! A bit of information for you All AA literature falls under the grapevine publishing or AAWS. It's all conference approved. Grapevine magazine and books are mostly from AA fellowship experiences. For example if the Traditions or the 8th and 9th step or sponsorship is an area of interest or difficulty for you or sponsee then we have literature that covers our experiences on that topic. GV magazines are our meeting in print Each month has a different topic. A step and tradition is discussed in each issue. Getting a subscription helps the GV to be self supporting. There is also an online version. Becoming a GV or La Vina rep is easy, we have the forms in the back. Doing so keeps us informed of new goings on. Our committee meeting is the last Friday at 6pm 1431 east charleston Ave Las Vegas central office. We read and share on the current issue of GV and pick up extras to distribute. I'm very grateful to Jake and Rhonda, Robert, Bob and Dick for their help in this position. We have been involved at several events and super excited about bones and brew, roundup, and PRAASA! Hope to see you at our table back here to pick up some free stuff. Thanks for letting me be of service. One last thing our "4 seasons of service" encourages Members to share with the GV our experience strength, and hope. Write them up here I have paper and the format We will mail them after the assembly. Or Submit too aa.grapevine.org/4seasons or mail 475 riverside drv ny ny

10115. Or give them to me later by email or written I'll bring them there when I visit GSO to run the NYC marathon november 5th. Justin

Finance Chair: Your finance committee has created a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. We will be presenting that budget for approval Sunday morning Sept. 10th in Tonopah. We will also presenting the 2nd reading of proposed changes to the Financial Guidelines Sunday morning. Both the budget and the guideline changes are in your assembly packet. Please take time to review them prior to Sunday morning and feel free to find me at the assembly with any questions you may have. Thank you for allowing me to serve our Area. Tinna O. Area 42 Finance Committee Chair

GSR Survivor Trainer North: Carol – not here yet.

GSR Survivor Trainer South: Alan. Training meeting odd months 45 minutes before SAGSC meeting. I am available to all Districts in the South to train at your meetings. We has 4 new GSRs and 1 new re-tred. I have Survival Guides in English and Spanish.

H&I: Alan V. for Christy. Hello, I'm an alcoholic and my name is Alan V. I'm a very grateful member of the Las Vegas H&I Committee and have been since 2004 AND I LOVE H&I WORK! I am currently serving the Las Vegas H&I Committees as the Correction Panel Chairperson. Christy, our Chairperson, was unable to attend this weekend due to some unforeseen family circumstances. Although LV H&I is recognized as an Area Committee, we are totally self-supporting through our own contributions, and do not receive financial support from Area 42. Our Hospital & Correctional Institutions Committee business meeting is the third Tuesday of every month at 6pm at Central Office and usually lasts about an hour. Currently we are serving 16 correctional (prison) facilities per week, as well as 68 Hospital/Treatment facilities per week (excluding Pioche & Lincoln County) facilities we only support through literature. We ALWAYS welcome new members and encourage more volunteers, for as you can see it requires a lot of man-hours to fulfill all these panels. In addition to our monthly business meetings, we also host quarterly H&I information workshop open to anyone that wants to be there. In an effort to make more people aware of what we do and when and where we do it, and it has proven helpful in recruiting additional volunteers and literature support. This year GSO will be hosting the (first ever) annual U.S Corrections Conference in St. Louis, MO November 10-12th and I was afforded the privilege of attending representing the Las Vegas Area. There will be a full recap report of this event at the next Area Assembly, as well as at the January SAGSC meeting. I'd like to borrow a phrase from my former H&I associates in Southern California which satates "DISCOVER THE HIGH IN H&I" Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Intergroup Liaison North: For the last few of months the group contributions have been up at the central office and in April they hit almost \$5000. One good thing to mention is that last year NNIG was running in the negative but this year everything is in the positive. Thank you to all the groups involved. Total calls into Central office since the last Area Assembly was 865. Due to an inventory increase and phone system Central Office had to increase their insurance protection which led to an increase in payment of \$159. Central office is now open from 10am to 2pm on Saturdays. In June the elections were held for all positions that needed to be filled. Of all those positions only 1 was not filled and that was taken care of at the July business meeting. Good job to all who participated. All the committees for the upcoming events to include Halloween Bash, Thanksgiving Gratitude Dinner and New Year's Eve Gala are looking for volunteers. To find out when and where these committees meet go to the NNIG Bracer and you will find them listed there. If you would like to purchase New Year's Eve Gala tickets you can contact Central office at nnig.org or call them at (775) 355-1151. It will be held at the National Auto museum and it will be a Roaring Twenties theme. A new location is being investigated for the Serenity in the Sierras camp out. Due to the increase of camp site cost and RV location to the event they are asking the groups to voice their opinion on what they think of Eagle Lake outside of Susanville for a possible location. There is also a new phone system addition at Central office. Central office will be receiving a fiber optics line at no cost because the bldg. they are in is getting it. They have also added a Sip Trunk to the phone system which will allow caller ID to pass through the system and go directly to the volunteer on shift. The Sip Trunk addition will cost \$2500 but was already allocated when the new system went in earlier this year. Thank you for allowing me to be of service Chris S.

Intergroup Liaison South: Kellie M – not here yet.

RENVYPAA: Anthony – not here yet.

LVYPAA: Jason – not here yet.

PI Chair North: Sue H., This has been a very exciting and informative service commitment for my recovery. Since the NAGSC meeting in June, I have had the pleasure in visiting two more Districts, in Northern Nevada, District 16 in Sparks and District 10b in Winnemucca. My goal was to provide a brief presentation regarding Public Information. The number one question that is how does an AA member carry AA's message to the public while adhering to our Traditions. The best part of being in service is all of the best answers are provided in our AA literature and I can simple and share them with the groups. They are not relaying my what I say, but rather on what AA says. I have put together Public Information Packets for each District and made myself available for anyone who is interested in starting a PI Committee in their District. The next Districts I will be visiting are District 20 and District 12. The other recent activities include participation on the Victim Impact Panel and the Orientation to AA in Carson City. On June 16th I was asked by the Coordinator of the Victim Impact Panel to provide an interview for the local newspaper. We met with the reporter who insisted that we provided her with a last name and photograph. I explained our AA Traditions of Anonymity, which she did not understand and wanted to cancel the interview until I could provide my name and photo I didn't want to have the coordinators efforts and hopes for the interview be wasted so I suggested she start with her

first. This gave me time to pray. Once the reporter was ready for me, she insisted again for my full name and photo. I again gracefully declined. She stated that she knew it was a waste of time, but she would call her editor, she stated she knew it wouldn't do any good. Once her editor was on the phone she explained my wishes, the editor responded with, "Of course that's ok, they are an anonymous group, they don't have to provide this to us". The reporters shock was all over her face. We were able to complete the interview without breaking our Tradition of anonymity at the public level. It was another amazing gift to see how God manages situations as he sees fit when we turn to him. The other program, Orientation to AA is now starting in Carson City. Our Committee meet set the next set in motion for speaking with potential facilitators. We met with the first group and will be meeting with 4-5 more persons who are interested. Once we have completed this we will set up the next phase of mock presentations and then move forward with contacting BHS in Carson City. We have also received addition information regarding areas who would benefit from these presentations. I spoke with Samatha briefly about holding a workshop in Winnemucca and presenting the series there also. If you are interested in carrying the message at the public level please let me know. We have many suggestions on how to do this. It can simple start with going to different AA business meetings and talking about putting signs out in front of their locations with a circle and triangle or "Friend of Bill W's" in order to assist visitors and newcomers in finding their meetings, or providing AA literature in schools, jails, courthouses and more. There are a lot of ways to participate at different levels from a few hours a month to as many as you wish to do. Please let me know if you would like my assistance. There are only 3 Districts left that I would like to set dates to visit. Out of respect they shall remain nameless so they won't feel pressured. But I have a ton of " Yerning " to bug them today. You could say I'm "Incline" to track down their DCMs. But I guess I need to re-Ely, on the program to bring us together. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Sue H.

PI Chair S: See CPC South.

Break 7:45 p.m.

Resumed @ 8:00p.m.

Roadmap to the Weekend: Mike M.

Area Committee Meeting: (Blue Room)

Opens @ 8p.m. with the Serenity Prayer

Purpose of the ACM – no voting, no binding decisions – we can recommend actions for the assembly.

