

Area 42 Fall Election Assembly Minutes
Online via "ZOOM"
Friday, October 16, 2020 – Sunday, October 18, 2020

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6:00 p.m.

Meeting opened by Area 42 Chair, Paul, with the Serenity Prayer.

Anonymity Statement read by Chris S.

Announcements:

- This assembly is being recorded. It is not being saved to a cloud. The video will be removed, audio only to help the Area Secretary with the minutes. That being said, please do not use your last name.
- This is a voting assembly. We will be voting in a new Panel of Officers tomorrow. If you are a voting member, put a 1 in front of your name. If you are a non-voting member, put a 2 in front of your name. This will help us keep track of the amount of voting members.

Motion to accept the Area 42 Spring 2020 minutes. 2nd. Approved as written.

Area 42 Treasurers 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 August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020 in the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Financial Income and Expense 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 regular Calendar year. With this comes good news and bad news. The good news is that we have a flush treasury. The bad news is that due to COVID-19, we have not been able to have any live conferences or assemblies which are typically our biggest expenses. During this period our income was \$36,957.48 and our expenses we're \$31,623.91, leaving a net income of \$5,336.42. Groups, both live and on Zoom, have been quite generous. Next, I have two requests for those of you who are sending contributions for your groups. First, please make sure that you include the name of your group and, if possible, the GSO-assigned number. I have to look up contributions sometimes by last name and even street name of the signer of the check. If you have not received your group's contribution receipts by email, please email me (or your new treasurer) at treasurer@nevadaarea42.org and I will forward them to you. Next, 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 it 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. Finally, I would like to thank you all for entrusting me with your finances. It has been an honor to be your treasurer and I look forward to continued service to Area 42. And, as I am Jewish and our blessing for Passover is "Next year in Israel", all I have to say is that my blessing is "Next year in Tonopah." Claudia B.

Motion to accept the Treasurers report. 2nd. Approved.

DCM REPORTS:

District 1 Hello, my name is Libby and I am the alcoholic DCM for District 1. It's hard to believe it's been almost two years since I started this journey as DCM and already, we are at the last of the Area Assemblies. Words fail me when I try to summarize how much I've learned from being the District 1 DCM. I can't thank the people of District 1 enough for their commitment to carrying the AA message, especially during covid. I also want to express my deep gratitude to my fellow DCMs for their service and for co-hosting workshops with District 1. Lastly, I want to thank both the SAGSC officers and the Area officers for their tireless efforts keeping SAGSC and the Area alive during the challenges of the past year. District 1 remains strong. We've been having zoom meetings every month with decent attendance. We did cancel our annual Fellowship picnic this year due to the virus but we've already reserved the date for next year. We will be co-hosting a final workshop this year with District 5B. The topic is "Passing on the District Service Baton". The event will be on Saturday November 14th from 2 to 4. We'll have members from each district share their service experience and lots of Q&A time. It will be a zoom meeting ID 997 3218 0797 and no password. The flyer should already be posted on the LV Central Office website, in the Silver Streak and the Area website. You can also reach to myself or Ron from District 5B for more information. District 1 will be having two more district meetings for this panel. One of which will be our elections in December. I feel confident that whoever the district elects will be more than capable to carry on the legacy of service in District 1. Once again, I just want to thank everyone in my District, in SAGSC and the Area for sharing this journey with me. It has been an amazing adventure and I love each and every one of you. Thank you all for allowing me to serve.

District 2 District 2 began meeting in person again last month and we have met twice. Attendance is low and expected to increase gradually. We are meeting at 6:30pm at Central Office on the second Thursday of the month. District 2 elected new officers last August and they will begin their new positions on January 1, 2021. The new District 2 DCM is Nick K, alt-DCM is Bill O, secretary is Amber S, and treasurer is Joel B. We are considering adding another position to organize events and act as liaison between other districts. District 2 is doing well financially and we will discuss disbursement of excessive funds at the next district meeting. Groups are facing the challenge of returning to in-person meetings. Many thanks to District 2 for allowing me to serve as their DCM. Joel B. DCM, District 2

District 3 Hello my name is Jason and I'm an alcoholic. District 3 is financially solvent. We will be holding our elections for the district on October 24th at 12pm VIA Zoom. Also, we will be discussing, a potential future Area agenda item, submitted by the Tuesday Grapevine Group. This being my last Area DCM report, I wanted to say it has been a pleasure serving with you all. Thank you for allowing me to serve! Jason M.

District 4 (verbal) Dan, alcoholic. We have had spotty attendance at our District meetings. We will be having our District elections in November; I will be rotating out as DCM. Not much going on or to report due to Covid.

District 5b Hello, my name is Ronnie D. and I am an Alcoholic. My sobriety date is December 10, 1999. District 5B has been having online Zoom meetings since April of this year and we have had a group conscience every month as to when to begin having live District meetings. To date we have not had a majority vote and will continue to have zoom meetings until a majority vote group conscience makes this possible. District 5B has had to cancel our annual October Picnic as the Governor guidelines prohibit this type of social event and we have had to ask for a refund on the city permit. We will make a reservation for next year's picnic for a permit. Financially the district has seen donations trickle in and the district is solvent with a modest prudent reserve. Las month at the District meeting our Treasurer made the proposal to donate monies to Las Vegas Central Office and SAGSC. We as a district donated 1000 dollars to Las Vegas Central Office and 1000 dollars to SAGSC. We felt that supporting the service structure locally would be good for the member, the home group and ultimately the Alcoholic that reaches out for help within our community. District 5B has tried to make available any online resource

we can to our GSR's in the form of Box459, biweekly Silver Streak online newsletters and the Area 42 website. Efforts to provide GSR's with zoom meeting info and current live meetings is ongoing in these trying times. District 1 and District 5B will be having a Zoom online combined workshop on November 14, at 2 to 4 PM. The Topic is Handing off the District Service Baton. Current members share their experience along with a Q and A. I am really excited about this workshop and would like to invite anyone wanting a great opportunity to get involved in General Service to attend. The Zoom ID is 997 3218 0797. We as a District have seen a drop in attendance since April and several members have chosen to step down from positions citing reasons of job changes, job losses and personal issues. It saddens me to think some of us are really suffering through some of the hardest times of our lives right now. My only hope is that the tried and true members of General Service can be an example and a support to others in dire straits. We answer the phone, we help one another, we encourage the uncertain and comfort the member in need. That is my wish for us all. Yours in love and service, Ronnie

District 6 My name is Rina, I am an alcoholic, and serving as the District 06 DCM for the remainder of this rotation. Our district held elections for the 2021-22 rotation during our August and October District Meetings and have successfully filled 6 of our 9 positions. We will be looking to fill the remaining 3 positions of District Archivist, C & T Chair, and Grapevine Representative during our December District Meeting. We are happy to announce that Pat S. will be serving as our new DCM beginning January 1st and know he will do a great job, given his many years of service experience. Congratulations, Pat! District 06 groups have stayed active during the pandemic with live meetings, telephone meetings, Zoom meetings, and more recently some hybrid meetings. Although this year has been met with some emotional challenges and resulting controversy among individuals, the overall health of the District is strong carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers in a wide variety of formats so as to reach as many individuals as possible, despite the differences of opinion and/or personal preference in this pandemic climate. I am grateful to be of service and very much appreciate all the folks in our district who have met this year's challenges with heart and evolving solutions to keep AA healthy and whole. ~ Rina God Bless AA!

District 7 (verbal) Jen, alcoholic. We are financially solvent and donate to the pie chart. Our online Life's a Beach Picnic was great. We have live, hybrid, and zoom meetings. We are doing it all. For more information, contact Jen at district7@nevadaarea42.org Thank you for allowing me to be DCM. I stood because our district was going to go dark.

District 8 Most groups in our District have remained doing zoom meetings, although Mammoth Lakes, Bishop, June Lake and Lee Vining all have at least one in person meeting, using recommended Covid 19 health guidelines. Most zoom meetings have seen an actual growth of members, and both Mammoth Lakes Group and the Good Life group are looking at ways to continue with zoom meetings after Covid 19 meeting requirements have passed. As I am sure with other districts, we have had to cancel several of our "in person" events, and the district is considering ways we can offer several zoom "workshops." Financially, our District is doing well, so we have increased our financial support for the GSO, and sent them more money. Elections for new positions for the District 8 will occur at our November 1st Zoom meeting. Presented and Submitted by: Julie D- DCM & Dorrie K- Alt DCM

District 9 Hi Everyone, Pam, grateful alcoholic I have been serving as the DCM for District 9 for the past two years and my time has ended. So, this will be my last report. What an honor it has been to serve you and my District. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my GSRs, Alexis, Ben, John, Ronnie, Donovan (who our district treasurer), Keith, Jeff and Ronald for their efforts to help make the last two years productive. Everyone banded together and continued to find the funds to make our trips to Tonopah (before the pandemic) a success. Thank you all. I am overwhelmed with gratitude and what an amazing experience the last 2 years have been. It has giving me just another chance to learn and grow in this journey called recovery. And, it has been awesome getting to know some of you better as well as meeting new friends. If any of you have the chance to serve as a DCM, I highly recommend you do, the

blessings received have been unlike any others. District 9 News: John H. was nominated and seconded at our District Meeting on Monday night to become District 9's new DCM. Barring no other further nominations, John will be voted in to replace me today. Ronnie R. moved into the GSR position for District 9's "Let Go and Let God" group and we welcome her alternate GSR, Anna, who is attending her first Area Assembly here today. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, District 9, has for the most part made meetings available for both in-person and online (via Zoom) and continues to do so. Some of us have also participated in several panels. On that note, "Alcoholics Together" wanted to put the word out that they provide meetings for the LGBTQ community and anyone else who wishes to attend ('all are welcome') in the historic Commercial Center in downtown Las Vegas. Meetings are held twice per day (12:15 pm and 8 pm), seven days a week. Lastly, though our times might be a little challenging right now with this virus, mask wearing, and distancing, I wish all of you a healthy, happy and safe holiday season. Yours in love and continued service, Pam DCM, District 9

District 10a District 10A held an end of summer BBQ blast pot luck at the end of August in the city park. We provided burgers and hot dogs that were donated from the Elko group. We had a great time with our fellows. The Elko group has been busy getting our ELKYPAA numbers up and have had a few functions. They have a Halloween pot luck, pumpkin carving contest and dance scheduled and of course our Gratitude dinner is coming up on November 14th at 3pm if anyone wants to join us. We have a speaker from Idaho and we will be discussing new elections. Hope everyone is doing well and I truly miss you all. Thank you, Julie District 10A DCM

District 12 (verbal) Frank alcoholic. We met for the first time, last week, since March. Shelby will remain our DCM. We are financially solvent and need a treasurer. There are live meetings every day at the FRA clubhouse. The groups are autonomous for masks, social distancing is practiced. We can't rent the Convention Center. We will have a gratitude dinner at the clubhouse. The Oasis Festival has been canceled.

District 14 Hello everyone. I'm Terri and I'm an alcoholic and the DCM for District 14 I'm happy to be here today and I want to report that our district is going strong. We have a variety of in-person and zoom meetings. The schedule is located on our website at northtahoeaa.com Financially all groups have reported paying the bills thus far and rents are paid. Venmo has been a big help in collecting funds. The district was able to disburse money as the result of contributions and treasury decisions. The Jamboree our favorite event was cancelled in August as all district speaker meetings. We seem to be all opening per county mandates. This has caused turmoil in our district, but our traditions have always answered the questions we need answering. It is an honor to be here and to be of service to District 14. Sincerely, In love and service Terri M Alcoholic

District 15 (verbal) Hi, I'm Theresa, alcoholic DCM for District 15. The Tie Club is open and abiding by the Governor's mandate. We will have our District meeting sometime in the next two months. I am just getting used to being the DCM. I am grateful to be DCM. Thank you, Theresa B.

