

Panel 71 Area 42 Preconference Assembly Minutes
April 1-3, 2022
Held via ZOOM and at the Tonopah Convention Center

Meeting called to order at 6 pm by Area 42 Chair, Lisa I.

District 1

Marty B.

Boulder City, Searchlight and south of Searchlight. The district is alive and meeting in person with a hybrid option on the third Sunday of the month. It still has meetings that are active without GSRs. Future plans include reaching out to those groups by attending meetings and carrying the message.

District 2

Billy O.

With a goal of bringing Unity to our District we have formed committees with different purposes. We have a “dark meeting” committee that will attend the business meetings of under-represented groups in our district. The purpose is to educate these groups. We would like to bring awareness as to what general service is all about. The end goal is to have as many groups as possible bring their voice to our Area Assembly. We have also formed an activities committee. We hope to bring a little fun and comradery to the District. We can have fun in sobriety. More to come on that front.

I also want to send a sincere apology to our Secretary, as I sent this report in late and I want it to be publicly known that I am a slacker.

Thank you for letting me be of service. I am humbled by it.

District 3

Andre C.

No report

District 4

Michelle M.

Report given.

District 5B

Ashley L.

The district held its quarterly workshop and it went fabulously with 42 people in attendance with five on ZOOM. The DCM is meeting with the registrar to get to meetings that are not participating to hopefully bring more GSRs to the district.

District 6

Pat S.

District meetings now hybrid and held on the second Sunday of even months. It recently voted to allow Alternate DCM to attend PRAASA and or the Regional Forum.

District 7

Robert J.

Submitted by Alternate DCM Robert J. for DCM Brooke B. We recently moved locations for district meetings which are held on the third Friday of each month. A concepts workshop was held recently with two more planned for 2022. We continue to connect new GSRs to general service.

District 8

Dorothy K.

Eastern California. Most meetings are back in person. Continuing to contribute to the area. Things are humming along. Will let everyone know when the prisons are open again.

District 9

Dano B.

Reported that it is host district for the pre-conference assembly and creating binder for the next host district. Next District 9 service event is April 9. Next service events will be focused on the service manual.

District 10A

Joe H.

The district hosted a three-and-one-half hour discussion meeting at the Elko fellowship hall in preparation for the NAGSC roundtables. Everyone there agreed it needed to be an annual meeting. This year it is incorporating a pot luck dinner along with its other service events. As the weather gets warmer she hopes for more participation.

District 11

No report.

District 12

Debbie S.

The district was excited to serve at the NAGSC roundtable meeting place. It is working on generating more interest in general service, but participation remains low for now.

District 13

No report.

District 14

Terry M.

Hello everyone! My name is Terri and I am an alcoholic. I am the DCM for district 14 which is all of North Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Incline Village, NV

We had our last district meeting on March 16th and voted to have our Jamboree that was canceled last year due to the horrific fires that devastated our area, and so many lives. The Jamboree, which is a speaker event held on the Truckee River at Truckee Regional Park. The beautiful landscape, potluck, BBQ, make it a great time for the whole family. Bring your kids, dogs on leashes and come spend the day with district 14. We have started a committee and will give you the date and particulars as soon as possible.

Please visit our website is <https://northtahoeaa.com/>. There you will find our meeting schedule and Jamboree updates. Meetings have opened up with masks optional. It seems people are starting to venture out more. I am grateful for AA. You all have given me a life beyond my wildest dreams.

With love in service,

District 15

Teresa

The district is hosting a breakfast on May 1 at the T.I.E. Club in Las Vegas with co-host District 7. Looking forward to many more events in 2022. DCM attended PRAASA and learned a lot.

District 16

Pat B.

Greater Sparks area including Spanish Springs. Holds hybrid district meetings third Tuesday of the month. Grateful to have new elected a new treasurer. It is planning a new workshop for summer.

District 17

Ed F.

New DCM Ed F. recently took over for Brad L. who moved to Missouri. Things are slowly getting back to normal. DCM is attending a lot of meetings to try to bring unity to the groups and generate more participation. It holds workshops and events to help bring people together.

District 18

Inactive

District 19

Annie D.