Phil W., Area Delegate, asked about sharing our Area Assembly minutes with GSO. He will take a sense of the assembly on Sunday. Discussed how groups can help those recently hit by the hurricanes – Houston, Florida (email sent from Houston Intergroup is on the Area website).

Old Business: Discussion surrounding Translation and Communication Committees. Will be brought to the assembly on Sunday. NAGSC/SAGSC Events Calendar discussed. Possibly part of the Communications Committee? Banquet options will be brought to the body on Sunday.

Saturday, September 9, 2017:

Assembly Opens @ 8a.m. with the Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions read by Jay.

Delegate's Report: Report given in Power Point with some additional highlights attached. Both can be found on the Area 42 website – nevadaarea42.org, - along with the email from Houston Intergroup.

Questions from the floor:

Q. Will post-conference reports be available?

A. Yes – they will.

Q. How many employees at GSO?

A. 70 or 80 – don't know for sure.

Q. Will the Power Point presentation be available on the website?

A. Yes.

Q. What were the figures for 7/27 from on-line contributions?

A. 459 contributed on-line.

Q. District 12 is just hearing about the 7/27 – Can we still send?

A. You can always contribute.

Q. Translation – will there be a 4th ed. of the Big Book translated into Spanish?

A. There is only the 3rd ed. In print as of now.

Announcements:

No Banquet. Speaker meeting a@ 7:30p.m.

Support the Coffee Contributions jar please!

7th Tradition baskets passed to cover host district.

PRAASA Experience Presentation:

Good morning. My name is Claudia and I am an alcoholic. I was asked to spend a few minutes and share with you about my experience at PRAASA. I attended PRAASA in Sacramento in 2017, in Spokane in 2016 and in Layton, UT in 2015. I will address my experiences there. The ones in Layton and Spokane I attended as a DCM and had a great experience. The best part is running into old friends I knew from living in other cities in the Pacific Region and brainstorming with other DCMs at the evening meetings. Just like being an alcoholic, as a DCM I was overwhelmed with questions that I thought were unique. In the meetings I discovered that I was not alone. There are many with the same issues that arise and the breakout sessions really help to put things into perspective. I also had to opportunity to speak on one of the panels, which was an amazing experience. As the DCM Coordinator I paid my own way to Sacramento, used my daughter's car, and was delighted to stay with our District 1 DCM. In addition I volunteered as a greeter at the airport. How fun it was to stand at the bottom of the escalator and get to meet fellow members as they descended upon the city. I lived in Sacramento for 10 years and had a great time catching up with old friends and showing some others around the old neighborhood. I think my favorite part of PRAASA is the talk by the past Trustees. What an interesting group of people. They share a different perspective on the organization as a whole and represent a diverse set of beliefs and experiences. I think volunteering is the best way to jump into the PRAASA experience. I have had the advantage of being in touch with lots of friends throughout the Pacific Region who are involved in general service but it is still a great way to meet even more "new friends." We are connected by that common bond of alcoholism and just like my experiences at the International Convention, it's that smile, hug or handshake from someone new who you feel you have always known that makes these events special. Claudia B.

Hello everyone my name is Monica and I am an Alcoholic. I am grateful I was asked to share my experience on my first Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. First off Thank you to the individuals, the groups and everyone who made it possible for me to attend. So what is a PRAASA? What's the point? Taken from PRAASA.ORG... The purpose of PRAASA is to develop the greater unity among the members, groups and areas of the Pacific Region, to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss permanent aspects of AA. The Assembly and the PRAASA committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service Legacies of AA. One thing is for sure about PRAASA it could not have happened without a lot of people helping each other. It was cool. Tons of people everywhere. Upon arriving at the venue in Sacramento. My friend Debbie, my husband and I were definitely not alone. I was so excited when I saw fellow AA Area 42's disbursed among many new to me faces, from the parking lot to the registration line and when I arrived inside their were hard working AA's & Alanon's, working together. People ushering people to different rooms. There were registrations to English AA, Spanish AA, Spanish Alanon, English Alanon, People Wearing giant bright yellow question mark pins, with happy welcoming faces. It was like being new, in AA at the best meeting I have ever attended. After getting my registration packet we entered the main hall where I was greeted and found majority of discussions held. There were many things discussed at stage level by several people in various service positions, there was no higher archy, of course their was a PRAASA chair "Lee W." who was fabulous but the feel to me was there wasn't any real person in charge, just lots of people working together to share their love for AA. As people shared on different topics, the mike would open to the floor, people would share, ask questions, get answers. My head was filled with wonder as to how something like this works. The fact is that it works when we work it. My big take away discussion shared from the stage was that of **Zorida R. Area 5 Secretary, Southern CA.** "Our Newcomers- Are We Going to Any Lengths to Encourage and Welcome Diversity?" She shared stories of many Hispanic women. Women whom had never been able to meet with other women Alcoholics. She shared stories of terrible things happening to these women once finally arriving at A.A. Women whom had brought themselves to A.A. looking for Hope and found none. She shared about how this inspired a Hispanic Women's workshop in December 2016. These woman were from all over. Not only California, or the United States, but many countries. She shared how about 70 woman got together, and for many of them it was the first time they were meeting another sober woman of A.A. It hit me hard in my gut, and hurt my heart. Got me thinking of the community I live in and asking the same question. Still more to come there were many amazing topics and discussions, that were inspirational. Every subject that was discussed by whomever shared it was opened to the floor, there were 2 minutes set for those to share and people shared. I really appreciated the vast opinion of such a diverse group. There seemed to be no voice unheard, it was breath taking. Friday and Saturday nights from 8:30pm to 10:30pm brought Roundtable discussions. What's a Roundtable discussion? It's a place where you can get together with others to go over a topic, ask questions, listen to feedback, and get an idea of how other people feel or what their experience is around the topic or service position, essentially learn and share. There were several topics to choose from. Since I am the Northern Secretary and Alt Area 42 Secretary I naturally wanted to do the round table for Secretaries. But that wasn't until Saturday, so for fun I chose the grapevine Roundtable for Friday. This was way cool, one of the editors from Grapevine was chairing the roundtable Ami B. She had great things to share. Our very own Area 42 grapevine reps...Pat and Justin were there as well. I learned a lot from new voices, meeting new faces, sharing it was just fun. When Friday ended I was exhausted. Starting Saturday, what was pretty cool that I mentioned was that my husband attended this venture with us AA's, since there was also a full weekend of Alanon coexisting at conference. I live in a small town in northern Nevada called Fallon and there is strong recovery but not as many meetings as larger cities, and even fewer things going on in the Alanon world. Well this was exciting for us as a married couple. I got to see my husband light up with excitement, and at one point when Debbie and I had come out from break we found my husband had signed up to

volunteer, he was one of those smiling faces with a giant yellow pin, welcoming and directing traffic, "at another point we came out to break to find him dashing saying, hey honey gotta run headed to a meeting, see you at dinner, I hope."... It was too cool. in our home, day to day my husband plays the role of just about everything, husband, chief, single dad, nurse etc. to ensure that I get the AA time I need. To say the least he's more than understanding to this alcoholic and it was refreshing to hear him say no time...gotta go, I have a full schedule of Alanon. Saturday like Friday was full of wonderful speakers sharing on lots of additional important topics. I really loved the report given by our Pacific Regional Trustee, Joel C. I'll try and paraphrase highlights as I recall them from his report. In spirit of keeping the Grapevine live and well there was talks around four seasons of service...meaning of Grapevine to you? How it is a personal tool to recovery/ sponsorship. Do we know About Grapevine App ,Audio, email to get Grapevine. What has grapevine done for our groups and sobriety? Shared the quote of the day...Biggest theme talked about, need to improve communication. Communication channels need to exist. How can we improve this communication? What can we do to sustain for the future? So we can keep helping all AA's? In close he left us with love and tolerance is our code. A bit later there was a business meeting, then break and optional was the banquet dinner and Speaker meeting. I opted into both . Our dinner was very entertaining. A table full of first year delegates invited us to sit with them. Representing was Western Washington, Area 72 Steve C., Hawaii, Area 17 Bob H. and Central California, Area 93 Melvin. At first it was kind of intimidating as dinner went on they became people to me, then at one point they were friends.. I made a comment that it was like sitting with the three stuges they were really funny, and full of knowledge. The speaker was a lovely gentlemen named Greg T from GSO. When the event ended it was off to the Secretaries Roundtable where I met, our wonderful Area 42 Secretaries Jonelle, and Glenn. This was so helpful, informative and exactly what I needed, I can't imagine missing out on anyone's feedback everyone had great things to share. Sunday morning came too fast. We packed in some great things and by 3:30 or so we were saying our good byes, and safe travels. Thank you all again for allowing me to be of service, can't wait to help in next year's PRAASA. Love you all.