District 16 Hello Area 42! My name is Andrea and I'm an alcoholic. I am also District 16 in Sparks NV current DCM. Our Business Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6pm. We will again meet at 510 Greenbrea Dr Room 202 Sparks, NV. and on the Zoom App. We began meeting in April on the Zoom App. Thank you to the Area Zoom App for allotting us a time to hold our meetings!! It allows our meeting to be uninterrupted and what a difference that made!! Thank You!! Last month we were informed that our Traditional meeting location is again open to host recovery meetings with social distancing. We took a sense of the group and decided to hold Hybrid; In Person and Zoom Business Meetings. District 16 borders South- east of Virginia Street US 395, East-to Fernley. North-Gerlock, West- to the California border. We have 35 groups or meetings in our District, of which 5 are represented by GSRs. We have welcome to New GSRs to our district. Kim G is with Ladies of the Evening and Bill H is representing the Jaywalkers Group. Fantastic! Again, Welcome to General Service! In the Spring we also elected a new Treasurer for our District, Kim G. She has really done a fabulous job

preparing our 2020 Budget with myself and presenting Treasure Reports each month. So grateful for her service. In May we hosted Ed S. with NAGSC Treatment and Bridging the Gap to our Zoom District meeting. Ed gave a wonderful Presentation and left us with images of Literature and information on how to help another alcoholic. Thank you Ed! For more than 30 years District 16 has held our Annual Christmas Affair each December in Sparks Nevada. As a Service piece to All the people of District16 and All who love to join. With Delicious food and Service Panels and Fun and Fellowship. This year due to the Covid-19 State regulations, we are still discussing if our Special Event will be plausible. I will know more in the weeks to come. Thank you for your understanding. Our District members were also planning to host a workshop in 2020. This workshop has been tabled until February 2021 due to the Covid-19 and the State regulations. This will be an exciting event once it gets off the ground. Our District was able to Gift a 2yr Grapevine subscription Northern Nevada Transitional Housing in Reno, N.V. Pat B searched high and low for a recipient. Thank you Pat. Thank you for letting me be of service! Andrea B

District 17 Hello everyone, my name is Bud, your DCM for District 17. First of all, it is always an honor and privilege to serve in any capacity in Area 42. For that I am very grateful. District 17 is doing as good as most. We have 3 meeting places open for person to person meetings here in Pahrump. The First Step Club, Loop road meeting hall and Living Free meeting place. There are also several zoom opportunities as well. In September we held our Annual Lovell Canyon Campout, which was very well attended. Nice chance to get out of the city to enjoy the mountain air! Our speaker this year was our Alt. Webmaster who comes from Oregon to be with us here in District 17. Prior to the speaker we served lunch and had a 50/50 raffle along with giving away a few nice prizes. All in all, we had a great time. We have still been having our District meetings on Zoom until our spot opens back up. For now, this will do. We have a Workshop scheduled for November 8th @1pm on Zoom. "Rewards of Sobriety" This will be a 90 minute Virtual Sharing Workshop hosted by Lynn T. those wishing to attend may do so with this: Meeting Id. 473 023 3877.....Pass Code 8S6Am4. Our November Business Meeting will be our election meeting on November 4th at 5:30pm on zoom. Looking forward to getting more people involved in the District. I want to thank the Area and District 17 to allow me to be of service in any capacity needed. I truly am very grateful. In love and Service, Bud L DCM 17

District 19 (verbal) Flynn, alcoholic. There's not much to report. We are having open meetings just like before the lockdown. I look forward to the day we can have a District meeting. Anne traveled here to remind us to be more mindful of Area 42 and coming out of a dark District; thank you Anne.

District 20 (verbal) Jay, alcoholic. Since I did not have a report by the October 4th deadline, I opted to not give one. Jodi M. is our new DCM. Thank you.

District 21 District 21 is located at 3111 S. Valley View Blvd. Bldg. "A" suite #208. Meetings are every Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. We have reports every first Thursday. As everybody knows our FORUM event was cancelled as every other event because of the Covid-19 but the FORUM committee is working on its next event which is going to be on May next year if this pandemic issue is over. The PI and Archives committees are in dark for the moment. The H&I committee is still visiting the ABC and jails in Henderson and Indian Springs as well as the groups. La Viña committee is visiting the groups and selling subscription. Also the 24th anniversary of La Viña to be celebrated in Arizona was cancelled. We elected the new District 21 board members. The new DCM will be Francisco C. from "Paraiso" home group. We are visiting the groups every Wednesday to inform them how we are working and trying to motivate the service. Also we are visiting them on Fridays with the only purpose on doing the Unity. We have 16 groups. Thank you all for lit us be at service: DCM Samuel M. DCM ALT. Francisco C. TREASURER Andres S. TREASURER ALT. Angel L SECRETARY Genobeba G. SECRETARY ALT. Enrique S.

AREA 42 OFFICERS/NAGSC/SAGSC REPORTS:

Alt. Delegate My name is Julie and I am an alcoholic. I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed serving the area as your Panel 69 Alternate Delegate. I have learned so much about our area, the General

Service Conference and had the opportunity to observe other areas because of Zoom. We rolled out our new Area Conference Committees this panel. We have had some hiccups, but for those who participated and read the agendas, background information and final report we hope you were able to feel more connected to the General Service Conference. I want to thank our past delegates and trustees for making themselves available to help. They have such a wonderful wealth of knowledge. It was a fantastic way for you to get to know them and hear their pearls of wisdom. It is my great hope that we will continue with this conference committees in panels to come. Since the last Assembly in March I have been able to attend the Area Committee meetings in both the North and South because of Zoom. It has been wonderful to connect to more people from the South. I have attended two other area pre-conference assemblies. It is amazing to see how others do what we do. We have all been trying our best to be inclusive under these challenging times. Some things we could consider is inviting Class A Trustees and GSO staff to our assemblies. Whether we do the assemblies via Zoom or in-person. The value to the new and old alike to hear what is happening from a non-alcoholic trustee or an active GSO staff is immeasurable. I look forward to hearing the Area Conference Committee reports this weekend. These committees have done the majority of the work preparing our area and delegate for the General Service Conference. I am so grateful for all the work you did. I would love to participate with any districts who are having Zoom meetings. Please let us know so that we can support your districts. One of the great things about Zoom is that we can easily visit more districts or standing committees and grow our involvement. If you are having elections and need help let us know. Congratulations to Panel 71! And thank you to everyone from Panel 69. You have made the last two years a very special memory that I will cherish for years.

Alt. Chair My name is Jake- I am alcoholic. I am extremely grateful to be sober and to be here with you. Even though we are not in beautiful downtown Tonopah Nevada, my favorite place on earth. I'm still very grateful that we live in a time in history where we can still all be together for this meeting. It has been my absolute honor and privilege to serve as your alternate area 42 chair for the last 2 years. As alternate Area Chair I became your southern area 42 general service committee or SAGSC chair and that is where most of my work has been done for the last 2 years. I want to welcome anyone who is new and if you are new you just heard SAGSC and get ready for about 200 other acronyms this weekend and welcome to general service. So, we started this rotation with a huge change in the way our standing committees are funded for the year. At the May 2019 SAGSC meeting we were informed the Las Vegas intergroup would not be participating in the funding of the standing committees after 2019. This was a big change for our committee which brought up a lot of questions and a lot of fear and confusion. One of the biggest fears was what this change would do to unity of our committees and the southern area. This change was also going to bring changes to our SAGSC guidelines and how our committee would function. As of April 1st 2020, the funds for the SAGSC standing committees were all transferred to the SAGSC treasury and we found ourselves in the middle of a global pandemic of COVID-19. As if we didn't have enough to try and figure out already thanks for that one. At the May 2020 SAGSC meeting we had our first ever virtual SAGSC meeting. And I just want to personally thank all of southern area 42 for all of their patience, tolerance, and cooperation to help get us through this difficult time. At this meeting we formed 2 committees. A southern area 42 inventory committee as well as a committee to go through all of our current guidelines. Still being in the middle of a pandemic these committees faced even more challenges. The inventory committee came up with 10 inventory questions and a google form survey. Hopefully you have been able to fill out this southern area 42 inventory. If you have not seen it yet please do not panic. Lisa will be sending it out again this weekend and the due date for all of the responses will be October 24th. The inventory committee will meet again before the next SAGSC meeting to go through all of the responses to share at the next SAGSC meeting which will be held November 8th. The guidelines committee is still hard at work and will be looking at the inventory responses as well. At the July SAGSC meeting we had our first ever virtual GSR orientation and DCM

meeting. I was very impressed with the attendance we had over 30 people between those 2 meetings so that was great. As a part of our pandemic panel 69 I was privileged to be a part of 3 of our area conference committees. I was a part of the policy and admissions committee even though Anne doesn't want to see my face and schedules every single meeting while I have to work (that is a stupid joke I hope translates through Zoom) as well as the treatment and accessibilities committee and the Archives committee. Though I wasn't able to be at the policy and admissions meetings I was still kept informed about everything that was going on through email. And the archives and treatment and accessibilities conference committees, going through the reports, talking about the group conscious of area 42, talking about what actually happened at the general service conference as a committee, that was a great experience for me. Having area conference committees is a new thing in our area and I personally hope that we keep doing it. I believe the more it becomes an integrated part of our area the more participation we will have and we will get a well-informed area. This was one of the most difficult general service reports I have ever written. Just like a lot of people in our fellowship the last few months has been a difficult time for me and for my program of recovery. I was told when I was new that everyone has their turn in the barrel. Also, I feel I could have made this report 16 hours long talking about all the things that have happened and the things I have learned about general service and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole in the last 2 years. So, I would just like to share that the longer I stay sober the more I realize what a miracle it is that I ever got sober and became a member of this fellowship, and the more I realize the most important thing we have in AA and what keeps our fellowship spiritually fit is our unity. I believe what keeps us unified is our 12 traditions. So, I just want to finish off with some quotes from Bill W. on AA and unity. When an alcoholic applies the 12 steps of our recovery program to their personal life, their disintegration stops, and their unification begins. Exactly the same principle applies to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. So long as the ties which bind us together prove far stronger than those forces which would divide us, if they could, all will be well. We shall be secure as a movement, our essential unity will remain a certainty. If as AA members we can each refuse public prestige and renounce any desire for personal power, if as a movement we insist on remaining poor so avoiding disputes about extensive property and its management, if we steadfastly decline all political sectarian or other alliances, we shall avoid internal division and public notoriety. If as a movement we remain a spiritual entity concerned only with caring our message to fellow sufferers without charge or obligation then only, can we most effectively complete our mission. Unity is so vital to us AAs that we cannot risk those attitudes and practices which have sometimes demoralized other forms of human society. Thus far we have succeeded because we have been different. May we continue to be so! But AA unity cannot automatically preserve itself. Like personal recovery, we shall always have to work to maintain it. Here too we surely need honesty, humility, open mindedness, unselfishness and above all vigilance. Since personal calamity holds us in bondage no more, our most challenging concern has become the future of Alcoholics Anonymous, how to preserve among us such a powerful unity that neither weakness of persons nor the strain and strife of these troubled times can harm our common cause. We know that Alcoholics Anonymous must continue to live else save a few exceptions we and our brother alcoholics throughout the world will surely resume the hopeless journey to oblivion. May we never forget that without permanent unity we can offer little lasting relief to those scores of thousands yet to join us in their quest for freedom. Thank you Bill. My last quotes of the day are from Dr. Bob. Let's not louse this thing up. Let's keep this simple. Let's remember it boils down to love and service. We all know what love is we all know what service is. Thank you all so much for being here this weekend thank you all for holding my hand and giving me a new life, a life worth living. Alcoholics Anonymous has saved my life and General Service has become a huge part of my program of recovery. I love you all!

