

Area 42 Assembly Minutes

March 27-28, 2020

Virtual Meeting via "Zoom"

Approved October 16, 2020 (6:15pm)

Friday, March 27, 2020

Area Committee Meeting (Blue Room):

7:00pm Area Committee meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer by Area 42 Chair, Paul. 40 members were present. The voting and sense of Assembly will be done with polls. Area Finance Committee report of suggestions and discussion:

AREA 42 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 3/20/2020

There have been 3 significant discussions since our meeting in September.

1. Combining Treasuries for Area, NAGSC and SAGSC. We had a few emails that were sent and it was quickly determined that this will require a significant amount of work and maybe not everyone on the 3 current finance committees is able and/or willing to take this project on. We are requesting that a Ad Hoc Committee be established by the Chair. We would recommend the committee be made up of 9 members. We would suggest that membership include the following positions:

Treasurers for all 3 entities. If current treasurers are not available, we suggest a person that has held the position in the last rotation or two.

- a. Two at large members, one from the north, one from the south.
- b. It is suggested that the remaining members be selected from individuals that have served as Area 42, NAGSC and SAGSC officers and/or committee members in the 4 years (or two rotations).

There are several facets to this idea, so we need to consider all ideas and information.

2. The 2020 International Conference is still on track for July 2020 in Detroit. The Finance Committee has approved the expenditures of up to \$700 for the following items related to the conference:
 - a. Area 42's share of the costs of the Pacific Region Hospitality Suite. Our share is \$200
 - b. Creation and shipping of the Area 42 displays and souvenirs, up to \$500.
3. A one-time funding request for the 2020 Pacific Regional Forum was prepared by our Alternate Delegate and a couple others. The request is asking for reimbursement of up to \$75 per person that travels more than 60 miles within the Area to go to the Forum in Las Vegas. I have attached the formal request. The finance committee is in favor of this funding however it was felt that a vote should be taken. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service, Elisa R. Finance Committee Chair.

DISCUSSION: (2) Paul asked if we agree to spend expenditures of up to \$700. For the 2020 International Convention for Area 42's share of the cost of Pacific Regional Hospitality Suite (\$200.) and the creation/shipping of the Area 42 displays/souvenirs up to \$500. 97% in favor. Elisa points out that Finance Committee has already approved this as per Guidelines, 2.1 Finance. (3) There is a Proposal for one-time funding of \$75. for those traveling over 60 miles to go to the Forum in Las Vegas. Q. How much have we saved in Assembly cost? A.\$4,696 in travel expenses. Q. Could we give more? A. Elisa's opinion, yes. Area Treasurer mentions that we should consider that we may not be getting donations because of the current circumstances. 100%-Yes. (1) Paul asked if we believe he should create an Ad-Hoc committee to look into the feasibility of combining the Area, NAGSC, and SAGSC Treasuries. Paul suggests waiting until the new rotation. *Get people on the Committee that wants to be on the Committee, and that will stay on Ad-Hoc Committee, start today. *There will need to be a Guidelines change. Three Treasurers will be on Finance Committee as chairs. *The Finance Committees and Treasurers should start looking at it now. *This has to be voluntary; this is a lot of work, opinions, and time involved. *Proposals to the Area Guidelines could be written to help NAGSC or SAGSC, funds permitting. *SAGSC Treasurer agrees that it is too much work. NAGSC Treasurer suggests that forming Ad-Hoc Committee to just look at this, don't wait until the new rotation to give them added work. Start now and let the Committee start looking at it. *Area Treasurer suggest we need a fluid Committee that would like to be a part of the Committee. This will be a drawn-out process to discuss, look at, and how to implement. *Paul will send out e-mails, asking for those who want to be on this Committee, and form an Ad-Hoc Committee.

ZOOM: Should we keep zoom subscription for one year? The minimum, for up to 100 people at \$14.99 per month? *It would be a tool that we could use later for Ad-Hoc Committees, Area Committees, etc. *Would it be cheaper for a contract commitment/cheaper by the year? *Q. Would we have the flexibility for upgrading? A. Yes, I believe so. *Q. It is such a small amount of money, couldn't a decision be made here, now? A. Yes.

Translation Compensation: Paul states that in Finance Guidelines 6.3 'Assembly Support Services: Interpreter & Audio Technician compensation to be determined by Area Chair and paid accordingly.' I propose that we compensate Diana M. & Tony S. \$500. Each for translating. Result=33yes/1no. 97% yes.

Discussion and Announcements:

- Q. Tomorrow are you going to ask for minority opinion with sense of Assembly? A. No minority opinions, it is only sense of the Assembly.
- Tomorrow there will be some 2nd readings of Proposals. I would encourage people to table them so we can move on with the Conference Topics. It will get tricky. If it come to vote, minority opinion will have to be heard.
- Some things we don't have to bring to the body. Some things we do, like Forum funding proposal.
- Paul is going to urge people to table Guideline changes.
- DCM's, remind your GSR's to change names to positions.

8:40pm Meeting closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Saturday March 28, 2020

(117 Participants)

9:09am Meeting is opened with the Serenity Prayer by Area Chair, Paul.

Announcements:

- I expect to last no later than noon.
- The process of renaming your picture/participant, from name to position, is explained.
- The process of raising your hand and being recognized by the Chair is explained.
- The Agenda Items are a sense of Assembly, all are invited to participate.

Area Chair Report: Hi everyone good morning, I'm Paul your Area 42 Chair and an alcoholic. I would like to welcome all of you that were able to participate today and please be patient with me as this is all new to me and maybe too many of you. We are all here today because of the difficult times, not only in A.A., our Area, and in our personal lives today. In this unprecedented time, I do believe when we get through this and we will, it will make us better, stronger, and more productive as an Area. Being basically forced into the digital realm, it just gives us another asset for us to use. I will keep this short and to the point as we do have some business to take care of, first and foremost is to get our Delegate ready and then we do have some other business to do. When you signed in this morning I have you muted and will keep you muted, you don't have to worry about doing that yourselves. When you want to speak click on the raise your hand icon and you are put into a que in order. You will be unmuted and called on to speak. Just like at the Area assembly there will only be a limited time for discussion on each "Item". Then we will take a sense of the assembly through a poll, this will also be for a limited time. When we do the poll because it is a sense of the assembly, there is no minority opinion and all of those present are eligible to participate. This will be for the Agenda Items only. If we take a vote (poll) on Area business it is for voting members only (Area Officers & appointed members, NAGSC & SAGSC Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, & Liaisons, DCMs, and GSRs). We are probably going to go longer than it stated on the agenda, as we do have some pertinent time sensitive material under new business to take care of. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Area 42 Chair Paul.

Approval of Minutes: An approval of the Area 2019 Fall Assembly Minutes has been approved as written.

Area Treasurer Report: Hi, my name is Claudia and I am an alcoholic. I am your Panel 69 area Treasurer and am here to tell you that your treasury is in great shape. You can see that from the August 2019-February 2020 balance sheet and profit and loss statement in your packets. For your information, we report these as a fiscal year starting August 1, even though the tax year for Area 42 is the Calendar year. These are also some of the documents that have been forwarded to the CPA for the 2019 tax preparation. The forwarded documents also include the balance sheets and profit and loss statements for PRAASA, SAGSC and NAGSC. The good news is that we had the necessary funds to fully fund our Delegate to the conference. Also, even with the increased contribution towards our delegate's attendance, our income during this period was \$27,733.71 and our expenses we're \$22,776.91, leaving a net income of \$4,959.12 Next, I want to thank the area for allowing me to go to PRAASA again this year in Tucson. It was a wonderful experience to see old friends, spend some time with my Area 42 colleagues, hear great speakers and attend the Treasurer round tables. Those were very interesting since they helped me to understand that we all, including group and district treasurers, have to balance the spiritual program with the requirements of the IRS and banks. Especially since the banks have cracked down on accounts that are not specifically recognized by an Employer Identification Number. If you have a question about that, please see me and I can help you get the information you need to set this up. Next, If you have not received your group's contribution receipts by email I have brought the few that I have and the rest have been sent to your DCM to distribute to you. Please, please, please, have your Group treasurer send a note with an email address for me to send your receipt. Quite a few groups are doing this, however I still have to send many of the receipts to the DCMs. If your treasurer does not have email access, then someone in your group probably does and there are plenty of places where you can create a free email account for your group, which is a really good idea anyways. That way is would also be easy for your group to get information like minutes from your DCM, NAGSC/SAGSC, Area 42 and GSO. These are password protected so that only members of your group will be able to see the information and you just give the password to your homegroup members and can pass the email account forward when you rotate positions. Thank you, Claudia.

Area Delegate Report (from notes): Hi, I'm Rhonda, an alcoholic, serving as your Panel 69 Area 42 Delegate. The International Convention that was to be held in Detroit has been cancelled. The General Service Conference has been postponed, virtually, until May or June. This will give GSR's time to talk to their groups about the Agenda Items. This has been an interesting panel. PRAASA was great. Monday I will be meeting with other Delegates to talk about what's going on in the Region. AA will still go on. We have a great team in Nevada Area 42. We put this virtual Assembly together with very little time. I love the positive feedback. I am Grateful to all of you. We are still going to do this thing. Love you guys, thanks.

Area Alternate Delegate Report: My name is Julie and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege of serving as your Panel 69 Alternate Delegate. One of my main responsibilities is to support our Delegate, Rhonda, in preparing for the annual General Service Conference (GSC). How we have been doing that for this panel (2019 through 2020) has been through our new Area Conference Committees. For those of you who are not familiar with our process, we have 13 committees which mirror the 13 committees at the GSC. Who makes up the committees are you? We have many hands who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the Spring Pre-Conference Assembly happen. In the middle of February, we received over 1000 pages of background information. You read through the background. You made recommendations to our Delegate, Rhonda, about what topics you wanted the body to become informed about. You prepared thoughtful presentations and lead discussions here or at the northern and southern roundtables. You wrote reports for our Delegate on your committee's specific Agenda Items. And now, today, you have stretched your entire being to participate in this wild assembly so that you can become informed and ready to complete our new survey. So, the crazy thing is that at PRAASA (Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly), during the roundtables with the other Alternate Delegates, we discussed the value of providing an online survey. I came home and suggested that Area 42 add an online survey as a supplemental way to get feedback from you. Now, with the Coronavirus, we are dependent upon the surveys to get your feedback. I created two online surveys one which allows the GSRs to bring their group voices to our Delegate and ultimately to the Conference. And a second one for the DCMs to provide input on the themes, presentations and workshops for the 2021 General Service Conference. I want to especially thank our Alternate Area Chair/SAGSC Chair, Jake and our NAGSC Chair Chris who have been mentoring our presenters. Our translators have been working day and night to make everything we have available in Spanish. District 21 and 22 DCMs will present in Spanish what we are presenting today. They opted to not try to have simultaneous interpretation during this assembly. I am extremely grateful that at least all the documents will be available in Spanish, including both surveys. I also want to thank Paul, Jake, Chris and Rhonda, who have made themselves available to support and mentor all of the Area Conference Committees. And finally, I don't want to forget to thank all of our past delegates and trustees who are participating on these committees as advisors to help us navigate. If you haven't reached out to them, please do. They have an abundance of knowledge and experience. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to be involved for the last four years in helping the Delegate prepare for the Conference. It has been an honor and a privilege.

