

Area 42 Spring Pre-Conference Assembly Minutes

Friday, March 26, 2021 – Sunday, March 28, 2021

Held via ZOOM

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Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer by Area 42 Chair, Lisa I.

Area 42 Chairperson – Lisa I.

Welcome to you all!. We are so glad to be together for the weekend! If you know people who are in general Service and they are not here PLEASE PLEASE reach out to them, so they have the choice to participate. With all things COVID19, we are aware of the many challenges we are facing including participation and communication. Also, this assembly is open to anyone who is a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, and they do not have to be serving as a GSR in order to sit in the assembly. I encourage you to invite members interested and curious so that perhaps they may have a new experience in AA. My experience in attending Area assemblies and then Pacific region assemblies was that not only did my knowledge and love for the program of AA grow, but so did the circle of friends who share a like-minded mission of service and love and gratitude. We are SO GLAD that you are here with us. WELCOME!

For any of you new or new-ish, you are going to hear a lot of acronyms and letters getting thrown around, and maybe feel like you don't know what is going on. We all started there. We all didn't know what was going on. And if you are here you are right where you are supposed to be! In the Pre-Zoom days we would tell you to lean over and ask your neighbor, but that is a little harder this time. If you have questions right them down, we have an email address for the ask-it-basket that will happen on Sunday. If you need help before then reach out to someone you know, or if any of our co-hosts are ok with taking them in the chat that would be great. This is also the reason why we have GSR orientation. I will do my best to remind you what everything is, and I know it is like drinking from a fire hose. So just do your best and your best is good enough!

Tonight we are going to hear reports from the DCMs and the Standing Committees. After we get through all of the reports we will break out onto two rooms. The first room will be for all of the GSRs. Mike M and Rhonda are your tour guides for GSR orientation. Whether you are new or old to General Service there is always more to learn, and I hope you are all able to stay for that.

The other room will be for the Area officers, NAGSC AND SAGSC officers, DCMs and Standing Committees, what we lovingly call the "Blue Room" meeting.

Tomorrow we have a lot to get through with Agenda items, reports from ad hoc committees, and two first readings of guidelines proposals. At the end of our day tomorrow we will get to hear the Pacific Region Trustee share her experience, strength, and hope. On Sunday we will start our day with Breakout rooms and finish up the assembly with your Area Conference Committee reports.

I know everyone probably is so excited to share with the area what is going on in your arena, but Please keep your reports only 2-3 minutes long. We have many reports to get through so if

you do go over we may gently remind you to wrap it up so that we are able to stay on schedule. Your time is valuable and we thank you in advance for staying in your time!

Now for District Committee Reports.

AREA 42 DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
NORTHERN AREA GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE (NAGSC)
SOUTHERN AREA GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE (SAGSC)

DCM 01 - Marty B.

Hello, my name is Marty and I am an alcoholic and I have the honor and privilege to serve as the DCM for District 1.

District 1 is basically Henderson, Boulder City, Searchlight and points south. We have several new GSRs and I am delighted at the enthusiasm in our district. District 1 has a commitment for the hot line on the first Monday of the month. I encourage every district to do the same.

We held our monthly meeting on February 14th via Zoom. We had 20 in attendance. We have in person meetings in Boulder City, Searchlight and the 51 Club as well as GVG in Henderson. We are hoping to plan some workshops as restrictions begin to be lifted.

Thank you District 1 and Area 42 for allowing me to continue to grow in the program through service.

DCM 2 - Nick K. (Given by Jeffrey C. on Saturday)

District 2 still has the same challenges as of late last year. With most meetings still over zoom or a variance of a hybrid meeting there has been technical issues with some members. One of the biggest complaints I have heard is the feeling of disconnect over zoom. With not having the before and after meetings of a meeting though some meetings have tried to incorporate it into the format of their zoom meeting. One of the other main complaints is the meeting “bombers” although one of our GSRs has figured a pretty ingenious way to prevent that. As a district we have begun talks to bring our district meet back to in person but have not come to a conclusion on that yet.

With all the stresses that we have had as a District during this time it is always great to hear about our members going above and beyond to include the newcomer. From doing one on one zoom meetings to help the newcomer understand zoom, to members doing Big book drops and getting coins to members with milestones. It has been a pleasure to watch our District come together to overcome the challenges we’ve faced as a whole.

Thank you for letting me serve.

DCM 3 - Andre C. (Given on Saturday)

Hello, I’m Andre C. alcoholic. We’ve been trying to find the groups that are still active in District 3. Our District also made contributions to Las Vegas Central Officer and General Service Office in New York. Like everyone else has shared we keep moving with in person and hybrid

meetings. We have trouble with bombers too, but we're working on it. I liked what everyone else has shared about that. And that's about it.

DCM 4 - Amber S. (Given on Saturday)

My name is Amber, and I am an alcoholic and the District 4 District Committee Member or DCM. A very brief overview about how I got here...I went to my first PRAASA in 2018 and made a 5-year plan to hopefully become a General Service Representative (GSR). That 5-year plan became a 5-month plan as I was elected by my Home Group to be their GSR about 5 months later. I served as a GSR for Panel 69. I was also the Secretary for District 4. When District 4 had their elections, I was encouraged to stand for DCM, and well the rest is now history. I am beyond blessed to serve in this capacity and at such a pivotal and challenging time.

District 4 held their elections at the end of 2020 and our new elected members are as follows. Michelle M. was elected Alternate D.C.M., Dan M. was voted in as Treasurer, Karen S. was voted in as Secretary. Our NNIG Liaison rolled over but his last meeting was at our March Business meeting, so we are hoping to fill that position asap.

We have very promising participation, including 5 General Service Representatives serving for the first time and 4 GSR's that have been GSR's in the past. Our meetings are still held on Zoom for right now and we are so excited to see them return to in person, but in due time.

In these first few months we have been really trying to encourage participation with the groups in District 4. Our amazing Alternate DCM, Michelle came up with the idea for a Newsletter to encourage our groups to get involved. We are planning to get to each group and emphasize the why, how, and when for participation and extend all help that we can to help them succeed. We created a Google Drive with all the information for the new GSR's that are included in the GSO's GSR Kit and the information from the Area and NAGSC as well. The drive also holds our minutes and archives.

After all the General Service Conference business is completed, we will be moving on to getting our By-Laws up to date and trying to get our District slightly more organized. We hope this facilitate more service positions and become a useful tool for those participating in District 4.

We as a District are extremely eager to spread the enthusiasm of being in General Service.

DCM 5B - Ashley L.

Good Afternoon, my name is Ashley, and I am an Alcoholic. I am your DCM for District 5b. This is now my 3rd month as DCM, so I am still learning all the ropes. I am super grateful for our District 5b members and previous members who helped make this transition run smoothly. From meeting at the bank to switch everything over, to my Alt DCM Dan taking over in the middle of our district meeting when the windstorm knocked out my power... It has been a privilege to watch each member step up and help whenever needed and take on their commitments with pride. District 5b is having our first workshop of the year on April 10th from 2-4 PM on zoom, our topic will be "Do you even Service?", and we would love for you to join us!! I was able to attend the DCM round tables at PRAASA where there were over 158 DCMs from across the country, we discussed different ways to encourage members to be interested

in general service, keep people coming back on zoom and how to reach out to dark groups. I am super excited to continue to learn and grow with our district and area and thank you for allowing me to be of service.

DCM 6 - Pat S.

My name is Pat. I am an alcoholic and I'm honored to serve as the new DCM for District 6. I'm pleased to report that all service positions were quickly filled for the new panel, although our new PI/CPC chair had to step down due to health and family issues. We may consider separating that position into two: PI and CPC.

We are looking forward to having our delegate, Julie, visit us at our annual summer picnic June 13. Unfortunately, we will be munching virtual hot dogs, as it'll be on Zoom.

We are in the process of inviting each of the NAGSC chairs to speak at our meetings so we can learn about those positions.

A vital mission is to get more groups involved with AA as a whole by having active GSRs.

District 6 meets on the first Saturday of even numbered months. We currently meet online and are looking forward to returning to "live" gatherings.

Again, I'm humbled to continue to be involved with General Service.

DCM 7 - Brooke B.

Hello, I'm Brooke and I'm an alcoholic. We've been meeting online and are starting to have more participation. Thank you Area 42 for helping us get the lists together to find our GSRs. We're also planning some workshops both live and in person. We're also starting to look into the Mt. Charleston Picnic in August. So, check back with us on that. Thank you for letting me be of service.

DCM 8 - Dorrie K.

Hi, my name is Dory, and I'm a DCM for district eight, which is Eastern California Lone Pine to Bridgeport, we have a couple of meetings that are meeting face to face. They have large rooms and it's been okay but, excuse me, the rest of our meetings are still on zoom. We are our CMT group is active, we're doing jail meetings to both the men's and women's jails and in your county. We're also doing DUI panels. From there, and we have. We have a picnic committee that will be getting in here as soon as we're able to do something like that. We're hoping maybe by late summer. We have two new three new GSRs. Jacob Mike and Ellie. And they've been showing some wonderful enthusiasm. Everything's going out right and our members are seem to be healthy inhale. And thank God for zoom.

Thank you.

DCM 9 - John H.

Hello, I'm John H. and I'm an alcoholic. I guess I am serving as the temporary DCM for District 9. We've recently elected a new treasurer Ronnie R. and we are looking for more GSRs before we have an election to pick a new DCM. So, for right now we have tabled the DCM election until we get more participation.

DCM 10a – Joe B.

Joe district, 10a. I'm Joe and alcoholic DCM today. We had our first business meeting on January 17 the next one was supposed to be on March 21, but he got postponed because the people were sick or treasuries in good shape as we have not had to reimburse anybody for anything recently, and we've continued to have our normal fundraisers, we had a gratitude dinner November, and we had a corned beef and cabbage feed. We recently had a memorial service for four services for our elder statesman who passed away over the past few months, all had well over 30 years of sobriety each one a loss for the fellowship, they were all military veterans, so we had the VFW in Elko most attended sharing fond memories of these gentlemen, me included as my sponsor was one of them. He passed away a week before his 48th sobriety anniversary. Some of you may have known him from the assembly in total, soft spoken always kind words with a really big mustache. Thank you for allowing me to be useful.
Thanks, Joe.

DCM 11 –Inactive.

DCM 12 - Shelby B.

iPhone reporting on Saturday, March 27 that District 12 is alive and well.

DCM 13 – Inactive.

DCM 14 - Terri M.

Hello everyone, my name is Terri, and I am an alcoholic and the Alternate DCM for District 14. Over the last 3 months we have seen insurmountable changes. District 14 is not unique by any means and I am here to say we will survive and personally feel there were many things to be grateful for even in a World pandemic. As a district we had 1 district meeting on Zoom, and we completely forgot to have our May meeting which I feel is completely understandable considering what is going on in the world today. We need to talk about our summer Jamboree, and I assume these events will be cancelled this summer.

Fear has gripped our lives! People losing their sobriety because job loss, home loss and economic reasons beyond our control. Us alcoholics do not like change much or not having control. As a district I witnessed some members wanting to stay open even against State wishes. I watched voting take place for the greater good of AA. I witnessed people stepping up to cover Zoom meetings so we could help the suffering alcoholic. I personally got to sit in Zoom meetings all over the country and see old sponsee's etc. It was not so bad. We had 1 in person meeting daily. It was outside and one of our members graciously donated his property. You had to wear a mask and social distance. For the newcomer (and everyone), these meetings were critical. We as a whole stepped up to help each other to stay connected. Staying connected is what I believe saved my sobriety. I want to thank Dave L in our district for setting up ZOOM and being available on your cell phone for anyone having trouble signing on. Financially as a district we are holding our own. This was a perfect time to dip into prudent reserves. I know our rent was paid and the groups have a chance to build up their prudent reserves again. One of our groups the Kings Beach Golden Group has voted to open with a 10-person limit, (that was an issue turning away the 11th person), wearing masks. This was meant with some disapproval, but

you do have the option of sticking with ZOOM meetings at least for a while. There are meetings 2 times a day as of now.

I am so happy I am in General Service. I hope we get to meet in Tonopah this fall. Please stay healthy and sober my fellow recovery brothers and sisters. United, we can get through anything!

Love and service.

DCM 15 - Theresa

Hello, I'm Theresa B. and I'm an alcoholic. I am currently trying to find the GSRs in the District. I've been working with Lisa I. to go to meetings to help get this done. We only have three GSRs in the district right now. We're waiting on having a business meeting until we find more people.

DCM16 - Pat B.

The 2021 Theme for District 16 is "Increase the Size of Your A.A. Windshield"

The January and February District Meeting agenda has focused on preparing the District for Conference Agenda Topic season and has included the following topics:

The Anatomy of an Agenda Topic

The A.A. Service Structure and how the conference works

Area Conference Committees and Agenda Topic Timeline

How Group Agenda Topic Sharing Sessions work

Concepts One & Two

The District passed our 2021 budget in January. The District Committee is in the process of reviewing and revising our District Guidelines on a monthly basis.

Last panel, the District passed a motion to increase the scope of the District Grapevine Chair to include Service literature. The motion suggested that service literature such as A.A. Guidelines, Box 459, the Area Newsletter, the Final Conference Report, the A.A. Service Manual, and more does not receive enough focus. In a newly created position, the District Grapevine / Literature Chair presents one piece of service literature at each District Meeting. In addition, in February the District created a "Service Literature Library" with supplies of service literature available, including the materials new GSR's eventually receive from the GSO. Once materials are received from GSO they can be used to replenish the District Library.

In February we completed our District Officer slate with the election of our Christmas Affair Chair. The Christmas Affair has been an annual event sponsored by District 16 since 1986. The event is a service function combined with a turkey dinner, raffle, and visit from Santa Claus. The agenda includes and A.A. Speaker Meeting and a Panel Presentation / Discussion which focuses on the current theme of General Service Conference. With great optimism, we are announcing

that we plan to host the annual Christmas Affair on Saturday, December 18th; save the date, Saturday, December 18th.

Respectfully submitted.

DCM17 - Brad L.

Hi, my name is Brad and I'm an alcoholic. District 17 currently serves the Area from Pahrump including from Pioche to Beatty in the north and west to Furnace Creek, Sandy Valley to Copa. We are currently financially solvent. We are having a few in-person meetings, but we still have some ZOOM. We are planning our annual campout in Lovell Canyon so stay tuned for that.

DCM18 – Inactive.

DCM19 - Jim C.

Hello, my name is Jim C., and I am I'm new at this bear with me. We had a business meeting on February, the 17th, and we elected three GSRs. I'm still working with them. Our next business meeting is going to be April the 14th at 5:30pm. And we tentatively have a camp out scheduled for July 23 and 24th to Murray Summit summer campground, the meetings are going well, we have three home groups are Friday and Saturday weekend warriors group has a speaker meeting on the fourth Saturday of the month. We're looking for volunteers for that. So, and we elected area officers although our secretary. I don't know I kind of lost touch with her, but we might have to replace that, but we've been working on sobriety and I attended that sag roundtable, and it was a little over my head but I'm trying to keep up with you folks so bear with me and thanks for letting me share. I'm Jim I'm an alcoholic.

DCM 20 - Jodie G.

My Name is Jodie, and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as DCM for District 20. Currently District 20 has meetings that never closed, meetings that have reopened, at least one hybrid meeting and meetings that have decided to stay on zoom for a couple more months. Last weekend we held our business meeting as a hybrid meeting. We have new and returning GSRs for many groups. We do have a few vacant positions in the district, but I am very grateful for those who have stepped up.

Financially District 20 is doing well. We are disappointed it looks like we will be unable to hold our campout again this year, but we will try again next summer.

We have created an ad hoc committee to take a look at our guidelines for possible changes.

We hope to see you all in person in the fall.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

DCM 21 - Francisco C.

Report for the first three months from your servant, Francisco C., as DCM for District 21, Area 42 for the period from the 1st of January 2021 until the 31st of December 2022.

Without interruption, we have attended our meetings in our office every Thursday of each week. We also attended our visiting roll to the 17 traditional Spanish-speaking groups in Las Vegas Nevada on Wednesdays of each week.