Report given by Annie D. for DCM Jim C. District 19 continues to cover a lot of ground – 410,000 miles to be exact. It is grateful to the support of the intergroups and area committees. ZOOM remains to be a wonderful tool for us since we are four hours from our neighbors in any direction. The second annual CampNIC is coming up in July.

District 20

Jodie G.

District 20 consists of 3 rural counties in Northeastern California: Lassen, Plumas and Modoc. District is lucky to have Area 42 Delegate Julie C. and Northern Area Chair Lyle C. in its district. It takes advantage of their experience often. It recently decided to revive the campout and it will be at Eagle Lake this summer.

District 21

Francisco C.

I wish to extend a welcome. District meetings are held every Thursday. Every Monday the district visits a home group. Wednesday the district visits home groups to discuss concerns, service, takes suggestions. We have an atmosphere of harmony throughout the groups. It is also working with the LaVina 26th Anniversary host committee.

District 22

Tony M.

No report.

LaVina Anniversary Report

Marisol

Hi Fellow AA members. My name is Marisol, I'm an Alcoholic. I'm from the Area 42, Hispanic District 21 and serving as the Treasurer of the Pacific Region 26th Anniversary of La Viña which is going to be celebrated in the great city of Las Vegas on July 22, 23 and 24 at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino.

Last fall when I was here at the Assembly, I was so excited to tell you about our Area 42 being elected to host this Pacific Regional function. The Pacific Region includes the states of California, Utah, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, New Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska, and, of course, Nevada.

The last time Nevada hosted this event was 7 years ago. We are so fortunate to be able to bring this amazing experience to the city of Las Vegas this year and we would be honored to see you there.

We hold our committee meetings every Tuesday at 7 pm at the Las Vegas Hispanic Central Office. Since our committee began we've planned weekly visits in and out of the State of Nevada to let the membership know about the purpose of La Viña, organize writing workshops, as well as informing everyone about this momentous celebration.

I want to tell you about a few more things we have done so far.

We signed the contract with Palace Station and have paid 2 deposits.

We established the price for our Banquet at \$60.

Registration fee is \$23.00 which includes a year subscription to the La Viña magazine (which is like the Grapevine but in Spanish).

We created a website – www.lavina26.com - where you can purchase the Registration and/or the Banquet separately. Plus, a discount code is available if you wish to reserve a room at the Hotel. Last but not least, contributions from AA members are welcome and easy to make on the website whether you wish to attend the event or just support La Viña 26 – simply hit the “DONAR” button.

I'm excited to inform you that, on our program, we've invited to the anniversary our Area 42 Delegate, Julie C., a Trustee from the General Service Board, Paz P., and the La Viña Associate Editor, Karina C. Plus we have scheduled amazing local and out-of-state speakers. And a Big Dance after the Banquet!

Please stop by and visit our section of this convention hall when you have a moment. At the same time, you can contribute to this event by purchasing our special T-shirt for \$25.00.

Let me know if you have any questions.

CPC PI-SAGSC

Robin R.

Report given.

CPC PI – NAGSC

GSR Trainer – SAGSC

Glenn W.

No report.

GSR Trainer - NAGS

Jay S.

No report.

DCM Coordinator SAGSC

Lisa T.

Report given.

DCM Coordinator NAGSC

Lonnie M.

Report given.

Hospital and Institutions SAGSC

Treatment and Accessibilities

Ed L.

Intergroup – NAGSC

Don D.

Intergroup – SAGSC

Caroline J.
Report given.

RNYPAA

Natasha

My name is Natasha and I'm an alcoholic. I am the General Service Rep RENVYPAA. We are bidding for NACYPAA which is having their first conference this year in Vegas, June 24th to the 26th. We are working closely with host and advisory during this process to support the conference. We are holding events once a month to get the newcomers involved in AA along to meetings to get them involved. Our group is also working with cities and towns in the surrounding areas, such as Carson and Elko, to help support them as they build up their own YPAA committees in their areas. Carson just recently started a YPAA committee, CACYPAA, and they are also considering a bid for NACYPAA. Our main goal is to bring new and young alcoholics into the fold to help them learn about the importance service work along with having fun in AA.

This is a variation of my report. Thank you for letting me be of service.

NACYPAA

Mike L.