Tony A. (from CD – highlights) – Gave presentation in Spanish first... Attended PRAASA in 2002 in Fresno. Life changing experience. I went with my sponsor and 7 other guys. Decided that when I get back, I will give up my GSR position, say thank you very much and go back to my church! But you guys changed my mind. I went to the roundtables with 350 other GSRs from nine states and realized you were all as crazy as me! My sponsor told me the next day I can go to the mic and share my opinion, ask questions, etc. I did not sleep at all that night. I wrote 20 pages in my head on what I needed to share. There was like 1,500 people in that room and when I went to the mic, after like an hour of waiting my turn, I forgot everything I wanted to say. So if this happens to you, don't worry about it! The Saturday night speakers had me in tears. Especially the non- alcoholics. (Shared experience from PRAASA in Phoenix re- Class A Trustees story). Realized that I belong in the place where God has placed me – in A.A! With all of you... (more personal experience shared.) I will see you this weekend, and at all other service events and in Reno 2018! Thank you!

Break 9:45 a.m.

Resumed @ 10:15 a.m.

PRAASA Committee Panel:

Panel was introduced along with their positions. Each gave a brief "job description" and an overview of progress thus far:

Mike M. : Chair

Marita R.: Program Chair

Edie D. : Registration Chair

Pete L. : Co Chair, Facilities Chair

Julie C.: Treasurer

Pat S.: Archives Chair

Carol B.: Secretary

Comments/Questions from the floor:

Q. I already registered on-line. I checked volunteer, but it is not specific – is that what the equipment is for?

A. Yes.

Q. I put my name on a list and have not been contacted – will that happen later?

A. Yes.

Q. Tables and Banquet inquiry.

A. Seating explained.

Q. I didn't volunteer when I registered, what should I do?

A. Sign clipboard.

Q. Technical question – can we book for a single night – will that count towards our "quota"?

A. Yes.

Q. PI (Public Information about the area, facility, etc.) Chair requested we announce PRAASA 2018 where it is at – Sparks, Nevada not Reno!

Q. What time does the Roundtables start?

A. 8:30pm – 10:30 pm Friday... 3:30pm – 5:00pm Saturday. Info on the website.

Q. Is committee translating & is there a greeting committee?

A. Yes.

Q. A bunch of us are from rural Nevada. And many do not have internet. Can the program be printed? Will it be available to print out – finalized?

A. Yes. In late January/February an email will be sent to the body that the Program is good to go!

Claudia – Translation/Interpretation - the equipment is less than desirable. I am speaking with Tony S. and we will come up with something!

Elections/Nominations:

Finance Committee Member – At – Large Nominations/ Election.

Tinna O – Finance Chair – gave qualifications.

Elected from North - Elisa

Elected from South - Kellie M.

Pacific Regional Trustee Nomination.

Phil gave qualifications. Julian – past Pacific Regional Trustee gave more information. No nominee from Area 42.

Noon - Lunch

Resumed @ 1:30p.m. Open with the Serenity Prayer

Mock Agenda Items:

Anne Y. : Issue: “Discuss” or “Consider” an issue effecting your group, district or Area 42. Consider or discuss the possibility of literature that gives a share experience of the definition of “sobriety”.

Reason: Why is the issue important? Our group feels that some type of literature that helps define the term “sobriety” would help to share with sponsees and newcomers. It would be very helpful to have something tangible to hand to someone to read instead of telling them our own opinion on what we feel sobriety is. **Experience:** What happened to create interest in the issue. We have had several issues come up within our group that lead us to wanting this literature. Since the legalization of marijuana we have heard many shares in meetings of members considering and/or using marijuana as it is not alcohol and that it would not affect/change their sobriety. We have also heard shares from members of people who are using medications that may/may not be prescribed to them. Questions arise of if these uses of medications affect/ should change a member’s sobriety date. With people on both sides of the answer we feel that a clear and concise description of sobriety for all to read would be helpful. Even considering tradition5, that states we have a primary purpose and AA’s do not attempt to get into conversations other than alcohol, it seems that there are many shared AA experiences that help members recover that deal with complete “sobriety” and what that means to them

Issue: “Discuss” or “Consider” an issue effecting your group, district or Area 42. Discuss legalization of marijuana and its impact on our fellowship. **Reason:** Why is the issue important? This is an important issue because not only has marijuana been legalized for medical purposes but also for recreational use. **Experience:** What happened to create interest in the issue.

We need to consider what impact might be had at meetings if there are members who are using and attending meetings while in an “altered state”. We realize there also may be members who attend meetings who are under the influence of alcohol, however if they have a desire to stop drinking, they are welcome.

Do we expand the tradition to include marijuana use? Should this fall under the autonomy rule and be decided by each group?

Questions/Comments from the floor: (on both topics)

*Experience shared- glad there is discussion on this topic

*Experience shared – pro-marajuana for medicinal purposes.

*Experience shared- marajuana is an outside issue – we need to stick to singleness of purpose.

*Dr.’s Opinion mentions drugs in the first paragraph. Our solution suggests “complete abstinence”.

*There’s a book called “Emotional Sobriety” that shares people’s experiences. There should be a book called “Sobriety”.

*Add blurb to pamphlet “A.A. and Other Drugs”.

Body reminded this is just discussion – no recommendations.

*This is an outside issue.

*Experience shared – I went out on medical marajuana.

*“Sobriety” – personal choice. Through inventory – chose for yourself what that means to you.

*Read page 164.

*Chips say “To thine own self be true” - choose for yourself.

*Individual issue – not a groups.

*Pot is legal. It has a lot to do with motive – read Dr.’s Opinion – “alcohol in all its forms”.

*Experience shared – as a sponsor, I share my experience, not convince someone.

*Experience shared – I used to smoke a lot of pot. Affected me the same way as alcohol. Medicinally is OK.

Justin: Literature: Consider creating a book of stories similar to those in the back of the big book "Alcoholics Anonymous", but from the 21st century with current language of today. **Reason:** Our fellowship has been stagnant for quite some time now. This would help "to represent the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous more accurately," and new members coming into our fellowship by using the current language and issues of today. All of the stories in the back of the big book "Alcoholics Anonymous" were written in the last century. The 4th edition was printed in 2001, so the stories were written and submitted years before that. This would prevent the fellowship from having to print a 5th edition because all that changes is the stories. Also when printing a new edition several stories are carried over so this limits the amount of new stories. **Experience:** This subject came up in our home group book study, as we read the whole book not just the first 164 pages since "Big Book study". It was brought to our home group business meeting and voted unanimously to bring this to the Area 42 Assembly. Some notable points:

- 1) The 1st edition had 29 stories; 2nd edition retained intact 3 stories, edited 3 and 1 of those were retitled, new versions of 2 were written with new titles and 30 new stories were added; 3rd edition 30 were carried over and 13 were added; 4th edition 18 carried over and 23 new.
- 2) You might be saying to yourself we have "The Grapevine", but those stories are just small portions of members experience focusing on a particular topic or event in their sobriety. This is a great magazine with great stories but they are not members' whole story sharing "what it was like, what happened and what it is like now".
- 3) If this book is a success it could become volume 1 and in say 15 to 20 years you could have volume 2 and so on.

Questions/Comments from the floor:

- *They are updated – they now include LGBTQ community and chronic relapsers.
- *Sponsees would like it, so would the young folks. A new book in today's language would be good!
- *I'm in favor. Grapevine is prolific in books. Why not have A.A.W.S write one?
- *Think about next generation. We have to speak to them!
- *Experience shared – I grew up in a small town. Folks were different from me. I identified with alcoholism. The stories showed me how they found God.
- *I got sober young. I can find similarities.
- *The Bible hasn't been re-written. No need to change the Big Book.
- *Not in favor of changing the Big Book.
- *It's expensive to create hardcover books.
- *Is a special interest book or will it benefit A.A as a whole?

Mary: Issue: Discuss effective ways to attract newcomers to Alcoholics Anonymous, especially in a small rural community.