NAGSC CHAIR I would like to open with how much I miss the hugs and handshakes from my family, which is all of you. I never thought that in my recovery we would have been in a situation like we are now. But I know now that the energy I put into my drinking has become the will to survive in recovery. I

always had problems asking for help in my service experience. The zoom meetings have completely changed that. I have a wonderful family and network of people who I turn to and they are always there. When I stood for the NAGSC Chair position I thought to myself, I probably won't get this, but I need to get used to standing for something and letting your higher power chose. Then I was chosen, and I thought that with my past experience that I will be ok. My next thought was, what have I done. It seemed pretty over whelming. In the beginning, my first NAGSC meeting venue flooded and we had to find a new place for all of us in a couple of weeks and it was the round tables. If any of you have had to look for something like that you know what a challenge that it can be. We then lost a small handful of people in the beginning of that rotation and needed to appoint new people. Then once I thought we had it all figured out by the beginning of the second-year rotation Covid hit. Being one of the 3 chairs with Paul being first we had to figure out the Zoom meeting process. Don't get me wrong I'm not complaining, but all this has definitely made me a much stronger person in service that's for sure. Now back to my wonderful team of those who have come before me. I have learned that no matter what we do in service or in life there is someone with a hand to help. Over the last few months since the last Area 42 meeting it has been slow. I have had a couple of questions on direction. With the upcoming elections, I have tried to attend other meetings on how to hold elections, but with work and where the meetings were held, I was only able to sit in on a couple. One of the recent things that has come about and I need to make contact still is that Rhonda with NNIG would like to give us a page in the bracer for NAGSC and/or Area 42 info. I will say that the last few years we have really been working on the improvement of that relationship between the 2 entities. Not saying that we didn't get along but that it really didn't exist. Patience, love and tolerance are the things I try to live by and I know that the NAGSC Chair position has made me a better person for it. Thank you for allowing me to serve you over the last couple of years. Chris S NAGSC Chair

Area Secretary Hello, my name is Debbie, your alcoholic Area 42 Secretary. Wow, it is that time already to prepare to move on from this phase of my journey to another. That is not to say that I have completed my work as your Area Secretary. I will still be present at our 2020 Fall Assembly and put together the minutes of said Assembly. Up until a couple of weeks ago, my thoughts were to step out of Northern. And/or Area Service. In writing my report, I plan to make myself available and continue my journey is service where ever my Higher Power, with the help of you all, place me. As my journey is service grows, so does my life, along with my Spiritual and mental wellbeing. In my two years of serving as your Area Secretary, I went from fear of not knowing how or what to do, to a great understanding of my job in this position. I have heard in my years of service, "Just when you feel like you know what you are doing, it is time to passe it on to someone else." I find that to be so true. I have found that when I start to get tangled up in myself; prayer, meditation, working with others, and service has relieved me of that bondage. In my work as your Area Secretary, I feel that I have done my job of keeping you informed of General Service Office happenings, through our Area Delegate; preparing you for our Area Assemblies with our Assembly packets; proofreading our Area Newsletters and Website information; keeping up with the rosters and email contacts; trying to answer any questions directed to me, or at least redirecting them; getting the minutes completed in the time frame that is given in our Area Guidelines; and updated our Area Guidelines as per your accepted changes. Most of this work must be translated, behind the scenes, before you get it. I have enjoyed working closely with our newly formed Area 42 Translation and Interpretation team. To our next Area 42 Secretary; I am looking forward to meeting up with in January to pass on the Area 42 laptop and maybe some suggestions, experiences and help if needed. Thank you to the ones that have been e-mailing your reports to me. It truly does make a difference' not only for the interpreters, but in putting your minutes together. Which brings me to close with...if you are giving an oral report at this Assembly, PLEASE email me a copy of your report. You can send it through the contact page of the nevadaarea42.org website.

Alt. Secretary Hello Area 42! As your alternate secretary for the area I have had the pleasure of helping to manage some of our southern area Zooms since we have gone into quarantine. It has been such a pleasure to work with the Southern Area as their Secretary. A lot of work!! But I've loved having a place in our Area 42. Our literature conference committee met and I was grateful to be a part of that discussion. I feel like these conference committees have helped me understand more about why we meet as an area and look forward to participating in more committees so I can continue to learn. As the literature chair, I was (finally) getting excited about it and that I knew what to do this time when we had the news of no assembly, and so I haven't been able to do much for that. But I do think that as many people as we have standing for commitments, we should discuss adding that as a separate commitment. There is so much that can be done with this commitment and I feel like it gets a little lost being in the alt area secretary commitment. So, that is some food for thought. I just really want to say, I know it has been a hard year for many of us, and for all of us it has been a different, not the plan, year. But one thing that has remained the same is my love for AA and that we don't stop even if the world around us does. Thanks for keeping me focused on what is important. With Love and Gratitude, Lisa I

Alt. Treasurer It has been my pleasure to serve alongside Claudia as our Area's alternate treasurer. As always, I learned much about the subject of my position and grew in my recovery and gratitude for Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you for allowing me to serve on this panel. I will continue to be available for service to the Area Committee in any way I can. Yours in service today and every day, Laura

NAGSC Treasurer Financial Data: Savings (CD) \$1553.84 Checking \$18072.50 Total \$19626.34. The Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet, as of October 1, are available for email by request. The Nagsc treasury is in good financial standing. We continue to receive contributions with minimal to no expenses. The members have and will continue to discuss a possible contribution to GSO, no action has been taken on this matter to date. I have learned and grown in my recovery as the Nagsc Treasurer. Thank you to everyone who helped me on this journey. I will continue to be available for service to the Northern Area Committee in any way I can. Yours in service today and every day, Laura

SAGSC Treasurer Hi Everyone and Welcome! Sean D., Alcoholic. I am your SAGSC Treasurer. I hope everyone is Staying Safe and Doing Well. As of today, the checking balance is \$23915.05 and savings balance is \$7,515.19, a combined bank total of \$31,430.24. On Budget health, 28% of budgeted expense pay out for this year. To date I have received 134% of the estimated contributions collected in group contributions, 7th Tradition and intergroup standing committee residual funds sent to SAGSCs. We are within budget and the prudent reserve is healthy. For note, due to the COVID-19 pandemic we did not use approximately \$8900 earmarked for Spring Assembly and PRAASA travel expenses. Please make any group contributions payable to: S.A.G.S.C. , PO BOX 71804, Las Vegas, NV 89170-1804. Reference in envelope or on check, Group Name, Group Number and District. If you would like an email copy for your group, please include an email address. We do not provide postage or mail receipts to groups via US Mail. Please reach out to me via email if you need a receipt for your group's contribution. Thank you for allowing me to be of service these last 2 years. I have been honored to have been the SAGSC's Treasurer. Respectfully, Sean D. SAGSC Treasurer

Area Registrar Hello, Area 42. Thank you all again and again for electing me to serve as your Panel 69/70 Area 42 Registrar. The past two years have been full of life-changing experiences for me. And I already know I will look at these years with a lens that will be difficult to put down. We have been through so much as an Area and as individuals that it becomes overwhelming to think about how different it was to be your registrar in 2019 than it was in 2020. The best experiences I have had in this position are interacting with all of you whether it was just the two of us or in groups at our live and virtual SAGSC meetings, at PRAASA 2019 in Irvine and then again in Arizona in 2020. I learn so much from sitting and interacting with my sober brothers and sisters. And it always fills my heart with gratitude to site in rooms full of people who love Alcoholics Anonymous with as much passion as I do. You make me feel so

connected despite this 'together apart' life we've all been experiencing. On the Area 42 Registrar technical duties side, I have stayed busy sending your forms and paperwork to the AA Records team at the General Service Office. I participated in a survey of Registrars and other trusted servants who are using the current database in September. The New York team is working hard on getting it finished though it has been a tough few years for them as well. They hope to see some significant progress by Spring 2021. It's the meantime, they email us regularly with the data they maintain. Please keep sending me your meeting changes. As I write this, I am planning to stand for another service position in our area. The prospect of this fills me with crippling fear, but I know that you will decide what is best. I just have to make myself available. Dr. Bob is famous for his belief that staying connected through love and service to other alcoholics is the key to being a happy and healthy sober human. Thank you for my life.
Anne D. Area 42 Registrar

Break 7:45 – 8:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

Area Committee Meeting: Area 42 Chair, Paul opened with the Serenity Prayer. The Guidelines have just been changed to add the Committee Members.

TOPIC: Area Conference Committees (ACC).

Paul: Two years ago, at the NAGSC and SAGSC meetings, we voted that we would try a test run to mirror what some other Areas are doing to assign people to Agenda Items. This rotation was voted on. A new rotation is coming in, which brings the question, shall we move forward?

Julie (Alt. Delegate): I asked for the final reports, I received nine of thirteen. There were great ideas and feedback. We said that we would try as a trial. We have learned what we could improve on. Arizona didn't have all thirteen committees mirrored, more of Committee Chairs. Maybe we want to have less, more of something we would be more familiar with.

Feedback:

- We didn't model Committees from other Areas, we model them out of the Service Manual. Agenda items come from all thirteen Committees. This past year, Trustees Committee had a ton. This is a valuable tool to learn about the Committees.
- It will take time to perfect what we are doing. Let's try one more rotation. I feel it is beneficial.
- I found it to be informative. I found a few deficiencies in the committee workbooks. Some of the helpful literature was not listed in the workbook. I learned more from being on the committee than in the workbook.
- Participating was worthwhile, yet challenging.
- Give it more time to see if we can connect with it. Interaction between committee members from the North and South and learning the language of General Service is good.
- The way it is set-up, people can slide into learning why we are here. I feel more people may be willing to participate.
- We should continue and keep working on. I suggest the committee chairs could get together on how to answer questions on how to proceed.
- Until the Conference Comes Alive DVD comes out, this is a great tool.
- The reason we are discussing this is to get a sense, do we want to move forward with this. It will be brought up Sunday.
- The interaction between North and South as we bring the new people in is beneficial. We need a solution on how we can bring the Spanish community into this. It is beneficial to me, I would like to see it benefit all.

- I propose that we bring this up Sunday. The hiccup was taking it to NAGSC & SAGSC first. Is this to be decided every panel? Let's make it known to the Standing Committee Chairs that this is part of their position.
- Can I have a sense of the room? As we move forward, there will be more information and instruction.
- When the committees break the Conference Agenda items down, it helps the Delegate at the Conference.
- There is value in what we have been building towards. DCM's should be assigned to committees.
- It is a great idea. It is important to distinguish between the Area Standing Committees and the Area Conference Committees.
- It is important to have an Alternate Chair, as opposed to Co-Chair.

Topic: Hybrid Meeting Proposal

Area assembly Hybrid meeting proposal. Allow each group to participate in all future Area Assemblies in person or virtual by Zoom. Submitted 9-8-20 by Tues Grapevine Group (District 3). This may come up as new business on Sunday. There are concerns of the Wi-Fi in Tonopah, technical equipment, computer system; not only logistics in working, but cost. **Should we create an ad-hoc committee to look into this?**

Feedback:

- Not opposed to an ad-hoc committee. Is this for a Guidelines change? A. No.
- When a group or District asks for an ad-hoc we should allow it.
- Should respect the asking of an ad-hoc committee. To do this properly would be expensive.
- I think it is a good idea to have an ad-hoc committee.
- Is someone from the group willing to serve on ad-hoc committee? I have a few questions.
- It was brought up as a proposal, we would agree to an ad-hoc committee. I would be willing to serve on the committee.
- 1.2A of the Guidelines mentioned.
- Suggest getting involved with SAGSC & NAGSC as a test run. NAGSC can visit SAGSC meetings and vice versa.
- It is not that hard to have a hybrid meeting. I hate to see less participation just for convenience.
- I would be willing to serve on the committee.

Sense of the room: most in favor. It will be brought up as New Business to the Body. If you want to voice an opinion, bring it up there.

Topic: Position ribbons on name badges.

These little ribbons on the bottom of the registration name tags have been voted out years ago. We are almost out of them, and some people would like to see them come back. Area Chair, Paul will bring it up as New Business to the Body.

Meeting adjourned, 9:23, with the Responsibility Statement.

Saturday, October 17, 2020

8:07 a.m.

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer by Area 42 Chair, Paul.

Announcements:

- Voting member explained. If you are a voting member, put a 1 in front of your name. Non-voting members, put a 2 in front of your name.
- The Agenda states that lunch will be from 12:00-12:30, resuming at 1:30. There will be a ½ hour lunch, we will return at 12:30. Times will be adjusted accordingly.
- I'm excited about this Assembly and the elections. I want to thank Panel 69 for all your help and support. This has been a great Panel.
- This meeting is being recorded. It is saved to the computer, not a cloud. Only the audio will be kept, the video will be deleted upon download. Do not use your full last name.

Concepts Nine and Ten read by Jake S.