My name is Mike L., your alcoholic liaison for the host committee of the first Nevada Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous, or NACYPAA. I am grateful to be here in Tonopah today and pray this finds all of you well. NACYPAA, the Nevada Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous Host Committee will hold the first Nevada state young people of Alcoholics Anonymous conference from June 24th to 26th, 2022 at The Plaza Hotel and Casino in downtown Las Vegas. The seed monies granted to NACYPAA advisory at the fall assembly have been received and blossomed through tireless fundraising, now at 4/5ths to the needed goals to fulfill our costs. Registration is currently \$25 and special room rates are both available now at our website, nacypaa.org, or via scanning the QR code found on our latest fliers. Please consider donating a sponsorship registration, as many young people in the program, some still in high school, struggle with finances to attend. We have been busy outreaching to young, or young at heart alcoholics, in distant, underserved communities in area 42, as per the NACYPAA statement of purpose. We have sent speakers to Ely, Elko, Reno, and Mesquite. We are currently working on outreach ideas for Pahrump, eastern California and district 21.

We have co-hosted events with other YPAA committees locally and throughout the Pacific region including travel to Yuma, Prescott, Phoenix, Visalia, and soon, Flagstaff.

Our next event will be a field day/picnic on Saturday, April 23rd from Noon til 4pm at Pueblo Park, 7663 W Lake Mead Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89128. There will be food, fun, field games, and (of course) a meeting. The suggested donation is \$15. Additionally, we be exchanging speakers for the event with Mesquite, traveling there on the same evening.

Many of our committee members are new to service in this arena, and we have faced unexpected challenges including the sudden death of a committee member to, parental intervention against a minor from participating, and the exit of key officers and subcommittee chairs. In due course, we completed a group inventory for the committee on February 27th to see how we measured up to the program's ideals, which was illuminating and facilitated healthy revisions.

On a personal note; I have been overwhelmed and humbled, as host liaison speaking with members of this body, to learn how truly ambitious the scope of the continuing conference's goals are, and how much is left to be done. I feel honored and privileged to belong to the committee taking these first steps; surveying the needs of young, underserved alcoholics in Nevada; fleshing out the framework for the future of the conference, and learning where and when our limitations and resources, for our part in this venture, must be drawn. We are but a link within a chain. I hope we forge a solid foundation to ensure the continuity and growth of the conference for many years to come.

NACPAA I Host Committee meets 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1:30pm at Las Vegas Central Office. All are welcome.

Thank you for your time, support, and continuing service!

Chair Translation and Interpretation

Tony M.

Hello, my name is Tony, and I am an alcoholic. I am privileged and honored to serve as your area 42 Translation and Interpretation Chair. First and foremost, I would like to thank all of you who have sent in your reports in a timely matter. I can't stress enough, the importance of sending in your reports at least 10 days before any occurrence such as this one here in Tonopah. Since we have become a committee, we have taken on the responsibility to translate all information so our Hispanic community stays fully informed and can feel a part of. As you can see in

the back, they are here to be a part of. So, with that said, we need more time to translate all the documents. As you speak at the mike today, please speak slowly so we can simultaneously translate, so they can hear your message. At the last Assembly, you authorized me to purchase new translation equipment to replace the misplaced equipment and we are using it right now. I did give you an estimated price but didn't realize that the earphones were not included so I had to purchase them separately. Our committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month on Zoom. We would love to have more volunteers and you don't have to speak Spanish. Thank you to Dave and Erica, who are from the North, and to Dina, our committee secretary, for helping us translate reports. By the way Dave and Erica are not Hispanic, hint hint. Thank you to Diana especially for coordinating, designating, editing, and getting reports back to Anne, our area secretary, in a timely manner.

In Love and Service.

Co-Chair Translation and Interpretation

Diana M.

My name is Diana and I'm an alcoholic and the co-chair of the Translation & Interpretation Committee.

I want to let our new participants at the Assembly know that Area 42 has 2 Hispanic Linguistic Districts, District 22 in the North and 21 in the South.

Our committee works together with our Area Officers and trusted servants during the entire year so that we are able to communicate simultaneously in Spanish and English with the entire body.