Agenda Topics:

International Conventions / Regional Forums: Item C-Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees. What we are currently doing to prepare for the Forum are Save the date cards, Flyers in PDF/jpeg we can e-mail and blogs to Intergroups. How do we get more first-time folks to come to the regional forums? Communication is the first tool that we need to use and maybe the best tool that we have. Sometimes when we talk about assembly and conferences, folks get the idea that what we are talking about, are boring get-togethers that only people who are General Service dorks are supposed to go to. I think that we really need to emphasize that Regional Forums are for every member of Alcoholics Anonymous. I have heard folks talk about Regional Forums as not being very interesting, not necessary, and otherwise talking negatively about Regional Forums. As we all know one negative comment is more likely to be remembered than 10 positive comments. Now that I have your attention and we talked about what not to do let's start talking a little bit about what we can do to promote and encourage new people to come to our Regional Forums. I would like to say that it is my understandings Regional Forums are the most informative of all of the assemblies that we go to. I say that because that's what they are about, I fully believe that the only other way of finding out more information is to go to the General Service Conference. The Regional Forums happen in our region every other year and let us know as a region what is going on all around the world, and in the United States, and Canada in AA. The question is how we get first time attendees to come to a Regional Forum. My answer is to show our enthusiasm, and excitement at the local group level. This is a personal plea for people who are involved in general service, GSRs, DCMs, Aa officers, and anyone else who has ever been to a Regional Forum. Let your home group know what these Forums are like and invite those home group members to be part of the upcoming Regional Forum. The background info included a lot of the comments, the comments that were made came from the previous five years of Regional Forums. The comments included, placing information about Regional Forums in the AA Grapevine, and in La Viña. Encouraging the local welcome committee to create 'save the date' flyers. Reaching out to different populations of AA, like young people, Spanish-speaking community, and women in AA. When possible providing bilingual written and PowerPoint presentations, especially important when the regional form is held in an area with a large population of non-English speaking members. Consider providing meet and greet or mingle opportunities or forum attendees to meet with the GSO staff, and trustees in informal settings. One of my favorites provides members the opportunity to register earlier than the current two-month lead time. Another suggestion that might give a first-time attendee something to look forward to, are workshops that would specifically address the topic of our primary purpose. Also provide additional Spanish language workshops. One area takes a laptop to AA gatherings to use for pre-registration during that two-month registration time period. There are many other suggestions of which we are doing quite a few at our Area and the General Service Office is also working on some of the suggestions. I would like to hear from the fellowship any suggestions that you might have. Thank you for allowing me to have this time. Phil W.

- **Q.** With GSO shutdown, are there talks of no Forum? **A.** Not yet, we are doing the footwork as it falls 6 weeks after the International Convention.
- **Q.** Is there more information on the website? **A.** It will get done once we get the PDF's.
- **Q.** What are the dates for the Forum? **A.** Aug. 21-23, 2020.

Poll: How many Groups are aware of the Forum in Las Vegas? **Yes=86% No=14%**

Grapevine Item D&E: Consider a request to change the language of the first sentence in the AA Preamble as follows

“alcoholics anonymous is a fellowship of people who share...” In 2018 and 2019 there were six separate requests from different areas to submit to the 70th General Service Conference a consideration to change this wording in the preamble. The preamble was first introduced in the June 1947 issue of the GV and has heavily borrowed language from the forward to the first edition of Alcoholics Anonymous. It’s intended purpose was primarily to describe what AA is and what it is not. The preamble has been changed in the past. The first change was the phrase, “an honest desire to stop drinking”. The word “honest” was removed at a later date. The second change was the addition at the end of the preamble to expand on its “no dues or fees” to say “there are no dues or fees for AA membership, we are self-supporting through our own contributions” Many of these reports mention inclusivity as opposed to exclusivity and the importance of the third tradition that states, “The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.” Michelle from Area 13 reports that the phrase “group of men and women” can be a deterrent to those young alcoholics and says groups have seen alcoholics as young as 12 inside meetings who don’t necessarily identify as a grown man or woman. Her report also mentions how the language in the preamble is a deterrent to those who necessarily don’t identify as a man or a woman. Some groups reported to already made this change to the preamble wording in their respective meetings and or district meetings to reflect this request currently. A description of purpose for the General Service Board strategic plan released in 2018 states the following: “Our focus is on helping to widen the doors of AA...we recognize that inclusivity goes beyond ethnicity and age. It includes gender, religion, and language and any factor that may place a person in the majority or the minority” Sue from Area 27 submitted an excerpt from the World Health Organization report published in May of 2018 titled “Alcohol research with transgender populations”. The excerpt reads as follows: “The 2011 IOM report concludes that alcohol misuse is highly prevalent in transgender populations, particularly in early to middle adulthood... The 2015 US Transgender survey found a high prevalence of binge drinking overall, with levels much high in transgender communities of color rather than in white or Latino transgender communities. Transgender populations are not ipso facto ‘risky’ populations; rather, the discrimination and stigma that gender minorities Face likely create psycho social conditions leaving the higher risk of problematic alcohol use. Minority stress models posit that members of some social groups experience stress (beyond expected levels) because of their minority status which in turn may be associated with maladaptive coping behaviors including substance abuse.”

- C. In trying to be inclusive, it makes us exclusive.
- C. We all have the same opportunities, as it refers to at the bottom of page 25 in the Big Book.
- Q. What is the difference between Grapevine D & E? A. They are grouped together as they are similar. It is pronouns.
- C. When I was a Freshman, I did not feel excluded-there were older men and women. I had the gift of desperation. I was willing to do and be as everyone else.
- Q. Participating in the Polls will not affect my homegroups feedback? A. No, all are urged to do the survey.
- C. My homegroup is a LGBTQ Group, some participants would agree. Some members would actually be appreciated if done. I support its consideration.
- Q. If it is not changed, each group can change the wording? A. Each Group is autonomous.
- C. In a story about a black crossdressing man, the question “What would the master have us do” comes to mind. I think we should change the wording to people.
- C. If we changed the literature as a whole, it may be a pushback. I feel to change it at the group level is the better route.

Poll: Item D: yes=40% no=59% Item E: yes=37% no=60%

Grapevine AGENDA ITEM F - Consider a request to develop an AA Grapevine pamphlet on how the AA Grapevine can be utilized to carry the A.A. message. A request was made by Area 39 that the Grapevine Service Board and Grapevine Editorial Board consider developing a new pamphlet, entitled “How to Use the AA Grapevine to Carry the Message.” This pamphlet would include separate sections that discuss how to use the Grapevine in very specific areas. 17 topics were suggested, including sponsoring newcomers, vacation/travel and correctional facilities. Each section would include a personal story of experience strength and hope from an AA member, who demonstrates how the Grapevine has enhanced his/her sobriety. The final paragraph would be information on subscription options and the advantages of having your own Grapevine subscription. The new pamphlet would be translated into French and Spanish.

- C. We should keep Grapevine self-supporting.
- Q. Brochures are in French? Are they going to add additional translations? A. Literature is currently translated into French and Spanish.

Poll: yes=91% no=9%

Grapevine AGENDA ITEM G - Consider a request to change the name of the General Service Conference Committee on Grapevine to the Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña. A request has been submitted by Area 13 that the General Service Conference Grapevine Committee be renamed to The Grapevine and La Viña Committee. There has been a lot of positive growth in uniformity by the General Service Conference regarding the relationship between The Grapevine magazine for English speaking community and La Viña for the Spanish speaking community. By expanding the name of this committee, there is a feeling it would enhance the relationship between our “international journals” and provide a positive display of unity.

Poll: yes=88% no=12%

Grapevine AGENDA ITEM – H: Consider a request for AA Grapevine, Inc. to establish an Instagram account in line with the Twelve Traditions. Good Morning everyone, my name is Michelle and I am an alcoholic. I have summarized agenda topic H: Consider a request for AA grapevine incorporated to establish an Instagram account in line with the twelve traditions. At the 67th general service conference in 2017, the committee discussed the grapevine’s continued exploration of an Instagram and Facebook account and asked the grapevine to develop a plan and bring it back to the 2018 conference committee on grapevine for consideration.

In 2018, the committee reviewed the report submitted, written by Sticky Media and suggested that the grapevine continue to explore social media and come up with a strategic plan, taking into account issues regarding anonymity security, affiliation, outside contributions and privacy and promotion. So the strategy became this: Use Instagram as an extension of grapevine's graphics, videos and audio content. And the objective: Expose more people to AA and the grapevine by sharing inspirational content, information and resources to support recovery from alcoholism. Why Instagram? The report from Sticky Media included several social media outlets, but determined Instagram was the best avenue to take, as it is well known for making imagery engaging, which evokes primal emotions such as humor, concern, awe and intrigue. Additionally, most users are younger. This is a demographic the grapevine currently does not reach. Over 500 million people have Instagram accounts. 58% of online adults ages 18 to 29 use it. 300 million of those use it daily. So back to the strategy. Initially grapevine would include existing content made for the magazine, the website and the YouTube page. Over time, grapevine would branch out, creating original content that is Instagram specific. Posts would be directed at alcoholics inside and outside our rooms, and at the same time communicate with the professional community that helps us reach alcoholics. The twelve traditions and twelve concepts are brought up as the "guide to posts". Alright - I will now open it up for questions or discussion. Please use the raise hand feature for questions and comments.

- **Q.** How do you protect Anonymity? **A.** It is more of a Facebook, Instagram, it is more of pictures.
- **C.** Not true, I can see my friends.
- **C.** Not in the background, Instagram account is in line with the 12 Traditions.
- **C.** Concerned that some people can go to my account to see who I follow.
- **C.** If you dig into privacy settings, you can't set anonymity. There is no guarantee as ads show up in my newsfeed related to my searches
- **Q.** How is the anonymity on this platform? **A.** It is being recorded on the Chair's computer for the Secretary to do the minutes and for Districts 21&22 for them to translate, later in a cloud, it is not going out.
- **Q.** I noticed the word 'consider'. What does that mean? **A.** 'Consider' is where it is discussed in the Committee.
- **C.** A past Delegate stated that it will be well researched for anonymity issues.

Poll: yes=49% no=51%

Literature AGENDA ITEM – L (1&2) Hi Everyone, I'm Joe (Alcoholic) District 10A GSR &(North) Area Conference Committee Co-Chair on Literature. My Agenda topics are Literature Item L1 & L2.

L1 is to Consider inserting Pages 3-41 of the pamphlet "The AA Group" to the Appendices in the rear of the Big Book.

- **C.** I love this pamphlet, what about the other pamphlets? We can't put them all in the appendix.
- **C.** It would be ok if it was condensed and consider other pamphlets.
- **C.** Why not keep it a pamphlet and leave the Big Book alone.
- **Q.** When was the last time the appendix updated? **A.** It was not in the background material.