Area Chair Report Hi everyone I'm Paul your alcoholic Area 42 Chair. This has been a very interesting year full of difficulties, challenges and most of all growth. If you would have told me at the first of the year that we would not be meeting for our Area 42 assemblies in person but online, I would have thought you insane, especially for our election assembly. Not only are we meeting online for our Area assembly but we have been meeting online for NAGSC, SAGSC, District, and Home Group meetings. As we were set with these challenges early in the year we have embraced them and learned how to adapt and grow. I know this has been difficult for everyone in service and in the fellowship, from the Home Group member, the GSR, the Standing Committee Chairs, the Area officers all the way down to our Area 42 Delegate. The fellowship and unity that I get from meeting in person at our service assemblies has been missed. That camaraderie I get from meeting and seeing everyone that I only get to see a couple of times a year has left me a little empty. I always seem to get my batteries charged by getting together with those that have a love of service as much as I do. I do like to look at the positive out of any situation and with this we were forced to grow and learn a new way of doing things faster than we ever would have. We now have a great tool to move us and A.A. into the future. This is not to say that the way we are meeting today will be the only way that it will be done in the future because I do look forward to meeting in person again. I hope everyone will stay safe. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul E.

Delegate's Report As I sit here writing my last report to Area 42 as Delegate, I am filled with gratitude and sadness. When I stood for Delegate, I had no idea the journey I was about to embark on. The first year was amazing, I was broken wide open with AA. Meeting the other 92 delegates, trustees and staff at GSO has been a highlight of my life. Year one put me at ease I was so excited for year two. Year 2 was supposed to be "My" year. An International Convention (As Delegate), a trip to steppingstones, a regional Forum in my hometown (as Delegate) My ego was on fire!!! Then came the Covid. My plans to dominate as delegate were squashed. In reality, the world of AA got busy, zoom meetings were created, zoom workshops and conferences were scheduled, the Pacific Region Delegates started a monthly meeting and shared their homegroup information with each other. GSO created a Virtual 70th Annual Zoom Conference, a special finance meeting, a special strategic planning meeting and in November a special Western Forum. The Delegates mailed buttons, bookmarks and words of encouragement to each other. Our separate committees met via zoom 4 or 5 times. Our Area upped its game with Virtual committee meetings, district meetings, workshops and 2 assemblies via zoom. What I didn't expect was getting to know everyone on such a deeper level virtually. Seeing everyone's faces and hearing them share has brought my little world of AA to new heights. It truly was a gift among all the chaos. Now here we are. Our fall election assembly and I am sad, sad that I will now be known as a past, but as Phil would say "You will always be the Panel 69 Delegate" sad that I missed that second year, but grateful that I got to represent Area 42 virtually. I'm so excited to bring in Panel 71 I know that they will represent us with the same love and gratitude that all our pasts have. I want to thank everyone for all the e-mails, phone calls and zoom invites! It has been an honor to serve as your panel 69 area 42 Delegate.

Pacific Regional Trustee Report Kathi, alcoholic. I'm honored to be here to help with your elections. The past couple of years serving with Rhonda has been amazing. These are times of change.

- AAWS has appointed its first non-alcoholic Trustee to serve on the Board in 50 years. Sister Judith Curran is a wealth of knowledge and background.
- We have retranslated the Big Book and 12&12 to sign language.
- Since COVID, book and Literature sales took a dive. 70% from AAWS and 30% from Grapevine.Org
- Contributions went down. Members contributions have grown. \$1,030,000. In contributions, with a mid \$800,000 being in the last month.
- There has been a \$3,000,000 drawdown on our reserves. Based on our expenses, there's 7-8 months of prudent reserve. If things open back up, it could be less than that. Most non-profits keep a 6-month prudent reserve.
- Staff has been working from home. They have been showing up and getting the work done. Send them an e-mail.
- Nineteen employees took retirement. Some were of age. That has made more work for those remaining.
- Corrections answer 500 requests a month.
- Staff are not looking to return to the office until at least after January. They are looking at how the changes of COVID are spiking.
- Loners International information, Grapevine magazines, reading material and an address to an inmate for correspondence was sent to a Ca. Dept. of Forestry worker.
- I currently serve on the Grapevine Board. We are moving quickly, there are so many stories going into the magazine on current issues.
- Subscriptions have stayed or increased during 2020. La Vina has gone down 20%. We are working on bringing it up.
- La Vina has been put in full color. The subscription cost has not changed after changing from black and white to color.
- The Conference Committee asked to have Instagram looked at.
- There is so much stuff on the Grapevine Utube.
- AA is about carrying the message, not sales. Sales could be about buying subscriptions for the still suffering alcoholic.
- As of July 2,584, Grapevine gift certificates were purchased
- New books coming out in the Spring of next year will be on 'Prison' and 'Spanish Speaking Women'
- Through July, Grapevine has sold \$217,000 and a cost of \$171,000. E-subscriptions are \$1.99 monthly.
- Every two years, there is a World Service meeting. Every other time it is in the U.S., this year was to be our turn. It has been cancelled, with offer of World Service meeting virtually, at the end of the year.
- There are no Regional Forums this year. The General Service Office decided on holding two virtual. There will be a one-day event on Dec. 19th. They are interactive and fun.
- The Women's Spanish Pamphlet got all the stories together, so by next conference, there should be a draft of the pamphlet.
- The Trustees nominating Committee are looking to replace Michele. They will be voting on candidates for Service Board Chairs. There are 2-3 Class A, two General Service Board, and two U.S. Trustees at large; for a total of eight of twenty-one rotating out.

- The Big Book is in 70 other languages plus English. 26 are pending; 21 of the 26 are new; five revisions are in progress. AA stretches across 150 Countries.
- Keep coming back and good work.

Announcements:

- On the bottom of your screen, click on the world icon. There is a choice of Spanish or English. Click on Spanish for translation.
- There will be two minutes given for a verbal candidate resume.
- Put a 1 in front of your name if you are a voting member; a 2 in front of your name if you are a non-voting member.
- GSR translation votes go to Dave H.
- For a count, if you are a voting member, click yes. There are 109 participants; 90 total voting members.
- If you stand for a position and are voted in, call Rhonda so she can get your information.

Third Legacy Procedure read by Ruth

Area 42 Elections (from Guidelines) and Zoom voting instructions read by Phil

- There are 109 participants; 90 total voting members.

Nominee for U.S. Trustee at Large to serve right after the Spring Conference.

- Marita

Delegate this person comes from the North.

- Paul 17
- Julie 77

Reports (While waiting for vote count):

District 22 (verbal) Tony alcoholic, live from Reno. District 22 is still working as usual. Meetings the 1st and 3rd Wednesday with good attendance. Groups are stable emotionally and physically.

Alternate Registrar There has been zero activity on my end. Thanks Sincerely yours Tony A.

Area Archivist Like most of us, all the events that I typically go to have been canceled due to the pandemic. I normally go to Lake Tahoe, Fallon and Reno/Sparks to display some of our precious Archives during the summer and fall. For any of you who are new, we bring some of the area archives to Tonopah for our area assemblies so that you can see your history. Our Area Archives are housed in the Las Vegas Central Office, which recently moved. Thank you to Gabe, the Alt Area Archivist, and all that helped him pack and move to the new location. We are grateful to Central Office for renting us space and allowing us to display our archives. Thank you especially to Leslie, Diana M and Kathy M for all their help in moving the archives. As Archivist I was asked to chair the Area Conference Committee on Archives this panel. I have a separate report from that committee, but I wanted to let the next Archivist know how valuable chairing this committee has been for me. This is my last Area Assembly as Area Archivist. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve you. I will continue to gather our area minutes, newsletters and documents until the end of this panel in December. I want to thank everyone for all their support. Yours in Service, Lyle C

Break 9:50-10:05

Alternate Delegate this person comes from the South.

- Lisa 22 22 19 -
- Jonelle 24 24 26 31
- Jake 35 39 46 62
- Libby 06 03 -- --

Reports (While waiting for vote count):

Alternate Archivist Hi, my name is Gabriel, I'm an alcoholic, I am an alternate archivist for area 42. Whenever a society or civilization perishes there is always one condition present; they forgot where they came from. — Carl Sandburg. Like any other A.A. service, the primary purpose of those involved in archival work is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Archives service work is more than mere custodial activity; it is the means by which we collect, preserve, and share the rich and meaningful heritage of our Fellowship. It is by the collection and sharing of these important historical elements that our collective gratitude for Alcoholics Anonymous is deepened. In 2017, I started working at the Central office in the archive rooms. When I saw the room, I did not know what to do. I consulted with my sponsor and he said everything is here, just look for it and you will find it, In my hand I have box 459, and I see the renovation of the GSO. That is where I got the idea to renovate the archives room. District 21 and the Spanish central office made contributions to the project along with Area 42. I got a lot of help from David B. from District 5. I have gotten great support from the Central office. There is a lot of work to be done with the relocation of the Central office. The past continues to accumulate each day, and more and more material are becoming available to be evaluated, categorizes and stored for the benefit of future A.A.s Thank you for letting me be of service Gabriel

Area Web Servant (verbal) Mike, alcoholic. A Higher Power has been directing me. I was drawn from the hat of five people. I absolutely love Area 42. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

SAGSC GSR Trainer Hi everyone, my name is Jonelle and I am an alcoholic. At our last SAGSC meeting in July, I was able to hold our first GSR Training via Zoom. We had a great turnout not only by new and eager GSRs, but from those with an interest in General Service and how we operate in Area 42. It was decided that during the training, I would introduce the "rights" concepts – 3, 4, & 5. By adding this 15 minute or so presentation, my hope is that it sparked some further commitment from the GSRs to their role in General Service and the importance of their decision, voice, and vote. I have been truly grateful to have served in this position because it has allowed me to share my excitement, experience, passion, and dedication about the work that GSRs get to do. I have been a support and cheerleader for all those who have used me, which were many, and will continue to make myself available as their journey and mine continues. I make it clear that as a GSR, it is that position's responsibility to educate and inform with as much enthusiasm as they can generate. If I am disinterested in what I am presenting to my group, how can I expect them to engage?? We continually discuss the topic – how do we attract and keep involvement in General Service? The answer I come back to is having a curious, devoted and effective GSR. I have been able to share with Area 73's Delegate (W. Virginia) after they reached out for some assistance on how to serve their GSRs a bit more efficiently as an Area. I guided her to our website to view our GSR Survival Manual and gave her a rundown of what one of the Southern Area's trainings looks like. I did let her know that we are unique in the way we serve, but to go ahead and make all the adjustments she needed to fit their structure. I am looking forward to my final training in November and I invite any who are rotating in or who are curious about the GSR position - to attend. Thank you for all you do and allowing me to do it with you!

SAGSC DCM Coordinator (verbal) At our last meeting, we discussed the Ninth Concept; the importance of the elections and the qualifications of the candidates. A picnic next spring was opened up for discussion.

SAGSC H & I Hospital Panels- The Committee is currently conducting meetings at the following facilities: Crossroads Treatment Center, Las Vegas Rescue Mission (zoom), Salvation Army (women's), West Care Detox, West Care Women. The Institutions Panels are on hold due to Covid-19 protocol. Information workshops are on hold-TBD. Committee elections will be held at the November 2020 business meeting. H & I Committee Donations Information- Las Vegas Hospitals & Institutions Committee, 3870 E. Flamingo RD., PO Box A2-#405, Las Vegas, NV. 89121. The following information should be listed on donation checks" Group name, Group number, amount of donation, signature and email address for receipt. Donations can also be made by picking up a self-addressed, stamped envelope from Central Office and mailing the donation to the above address for H & I Committee. (Please no cash). Pending-Venmo Donation Account.