And the groups are:

Nueva Vida/New Life, Trabajando con Los Demas/Working with Others, Transmítelo/Pass It On, Union/Union, Liberación/Freedom, La Próxima Frontera/The Next Frontier, Diez de Junio/Tenth of June, Libertad/Liberty, Plenitud/Plenitude, Llegamos a Creer/Came to Believe, Paraíso/Paradise, Renacimiento y Unidad/Renaissance & Unity, Buena Voluntad/Good Will, Rio de Luz/River of Light, El Arca/The Arc, Fénix/Phoenix, and we are working with the group Mezquite.

Groups are attended to when they require an extra visit to tell them about a Tradition, a Concept, a Step, about service or any theme they'd like to discuss. We continue to motivate the groups that are missing GSRs. As this pandemic did a lot of damage, the committees are working up to their capacity. The Public Information and H&I Committees – are not able to enter prisons and hospitals. The only committees who are working hard are La Viña and the State Hispanic Convention committees. At best, The Forum committee may be starting up soon.

We are working up to our capacity. Up to now, there is health and harmony in our district.

Kindest regards,

Francisco C.

DCM, District 21, Area 42

Martin,

Treasurer, Distrito 21, Area 42

Basilio

Secretary, Distrito 21, Area 42

DCM 22 - Leonel J.O.

Alt DCM Luis C. (Reporting on Saturday)

The DCM is in the hospital. The District meets the first Thursday of the month in the intergroup office with about half of the GSRs responding due to COVID. Yes, we are having meetings and are looking forward to continuing service.

Standing Committee Reports

Cooperation with the Professional Community

NAGSC - Joel B.

SAGSC- Robin R.

Hello Area, 42!

My name is Robin, I am an Alcoholic and the SAGSC CPC Committee Chair. I want to thank the assembly for the honor and privilege to give this report. This is my first assembly and report, I will do my best not to trip over my words, but I am nervous.

The previous reports have all emphasized the restrictions due to COVID. Although you cannot minimize the extreme seriousness of the disease, I believe we are beginning to see the light and the end of the tunnel.

Our partners, Homeless Alliance, PACT Coalition and the Giving Project are starting to take steps to begin in person events again.

We have been contacted by the National Association of Case Management; they are having their convention here in Las Vegas on August 31 – September 2. We have submitted an application to speak to their members during the convention. There is also an opportunity to put up a literature table in their expo hall, we have done very well at conventions of this type in the past.

CPC committee members continue to participate in North America CPC group that meets quarterly. These Zoom meetings offer ideas on what other parts of the country are doing to bring AA to the professional community.

We are continuing our search for an alternate chair for CPC as well as a Secretary for CPC, PI & Accessibilities. If there is any interest in leadership positions or volunteering please come to our next meeting. We meet on the 2nd Monday of every month at 4:30 via Zoom.

Respectfully, in gratitude.

Public Information

SAGSC - John H.

I'm John H. I'm an alcoholic, not a job. Happy to report there's been just a lot of work doing stuff for the conference things right. That's what we call a conference like why don't we want to call it committee things conference things, so I'll probably have a, you know, our meetings are. I don't know, I really don't have much to share right now, just working on the conference stuff with everybody else, and that's it. That's it. So again,

NAGSC- Position available

Grapevine -

NAGSC- Elise F. (Given Saturday)

I don't really have much to report the first quarter has been a little quiet in area 42 for the grapevine but I am in the process of planning a second annual virtual campfire event. So, I am looking for area 42 members to submit stories if you would like for me to reserve a spot at this special event.

SAGSC - Jason M.

Hello, my name is Jason and I'm an alcoholic. The SAGSC Grapevine committee meets the last Friday of the month at 6pm. Currently the committee is only meeting virtually beware, but we welcome anyone to attend including our friends from the north. Also included in the current issue or powerful stories of hope by members during the current coven 19 crisis. We also have the 2021 carry the message project which is gifting a grapevine subscription. For more information on how to participate, visit a grapevine.org, there's not too much more to report on since everything is still very new to me, but hopefully as the world gets back to normal the

committee and I will have more opportunities to attend events, and make great mine and the venial literature available. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

General Service Representative (GSR) Trainers

SAGSC - Glen W.

Hi everybody my name is Glenn W. and I am our southern area GSR trainer. I want to welcome everybody to the area assembly especially the GSR's! I know that you are going to hear a lot of things that you don't understand this weekend and my friends Rhonda and Mike are going to explain some of those in just a little bit.

My position in the southern area is to help explain to our new GSR's what to expect at our southern area meetings along with helping them become familiar with our GSR Survival Guide, our area 42 website, the general service office website, try to answer any questions you might have and share my experience while I was a GSR myself. It truly was one the most rewarding positions I ever held.

Our GSR survival training in the south begins at 12pm before the regular business meeting. I hope you'll join me at the next one in May. If you don't want to wait that long I am always available to serve and I can be reached sagscgsrsurvivalmanualsouth@nevadaarea42.org

Earlier this month I was able to attend the Pacific Region service assembly. I got there a little late however I was able to sit in on the literature committee Workshop on Friday night. My takeaway from that Workshop was how we can use literature by sending links in the chat to our pamphlets and books that are being discussed.

Saturday was long and informative where I ended the evening at the GSR Workshop. My takeaway from that Workshop was are we as an area hosting enough GSR workshops for our new GSR's. I look forward to discussing this with Jay the GSR trainer in the North and others within the area 42 committee. My biggest takeaway from the PRAASA weekend came from our Pacific Regional trustee when she said: the love that you give is the love that you feel. Thank you for allowing me this wonderful opportunity of being our GSR trainer for the south.

YIS and respectfully submitted.

NAGSC - Jay S.

My name is Jay, and I am an alcoholic. And this is the northern GSR trainer report. I want to thank you for the opportunity for this position. I also would like to thank all the GSR from the north and the south that have joined us for our training sessions. We've covered a lot of information; we've read through the agendas looked at all the various websites and in my opinion had a little fun doing it all. Please note, I'm available for district meetings home group meetings one on one chats. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart for this opportunity, and we'll be talking to you later. Thank you.

District Committee Member (DCM) Coordinator

NAGSC - Lonnie M

We had a DCM meeting, and we wanted to thank Julie. Our delegate and Pete I passed yellow for attending the DCM meeting at the round tables. They had some great insight and questions for these DC AMS at the meeting we discussed different items to this is to increase the interest in general service. One of the things that we're planning is a monthly DCM zoom meeting to exchange ideas, and to re-energize the groups. We have asked Jake, to work on getting us an updated area map to help the DCM identify their areas, so they can better help their groups. District Four has developed a district newsletter to help better inform their groups, so they can help other groups understand what's going on. I think this is a great idea. These are the kinds of ideas that I think can really change the way we do things. I feel that that as DCMS we need to really help the GSR is do the best job they can. It is an honor to be of service to these DC area Thank you.

SAGSC - Lisa T (Reported on Saturday.)

Lisa T grateful alcoholic. I did not realize I was supposed to give a report, so I didn't make one. So, sorry. I can say that, that I have spoken to a couple of the new DCMS by phone and have encouraged them to contact me and with any questions or, or things that they need resolved and, you know, we've done a few things and that's really it.

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)

SAGSC - Robert J.

First of all, I want to thank the H&I Committee for the privilege to represent him at the area assembly. The committee, since the last assembly committee had elections in November. Our new chairperson is Ed S., treasurer is David W. and Secretary is Kathy W. Also, in December the committee's received this designation from the state of Nevada is a nonprofit corporation. Currently, we have eight active panels that we're servicing in the southern area. They are Crossroads treatment center. Las Vegas Rescue Mission, Salvation Army which is a woman's meeting and maybe seven other behavior centers need your help. Freedom House, and just this last two weeks ago at our last business meeting we had wheelchair transitional housing. This is a new facility in. And we were able to add them to our existing list. Unfortunately, the correction facilities are open yet, so we haven't been able to get into any of the jails and prisons to do any panel work. But we do have a workshop scheduled for April, the 10th at the TIE Club from 130 to 330. There will be three speakers, each one of them is like an existing member long term member of the H&I committee which will just be there to kind of share their experience strength and hope, and how he has helped them in their sobriety. April the 10th 130 to 330 at the time. And we are still accepting donations. We appreciate all the help we have received our treasure emphasizes, please include a group name group or a group number. The amount of the donation, and the email address to get a return receipt. Thanks for letting me be a service.

TREATMENT - Ed L.

My name is Ed I'm an alcoholic and present treatment and bridging the gap chair for North. What is BTG is a program set up to help clients coming out of treatment, get to their first meeting.

I have been in touch with Pat this past year he has sent me a list of volunteers from the last rotation. If you feel cheated you were not able to participate in the onsite presentations, don't worry.

I will be contacting you.

If you have sponsees that needs a service come in, have them get a hold of me. In other words, I need help, and lots of it. As things start to open up and we start to get back to normal schedule things will start to get busy. There is a need for coordinators positions requires recruiting presenters and setting up days and times presenters at various treatment facilities, it will also require some training for each presenter and send reminders of the upcoming day in time they are needed. Soon I will address and pick up all the registration cards, and videos if you work or at or know of a treatment facility and that would like to be chichi bridging the gap commitment. I'm not familiar with everyone in the area. The commitment, if done right would require presenting once every two or three months, per hour so get ahold of me it Should you have any questions comments with the adoption of zoom lately, we may take advantage of this technology to are in the event and boat communities. Presenters are not the only positions that will be needed to be filled there's a huge need for members to volunteer as points of contact. This means that when a client at a treatment facility fills out a card, someone will make sure they meet them at their first meeting. This helps getting the newcomer get to a meeting right away and keeping them going back with their old friends and old ways. I would love to explain this more detailed if anyone is interested.

CORRECTIONS - Joe H.

So, assuming this position I realized how easy Pat B. made it look, He's a tough act to follow. I'll be reaching out to all existing volunteers to see if they're still willing to enter facilities after this long layoff, and hopefully finding new ones to replace any needed. I'll also be getting in touch with the facilities themselves to make sure they still want us there and ask if they're open to any other forms of meetings zoom. jp tablets, etc. I did chase down a rumor about a zoom meeting being held in Lovelock facility, after speaking with the Nevada State corrections volunteer coordinator in Las Vegas brought up that it was not nor couldn't happen because they don't have the capabilities for such a such meetings over there at this time. I also attended PRAASA that in on both corrections on tables, looking for ideas as to how to carry that still carry the message inside but we can't go inside. I'll keep you informed with any progress I make, thanks for allowing me to be useful.

Intergroup Liaison

NAGSC - Don D.

My name is Don D. I'm an alcoholic and hello Area 42 Thanks for the opportunity to be a service. I'm always humbled and grateful to participate and get to be a part of Northern Nevada inner group stayed solvent through the 2020 year through great efforts by my group contributions individual contributions and the central office director and staff.

There are many chances for those in the area to be a service throughout Northern Nevada intergroup H&I committee could more chair people, those that are willing to take meetings into reopen facilities and jail meetings, please check with me if you know anyone available and willing to help out and then the open service positions. Also the election for service positions will be held in June. Northern Nevada intergroup events such as the Founders Day picnic on June 19 at the Bowers mansion, the deposit for the gratitude dinners been put down so hopefully that'll be happening this year as well, and planning committees will be happening with those. The monthly speaker meeting was and has continued to be held the second Tuesday of every month at the silver legacy or the Eldorado. It has been allowed to be back due to a larger capacity for attendance. I attended the intergroup roundtable where discussion centered around how to optimize websites for new comers about where to find meetings, what AA is what it is not, and how to learn more about the program was Alcoholics Anonymous, and also discussed, quite a bit was how to integrate online stores.

SAGSC – Caroline J.

Thank you and good evening area 42. My name is Caroline I'm an alcoholic and I am very grateful to be serving you as your southern area inner group liaison. In December, Leslie D stepped down as our central office manager, and we have a new manager, whose name is Judy P, and you are welcome to please stop by the office and introduce yourself to her. Central Office moved at the end of last year, the new address is 1515. East Tropicana Avenue, Suite 710. It's in Las Vegas, 89119. In January, which is the last month that I have any financial information for the inner group received over \$15,000 in group, group contributions and had a total of 21,000 and income and 7800 and expenses. There are no open shifts on the hotline. One of the benefits of our new reality surrounding the pandemic is the ease that we can now make friends everywhere, the hotline chair has attended the Chicago hotline meeting, and those two chairs are comparing notes and making changes to benefit as a whole, much as you know CPC Robin was talking about them having conferences among other CPC chairs, it's just wonderful. And the 12-step chair has their, the 12-step list contains 45 women and 65 men, and there are always room for more. The Las Vegas Silver Streak is always looking for articles please reach out to lvsilverstreak@gmail.com, and we're going to have a scaled back hybrid Founders Day, that will take place on Saturday June 12.

With the new meeting room at Central Office, it can hold 50 people. And so there will be 50 people allowed together at Central Office and the rest will be on zoom, Deborah p Greg m, and an old timers animal will speak. The committee is looking for items and services for the online silent auction, and also a person to share that silent auction subcommittee. April 5 is at 6pm is the next committee meeting, and I will, if you just contact me if you would like the zoom information in Las Vegas round up is planning to be live this year Thanksgiving weekend from the Tropicana hotel. More will be revealed. Inner group meets, on the first Monday of the month, 6pm via zoom. However, there is a group that is wanting to hold multiple meetings at central office, and it will be a significant source of income for central office and they need Monday evenings, so at this month. Inner group meeting we're going to discuss the possibility of moving it to a different day of the week I believe Wednesday's. You have an opinion about that, please come join the intergroup meeting or like I said you can reach out to, to me,

anything that I can help you do help you facilitate the better relationship between the general service, and inner group, please let me know. And, and I loved process. I was loved process. It was wonderful. This year I attended the inner group and central office roundtables on both evenings. And one of the wonderful things you know we get stressed out with our service positions and I doing this right Am I doing this right, everybody does it differently. We're all autonomous and, you know, and we do, we do our service to the best of our ability. And, and to the benefit of AA as a whole. So thank you very much for letting me be of service.

LVYPAA

SAGSC - Anna P

Hey, Anna alcoholic I hope you can hear me all right. LVYPAA we don't have any events planned right now but we're still meeting the first Sunday of the month, and it's a hybrid meeting so we'll be meeting in person at Central Office and then we'll also be on zoom. We are participating in District 5B these do even service workshop on April 10. I mean, yeah, we'll have some speakers there but you more info at email live dot and be at gmail. com and we're always like always want to be of service and, you know, out and see if we can get together. Thanks.

Accessibilities/Remote Communities

NAGSC - Dan M. (Given on Saturday)

Hello, Dan alcoholic, I'm, I'm serving as accessibility is chair for the North. The committee has had a lot of fun summarizing the agenda items. However, there was not a lot to do or talk about at the roundtables this time. I'm looking forward to following up with the delegate on some stuff that was brought up at PRAASA. I got a lot of good direction at PRAASA with moving forward with my position. This next year I am looking for anyone who is experienced to help me on the committee.

SAGSC - Cynthia H. (No report.)

Translation and Interpretation Committee (TIC) – Diana M. (Given on Saturday)

My name is Diana. I'm an alcoholic and the Co-Chair of the Translation & Interpretation Committee for Area 42.

Maybe some of you who are new to General Service do not know that this area has 2 active Spanish Linguistic Districts – District 21 in the south and District 22 in the north.

I started to do translations with my colleague, Tony S. over 3 years ago when this was just an Ad Hoc committee. We are now a full-fledged committee. Since last year, we've found that the more we were of service to our area, the more was asked of us... and that's GREAT because it means that we are beginning to see the results of all our work! Ultimately, we'll really know success when our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters are able to express a "Minority Opinion" or to vocalize their "Right of Appeal" at an Area 42 Assembly in their own language.

Our job is to translate the results of your efforts and faithfully convey your message in Spanish. We are two veteran translators and one new volunteer trainee, Dina. We're working hard to get all your communications out to our area Latino community.

I would like to express my gratitude to all those involved in area general service in this new panel 71. By working together with us, you are helping to enable our two cultures to view each other across language barriers and are supporting the unifying purpose of this committee.