This committee was established not too long ago but, for me, it has been – and still is - a very rewarding experience. It's an opportunity to practice inclusivity in AA, inspire and hopefully strengthen the unity between our English and Spanish speaking communities. Its other purpose is to enhance the potential of our Latino brothers and sisters to better interpret, apply their own authority, and better exercise their "Right of Decision".

I'm impressed at what our committee of volunteers can and has accomplished. Three of us are bilinguals, two of us are not. Surprised? We have the resources that are facilitating the means to reach our Hispanic brothers and sisters in AA. To widen our sense of mutual belonging, some of us have become involved with the Spanish speaking AA community, thus, forming closer ties, and achieving a broader awareness of each others' customs.

Translation has given me something beyond learning AA-speak and hunting for cultural nuances in another language. It's become a path aligned with my heart to connect across differences.

BLUE ROOM MINUTES

Alternate Chairperson Lyle C. Minutes taken by Alt. Secretary, Erica P.

Minutes for Blue Room

1. *Guideline Change for Finance – first reading – brought by Laura J. via Claudia*
 - a. *Claudia provided the information that the Finance Committee is trying to change either from the fiscal year to the calendar year or vice versa so that we are not approving a budget for funds that have already been earmarked.*

2. *Guideline Change to Create Area Tech Committee – first reading – brought by Lyle*
 - a. *Lyle read through the lengthy guidelines change and discussion ensued. Many people were grateful for Jeffrey's service. There were discussions about timing. It was mentioned that to have Tech 12 do the work would be \$12,000+/year. There were discussions about whether this position should be appointed or elected. There were questions about whether the membership needed this and it was discussed that the membership asked the Area to keep hybrid meetings. There was the question of how this position would interact with the Communications committee. There were discussions about clarity of responsibility. Jeffrey is aware of how we can do hybrid voting for the Fall Assembly. It was discussed that we need people with the correct skillsets to do the job*

3. *Online registration – concern brought up by Paul E.*
 - a. *Paul said that some folks tried to register online at the last minute for virtual attendance and the process would not allow them*

to do that. They were not happy. This brought up a discussion about whether Area 42 should be charging for registration, though it was brought up that snacks, packets, etc. depend on registration numbers. A concern was also brought up about registration is only in English and we need registration to also be in Spanish.

Saturday, April 1, 2022, 8 am

Lisa I called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. in the Tonopah Convention Center, Area 42.

Proposal Withdrawn

- Withdrawn Proposal from Fall 2021 Assembly: Area 42 support a proposal to reverse the new 2021 wording of the AA Preamble back to the previous wording. Seconded and unanimously approved.

PRECONFERENCE MINUTES APPROVED

Area 42 Recording Secretary Anne D. proposed the passage of the Area 42 Fall 2021 Area 42 Minutes. They were unanimously approved. None opposed.

Recording Secretary

Anne D.

Welcome to everyone who is attending their first assembly here in Tonopah or online via ZOOM. I hope you find something that blows your mind and keeps you coming back for more.

Thank you to my Area officer and committee team, it is such an honor to serve with you. Thank you for sending me to another PRAASA where I was able to serve as the chairperson of the Roundtables. If you haven't been to PRAASA – they do this great thing where all the people can sit and chat with other people in the same service position. GSR with GSRs, DCMs with DCMs, Grapevine and LaVina with Grapevine and LaVina. It's wonderful to learn from others and share with others who are doing the same job on this road of happy destiny.

Every time I write a report to give to you all, I sit down to try to pinpoint what exactly made me fall in love with this kind of twelfth step work. I keep coming back to the people. Your examples and love for life shows through your commitments and appetite to serve your groups and your communities over the

long term. By watching you and listening to you, I have learned so many profound lessons that it is difficult for me to pinpoint all the specifics.

But I'm going to try.

You have taught me that how I treat you matters more than anything. You remind me about how to use my 'pleases' and 'thank yous' – even in emails and texts, actually especially in emails and texts. You taught me that I need a team. You taught me that it is important to float an idea around to take the temperature of the room before taking actions that will result in a big change. You taught me to take things slowly – not to rush the big decisions – they can wait until the next assembly or maybe two or three. You taught me to take the time to listen to others, read up on things, get to know as much as I can about something before I embrace it or not so that I can be part of an informed group conscious. And with that you taught me the incredible power and importance of the minority opinion and the group conscious – although I may not agree with it at the time.