Poll: yes=22% no=78%

L2 is to consider revising the 1st 164 pages of the "Big Book"

As the Historical context explains, there are 3 main points to this proposal. Change pronouns to gender neutral, address chapter "To the Wives" and also "The Family Afterward" I will sight examples listed in background information.

- **C.** It has worked for so many years, I don't think we should make changes.
- **C.** There is a lot of other work we can do. In the book we can change the preface and appendices. Our Grapevine, La Vina, and pamphlets. Not the 164 pages of the Big Book, we should pick our battles.
- **C.** I'm in favor of changing some wording, it won't do any harm. It is still going to talk about recovery.
- **C.** There is a reason why the words are the way they are, through out history. We got our help with the Big Book. Get a sponsor.
- **C.** It would reach more of the younger people. The verbiage is hard to understand. The older versions won't change.
- **C.** Once we start changing the Big Book the program may change.
- **C.** It is not the literature that needs to change, I do. Tradition three covers inclusivity.
- **C.** We should not assume that just because it works for us, that it may not work for newer people coming in. Bill's big wish was to keep it as available to all.
- **C.** In the Family Afterward, it says 'we meet on common ground'. It is changing pronouns to be all inclusive. I edit in my head; some meetings have changed the wording. The Big Book has been altered before. Just because it worked for us, does not mean that it is working. It can add something rather than take away.
- **C.** Those that have tried, have recovered. On Page 25, it says we have two options: recover or go on to the bitter ends. Follow clear cut directions in the book we will recover.
- **C.** AA in the first 100 years could evolve. My questions would be on the process.

Poll: yes=28% no=72%

11:45am-12:00pm Break

12:00-Assembly is resumed with the Serenity Prayer by Area Chair, Paul.

NAGSC Roundtable Feedback:

CPC — Item A Agenda Topic - Consider a request to discontinue the pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community."
(Discussion)

Q. What does CPC stand for? **A.** Cooperating with the Professional Community.

Q. Numbers as far as how this pamphlet is used and how effective it is? A. Don't have this information.

Q. Argument in favor of keeping it? A. CPC chairs feel that this title is picked up more than others at events and presentations. The fact that it says AA in your community is what has kept this going.

Q. What are the typographical and grammatical errors? – A. General complaint doesn't really get into it. This information is covered in other pamphlets. Doesn't go into detail exactly what those errors are.

Q. Wouldn't this be basic housekeeping fix the errors? A. That is what they want to do but others want it pulled.

Q. Is this the oldest pamphlet? A. Don't know but the argument started in 1981.

C. CPC Chairs argue that the title grabs people's attention with the word community.

Q. Is there a place where this information can be reviewed as far as grammatical errors? A. Go to Area 42 Website 15 pages of Background but not a lot of information on specifics.

Q. Do the revisions have to be made through committee as well? A. Yes

C. Biggest problem is that some want it pulled.

C. The agenda item only has to do with pulling it or keeping it.

Q. Is there something to affect that if it stays it would be corrected? A. Yes, probably but it would be done in Committee.

C. "Consider" means they want to talk about it.

C. From what I have heard that we support our Trusted Servants and if the CPC Chairs want it, it should stay.

Q. Does anyone besides Area 64 have a problem? A. Presumably so since it has been going on for so long. It keeps going back and forth. Every time they decide not to pull it an argument comes back to pull it.

C. Pamphlet has been revised as of July 2019.

C. Final Conference Report has a list in it of every AA publication and how many were sold in 12 Months. 2018

C. "AA in Your Community" distributed from GSO 37,029 – quite substantial. They are part of the CPC Packet.

Literature — Item M (1) Agenda Topic - Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous: 1. Develop a Fifth Edition.

Literature — Item M (2) Agenda Topic - Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous: 2. Develop a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous with updated stories and revisions to Appendices III and V.

Literature — Item M (3) Agenda Topic - Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous: 3. Add a proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition foreword of the book Alcoholics Anonymous at the time it is published.

(Discussion on all 3 parts)

Q. If they do decide to develop the 5th edition, they will create a new forward for the 5th addition? A. They do create a new Forward with every edition. If they include what they are talking about here, that is another story.

C. I look at the first 164 pages and Dr. Bob's Nightmare like a history book. We don't change Shakespeare. We cannot change what an author has already written.

C. One suggestion was to renumber the pages, so The Doctor's Opinion starts on page one. Also include Dr. Bobs Nightmare *in the main text*.

Q. Will this be different in different countries? How is that taken into consideration. A. We only translate the first 164 pages, other countries get their own stories.

C. I know the fellow who translated the Big Book into Cantonese and it was only the first 164 pages and they do their own stories.

C. I bought the Big Book on Audible and it was not done well. We would be able to present it Audibly and do it well.

Q. If we decide to make a new 5th Edition does that automatically make all the other parts of this agenda item grouped in the decision? A. No, they will be separated.

Literature — Item N Agenda Topic - Consider development of a draft Fourth Edition of the book Alcoholicos Anónimos. (Discussion)

Q. In the 3rd Edition, which is being used now and there are errors in Chapter 5 regarding the wording Honestly and this would be fixed so that it mirrors the English better? A. Yes. Revise the Translation so that it mirrors the English version better like it did before. It seems like this would be a pretty big need.

C. Every country has a right to change the stories. Had a personal friend who had a story go into the 3rd Edition and ego went to his head. They took the "now" out of "There is a Higher Power may you find him now", confusing to hear "There is a Higher Power may you find him.". There are words in it that are hard to understand, and they were translated by Columbian Spanish interpreters instead of Mexican Translators, so the words are not quite the same or ones we understand.

Q. Do you know why they did not recommend the 4th Edition at the last conference – It wasn't an Agenda Item it was a Floor Action. A. It hadn't come through the Body. They wanted it to come through the body not the Floor.

Q. Does that mean that the first 164 pages would be returned to the Original Edition or completely retranslated? A. They are requesting a review so that they can make it more like the English version.

Q. Is there a preferable translation to meet the needs of the Spanish in the United States and Canada?

A. We are not part of Alcoholics Anonymous Mexico, we are part of Alcoholics Anonymous USA and Canada. We need to make it equal to what is represented in English.

Q. When was the 3rd Edition Published? A. 2008

C. The literature committee would have a committee of people who would go over the translation, it wouldn't just be one person, it would be a committee of people.

Q. New group of people translating it? A. Yes

Literature — Item T (1) Agenda Topic - Consider revising the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship", Remove the suggestion that sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex.

(Discussion)

C. It doesn't cost us anything because they just start printing the revision after the current pamphlets run out.

C. Point out that the importance of the wording – “Does your group want the conference Committee on literature to *“consider”* revising.”

C. Don't like the wording Romantic Entanglements.

C. The whole idea is to make sure the sponsorship relationship doesn't become romantic.

C. I have sponsored men before because I am gay and there would never be any chance of a romantic entanglement.

C. I didn't get along with women and if I would have had the chance to have a male sponsor I possibly would have. I have become a better woman by have women sponsors.

C. This is a suggestion and we tend not be rule followers changing the literature to accommodate is actually being more prejudice.

Literature — Item T (2) Agenda Topic - Consider revising the pamphlet “Questions & Answers on Sponsorship”:

2. Expand the section on “Service Sponsorship” and retitle the pamphlet to include service sponsorship.

(Discussion)

Q. What does it say now? A. 1 or 2 pages on Service Sponsorship. They want to retitle and add more information.

C. Last year they tried to get a Service Sponsorship pamphlet.

Q. Are they intending on expanding the section or taking away pages from sponsorship? A. I believe they want to just expand and retitle.

C. They are trying to elevate the importance of Service Sponsorship and that is where I have a problem with it.

C. I could not have served my Area like I have been able without a Service Sponsor. Service Sponsors directed me to pamphlets, becoming willing and the Service Manual.

C. My service sponsor is an enormous part of my life. AA has the 3 Legacies, recovery, service and unity.

C. Doesn't really say if it is for the newcomer or not. You would give this to a newcomer and could become confusing and overlapping.

C. The “What does the Delegate need to know” does not include changing the title just revising the pamphlet.

C. Personally, I love service sponsorship there are already 2 pages and when there is a new person in the room it could be confusing to the new person having the name changed to include Service Sponsorship.

C. Question has a natural bias coming from a group like us. Service has been instrumental to our lives I don't think it is that relevant to a newcomer. Not everyone has to do what I do. Some peoples service is limited to making coffee and they are sober.

C. A pamphlet that talks about sponsorship should focus on recovery of the newcomer and we shouldn't divert the attention away from what the newcomer needs.

C. Until I read this, I forgot that there were those pages in there about service sponsorship. The service work I have done in AA has been probably the most important thing I have done for my recovery. They might just say questions and answers on recovery sponsorship and service sponsorship. I think it would be good to see it in the title. Newcomers can be in service from day one.

Public Info — Item I Agenda Topic - Discuss a request “to create a new form of communication” to address anonymity on social media.

(Discussion)

Q. Can it be added to anything in front of meetings? A. That is a consideration once the conversation starts.

C. We are just here to decide to start a conversation.

C. A few years ago, this came up and went like wildfire through the whole fellowship and then we have seen it and the message get less and less. It might be time to address it again.

Q. I don't get it, are they talking about Facebook? I see friends and relatives saying I am an Alcoholic, working the 12 steps in recovery, breaking anonymity. A. Yes

C. I was on the PI committee had the privilege to serve and this came up in 2005 within the committee and it didn't go to the floor but what did go to the floor was that 2 Delegates broke the anonymity of the Area and we decided that we could do nothing because it wasn't in our power at that time to address. Anonymity is so fragile. We aren't doing enough in the Home Groups to talk about it. Do we read the Anonymity Statement anymore? It needs to be brought up more in our groups. We need to and it has to start here before we can expect the GSC to take action.

C. Personal experience: Took a picture of a meeting hall put it up on Facebook and then got a lot of flak for it. We want to acknowledge but there is a lot of grey area and I go back and forth on whether it is right or wrong. My face wasn't on the picture, so how was I breaking anonymity? I have questions. There is a lot of work to do on this.

C. We have definitely had that issue with the breach of anonymity in our area. Newcomers are super excited about being sober. It was explained to me like this, this is a program of one day at a time and I say I am sober and drink again what does that do to the fellowship. This is a discussion at the sponsor sponsee level and our home groups. It is such an issue in our community.

C. Hearing two things going on here don't understand what the “new form of communication” is. I think what is really being addressed is the breaking of anonymity. Possibly adding Internet or social media to Traditions. Not sure what they mean by “new form of communication”.

Q. Clarification: The Topic we are discussing is “are we in favor of having this discussion?”

Q. Was there any mention of the National AA Technology Workshop and what they are recommending? A. No

C. The form of communication is already available specific to social media, doesn't need to be a pamphlet specific to social media, if we discuss anonymity at the home group level and having the conversation with the home group... Posting pictures of others is breaking their anonymity, not just ours...the information is there it is just lacking the discussion at the group level. You need to have that discussion with them and make it known you do not want to have your anonymity broke.