We are looking for bilingual volunteers to help us create a fellowship of translators. It does not matter your level of language proficiency in either English or Spanish. English speaking volunteers are also welcomed to help us edit text before it goes through the translation process.

If you'd like to join us, our Committee holds monthly meetings via Zoom every 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm (PST). You can also call the Las Vegas Central Office and ask that someone from this committee contact you. You can find our Zoom contact information and the LV Central Office telephone number in Chat.

I would like to share one last thought. Even though the final product of translation and interpretation is in the form of words and sentences, for me personally, it goes far beyond a linguistic approach. I believe that by opening to the possibility of deeper inter-cultural exchange, we just may find out that we have more in common than we ever imagined.

Con Un Corazón Agradecido, gracias por dejarme ser de servicio.
With a Grateful Heart, thank you for letting me be of service.

Finance Committee – No Report

SAGSC

NAGSC

Area 42 Spring Pre-conference Assembly

March 26, 2021

Blue Room Minutes

Area Officers, DCMS, SAGSC, NAGSC Committee Chairs, and Ad hoc committee chairs

Area 42 Chairperson Lisa I chaired the meeting. Anne D. took minutes.

Ad Hoc Chair updates:

- *Literature: Glenn reported that his committee took a break and is prepared to share a small report about what it's done in the past few months. Want to look into how a Literature Chair position would best serve the committee. They are looking at this position from the perspective of both NAGSC and SAGSC. Will report back when it has more information.*
- *YPAA: not present*
- *Hybrid Meetings: Jeffrey C. reported that his committee looked into feasibility to host Zoom in Tonopah. Yes, it has capacity. Layout at the Tonopah Convention Center is doable. Cost. Yes. It is affordable. Don D. said he wanted to make sure a computer came*

with this for anyone who would be responsible so make sure all the costs are included in the report.

- *Treasury Unification: Libby G. The committee has met and thoroughly discussed and researched the idea of creating one treasury for Area, NAGSC, SAGSC. The first reading of the proposal will happen this weekend and it includes a PowerPoint. Laura encouraged everyone to keep an open mind. Julie C. said that the members of the assembly who are either from SAGSC and NAGSC and we can get a better idea of what they would like.*
- *Website: Paul E. reported that his committee is going to recommend that the website be allowed to link to outside sites or create its own pay portal and registration service to better serve the area.*

Zoom Question

Lisa brought up the idea of whether or not Area 42 needs to create its own account since we share an account with Area 08. Much discussion followed and was all over the place from cost associated in terms of who is doing what including whether or not it is more or less expensive to go to Tonopah at all. Ultimately it was decided that we did not have enough information including whether or not Area 08 was going to renew the account in June. Lisa decided she wanted to ask the Communications Committee to take a look at the issue with the idea that it will bring the facts about starting an Area 42 Zoom account of our own.

Area 42 Map Boundaries

Jake reported that the Area Map was done but it was never updated to the website. Now the map. Districts 2, 4 and 6 are having some issues and Dan is going to help. Jake wants to reach out to 2,4 and 6.

Pacific Regional Forum

Julie C. Las Vegas was supposed to host the Pacific Regional Forum in 2020 but it was cancelled. The other areas have deferred to us to see if we want to do it in 2024. It's not a lot of work for our Area. GSO does all the work to get this done including everything on the back end. We overwhelmingly wanted allow Julie to give Phil W. the 2020 coordinator position again if he wants to do it again.

International Convention to Las Vegas in 2035

Discussion regarding creating a bid package for Las Vegas to host the 2035 International Convention.

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Saturday March 27th

9:00am - Meeting called to order by A42 Chairperson Lisa I.

Area Chair: Lisa opening remarks

Area Recording Secretary: Anne D.

VOTE: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FALL 2020 MINUTES. SECONDED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Report:

I am Anne D. and I have the great honor of serving your Area 42 Secretary for the next two years. Thank you for electing me and trusting me with this position.

The first few months have been more than a little hectic – there’s been tears and some heart racing and more than a few phone calls to my sponsor and trusted circle of friends. Despite some of the hard lessons, I have really enjoyed the overall process of learning what it means to be the Area 42 Secretary. It’s an incredibly overwhelming commitment at times. But I know that this is a powerful vehicle towards personal growth.

I’d like to take a minute to thank all the past Area Secretaries and Alternate Secretaries for all their hard work and dedication to our area. You made it look easy. I’d also like to thank everyone serving on this panel your guidance and support through these transition months have been so helpful.

In March I attended the virtual PRAASA where I served as the tech person for our secretary Friday and Saturday night round tables. I learned a great deal about how other area secretaries approach their positions. I left this year’s PRAASA experience with a full heart bursting with gratitude and a desire to do everything I can to help make everyone feel a part of this great movement.

It is my hope that we learn to use Google Drive together because I believe it will be helpful to our communications efforts. But I know it’s hard to teach old dogs new tricks so I will still honor the push, pull, and drag system. Please send your reports in the way that is most comfortable for you and we will make it work.

Over the next few months, I look forward to getting to know you all a little bit better through your reports and emails. And I hope we can return to in-person meeting in the near future.

Yours in love and service

Area Treasurer: Laura H.

Reports Available

- Income & Expense as of 03/15/2021
 - Balance Sheet as of 03/15/2021
- Financial Data as of 03/15/2021

- Savings 10,108.78
- Checking 48,160.78
- Total Assets 58,269.56

Area 42 extends gratitude to all groups and individuals who sent in contributions to our community basket, “where money and spirituality mix.”

Our treasury is healthy and on track to align with the approved 2021 budget. I have mailed our Area’s contribution for the General Service Conference as budgeted. Claudia submitted the Area 42 tax information with a CPA for filing.

In the first few months of my new rotation commitment, I have turned my financial attention from the Northern Area to Area 42. I traveled to Las Vegas in early January and met with Claudia to pick up the QuickBooks computer; treasurer files and supplies; and to become a signer on the bank account. Claudia remains a signer on that account as the Finance Committee chair. We are fortunate to have her as a past treasurer because she kept the books well and made the transition of duties seamless and relatively easy for me. I am grateful she remains nearby and on board as our FC chair. Libby, our Area 42 Alternate Treasurer, and I have set up a system where she picks up the mail from the Las Vegas PO Box and mails a bundle to me at the beginning of each month. I deposit funds and write checks for expenses as needed. I am grateful to have Libby as my partner in crime for the treasurer's duties. Don't worry, we are not really criminals! Check contributions to Area 42 should be made out to "Area 42 Treasury" and mailed to PO Box 70171, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89170.

I attended the online Praasa and while, like others, I missed seeing old friends from the region, this event was well orchestrated, and the panels were focused and informative. I also attended the Treasurer's Round Table on Friday night. I usually have a difficult time gleaning information at these late night events, when in person, but this year it was easier joining in from my living room and in my jammies. Both Libby and I enjoyed the topics of discussion and other attendees were interested in our movement to combine our three treasuries. We received valuable input from other Areas, some with the experience of managing finances with remote and accessibility issues; but also from Areas that are geographically compact who shared on how they assign duties between their Treasurers and Alternates.

For all of those who attended Praasa and are funded for this event through the Area, remember that your registration fee is reimbursable. Email me with some sort of receipt for reimbursement.

treasurer@nevadaarea42.org

I am ever grateful to be allowed to serve Area 42 and do so as humbly and capably as possible. Yours truly from AA's Circle of Love and Service.

Area Delegate Report: Julie C.

Hello, Area, 42, my name is Julie, I'm an alcoholic and it is my honor and privilege to serve as your Panel 71 Delegate. I serve on the Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.).

First let me welcome all the new GSRs and Alt GSRs! How many of you are at your first Area Assembly? Thank you for your service to Alcoholics Anonymous. It is your group's voice that I am carrying to the General Service Conference.

Here is some information from GSO:

- [The World Service Meeting Final Report](#) was added to AA.org last month. Since its inauguration in 1969, the World Service Meeting (WSM) has provided an ongoing international forum for shared experience and ideas on carrying the A.A. message of

recovery from alcoholism. Held biennially, the event alternates between New York and other locations around the globe. Due to the pandemic, the 26th World Service Meeting was held virtually, in November 2020.

- There is a new remote communities kit on AA.org. Remote Communities Committees assist A.A. members who live in underserved or remote communities — communities that are difficult to reach because of geography, language or culture. It could be a community that is remotely situated, or right around the corner. Members may be faced with travel or geographic challenges or may face barriers such as language, cultural considerations and/or anything else that could separate a person who needs A.A.
- Contributions revenue in 2020 reached an all-time high of \$10.3 million, which is over \$400,000 more than anticipated. The Fellowship really came through with contributions of more than \$1.4 million in December to propel Seventh Tradition contributions past the \$10 million mark for the year. The revenue split between gross profit on literature sales and contributions in 2020 is about 37% literature/63% contributions compared to the historical split of 58% literature/42% contributions.
- 2020 International Convention souvenir book: A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous: An Archival Journey is available at the list price of \$12.

What wonderful opportunities our new virtual platform has given me. I have been able to go to districts in the south that I wouldn't otherwise be able to attend. I have been meeting weekly with our Area Conference Committee on CPC. We have a Pacific Region Delegates monthly AA meeting. I am able to attend a bi-weekly AA meeting with my Delegate Conference Committee on CPC. Alcoholics Anonymous always finds a way to meet calamity with serenity. As well as finding ways to connect before the Conference so that the love and kindness of the fellowship will be felt while we do the business of A.A.

It has been a whirlwind three months as a new delegate. I have been reading and reading and reading the background for the items at the General Service Conference. I had the absolute honor to present our area highlights at the Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (PRAASA), to present on considering if we should create a pamphlet to the mental health professional and to do my best in stump the delegate, I mean, delegate ask-it-basket. I attended both roundtables for the delegates. Our own Kathi F, Pacific Region Trustee, moderated the roundtables. We started a group text between all the Pacific Region Delegates. This is how we support and love each other from our homes. The Panel 70s shared their experience with how they prepare their delegate reports, also known as report-backs. We discussed the Conference Charter. By the end of PRAASA, as we were all singing and dancing to YMCA, I had fallen head over heels in love with all the delegates in the region. I have heard for years how this happens to first year delegates, so add me to the list of, yeah, me too. In love.

Here are my PRAASA reactions:

- I heard the body is very interested in looking deeply at our literature with an open heart and open mind.

- We are doing a wonderful job of adapting to the virtual world, but who are we leaving out? Those who either culturally, technologically, or financially are unable to participate?
- The past trustees were very clear to remind us that are we treating Bill's words as sacred and untouchable, but is it at the detriment of suffering alcoholics?
- What about the members behind the walls that may not comprehend the language in the Big Book – without a sponsor?
- Are we doing enough to find out why we have such underserved populations?

I learned that:

- CPC doesn't have sole oversight on reaching out to the military. As we tried to solve the issue of access to bases, it was determined that using CPC to access the military chaplains was the best way to make contact. Then using remote communities and treatment/accessibilities allowed us to create "veteran" run panels.
- LaVina's are purchased at live events. They do not renew their subscriptions; they create a new subscription. GV and LV are vital tools for remote communities. Do we as a fellowship want to ensure that they are still available? It's not about money making, it is about providing a service.

I wanted to share my experience with you on my research for my PRAASA presentation. As I uncovered new details, I tried to keep an open mind, to be persuadable. I love my opinions, but I want to be able to stay teachable. As I continued to reach out to members of AA and our General Service Board I realized that what I needed to know was that there is a problem. We can't solve the problem until we truly understand the issue. Then, it is imperative that we keep an open mind and heart so that we can find the right solution. Whatever the topic is. I discovered firsthand that we are all here because we love Alcoholics Anonymous. We are all here because we want to ensure that we are reaching more suffering alcoholics. We are all here to ensure that AA is here for the alcoholic not yet born.

Today is all about you telling me what you think and what you feel. I am grateful that you are here. Your groups hold the ultimate responsibility and final authority through your voice to me, and through me to the Conference next month. I listened to the roundtable presentations two weeks ago. They were extremely well done. Using the Area Conference Committee's created a collaborative environment. All the presenters were very knowledgeable of their topics, the participants asked great questions, the secretaries whipped out the feedback and the translators translated! And now I can't wait to hear the feedback from your groups. Either today during open mic, through our survey or reaching out to me directly.

We will hear seven additional presentations today. As an elected general service representative, you have the right of decision. Your group voted you in. We will be asking for a sense of the body for me at the end of each topic discussion. I ask that you listen to the presentations and to the discussions. If you have comments or questions, please go to the virtual mic. Then we will ask for a sense of the body. I want to know in general which direction our area leans, but mostly I am interested in your comments. After the assembly, please take

the seven items back to your groups, let them know what you heard and how you felt and if you hear something different, please let me know.

Jake created a survey for me and all 17 items discussed today will be on the surveys in both English and Spanish. All the summarized agenda items are in our password protected webpage. If you or anyone in your group has any feedback on any agenda item, I want to hear it. If you see an item that you would like clarification on, please reach out to our Area Conference Committees. I am so proud of the work all the committees have done. I feel confident that by the time the Conference begins on April 18th, I will be prepared.

I want to thank all the chairs of the Area Conference Committees; under whose guidance our ACC volunteers were able to prepare us for today. To all the wonderful presenters today, thank you from the bottom of my heart. I know some of you are new to General Service and you are giving us the platform to hear our informed group conscience. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you to all our past delegates and trustees for their gentle guidance and nudges. I want to thank Jen R, and Lyle C, for running two absolutely fabulous roundtables two weeks ago. Thank you to Claudia B and Erica P for taking clear notes and sending them out ASAP. Thank you in advance to Lisa I, for this weekend and Anne D, for getting the agenda item feedback to me before the General Service Conference. And thank you to our translators for providing all the documents to our Spanish speaking members. Last but definitely not least, thank you to Jake S, for walking side by side with me virtually. Jake has been the point person with helping all the committees to get volunteers, for encouraging participation, for pulling me off the ceiling and telling me the truth. Additionally, I want to thank Lyle, who is also my husband, for his patience and love. He has done way more than I ever imagined. He has feed me, kept the house warm, shoveled the snow, walked the dog and never ever complained. He is truly my hero. I am here today with some remaining sanity because of his love and support.

I cannot tell you what an honor it is to represent you as your delegate. I am over the moon.

Area Alternate Delegate: Jake S.

My name is Jake- I'm alcoholic. I am extremely grateful and honored to be serving as area 42s panel 71 alternate delegate! I have 5 minutes to give this report and I could easily share for the next 5 hours talking about all of the great work and exciting things that are going on in our area. As area 42 alternate delegate my main duty is to pray for our delegate of course and if for any reason she is not able to attend the general service conference it would be my job to attend and carry area 42s group conscience. So this year if for any reason she cannot make it to her living room I will be there for us. At the beginning of the year Julie also tasked me with handling the area conference committees as well. If I was going to share for the next 5 hours I would do my first hour on area 42s area conference committees. This year we asked the area conference committees to step up big time more than ever before. This year we asked them to summarize all their own agenda items as well as make suggestions to Julie on what items to have presentations on for our round tables and pre-conference assembly. I am so proud of the work our area conference committee chairs and members have done. They have some exiting news and information for us so please do not miss our area conference committee chairs reports

Sunday morning. I never want to forget what this whole general service deal is all about and what we are all here for and that is to make sure that when anyone anywhere reaches out for help the hand of AA always will be there. Now that we are getting towards the end of the group conscience on the agenda items for the 71st general service conference I hope and I pray these committees will still work together on ways our area can reach out to the alcoholic who still suffers. In 2010 at my first PRAASA our then pacific region trustee Madeline P, at the PRAASA business meeting, when things started getting a little heated, said any work that we get done here today will never be as important as how we treat each other while we do it. I thought this was the most amazing thing I ever heard in general service and I also wrote it in my next 20 area reports. I also thought she had said it extemporaneously because of how things were going at the business meeting. I found out years later that she heard it from someone else who heard it from someone else who heard it from someone else. The longer I stay sober the more I realize what a miracle it is that I ever became a member of this AA fellowship and even more that I was able to take some direction and become happy joyous and free and comfortable in my own skin, sober. The longer I stay in general service the more I see what a miracle Madeline's statement was. In my opinion in AA how we come to these decisions we make is always way more important than any decisions that we do make. Our founders envisioned an upside-down triangle where the groups were the most important piece and that is where the decisions for our whole fellowship would be made. How we execute that is by sending 93 delegates to the general service conference for each area every year. We are all here today to try and make decisions that are best for AA as a whole. We are not always going to agree on what those decisions should be. But if we take care to be kind, loving, and tolerant and listen carefully to everybody especially the people who do not agree with us, if we take care and consideration in making our decisions and then we turn it over to the group conscience even when we do not think it is the right decision, if we follow this process our founders set up for us we can never make a wrong decision. In our big book it says am I to be consigned to a life where I am stupid boring and glum? Have you a sufficient substitute? And then it says yes, and it talks about the friends and fellowship that you will find inside of Alcoholics Anonymous. I can guarantee you 15 years ago I had zero interest in any of that and if you did then whatever was wrong with you was not the same thing that was wrong with me. Today I can tell you that I have been released from care boredom and worry. I have found a sufficient substitute and it is infinitely better than getting loaded every day. I know that I will never be able to put into words how grateful I am for Alcoholics Anonymous and everybody sitting in this meeting. And I also know that I do not have to because the people sitting in this meeting understand me more than anybody else in the world. Alcoholics Anonymous has saved my life and general service has become a huge part of my prog of recovery. Thank you all very much for being here this weekend and thank you all for giving me a new life, a life worth living. I love you all!