And just like everything AA for me – it's often the newcomer who helps me learn the most. You all have the fresh brains and the fresh perspective that we need so much.

If you are new here. Welcome. Ask questions. If something doesn't sit right with you, it probably doesn't sit right with someone else so please find your way to the mic. Please stand up and be heard because you matter here.

We hear over and over that this A and A is a we thing. And I will never be a we without you.

Delegate

Julie C.

Hello Area 42, my name is Julie C, 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.

I would like to begin with a few items from the General Service Office (GSO):

- [AA.org](https://aa.org) – In December 2021 we launched a new updated website for aa.org. From an article in the 2022 Spring edition of Box 459 (available on "[what's new](https://aa.org)" on aa.org), feedback from a 2018 communications audit noted that "the website 'didn't communicate well with core audiences,' used 'A.A.

jargon' that confused visitors and newcomers, and was difficult to search." If you haven't seen aa.org lately, please check it out.

- **Meeting App** – I would like to report my wonderful experience with the meeting app. In my small community of Chester, CA, population of 2,000, we have in-person, hybrid, virtual and temporarily closed meetings. Ronda, the office manager in the Reno/Sparks Central Office has been handling all the website meeting listings for a while. Ronda wears many hats, none of which are web designer. I noticed last year that our meetings were not showing up in the app the way they did online. Northern Nevada Intergroup had spent money and time implementing changes so that we would be included in the meeting app. I reached out to the new member services department. I was able to pass on valuable instructions, which Ronda implemented and now meetings in our little rural town are available to anyone with the meeting app. If your meetings are not correct, please contact the support team from the app or reach out to member services at GSO. Email: memberservices@aa.org Phone: 212-870-3023
- **Request for Shared Experience: "Inside" Sponsorship** - The trustees' Committee on Corrections is requesting shared experience on the methods by which A.A. members on the outside sponsor members inside correctional facilities. This request is to address an unmet need for sponsorship of A.A. members in custody.
- **The trustees' Literature Committee is seeking stories of recovery from all African American, Canadian, Caribbean A.A. members from the English, French and Spanish-speaking Black communities.** Stories of recovery may also include:
 - Experience, Strength, and Hope
 - Steps, Traditions, Concepts
 - Ethnic, cultural, gender and LGBTQ diversity
 - Diversity of social status
 - Sponsorship
 - A.A. Service
 - Safety & Racism
 - Military
 - Black Mental Health and Diverse Abilities
 - BIPOC A.A. meetings
 - Atheist/Agnostics

- **Seventh Tradition** – Please send contribution checks to a new address: PO Box 2407, James A Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407. For those of you making contributions online, make sure you are selecting your group #. There is a search feature, make sure you select the correct group. It will not be credited to your group without that number.

This is my second and final year representing Nevada Area 42 at the General Service Conference. Last year everything was done virtually and this year I have been able to go to the roundtables in person, this assembly in person and I have my tickets to go to Brooklyn! I have made some keepsakes for this year's Conference. Please help yourselves.

What exactly is the General Service Conference. Here is the definition from page 86 under the glossary terms in our A.A. Service Manual. "General Service Conference — A conference linking the A.A. groups to the General Service Office and the General Service Board. It serves as the group conscience for A.A. as a whole. Although the Conference only meets for six days a year, the Conference members are active in Conference affairs throughout the year. Conference members are elected as representatives from each of 93 area assemblies. The assemblies themselves are elected by General Service Representatives (GSRs) from all A.A. groups."

Today is all about me listening to your group's voice. I know some of you were able to attend either one or both of the roundtables last month. Today we will hear six more items. You will be given an opportunity to come to the mic and share your thoughts. It is my hope that GSRs were able to go to their homegroups and share what they heard at the roundtables. There are many different reactions to General Service by homegroups. Some homegroups have a number of members who are engaged and provide easy feedback for their GSR, some groups have never had a GSR and don't know anything about General Service and everything in between.

When I was a new GSR we hadn't had a GSR in many years. And the last ones I remembered complained about having to come to Tonopah. Even though I was sober quite a while when I was first elected (or did I announce myself the GSR, hmm?) I was very naïve about what I was doing. If you are new and confused,

you are not alone. What we are doing today is hearing the group conscience, one of the most prized traditions within Alcoholics Anonymous.