NAGSC Corrections Committee volunteers serve the Fellowship in primarily three ways; by participating in meetings at correctional facilities, by serving as Pre-Release Contacts for inmate A.A. members scheduled for release and taking them to their first A.A. meeting once paroled, 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. Throughout the NAGSC geography the committee has a presence in Federal, State, and county or local jail facilities. We have responsibility for eight State of Nevada facilities, seven Nevada County facilities, five State of California facilities, three California County facilities, and one Federal facility. The Committee includes volunteers who secure the appropriate security clearance and take A.A. meetings into correctional facilities and with larger institutions, Facility Coordinators who manage our activity within those facilities. We also have a number of District level Corrections, H&I, or C&T, (Corrections & Treatment), committees throughout NAGSC. Corrections facilities in the greater Reno area, including Washoe County Jail, fall under the umbrella of Northern Nevada Intergroup Corrections Committee. The chair position for this committee is currently vacant. Depending upon where the corrections facility is located, volunteers complete the required background checks, training seminars, and adhere to the policy of either the Nevada Department of Corrections, the California Department of Corrections, or the local county or city Department of Corrections. Within the states of Nevada and California, corrections facilities include both prisons and lower security conservation camps. Because some NAGSC facilities are in California, part of this Chair's responsibility is to coordinate corrections activity with the Northern California H&I Committee. In most cases, volunteers are required to maintain a TB clearance test on an annual basis to remain eligible for service. It is important to note that ultimately, it is a government agency that decides who our approved volunteers are. The NAGSC Corrections Committee has been successful in establishing new A.A. meeting within two facilities during this panel; Lovelock State Prison and Northern Nevada Transitional Housing. We have a current opportunity to establish a new meeting at the Federal Correctional Institution at Herlong. We are in communication with officials with appropriate governments regarding potential start-up timing for our meetings which were halted in all facilities as a result of the virus. As previously noted, one of this Chair's responsibilities 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". In the current environment the Pre-Release contacts can advise new members as to "Zoom Meeting" connections, advise as to any in-person meetings available, and serve as a helpful resource to our new members. 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. There is an ever-

present need for volunteers for the Corrections Correspondence Service. While at present time the GSO reports an adequate number of volunteers, the number of volunteers needed is a "moving target" based on the number of inmates requesting the service. We often have increases in inmate requests and an inadequate number of volunteers, thus the ever-present need for additional volunteers. Because outside A.A. member correspondents are separated by at least two geographical regions from those inmates requesting our service, volunteers are needed in all Areas. Spanish speaking and writing outside members are urged to enroll as Corrections Correspondents. 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

Area Chair this person will come from the South.

- Lisa 43 53 62
- Jonelle 36 27 30
- Libby 10 07 --

Reports (While waiting for vote count):

NAGSC Grapevine (verbal) I got into this position half way through. We had a Virtual Campfire Grapevine Writing Workshop. We had a few people share about their experience of having their story published in the Grapevine magazine. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

SAGSC CPC & PI Hello Area 42! My name is Laura and I am a grateful Alcoholic and the SAGSC CPC Committee Chair. I will be giving the CPC and PI Committees report to the Assembly. At the time of our last Assembly March 27-28 the state of Nevada had just been shut down by the COVID-19 Pandemic. No one could imagine what we have come to know as the new reality for Alcoholics working in general service. We managed during what we thought would be a very short shut down, and slowly began to realize that everything we did was going to change for the long term, and perhaps some changes may be permanent. While Nevada is now mostly open, we continue with significant restrictions for groups, meetings, and public events. Most of our community service partners in the southern area (Homeless Alliance, The Giving Project PACT Coalition, APG, and several Veteran Groups) immediately cancelled events and to date only a few have hosted some virtual events or reduced live events for select communities. Our professional partners have gone completely virtual and continue so at this time. So, our committees attempted to adjust and respond to the new normal. We have members participating via zoom monthly meetings of active community partners. Business wise our committees did vote to stop our self-funding status, are now solely under SAGSCs for financial support. Since our last assembly our committees have met via zoom monthly and continued to work on getting the word out about Alcoholics Anonymous. In April the PI Committee did a press release and were interviewed for one television news report titled: As alcohol sales spike nationwide how are recovering alcoholics doing. In July we again reached out to many news and radio channels with request for AA public service announcements be aired. In August the PI committee began a campaign to get literature into Urgent Care Centers in the Vegas community. In addition, there is an active plan for outreach to high school counselors, once the public schools begin live sessions. We have active plans to restore literature racks in public venues. In addition, CPC committee members began to participate in a North America CPC group which meets quarterly and shares information across the country. We have attended multiple workshops to gather ideas for coordinating efforts in the professional communities. We were honored to do a presentation via Zoom for a group of Family Medical Residents at Sunrise Hospital in July. The feedback was very good. Participation in our committee business meetings since the pandemic has dwindled, and we currently have leadership positions up for rotation changes in January. As this will be

my last few months, and my last Assembly Report we are looking for someone willing to serve as CPC chair beginning in January. We are also seeking a person to assume secretary duties for our combined committees. Leadership roles are 2-year commitments and must have sound sobriety. In addition, we need service commitments for anyone with data base skills, web skills, Public Information, and Professional outreach experience. However, experience is not required. If you are interested in volunteering for our vital committee work please feel free to attend our next meeting. We meet every month on the second Monday at 430 via Zoom. Zoom ID :889 0735 7523 Password: Serenity.

Alternate Chair this person will come from the North.

- Lyle 32 50 78
- Laura 15 11 --
- Chris 18 13 22
- Lonnie10 08 --
- Erica 14 11 --

Reports (While waiting for vote count):

NAGSC Intergroup liaison Intergroup and Northern Area General Service Committee (NAGSC). It's been an honor to fill this position the past two years. I serve as the link between the two AA entities, keeping each informed about what is happening at the other. As such, I wrote an article for NNIG's "Bracer" explaining the differences and the similarities of the two. It was published in the July 2020 edition My name is Pat (Alcoholic), and I am humbled to serve as the Liaison between Northern Nevada. I will remain in service for the next panel, serving as the DCM for District 6, a great honor. Thank you. Happy trails!

NAGSC PI Hello Area 42, My name is Andrea, I am an alcoholic. I have only given two presentations to our District members since March. In March I visited District 12 for a Public Information Presentation followed by a delicious lasagna dinner hosted by members of District 12. Thank you for having me. I enjoyed the presentation so much as well as that terrific lasagna! In August the members of District 16 hosted me to present Public Information to our group over Zoom. Thank you for hosting me District 16, that was my first experience presenting on Zoom and I learn by doing. Thank you. DCMs I would like to invite you to email me. I am available to make arrangements to visit your District meetings and give a brief Public Information Presentation about " What AA does, and does not do ". I would be grateful for the opportunity to be of service. Thank you, Andrea B NAGSC PI CHAIR

NAGSC DCM Coordinator (verbal) Anne, alcoholic. We got to have a DCM meeting at the last NAGSC meeting. We talked about the changes of the times.

NAGSC Treatment My name is Ed, and I am a grateful alcoholic, glad to serve the fellowship and still suffering alcoholic as NAGSC Treatment and BTG Chair. Pat B. told me at the outset that we get to widen our A.A. windshield in general service. That has happened and continues. We all know that words cannot express the Great Reality of giving and receiving, receiving and giving love, whatever my higher power directs and gives the strength to do. My idea of "committee" as in 9th tradition, continues to expand and deepen. Pandemic precautions limit opportunities for A.A. to extend our hands to alcoholics in treatment facilities and after release. And personal health concerns also limit members' ability to make commitments that their hearts long to make. Here is what little I know. The treatment and BTG committee continue to bring the message of A.A. One way is bringing pamphlets, current meeting schedules, and explaining to TFs how A.A.'s is adapting to the pandemic and listening to how TFs are affected. We also carry the message in-person, into at least two treatment facilities with meetings. Orientation to A.A. presentations are brought to clients in-person at the Carson City TF. BTG and Temporary Contact services are active at the same TFs in Reno and Carson City. A second TF in Carson City has opened its video monitor to holding A.A. panel meetings on Zoom (courtesy of the NAGSC Zoom

account and virtual meeting creation service). We have held meetings already and are seeking volunteers with strong sobriety to chair and speak. The committee is participating in the GSO's TF desk's recently received survey asking A.A. members in Bridging the Gap and Temporary Contact service positions to share experience with Bridging the Gap (BTG) or Temporary A.A. Contacts. Experience from Northern Nevada will be shared in the development of a BTG Workbook and AA Guidelines on BTG. The Workbook and Guidelines development project was recommended for action by the Treatment and Accessibilities Conference Committee during the 70th GSC in 2020. The treatment committee is also participating in Area 42's reporting process to share what the Treatment and Accessibilities Conference Committee recommended and considered this year at the GSC. My hope is that we will keep seeing how to grow our lines of communication to connect - as our higher power would have it happen. Personally, I have found trying to reach out to other members engaged in General Service experience is not so scary and helps me find a way out of the woods. I know only a little. We are not alone. It is a wonderful fact of the A.A. way of life that together we are spiritually stronger, wiser, anonymous. Thank you A.A. for showing me what common courtesy, kind consideration, sharing experience, and giving love looks like.

SAGSC Intergroup Liaison Hello! My name is Caroline and I am an alcoholic living in Southern Area 42. At the July 11th Intergroup meeting, Kristen step down as the Liaison and I was elected to fill her term. The Las Vegas Central Office has moved! The new address is 1515 East Tropicana Avenue, Suite 710, Las Vegas Nevada 89119. Phone number 702-274-7172. 24/7 hotline 702-592-1888. The office is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to noon. The new office is in a better location, has better parking, is bigger, and has meeting space available to the groups. Rent is 40% of the 7th Tradition. The main meeting room is Zoom-equipped. Intergroup is back in the black! Thank you to the individuals and groups who have restored us with your generous contributions. September saw additional expenses associated with the move and three pay periods. Intergroup has a Prudent Reserve of over \$54,000 and a year-to-date net gain in its general account of over \$17,800. Thank you! Please mail contributions to the address above or to Po Box 42238, Las Vegas Nevada 89116-2238. Both the Hotline and the 12-Step List can always use volunteers. You can sign up on the central office website at www.LVCentralOffice.Org The End of the Month Speaker Meeting is restarting. If you would like to volunteer, please call Central Office. The Silver Streak is hosting a writing Workshop via Zoom on November 7th. Details coming soon! Intergroup elections will be held on November 9th at 6 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome. The Las Vegas Roundup will be held via Zoom on Thanksgiving weekend. You can receive more information at www.LasVegasRoundup.Org That same weekend, a Native American group will host a live round up at the Golden Nugget. On December 12th, the Intergroup Board of Directors will host an Open Forum from 1:30 to 3:30 at Central Office. Board positions are available. If you are interested in serving, please call Central Office. The Gratitude Ball is scheduled for April 3rd at The Palace Station. Let's keep our fingers crossed! Thank you for letting me be of service. Caroline

Area Secretary this person will come from the South.

- Anne 43 59
- Ronnie 17 10
- Libby 24 15

Reports (While waiting for vote count):

Area Translator/Interpreter Chair Hello, my name is Tony S., and I am an alcoholic. Welcome to zoomopah. I am privileged to serve as your Translation Committee Chair. I want to first thank Diana M for her awesome work in getting reports translated before I even see them. I also want to thank Mayra H and Dina M for joining the committee and assisting us with translation of many reports. Most recently we translated the Guidelines and the GSR Survival Guide. I also want to thank the 3 of you who sent in your reports by the October 4th deadline. It is so important that you send in your reports at least 2

weeks in advance because we must translate your English reports into English and then we must translate and edit them into Spanish. The translation does take longer than you think especially when they all come in all at once. Please send your reports in as early as possible. Thank you for allowing me to be of Service Tony S. – Translation Committee Chair

Area Translator/Interpreter Co-Chair My name is Diana, I'm an alcoholic and the co-chair of the Translation/Interpretation Committee. Our Chair, Tony S., and I work together with a strong focus on inclusivity and unity. Our aim is to bridge the language gap by establishing a means of communication to enable our English and Spanish speaking members to effectively understand and interact each other. Since English is prominently spoken in this country, one may question the importance of translation and ask "why doesn't everybody just speak English?" The reality of the situation is that not everybody *can* speak English or may be able to speak it well enough to communicate effectively. Almost without exception, people respond better to the language they grew up speaking. It's not enough to speak in a language they understand but in the language their heart speaks. Effective translation also deals with the expression of a society and its nuances. We bear in mind your written and spoken intentions and attempt to realize the same effect in another language. We work with the premise that AA in its basic form is simply one alcoholic talking to another alcoholic. Only an AA member can effectively translate certain terminology used in our literature as well as some of the colloquialisms pertaining exclusively to alcoholics. Today we translate 99% of what you hear and read from Area 42. This was not possible a mere two years ago. Just this past summer, we have been blessed to add to our committee two new volunteer translators, Dina M. and Mayra H. They are doing a magnificent job and we are immensely grateful for their willingness and service. We continue to look to increase the size of our committee with bilingual volunteers – it does not matter your level of proficiency in either language. We are here to help with our experience and resources. Please let Tony, me or our Area 42 Chair, Paul, know if you are interested. I wish to thank all of you for showing support for this unifying purpose which gives both our communities the potential to become entirely involved.