Area Registrar: Paul E.

Hi, I'm Paul alcoholic and you Area 42 Panel 71 Registrar, it has been a little bit of a busy start for the year. I have been on 3 training sessions, for the "Fellowship Connection". This is the General Service Office (GSO) program where I input the updates for your groups, GSRs, DCMs, and District committee chairs. There is a lot of information in the system and there is some that is not there yet. They are continually updating the program. Last month they gave "read only"

access to Delegates and DCMs. If you are a DCM and did not get emails notifying you of this, please let me know. Also, if you are a new DCM and have not received a new DCM kit please let me know. They are available online through aa.org and I will put a link in the chat. For all the new GSRs welcome and thanks for your updates, if you have not received a new GSR kit please let me know. They are also available online through aa.org and I will put a link in the chat. It does save GSO some money if you download this instead of having it mailed to you. But if you are like me you would like to have something in your hand, especially the A.A. service manual. A very good question came up last week from a GSR asking if I updated the local meeting schedule. The answer is no you have to contact your “Central Office” and let them know about any location or meeting time changes and if you are a new group you also have to let them know so they can put you on the meeting schedule. I register your group with GSO, but the meeting schedule is handled by Central Office along with the “Meeting Guide” app. There is a lot more information in the meeting schedule about your group and meetings. Like the type of meeting (open/closed, Men’s, Women’s, LGBTQ+, Discussion, Book Study, etc.). The only two types of meetings GSO keeps track of is “Regular and Correctional”. So please if you have changed location or times please contact Central Office that way they can have the most up to date schedule. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul

Area Alternate Chair: Lyle C.

Hello Area, 42, I’m honored to serve as Area 42 Alternate Chair/ NAGSC Chair. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

I want to thank everyone for showing up to the NAGSC and SAGSC round tables. We had a lot of great questions, with very informed answers from the Area Conference Committees, who had read many pages of background. What an awesome job with all of the work everyone put in. We had 109 agenda items. That means tons of summarizing. And even though we had a lot of help, it took good coordination and leadership. Thank you to our presenters, summarizers, and the ACCs for your great work.

I was able to attend PRASSA 2021 and take in the Chair/ Alternate Chair roundtables. I was with some very dedicated servants, with some great questions. We talked about how-to put-on Hybrid meetings with Tec-12 (the company that put on PRASSA), how to increase participation for Area meetings/virtual meetings and much more. The Areas in the Pacific Region seem to be having some challenges with Translation/ Interpretation Committees, however, Areas that pay for Translation/ Interpretation encounter less problems. Websites seem to be another service that professionals are very useful.

Area Archives Chair: Ronnie D.

Hello everyone, my name is Ronnie D., and I am an Alcoholic. I am currently serving as the Area 42, SAGSC Archivist.

Last month I had the task of meeting Lyle our outgoing Archivist and Julie, our Delegate in Spark, to pick up the banners and bound books and bring them back safely to Archives at AA Central Office in Las Vegas. I spent the night at the Mizpah Hotel in Tonopah and continued home that Sunday.

Debbie S. our Alternate Archivist is our Area Conference Committee Chair and we have had several phone conversations concerning the agenda items summarizations for the Delegate. I

believe that Debbie is doing an excellent job as Chair and has been a pleasure to participate on this committee.

Greg M. suggested review of the AA timeline on the GSO website and I have the Archives workbook and attending literature from GSO and am reviewing it, time permitting.

I have begun work on the Archives room and have begun to discard some unusable shelving and will begin building a wall mounted floor to ceiling shelving unit and purchase a few free-standing shelf units to free up additional floor space. I would also like to replace the painted black ceiling tiles with white vinyl ceiling tiles.

Time permitting Diane and I will be having meetings on Sundays at Archives with the objective of identifying items needed for the Las Vegas Round Up, The Fall Assembly in Tonopah and local workshops.

Should you wish to volunteer you would join Myself, Diane M., Mark M and Kevin as we would love your help.

Area Alt Archives Chair: Debbie S.

Debbie, your alcoholic Area 42 Alternate Archivist. Since I live up in the North, that also makes me your NAGSC Archivist. All of Area 42's Archives are stored in Las Vegas, while I have the Northern Area 42 Archives organized and stored in tubs in my bedroom. The past Archivist and myself arranged to get the NAGSC Archives passed on to me in November of 2020. Part of the NAGSC Archives are your District's history binders that we keep and encourage you to add to them. I have some random AA Archive History that I can bring out and display at your District functions and events as we start opening back up from the Covid mandates. I am participating on the Area Conference Committee, Archives. Had I opted out of this opportunity, I do not believe that I would have noticed just how much Archived information is out there on the aa.org website! I am really excited to dive into the website to learn of AA's historical timeline through the Newsletters and other information. I bumped into it by typing "Archive Timeline" in the search bar of the aa.org homepage, as I was doing some research for the Conference Agenda Item. Thank you for allowing me to serve

Area Alternate Secretary: Erica P.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. I was excited to attend the Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly and attended the Secretary roundtable which was really helpful because we talked a lot about translations and communicating with the Spanish community. They suggested using WhatsApp, which has been helpful for me. I'm missing all of you in-person at Tonopah where I would have loved to have provided you with books and pamphlets in English and Spanish. NAGSC DCMs and Officer, please remember to send in your reports before the next NAGSC meeting on June 5th, so they can be available to the Spanish speaking community as you read them.

Area Alternate Treasurer: Libby G.

Hello, my name is Libby, and I am the Area 42 Alternate Treasurer which much to my surprise gave me the opportunity to be the SAGSC treasurer. As Alternate Area Treasurer my primary job is to pray for the treasurer and to go by the post office box in Vegas and mail the

contributions to the treasurer who lives in the greater Reno area. Easy peasy, however, as the SAGSC treasurer I keep pretty busy and am getting lots of service experience.

I've been busy making deposits, reconciling the banking account to the Quickbooks account, writing checks and reporting. I've met with the SAGSC finance committee and want to thank the volunteers for their time and efforts.

The Conference Agenda Committee organizers were kind enough to put me on the Finance agenda item committee. We were a little disorganized getting started but we pulled together and will be presenting 4 topics between NAGs, SAGs and the Assembly.

I was able to participate in the virtual PRAASA this year. I was the scribe, a.k.a. note taker, for the treasurers round tables. It was very enlightening. It's amazing how differently each area handles their funds. I did find all the people participating were wonderful and willing to share. I did learn a lot and got some good information. Thank you for the opportunity to attend.

I would like to applaud all the groups who are finding ways to collect 7th tradition contributions and to pass them along to Districts, SAGSC, NAGSC, Area 42 and beyond. My only request is if you can ask your treasurers to add an email for receipts. I will send receipts via snail mail if necessary, but email saves us money for 12th step work.

I would like to offer my service to visit any group, district, workshop or standing committee. Just reach out to me and I'll be there.

I'm looking forward to serving with the everyone and feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve.

Area Alternate Registrar: Jonelle W.

Hi everyone, my name is Jonelle and I am alcoholic. I just want to say thank you so much for the opportunity to serve as your Alt. Area Registrar slash SAGSC Registrar. I appreciate all of you new GSRs and DCMs from the South who have submitted your Group Change Forms and DCM Change Forms to me. We (Paul and I) figured that the best way to make sure you are all set with the General Service Office (GSO) in NYC is that I would pass those along to Paul so he can get you into the system. Please continue to do this. My email is under Contacts on our area website... altregistrar@nevadaarea42.org. Usually, when we meet in person, Paul and I will be your welcoming committee at the front entrance of the fabulous Tonopah Convention Center. We register you, give you your badges and your Assembly packets, and shuffle you along inside. However, that's not happening at this Assembly so... hopefully, you will venture to Tonopah in September and see us in action!

I attended the virtual PRAASA and was amazed at how incredible it was presented! I appreciated the way the panels were done and enjoyed the Registrar Roundtable that I attended. Actually, I am pretty amazed at how incredible all of our virtual service events have been presented! From SAGSC/NAGSC to Workshops to Committee Meetings to Area Assemblies

to Regional Forums to PRAASA . The fellowship has stepped up in a way I believe none of us could have imagined and has truly done whatever was needed to make sure our work gets done. Hopefully, we remember to get it done in line with the loving spiritual principals our program opens us to. Nobody has asked for where we are and have been this past year, yet my prayer is that we remember that this is not personal... no one is singled out, it is happening to us all and because it is, that fantastic word "we" applies. We have all pulled together and we all have continually do/done what is asked! Thank you for all you do and allowing me to do it with you.

Area Newsletter Editor - Alfredo M. Given by Anne D.

Hello everyone, my name is Alfredo, I am an alcoholic. I am honored to serve as your Area 42 Newsletter Editor. The all important email address is area_newsletter_editor@nevadaarea42.org.

The spring edition comes out at the end of next month, with an April 16th deadline. Please send me any articles, business meeting updates, upcoming events, and ideas etc. as soon as possible to the all-important email address area_newsletter_editor@nevadaarea42.org.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Area Webmaster- Mike L.

Hello Area, 42 my name is Mike I am an alcoholic serving as the web servant for Area 42. I am grateful to be back at the Area Assembly and be in service. Hard to believe we are for a year now we have been meeting virtually. I am so grateful through the pandemic because of service and technology I have been able to stay connected. I was able to attend both the forum and PRAASA without leaving my office. I enjoy working with the technology but the real joy for myself working with other alcoholics to serve Area 42. Our website is located at nevadaarea42.org. Quoting our statement of purpose of the website " ...is to provide General Service activities information about Alcoholics Anonymous and about AA in Area 42". The site contains in both English and Spanish past minutes, newsletters, Area trusted servants contact information, Area calendar and more. For the upcoming Pre-Conference Assembly Agenda Items along with summarizations for the 71st conference can be found on the Area Assembly page. Agenda Item background information for the conference and feedback from the Area Roundtables can be found at the password protected Area Member Info page. Our website isn't exciting, but it has a lot of useful information averaging about 100 hits a day to serve the Area. For questions, comments, or corrections I can be reached at webmaster@nevadaarea42.org. Thank you and grateful to be able to serve.

9:50-10 BREAK

AGENDA ITEMS

ROUNDTABLE TOPICS SAGSC

CPC-Item A- Ashley L.

Hello, my name is Ashley, and I am an Alcoholic. I am grateful for the opportunity to present this topic to you today. Our committee researched this topic in great lengths and what I am about to read was beautifully written by John, Michael, and Myself. Thank you both for all your hard work and continued service for alcoholics anonymous.

The idea of an A.A. LinkedIn page was brought to the trustees' committee in July 2017. The AAWS LinkedIn site was subsequently launched on 11/19/19, in English, French, & Spanish. [web search keywords = alcoholics anonymous LinkedIn]

"LinkedIn is the world's largest professional network, with nearly 740 million members, in more than 200 countries worldwide. Alcoholics Anonymous has but one primary purpose, to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. In our pursuit of this, we have found that it is vital to continue to utilize technology to help pursue that primary purpose and help Alcoholics worldwide. Bill Wilson always encouraged cooperation with doctors, mental health professionals and the clergy. LinkedIn is the worldwide electronic business directory of today for professionals. The mission of AA's LinkedIn page is to connect the world's professionals to Alcoholics anonymous. Today's professional's (business, faith based, legal, law enforcement, medical, military, etc.) typically know very little about AA and the functions of its alcohol recovery program. Plus, they may actually have misconceptions about the efficacy of the AA program, primarily due to the heavy mass marketing of commercial alcohol treatment facilities and programs over the years.

Today's, and tomorrow's professionals are also more likely to satisfy their curiosity and acquire their knowledge via the internet now, more than ever. Networking on-line is the most efficient way for many of them.

The feedback from the AAWS LinkedIn site since its launch has been very positive, and can be measured with metrics like landing page counts, click throughs to AA.org, calls to GSO, subscriptions, etc.

If it was not already provided, there is a 44-page background report and last year's summary page available for your review on the Area 42 website.

Area Questions

Where do we want to go with LinkedIn from here, do we believe that Alcoholics anonymous should keep moving forward with it, or should we stop pursuing it.

Our Delegate wants to know How our Area feels about it...

Are there any suggestions on what we can add to the LinkedIn page to reach more Alcoholics?

Remember this is just discussion and no decisions will be made today.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

CPC-Item B - Jodie G.

Hello, my name is Jodie, and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as the DCM for District 20. The topic I am presenting is "Consider a request to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals."

This request came from Area 11, Connecticut.

The idea is to make a pamphlet specifically targeting mental health professionals. That if written for them and them only, we can educate the mental health professionals beyond their general awareness of Alcoholics Anonymous. A pamphlet could clear up misconceptions and misinformation a mental health professional may have about AA. From our last member survey, only 13% of new members were referred to Alcoholics Anonymous from counseling or mental health professionals. Could our lack of literature be impacting our ability to get referrals from mental health professionals?

Some suggested ideas of what would be included in this pamphlet are:

Discuss the difference between AA and psychotherapy, while therapy can help an individual significantly, a real alcoholic may very well require a spiritual awakening in order to stop drinking.

Present the idea that AA is a spiritual program and not a religious program. This may be a huge misconception that is keeping away the still suffering alcoholic.

Let the mental health professionals know about our website and smartphone app.

Or suggest they attend an open meeting to learn more.

How are we reaching the mental health professionals now?

According to our General Service Office since Covid-19, most face-to-face exhibits have been cancelled. Therefore, limiting us to participating in virtual professional exhibits. These events are expensive, and it is a necessity to be selective choosing events that provide AA with the best opportunity to reach the most underrepresented populations, which means reaching more professionals rather than specific ones.

Nevertheless, do we need another pamphlet?

Is a pamphlet the way to reach the mental health professionals? Do Mental Health Professionals read pamphlets? In this virtual age, are we more suited sending out digital mailers that could include YouTube videos, Podcasts, and other social media links?

We need to meet these professionals where they are, to better reach the still suffering alcoholic. Is a new pamphlet the answer?

The question for you today is: Does your group want the Trustees' Literature Committee to consider developing such a pamphlet?

CPC-Item D. - Michael L.

2021 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community

Item D: Discuss draft updated pamphlet "Members of the Clergy ask about Alcoholics Anonymous."

Thank you to Lisa and the entire Area 42 assembly committee. This has been a strange year and I'm grateful to be sober and of service to this Assembly. Hi, my name is Michael L, and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Connect the Dots group of Las Vegas, NV. It is my privilege to serve my homegroup as GSR and as Secretary for District 7. And I serve on the Area 42 Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.).

I would like to thank all the members of the Area CPC committee who contributed to this report, particularly John H., and our Area Delegate Julie C.

My topic is "Discuss draft updated pamphlet "Members of the Clergy ask about Alcoholics Anonymous."