Reason: In a small community, we see struggling alcoholics daily. However, our membership has not grown. We are a very small fellowship with limited resources available to provide services to reach the still suffering alcoholic. We are interested in hearing experiences from other groups on what has been effective in reaching the still suffering alcoholic. Many of the ideas in the Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community committee workbooks are more conducive to larger communities. And since we are limited in our resources we are looking for creative ideas that positively impacted other groups' abilities to attract newcomers to Alcoholics Anonymous.

Experience: Our fellowship has a membership of ~ 25. Approximately 1/3 of our members are actively involved in service. However, we have more service positions than people to do the service. The majority of our members active in service do so at the group level. Our community is close to a number of prisons, so most people willing to do service beyond the group take meetings into the prisons. Historically our efforts include listing all meetings in the local newspaper, placing Big Books in the library and supporting our district phone service with funds and volunteers to take calls from newcomers. Our radio station plays the conference approved public service announcements. Recently, we have posted flyers on community bulletin boards and left Grapevines in the library and laundromat. We have had many discussions over the years about starting a public information and cooperation with the professional community committee, but have not been successful at garnering interest from the fellowship. We are keenly aware of the lack of growth and sometimes the decline in membership, but have been unsuccessful at obtaining the enthusiasm needed to get the committee work started.

Questions/Comments from the floor:

- *Is this promotion? This group needs to continue to have their hands out.
- *Make newcomers feel unity.
- *Read Tradition 2 from the 12&12.
- *Experience shared – Pahrump is a rural town. It is about attraction rather than promotion. Men with the men, women with the women. It ebbs and flows. We have done everything you have.
- *Experience shared – we did a group inventory. Included our perception of what A.A. is in a rural town.
- *Experience shared – from Searchlight. We're friendly! It's about attraction.
- *Experience shared – Chester is doing it right. No answer to give. We do less and less face to face. We leave it for rehabs.
- *Hats off! Someone is doing this work!

*It only takes one person to go into jails.

*LVYPAA & RENVYPAA want to help.

Edie: From the Three Legacies Group in Winnemucca in collaboration with other members and groups in District 10B

ISSUE: Reorganizing the Area 42 structure to contain only one treasurer and treasury.

REASON: The current structure of 3 separate treasuries has caused groups to not contribute due to confusion. Having 3 separate treasuries also continues to disunify Area 42. Are there any other Areas with this structure? If not, and it causes more confusion than helpfulness, let's let go of our old ideas and work towards a unified Area structure as described in our Service Manual.

EXPERIENCE: Having 3 separate treasurers for one Area has proven to be significantly confusing to explain to new GSRs and regular AA members. Several groups have expressed how difficult it was in determining which of the 3 treasuries to send contributions to. After speaking with Area officers, it was explained that NAGSC does not necessarily receive contributions that were sent to the Area treasury.

Members continue to ask why we structure our Area in a way that separates the north and south. Because we've always done it this way is not a good reason to continue. Our Area inventory disclosed issues with how we structure this Area and how it feels like the north is separate from the south - disunified. If the north/south issue continues to come up in multiple Area 42 inventories, when will it be considered? It seems unfortunate that we spend so much time taking inventory; let's put these principles into action. After many discussions, the consensus among members and groups in District 10B has been - organizing our structure this way causes disunity. Tradition One speaks to unity of our Fellowship. Let's go to any length to achieve unity. Our Steps ask us to look at our principles to see if they still serve us or if they're blocking us from the sunlight of the Spirit. Then we are to turn everything over and trust a Higher Power.

Questions/Comments from the floor:

*I love our structure!

*Reference made to "The Nevada Area Assembly – then and now".

*North and South has had ups and downs. Maybe we should address.

*Never felt North and South disunification.

*We should focus on Districts first.

*Experience shared – I am from another Area and Area 42 is balanced.

Pat B.: Issue: "Discuss" or "Consider" an issue effecting your group, district or Area 42.

Consider developing a pamphlet for Corrections Correspondence Service, (CCS).

Reason: Why is the issue important?

Still suffering alcoholics sometimes find themselves confined and conclude that their drinking is a major reason for their confinement. Sometimes these inmates have no access to A.A. meetings and sometimes they have no access to A.A. literature. As a result, they suffer alone. On occasion, they write to our General Service Office reaching out for help. One resource A.A. offers to help is the Corrections Correspondence Service whereby the suffering inmate could learn about, and share recovery with an outside A.A. member through writing letters. While inmates know the path to prison, they may need help finding the path to sobriety. Unfortunately, there are times when no outside correspondents are available to help and the suffering inmate is put on a waiting list until an outside correspondent becomes available. There is a perennial need for additional outside members to serve as Corrections Correspondents, particularly men. On a regular basis there is a call out for additional members who are willing to be Corrections Correspondents through postings in the Grapevine, Box 459, or letters sent to Delegates. The current piece of free literature, Form F-26, serves as an enrollment form for CCS, but it does not contain much pertinent information as to why this service is so important to those who are confined or much background as to why outside A.A. members might be interested in participating in this service.

Experience: What happened to create interest in the issue.

During the Corrections Panel at the 2015 International Convention in Atlanta, an A.A. member delivered a presentation on CCS and developed a handout for audience members called "CCS Fast Facts". This handout contained additional information as to why CCS is so important to confined alcoholics and compelling reasons as to why A.A. members might be interested in participating in this service. When used in conjunction with the CCS enrollment form, (F-26), the "CCS Fast Facts" bulletin proved helpful when making announcements about CCS and led to additional A.A. members enrolling as Corrections Correspondents. While the "CCS Fast Facts" bulletin is not Conference Approved Literature, it was developed with the oversight and approval of then GSO Corrections staff member Clement C. Since that time this bulletin has had limited distribution via "word of mouth" including use in Canada where CCS was just recently introduced after approval by the Canadian government. CCS is referred to as "a very rewarding, but rarely mentioned form of Twelfth Step work." If CCS was mentioned more frequently with detailed reasons as to why this service is so important to the still suffering confined inmate and so rewarding to A.A. members who participate in the service, our Fellowship may not incur the constant shortage of outside A.A. members who

are enrolled as correspondents. Inmates requesting the CCS service would not have to be placed on a waiting list. Sometimes the wait to find an outside correspondent is 4 - 6 weeks.

An inquiry with current Corrections Staff member Jeff W. at the GSO indicates that the issue of developing a pamphlet on CCS has not been submitted as an agenda item in recent years.

The suggestion is to incorporate information in the "CCS Fast Facts" with the information in the current CCS Enrollment Form, (F-26), and create a pamphlet on CCS.

Questions/Comments from the floor:

*Experience shared – at 3 years of sobriety I was sentenced to 2.5 years. My experience was most attended because they wanted out. When I got to camp, I ran meetings. Reno sponsored support.

*Experience shared – I knew where to go when I got out. . Flip side is we are cons.

Jason: Issue: "Discuss" or "Consider" an issue effecting your group, district or Area 42.

Discuss ways to inform the members of the impact social media has on the fellowship.

Reason: Why is the issue important?

An ever-growing trend in the use of social media by and for news and personal use adds new complexity to the fellowship and our principal of attraction rather than promotion.

Experience: What happened to create interest in the issue.

A news media outlet recently published a photo of a member of the fellowship committing a crime asking the public for assistance in identification. Comments ensued which soon broke the members anonymity and the status of their (lack of) sobriety. Members who are free with their association with the fellowship on social media expressing strong political and social stances. Could this give the impression that these are the beliefs of the fellowship to the newcomer that adds them on social media?

Questions/Comments from the floor:

*Social media is a tool.

*This is always coming up. Social Media reflects on A.A. when disclosing anonymity. I face time with sick members.

Rhonda: Issue: "Discuss" or "Consider" an issue effecting your group, district or Area 42.

Politics and religion in AA.

Reason: Why is the issue important?

Both items create friction amongst members in our group disrupting unity and our common purpose.

Experience: What happened to create interest in the issue?

Christmas decorations were put up which offended a person of another faith. The person who was not Christian put up decorations of their faith and someone took them down which was greatly offensive. The Christmas decorations did not get taken down. It has been an ongoing discussion in the group and there are still hard feelings about it.

Politics come about when people want different things to happen in the group and others do not. People will tend to find others to side with them to create the change they want. Again it is disruptive to unity. Where is the Higher Power?