C. This is more geared for the younger generation, but the younger generation lives on social media... You can be proud that you are sober, you go out and get drunk then people think AA doesn't work. Younger generation needs to know there are some boundaries in Alcoholics Anonymous.

C. This is more about getting more information out there about the suggestions. WE need more information on how not to break your anonymity on Social Media needs to be the discussion.

Treatment & Accessibilities — Item B Agenda Topic - Consider request to develop a Bridging the Gap Workbook.
(Discussion)

C. Working with a person doing Chair of BTG the duties and the outreach are different enough that yes it would need its own workbook.

Q. What would the workbook contain that the existing pamphlet does not? A. The Treatment workbook is 36 pages and Corrections Workbook is 56 pages. – A lot more information. Learned from GSO desk about creating a new workbook... if approved to go forward there will be a request that goes out to the fellowship and BTG committees registered with GSO.

C. Served as Treatment BTG chair – AA's welcome wagon. BTG as a function means we have a temporary contact to take someone to their first meeting and to make them feel comfortable. BTG has had a national workshop every year for 29 years. Many people still haven't heard about BTG. There has never been a committee workbook. Material has been archived. There is a BTG workshop website that is an incredible vault of information. Many Districts inside Areas around the country still don't have BTG. BTG applies to treatment and corrections but in corrections it is call pre-release contact service. Workbooks contain how and what to do and what others have done. Collective experience.

Q. Is this a workbook that you give to the inmates? A. No, only for AA members that they would use for 12th step in a facility.

C. This would help Area set up a committee to do BTG work.

C. Workbooks are invaluable. Let me from the start to set up a committee and do the vital work that we need to do and I would love to see BTG get a workbook.

Q. Is that a standardized workbook that comes from GSO? A. Yes. The ones that Utah and NNIG have created were not done by GSO but GSO could use portions of others to create theirs.

Q. Any argument against it besides cost? A. No Answer to that Question.

C. Pretty much every service committee has a workbook but right now BTG is a subcommittee of Treatment. Now BTG wants their own specialized to BTG.

Archives — Item A Agenda Topic - Consider requests to develop a book on A.A. history from 1955 through the present.
(Discussion)

C. We don't know what would actually go into the book yet.

Q. Didn't we just print "I am responsible"? And doesn't it cover what we are talking about? A. Yes.

C. I don't think it ever hurts to consider requests. There is always interest in history.

C. Take back to the groups and ask them what they think.

Sense of Body - Q. How many people have heard of the Book AA Comes of Age? Overwhelming Majority

Sense of Body - Q. How many have read it? Majority

Box 459 a while back – how come we don't do a follow up to that book? Bill Wilson wrote it so who would write this one? This would just be a historical book by our Archive Committee.

Announcement: Reminder for everyone to go to the survey and put in your comments for our Delegate to read.

SAGSC Roundtable Feedback:

II. CPC – C. Discuss progress report on LinkedIn page implementation.

Q. What is LinkedIn? A Network site for Professionals.

Q. What is the name of the LinkedIn page? A. Alcoholics Anonymous. There are possible smaller pages formed with different names that are not Alcoholics Anonymous.

* I think the page needs some love and the staff needs to achieve help for its purpose. There is not a ton of action on the page and we have to be invited like vampires. What I would like to see is a plan and more attention to the page. Thank you.

Q. Is it representing the entire United States and Canada? A. Yes.

Q. What does the Delegate need to know? A. I am just wanting feedback.

Q. Are we talking job professionals? A. Professionals who reach out to A.A.'s - those in the medical field, etc.

Q. LinkedIn is a headhunter's site. I don't like that. Do our doctors use LinkedIn? Where do they go to refer? What do they offer patients? A. There are a lot of resources with misconceptions. This LinkedIn site would be a definite.

*This would be a resource, not the resource.

*The site is getting attention, there is progress!

Q. Only 295 followers? A. Yes.

*LinkedIn is business to business. Professionals could know how to get in touch with A.A. and find a way to invite CPC to events. It is a way to point to resources.

*I know therapists who know of A.A., but not what it does. LinkedIn could be a better referral source.

Q. Would this turn into a blog? A. No.

*If someone really needs to know us, go to aa.org. We are a program of attraction rather than promotion and this sounds like promotion.

*This LinkedIn page is attraction, not promotion. It is a free resource and we are just adding correct information.

*We need to increase our digital footprint in the digital age.

*There is a page and a profile. Profile is for jobs. Page is for public info.

Q. Is there is a place on the page to comment? A. Mixed responses given to this question. Delegate to check into this.

*We are focused on 295 followers, but there is 1,500 clicks, so people are looking.

Q. We are to discuss making it better, not whether or not to have one, correct? A. Yes.

VI. Literature – I. “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated” pamphlet:

1. Discuss draft update of the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated”.

*If they are keeping the original, why create a new one.

Q. Is there somewhere to find the proposed new one? A. No.

Q. Are we going to see the ideas? A. Maybe in a year or two.

*This is being made. This has been OK’d so we need to trust our trustees.

*As long as the updated is more in line with today’s fashion. The 1950’s ensembles are not cutting it. I hope they get rid of them, pearls and all!

2. Consider not retiring the existing version of the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated”.

Q. How will we know when the old ones sell out? A. When they are gone, they will be re-printed.

Q. Yes, but how will we know when this happens? A. We won’t.

Q. This will be available on-line? Historically, has this been done before? Where people can print it themselves? A.I don’t know.

*It will always be available in archives, so the Fellowship will always have access to it.

Q. Are we going to update or create a new one? Cost will be an issue. Can we keep the old one as a PDF? A. That information is not available (re:cost). If we retain the old and create a new one, it will be costly.

*So much needs to change – the graphics, verbiage, etc. It also needs to become more inclusive.

*They could have both available on the website and let folks choose!

*Why keep the old and confuse people?

Q. So... are we updating or creating new? A.Updating and modernizing.

*Old – timers understand the old pamphlet. They don’t understand computers. They should keep the old one in print for that demographic.

*We won’t know if it’ll be understood until we see it.

Q. If we vote not to retire it, will there be two? A. The original version will be accessible on the website.

VI. Literature – K. Consider if the proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution.

Q. If they had a book, would it be separate? (not with the original books contents). A. Yes.

Q. Would it be A.A. approved? A. Yes.

Q. So they are requesting that the book be re-written because someone does not understand? A. This is a translation, just like any of the other translations we have done in the past. This is an accessibility translation.

Q. Is this equivalent to the Indigenous translation requested a few years ago from Canada? Answer unknown.

*If A.A. does not agree to this request, other sources have them. It would be nice if A.A. does because the money will go to us.

* A rehab facility I worked at came up with its own version of the Big Book. The problem was that the clients believed this version to be the true version.

Q. The Big Book was written at a 6th grade reading level. What level are they looking to make the plain language book at? A. 5th grade.

*Amazon has a 4th printing of a simplified book. You start changing stuff; you start losing stuff and there is a strong sentiment about changes being made.

*This will create two sexes in A.A. – the smart and the dumb. There will be no unity and there will be dissidence.

*We have professional institutions providing our information. PI and CPC need to better inform on our literature. A workbook may become a checklist.

Q. Clarification: what does the Delegate need to know? A. Possible solutions.

*H&I is not getting into prisons. We have illiterate folks there. We need to talk in a language they understand. We are missing a very large demographic if we don’t consider this.

*And we are missing people in remote communities as well.

*I am uncomfortable with the phrase “dumb down”. We are talking about accessibility and those who may be unable to relate. Not a person’s educational status.

*We should have it A.A. approved and explored.

*Pamphlets that explain the program of recovery would not be cost effective, so we would need a book.

*We need to remember our Primary Purpose, to help all who seek our solution.

*We could have audio files on-line. It could help in reaching all levels of education.

VI. Literature – O. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic”.

Q. Is that full report (background information) on the website? A. Yes.

Q. What is the difference between the Black and the African- American Alcoholic? A. I don’t know. Not all Black people are from Africa.

*Looking around the room, there is definitely under representation. Will an updated pamphlet change this or are we not doing our job?

Q. What needs to be updated? A. Not sure. Possibly the stories. Nine are in there now.

Q. This is a 40-page pamphlet with the stories being longer than the ones in the Big Book. Who is going to decide on which stories to include? Will these stories bring more Blacks and African Americans to our meetings? How many have been distributed? 305,000? A. I am delighted you asked – I have no idea!

*Doesn't matter your gender, age, sex, race etc. – all are welcome!

VI. Literature – P. Consider requests to revise the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions:

1. To remove the phrase “opposite sex” from paragraph two on page 117 in the chapter “Step Twelve”.

Q. Will it be footnoted or does it have to go into Archives? A. Good question. We'll give that to Rhonda to take with her.

*My group said to take out “sound” not “opposite sex” ... but that's not the proposal.

*The phrase alienates our gay and lesbian population.

Q. It is a religious connotation. But how far do we have to go? A. We will have to address religiosity throughout all of literature!

*It is missing one word – Whiskey! Whiskey doesn't know the difference between “opposite sex”.

*It would read... (presenter read the paragraph with the removal of “of the opposite sex”).

*Change it to be more inclusive. I know folks who feel excluded because of it.

*When the Big Book was published, society was quite gender blind. Today we have political correctness. If this offends, take it out. My group wants inclusivity.

Q. We have footnotes in “To Wives”, was there discussion about footnoting if we remove this phrase? A. No.

*Are we going to end up with a bunch of footnotes? Just edit the book!

*Consider a disclaimer! Could address all.

*If the book was written today, this would not be an issue.

*Changing the Big Book (literature) is like changing the Constitution. Syntax may be different but the message is clear.

*Change “opposite sex” to “another person”.

Q. In the introduction to the Twelve and Twelve, it states that the text should remain as is (I'm paraphrasing), will the introduction change as well? A. Yes.

2. To reconsider use of the phrase “lustful enough to rape” in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter “Step Six”.

Q. Are you able to read the entire paragraph? A. Yes. (Presenter read paragraph as it written).

So, we are going to remove lustful enough rape, but keep in angry enough to murder?

*They are talking about the Seven Deadly Sins. It is not biblical; it is Dante's Inferno. You remove this sins explanation; you lose the entire context!

*I don't know the Twelve and Twelve enough, however, knowing that this phrase relates to the Seven Deadly Sins makes sense. It could be changed to, “lustful enough to violate”, but that's not the topic.

Q. Can another example be used?

*At the time, a hard-hitting extreme was needed.

*The literature was written years ago; we live in a different world now.

VIII. PI – G. Review a draft plan to create video shorts based on A.A. pamphlets.

Q. Whenever I show any young people in A.A. anything that is being geared towards them, they all respond with bad words! How are teenagers chosen? A. Rhonda could maybe ask young people what they want and bring their feedback with her to the Conference.

*The General Service PI Committee should have young people make their own videos with infographics - music, verbiage, spoken word, etc. So, for what is involved in all this, \$17,500 is pretty cheap, and it will always be ours!

Q. Is that the cap? \$17,500? A. No. It is a ballpark.

*Some of the text may not translate which means changes may need to be made.