The pamphlet was brought up for an update by the A.A.W.S.'s Publications Department. The decision to review for update was based on the literature update policy and process, Keeping A.A. Literature Current. The A.A.W.S.'s editorial process was guided by considering these criteria. Does the pamphlet:

- use outdated language, jargon, references?
- utilize most current science about alcoholism?
- focus on inclusivity and represent A.A.'s broad diversity?
- draw on A.A. history in a way that is relevant and necessary?
- effectively address the audience to whom it is directed

The editorial process included input from a member of the clergy and former nonalcoholic trustee of the General Service Board of A.A. One of the main updates to the pamphlet is replacing the word "Clergy" with "Faith Leaders". For those interested, please note that the pamphlet marked up in the background material is not the same as the current (2018) pamphlet available from AA.org

There was a time in AA history when AA members worked very closely with Clergy to breed an understanding of what AA is and what AA isn't, so that the Clergy could be comfortable sending their congregants to AA. Clergy members were some of our first advocates. As it says in the Foreword to the First Edition of our book, Alcoholics Anonymous, "We are not allied with any particular faith, sect, or denomination, nor do we oppose anyone. We simply wish to be helpful to those who are afflicted". Does this pamphlet address this original statement?

Following are some questions for our discussion here and to be taken back to our groups:

How could AA better address the leaders of all types of faith-based groups? Does this pamphlet effectively reflect the AA program to Clergy?

Does this pamphlet address concerns or misunderstandings that today's Clergy may have regarding Alcoholics Anonymous?

As this pamphlet is addressed to people in the Clergy, why the absence of God in the contents of the pamphlet?

I invite everybody to please read both versions of this pamphlet and ask yourselves these questions for yourselves. If you have a relationship with any Faith Leader, ask them about their thoughts/feelings about Alcoholics Anonymous and send your comments to our Delegate Julie C. Thank you today for your attention.

Finance-Item A (2) – Laura H.

Item A. The pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix." 2. Discuss the mechanization of group contributions

Background material provided:

1. Doc. 1 – A letter detailing communications between the submitter and Patrick C, the Conference Coordinator.
2. Doc. 2 – Requesting group's letter regarding Mechanism of Group Contributions

This item was submitted in December of 2020 for consideration as a 71st General Service Conference agenda item by the Tuesday Night Traditions and Concepts Study Group. This group is made up of various home groups across the United States who have and continue to meet on a weekly conference call for over ten years to share on and study the A.A. Traditions and Concepts.

Their item specifically states:

"Discuss how the pamphlet, "Self-Support Where Money and Spirituality Mix," has contributed to the mechanization of Group contributions that has not worked well in these peculiar times."

The submitters acknowledged this pamphlet has long been a guide to Groups when forming a plan for making regular contributions, but also notes that once having made a plan, Groups often follows it without further consideration. This is what the agenda item refers to as "mechanization."

The request letter points out that during the pandemic the issue of mechanization became apparent as many Districts and Areas stopped spending money, but Groups continued sending contributions, creating District and Area treasuries that are above sufficient operating funds and ample reserves.

The pamphlet is mute on such occurrences; therefore, the submitters ask, "Wouldn't it better serve our Fellowship to include wording in this pamphlet that emphasizes the need for frequent review of our plans in light of communication from the service structure?"

A concern noted is that Groups are sending money to Districts that do not need it, the Districts then send money to Areas that do not need it, and Areas are then contemplating forwarding money on to the General Service Board.

The submitters note that if Groups wanted their contributions to go to these other levels, they would have sent it to them originally. Their concern is that when Districts and Areas funnel Group contributions to the Board, this eliminates the "power of the purse" that Groups might be trying to exercise, as is their right in Concept VII.

Concept VII empowers the General Service Board of Trustees to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous, but that it is the force of tradition and the power of the AA purse that determines its effectiveness.

Does funneling contributions upwards, without input of the Groups, eliminate the "power of the purse" and without use of this Concept VII right, can the General Service Board truly know whether the Groups support the services offered?

In addition, the submitters point out that a surplus of funds at any service entity level is money accumulating unnecessarily and seems to disregard the Alcoholics Anonymous adopted policy of "corporate poverty" as envisioned by our Founders to avoid problems with money, property, and prestige.

To sum up this agenda item, the submitters ask that members "Discuss how the pamphlet, "Self-Support Where Money and Spirituality Mix," has contributed to the mechanization of Group contributions that has not worked well in these peculiar times," and to do so in the context of the points outlined in their letter and in this presentation.

Literature - Item U - Ruth J.

I'm Ruth Alcoholic past Area 42 delegate Panel 29, that's 1979, and also Pacific Regional Trustee.

Good to see Justin joining us from Cape Cod. I was asked to present on Literature Item U. And the agenda topic is - please count the questions in this as I read it - consider proposed agenda items for plain language simplified language, accessible translations, and large print versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous that can be addressed with a common solution.

Now if you're counting the same way I did I count five questions. And that we can address it with a common solution. However, I think the main question for us to ask is, number two. A statement I want to make, because I've heard this for over 10 years, is we are not talking about rewriting the first 164 pages or changing them in any way and our main public policy, whether we do 5-6-7th edition, no matter how many times we rewrite the stories. I think the first hundred and 164 pages will remain original. This is how to address those who cannot use the books in their current format. We have several formats. We have large print. We have Braille. We have some already addressed. But, to find one common solution I think would be very

difficult. Consider the fact that other publishers out there have already given us some of these things. And considering the fact that other publishers out there have already given us some of these things, and have it in a workbook section, or have it rewritten in their interpretation and I think more basic to the question for us is, as members, is do we are we happy with their interpretations? Or should we be doing our own to keep the integrity of our language, within the fellowship? The checklist that we have for the traditions and concepts as anybody looked at a way of doing that. That's just a suggested thing it's not a guideline or tradition, it's just questions you could ask yourself or pose, about the 12 steps that might help or the chapter How it Works. I think that would be easier than a workbook. Lots of people in sponsoring newcomers do it in a different way some people use workbook like papers, some people do it word for word through the Big Book. Some people use a Big Book and 12 and 12. I would hate to put something out that people think that they have to do it one way only or you haven't done it. And unfortunately, we do have interpretations like that about some things, and that they will waive your guidelines or your service manual round. It doesn't say that's the way to do it. I don't want to see it turn into something like that. We have people both in the fellowship that can no longer use the language or understand the language in chapter five, some of that old fashioned language from the 30s and 40s when it was originally written. I may understand, because I'm one of the dinosaurs, but the newer people coming up don't, I don't use those words in everyday language, and people coming up, don't see them in the things that are written nowadays. So, I think it's important to think about modernizing, some of the words for people who have difficulty, and are reading at a third fourth and fifth grade level. Some of our members have had strokes and the ability to understand what we have written, even though they did in the past. You still want to read and use some of those items. And is there a simpler way we could put it and do we want to do it or do or are we happy to let our friends recommend it for us. I would think it would work but be very difficult to do a checklist I think might be possible. And I think when, if you're going to address this and obviously the fellowship has asked for eight to 10 years for some kind of format that keeps it simple. I think we need to keep looking whether we come up with an answer or not this year. That is something that can address both people that are recovered and having trouble with the language in our book that was published. We're getting close to a century of the publication of the Big Book. Many of these things are already out there? The question to me is: are we happy to let outsiders do it for us? Or do we want to do it for ourselves? There it is with me trying to keep my opinion out of it I think that's the basic question we have to address. And if we want to do it for ourselves. Then I think it's going to take upgrading. Any book that we do - or writing any new book – it will take four or five years to get it accomplished so the majority or overwhelming majority is happy or comfortable with it. Maybe not happy, but comfortable with it. And if we don't, then that's saying okay Hazelden and the other authors out there - many of whom are AA members – we're happy with what you're putting out there. And so that's my interpretation of literature. I thank you for the opportunity to present it to the assembly.

Policy/Admissions Item H- Lisa T.

Thank you for allowing me to participate.

I just found out a couple days ago that I was going to be doing this presentation. So be patient with me.

Okay, policy and admissions Item H agenda topic is discuss the revised proposed process for equitable distribution of workload historical context. Why is this on the agenda? In 2018 an original request was made to consider a proposed process for the equitable distribution of conference committee's workload, or review in 2020 brought several questions. Previously, how will this process impact? What will happen regarding agenda items considered at the fall and winter trustees committees meeting clarity on how their proposed process will impact or change the delegate chairs participation in the winter board weekend, and on the conference committees? What will creating additional committees look like? In 2021, the Trustees Committee on General Service Conferences have proposed a process including a standardized General Service conference proposed agenda item forum. Process timeline, including a change in submission deadline to September 15, a scope and procedure for the new TC GS CS subcommittee workload, scoring tool and methodology to standardize the evaluation or proposed agenda items. This process is to potentially redistribute agenda items amongst conference committees for a more equitable workload size, amongst them. What does the delegate want to hear from you? Discussions from your group surrounding the redistribution of workload between conference committees.

SUMMARIZATION OF OPEN MIC COMMENTS FOR ROUNDTABLE REPORTS SAGSC

Assembly members wanted to make sure CPC PI pamphlets would be geared towards the right audience. Many were in support of more information being out there on AA especially to professionals on LinkedIn or other formats. The Big Book plain language translation with workbooks and other materials was discussed with some in favor and others saying that sponsorship and willingness would make reading the Big Book OK under all circumstances.

AREA 42 DELEGATE JULIE C.: PROPOSAL, EXPLANATION AND VOTE TO HOST THE PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM 2024 IN LAS VEGAS

Current Delegate Julie C. (Panel 71) reported that Area 42 Delegate Rhonda W. (Panel 69) was asked to see if Area 42 would like to host the Pacific Regional Forum in 2024 since it was planned and cancelled for Las Vegas in 2022. Julie decided to bring it to the Area Assembly members to see if they were in favor with Area 42 Panel 67 Delegate Phil W. again assuming the role of Area 42 coordinator if he would like. Phil said it would be an honor if the body agreed. The body agreed to it all.

VOTE: Majority yes votes to have the Pacific Regional Forum return to Las Vegas in 2024.

12:15-1 LUNCH BREAK

ROUNDTABLE TOPICS NAGSC

CORRECTIONS B- Joe H

Joe alcohol today. My topic is corrections agenda topic B. Discuss innovative ways of carrying the message to alcoholics in Correctional Facility slash programs. This topic recognizes that each correctional facility and program is unique; presents its own challenges; suggestions for

innovative ways of carrying the message to alcoholics; and correctional facilities with programs that include but are not limited to teleconference calls, videos, lectures, tablets for inmates, zoom meetings and inside visitors and sponsorship service. This item also suggests that updated information about possible solutions and resources - which the groups are finding success with - be collected and compiled so possible solutions for carrying the message outcomes and correctional facilities size programs will likely have to be individualized and specific to each facility because tablets and other electronic devices are considered contraband in Nevada. So I asked about more background information - which I have - pertaining to the discussion about the tablets in regards to corrections correspondence. What is the role of electronic devices in making that happen? We talked about how it's just not possible sometimes for virtual because it interferes with the correctional systems and structures in place. And that's it. That's what I've got. I have more background information for everybody wants it.

Finance Item D- Don D.

Finance Item D was originally written in on Panel 67 from Area 40 and primarily was opening a discussion as to whether the “pink can” and the Grapevine’s “Carry the Message” conflicted with Concept 12, Warranty 2 “sufficient operating funds, plus an ample Reserve should be its prudent financial principle”. The scope of this discussion was further limited to a section of the warranty’s explanation on page 65 of the Concepts section in the AA Service Manual dealing with “that money charity to the individual should not be a function of the AA groups or AA as a whole.” It also speaks in that section of how AA books should not be sold at cost of production. The intent of the consideration in this opening of discussion was clearly stated as such that these programs should not be done away with as they serve vital needs in carrying the message.

The presentation opened with discussion of the idea contained within this warranty as far as how GSO operates and how current circumstances contributed to the need for a prudent reserve. How this is derived from the 7th Tradition. Included in the presentation was questions to discuss how various groups present the “pink can” to clarify its purpose and the purpose of the 7th Tradition. How baskets allow for our continuance to be our own publisher so pink cans shouldn’t draw away from those contributions. Also looking at the structure of pink cans programs and whether there should be the principal of operating expenses and prudent reserve implemented to those programs with extra monies passed up to other entities.

The background to this agenda item included many examples of where these programs had become and necessitated service positions to deal with accountability of money put forth for them and also a letter from Bill Wilson written in 1958 discussing lowering the price of books. It also included various questions as to the allotment of funds within certain areas and when these funds had grown to large reserves how money had been distributed.

Some of the feedback included discussion of the need for structure to allow for this, how it did or did not amount to a charity or donation, and how also distribution literature is part of our 12th step work therefore we can provide for it.

The question that was derived from the discussion by the delegate was “Do you believe that contributions to the pink can and to Grapevine’s Carry the Message take away from contributions to the 7th Tradition?” The vote count was 3 yes and 26 no on the final vote.

Literature Item M- (1) Erica and (2) Pat

I’m Erica and I’m an alcoholic.

AA as a whole is working on a 12 Traditions, illustrated pamphlet update. Now, take it away, Pat. Hi Pat and I’m an alcoholic. This agenda topic was in two parts. And one, which Erica presented at NAGSC literature item M (2), which I'm going to talk about. Literature item M (2) reads consider not retiring the existing version of the pamphlet 12 traditions, illustrated. I should point out that when we approach a revision, or an update on a pamphlet and we're successful in doing that, the old version is usually retired. However, I believe we've got an animal of a different breed here, and I'll try to explain that to you to the best of my ability. In 2016, the conference literature committee requested that the pamphlet 12 traditions, illustrated be updated. So, for the last four years, draft copies of an updated version of that pamphlet have been sent to the conference corrections committee, they've looked at over, they have forwarded it back to the trustees literature committee for revisions. And so now the area conference committee on literature has in front of them. It’s four years of work on revising or updating the 12 traditions, illustrated pamphlet. However, last year, the conference literature committee had an additional consideration and after reviewing this proposed update they said you know what, this pamphlet update is vastly different than the pamphlet that we've got in place now. It is intended for a different audience. It contains different illustrations, and it really should be considered not as an update but a brand-new pamphlet. So that's what's in front of the conference committee on literature. And so, they have posed the question to us. Should we hang on to the old version for the time being? The current 12 traditions illustrated pamphlet in light of the fact that the updated thing is now being considered as being a new item.

And so that is the agenda item M (2).

Public Information B- Joel B.

My agenda item is item B from the PI conference committee. Review the 2020 trustees progress report on Google Ad performance. And if anybody knows what Google ads does, it makes it items pop up in the Google search engine. When somebody plugs in some using certain language what comes up when they're doing searches. So, this was kicked off in 2016 by the General Service conference they did environmental advisory action so they said: “Hey let's implement Google Ads between 2016 and 2018 they were looking at feasibility of using Google ads. Can we use grant funding? How can we become a nonprofit because you need to be a nonprofit to get grant funding? And finally, they just came up with let's do it. It sounds good let's implement this thing.”

In 2019 they said, “Let's do this thing let's implement it.”

And as they were getting ready to put it together - beginning of 2020 - the General Service conference said, “Stop. Let's see what these Google Grants are how are you going to report these things.” They determined this is going to be a donation, because there's X amount of dollars that people pay to have Google ads and AA was going to grant it to AA for nothing. Cost

is free. So in 2020 they had to take a look at that. And by the end of 2020, they said, "Let's go ahead and do a test on what we need is really some more data on how well Google Ads works and how we're going to report the grant funding." So, at the end of 2020 they actually did like a dry run without doing the grant funding yet. They pulled some data from December to January for about a month. And the reports of those findings were: people tended to look for meetings. Meetings actually came up more readily than people looking for a solution to alcoholism. And that's kind of where 2020 years right now the 2020 conference. They are trying to put together enough data to see if this is something that is doable.

Now what we brought this up at the roundtables for NAGSC. Some of the questions that came up was: is there enough data to say is this effective or not? The question was posed that is using Google Ads promotion or attraction? And there was some discussion around that but the majority of the folks 27 out of 33 said no, it's about attraction not promotion.

I hope I covered it. If you guys have any questions, please ask me. I'll do my best to answer those questions. Thanks.