Questions/Comments from the floor:

*We should not be talking about sports, politics, etc.

*Experience shared - Christmas decorations. Anti-semantic comments made.

*Take this issue to the group conscience.

*Experience shared – gun enthusiasts at meetings.

*Experience shared – I attend meetings in churches. I am not offended by other people's Higher Powers.

*In the 12 Traditions – put "I" instead of A.A. – we need to follow spiritual anonymity.

"Markings of a Journey" film presentation by Area Archivist – Lyle C.

4:30p.m. – Assembly Adjourned.

Sunday September 10, 2017:

DCM Meeting: 7:30-8:30a.m.

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Webmaster will get events put on website.

What's going on in your districts?

Comment – groups do not feel it is necessary to fund GSRs to go to Spring Assembly, only Fall.

Get feedback from the groups regarding this statement. They benefit in the process and their groups voice matters.

Standing Committee Chairs Meeting: 7:30a.m - 8:30a.m.

Ideas and topics for improvement???

Managing events

How are we implementing the GSB Strategic Plan?

Managing Events:

- *One person does a majority of the work.
- *One person in charge of 3 committees. Not very effective.
- *space for God to get in! Experience with the pause. Silence is ok.
- *Trust the issues when handing over responsibilities.
- *Service Festival to create excitement and gather volunteers and new people.
- *Rural areas struggle more, everyone has to travel just to get together.
- *Share passion with others. Describe how it saves lives.
- *Express to sponsees that after 2 years, service is needed and not just as secretary! Keep sobriety fresh in order to grow.
- * Assign DCMs to committees – this is done in Canada.
- *DCMs are in the best position to gather info re: events.
- *Have an hour prior to each event to have chairs gather and plan.
- *Events are different for Bridge the Gap . Volunteers are a must.
- *Archives has unique needs. Waiting on approvals for work to be done. Has volunteers for the work and has plan in place.

Strategic Plan:

- *Room for working together. CPC to work with universities, marriage counselors, letting people know what A.A. is and is not.
 - *Inclusiveness, singleness of purpose. Strategic Plan was well written.
 - *How do we excite people about A.A.? Keep trying, keep pushing, when people want our message, we will be here.
 - *Maybe we aren't expressing the message well enough??
 - *Become more efficient with communities with communication.
 - *Concerned people may not know their responsibilities in passing along the message. From chairs, to DCMs, to GSRs...
 - *Lack of communication among districts is a huge problem. Three events on the same day in different districts.
 - *DCMs passing along emails is very effective.
 - *Bring back to our groups the hot topics to get them excited. Ask how we can help. Let your communities know A.A. is here to help.
 - *Simplify the message. An executive summary would be helpful to give to GSRs for their group.
- Strategic Plan on schedule for NAGSC/SAGSC to make sure it stays alive.

Assembly Opens @ 8:30a.m with the Serenity Prayer

Announcements/Housekeeping:

Please take PRAASA fliers!

Don't forget about Coffee Contribution jar!

In keeping with our Traditions on anonymity, this is an A.A. event .Please do not take photographs in here and if you do, please do not include people. Please make no requests for any kind of donations, that is an outside issue.

Mock Agenda Items: (cont'd)

Emily: Issue: Outreach in Cambodia. This was proposed by two members from District 20. Unsure if this is appropriate for this forum.

Reason: Why is the issue important? There are English meetings in Phnom, Sihanoukville, and Siem Reap (This may have closed). There are no Khmer language meetings in Cambodia at this time. There is, according to one member's understanding, a significant problem with alcoholism. There is little literature available. He communicates regularly with some ex-pats who have several meetings in Phnom Penh.

Experience: What happened to create interest in the issue? (email exchanges) While in Cambodia I attended many meetings in Phnom Penh and found a disturbing lack of attendance by the local population... essentially none! When I inquired about this the general sentiment that I got was that it was due to a lack of literature in Khmer, coupled with differences in social norms and customs. I am curious as to how it works in Hanoi? Do you have locals in your meetings and if so how do you deal with similar concerns."

In reply: "We no longer have a Khmer group going this year. The group I led last year split up after the guy I sponsored moved to Siem Reap. To do the group thing, I need a Cambodian facilitator who has been sober for some time and understands the program, as addicts are not comfortable with a foreigner. It has been difficult to find a replacement for my sponsee, Mr. K. A Khmer counterpart and I have been broadcasting for the last 15 weeks about the 12 Steps for an hour every Thursday, and the man I sponsor comes down once a month to PP to continue our translation of the 12 x 12. We also speak to youth groups about A.A. The minute the door opens to start another Khmer group, I will. There are many more obstacles here in a shame/honor bases culture than in the US where people are generally aware of AA, plus it has been developed within a western and very American context."

"GSO has been so difficult to get info from. There are two translations of the big book which are obsolete, written in seventies language, and filled with errors. The Cambodian Daily translated the BB again, but that also was rather unreadable and translated literally. Oh, the translation challenges! The only way to translate the literature is to sit down with a Cambodian and

paraphrase a paragraph. The 12 x 12 isn't bad but the big book is impossible. Bill uses so many metaphors, simile, and comparisons that are specific to his time frame in US history that they are impossible to translate if you try to do it literally. We have to use the dynamic equivalent style in many places."

There is difficulty just getting English language literature due to expense and unreliability of shipping. A member is planning on taking extra luggage containing literature he can acquire from other groups (excess etc.). If we could come up with some specific proposals we could request

What can be done? GSO to act on this - Provide literature to anyone traveling to Cambodia, begin printing what has been successfully translated into Khmer by the Cambodians . Anyway we would like to propose that GSO take a more active role in supporting Cambodia AA.

12 Traditions read by Jamie F.

Announcements:

Paul informed the body that airfare on Southwest to Reno from Vegas was \$69.00.

Thank you District 1 for hosting! District 8 to host Spring 2018 Assembly.

Break 10:05 a.m.

Resumed @ 10:20 a.m.

Standing Committee Chair Reports: (con't)

Accessibilities North: The committee met with District 12 and District 8 this summer at their district meetings. Thank you for your warm welcome and sharing of ideas. We presented ADA material regarding service animals as well as the AA Guidelines for Accessibilities and special needs that includes a check list for groups to assess their physical meeting space. We regret having to cancel District 20 last month and look forward to rescheduling soon. This weekend, we're honored to present a mock conference topic regarding rural communities, sharing a member's inquiry about remote communities and carrying the AA message. All AA groups hope to reach the still suffering alcoholic and we will explore the special needs of remote rural communities as an Area. I couldn't be more excited! In service, Mary.

Bridge the Gap South: My name is Jake I am alcoholic. Lenny wants me to tell you that she is very sorry she cannot be here this weekend but she had an immediate family emergency which required her attention. Part of bridging the gap between a treatment program and AA is a temporary contact program. It is designed to help the alcoholic in a alcoholism treatment program or correctional facility make the transition into Alcoholics Anonymous. As a lot of us know one of the most slippery places in the journey to sobriety is between the door of a facility and the nearest AA group or meeting. Some of us can tell you that even though we heard of Alcoholics Anonymous in treatment we were too fearful or judgmental to go. AA experience suggests that attending meetings regularly is critical. In order to bridge the gap AA members volunteer to be temporary contacts and introduce some newcomers to Alcoholics Anonymous. AA suggested that the temporary contact take the newcomer to a variety of AA meetings, introduced him or her to other AA's, insure he or she has the phone numbers of several AA members, and share the experience and importance of a home group and sponsor. Experience also suggests that men work with men women work with women. You need not to have experience in treatment or correctional facilities. Your qualifications are experience as an alcoholic and recovery in AA. Try to introduce our newcomer to AA conference approved Literature particularly the big book, pamphlets, and the AA Grapevine. Remember that the goal of both AA and treatment settings are the same. We are both concerned with the recovery of the alcoholic. No one speaks for AA as a whole when we carry the AA message we are just one drunk talking to another. How we look act and talk can be the only thing the newcomer knows about Alcoholics Anonymous. Since we may be seen as part of a AA let our new friends see, hear, and talk to a winner. In southern Area 42 in the last year our bridging the gap chair Lenny has done a lot of work. Her goal when she started was to get to three contact people for every request. She has been able to accomplish that goal. Bridging the gap has had five new requests this summer. Now she would like to get a co chair for bridging the gap. If you would like to get involved please let me know.