Q. We viewed a SWACYPA bid video a few years ago, what did that cost? A. Nothing.

*Can that be brought to the Conference? It does show full faces though. But it could possibly be reviewed in committee!?

*John Marshall media is professional. They will serve us right!

VIII. PI – J. Consider a request to develop a plan to create a A.A. podcast.

Q. Instead of creating our own podcast, wouldn't it be better to create a training program to educate local PI Committees to speak on behalf of A.A. through the multitude of sobriety podcasts that already exist? A. Good question. We'll give that to Rhonda to take with her.

*This will only be available on aa.org.

Q. Will this be on Grapevines website? AS. It does not include Grapevine.

Q. Who would decide whose message to hear? Who will have authority? A. They will create a board.

Q. Are they already doing this with Grapevine? A. (I was unclear of the response : /)

Q. Will guidelines be written? A. I don't know.

Q. Was there mention of a frequency? A. It will only be accessible through aa.org.

Q. This is just to consider a request to develop a plan to create a A.A. podcast, correct? A. Yes.

*This sounds confusing. I don't want to do this. I'd be more excited if Grapevine did this.

Q. Is it possible for AAWS to give permission to Grapevine so that both websites will have the podcast available? A. It could happen.

Announcement: I suggest you visit the nevadaarea42.org website, you will find summaries of Agenda Items and Feedback. Then go to the Survey.

Old Business:

Area 42 Chair, Paul starts discussion with a suggestion of tabling the 2nd readings of the Area Guidelines changes until the Area 42 Fall Assembly. Paul states that we only 117 participants and that it would be hard to get a discussion going here on zoom. Dan M. makes a motion to table the proposed Guideline changes until the 2020 Fall Assembly, Tony S. seconds motion.

Discussion:

- One of the proposed Guidelines change affects elections. This Fall Assembly is the election Assembly.
- We can create a poll for all the voting members.
- Why don't we take each proposal, talk about it, then decide on each of them?

Dan M. withdraws his motion. He would like to hear each proposal.

2nd reading, Proposed Amendment One to Guidelines change: To add the Standing Committee Chairs to the Area Committee.

If approved, the proposal will become effective immediately. **Proposal for 2.1 Membership to read:** (See Area Guidelines revisions for comparison, on the Area website, nevadaarea42.org).

- Q. Do we even have a quorum? A. The members present make up the quorum.
- This poll is for current voting members only. Area Officers, NAGSC and SAGSC Officers, DCM's, GSR's or their Alternates if the actual DCM or GSR is not here.
- Let's vote to Table or not Table proposal, as those that voted to Table the proposal will not have an actual vote on the Proposal.

Poll results: yes- 69% table- 31% no- 0

Discussion heard from minority opinion, 'table':

- From a nonvoting member- I don't feel that there would be good representation of the Area if we vote today.
- Agreed, the whole world has been asked to pause.
- If there is no direct impact on this Fall Assembly, I do not want to set something in stone.

Poll results: 83 votes, 67% in favor of Amendment.

Proposal passes with 67% yes, 35% table, 0% no

2nd reading, Proposed Amendment Two: To clarify who is eligible to stand for area positions due to conflicting statements in the current guidelines.

If approved, the proposal will become effective immediately. Additionally, the table of contents will reflect the insertion of 3.2 and the updated titles for 3.3 and 3.4. **Proposal is for 3.0 to read:** (See Area Guidelines revisions for comparison, on the Area 42 website, nevadaarea42.org)

- Q. I feel we should be voting on whether to table the proposal or not. Could someone please clarify? A. With the retraction of the motion, and we are now reviewing each proposal, we are voting on the proposal as well.
- People that are here chose to be here at the Assembly, let's vote on the 2nd reading and get it over with.
- With this proposal affecting the elections, it would be unfortunate to vote on this after the elections.
- Question for clarification on rotation.
- We are mainly streamlining verbiage, there is no reason to say no.
- Recommending reading pages 549-550 of the Service Manual.
- It clarifies that you must have served as DCM or GSR in one part, but not another. These Amendments make it clear for who is eligible to stand for what positions.
- Do not put 'table' as an option if we are voting to pass the proposal. If we are voting on the proposal, put yes or no options.
- Q. For clarification, isn't this out of our Service Manual? A. Yes

Poll results: 91% yes, 1% no, 8% table.

Discussion heard from minority opinion:

- It feels like there should be another way to do this. It feels as if Area 42 is not properly represented.

Proposal passes, no votes changed.

2nd reading, Proposed Amendment Three: To create a new section (1.5) for Appointed Area Positions.

If approved, the proposal will become effective immediately. Additionally, the table of contents will reflect the insertion of 1.5 Appointed Positions Duties, including A and B and the deletion of 1.4 items L and M. **Proposal for 1.4 and 1.5 to read:** (See Area Guidelines revisions for comparison, on the Area website, nevadaarea42.org)

- Q. Are these positions considered part of the Area Committee? A. Yes
- Q. Clarification on sections L&M? A. We are adding section 1.5 for appointed positions.

Poll results: 98% yes, 2% table, 0 no

No minority opinion heard.

Proposal passes.

2nd reading, Proposed Area 42 Guideline change: To Add a Translation Committee (Addendum).

If approved, the proposal will become effective immediately. Additionally, the table of contents will reflect the insertion of Addendum 3 Translation Committee.

Poll results: 90% yes, 6% table, 4% no

No minority opinion heard

Proposal passes.

New Business:

Proposed One-time Funding to Attend 2020 Pacific Regional Forum: Provide funding for elected and appointed officers of Area 42, including Northern area and Southern area, standing committee chairs, liaisons, DCMs and GSRs for travel in excess of 60 miles to attend the 2020 Pacific Regional Forum in Las Vegas, up to \$75 per person.

- Q. What is the proposed total cost? A. There is no limit as the Area has sufficient funds. There is only a cap on the per person cost.

Poll results: 99% yes, 1% no

Discussion heard from minority opinion:

- The Forum is open to all Alcoholics. I feel that we should all pay our own way.

Proposal passes, no votes changed.

For transparency: At the Committee meeting last night we voted to keep the zoom subscription for a year. We agreed to compensate the Translators for their work in this Pre-Conference Assembly. These are items that do not have to be voted on by the body, as per Area 42 Guidelines.

YPAA: Samantha, alcoholic. We are requesting an Area Young Peoples Standing Committee ad hoc. We have already created an ad hoc at SAGSC and NAGSC and have already begun to see a need. This ad hoc would just ensure that the Area sees a need for an Area YPAA Standing Committee. It would give us more involvement in the Area as a whole in this ad hoc to actually create an Area YPAA Standing Committee proposal. I have a lot of in-depth background and general information that I can e-mail out to those that want it.

Ad-hoc Committees: Area Chair, Paul is now tasked with putting together two ad hoc committees.

- Anyone wanting to be on the YPAA committee, email Paul through the nevadaarea42 website or directly.
- The second ad hoc committee would be to look into the feasibility of combing all three Treasuries (Area, NAGSC and SAGSC) into one Treasuries. I would prefer volunteers for this committee has been a past Treasurer or has some financial type experience. I would suggest to bring information to the next Assembly with the question to the body, is this something we even want done?

Ad hoc committees will be appointed from the volunteers received by the end of April.

Area 42 2020 Fall Assembly: District 6 will host the Assembly, as they were to be the host of this Spring Assembly. Going forward, the Spring Assemblies will be hosted by the South/the Fall Assemblies will be hosted by North.

Announcements:

- Alt. Delegate Julie will be sending out another survey, just a heads up.
- Registrar, Anne announced that Brown Paper Tickets are in the process of refunding for the Fall Assembly registrations. Brown Paper Tickets will be open in April for the 2020 Fall Assembly.
- The 2020 Fall Area 42 Assembly will be held October 16-18, 2020.

Motion to adjourn, followed by a 2nd. **Adjourned at 2:45pm with 'Responsibility Declaration.** The Area Reports received are attached.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie S.
Area 42 Secretary

District Reports:

District 1 Hello, my name is Libby and I have the honor and privilege of being the DCM for District 1. Welcome everyone to the spring assembly. District 1 includes Henderson, Searchlight, Boulder City and points south. District One had its Fall Carnival on October 12th and it was outstanding. We had the best turnout we've had in years. There were all kinds of activities, including a contraption that dumped water over people's heads. Many kudos to Rhonda for being a good sport and getting soaked. We had so many people show up we ended up having the speaker portion of the event outside. The band let us use their sound system so everyone could hear. We had the Young People involved helping with the kid games and the sobriety countdown. If you want to have enthusiasm just ask them to join your event. People were flagging them down because they wanted the high five for their sobriety. We also had Archives, Grapevine and CPC/PI representation. I've heard nothing but good things and I want to thank Rick and Christine for their efforts to make this year's picnic the best in years! In November we had a joint workshop with District 3. It was titled "Willing to Go to Any Lengths", and it lived up to its name because we rented a van for 12 people, filled it and traveled to Mesquite. It was a great ride down, lots of sobriety and laughter. District 3 in Mesquite were wonderful, welcoming and we had a full house. And I will add that the people in Mesquite know how to cook, all the food was delicious. My district sent me to PRAASA in Tucson. It was a great trip and restored by AA batteries and my spiritual being. Thank you District 1 for allowing me to serve. I found

PRAASA a wonderful experience and it always is so inspirational to see so many people with so much time still doing service. I think my favorite part is the past trustee sharing session. They each focused on one aspect of service and shared their thoughts.

Mike, the Area webmaster and I are co-chairs for the Reports and Charter conference agenda committee. We have a great group of people who have spent a few Sunday afternoons talking about our agenda items and the conference process in general. To me I see service and sacrifice and it warms my heart to see people willing to do the work to keep AA going. On a personal note, since the last assembly, my nephew has joined the program. I'm so happy for him and I feel proud that I've been involved in service so that when he was ready there was a program for him to come to. At the time of this writing, he is 15 days and already I see the lights turning on and his walking into the sunlight of the spirit. Thank you everyone in this room for keeping AA going for my family. Thank you all for allowing me to serve.