Public Information Item E - Kevin E.

Hi, I'm Kevin I'm an alcoholic.

For agenda, agenda item E. On February 1, 2020 the trustees Committee on Public Information discussed and agreed to forward to the 2020 conference committee of public relations the request that a podcast be created to, to better carry the AA message. This comes from the 2015 advisory reaction in light of the potential for continuing to improve the relevance and usefulness of the aa.org website, on a timely basis the AWS board to be authorized to produce and post audio video service material on the aa.org website provided the following conditions are met. Here are some of the conditions that the audio video service material produced via this process, provides information already available on a.org. Proposed audio video service material is for posting on a.org, only proposed audio video service material is reviewed for content by the appropriate trustee committee prior to posting proposed audio video service material reviewed and approved for posting by the AWS for the request to create a GSO podcast. The committee reviewed the communication service department draft plan to create a podcast and agreed to forward to the 2021 Conference Committee on Public Information research on the podcast was conducted and summarized in a report submitted to the public information Committee. The digital project manager of communication service department will be leading the group to continue the analysts, the group will include members from the pertinent entities including grapevine staff publications and the communication service department. The podcast working group will support and develop a suitable a sustainable structure for the GSO involvement in a podcast media PR projects, and a pilot project podcast. Consider it considerations and ideas, logistics and sustainability, a podcast format lends itself to a serial format. Successful podcasts have a theme and an expectation of repeated episode, given and Chris given in constraints within the GSO create a realistic schedule choose podcast formats, collaborate, and share resources between services entities, you know, publish publishing grapevines and the communication services, and consider the ease with which the podcast can be easier, translated to the three languages content. There are a wide, wide array of podcasts already available for public. Most of the podcasts are members sharing their stories

steps traditions workshop except the AWSNGS GSO are in a unique position to share insight into the general service structure meetings and conferences, 12 concepts in action in the news and service entities highlight the conference. The third legacy, the 12 steps concepts and actions box four or five nine live board weekend highlights archives. In terms of productions, the aspects of coordinating, and managing the productions will need to be considered. And then the pilot and beyond the podcast work group will draft and proposed a single or multi episode podcast future releases could include a more complex style such as interviews and the feedback from the north, was you know who's putting on these podcasts are the alcoholic or nonalcoholic trustees g so they will be actually mirroring the information. The Erica brought up an interesting question. You know what's the point, you know, are we adding anything new or more than we need to pay attention to. And would it rather be, is it. Should we rather use our resources for something more, providing resources to translations and so I asked that question to the committee who was putting that together and they said, this is true, the guidelines of a podcast would fall within a very tight constraint of being monitored by the trustees, that it is more of an informative audio resource. Some of the other feedback from the north was that it would be fun to be able to download this stuff instead of read it and private rounded listen to it. You know, you would have mostly a general serve a GSO based way, it would be repeated. You can read it, or you could listen to it, the relevance is a cost effective. They already have the resources in place to able to do such a thing. And there seems to be an interest because, in today's technology people are interested in the podcast. So, to the question Our delegate asks is do we think that it would be effective in reaching out to the public, do you think a podcast would be effective, and from the north they voted 29 Yes, one no.

SUMMARIZATION OF OPEN MIC COMMENTS FOR ROUNDTABLE REPORTS NAGSC

A lot of Google Ads discussion with many needing more information on what they are specifically and how they impact AA as a whole in terms of the traditions and what GSO currently practices. Discussed need to be able to be able to beat treatment centers in the search engine game was important. More discussion on how the same agenda item makes it to the floor over many years was discussed. Plain language Big Book translation gone over again. Pamphlets vs. digital versions of information which is better for professionals?

AREA 42 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT: YPAA STANDING COMMITTEE AD HOC- CHAIR SAMANTHA G.

I received feedback on the proposal from several people from Area after the last assembly and had one Ad hoc subcommittee meeting since last assembly. I have been working with Phil on making the changes to the proposal so that it can be presented to the Area for a first reading but did not get the guidelines change into the newsletter in time for this assembly. Several districts have reached out regarding young people, and have asked for cooperation with events, such as workshops, presentations to juveniles within court programs and help with meetings. I will hold one more ad hoc subcommittee before next assembly and will work on getting a finalized proposal for a first reading.

REPORT: HYBRID ASSEMBLY AD HOC - CHAIR JEFFREY C.

Committee Members

Jeffrey C. - Reno

David H. - Reno

D Michael C. - Las Vegas

Gene H. - Henderson

Purpose

The Ad Hoc Hybrid Assembly Committee is to look into the possibility/feasibility of having future assemblies in-person and online (Hybrid).

Four Points

1. WIFI needs for online meeting and capability at Tonopah
2. Equipment needs
3. Costs to the Area (one-time and ongoing)
4. Anything else the Area might need to implement this

First point: WIFI needs and capability of Tonopah

Zoom Bandwidth requirements:

For Group Video Calling:

4.0 Mbps - max needed with gallery view

Tonopah Convention Center:

Wireless WIFI speeds: 36 Mbps

Ethernet Hard Wire: 150 Mbps

Second point: Equipment Needs

Equipment needed by Area:

Main laptop computer

Secondary laptop or tablet (iPad)

USB Camera

USB extension cable

40' ethernet cable

Ethernet connector to USB-C

Equipment provided by Tonopah:

Wireless mics

Mic stands

Sound system/speakers

HDMI cable

1/8" Audio cable

Tables

Room Layout

With the possibility of utilizing the screen for our online broadcast we felt to move the presenters table to just in front of the stage to accommodate this setup. There will be a control table located close to the existing control panel on the wall and we will also have the questioner microphones set up at the stairs with audio only the way it has been at previous assemblies.

Third point: Costs to the Area

One Time cost to the Area:

USB Camera	29.99
USB extension cable x 2	21.98
40' ethernet cable	15.49
Ethernet connector	29.95
HDMI connector	29.95
TOTAL:	127.36

Ongoing cost to the Area:

Zoom account subscription

Fourth point: Anything else needed to implement

Create Assembly Hybrid Service Board (minimum of three people)

Two at Tonopah during assembly

One online during assembly with assistance from Web servant

Coordination with Web servant for access to zoom account to create Zoom ID for Fall Assembly

Coordination with translations

Collaboration and communication with the Communications Committee

Service Board to create protocol for future boards

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of this Committee that we be designated as the Service Board and use the equipment we currently have to try a Hybrid Fall Assembly.

After which we can conclusively say what works and what does not and make any purchases needed for the area at that time.

We suggest a credit of \$200 be allocated for this that we can be reimbursed for any unseen purchases that may be required.

Anonymity will be protected.

Our recommendation would be that a committee is designed, everyone that's on the board now the four members are willing to serve to try this out in the fall if we went forward with this, we actually think the best thing to do and would not to make any purchases now and go two of the members, myself and Dave have everything individually that we could use to pull this off, at which time after the next assembly, we can see what works and what doesn't.

At that time we can buy those things, it was suggested by one of the committee members that maybe we say we have a credit for \$200 that could be allocated from the body that we were reimbursed for later for those items say if Dave and I both got in a plane crash at the same time and someone had to be put on this board that didn't have this equipment at least we'd be able to pull this off. So that would be something that could be reimbursed after the assembly. That was a nice little quote from Bill, no demands are made on anyone and experiences offered by which members may accept or reject that is up to them and anonymity will be protected, you know it'll be the same as any way online you can shut off your video and we would protect that in person. So that's essentially my presentation I did want to share one thing that came to me this morning as I was thinking about this. When my service sponsor Brought me through comes of age, you know, I was really focusing on the pioneering the Bill of Rights in there that we need to we need to keep the pioneering attitude and I think that's a solution for AA not a problem. I think that our membership has maxed out. I think that since 92. That was the most people we had and we've kind of been plateaued. I think we need to pioneer into areas like this you know the next generation of alcoholics were born online they can't find anything unless it's online. So, I think we need a presence there, as well as other things but that's what I have for you. Thank you for letting me be of service.

HYBRID ASSEMBLY DISCUSSION

The majority of the assembly who spoke on the practice run of the Hybrid Assembly were in favor. Some were concerned about details of registration and other functionality. Most of the technical types thought having a specific Area 42 Zoom account would be necessary. A few thought if the Fall Assembly is held online there is no need to think about driving to Tonopah. The majority wanted to give it a test run to see if we could do.

VOTE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A HYBRID AREA 42 ASSEMBLY IN FALL 2021

Jeffrey: Is there a sense of the assembly that we're going to try this out in September?

Lisa I. Why don't we talk about we take questions for the next couple minutes and then we'll take a sense of the assembly.

VOTE: Overwhelming majority of the assembly voted to test out a Hybrid Assembly in the Fall.

ROUNDTABLE TOPICS SAGSC

Corrections Item A- Marty B.

My name is Marty I'm and I would like to thank Robert and Jake for the opportunity to be servants and for Anna, who had done the summarization. This is the corrections Item A agenda topic. Consider request for review of all correction related literature to replace terms, the inmate, and the offender. Okay, the historical context. This items on the agenda because current language in the literature, such as inmate and offender could be considered derogatory and suggestions to replace such terms include but are not limited to 'inside member,' 'inside AA,' 'member on the inside' and 'AA member outside.' And so, what does the delegate want

here from me? Does your group support the review and replacement of text with any correct words like to add personal variants?

While living in Sacramento I had the privilege of leading meetings in a prison. And that was level three - young men serving multiple years incarcerated. They are identified as an inmate number so and so, this is dehumanizing and part of the meeting. They aren't known by their first names or nicknames or for whatever reason. I got to know these men as human beings who did the consequences.

Finance C- Libby G.

Conference Committee: IV. Finance — Item C

Agenda Topic	Reconsider the 1972 G.S.C. Advisory Action stating “G.S.O. should not accept contributions from clubs, listed or known as such, whether or not composed solely of A.A. members. Contributions are welcome from groups meeting in clubs as long as they are sent in the name of the group.”
Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?	A district in Illinois feels that things may have changed since 1972 (50 years ago) and that the decision based on not being able to tell if club funds are specifically from AA groups & members should be reevaluated to ensure it is still valid.

The request came from a district that received a check from a local club. The check was returned to the club because it is not from an AA group (GSC Advisory Action 1972). The district feels that it has been 50 years since this topic was last discussed at the Conference level and perhaps things have changed since then.

The background information states that the club has more than AA meetings and each 12th step group does pay rent. There is no way to know if the monies sent to the district were solely from AA groups or if it was combined with monies from other 12th step programs. The district in question believes the money was from AA members but does not know for sure.

The district in their request to have the issue reconsidered is recommending that a survey be sent to clubs, repeating what was done prior to the 1972 action. The background information does not specify what should be in the survey, only that GSO repeat the survey that led to the 1972 action.

A complication to the story comes in to play because the District had been trying to get the local club involved at the district level. This outreach had positive results and club members started to attend district meetings and a few groups even elected GSRs. Because of the increased activity at the district level the club sent a check to support district activities, but the district operating committee voted to return the check based on the 1972 action.

The district argues that anyone attending the meetings at the local club is part of AA and should accept the check. They also state that they don't think of the club as an outside entity, whereas something like a hospital would be an outside entity.

Finance H- Lou – No report.

Literature Item V- Colleen D. Read by Diana L.

Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?

This item was submitted by an A.A. member. Currently, the "short form" of each Tradition precedes the essay for each Tradition in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. This item requests that the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions be revised to include the "long form" of each Tradition preceding the essay on each Tradition.

The member felt that the "long form" of the traditions is buried in the back of the book. Most members do not know about them or are unfamiliar with the contents. He felt that there is a great amount of guidance regarding issues in recovery and service contained in them. Making them more visible in the Twelve and Twelve would help members to become familiar with them. Making this change in addition to any other revisions makes sense financially since a reprint will take place anyway.

The vote at the SAGSC meeting held on March 14 was 34 yes, 10 no.

Public Information Item G(1)- John H

John H. I'm an alcoholic.

Public information Item G one was the topic was to discuss public information pamphlets, Number one, consider revising the pamphlet 'Speaking at non-AA meetings.'

SUMMARIZATION OF OPEN MIC COMMENTS FOR ROUNDTABLE REPORTS SAGSC

Google Ads concept talked about and AA's position on outside contributions discussed. Many saw the need for more online presence and AA search strength. Not sure if Google Ads is within traditions or best practices for AA. Some saw great benefit.

LinkedIn was defined and discussed. Members saw it as a way for AA to get the professional community more information on AA as a whole. Some did not.

DANCE BREAK

AREA 42 AD HOC REPORTS CONTINUED:

LITERATURE AD HOC - CHAIR GLEN W.

Hi everybody, my name is Glenn alcoholic, and I'm the ad hoc chair of the Alternate Secretary Literature Committee. And I want to start by going over and who's on the committee. CPC Chair of the North, and I think he stepped down. So he's no longer a part of the committee. Debbie s who are current alternate archivists and Erica P who is your current alternate area 42 secretary, and our current NAGSC secretary. So, I know last area assembly, our past alternate Secretary

brought up the concern of the duties of the alternate area Secretary would have feelings that if the alternate Secretary would need to step into the area Secretary position that the area's literature table would not be manned and may fall through the cracks.

The alternate area Secretary requested an ad hoc committee to look into separating the area alternate Secretary duties, from the area assembly literature and that duty is to provide a literature display at the Area 42 assembly. We have been - as it is a committee - able to come up with a proposal for you guys to decide on. We were going like gangbusters. We did a lot of work. And then I noticed that in any guideline change proposal, it needs to be in the area newsletter before the area assembly. And I had missed that deadline getting that into the newsletter. So, I want to apologize to you guys for not being able to get that proposal ready for you. However, the position of manning the table at the area assembly will be covered. When we meet again in Tonopah. There's a couple things that needed to be addressed. First thing is what was going to be best for the area? Right now, there is only one thing that has to be changed in the guidelines. But then what do we do and how to man the table?

AREA 42 GUIDELINES CHANGE PROPOSAL: COMBINED TREASURIES AD HOC, LIBBY G.

Guidelines Change Proposal

Proposed Changes: **Additions** vs ~~Deletions~~

Note: Only those sections where changes are proposed are included herein. Other text remains the same.

The objective of this proposal: To make recommendations to change the Area 42 Guidelines and the Area 42 Finance Guidelines to accommodate the unification of the NAGSC/SAGSC treasuries into one Area 42 treasury.

Background: Intent-Purpose: Early in Area 42's history, the area was split into the North and South to better service the Area and to encourage participation. As part of this split two new treasuries were created to support the newly created North and South sub-areas. It has been suggested that the Area has evolved enough that there is no need for two treasuries and that the Area could easily operate with one treasury with no detriment to our service bodies.

AREA 42 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY FINANCE GUIDELINES (approved 9/12)

1.0 AREA 42 FINANCE COMMITTEE

1.1 Membership

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

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AREA TREASURER & AREA ALTERNATE TREASURER (rev. new date)

A. Responsibilities of the Area Treasurer

1. Carries out all banking responsibilities.
2. Records and deposits all funds received.
3. Prepares and records all payments for expenses.
4. Maintains financial and bookkeeping records.
5. Ensures that the accounting for the Area is performed in QuickBooks, or similar accounting program.
6. Prepares and presents financial statements to the Area Assembly and NAGSC/SAGSC meetings as needed. (rev. new date)
7. Assembles documentation for tax preparer of Federal and State filings in a timely manner. (rev. new date)
 - ~~a. Secures profit & loss reports from SAGSC & NAGSC after all prior calendar year income and expenses have been recorded. (Revised 9/17)~~
 - a. Assists Accountant with all documentation and information needed to file federal income taxes on or before May 15th each year. (Revised 9/17)
8. At the end of the rotation, and after review by the Finance Committee, turns over the original financial documentation to the Archives.
9. Files annual list of officers with the State of Nevada primarily through the state's online SilverFlume portal after June 1st and prior to July 31st each year. (Revised 9/17)
10. Provides copies of bank statements and reconciliations to finance committee chair.
11. Provides Back up of QB file to Alternate Treasurer monthly.

12. Maintain a binder with current copies of the following documents for the Nevada State Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous.