Lunch 12:03-12:45

Alternate Secretary this person will come from the North.

- Erica 36 42 46 49 50
- Debbie 11 10 -- -- --
- Laura 24 23 30 25 25

Reports (while waiting for vote count):

LVYPAA Hi, Anna and I'm an alcoholic. I am the Las Vegas Young People in A.A.'s General Service Liaison and I am grateful to be here this evening. LVYPAA just held their annual elections on October 11 at Central Office's new location. We had pretty good turnout in person and provided the option for people to join virtually as well. There are still committee positions available if you would like to get involved in that capacity! Since Governor Sisolak's expansion of in-person gatherings to 250 people this month, we have been hoping to begin holding more in-person events. Our first in-person event since the shutdown, will take place on Friday, October 30th from 7 – 10 PM with the Triangle Club at the Triangle Club on 4600 S Nellis Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89121. The event will be a Trunk or Treat event with prizes awarded to the best decorated vehicles, we'll have raffles, a costume contest, and lots of candy! Our monthly committee meetings have remained the same – 1:30 PM on the first Sunday of the month at the LV Central Office, now at 1515 E. Tropicana Ave Suite 710. We're still working on a consistent Zoom link for those who would like to attend virtually – if you're interested in attending one of our monthly committee meetings, reach out to Anna P. to receive the most recent Zoom info. LVYPAA is also working on a new website! Stay tuned for more details.

RNVYPAA (verbal) Anne, alcoholic. We just held our elections last week. We are ready to be involved in the International Conference of Young People. I'm really excited to be part of this group. They are fired up. It is good to see YPAA has been able to lead us through this technical age.

NAGSC Finance Chair We had a finance committee meeting on 10-10-2020 at 7:00 P.M. The topics were distribution and budgets. We will have recommendations for the NAGS body for distributions at the December meeting. On Budgets: In the next couple of weeks Amber will be sending to the chairs last year's budgets. We would like your recommendations for next year. We will need your budgets back by the first of November, then we can create a budget for next year to present to the NAGS body in December. Due to the pandemic this is all a BIG guess. Thank You Lonnie M.

Area Treasurer this person will come from the North.

- Laura 64
- Debbie 14

Alternate Treasurer this person will come from the South.

- Libby 49 65
- Sean 33 20

Reports (while waiting for vote count):

ACC Finance Committee Here's my thoughts on the conference committee. The participation was very disappointing. We started with about 10 or 15 in Tonopah. Combination of north and south. I only had two that responded to my request for input on the agenda items. My reaction to the whole process is needs a little tweaking. I had no idea what I was supposed to do? It was very confusing to everyone. Once I figured it out, it was too late. I'm still finding more information as I keep digging. We need to remember that no one had any idea what their job was as a chair, so the committee didn't know what they needed to do. It also seemed to be a lot of busy work at times. I think if the chairs new what to do it would have been different. My suggestion: Once you have committee chairs in place you need to have a session with the chairs only so they understand their duties. It needs to be very clear what the goal is. Remember the committee chair is the only connection to the members of the committee. I hope this helps. Thanks Lonnie

ACC Trustee Committee What do you feel about how your conference committee handled your agenda items? I forgot about them so Bryce and I went through them quickly. We did a good job Was new information revealed to you, that you hadn't thought of during your committee discussions? No not really Was there anything specific that touched you? How did it touch you? We found it interesting that they wanted to revise the wording and there was quite a bit of time spent on it. Was your experience on the Area Conference Committee helpful? A little, I have found in the pasted that the discussions were interesting. Do you feel you learned more about the General Service Conference process? Yes, it seems like they are going back and looking at the wording to make it more concise. What would you like changed for next panel? I would choose items that were detailed.

Area Registrar this person will come from the North.

- Paul 50 53 53
- Debbie 40 28 26

Reports (while waiting for vote count):

ACC CPC Committee Comments from: Anna P., Ed L., Marita, and Bob M. What do you feel about how your conference committee handled your agenda items? We were a bit confused as to why we worked on the agenda items but someone else presented it in Area. Was new information revealed to you, that

you hadn't thought of during your committee discussions? Yes, it was very worthwhile because we learned about the LinkedIn page! Was there anything specific that touched you? How did it touch you? Not that we can think of other than the fact that we're stepping forward with LinkedIn – a step into the modern age, an app, a YouTube channel for meetings, and how quick the Zoom meetings started in March! Was your experience on the Area Conference Committee helpful? Yes, very helpful! We learned a lot and no matter how many times we take part in the Area Conference Committee, we learn something new. Julie C. was also super helpful. Do you feel you learned more about the General Service Conference process? Yes. What would you like changed for the next panel? A delegate report back on what we thought should happen and what actually happened (what was passed and what didn't pass so we know what'll be on next year's panel).

ACC Correction Committee (verbal) Pat, alcoholic. There has been no involvement.

Alternate Registrar this person will come from the South.

- Claudia 20 13 14
- Ronnie 17 11 --
- Jonelle 37 49 67
- Jen 11 08 --

Reports (while waiting for vote count):

ACC Literature Committee Area Conference Committee on Literature Conference Call Meeting. Participants were Ruth J., Randy A. Lisa I. Joe H. We were tasked with reviewing and answering 6 questions posed by the Alt. Delegate Julie C. 1. What do you feel about how your conference committee handled your agenda topics? Answer. We did the best job we could with the people we had. Exceptionally good presentations about these topics. 2. What new information revealed to you, that you had not thought of during your committee meetings. Answer. Some of us were new to this process, so did not realize how in-depth this would get. How an Agenda item can be started at so many different levels, etc. 3. Was there anything that touched you? How did it touch you? Answer. Some of these topics are near and dear to many & evoke lots of emotion and controversy. 4. Was your experience on the Conference Committee helpful? Answer. We all agreed that this was so important to experience how this process works. We all learned so much. We are all glad that we only had the Literature Agenda topics to focus on. 5. Do you feel you learned more about the General Service Conference process? Answer. Absolutely, being a part of this gives us a much better understanding of how it works. It also prepares us for future service positions. 6. What would you like change for the next panel? When meeting during our 2 Assemblies in Tonopah, when we break down to Conference Committees, it would be much better to just focus on the committee work and not have the assembly work going on at the same time. (Very distracting) Schedule is very packed so I'm not sure how to accomplish this. Thank You for this opportunity to serve, Joe H. 10A GSR/ACC Co-Chair Conference Committee on Literature

Area Archivist this is a 4-year term. This person will come from the South.

- Ronnie 57
- Debbie 24

Reports (while waiting for vote count):

ACC Archives Committee What do you feel about how your conference committee handled your agenda items? We believe the committee worked well together. We think we did a good job. One of our members presented the agenda topic at NAGSC. Part of our committee thought that the book would not be well received and fortunately we were wrong Was new information revealed to you, that

you hadn't thought of during your committee discussions? The Trustee's report revealed that they are considering using gender neutral language in future revisions of the Archives Workbook. They are discussing creating a new book with discontinued pamphlets. Was there anything specific that touched you? How did it touch you? Committee work is more informative than we expected. Digitizing of archives to make it more accessible. Was your experience on the Area Conference Committee helpful? We definitely saw the importance of the committee work. Do you feel you learned more about the General Service Conference process? Absolutely What would you like changed for the next panel? Make it clear that the Archivists and Alt Archivists are the chairs for the Area Conference Committee on Archives. Set expectations for the positions. Perhaps there would be better acceptance and participation from the committee chairs.

Alternate Archivist this is a 4-year term. This person will come from the North.

- Anne 19
- Debbie 61

Reports (while waiting for vote count):

ACC Report & Charter Committee Julie requested "...your committee meet one last time before the Fall Assembly to answer the following questions: What do you feel about how your conference committee handled your agenda items? Over the two years I think our items were handled well. We were able to put together a report on an Agenda item and present it at the Assembly the first year and I felt involved this year as well even though everything changed and the Assembly was modified to a Zoom format and our part in it was cut. Report & Charter is not as "meaty" a conference committee and didn't lead to the same level of discussion as some of the other committees. But the whole team felt we did gain valuable experience and recommend continuing the process. Was new information revealed to you, that you hadn't thought of during your committee discussions? Not new info as much as just lots of information and more detailed information that helped me understand Report and Charter on a different more complete level. Was there anything specific that touched you? How did it touch you? The thing that touched the team the most was being involved in the process. Seeing the amount of work that goes into everything and getting to know more about how AA service is done. The team also appreciated the progress on the Service Manual because it is at the heart of service work. Was your experience on the Area Conference Committee helpful? We believe it was helpful on several fronts, one because there was an introvert on the team and it helped that person meet new people in our Fellowship and be able to really get in and learn about a specific committee that otherwise they would have never known much of anything about. Also having a committee that was a combination of people from the North and South helped us to realize we have the same goals. We make friends across the state. We realized we are all in this together. Do you feel you learned more about the General Service Conference process? Yes, absolutely and there is always more to learn. What would you like changed for next panel? Due to the Covid virus changing the nature of the spring assembly we missed hearing or seeing a report from every committee, if we are going to do all this work all the committees should be able to have a small part of the Assembly at the very least to explain what that committee does for GSO and in turn our sobriety. We would like to have more time at the assembly to meet as a committee, assuming we meet at the assembly. We would recommend continuing to make sure the North and South are represented in each group. We also think zoom is a great tool to be used for the committees.

Announcements:

- If you stood today and did not get elected, you can still be on an Area Conference Committee or SAGSC/NAGSC Standing Committee.

Break 2:30-2:50

Ad-hoc Committee on Treasury (Presentation) Purpose: To investigate and make recommendations to the Area regarding the possibility of eliminating separate treasuries for SAGSC and NAGSC and having a single Area 42 treasury. If the decision is made to go forward the ad hoc committee will present a plan and execute the transition. Background: A past Area 42 Delegate and past Trustee provided some background into the history of how Area 42 moved to three treasuries from one. She explained that Area 42 was an area that had little participation and met only once a year. There were not enough people to do the work of General Service. They had lots of money, but no one ever did any service work. They just seemed to meet once a year and talk. In about 1990, she and the then-sitting Delegate suggested that the Area split the treasury into two additional parts, one for the North and one for the South. The sub-areas (NAGSC and SAGSC) then agreed to start meeting four times a year with the primary object being to do service work with the money they now had. The area as a whole would begin meeting twice a year. For many years that seemed to work well with Al-anon using half of the room in Tonopah as we were such a small body. Our membership grew to the point that Al-anon now meets at a different time so we can use the entire room. The split was to be revisited as the Area grew. Our past Delegate / Trustee opined that she felt for some time that the Area has grown enough that we should begin to function as one Area as there are now enough service workers to fill all the commitments.

List of Pros

- Group Level Finances
 - Less confusion to group treasurers with contribution entities matching suggested donation splits in AA treasury pamphlets
 - Less checks to write and addresses to track
- Area Level Finances
 - Consistent funds available to whole Area as North & South draw from one treasury
 - One budget instead of three
 - Funds in Area treasury more likely to be used for service work
 - Simplify tax preparation and costs
 - A single Finance Committee can monitor one set of books
 - No negative financial impact to groups or the Area
- Unity
 - Move towards becoming one financial Area by eliminating separate North / South treasuries
 - The Area becomes more accountable for service committees' funding

List of Cons

- Group Level Finances
 - Initial confusion to group treasurers who send checks to all entities
 - Area Level Finances
 - More work for Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer
 - Potential for higher risk of fraud or theft
 - Potential time delays in reimbursements
 - Learning curve during transition
 - Rewriting all 3 entity guidelines
- Unity
 - Fear that the North and South may not get what they need from the Area and lose some autonomy
 - Loss of service positions
 - Resistance to change from individuals, groups and other service entities

The Ad Hoc Committee unanimously recommends combining the Area 42 treasuries for the following reasons:

- The reason for separating the treasuries no longer exists
- It would save time and money in tax preparation
- It would align Area 42 finances to mirror AA pamphlets
- Modern banking tools would enable the Area Treasurer and Area Alternate Treasurer to easily perform duties in both the North and the South
- It would simplify Group contributions

Assuming the body decides in favor of creating a single treasury there will be a 2-step process to unify the treasuries into one.