District 2 District 2 would like to thank Andrea, PI chair for NAGSC and Pat B, Corrections chair for NAGSC for presenting at our district meetings in January and February. District 2 is doing well financially and will be making disbursements following spring assembly. The groups of district 2 are doing well but there are some reported difficulties. One GSR reports that business meetings do not allow her to give her complete report from district meetings and General Service assemblies. Another group reports having to change location and is not allowed to store their supplies on site at their new location. District 2 elections is scheduled to take place this coming August 2020. Thanks to all the members of District 2 who make our district great and thanks for the opportunity to be of service. Joel B. DCM

District 6 Hello Area 42, my name is Drew, an alcoholic, and I humbly serve Dist 6 as DCM. I wish I were at the mic at Assembly tonight, but it is good to be sober today. Dist 6 encompasses the Scenic Carson Valley, Beautiful South Lake Tahoe, Historic Carson City, and Dayton....home of the 1st gold discovery in Nevada. Dist 6 is the best damned district in the best damned area in all of Alcoholics Anonymous, by the way. We are an active and healthy district. We conduct bizness on the 2nd Sunday of even numbered months at the Carson City Allano Club. Our District Committee Chairs are always busy with workshops. We just completed a 2nd 12 Traditions study group which held a steady attendance throughout the 7 weeks. I had been attending meetings in the district and we have picked up GSR representation in the district. We are hoping to start a Secretary Workshop at the Carson City Allano Club soon. As we have encountered difficult times, I can say that our groups, in a heartbeat, have developed online meetings and other alternatives to continue to stay centered and carry the message of recovery and hope. Wow!, just had an earthquake in Gardnerville. Geez, what's next? Of course, the present will become the past, and the future holds great promise I believe. It's funny how important that silly saying "1 day at a time" has become today. I am moving forward with planning our annual Founders Day Picnic in June. Then there's something going on in Detroit in July, right? Dist 6 will be hosting the fall Assembly in Tonopah, where we all look forward to meeting again.... back to normal Yours in service, Drew

District 8 Update on District 8. All Regular Meetings in Bishop and Mammoth Lakes are now on Zoom, and we have been having online meetings for the past week really successfully. We will have our Annual Chili Cook off on 6/20/20 and Rhonda has agreed to come in person that day and give the Delegate Report. Of course, all of that could be up in the air depending on what happens with Covid19. That's a quick summary for now. Everyone is trying to stay strong, positive, and to continue to reach out to our fellow AA's. Julie DCM District 8

District 10a District 10A held a St Patty's Day pot luck. We took a group conscience and I was allowed to go over the agenda topics presented there. Out of approximately 30 participants we only got a few who voiced their opinions. Here are my results. II CPC-A- 8 YES, 0 NO VI. Lit-M-1- 17 yes, 0 no -2- 14 yes, 3 no 3- 29 no VI. Lit-N- 14 yes, 0 no VI. Lit-T-1- 10 yes, 14 no -2- 2 yes, 25 no VIII. PI-I- 15 YES, 1 NO X. T&A-B- 16 YES, 0 NO XII. Archives-A- 15 yes, 1 no As always it is a blessing and a pleasure to serve. Thank you.

District 16 Hello Area 42, District 16 meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm at Sparks Christian Fellowship 510 Greenbrae Boulevard Sparks NV. District 16 borders South East of Virginia Street US395, East to Fernley. North to Gerlock West to the California border. We have 35 groups or meetings within our District, of which 6 are represented by GSRs. Last December we welcomed 2 new GSRs to our District. Staci with Ladies of the Evening Group of Sparks and Ashleigh with the Sparks Nevada Young People's Group SPARKYPAA. This Winter we have welcomed 2 more new GSRs to our District, Troy with Caring and Sharing in Stead and Christopher with the Afternoon Serenity Group of Sparks. The members of our District have been planning a Workshop themed " AA- Beyond the Homegroup". All are Welcome, though our prime focus is to reach out to the groups in our District that are not yet represented by a GSR and may not be aware of the function, importance and fun of General Service. Originally were looking for a weekend in May to hold this Workshop. However with recent World Events with the Corona Virus, we may need to postpone until the Autumn. Our 33rd Annual Christmas Affair was very successful. Stacy our Christmas Affair Chair and Barbara our Treasurer worked very steadily with other Recovering Alcoholic's and a wonderful time was had by all. We held a terrific panel, the theme for 2019 was " Our Big Book- 80 Years, 71 Languages". Our District's Young People's Group dressed as elves to add a Spark of Festiveness. It is exciting to see our District growing. Thank you for letting me be of service. Andrea B District 16 DCM

District 20 My name is Jay I am an Alcoholic, This has been a tough report for me to write. It seems everything is changing daily and sometimes hourly. District 20 is well and I feel we are staying in touch throughout the District. As of today no meetings have officially canceled (that I know about) but some people are just not showing up to unlock the doors. Some meetings have started using Zoom and many members have turned to already established on line meetings. I am very grateful to have made it to PRASSA in Tucson. A wonderful event as always. I also would like to thank District 20 for the funding they were able to help me with. I am always amazed at the unity, fellowship and service of so many people at these events. I would like to commend all people involved in canceling the face to face Area 42 Conference. I spoke to a lot of people in my District and every single one of them agreed with the decision. We all felt a little relieved when our trusted servants made the decisions that they did. Therefore, we did not have to feel like we were letting anybody or AA as a whole down. Thank you everybody for allowing me to be of service. I look forward to seeing you all next time we meet. Jay S. District 20 DCM

Area Officers and Committees:

Alt. Treasurer Savings 1,253.68 - Checking 15,104.55 I want to thank all groups and individuals for your contributions to the Northern Area fund. Your contributions continue to help fund our officers, Standing Chairs, GSRs and DCMs, to service events in our efforts to carry the message of AA through General Service. The Nagsc account is in a good shape, we will be able to fund our budgeted expenses as planned. The finance committee met in March and per our guidelines, discussed the funding amount for GSRs and DCMs to attend Area Assembly, March 27 – 29 in Tonopah, NV. Despite the cancellation of this General Service Event, It is worth noting that the Finance Committee and the Nagsc body increased our funding to \$75, demonstrating our commitment to improve GSR attendance at this event in the future. . Remember it is suggested that GSRs go first to their groups, then to their districts for funding. DCMs should first request funding from their district. If you still have a funding gap, Nagsc can help. Area 42 also has funding available. With a \$125 minimum funding available from the Area and from Nagsc, attendance should be within most groups ability to participate. Keep that in mind as your group's plan for the Fall Assembly. Nagsc also had funding available for Praasa as determined by our budget and dependent on your service position. Attendance was low especially of officers and standing chairs, but I was happy to see a good number of GSRs and DCMs who made the trip. The Nagsc body voted to fund members for forum and with the lack of expenses paid out from both Praasa and Assembly, we will not have any issue with this budgeted expense. As we help each other and keep our perspective on what's really important, we must remember our primary purpose, which we have the opportunity to do no matter where we are, individually and as a group. Still I keep in my mind the last view I had of our panel 69 & 70 delegates, on stage, Sunday, at Praasa, looking out with humble and grateful expressions, ready to carry our group conscience to the General Service Conference. I want to thank them all, not just for the preparation they do but also for the disappointment they will now bear, with grace I know! Yours in service today and every day, Laura

Archives In February I was invited to attend District 16's monthly meeting to discuss archives. They opened up with the reading of Concept II which lead right into the discussion on archives. Concept Two: "When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference — excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter — the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society." Knowing our history is vital. We discussed the importance of retaining our history. Not just for our world services, but at the levels of the area, district and home groups. Thank you to Andrea, the DCM for the opportunity to come to their district meeting. In January I went to Las Vegas to help organize our area archives, which are located at the Las Vegas Central Office. The amount of effort that has been done by the southern area volunteers is amazing. There is so much information that we try to retain, organize and display. I continue to maintain printed copies of the area, NAGSC and SAGSC minutes, newsletters, agenda summaries, delegate reports and many, many more. Yours in Service, Lyle C

Alt. Archives Hi, my name is Gabriel; I am an alcoholic. We have been working on the Archives room. We took the Archives to District 1, Roundup. Put papers in plastic covers in a binder labeled. The meetings are on Sunday 9:00-11:00 AM, everyone's welcomed. The past continues to accumulate each day, and more and more materials are becoming available to be evaluated, categorized and stored for the benefit of future A.A.s. Thank you for letting me be of service Gabriel

Newsletter Editor For the Fall 2019 Edition of the newsletter we were tasked with a new challenge, the decision to translate the newsletter into Spanish. I thought this was going to make things difficult for me, but I came in with an open mind because I feel it is important for all of our membership to be able to have access to this newsletter. The process was amazingly simple thanks to the help of Diana and a few others, she got me the translations so quickly that it made the process for me almost identical to my process for the newsletter itself. Time was my biggest concern with translation and by the time I went to do our Winter newsletter we had created a system for this where I was able to get both versions of the newsletter ready to send out to everyone within a day so that they could both be sent out together. I am grateful for the experience and I am happy to help with continuing this in the future for our Area. I went to PRAASA at the beginning of March some of the big topics discussed during our roundtable were: Frequency and format of newsletters, Venmo and other online sales, software for digital that also works for printing, and online meetings. I have stayed in touch with a few people and that last topic has definitely made a profound impact on our fellowship these last few weeks. I was happy to share my experiences with translating our newsletter with others and gave them advice on how we were able to make the process easier. I also recognized a few people from the roundtables last year and got to talk with them about how things are going in our areas and how we have adjusted over the last year. I was happy to be able to be more on the helping side this year instead of the guy asking all the questions, and I can not wait to be able to continue to pass on my experiences to others. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Gabe S. - Newsletter Editor

Registrar What a year this last month has been. I spent March 5-8 at the Pacific Region AA Service Assembly in Tucson. It was an amazing experience this year. It's always uplifting and inspirational, but this year was a little different for me. I was selected to make a presentation on communications with remote communities to the assembly. It's amazing how much effort it takes to create a seven-minute talk. I'd like to thank everyone who helped and listened to my crazy while it was in the works. I enjoyed the research piece as much as I enjoy learning more about AA. I hope I managed to make Area 42 proud, but all I can really remember about my presentation was I kicked it off with a Basque sheep herding call "Annieie." We were also already starting the COVID-19 precautions so shaking hands, hugging and holding hands at were discouraged. On March 12, the area officers started discussing the idea of cancelling the service assembly in Tonopah. While this was difficult for everyone, I hope that you have received your refunds if you have registered online through Brown Paper Tickets. In February, the General Service Office in New York gave us registrars the opportunity to check out My Portal through various Zoom training sessions. I am happy to report it is a beautiful system and it will be wonderful when it is complete. However, it is not complete and GSO does not know when the migration will be completely finished. GSO recently hired a new company to take it to the end of the technology upgrade it started over a year ago. The COVID-19 situation has also slowed things down quite a bit. They are still asking for patience. It is still my honor to help you send your group changes to

GSO. I can do via email, text or snail mail. Online registration for the Fall Assembly (Oct 16-18) in Tonopah is open. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. Yours in love and service, Anne D. Area 42 Registrar

Translation/Interpretation Committee My name is Diana and I'm an alcoholic. I work alongside Tony S. and we are the translators for Area 42. We'll be presenting the second reading of the Translation/Interpretation Committee Proposal at this year's Virtual Spring Assembly. Our work is for and our focus is on our Area 42 Latino community. A little insight into what's involved: A translator is both reader and writer and when we work, we are finding expressions, interpretations, vocabulary and insight from a reserve of language as well as experience. We are constantly making choices to preserve the author's or speaker's intentions; we look beneath the words in order to make sense of the ideas. This cannot be done using automated translation since our work demands more than the knowledge of two languages. Our committee is actively working in tandem with our Area 42 secretaries. That includes our Southern and sometimes our Northern secretaries – and, like them, we work with a deadline. We translate reports from the Delegate, all the DCMs, NAGSC & SAGSC Officers, and the Area 42 Officers. We also translate guideline changes and updates, Area Conference Committee reports and, of course, the minutes which include spontaneous comments and questions. We work closely with our Alternate Delegate and translate Power Point Presentations, on-line surveys, and the pre-conference preparations, i.e.: Agenda Item Summaries, Roundtable Presentations, Feedback. We are also translating articles for publication in the Area 42 Newsletter. At our Area Assembly last Fall we were able to translate 61 out of almost 100 documents– PRE-ASSEMBLY. For that Tony and I wish to thank all those who followed direction and sent in their reports within 3 weeks before the assembly. By doing so, you showed support for this important communal purpose. 2019 was the very first year everything was translated into Spanish for Area 42. This meant the world - not just to us – but to our Latino brothers and sisters. During that Fall meeting I presented an idea to the body about getting together an English-speaking editing team to go over some reports and correct the English grammar, spelling and punctuation thus giving us more time to focus exclusively on translation. I decided to start small - with one volunteer - who corrected 9 reports. Recently, another volunteer stepped up and corrected 20 reports from the last SAGSC meeting which was held in January. The challenge for us now is to create a fellowship of bilingual volunteers who will help us with translation. We want to give this amazing community the potential to become entirely involved in our fellowship. By our showing an interest in communicating with their culture, we present opportunities for both sides to integrate and participate within this community. In the end we all benefit as we hear more points of view and ways of problem solving. A colleague, who had previous experience mounting a Translation/Interpretation Committee in another area, told me recently that that area knew they were doing something right when their Hispanic Community began to exercise their Right of Appeal. And that – mis queridos amigos/my dear friends - has become my dream...if you are interested in helping, you can contact me. Thank you for listening. Diana M.