- IRS Tax Exempt Status Letter
- Nevada Secretary of State Annual List of Officers (See section 2.0 9)
- Articles of Incorporation
- Nevada Department of Taxation Tax Exempt Status Letter (This will need to be renewed every 5 years with the Nevada Department of Taxation)
- Las Vegas PO Box information
- Finance Committee Minutes for the two years of treasurers' service commitment

Identical copies of this binder shall be provided to the Area 42 Archivist and Area 42 Alternate Treasurer, ~~NAGSC Treasurer, and SAGSC Treasurer.~~ The Treasurer shall provide all binder holders with copies of the Finance Committee minutes and updates to or copies of any included documents in a timely manner, not to exceed six months. (Revised New Date)

B. Responsibilities of the Area Alternate Treasurer (rev. new date)

1. Assume the duties of the Treasurer in his/her absence.
2. Share in the duties of the Treasurer as determined by the strengths and desires of the Treasurer/Alternate Treasurer team.
3. Receives back up of QB file from Area 42 Treasurer monthly.
4. Prepares and presents financial statements for NAGSC/SAGSC meetings as needed.

3.0 CHECK SIGNING AUTHORITY

Checks can be signed by any one of the following: Area Treasurer, Area Alternate Treasurer, Delegate, or Finance Committee Chair. (rev. new date)

5.0 THE BUDGET PROCESS

5.1

Prior to July 1 of each year, each Area officer and persons appointed by the Delegate or Area Chair, NAGSC/SAGSC officers, standing committee chairs and funded persons appointed by NAGSC/SAGSC, are responsible for preparing a budget for his/her position. The Area Chairperson will prepare the budget(s) for any vacant area position(s). The NAGSC/SAGSC Chairperson will prepare the budget(s) for any vacant NAGSC/SAGSC position(s). Each budget is submitted to the Finance Chairperson. (rev. new date)

5.2

No Officer, **standing committee chair**, or appointee is to exceed their approved budget. If additional funds are needed that exceed the budgeted amount, the officer, **standing chair**, or appointee must submit a request to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee may approve any such request that does not exceed 20% of the approved budget for that position. If such request is in excess of that, it will be submitted to the Area Committee for approval. (rev. new date)

6.0 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

6.1 EXPENSE AUTHORIZATION AND SUBMISSION

The Treasurer is responsible for the reimbursement of all **Area** expenses, ~~incurred on behalf of the Assembly,~~ submitted with receipts within 45 days of occurrence. (rev. new date)

6.2 AREA OFFICERS FUNDING

~~D. TREASURER, ARCHIVIST, SECRETARY, REGISTRAR, NEWSLETTER EDITOR, AND WEBMASTER:~~ **D. TREASURER, ARCHIVIST, SECRETARY, REGISTRAR, and their Alternates:** Full expenses for Area Assemblies, and annual PRAASA, funds permitting. (rev. new date)

E. NAGSC/SAGSC officers (if not already funded), NAGSC/SAGSC standing committee chairs, NAGSC/SAGSC appointed funded positions: Full expenses for Area Assemblies, and annual PRAASA, funds permitting. (rev. new date)

~~E. ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON, ALTERNATE TREASURER, ALTERNATE ARCHIVIST, ALTERNATE SECRETARY, ALTERNATE REGISTRAR:~~ **E. ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON, ALTERNATE TREASURER, ALTERNATE ARCHIVIST, ALTERNATE SECRETARY, ALTERNATE REGISTRAR:** Full expenses for Area Assemblies. Full expenses for annual PRAASA, in the absence of the elected Area Officer, funds permitting.

6.4 REIMBURSEMENT FOR USE OF PERSONAL AUTO (rev. new date)

A. Mileage for funded positions to Area Assemblies, annual PRAASA, and Pacific Regional Forums, will be paid at a per mile rate established by the Finance Committee.

B. Mileage for funded positions of regularly scheduled NAGSC/SAGSC meetings will be paid at a per mile rate established by the Finance Committee, for miles in excess of 30 miles one way if groups and districts are unable to fund those positions.

6.7 REIMBURSEMENT FOR NAGSC/SAGSC MEETINGS (rev. new date)

Area 42 will provide funding up to \$200.00 to assist with rental costs of a facility for regularly scheduled NAGSC/SAGSC meetings. NAGSC/SAGSC Chairpersons will provide the Area Finance Committee with an annual estimate of costs when submitting their budgets.

FIRST READING: AREA 42 WEBSITE GUIDELINES CHANGE PROPOSAL

Area 42 Website Guidelines change proposal: 1st reading

The objective for this proposal: To add links to the Area website to register and pay for the registration and virtual Area 42, NAGSC & SAGSC service meeting information.

Background: Intent-Purpose: Last year 2020 for our Spring Pre-Conference Area 42 assembly many members pre-registered through an outside company. Then we had to shut down and not have our in-person meeting, which led to everyone needing a refund. This never happened through the company. As a result, the Area refunded everyone with Area 42 funds for their registration. This was a loss for the Area, so to prevent this from happening again in the future. This proposal would allow Area 42 to have the members to register and pay directly to the Area. This would be similar to the way members register and pay for PRAASA and other A.A. events. Also, the proposal is to add links to virtual Area 42, NAGSC, & SAGSC service meeting information, to be kept in the password protected section of the website. This would allow easier access for our members to acquire this information. With the continued upswing in virtual service meetings this would be a great tool for the Area 42 and our website to have. Proposed changes are in bold and underlined, this proposal would become effective immediately upon approval;

3. Site Content The following types of information only are allowed for display on the Area 42 Website: Links to websites sponsored by bona fide A.A. service entities will be provided as a service to the website visitor. It shall be made clear Area 42 does not endorse these websites and our linking to these sites does not constitute their endorsement of the Area 42 Website. Permissible links to A.A. websites and additional websites include the following:

* AAWS (www.aa.org), commonly referred to as the G.S.O. website. *AAWS Website Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) (http://www.aa.org/default/en_services_aa.cfm?pageid=31)

*The AA Grapevine (www.aagrapevine.org).

*Central Offices and Intergroup within Area 42.

*Webmaster, North, South & Area Officers and Service Committee Chairs

*GSR Survival Guide also en Espanol.

*The Area 42 Newsletter [Beginning with February 2005 Issue] and Assembly Minutes current and past [Beginning with Spring 2001]

*Assembly Agendas on the Area 42 Assembly Information Page (rev 9/08)

*Registration form for Area 42 assemblies with an outside link to a financial institution to pay for the registration

*Virtual Area 42, NAGSC, & SAGSC service meeting information to be kept in the password protected section

*District [DCM] Links (rev 9/08)

*Guidelines for the Area 42 Website Committee (rev 9/08)

*Guidelines for Area 42, SAGSC and NAGSC (rev 9/06)

*Area Delegate Page

*Suggestion - Comment submittal box

*Service Opportunity Contact

There shall be no reference or link to any non-AA material except to pay for registration for the Area 42 assemblies, virtual Area 42, NAGSC, & SAGSC service meeting information, and specific internet software necessary to view the Internet web site. A link to Adobe® Reader® software for viewing Portable Document Format (PDF) files that are used to convey some of Area 42's web content. In keeping with AA Traditions, the Internet web site shall cooperate with AA entities by providing references only, including a non-affiliation disclaimer.

Respectfully submitted: Paul E., Dan M., & Mike L.

SUMMARIZED COMMENTS ON GUIDELINES CHANGE PROPOSALS

- If this passes and we have we end up with one treasure for area 42 instead of three. All of the people in this head second NAGSC all of the officers all their alternate. All of the committee chairs. They're all going to be funded to go to PRAASA, and the assembly and PRAASA, because the funds are permitting. Is this a question for clarification?
- How many people will only be able to fund people from one Treasury? The assumption is that groups will send larger amounts of money to the area instead of breaking it into area and SAGSC and NAGSC. Thank you, Louis, that answer your question, Carol.

VOTE: DELEGATE'S SENSE OF THE ASSEMBLY SAGSC, NAGSC ROUNTABLE REPORTS

CPC A: Do think developing and maintaining a LinkedIn Page is an effective way to reach the professionals? 53Y/ 5N

CPC B: Do you think creating a pamphlet is the best solution to reaching the mental health professional? 10Y / 45N

Or should we look at digital first? 53Y / 6N

CPC D: send any thoughts or ideas regarding faith leaders to delegate@nevadaarea42.org.

Corrections B: No sense needed.

Finance A2:

Should the pamphlet be updated to reflect "reviewing of excess funds"? 27Y / 19N

Literature U: Do you want to create AA's own resources to help study the BB or accept their interpretation? Yes, is for AA creating our own. 42Y / 14N

P&A H: Since we aren't "subject matter experts", do you support distributing agenda items between committees? In order to create an equitable workload for all committees. The qualification to be a delegate is to be an alcoholic. 55Y / 5N

P&A J: should online groups be included in the general service structure and be given access to services from GSO? 66Y / 0N

Finance D: Question: Do you believe that contributions to the pink can and to Grapevine's Carry the Message take away contributions from the 7th Tradition? 15Y / 45N

Lit M: Question: With the creation of essentially a new pamphlet, do you support keeping (not retiring) the current pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated"? 45Y / 12N

PI B: Question: Do you believe AA use of Google Ads is keeping with the intent of attraction rather than promotion? 50Y / 11N

PI E: Question: Do you think a podcast would be effective in reaching out to the public? 54Y / 7N

Corrections A: Question: Should AA review all correction related literature for insensitive terms? 38Y / 25N

Finance C: Question: Should A.A. entities accept contributions from clubs (not groups from clubs, but the clubs themselves)? 1Y / 61N

Finance H: Question: Is the use of GOOGLE grants in keeping with our 7th Tradition? 35Y / 21N

Lit V: Question: Should we add the long form each of the Traditions at the beginning of each essay? 50Y / 11N

PI G(1): Question: Do we need to revise the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings"? 54Y / 7N

**4:30 Saturday Night Speaker: Kathi F
Pacific Regional Trustee**

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

9am Lisa I. meeting called to order

MOTION FROM THE FLOOR: CREATION OF A ZOOM ACCOUNT – ALT CHAIR LYLE C.

Alt. Chair, Lyle C. made a motion that the Area 42 Communications Committee look into establishing our own Area Zoom account with interpretation capabilities. Authorize up to \$2000 for a year-long budget to include this as a line item in the 2020-2021 budget to include this as a line item under Licenses and Permits. The account will be available to districts, standing committees, area conference committees, Chairs of the Area, SAGSC or NAGSC.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. No one opposed.

Area Conference Committee Reports

The chair people of the Area Conference Committee Reports updated the Assembly on their experiences with their committees and their assigned agenda items.

- **ACC Agenda- Anna P.**
- **ACC Finance- Anne Y.**
- **ACC Corrections- Robert J.**
- **ACC Literature- Claudia B.**
- **ACC Trustees – Paul E.**
- **ACC CPC Cooperation with the Professional Community – Robin R.**
- **ACC Treatment and Accessibilities – Dan M.**
- **ACC PI (Public Information) - Joel B.**
- **ACC Policy/Admissions - Lonnie M.**
- **ACC Archives - Debbie S.**
- **ACC International Conventions/AA regional Forums - Jay S.**
- **ACC Grapevine - Jason M.**
- **Report and Charter – Caroline J.**

Area Conference Committee Reports

ACC Agenda- Anna P.

Hi, my name is Anna and I'm an alcoholic. I am the current chair of the Agenda Committee with our cochair Amber and two wonderfully amazing members, Dee, and Don. This is my second year participating in the Area Assembly and it is such an honor. I start out very confused in December and by March I am only slightly confused. All joking aside, I have learned so much during this process from meeting with the Agenda Committee via Zoom, to the Roundtables, to frantically emailing Julie and Jake with a plethora of questions. Thank you, Julie, and Jake, for being so patient and answering every question I have.

One of the primary things that the members in the Agenda Committee and I learned or was reminded of was just how everybody in Alcoholics Anonymous has a voice and a right of participation. I personally was not even aware that there was an Agenda Committee, and I am still learning exactly what the Agenda Committee does. What I have learned so far is that the Committee reviews and discusses anything from evaluation forms and survey results from the General Service Conference and conference calls after the GSC, to discussing the General Service Conference schedule, and discussing ways to allow more alcoholics to participate in general service and have their voices heard at all levels, whether it be in choosing topics or themes for next year's GSC or even their thoughts on how the GSC schedule looks to them. The 100+ agenda topics seem so daunting at first and I know I wonder where all these ideas came from and I loved being reminded during roundtable presentations that these agenda items are suggestions from fellow drunks. It shows me how that upside down triangle of general service really works.

I wanted to share a brief bit of a discussion that the Agenda Committee had recently. We were talking about how we discovered and got involved in general service work and how awesome it was to find out that we have a voice in AA, no matter how long we have been sober. This led to further discussions on how we can better attract AAs to general service work and show them that they too have a voice in AA and how the right of participation among AAs is so essential in keeping AA alive for years to come. It is these conversations that I absolutely love when preparing for the Area Assembly. The enthusiasm that everyone here has about service is so attractive and it makes me want to dive into general service even more and that is how this program works!

Yes, general service work can be quite confusing but over the past few months, working with my fellow committee members and listening to all of you has really simplified it a lot for me and showed me how so much of this work is simply about sharing the voice of our group which is the collective voice of the individual members. Being a part of the Area Assembly is such a cool experience and I thank you so much for allowing me to be of service.

ACC Finance- Anne Y.

Morning everybody I man I'm an alcoholic. And I am the Chair of the Finance Committee. And let's see, our report is the round tables I really felt that the round tables went really well everybody did a great job. There was good discussion. That being said, there was only one GSR who benefited from the experience of being there through the process. Most of us have been doing service work for quite a while and it would have benefited from more participation, slow down a little bit. Sure.

Thank you. I just want to remind you we have Spanish speakers, being interpreted to and it's just what helpful, we can speak super slow. Thank you. Okay. Um, it would help if there were more new members involved in the summarizing and presenting DCMS can help with this by getting there GSR is involved. Since the officers and chairs already have commitments we need to get more people involved. We only had four people on our committee and one by one we just kind of disappeared. So, you know, I think getting it out there and you know to the GSR and the DCS and asking them for some help and participation would be great.

So, thank you for letting me be of service.

ACC Corrections- Robert J.

Committee Members: Robert J – SAGSC (Chair), Joe H - NAGSC, Andre C – SAGSC, Marty B – SAGSC, Anna L – NAGSC, Joan M – Advisor

Committee received agenda items background materials on 2/18/21. Our first committee meeting was held on Sunday 2/21/21. Attending members reviewed the background materials and agreed to recommend both agenda times 'A' and 'B' be presented at the NAGSC and SAGSC roundtables for discussion.

Anna L volunteered to summarize both agenda items for presenters. Committee members agreed that Anna L and Joe H would present agenda items 'A' and 'B' at the NAGSC roundtables and Robert J and Marty B would present agenda items 'A' and 'B' at the SAGSC roundtables

Committee members agreed to meet again on Sunday 3/7/21 one week before roundtables to review summarized agenda items and to decide which specific agenda item each committee member would present. I was surprised to find out that the NAGSC committee members had already been contacted by the Delegate or Alt-Delegate and assigned agendas items they would be presenting at NAGSC roundtables. My reading and understanding of the 2021 Pre-Conference Timeline materials stated that we (committee members) would be making presenter decisions. This change created some confusion for me and committee members. In the future I would suggest that either the instructions be changed in the Pre-Conference Timeline or the Delegate/Alt-Delegate keep committee members informed of changes that could override or substitute committee decisions.

I want to thank Jake my committee members for this unique opportunity to participate in my sobriety. I personally enjoyed the experience of chairing the committee and observing how gracious committee members interacted with me and each other to complete the assignment. Also important to me was having access to the background material, it helped me better understand how agenda items are developed within the AA general service structure. I strongly recommend that all GSRs have an opportunity to participate on one of the AC committees where they could also have the opportunity to experience how changes are initiated and implemented within AA.

ACC Literature- Claudia B.

Hi, my name is Claudia B., and I am an alcoholic. First, I would like to thank Julie and Jake for the opportunity to be of more service by asking me to Chair the ACC Literature Committee. This was a very easy task thanks to the dedicated members of the committee. Literally everyone completed their assignments within 48 hours. The summaries were great, and I was actually expecting this to be a daunting task. It really was not.