Step 1 would entail creating the plan for the transition to a single treasury. This would include:

- Recommending Area 42 guideline changes
- Bookkeeping changes
- Close the two regional treasuries
- Tax preparation changes
- Finance committee changes
- Group communications
- Other related changes as found during the planning process

Step 2 would be the execution of the above plan.

Conclusion For the stated reasons the Treasuries Unification Ad Hoc Committee unanimously recommends moving forward with combining the SAGSC and NAGSC treasuries into the Area treasury.

Assuming the body approves the motion to go forward today, our next step is to bring a draft of the Area 42 Guidelines changes to the body at the spring assembly.

FEEDBACK:

- Outstanding! Totally agree. This is well thought out.
- This report is so clear. It is a wonderful idea. Q. Don't I have to take this to my group? A. No, you have right of decision.
- Wonderful, clear and concise presentation. This is a wonderful idea. Q. Would there be one finance committee? A. Eventually after transition.
- Amazing idea. Presentation was great. The hardest idea to explain to our groups. We don't have to be unique anymore.
- Can you send this presentation to the groups? A. This process will take a minimum of two years. We are not doing anything yet. Debbie will distribute presentation to body.
- Q. Is the Area going to fund all NAGSC and SAGSC expenses? A. We did not work the details out yet.
- One treasury, will still go through a budget process. The budget will be for all expenses needed.
- My concern is that combined treasuries may lose some services. A. Both treasurers will be able to draw from bank. North and South will be Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer. Money will just be combined, so we are not losing anything.
- Try not to get caught up in the small details. We are only trying to combine treasuries. Position funding will be autonomous. There will be a big enough budget to fund positions.
- It is a great idea. I suggest to make sure that the finance committee deep dive on how funds are going to be dispersed in a timely manner and how the committees operate.
- My concern is that the Southern is more populated and North may be constricted. He who controls the purse, controls the situation.
- My perception is that the South is grabbing money.

- I am on the committee, as Libby mentioned, there were designated members to ask district for feedback. Feed back showed up on the pro and con. We are not taking this lightly. We are looking to see what this really will look like.
- Funds will be represented equally with the Treasurer and Alternate rotating. Remote communities need their share to be active in the North and South. Committees submit their budget. There will be representation from all over Area 42.
- I'm on the committee, I just want a sense of taking it on. Do you want us to pursue? We are not spending too much time on the particulars. It will take two-three years at least. Do you want us to pursue or not is all we want to know.
- I agree with a lot of stuff said. Let's look into a draft proposal to the Area. Don't want to see NAGSC funds used for used more populous areas. I want to see a plan.
- I heard concerns, whatever happens, I will support. Q. I the current system broke?
- Q. What was the major motive? A. To simplify the account. Put all the money into one pot. The Area has matured in service functions so let's expedite service work.
- In responding to the question on motivation. If NAGSC or SAGSC has money issues, should they be borrowing from the Area?
- If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Sense of the Assembly: Should we have the ad-hoc committee, on combining the three treasuries, move forward to work on a proposal? **Yes 72 / No 8.** Maybe have a proposal in the Fall 2021; give an updated report in Spring 2021.

Area Budget: A budget was presented, discussed, amended, and approved. (Financials are posted on Area Website.)

Motion regarding refund of Spring 2020 Registrations. Dan made a motion to have the Area reimburse, for the full amount that was paid to "Brown Paper Tickets" by the registrants, as it was an Area decision to use them. **2nd, passed.**

Discussion:

- Q. Can we do this without writing 100 checks for \$15? A. Set's clean this up for this assembly. I will help write checks.
- Q. How much are we looking at? A. \$2954. There are 109 registrations and 75 banquet tickets.
- I will need \$200 more to buy checks.
- Q. Can I just donate it to Area? A. No, it will mess up the budget. Just take the check and cash it. This is not a donation. BPT has the money. If you get your money back from BPT, you decide what to do with it.

Registrar will send email to all registrants for any updated addresses. The Finance Committee and Registrar will work out all the nitty gritty.

Announcements:

- See you all back here at 8:30 am tomorrow. We have more business to take care of.
- You are still in your positions until December 31, 2020.
- Please contact Paul and Rhonda with your contact information on your newly elected positions.

5:30 p.m. Assembly adjourned with the Responsibility Statement

Sunday, October 18, 2020

8:37 a.m.

Area Chair, Paul, opens Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. (81 participants).

Ad-hoc Committee on YPAA. The Area 42 Standing committee ad-hoc has met two times, with very limited attendance. We have identified the current problems within Area 42 which have been identified as: There is no centralized point of contact within the area for other committees to fulfill service needs best provided by young people. Lack of communication at the area level for all the various YP activities occurring within the districts. Lack of presence in rural areas where young people's meetings, and committees are needed. A proposal has been created with proposed solutions, and a clear definition of what the YPAA standing committee would like, which I will read next Area assembly. I would really like some help with feedback on the proposal, and will need help with the guidelines change as this will be a guideline changing proposal. Our primary purpose has been defined as: "The Area 42 Young Peoples in AA standing committee, encourages young people to enter into the mainstream of AA Recovery, Service, and Unity through the 12 Steps, the 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts for World Service. Young People's groups are in no way separate from Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Members are involved in, and committed to all levels of AA service. Age is not a requirement for a young people's group. Young people's groups and activities directed towards young people in AA are helpful tools in reaching young alcoholics who might otherwise not give AA a try for many more years, if at all." (Taken from New Mexico AA Area 46) Basic function of Young People's Committee: Assist young people in finding service opportunities, connect young people with members of AA of all ages, provide resources, references and contacts to start and/or find young people oriented meetings. (Area 46 New Mexico). We strive to: Support young alcoholics in their recovery, promote unity among alcoholics of all ages, encourage young members of A.A. to participate in A.A.'s General Service Structure. (Area 31 Western Massachusetts)

Feedback:

- Q. Is this going to be a YPAA General Service Committee, like our other Committees position? A. Not yet, it would take several YPAA proposals to make it as a General Service Standing Committee.
- Are you merging LVYPAA, RENVYAA? A. No There is more than LVYPAA and RENVYPAA, examples SPARKYPAA, TTYPAA, etc. We will just have one Gen. Service Liaison report to Area42 from the several YPAA's Committees.
- We will still have the existing committees to fulfill their local needs. The movement in Young People is growing and we see a need for it. Other Areas have YPAA Liaisons, we are doing catch-up. It would benefit the Area to be a part of. Good resource for AA.
- I heard you are asking for help. Most YPAA start with a liaison to talk to the other YPAA's, for help and support first.
- LVYPAA has been around since 2008. This isn't something we are starting. We have already had young people showing up at Area 42 Assemblies. It is time for an Area Committee. We have Districts asking GSR's to be their local YPAA liaison. It is the natural progression and now time for the next step.

Any one that can and is willing to help write a proposal, get ahold of Dan or Samantha.

ACC Reports

Accessibilities Darryl B. (Temporary SAGSC Accessibilities Chair. Report. A Bridging the Gap Workbook, has been long overdue and I wholeheartedly agree with the need for it along with a kit and literature. The information I reviewed is incredible if not a little bit redundant. Compared to what we had to work with twenty years odd years earlier when I along with Jim C. brought Bridging the Gap to Las Vegas with

the help of chairs from Oregon, California and Washington. I reviewed the Accessibilities Work Book and found it well written and precisely informative. Covering most of our challenges. The only update needed, is on the DVD'S and Digital downloads now available and the deletions of the videos, not in use presently. The elder A.A. pamphlet I find timeless, seeing little need to update, except to emphasize the usefulness, viability and priceless experience elders can give us in service. The main point, that it is never to late to get sober. Evident by committees and sub- committees throughout the country with numerous names; E.I.R Elders in Recovery, S.I.S. Seniors in Sobriety, C.E.C. Cooperation with the Elderly Community, S.O.S. Sober Over Sixty to name a few. I was disappointed, not seeing a report from The Accessibilities Committee in the 2020 General Service Conference, nor a report from Area 42 and the Great State of Nevada. And finally we desperately need a pamphlet addressing Mental health in our rooms and how it affects our A.A. community. Thank you for allowing me a voice. Yours, in service,
Darryl B

Treatment For me, participating on the T/A Conference Committee is worthwhile. Good but challenging, sometime more than that. It reveals a part of A.A. that is mysterious - the interconnection between the body and the GSC and the GSO, conference committees and trustee committees taking stock from what the body of A.A. experiences in the various ways we devise to carry our message to the suffering alcoholic. There is a kind of alchemy that happens, how shared experience is collected and woven into literature that we can use to guide our collective efforts to carry the message to alcoholics who still suffer, year after year. I got a boost in confidence just a week or so ago, when a long timer in SAGSC general service jumped into Conference Committee report prep when asked at the last minute. I get an overwhelmed feeling with the added work of reporting on the Conference Committee, but have come to realize that it passes as I ask for help to keep it real, do what is in front of me, take baby steps, do one thing at a time in some sort of order that seems to come from deep down inside, don't worry about the outcome. No one is assigning grades. I was even so overwhelmed that a tsunami of inspiration propelled me to pick up the phone and call some long-time general service junkies to get their guidance through rough patches during recent months. A kind of joy wells up on occasion when I feel a part of a society of ill people getting weller by trying to live spiritual lives in unity and applying the principles of making decisions democratically. It lifts my spirits. The inconvenience of Conference Committee duty morphs into a labor of love. Unbidden moments of trust and surrender are essential experiences. There is so much alcoholic pain and suffering. To have been spared and changed into one whose experience can help others like me keeps me living, alive. I am grateful for having time and space and health in my life to participate, and for family members that love me just as I am, a recovering alcoholic with a compulsion to live the A.A. way of life. Thank you for letting me be of service.

-Ed S., T.A. Conference Committee member, NAGSC

Policy and Admission Chairperson: Anne D., Co-Chairperson: Rina H. Policy & Admissions Committee: Ernesto C., Dean H., Colton S., Susan L., Deborah C., Kevin C., Felicia W., Joe V., Rich S., Bruce S., Committee Support: Sophie K., Jake S. The Area 42, Panel 70 Policy & Admissions Committee met for a Zoom conference call at 9 a.m. on Sept. 5. Those present on the call were Bruce S., Sophie K. and Anne D. The meeting included a review of the General Service Conference's Policy & Admissions Committee's 2020 report and the Area 42 Spring 2020 Policy & Admissions Committee Report submitted in April. The italicized part is the A42 P&A Committee's findings as reported in the Spring 2020 report to the area. The Area 42 Policy & Admissions Committee would like to submit the following: Consider a proposed process for approving observers in the US/Canada General Service Conference.

The Area 42 P&A Committee agreed that the GSC P&A committee ought to consider the proposed process which includes an Oct. 1 deadline for application to attend the following year's GSC. The A42 committee thought it would help both the GSO and the travelling observer with making plans to attend. It would also help make way for friends of AA who can further share the AA message. GSC Panel 70 P&A Conference Committee recommended.