GSR Trainer North: Hello Area 42 trusted servants. It's been a pleasure serving this year, and I look forward to the opportunity to bring a GSR Survival workshop or presentation to any northern area District or Group requesting one. To date I have gone to Districts 6, 10A, 4 and 14. Depending on time restrictions, the presentation or workshop can be anywhere from ½ hour to 2 hours. I am available to fit in your schedule as needed. Thank you, Carol B. GSR Survival Person

Intergroup Liaison South: Kellie M. Jack F. reporting. For the month of July 2017, Central Office had 412 information calls. 73 12-Step calls. Website: 172 hits/day; 5332 visits this month. Jack reminds the groups that the 12 Traditions are what guides the groups. Jack thanks the groups for their continued support. Michael H. gave the Treasurers report. Michael reminds the groups that the monthly reports are balance sheets that represent cash flow and expenses and are not audited financials. Any group

wanting to review the audited financials can contact Jack for access to review those reports. According to the July 2017, Intergroup Report: Total Income \$11,730.03; Total Expenses \$13,420.54 for a net loss of (\$1,690.51). Literature income \$10,373.71; Literature expenses \$11,627.79, Literature Checkbook Balance of \$8,745.95. Intergroup Bank Balances: General Account \$11,653.85 less Committee Totals (\$12,393.71); Total Central Office (\$739.86). Central Office has a Prudent Reserve of \$10,001.31, a Payroll Account with a balance of \$1,878.54, and a Literature Account with a balance of \$8,745.92; Total Bank Accounts \$20,625.77. The Hotline and 12 Step groups are always looking for volunteers. Central Office provides this services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you would like to get involved simply visit www.lvcentraloffice.org or call Central Office at 702-598-1888. The Las Vegas Round Up will be held Thanksgiving weekend at the Westgate Hotel. Online registration is open at www.lvroundup.org Pre-registration is only \$35 thru October 31, 2017, which is when pre-registration ends. Central Office holds two events during the year and this year we are adding a new event in October. The Bones & Brew OCT-Sober-Fest, Ribs and Coffee Competition, will happen October 14, 2017, from 11:30a-2:30p at the Lakes Lutheran Church, tickets are \$10.00. All proceeds benefit Central Office and see Edie for tickets. Intergroup meets every 2nd Monday of the month, next meeting is Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:00pm at Central Office. In Service: Kellie M. Intergroup Liaison.

RENVYPAA: Our campout this year was an absolute blast. We had about 140 people in attendance, coming from across the West coast including Oregon, California, and Idaho. We also had attendees from South Dakota as our Saturday night speaker filled a car and brought them with. The whole event was a huge hit and the committee itself was glowing with unity. Our next main focus is to help establish young people's meetings in some of the smaller communities outside of Reno. We've had request from a few different towns and feel this is a great opportunity to be of service and to help spread the message of A.A. We've put in a bid for the Western Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (WACYPA) to bring a major conference to Nevada, a conference that averages 1500 alcoholics of all ages. Also, our elections are coming up, September 24th at 3:00pm, upstairs in the Triangle Club in Reno, NV. All positions are up for election. We meet regularly on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, at 5pm at the Triangle Club, and all are welcome to come and join. Our website is RENVYPAA.com for any additional information including upcoming events, meeting schedules, and contact information.

LVYPAA: Area 42 Fall Assembly 2017 LVYPAA Liaison Report Jason M.

1. LVYPAA placed a bid to host SWACYPA, but we did not win. There was some concern about having a young people's conference in Las Vegas, mainly regarding the safety of minors.
2. LVYPAA is planning to focus more on helping the Area's young people and young at heart through more H&I, corrections, and showing support for the surrounding Las Vegas rural areas. Also, there has been some interest in possibly have a state conference with Reno YPAA.
3. LVYPAA is having their annual scavenger hunt 9/30/2017 at the TIE club. The agenda is as follows:
 - Speaker meeting 2-4 pm
 - Scavenger hunt from 4-7 pm
 - BBQ from 7-9 pm

If you have any questions contact Courtney

Treatment/ Bridge the Gap North: One of the purposes of Treatment Committee presence at a Treatment Facility is to present information that corrects misconceptions Treatment Facility clients may have about Alcoholics Anonymous. One of the ways we currently do this is to use Conference Approved materials such as the DVD "Hope" as part of our presentations at Treatment Facilities. I am pleased to report today that a new resource has been under development in the Northern Area by an Ad Hoc Committee operating under the umbrella of the Northern Nevada Intergroup CPC Committee. This Ad Hoc Committee is referred to as "Orientation To A.A." and has been at work under the direction of Joyce Y. for a few years. The objective of the Orientation To A.A. Ad Hoc Committee is to develop a series of presentations based on Conference approved A.A. literature that serves as a factual orientation as to "What A.A. is, What A.A. is not, and what Treatment Facility clients might expect from attending A.A. meetings once they leave the Treatment Facility. This presentation series consists of four one hour scripted presentations designed to be delivered to Treatment Facility clients over a four week period.

The inaugural launch of the "Orientation To A.A." presentation series has been with Treatment Facility Bristlecone in Reno. Bristlecone client and management response to the presentations has been very positive. Some final editing of the four presentations has been done and the entire set of four presentations is scheduled to be duplicated and binded by the end of September. Future opportunities for implementing the orientation series are Carson Behavioral Health Services in Carson City and the V.A. Hospital in Reno. The administration and presentation of this "Orientation To A.A." series requires a dedicated team of Fellowship members for each Treatment Facility. A flyer containing pertinent information about this new Treatment Facility is available here today. On the Bridging The Gap part of our Service, the NAGSC Committee is currently making Bridging The Gap presentations to the clients at 6 Treatment Facilities on either a monthly or bi-monthly basis, (CrossRoads Men, CrossRoads Women, Bristlecone, West Hills, Renown Behavioral Health Services, Carson Behavioral Health Services).

The Reno / Sparks BTG Committee has recently created and filled the service position of Contact Coordinator. The BTG Contact Coordinator receives the treatment client Temporary Contact requests resulting from our presentations and then aligns those

requests with the Fellowship members who have volunteered to be BTG Temporary Contact volunteers. Our BTG Temporary Contacts then contact the clients who have requested our service and arrange to take the client to their first A.A. meeting(s) once the client has returned to their home community after treatment. I recently attended the District 12 meeting in Fallon where we are trying to assemble a BTG Committee to support a request we have for BTG service from the New Frontier Treatment Facility located there. Good news received in the last week reports we have a Fellowship member who has expressed an interest in heading a BTG effort in District 12. Throughout the N.A.G.S.C. geography we currently have 121 BTG Temporary Contact Volunteers standing at the ready to take a treatment client to their first A.A. meeting(s). While this is admirable, particularly to those who have volunteered, we have a way to go. Less than 10% of our volunteers are located in the major cities of Reno and Sparks and there are many communities where we currently have no Temporary Contact volunteers. Since clients leaving Treatment could reside anywhere throughout the N.A. G.S. C. geography, it is important we have Temporary Contact volunteers throughout the entire area. To this point, there are BTG pamphlets, volunteer guidelines, and sign-up cards at the Bridging The Gap table located in the back of the room for all who are interested. I am also looking forward to continued District Meeting participation in the near future. Most sincerely, Pat B. N.A.G.S.C. Treatment / Bridging The Gap Committee Chair

NAGSC Treasurer: (from CD). Will. Gave financials. 5,227.45 in checking. Deposits of 2,607.44 and Prudent Reserve of 1,252.54. Please put all group names and email addresses on checks so I can send receipts. Net up 766.00 this year, so we are looking pretty good! Thank you!

SAGSC Treasurer: Good Day, Currently checking account balance is \$16,641.81 and Savings account is \$15,012.44. Profit and Lost Report and the Yr to date and Budget compared to current spending are available in the back. We have currently received 60% of budgeted contributions and have spent 79% of projected expenses, not counting this weekend. This accounts for the \$-2,088.37 balance of Net Income. Group contributions receipts have been distributed to your DCM of your District. If you do not get one or have questions about past receipts, please see me in the back and I can re issue any past receipts. Reminder that we are currently working on our 2018 Budget so please submit any request to Edie or myself. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Chuck S. SAGSC Treasurer.