“What Is an Informed A.A. Group Conscience?” (from page 29 of the A.A. Group)

The group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before definitive action is taken. This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of A.A. principles. To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind.

On sensitive issues, the group works slowly — discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges. Placing principles before personalities, the membership is wary of dominant opinions. Its voice is heard when a well-informed group arrives at a decision. The result rests on more than a “yes” or “no” count — precisely because it is the spiritual expression of the group conscience. The term “informed group conscience” implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes.”

As a second-year delegate I hope I have settled into being able to really listen to you. Maybe with less nervousness and intensity. Also, in-person, I am excited to feel the energy in the room. Even though we have fewer items to discuss at the Conference this year, the fellowship is very engaged. Groups that have sat on the sidelines have elected new GSRs. Members who have skipped business meetings are participating. At a recent district presentation, I heard a woman say that she had been attending AA meetings for years and she realized she wanted to meet the people who have been doing all the work behind the scenes. I sense a new interest in groups participating. Your groups hold the ultimate responsibility and final authority through your voice to me, and through me to the Conference later this month.

For those of you who are unaware our area has embraced using what we call the Area Conference Committees. These committees are comprised of our area officers, standing committee chairs, liaisons, district committee members (DCMs) and general service representatives (GSRs). Anyone who is interested is welcome and encouraged to volunteer. The presenters are part of these committees. What happens is that I get all the background (this year it was 1,081 pages in total) broken into 13 committees. Each of the committees read their background for their agenda items, create a summary and then recommend

which items we, as an area assembly, will discuss. They recommend to me and I have the final decision on which items we discuss, where and when we discuss and then the committees choose a presenter.

At the Conference I will be discussing anything that has to do with Cooperation with the Professional Community, as that is the committee I serve on. I will meet with seven other delegates on the C.P.C. Committee and we will discuss all five of our agenda items. We will be reviewing LinkedIn. We will be reviewing the progress report on the new pamphlet for Mental Health professionals. We will be going over the C.P.C. Kit in detail and discussing recommendations for updates. Today two people from our Area 42's C.P.C Area Conference Committee will present two items that I want to hear your feedback on. If you have ideas on the other three, please email me, call me, fill out the survey, hand me a note, whatever it takes to let me know how you feel.

The first four items that will be presented today are items that have received much discussion this year. Last year we passed some bold advisory actions and the fellowship wants more discussion. This is the perfect time and place for those discussions. As Josh E, the chair of the A.A. Grapevine Board, wrote: "all who are in the least reasonable will agree upon one point, as a group there is more discussion required so that we can move forward, as a Fellowship, in love and unity."

The ten presenters from the Northern and Southern roundtables will lead the feedback from your group consciences. We are going to ask that those who were able to meet with their groups or districts share with us what their groups said and felt. So, if you attended the roundtables and then met with your groups, please come to the mic and tell us about it.

May I please ask you to dig deep into your spiritual tool kit and find your listening ears. One of the biggest gifts in Alcoholics Anonymous is the gift of listening. My first sponsor listened to me talk until I was done. She patiently waited for me to talk myself out, then she shared her experience with me. She didn't tell me what to do, she shared the results from her own experience. It was magical. I find that if I treat others in General Service with the same respect that was shown to me, that I am able to honor others with the dignity that they deserve. It is also important to speak your conscience. Please don't leave here tomorrow wishing you had said something. As long as we treat each other with love and kindness, honor one another, listen with an open mind and heart, we will be able to "move forward, as a Fellowship, in love and unity."

Again, this year Jake S., Alternate Delegate created a survey with all 16 items that will be discussed today, along with many others. They are available in both English and Spanish. As you may have noticed some of the agenda items are on committees that don't quite make sense. That is because we are trying to even out the workload. Literature has had more and more items each year while other committees sometimes only have one or two. This year we took twelve of the new Literature items and scattered them to six other committees. For example, we are discussing the 12x12 as Finance B and C. It is a somewhat complex system, but the intention is so that all delegates have the same opportunity to participate at the Conference. With that said, the survey is grouped by category so that people outside of General Service will not be confused. Examples of the categories are the Big Book, Service Resources and 12X12. Please either print out the pdf and bring it to your group or send your members to our website. The surveys are located on the Delegate's Corner.