Consider implementing electronic voting for trustee elections. *The A42 P&A Committee agreed that electronic voting ought to be considered for the trustee elections.* GSC Panel 70 P&A Conference Committee recommended with a NOTE that should it become a Conference Advisory Action it may warrant updating of the second sentence in Article 10 of the Conference Charter. Review GSO general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection. *Yes. We agreed that it would be a good thing to review the GSO general manager's report regarding GSC site selection.* GSC Panel 70 P&A Conference Committee recommended. Consider continuing the review of dates for the GSC with timing and year(s) to review as requested by GM. *Area 42's P&A Committee agreed that the P&A GSC committee continue to review dates as requested in order to secure best 'deals' with New York area convention and hospitality services.* GSC Panel 70 P&A Conference Committee forwarded to 71st GSC. Consider a proposed process for how a Conference Committee could review and discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference Committee. *Deborah H. and Sophie K. submitted this item for discussion at the round tables. The A42 P&A Committee agrees the proposed process as outlined in the background for the agenda item ought to be considered. It seems to offer a way the Delegate Committees to have input on agenda items should the Trustees not put for a proposed agenda item. The A42 Committee thought this would be a great way to find a balance with Trustees.* GSC Panel 70 P&A Conference Committee forwarded to 71st GSC. Consider a proposed process for equitable distribution of Conference Committees workload. *The background information indicates that the workload distribution is continually addressed throughout the conference history stretching back to the late 1950s. The A42 P&A Committee agreed that the proposal in the background information that would condense the 13 GSC Committees down to six ought to be considered.* GSC Panel 70 P&A Conference Committee requested the Trustees GSC clarify the specifics of the proposal and bring it back for review in 2021 with more on precisely how this process will impact what will happen regarding agenda items considered at the Fall and Winter trustees' meetings. Clarity on on how the process with impact the delegates, creation of primary committees' scope of work and process and provide examples with sample agenda items showing how the whole process will work for 2021. Review Floor Action process. *"This is kind of a funny one." The Trustees committee took no action when a proposal to review the current Floor Action process in November 2019 then agreed in February 2020 to forward to the 2020 Conference Policy and Admissions Committee a proposed agenda item to "Review the Floor Action process to guard against circumvention of the Conference process."* *The A42 P&A Committee agreed that the Item G. should be thoroughly reviewed.* GSC Panel 70 P&A Conference Committee forwarded to 71st GSC.

International Conventions/Regional Forums What do you feel about how your conference committee handled your agenda items? They met twice virtually and accepted the steps taken related to the cancellation of the 2020 International Convention. They deliberated issues related to the use of the Lord's Prayer and agreed that additional discussion was indicated. This is a very important issue and does not bear a quick decision. Careful consideration must be given to this important issue and I believe that the committee understands this. Discussed ways to encourage attendance in forums especially for first-timers and many great ideas were reviewed. Was new information revealed to you, that you hadn't thought of during your committee discussions? Not particularly. Was there anything specific that touched you? How did it touch you? The memory of the Lord's prayer being said by an entire stadium gives me goose bumps but I understand that it is problematic for some. It is critical that AA is welcoming to all though. This is a real challenge for our fellowship and will likely continue to be in discussion. Was your experience on the Area Conference Committee helpful? Yes Do you feel you learned more about the General Service Conference process? Yes. What would you like changed for next panel? Don't have any further to suggest. Best regards, John

New/Unfinished Business:

Area Conference Committees Should we continue?

Area Chair, Paul: This exercise was created 2 years ago. This not only helps with the post conference; it also helps with the pre-conference. Having people from that particular committee go over the Conference Agenda items lessens the load. Question: Do we want to keep doing this? There were some confusion and growing pains. As the panel progressed, we learned some things.

Alternate Delegate, Julie: Thank you all whom participated. We rolled it out fast, now we are pulling out slower. If we do it again, Jake will train for this. If you want to do this, we want you to. Look how much more knowledge you have to share with the GSR's. By the time you stand for Delegate, you will be much more prepared. The feedback from the Committees? We heard you. With only one chair, I suggest we communicate. The Committee Chairs will change with their positions. I suggest we assign DCM's and GSR's into a Committee; they can opt out.

Alternate Chair, Jake: Thank you everyone. This is new to our Area. There was so much information, and no one knew how to proceed. It is simple, so much work, but simple. Pre-conference, we have the committee to summarize and choose the Conference Agenda Items. Post-Conference, we have the Committee report back the results. This helps the Area Standing Committees in their positions. The feedback is not negative; it is the growing pains.

Area Chair, Paul: Maybe we should have a Chair and an Alternate Chair, as opposed to a Chair and a Co-Chair.

Feedback:

- Good stuff. Ideas on how we can make this more efficient; use the conference report for a reference, Preparing the Delegate for the General Service Conference, use the conference report as a tool.
- I had a clear picture of what the General Conference would look like by the time I got there. It is exciting to see that Area 42 is talking about this again.
- I don't agree with the view of "Not knowing what we were doing". Julie gave good instructions. I agree with the young stages view. People only feel comfortable doing what is comfortable. We need to make people feel comfortable.
- I enjoyed walking through the whole process of pre and post Conference.
- I had to opt out. I was confused. Now I have a better understanding of what we are doing.
- I would suggest/consider that some of the Standing Committee Chairs and Area Officer with a heavier work load could get someone else in the Conference Committee to chair.
- To translate I read everything. I learned a lot of the Committees. Question: How can we get the Spanish Community to participate? It is important to make them feel included. We need to be sure we are aware of being inclusive.
- GSR's need to be aware through the GSR manual that they will be assigned to a committee and made clear of the whole process of serving on that committee.
- The discussion through the weekend has made me aware of the scope of this. Maybe we can be involved on a different Area Conference Committee than our position?
- I did not participate as I had too much on my plate to add one more thing. I want to add that I was not pressured. Would it be easier done at the Area Assembly, rather than at NAGSC/SAGSC? A. If you want to be on another committee let us know. It has to be done before Area Assembly to prepare the Delegate for the Conference.
- We would appoint the Homegroup of the GSR. As member of Officers, you can pick the committee you want to serve on. This is something that has been near and dear to my heart for many years.

- This is some valuable conversation. I have learned a lot as part of SAGSC. I am puzzled about, so many groups-very little participations. It would be valuable to have the General Service and Conference committees explained to the GSR.
- Points of confusion started with the sign-up sheets. I suggest we start with the Districts to recruit the GSR's. The DCM would start earlier and would be able to communicate between Area and Groups.

Sense of the Assembly: If you are in favor of continuing with the Area Conference Committees, click yes; otherwise click no. **64 yes/2 no** it is a substantial unanimity to move forward. This will probably be talked about in the upcoming NAGSC and SAGSC meetings. Hopefully this will become part of our Area. The more information we can get, helps us to better serve AA.

Break 10:30-10:45

Hybrid Area Assembly Meetings Allow each group to participate in all future Area Assemblies in person or virtual by Zoom. Submitted 9-8-20 by Tues Grapevine Group (District 3) The group's reasons for doing this: 1. More groups will have the opportunity to participate. Many groups, including ours, do not have the funds to send a Rep. to Tonopah twice a year. 2. Funds saved by not traveling to Tonopah (including grants to groups from our Service Structure) can be used to further our Primary Purpose. 3. It is safer and more efficient for many people. 4. Groups still have the option of sending their Rep. to Tonopah. Paul, SAGS Chair Jake has convinced me we should NOT discuss any pros and cons of this during this month's Assembly. Instead, please create a committee to study all of the pros and cons. That committee should be charged with providing a full report on this motion for our Spring 21 Assembly. Also, we want to get official backing from District 3 and SAGS before the Spring Assembly. Neither of these groups meet until after this month's Assembly. Humble thanks to Paul, Jake, Jason and Tues. Grapevine Group for your input into this. It is a very good idea whose time has come to implement. Many other Areas are also looking into doing this. In Service, Bob D. Tuesday Grapevine Group GSR

Does the body want me to create an ad-hoc committee to look into this? The issues are wi-fi in Tonopah, equipment, logistics. The idea is not bad, implementing it in Tonopah could be a problem.

Feedback:

- I support this 100%. The ability to meet virtually would be efficient in time and financials. I believe we need to bring others into the process. I say yes.
- I support an ad-hoc committee. Hot spot option? My homegroup figured out how to. Allowing hybrid, the spirit and relationships would be lost. It is easier to opt out in person.
- It's a good idea to look at it.
- Isn't COVID going to go away? What about anonymity breaks, like to the fellowship? Is this a proposal? A. The details would be looked at. Do not worry about the details now. The question is, do you want me to create an ad-hoc committee to look into starting a hybrid Assembly.
- We need to look at this, the future we may be facing may become our reality. I have never seen an ad-hoc committee say no.
- Money is available for GSR's to come to the Assembly. Safety is the issue, now it is not safe.
- I do not think we need to appoint an ad-hoc committee; we should use the Communications Committee to look into this. In the Spring, less attended the zoom meeting than we had in registrations. There is less unity. If we have to, ok, if it is safe.
- We budget for GSR travel to NAGSC. If you want the voice of your group to be heard, your GSR needs to participate.
- For the logistics, we need a broadcast engineer. Who is going to be in charge of the equipment? Is it physically feasible? These need to be looked at.

- I'm not attacking Tonopah, it is good. A Communications Committee already exists. Maybe they can explore options to look into it.
- I support an ad-hoc committee. That is a lot of work to be put onto the Communications Committee.
- The concept of safety is of personal importance. We can't be prudent to know what our facts are. What are our options to have some one look into it and report back? Central Office in Las Vegas will be setting up for hybrid. Boosters are available. Technical issues can be resolved, as can financial issues. Facts need to be looked at.

Sense of the Assembly: Does the body want me to assign an ad-hoc committee to look into the logistics, etc of holding Hybrid Area Assemblies? **Unanimously Yes.** The Communications Committee is to keep a pulse on it. The ad-hoc committee is to contact the Communications Committee when assigned. Contact Paul for signing up to be on the ad-hoc committee. I am looking for technical advisors and others to serve on this committee.

Registration Badges Sometime between Panels 67-68 it was decided to stop purchasing the ribbons that stick onto the registration badges. These ribbons have the registrants service position labeled. We are now running out and people are getting upset. It would cost approximately \$168. To purchase enough to last us for a couple of years. The Officer expenses have already been added to the budget for this. **I propose that we bring back these ribbons. It was 2nd.**

Discussion:

- No, it is a frivolous expense.
- It is really important for new GSR's to identify others.
- It is very important, as it makes it easy to identify others.
- Yes, it is important to newly elected GSR's. It looks professional.
- Name badge says I'm alcoholic. It maybe ego to some, but for me, it identifies you.

Sense of the Assembly: Do you want us to bring back the Ribbons? **Yes 65/No 1** Majority to bring back the ribbons rules.

What's on your mind

Alternate Area Secretary requests an ad-hoc committee Lisa, alcoholic. I would like to see a new committee to look into separating the Area Alternate Secretary duties from the Area Assembly literature chair. I would like to see a proposal to create a Literature Standing Committee or combine the literature with Grapevine. Literature needs to be on hand, and a Standing Committee should be available to educate on Literature. I don't think the Literature gets the appropriate attention to have a Literature Chair only have literature at the Area Assemblies. With the point of an Alternate possibly needing to step into the Area Secretary position, the literature may fall through the cracks. An ad-hoc committee is invaluable to work out the details and a proposal. Erica, alcoholic. I was just elected to serve as Area 42 Alternate Secretary and am looking forward to the Literature display.

Sense of the Assembly: Does the body want me to create an ad-hoc committee to look into writing a proposal to create an Area 42 Literature Chair, appointed or elected, as a separate position? This would be a Guideline change, so it would need a proposal. **Yes.** Even if this happens, it will not be initiated until 2022. If you are interested in being on this committee, contact Paul.

Minority Outreach Robert, alcoholic. When you see some minority come into your group, please talk to them about service. Let them know they can be of service in the Group, District, and Area. I don't see enough representation from minority. That concerns me. When I was asked to participate it helped.

Voting Members, The Translation Committee Chair and the Finance Committee gets funded to the Area Assemblies. They are the only two people at the Area Assemblies without a vote.

Discussion:

- Under membership 2.1 of the Area 42 Guidelines it states that all Chairs are voting members.
 - The Guidelines Change ad-hoc committee responded with “we were not tasked to look at that section.
 - We can have it changed if we want to.
 - These committees were set up to support the Assembly. They are a Service Provider, see 6.1 of the Area 42 Guidelines. Should they be provided a vote?
 - This should be addressed as a Guideline change. Should have more than one person look at it.
- Area Chair, Paul suggests to get a hold of him or Claudia to hash out a Guideline change.

Spring 2021 Host: District 6

Spring 2021 Area 42 Assembly: March 26, 2021-March 28, 2021 It is set for zoom or in person.

Motion to adjourn, 2nd. Area 42 Assembly adjourned at 12:30 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie
Area 42 Secretary