Communications Committee The communications committee had a conference call on March 11 in the evening. We went over a few items that we thought had to do with communications within the area. We Talked about the assembly minutes and the website. We also we started a discussion on a new calendar and will be looking for examples of good calendars and sharing them with each other over the next few weeks. Thank you to everybody who was able to attend the conference call. Phil

NAGSC Officers and Committees:

Chair Hello to all my extended family and now with what is happening we've become a little more extended. I never thought that I would say "thank god for computers". My procrastination button has really kicked in through all this chaos, so as I write this, it is a couple of weeks past when I should have been giving this report. Looking back, I would like to start with saying thank you to all that participated in the summaries, presentations, translation and support of our agenda item process. We had a good team and if not for everyone of you, we would've had a really difficult time. Next looking forward I want to say thank you to everyone for putting together the Zoom process. I attended the YPAA training and I was really impressed with the Zoom program. I really feel that even as we are not together in person, we will still have a sense of togetherness. I am really looking forward to our test run and then finally our area assembly. My feeling of gratitude through all of this is large at this moment. I am seeing groups come together and form virtual rooms for meetings, and Area 42 is working into the virtual meeting to support our needs in the most important time of our rotation. If this doesn't show how resilient we are as a society I don't know what does. So I say once again thank you from the bottom of my heart and stay strong everyone, we will come out much better and knowledgeable after this. Chris S NAGSC Chair

Corrections The Corrections Committee Chair's priority has been establishing a meeting at Lovelock State Prison. This has involved seeking volunteers for the planned weekly meeting, (Saturdays 9:30AM - 10:30AM), and guiding those volunteers through the Nevada Department of Corrections clearance and training protocol. I am pleased to report our progress in this endeavor has been steady and the planned timing of the new meeting was April 11th. Unfortunately, due to the current environment, the Nevada Department of Corrections has suspended all volunteer programs behind the walls at all facilities. We are still seeking volunteers to ensure an adequate committee available to staff this meeting on a consistent basis. Our hope is that the average volunteer commitment is to help staff one meeting per month. A Facility Coordinator for Lovelock has been appointed, Mr. Charles J. of Fernley. An additional responsibility, and priority, of the Chair is to arrange "Pre-Release Contacts" for inmate A.A. members who are scheduled for release and have reached out to A.A. for help in getting established in the A.A. Fellowship in their new city of residence upon release. This often involves contacting A.A. Areas throughout the country in an effort to find a Pre-Release Contact volunteer who will correspond with the inmate while still in custody and arrange to meet that inmate upon parole in order to take the inmate to his or her first A.A. meetings and in general, help the inmate start the process of "becoming comfortable " in their new A.A. Fellowship. The "Pre-Release Contact" function in corrections is also sometimes referred to as "Bridging The Gap". Corrections Committee volunteers serve the Fellowship by participating in meetings at correctional facilities, serving as Pre-Release Contacts for inmate A.A. members scheduled for release, and by serving as Corrections Correspondents where we share our recovery experience through the mail with an inmate who has requested this service. Committee Volunteers for all three primary service functions are always needed. To the end, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in District General Service Meetings in District 12 on February 8th and District 2 on February 13th. Volunteer training for the Washoe County jail is taking place on a regular basis. Responsibility for this facility

falls under the umbrella of the Northern Nevada Intergroup Corrections Committee Chaired by Charlotte C. A.A. currently takes one women's meeting and one men's meeting into the jail, fondly referred to simply as "Parr Blvd.", every Saturday. Volunteers are always welcome. This facility has a plan in place to establish a separate unit within the jail for veterans. We have been contacted by the Washoe County Department of Corrections and been apprised of this new "Veteran's Barracks" project. Facility administrators have asked A.A. to plan on establishing an A.A. meeting for this new men's unit. A committee of A.A. volunteers for this project has been established and will be coordinated by A.A. member Ed O. A weekly meeting recently established at State of Nevada facility Northern Nevada Transitional Housing, (NNTH), had been taking place on Sundays from 9AM - 10AM prior to the aforementioned suspension of volunteer programs. Responsibility for this facility falls under the NNIG Corrections Committee. The NAGSC Corrections Committee continues to focus on facilities where A.A. does not currently have a presence. Areas of opportunity are Susanville and the Winnemucca / Wells areas. As continually noted in this Chair's reports and announcements, "having experience being incarcerated is Not a requirement for A.A. Corrections Service". Inmates already know the path to prison; we show them the path to Freedom". Respectfully submitted, Pat B. NAGSC Corrections Chair

CPC HI everyone, my name is Ed and I am an Alcoholic and current CPC Chair for the North. I have just stepped into this position as Samantha G was transferred out of state with her job. With that in mind my report is very short I was just voted in at the roundtable meeting. Sadly, it will be a while before I can really get started but, in the meantime, I would like to ask for help from past CPC's on how to proceed. Also, I would like to offer my services to any group or district who would like a presentation on CPC. As always it is an honor and privilege to serve in any capacity in AA and I appreciate being asked to fill in. Take Care God Bless, Ed CPC Chair North

Finance Committee We had a Finance Committee meeting prior to the round tables, all the members were in attendance. We elected Carol B as the alternate Finance Committee Chair. We also approved funding up to \$75.00 for all G.S.R.'s and D.C.M.'s that need financial help to attend the area conference. Because of the Corona Virus, we will revisit all these previous decisions after we get back to some sort of normalcy. Lonnie M. Finance Committee Chair

PI Hello to All, my name is Andrea and I'm an alcoholic. I am grateful to be serving as your current NAGSC PI CHAIR. I have emailed our DCMs of Northern Area to let them know I am available to come to their Districts and give a brief presentation on Public Information Service in Alcoholics Anonymous. In January I was able to visit District 2 in Reno at their business meeting. I really enjoyed myself and appreciate the opportunity to share this information with others. THANK YOU JOEL for having me. In March I was Blessed to visit District 12 in Fallon. I was very grateful to carry the message to this group of friends. And after the meeting, they even served us supper! THANK YOU SHELBY for your hospitality and for hosting the presentation. I also have a PI -Public Information Presentation scheduled for the month of May with DCM Steven and District 14 in Tahoe. I look forward to that as we had rescheduled from March due to the Corona Virus and Social Distancing. In January I received a call from Central Office. A man had been released from the hospital and he was upset because the hospital had no AA literature for his review. So I made arrangements with the Director of Business Development at Reno Behavioral Healthcare, Don Butterfield; and a small rack of AA literature is now in their facility. Gratefully in Service, Andrea B NAGSC PI CHAIR

Treatment/BTG Hi, my name is Ed, an alcoholic. It is a pleasure to serve as NAGSC Treatment and BTG Committee Chair. I enjoy the experience of being a part of the fellowship carrying A.A.'s message of sobriety and spiritual recovery. Starting in early-March, the spread of the new coronavirus made it necessary for Treatment Facilities to suspend visits by A.A. members. Prior to that, Northern Nevada Treatment and Bridging the Gap Committee members were responding to requests for AA meetings and presentations in treatment facilities, connecting new alcoholics with temporary contacts who help bridge the gap, seeking A.A. volunteers willing to carry the message through inside meetings, and getting together in committee meetings and member to member to do general service work and intergroup service work. Here are some recent and potential upcoming events (depending on the status of the new coronavirus pandemic): The Northern Nevada Bridging the Gap Committee held a first meeting January 18 at Sparks Alano Club. Co-hosted by NNIG H&I and NAGSC BTG committees. Committee members from Fallon, Minden, Reno, Sparks, and Carson City attended. Chairs, Temporary Contact Coordinators, presenters and temporary contacts attended. Wonderful beginning. District level Treatment and Bridging the Gap Committee meetings are schedule with District 10a (Elko) and District 16 (Sparks) May 17 and May 19 respectively. Contact Ema E., District 10a DCM, Andrea B. District 16 DCM or Ed S. NAGSC Treatment/BTG Chair District 14 is looking into having a temporary contact coordinator after considering the Agenda Topic Item regarding creation of a BTG Workbook. District 14 has about ten volunteer temporary contacts on the Northern Nevada BTG Committee call list/roster. In District 6, the Carson City Juvenile Probation Services substance abuse counselor, requested A.A. start a meeting for teens. Meetings have started on an "inside" format. Volunteers to fill service positions (backup secretaries, 10 minute speaker, YPAA preferred. Contact Terry N., H&I Alternate Treatment Chair. Opportunities for 12th Step service in Northern Area Treatment Facilities (e.g., Inside A.A. Meetings, Bridging the Gap, or Orientation to A.A.) may be found through the NNIG Central Office or the NAGSC Treatment/BTG Chair.