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 24th, I will be prepared.

A big thank you to our Area Conference Committees. Because of your service, I will be better informed on all the agenda items. I look forward to hearing your reports on the agenda items from your committees. To all the wonderful presenters today, thank you from the bottom of my heart. It can be scary to speak in front of people, to speak into a mic and challenging to keep our opinions to ourselves. You have been a wonderful example to our new GSRs on how to present a topic without expressing personal views. Thank you, thank you, thank you. And to our past delegates and trustees, I can't express how grateful I am for your love and support. I want to thank Jen G, and Lyle C, for running two absolutely wonderful roundtables. Thank you in advance to Lisa I, for this weekend. There are many people behind the scenes this weekend. We have registrars making sure you are connected to the General Service Office, our secretary is capturing your comments so that I will have easy access to your feedback at the Conference. Literature is available for you so that you can reference the literature that is being discussed. Our treasurers are available to additional funding if your groups or districts are not able to fully fund you. There is an entire room dedicated to archives to give you access to our history. Our

website and newsletters are available as resources. And thank you to our translators and interpreters for supporting our Spanish speaking members.

Last but definitely not least, thank you to Jake S, for walking side by side with me. First off Jake is my sounding board of reason. When I get stressed or overwhelmed Jake will gently and lovingly nudge me. Again, this year he 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. For all of you with alternates; alternate GSRs, DCMs, officers and committee chairs, my advice to you is embrace them. They volunteered so I assume they want to serve. Any time I have served in a position where there has been an Alt, my experience has been made richer by reaching out to them and working together. Jake has truly deepened my experience as a delegate.

So, you see this assembly takes a village to prepare our area to listen and speak our truths. I ask you today to take a moment and call in your guiding spirits, whatever form they may take, and ask that we are able to place the unity of Alcoholics Anonymous first. Our theme this year is Unity in Love and Service. Help us to honor our unity; to help us ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous is around for the baby born tonight, destined for alcoholism. No matter what, let's make sure that Alcoholics Anonymous is a safe, welcoming place for anyone who wishes to recover from alcoholism. As I was told years ago, Alcoholics Anonymous is for people who want it, not for people who need it. Are we ensuring that we are welcoming all newcomers who seek recovery? As Ruth often says, always inclusive; never exclusive.

I cannot tell you what an honor it is to represent you as your delegate. This experience and you have changed me, for which I am forever grateful. Now, let's have an experience!

Treasurer

Laura J.

Area 42 Treasurer Report Spring Assembly April 1 – 3, 2022 Reports Available

▪ Income & Expense as of 03/15/2022 ▪ Balance Sheet as of 03/15/2022

Financial Data as of 03/15/2022

- Savings 10,109.79
- Checking 58,888.60
- Total Assets 68,998.39

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 current approved budget. As Treasurer and along with Libby, our most valuable alternate treasurer, the Ad Hoc Committee, and the Area 42 Finance Committee, be assured that the road to moving from three accounts into one will be smooth and accomplished before the end of this rotation. More will be revealed as we get closer to the endgame. With the help of Claudia, our Area Finance Committee Chair, I have submitted QuickBooks files and other documents to our CPA to complete the 2021 Area 42 taxes.

I attended Praasa and went to the treasurer’s workshop. There was a lot of discussion from Areas who have added online contribution portals to their websites and some issues that came up using online pay platforms such as Zelle, PayPal, and Venmo. If Area 42 opts to move in that direction, we can rely on the shared experience of those Area treasurers.

Per our Guidelines, I purchased a Spanish and an English flash drive recording of the 2022 Portland, Oregon Praasa. The tapes were sent directly to our Archivist. If you were not able to attend, please see Ronnie D about borrowing.

I am so happy to be back in Tonopah with my recovery and General Service family!

Laura J, Area 42 Treasurer

UNITY PRESENTATION

Billy O.

Hello, my name is Billy, and I am an alcoholic.

I am the DCM for District 2 and your new Area Agenda Committee Chair...although nobody has told me what that actually means yet. Lol

This year’s conference theme is “AA Comes of Age 2.0: Unity in Love and Service”.