SAGSC Secretary: Hello everybody my name is Glenn and I'm honored to serve as our Southern Area Recording Secretary. We have a lot of new people here and I want to welcome you all. For those of you that are new, my primary job is to make the minutes from our southern area meetings and to correspond southern area business with the fellowship in the south. I work closely with our SAGSC chair, treasurer and finance committee chair and assist them when needed. I also help our area chair maintain a current set of roster's for the southern area so if any of your information changes please let me know so I can update your information. You can check your information with the rosters in this weekends packet. A draft copy of the SAGSC minutes from our July meeting has been sent out. If there are any changes that need to be made please let me know before the next Sags meeting on November 12th. If you are from the southern area and did not get a copy, please ask your DCM or let me know and I will make sure you get a copy. I am really enthused about our Area hosting the 2018 PRAASA in Sparks and look forward to seeing you there. Thank you and thank you for allowing me to be of service. In love and service, Glenn W. Southern Area 42 Secretary.

**Proposed Amendments to the:
Area 42 General Service Assembly Finance Guidelines**

Current:

2.0 Responsibilities of the Area Treasurer

G. Assembles documentation for tax preparer of Federal and State filings.

Proposed:

2.0 Responsibilities of the Area Treasurer

G. Assembles documentation for tax preparer of Federal and State filings.

1) Secures profit & loss reports from SAGSC & NAGSC after all prior calendar year income and expenses have been recorded.

2) Assists Accountant with all documentation and information needed to file federal income taxes on or before May 15th each year.

Current:

2.0 Responsibilities of the Area Treasurer

I. Files annual list of officers with the State of Nevada

Proposed:

2.0 Responsibilities of the Area Treasurer

I. Files annual list of officers with the State of Nevada **through the State's online SilverFlume portal after June 1st and prior to July 31st each year.**

****After discussion surrounding the proposal being too specific an amendment was made: Amended - Proposed 2.0 " I. Files annual list of officers with the State of Nevada primarily through the State's online SilverFlume portal after June 1st and prior to July 31st each year".**

Proposal passed with amendment.

****2017/2018 Budget Approved (see password protected page on Area 42 Website)**

Area 42 2017 - 2018 Budget Assumptions

2016/2017 ACTUALS:

1) All receipts and expenses through the end of July 2017.

2017/2018 ORIGINAL BUDGET REQUESTS:

1) Most of the Area 42 Officers submitted budgets for their respective positions. For those who did not submit a budget, a budget was created by the Area 42 Finance Committee.

2) The amount requested by Area 42 officers for office supplies and other expenses was used for this budget.

3) The budget reflects all possible expenses, provided for each Area 42 officer. Historically spending has been less than the budgeted expenses.

4) The budget was developed assuming all Area 42 officers will attend all Area 42 Assemblies and PRAASA, unless they specifically informed the Area 42 Finance Committee they are not attending.

5) An average cost was used for PRAASA - assumed shared expenses. Area 42 Officers are fully funded at an estimated \$650.00 to PRAASA from the South and an estimated \$324.00 to PRAASA from the North. Most Area 42 Officers from the South live in the greater Las Vegas area and the Area 42 officers from the North are more spread out.

6) For Area 42 Assemblies, average hotel, registration, food and travel was calculated.

Based on where the Area 42 officer lives - assumed shared rooms and rides.

Funding was budgeted at \$2000.00 to assist DCMs and GSRs to attend the 2018 PRAASA as a one time budget expense.

Amount per DCM/GSR will be determined by the Area 42 Finance Committee; based upon travel distance and other funding received.

2017/2018 CHANGES TO THE ORIGINAL REQUESTS FROM THE AREA 42 FINANCE COMMITTEE

1) Area Officers needing additional funds may request them from the 2017/2018 Area 42 Finance Committee per the Area 42 Guidelines: Addendum Finance Committee Guidelines (5.2). The Finance Committee will approve or recommend based upon available funds.

2017/2018 CHANGES FROM THE BODY PRIOR TO APPROVAL

1) Added \$2000.00 to assist DCMs and GSRs to attend 2018 PRAASA as a one time budget item. *Motion made, 2nd and approved by the body, March 2017 Area 42 Assembly.

****Area Archivist requested \$400.00 in travel funding in addition to budget submission. Approved.**

Officer Reports:

Alt. Delegate/ SAGSC Chair: Rhonda – No report.

Area Chair: I would first like to thank Julie and Rhonda and everyone else that contributed in gathering topics for this weekend assembly. Crazy things happen, at least in my life, and I am grateful that I have a service sponsor and a network of folks I can call that will pick up the phone and help me in walking through the rough times. I am happy to say that I am still sober and relatively sane through 2 career changes, a re-vamp to our assembly theme, and a last-minute banquet cancellation. We will be discussing options for the banquet under our new business section on Sunday morning and I encourage you all to bring your ideas and input for consideration. I am looking forward to our weekend and hope that you will enjoy the format that we have put together and as always, I appreciate any feedback that you might have for me. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Alt. Area Chair/NAGSC Chair: For those of you new to general service or new to Nevada Area 42, as alternate chairperson, in addition to my responsibilities here at the assembly, I have the responsibility to chair the northern area. Since the spring assembly, in my role as northern area chair, I have had the privilege to help prepare the northern area in providing agenda topics for this weekend. It is important that I always remember how long it has taken me to understand the general service conference structure; and I still have much to learn. As a new GSR I found the process of preparing our delegate for the General Service Conference extremely confusing. So, for all of you who are confused, you are not alone. It is our hope that the presentations and brain storming at the June and August NAGSC (Northern Area General Service Committee) meetings helped you understand a bit more that these topics come from you and your groups. And even if they don't come from your group, they come from another alcoholic. Someone who cares deeply about Alcoholics Anonymous made the effort to write-up his or her concern and present their ideas to their districts, area or directly to the General Service Conference. The groups really are on the top of our upside-down triangle. The groups really do have ultimate responsibility and final authority for the health and longevity of Alcoholics Anonymous. I am extremely grateful to Emily for the opportunity to walk through the process of generating topics for today. I was able to participate in my home group as well as to watch the northern area fellowship change from confused to passionate about creating their own agenda topics. The experience has given me a much greater appreciation for the process. I loved seeing people completely change their perspective from one of uncertainty to one of understanding. I want to thank everyone who attended the NAGSC meetings and everyone who went back to their districts and groups to share their experience, strength and hope. I want to give a special thanks to all who provided the training at the NAGSC meetings and those who spent time with me as we figured out ways to help the North understand both the value and importance of our agenda topics. I know we are more informed than we were six months ago and I am extremely grateful to be a part of the process. Yours in Service, Julie C.

Area Alternate Secretary (NAGSC Secretary): Monica S. Hello friends my name is Monica, grateful Alcoholic. I want to start by saying thank you for allowing to me to be of service and thank you to everyone who is here for their service. Part of my primary duties include serving as the Northern Area Secretary, provide a literature display at Assembly, and assist and coordinate with the Area Secretary. First off I would like to share about what it was like after I had been elected to this position. I was feeling a bit inadequate, and I had a tremendous amount of fear. After experiencing our last assembly I was reminded we never have to do anything alone unless we choose to. The amount of love, helping hands and passion I witnessed at assembly and many A.A. functions after was astonishing. The closest thing I can relate, is that of being a new comer in A.A. So many people ready to be there to watch me grow in sobriety. My journey in service has not been much different, and has given me a new outlook and has thus far been quite a spiritual experience. I want to encourage everyone to stay service, encourage others to get in service, and know that you're never alone, we do this thing together always. Also a thank you to all who helped me with the literature table. At the end of last Assembly we had a balance of \$259.30. With the growing talk of Safety in A.A. as well as many topics I will have some things that may be of interest to you, as well as your groups. Please stop by periodically at least to say hello, I

look forward to seeing many of your smiling faces. Thank you all again for allowing me to be of service, and getting to do it with people I love. Monica S.

Alt. Area Treasurer: Edie – No report.