To schedule a General Service presentation out of the Treatment Committee Workbook on carrying the message through Treatment Facility A.A. Meetings inside, the Temporary Contact program and Bridging the Gap, and Orientation to A.A. Presentation series, contact the NAGSC Treatment and BTG Chair, Ed S. nagsctreatmentfacilities@nevadaarea42.org A brief description of this service work follows. Bridging the Gap Program Bridging the Gap helps the alcoholic in treatment facility find their way to an outside meeting and hopefully sobriety. The Northern Area 42 Bridging the Gap committee includes A.A. members in urban Reno/Sparks area and rural communities who volunteer when a potential or new member reaches out for help to reach their first A.A. meeting after departing from a treatment facility. Volunteer Presenters introduce A.A. and the Temporary Contact Program to clients at treatment facilities in Fallon, Carson City, and Reno and Sparks. The Temporary Contact Program is when A.A. volunteers reach out to the departed client and introduce them to Alcoholics Anonymous - the meetings, members, literature, and fellowship. About two hundred A.A. volunteers in Northern Nevada are on the Temporary Contact call list. The Reno/Sparks call list/committee roster is maintained

by the BTG Chair of the H&I Committee and the NAGSC BTG Chair maintains the call list/committee roster for volunteers in the "rural" communities. Whether a facility is in or out of state, when a newcomer's destination is Northern Nevada, members are available to help a newcomer get to an A.A. meeting. The Temporary Contact Coordinator - there is one in the NNIG Districts, District 6 and District 12 - recruits volunteers, provides them with general service literature and shared experience, prepares them, and when departing clients have requested Temporary Contacts, notifies volunteers on the call list. Districts 20 (Susanville/Chester) and 10a (Elko and nearby towns) also have lists of nimble temporary contacts. A.A. Meetings Inside Treatment Facilities in northern Nevada's treatment facilities, A.A. meetings are held to introduce clients to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. At an "inside" meeting, attendance is limited to the clients in the facility. Generally, A.A. members on an H&I treatment committee are asked to chair the meeting and arrange for outside speakers or discussion leaders. The NNIG H&I Treatment Chair seeks and places volunteers to fulfill treatment facility requests for A.A. "inside" meetings in Reno and Sparks and at Vitality-Carson City. Local group members fulfill "inside" meeting requests at other treatment facilities in Carson City, Fallon, and Elko. Announcements are made at a variety of meetings and volunteers sought usually in response to request from a TF for volunteers for inside meetings. Orientation to A.A. In northern Nevada, the Orientation to A.A. presentation to clients continues at Bristlecone TF and Carson Tahoe Behavioral Health Services TF. This A.A. presentation program developed by Northern Area 42 general service members helps clients get a thorough acquaintance with what A.A. does, does not do, and is and is not. It consists of a series of four A.A. literature-based, scripted sessions, presented weekly by two or three A.A. members, lightly seasoned with the presenting members' recovery experience. While serving as a BTG Committee member and Orientation to A.A. committee member at inside presentations, it is clear that many treatment patients have attended A.A. meetings before. Orientation to A.A. gives potential and new members an opportunity to learn and ask clarifying questions about the A.A. program, fellowship, meetings, traditions and more. A REMINDER - TREATMENT FACILITIES DO NOT ALLOW VISITORS TO AVOID TRANSMISSION OF THE NEW CORONAVIRUS...UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

RENVYPAA RENVYPAA is still meeting every second and fourth Sunday at 4PM. With the closures of businesses, we have been meeting via Zoom. We have been talking about virtual events and what that could look like. We have not cancelled anything regarding our annual In-Tents Sobriety Campout; pre-reg right now is \$20 & t-shirts are available for \$15. We are always encouraging people to sponsor a newcomer if they are not able to attend the event. This year's theme is "Better to Meet God Alone..." Thank you for letting us be of service, RENVYPAA.

SAGSC Officers and Committees:

H & I Monthly H&I Business meeting was held on March 17th in order to comply with Coronavirus restrictions the committee voted to suspend all panels effective March 18th Effective March 31, 2020 Central Office/Intergroup will no longer administer the H&I literature fund. All H&I funds will be turned over to the H&I committee effective 3/31/2020. To prepare the H&I committee to manage this responsibility, an emergency board meeting was held and the H&I Board of Directors authorize the committee Chairperson, Treasurer and Co-Treasurer to complete the following actions: 1. Open H&I Committee bank account 2. Establish H&I Committee P O Box 3. Develop a procedure for donations dropped off at central office to be transferred to the H&I committee. All of the above actions were completed on Wednesday March 18th. Due to Coronavirus restrictions no workshops are currently scheduled for 2020. Robert J. H&I Liaison.

GSR Trainer Hello everyone, my name is Jonelle and I am an alcoholic. And I just want to say that I really love being the GSR Trainer for the South! I'm like a super cute poster child for General Service! You know that really powerful saying that you may be the only version of a Big Book that someone may see? That's a lot of pressure to carry on ones shoulders, right? Well... that's how this position feels. I am the GSR Greeter and then, their example!! My bubbly, approachable, and contagious personality radiates throughout the little back room at the TIE Club in Las Vegas. I bring my excitement, passion, opinions, and sarcasm to every training. I have done two trainings prior to SAGSC meetings since we last met as an Area. We discuss how our unique Area functions, the responsibilities and commitment being a GSR carries, we review the GSR Survival Manual, and the agenda for the SAGSC meeting that follows. I stress constantly that, as a GSR, you are responsible on how involved your group responds to your position and the information you are relaying. I remind them that if I am not on fire about what I am doing, how can I expect them to be! I have been able to meet and assist many new GSRs and I beg you to continue to use me as a guide, source, and friend along your journey. Thank you for all you do and allowing me to do it with you!

PI/CPC 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 Committee and we have all been very, very busy carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to professionals who work with alcoholics in the raw to the general public. We are delighted to have a close working relationship with District 21. As a result, we keep our committee member, Diana M. busy translating business cards, displays, flyers, and many committee related documents. We do our best stock literature racks at events, hospitals and institutions with English and **Spanish** literature.

The public and professionals seek our help. We do not promote AA. We set up information tables at events and are frequently the least popular table, but there is always someone that seeks the hand of AA. For over two and a half years, we have been attending the Giving Project and the Pop-up Homeless Connect which both serve the homeless community. In addition, we are active participants in the PACT Coalition, and Mayors Faith Initiative which meets monthly. Since our last report in September 2019, we have participated in the following events- Rally for Recovery, Two National Night Out events, Women's Day, Veterans Service Fair, Veterans Global Peer Support workshop, Alternative Peer Group Speaker Meeting, Clark County Employee Health Fair, Mobile Health Collaborative, Las Vegas Round Up, TINHIH's Black Monday event, Area42/Intergroup Service Festival and the Las Vegas Metro Police Outreach event.

To help education our fellowship about what we do, we submit information to the Area 42 Newsletter and the LV Silver Streak publications. The Public information and Cooperation with the Professional Community Committees receive many requests for AA literature, information, and presentations each year. In order to fulfill all the requests, the committees need your support. Due to the

recent changes with Las Vegas Intergroup and Central office, our committees recently approved an initiative to have an independent bank account under the SAGSC tax status. We have an elected treasurer and plan to work towards total self-funding status, and appreciate the cooperation and support of SAGSC and Area 42 in this effort. We are in the process of obtaining a post office box so contributions can be mailed directly to our committee because beginning March 30th, 2020, Central Office will no longer be able to accept contributions on behalf of our committee. We are currently working on initiatives to improve contributions from local groups and meetings to support the demand for literature and presentations and will update the membership on where to send contributions once we have a PO box established. However, with the status of COVID-19 and its impact on our entire community we are not pushing for “green can” contributions at this time. As of today, all public events, and conferences in the Las Vegas area have been suspended or cancelled for the next 2 months. Instead, we hope to focus our attention on how we can best serve the local AA fellowship, and public community during this current national emergency. In that effort we have scheduled an important strategic planning session via ZOOM for our committee’s March 22, 2020. As it says in the Big Book- “more to be revealed...” Submitted by Laura So Area CPC Chair

Treasurer Sean D., Alcoholic. Hi Everyone and Welcome Electronically! This is the report for the SAGSC Treasurer, as of today, the current checking balance is **\$10,900.04** and savings balance is **\$7514.77** for a combined total of **\$18,414.81**. The budget health, I believe, we are on track with the budget and consider the prudent reserve as healthy. We had limited attendance at PRAASA, so we have not used our total budget for the budgeted chairs. This should help SAGSC in this uncertain time to stay on track for the 2020 budget. There is still some amount of uncertainty surrounding with the recent incorporation of intergroups reabsorbed into the SAGSCs body. Considering the social distancing, I am behind in picking up the mailbox. I will be sending out the receipts for March contributions once I have time to process them. As always; if you, your district or group would like to make a contribution to SAGSCs, please send all contributions to: Make Payable to: **S.A.G.S.C. P.O. Box 71804 Las Vegas, NV 89170-1804** Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Respectfully, Sean D. SAGSC Treasurer

LVYPAA Hi I’m Anna and I’m an alcoholic. I am the General Service Liaison for the Las Vegas Young People in AA (LVYPAA). LVYPAA has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. The message we carry is that regardless of your age you can achieve sobriety and have fun through the practice of the twelve steps, twelve traditions and twelve concepts. We do this by unifying young people through the principles of A.A., meetings, events, outreach, bidding on conferences and co-hosting events. I’m very grateful to be here and to share what we at LVYPAA have been doing since the Fall Assembly to help carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers and what we have coming up. Since the Fall Assembly in September, we have hosted and co-hosted numerous events and were of service to multiple districts including District 1, District 3, and District 5B at picnics, workshops, and panels. I’m going to list a few of the events and workshops we have been a part of since the Fall Assembly: • Co-hosted the District One Fellowship Carnival on October 12th in Boulder City • Hosted our Annual Freemont St. Scavenger Hunt & Speaker Meeting in October w/ District 15 and UCYPAA (Utah Conference of Young People in AA) Co-hosting • In November we held a Dessert Contest and Gratitude Panel • In January, we went to LA and bid on the Western Area Conference of Young People in AA (WACYPA) • Roaring 20’s NYE Ball and Speaker Meeting co-hosted by District 1 • In February, we had a Valentine’s Day Dance, Speaker Meeting, and Date Auction • We just hosted a March Madness event at Mission High School, which is a recovery high school in Las Vegas. Coming up we will be: • Co-hosting District 5B’s Workshop on April 11th @ 1:30pm at the Keystone Club • Hosting our 2020 Annual Scavenger Hunt in Downtown Las Vegas on Saturday May 2nd from 3 – 9 pm at the TIE Club with food, a speaker meeting, and a sobriety countdown. NSDYPAA (North San Diego Young People in AA) will be co- hosting • Co-hosting the 36th Annual Tri-state Roundup, May 14th – 17th at Don Laughlin’s Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, NV • We are also working with Phil W. on ways to be of service and help get YPAAs in Area 42 involved with the 2020 Pacific Regional Forum in August! • And we will be hosting the First NACYPA (Nevada Area Conference of Young People in AA) Conference in Spring of 2021 As you can see, we are staying busy and are committed to carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous while having fun doing so. We are always look for ways to be of service, whether that’s through bringing speakers to events, co-hosting with districts, or simply reaching out and sharing programs throughout the YPAA community. LVYPAA also has a good amount of open positions on the committee if anyone has a desire to be of service. Some of the positions we have open are: • Bid Chair • Graphics Chair • H&I Chair • Literature Chair • LGBTQ+ Liaison • Native American Liaison • Spanish Speaking Liaison. You can also attend our monthly committee meeting held on the first Sunday of the month @ 1:30pm at the Las Vegas AA Central Office (1431 E Charleston Blvd #15, Las Vegas, NV 89104) Thank you so much for allowing us to be of service and for continuing to support the YPAA community. In love and service, Anna P.