Next, I have come to the stark realization that we in AA are not fond of change. Literature changes at the pace of sleepy snails. This is my experience as I delved a bit into the issues that face the Literature Conference Committee.

To begin with, about 1/3 of the 28 items on the agenda were already summarized from last year which only left 19 items to summarize. These included items M (1) and M (2) through AA (1,2,3, and 4). These were very interesting ones, too. Meaty, even. Some very controversial. I explained to the committee that it was very important that they answered the question contained within the Agenda Topic. The example that I used was that when I was teaching, I would tell me students that when I asked them to tell me the colors of apples, I was not asking for the history of apple growing in Washington state. I often got the latter. So, for the most part, I received the colors of apples.

Some of the writeups of summaries were quite lengthy and some succinct. I learned more about the AA World Services, Inc Policy on Publication: Keeping Literature Current. There were agenda items that were drafts, changes and/or updates on The Twelve Traditions Illustrated

pamphlets (and the recommendation that we also keep the original one), the Concepts Illustrated pamphlet, the 12 Steps illustrated and a new pamphlet on the 3 legacies. Other updates and change recommendations include the topic of safety in Living Sober and the Sponsorship pamphlet, updates on Young People in AA and the future of the pamphlet "Too Young," and the pamphlet "The AA Group." Other agenda items include updates of the pamphlet for Native North Americans and the updates of the pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women.

Two major pieces of our literature were also addressed. First the suggestion that we put the long form of the traditions before the Traditions in the 12 x 12. And, more controversially, the topic that seemed to receive attention at PRAASA and in the background info was the discussion about figuring out if there is a common solution to the cultural, accessibility, relatability, gender identity and reading level questions presented by different members of the AA community. In addition, there are items regarding a 5th edition and additions to the Big Book in the new edition. Always a lively discussion getter.

And, finally, I want to thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

ACC Trustees – Paul E.

Hi Area 42, I'm Paul E. an alcoholic and on behalf of the Area Conference Committee (ACC) Trustees committee. Here is our report. First, I would like to point out that the Trustees Conference Committee (TCC) is also known as the "Nominating Committee" and one of their main functions is to recommend the slate of Trustees and Officers for the General Service Board (GSB), Directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc. and A.A. World Services, Inc. at the General Service Conference for disapproval if any. We had 7 agenda items; 3 of those are administrative review processes (nominating), 1 was summarized last year, and that left us with 2 that we needed to summarize. We had 2 online (zoom) meetings; Marita gave us an overview of what the TCC does. Then first was to determine who was going to do our summaries. John volunteered to do Item F: Review the "Statement of Concern and Motion to Censure for Submission to the 71st General Service Conference." and Jolene Volunteered to do Item G: Review report on amending the A.A. World Services, Inc. Bylaws. We decided at that time not to recommend any of our Agenda Items for the "Roundtables" or the Area Assembly for presentations. The 2 Items that we summarized this year we felt were important, but there were many more on the list from other committees that we felt were more pressing. We met for a second time online (zoom) after PRAASA and before the North and South "Roundtable" meetings. We had received more information on Item F and John did a new summary. By the time we had received the new information and John had redone his summary, the packet of the was summaries was already sent out. We discussed this and felt that instead of having Julie and Jake asking Anne to send out a whole new summary packet that it would be better for us just to send the updated summary to Julie and Jake our Delegate and Alternate. In the spirit of

transparency if anyone would like our updated summary you can contact Jonelle, she will put her email in the chat. Thank you for allowing us to serve, Jonelle, Paul, Marita, John, and Jolene.

ACC CPC Cooperation with the Professional Community – Robin R.

Hello, my name is Robin and I am an alcoholic, it is a pleasure to be with you today, thank you for the opportunity. I'll briefly sum up our committee's efforts on our agenda items. This is my first year in General Service, our Chair stepped down midway through the process. Fortunately, we have a great Delegate and Team members that were willing to help make the presentations successful. We met as a committee once a week and the end result was truly a team effort.

Our agenda items were:

LinkedIn - A professional networking site with members in more than 200 countries & territories around the world. Today and tomorrow's professional is more likely to satisfy their curiosity and acquire their knowledge via the internet than at any time before. Networking online is the most efficient for many of them.

Mental Health - The idea of a mental health pamphlet has been considered at Conference since 1987, the last time in 2015. Having a title specifically targeted to the Mental Health professional would increase the chance of them reading about what we have to offer.

Pamphlet for Members of the Clergy - The pamphlet was brought up for an update by the A.A.W.S.'s Publications Department. The editorial process included input from a member of the clergy and former nonalcoholic trustee of the General Service Board of A.A. One of the main updates to pamphlet is replacing the word Clergy with Faith Leaders.

ACC Treatment and Accessibilities – Dan M.

Accessibilities Committee had three meetings. We did not have a lot of agenda items to go over, it went smoothly. We are looking forward to the fall to jump into what we need to get done for the rest of this year. It was nice to have Google Drive to be able to do the summarizing on the Zoom call.

ACC PI (Public Information) - Joel B.

The PI Area Conference Committee (ACC) was given 10 agenda items to study and decide which to forward to Area 42 for further discussion. We met last February to discuss these items, assign summaries, and select items to be forwarded to Area 42 for further discussion. Items B (Google Ads Effectiveness), E (Consider draft plan for podcasts), and G1 ("Speaking at Non-AA meetings" pamphlet revision) made it to the floor of spring assembly for discussion. Of these items, Item B received the most discussion and interest in how it helps carry the message of recovery. Thanks to all who participated in the discussion of these three items.

Regarding my experience with ACC, I would start with how uncomfortable I felt taking on the task of participating in the committee. I was intimidated by the process and was met with love and tolerance when asking for help while working through the process.

I learned a lot from the experience. First, it helped me further my understanding of how agenda items are created and developed through a process of discussion and revision. I also gained an understanding of how Trustee's Committees function within General Service. Lastly, it helped me understand how groups are connected to the GSC and the trustees.

I want to say thank you for the opportunity to be of service. I would recommend getting involved with ACC because of the positive experience it provided me.

ACC Policy/Admissions - Lonnie M.

I was asked to chair Policy/Admissions committee.

The first thing I did was to schedule a zoom meeting with the committee.

The first thing we did was to decide how to divide up the agenda items.

Next after the summaries were done, we meet to review to see if everyone was happy with their summaries.

Before the meeting was done Samantha had already sent the summaries to Jake.

What was my experience: First, Jake and the committee that put this together did a great job, they really put a lot of thought and work in to making it as easy as they could.

Second, Zoom was a great tool. We could meet more often and discuss the process.

Third, putting a past Delegate with each group was a great help, having Sophie was a great help for me and the whole committee, she did a lot of the heavy lifting.

A couple of things that were challenges, one google drive. It's quite a learning curve. We were fortune to have Samantha on are committee, she's a wiz at google.

Having access to zoom, poor Lisa had to help me with the process.

My solutions, one have a computer sponsor, which I have and use.

Two, get a zoom account which wasn't big deal for me, it's a little over \$12.00 per month. It's a great tool for me in general service.

And Lastly get at Gmail account witch again not a big deal, this free.

My take away was it was a great experience for me. Thank you for letting me be part of the solution.

ACC Archives - Debbie S.

The Area Conference Committee on Archives consist of 4 members; Ronnie D., Diana M., Bruce S. and myself (Debbie S.); Greg M. (our past Delegate Advisor): and Lyle C. as our support.

As the Chair for this Committee, I got off to a late start, however, I did make phone contact with the three members. We all contributed to an email thread and phone conversations, with interest in XII ARCHIVES Item B, Review report on proposed book on AA History. We felt that there was not enough meat to make a presentation, as we are waiting to review the report from the Conference Archives Committee. In the meantime, we have reviewed some of the past background information and have been in touch with other resources.

What does the Delegate want to know? Discussions from your group regarding the value to the fellowship of a new history book. Any ideas, concepts or themes.

In not wanting to lose the value from each members thoughts, I have copied from email and double checked my notes from phone calls...

GREG: I've read through the Item B including the Report – I have a question about the first bullet of "Summary of notes:" *"Most committee members were in favor of the idea and thought it important to publish a book for historical documentation (my underscore). It was expressed all involved should proceed with caution."

Question - Is the intent of the propose book project to document the history of the organization (AAWS,AAGV,AAGSB) Including the GSC, WSM, Zonal Meeting, Area's, Intergroups etc.

Past Archives background shared several attempts at a history book which were "shelved" by the GSC because the work product didn't measure up to Bill's writing style. (my words.)

I might suggest everyone review the current [Alcoholics Anonymous : A.A. Timeline](#) This time-line could be used as a template, expanded with more detail in each decade.

After a few years the "outline" would be complete and serve as tangible guidepost for a suitable author (s).

Diana: Expand content in the existing on-line AA Timeline: Besides the obvious historical value to understand our past, a chronological history presents a broad overview of major AA events and caters to the individual who wants a good story to read. It's a learning tool that that is both useful and relevant. It can draw one in and be a source of recollection and inspiration for the informed and uninformed. Lastly, it is inviting to both alcoholics and non-alcoholics. I would have a book like this on my coffee table.

A Timeline style is attractive because it is simple for the reader.

Exposition/format: By implementing a visual portrayal using images of our history like: Illustrations, photos, articles, etc., events seem to make more sense because one can visualize a sequence, a progression.

Who will be the Author, a concern: What about the author's descriptive approach relating to historical facts and events? Will the text reflect enough objectivity?

Bruce: There is no need to write a History Book.

- There is plenty of access to AA Archives. Most Area's Archives parallel AA's Archives.
- I don't feel there would be enough interest in a history book.
- You can't write a history book with a committee. No one writes in Bill's style.
- The last history book did not make money. History books are not written to make money, they are written to share history.

- Archivists don't write history books, we preserve history. Literature writes and publishes, we should give this proposal back to Literature.
- In my experience, every need has been met. So far, every request, dating back to 1988 has been tabled. It is not a need.
- In conclusion- It is not necessary, not needed. Don't table it, drop it or give it back to Literature.

Ronnie: There is a need for a history book. Timeline should be from 1955 to present.

- Funds-I believe it would be money well spent.
- Most people will back away from writing it, as they don't write like Bill W.
- how about some stories from Armed forces personnel, especially on how they stayed sober during wartime?
- What about that old timer with 30+ years, just barely holding on? Helping to write this book might be the service that he needs...just a thought.
- Give Literature the option to participate and/or review the draft.

Debbie: I agree with the Literature Committees many recommendations of not moving forward, for the same reasons of; costs (time and money), we have enough resources/access to Archives, and history books available. Our task is to discuss Ideas, Themes and Concepts of a history book. That being said, here are some of mine...

THEME: I like the idea of The Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, Service.

IDEAS and CONCEPTS:

- Have this book target all members of AA.
- Include information and photos of international and United States historical events.
- Use only material (including newsletter articles) from the GSO Archives.
- Hire a professional, as opposed to putting a committee together, to write and edit the book.
- Make it easy to read with photos. Similar format as shown in the AA timeline.
- Publish volumes in 5-10 year increments.

Most of the above bullets points are not my original, they have been mentioned in background notes. Alcoholics Anonymous has gone through many changes in all three legacies. The surveys have shown the diversity changes of our membership. New publications and events in many languages, cultures and countries. A new era of YPAA. New pamphlets have been developed. Concerns of Anonymity, Traditions, Safety, digital, social media, etc. have been brought forward in just the past few years.

ACC International Conventions/AA regional Forums - Jay S.

My name is Jay S. I am an alcoholic and this is my International Convention and forums report. Our Committee is made up of 5 people. We communicated via Phone calls and E-mails. We met one time on Zoom, the day Summery back grounds were released. We had two topics to discuss and summarize.

1. Discuss methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.
 - a. The primary was concerned with the use of the lord's prayer at International Conference meetings
2. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

- a. We did have feed back from a couple of home groups on this topic
Some people did not know all members could attend. They believed perhaps it was like the General Service conference.
- b. It was suggested perhaps it not be held on fourth of July weekend.

Topics were summarized and it was decided not to forward topics to the area 42 conference for further discussion.

We did have another proposition asked by one of our committee members. We voted unanimously to forward this information and a request to Area 42 to appoint an ad- hoc committee for following request.

The area 42 International Convention and Forums committee would like to request area 42 to appoint an ad hoc committee to present a proposal to have the 100th anniversary International Convention here in Area 42 in the year 2035. We believe with the new Raider Stadium and the wonderful Town of Las Vegas at our doorstep it would be a very plausible choice for the International Convention.

On behalf of the Area 42 International Convention and forums committee and Area 42 I am once again just plain Delighted to be of service to my District, to Our Area and to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

ACC Grapevine - Jason M.

Hello, my name is Jason, and I am an alcoholic,

I want to start off with a shout out to the Area Committee members, who did all the behind-the-scenes work, and everyone who contributed on the summaries for the Grapevine agenda items.

The process, at first, seemed overwhelming, but once we got started it seemed to go smoothly for our committee. We assigned the agenda items to our committee members as soon as we were able. A few days later we held a Zoom meeting to discuss the agenda items, go over summaries that had been completed, make any necessary adjustments to make sure we completed our summaries by the deadlines.

I'm not sure if it was by design, but it was very helpful to have our past delegate Rhonda, as one of our advisors, because she had served on the Grapevine Committee. I would recommend we try to duplicate this in future with past and current delegates whenever possible.

My biggest take away from this experience is, it really does take a village, and when two or more A.A.s come together miracles do happen.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Report and Charter – Caroline J.

Good morning area 42, I'm Caroline I'm an alcoholic. And I had the pleasure of chairing the report and charter committee. There were only three of us, me Rina H, and Mike L. And, and we had three items, and none of which we forwarded to the delegate there wasn't anything to really decide. However, there is some really good news coming down the pike, one of the items is a revision drumroll of the AA service manual, and they have been tasked with making it user friendly attractive and inviting. Simple, rather than complicated and targeted to the user, and leader. So that is exciting Julie, bring it home. So that's, that's basically it did or what everyone Thank you all for letting me be of service.

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SAGSC Secretary Report – Claudia B.

I am Claudia and I am an alcoholic. I am also the southern area General Service Committee secretary. I want to thank Lisa, I for her experience strength and hope, as I looked at the responsibility of taking minutes and including all of the officer committee and DCM reports in the new world of virtual meetings. I'm also grateful for the invention of the tape recorder. I'm also grateful for the people who were to give reports, who took the time to send them to me ahead of time so that I could include them in the agenda as part of the minutes and get them to the translators, to include in the Spanish version of the minutes. I worked out a system with them that after only one meeting seems to work. Most importantly, anything that keeps me in general services an opportunity to help me carry the message. That's really part of my primary purpose, and for that I'm grateful that you all entrusted me with this position.

GOOGLE DRIVE TUTORIAL

Alt Delegate Jake S. and Webmaster Mike L. and others talk about Google Drive and how to use it.

ASK IT BASKET WITH PAST DELEGATES

Present: Ruth J., Joan M., Sophie P., Rhonda W., Phil W

Topics covered:

- Condensed version of the Big Book
- Service call gas money
- Spirit of Rotation
- Agenda items for GSO and Area Assembly
- Why do agenda items keep coming back
- Creating an international convention bid

CREATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO CREATE A BID PACKAGE TO HOST THE 2035 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN LAS VEGAS

Jay made a motion to request that Area 42 form an Ad Hoc committee to look into asking the General Service Board's International Conventions and Forums host the 100th Anniversary 2035 International Convention in Las Vegas. Seconded.

VOTE: 57 yes votes zero Nos to create an ad hoc committee to ask the delegate to seek a bid package for the 2035 International Convention to be held in Las Vegas.

AREA 42 FALL ASSEMBLY HOST DISTRICT SELECTED

District 6 was the district on deck to host the Spring 2020 assembly and they have agreed to fulfill that commitment again if we are able to meet live this fall in Tonopah.

AREA 42 PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY MINUTES RESPECTFULLY COMPILED AND SUBMITTED BY AREA 42, PANEL 71 RECORDING SECRETARY ANNE D.

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