Alt. Area Registrar: My name is Jake - I am alcoholic. I am grateful to be serving as your alternate area Registrar, and I am super excited to be here once again in beautiful downtown Tonopah Nevada. Everything is going very well in area 42 with registration. As your alternate area Registrar my job is to serve as your Registrar in the south, but my main job is to help and to assist Laura our area Registrar in anyway I can. As many of you have heard earlier in the year Laura got very sick and ended up in the hospital in San Diego California. While she was out I took care of all of our registrations and all of our correspondence with GSO. This was a very good learning experience for me and I was glad I was able to be of service. Now Laura is back in action and taking care of our area business. I am very grateful that she is feeling better and I am very thankful for all of her work with the Area 42 registration. Whenever we have new group or new GSR forms she takes care of them immediately and in my opinion the registration for our area assembly is going very smoothly. So thank you very much Laura. We have registered lots of new GSR's and some new groups. The most exciting new group we have in my opinion is the first ever Spanish-speaking women's group in Area 42. It is a women's stag meeting that meets Friday nights at 5 PM at 1200 S. Eastern in Las Vegas Nevada as part of the Plentitud group. They have English speaking women come to share at the group every other week right now. So if you ever get a chance please come check it out and support it in anyway you can. If you need any new group or GSR forms please come see me or Laura. If you have any questions about your group or your Group Service Number we will be happy to answer those for you as well. Thank you very much for letting me be of service!

Area Registrar: First I would like to give a big thank you to my friend and Alternate Jake. I am very happy to be able to resume my duties as the Area Registrar after a lengthy illness in the spring that left me unable to perform my AA duties for a 3 month period. I was fortunate at the time to have the best alternate possible. Thank you, Jake, for stepping in while I was recovering, for doing so with graciousness and competence! You made my recovery a lot smoother! I also want to thank Keith C of the Monday Night Group in District 8, who spent a considerable amount of time cleaning up the Area 42 registrar's computer. When I gave it to him, I was convinced that I would be approaching the body about purchasing a new laptop. However, thanks to his expertise and volunteer time, our 10 year old year laptop will continue to perform for a few more years. Thank you Keith, for your service! Jake and I are encouraging the DCMs in both the North & South to work towards moving inactive groups in their districts to an active status. The main reason groups are listed as inactive is because there is no contact person listed with the General Service Office. Remember, while we encourage each group to have a GSR, it is not necessary to be listed, however a contact person will be required. I have given out spreadsheets to each DCM so that they can check the status of their groups and update with either myself or Jake as needed. We continue to have success using our online registration and feel that this helps speed up the check-in process at Assembly. This year we had _____ members pre-register online and _____ members register on-site. If DCMs would like the numbers for your individual districts please let me know. Thank you Area 42 for allowing me to be a trusted servant, It's good to be back in action!

Area Archivist: As the Archivist I maintain and add to our Archives. Also, I am available to provide displays of our archives at your functions. I have already reserved my spot at the Lake Tahoe Fall Festival in October, and will attend the Oasis Festival in Fallon. I have printed the PRASSA panoramic pictures that our delegate Phil took last year and displayed them in the archives room. I have binders with the Area 42 newsletters and Northern Nevada Intergroup Bracers, which is the NNIG newsletter. Please stop by the archives room, especially those who don't have or want internet access. I'm adding to our archives by printing all the minutes, newsletters, and other important printed materials. My printer is smoking!!! I'm organizing the material into appropriate binders which are located in either the official archives held at the Las Vegas Central Office or in the north in my home office. Yours in Service, Lyle C.

Alt. Area Archivist: Hi, my name is Gabriel; Archives Alternate. We are working on getting more space, tried to rent more office space, but that was too expensive. The increase from \$ 1.00/day to \$6,500/year. This was not a solution. After looking at the options, we decided to put bookshelves all around the walls. The cost of this project is around \$800, that is just the materials. After talking to Jack from the Central Office, he suggested we start a volunteer program to work on the bookshelves. The labor cost will be \$ 0.00. This is the first step towards rebuilding the Archives office. The Central office in spanish and District 21 agree to pass the basket or hat to collect funds for this project.

Newsletter Editor: Good morning. My name is Anne and I serve as your Area 42 Newsletter Editor. Thank you for trusting me with this position. It is an honor to serve you. And thank you to all the individuals out there who contribute, distribute, post and otherwise help with newsletter. It takes a village. The Summer 2017 Area 42 Newsletter was sent out by the Aug. 10 deadline. It contains updates from our Area Officers along with a copy of the new yellow Safety in AA Cards along with valuable information about rooms and registrations for the March 2-4 Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (PRAASA) in Sparks. I'm hoping you like the new Intergroup Liaison columns. The Fall 2017 Area 42 Newsletter is set to be distributed on Oct. 31. In the spirit of the coming holiday season, the theme will be gratitude and service. Communicating area, district and intergroup events and ideas to the membership remains a priority for every issue. If you have a general service insight or experience or an event you want highlighted, please, please, please reach out to me by Oct. 1. My official email address is area_newsletter_editor@nevadaarea42.org. If you haven't seen the area newsletter, you can always find it on our website (nevadaarea42.org). Thank you for my life. Yours in love and service, Anne K.

Web Servant: Hello, my name is Libby G. and I'm the Area 42 Web Servant. As usual, I will keep this short as the job is pretty much administration and honestly who wants a list of what I added to the Area 42 website. If you are curious, stop by and see me and I'll be glad to give you more details than you ever wanted to know. If you want something added to the Area 42 website, submit it to Jonelle, the secretary and she'll review it for any anonymity breaks and then pass it along to me. To avoid any anonymity issues just make sure there are no last names, personal phone numbers or personal emails. Every district with a DCM has an email address that is generic that can be used for email communication and is sent directly to your DCM. The Area website is nevadaarea42.org. If you have any questions feel free to ask me. Thanks for letting me be of service. Libby

New Business:

Phil – 2030 International – bid to host in Las Vegas. Sense of the Assembly – Yes!

Send non-election Area 42 Assembly Minutes to GSO - Passed.

Emily – Banquet. Issues with running late, food poisoning, not enough, etc. Took Sense of the Assembly after presenting possible options. Emily will research some viable options and chose what will work best for our Assembly!

Tony – Translation. After some brief history re: his position and contribution to translating for our Assembly. Motion made – Form an ad-hoc Translation Committee to be inclusive of both North and South. Request to have the ad-hoc committee to write a proposal to form a permanent Translation Committee. Seconded. Discussion.

*Comment re: Ad-hoc Communications Committee formed a few years ago to look at this issue. Maybe have two separate committees considered.

*Comment made re: Tony paying out of pocket. We need to not have this happen.

*Comment – we need to help Tony come up with workable budget.

Passed. Ad-Hoc committee to be appointed by Chair.

Libby - Communications within the Area. We need an ad-hoc Communications Committee that will deal with calendars of events, newsletters, other forms of communication including best practices, etc. Motion made – Create ad-hoc committee to propose the formation of a permanent Communications Committee.

Seconded.

Passed. Ad-Hoc committee to be appointed by Chair.

Rhonda – This summer, District 15 wanted to merge with District 9. I was pretty sure the District 15 actually sits in District 3. After reviewing the district boundaries map and reviewing the written descriptions, it was evident that we need to update the written and map descriptions for Area 42. I would like to petition the Chair to create an ad-hoc committee to review and update our written and map of the Area 42 District boundaries.

Seconded.

Passed. Ad-Hoc committee to be appointed by Chair.

Ask -It-Basket:

Chaired by Chuck C.

Q. Do GSRs have a vote at PRAASA or only DCMs?

A. Both have a vote.

Q. Will there be workshops? Who must attend? Who should attend? Who can attend? Where are the meetings held at PRAASA?

A. There will be workshops. You can attend any of them. A map will be given on where the meetings will be held.

Q. Why isn't the Service Manual available in Braille?

A. Very expensive to translate. The Service Manual has updates and that means every time there is an update, there will need to be translation. The other literature does not require as many therefore Braille is a bit more feasible.

Q. Rites of Passage in District 18 used to help with the assemblies. What happened?

A. It was no longer feasible for them.

Q. Why were there outside issues discussed on our Mock Agenda Items – religion, drugs? We spent 15 minutes on this.

A. Because we did. If that's what we decided, then so be it!

Q. I represent a once a week GV meeting. There are at least 2 meetings every week but hardly any of the GSRs attended this week. I will submit my report to my meeting but do I/should I share this information with other groups? Should I only report to district and my meeting? How can we encourage our meetings to get more involved in district and in Area?

A. Clarification given between the difference between meeting and group. Group is registered with GSO/ a meeting has no place in the General Service structure. I believe you should share the information.

Spring Assembly - March 23-25, 2018.

Motion to Close.

Seconded.

Closed @ 11:36 a.m with I am Responsible.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jonelle W.
Area 42 Secretary