I am honored to be up here sharing with you what Unity means to me.

Thank you to our delegate Julie for asking me to be a part of this conference and thank you to everyone in attendance.

You are all special to me and without you I would not be who I am today.

When I was asked to speak on this theme, I was a little scared.

What do I say?

Who will pick out what I said wrong?

Well, I prayed on it, and this is the result...

My first sponsor once told me, "To research what a word means, you must first look it up".

So, let's look up the word "unity".

In the Oxford dictionary Unity is defined as "the state of being united or joined as a whole".

So, now we need to look up the word "joined".

Joined is defined as "being linked OR connected".

We can do this all day long, but you all get the idea.

To be united is to be joined or connected.

Is that not what we are doing here today at this assembly?

You would think so, but just wait until the agenda items come up.

It may take a bit, but we WILL become joined, or connected, UNITED eventually.

In July 1970, at the international convention in Miami, Florida, eleven thousand members of Alcoholics Anonymous made the following pledge in ELEVEN different languages:

A Declaration of Unity this we owe to A.A.'s future:

To place our common welfare first;

to keep our fellowship united.

For on A.A. unity depend our lives;

and the lives of those to come.

Why is Unity such a big deal to Alcoholics Anonymous?

As it states in Tradition one:

"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on A.A. unity".

I read that if we cannot recover together in unity our fellowship dies and we all may die along with it. This doesn't mean that you all need to agree with me or I with you.

We all have a moral obligation to speak our minds and stand up for our convictions.

In fact, we encourage everyone to speak their mind.

We are not here to quash anyone's opinion.

That is what I love about A.A.

We all matter and have a voice.

I love that the group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership, not any one person's opinion.

We are an informed group, and the sole authority is a loving God that expresses Himself in the group conscience.

When preparing for this topic I did a lot of reading and there is one quote from a man in Ontario that really struck a cord with me. Dale S. wrote "What do we do to foster Unity today and in the future"? He says it's simple. If I work the steps of my program, if I support the spirit of the traditions and I practice the principles of our spiritual concepts both within and outside my AA life I will be doing my part to foster unity and so help ensure the future of AA."

Unity IS one of our three cherished legacies. I first walked into AA back in 1996 and I was broken. I didn't know anything about the program. I actually thought that when you spoke of sponsorship it meant I would need to get a financial backer to be part of the program.

I remember crying in that first meeting and didn't really know what was happening. Someone said something that I related to and it affected me. I clearly remember someone I didn't know putting a hand on my back while I was crying and the crying turned into balling. You all knew what I was feeling and made me feel welcome and accepted. We all have a common problem and we need to give love and support to one another. This is the spirit of A.A.

How does Unity carry over into service. How does it translate into where we are today? For those of you that attended PRAASA, there was a presentation by Brian P. and he shared on the topic. He said that we must go to any lengths to preserve

our unity. We do not resolve our differences, we respect them. Our unity does not come from conformity. It broadens our reach.

Thank you, Brian.

We act as a whole and not as individuals. We bring our group conscience to Area and we voice it to the whole body. We let our groups be heard. We listen as well and what we hear we take back to our groups. We make sure our group is informed. We don't judge, criticize or devalue anyone else. We may even use right of decision to change our voice based on information our group did not have originally.

Sometimes voices can be strong. Just because the voice is loud does not mean it is right. I have witnessed some of the quietest voices result in dramatic change. This is why we MUST allow all to be heard. The majority AND the minority opinion. Remove the blinders and be willing to accept all points and allow for adjustment in your own position. Push EGO to the side and replace it with humility.

Dr. Bob. In his farewell talk he said that "Our Twelve Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the words "Love" and "service". We understand what love is, and we understand what service is. So let's bear those two things in mind.

Remember, if the whole falters, the individual may surely die.

Now, we are all alcoholics and that may be the only thing that we share as individuals. But, is that enough. I say yes. We may be different in spiritual practice, identity, race, culture, sexual orientation. Does any of that matter....no. We are all ALCOHOLICS!

Now, if you don't mind, I would like to finish with something my father taught me. When I was young he instructed me on the basics of oral communication and he told me that if you want to have a great speech you must finish with a memorable quote. I have used other men's words quite a lot today. I hope I have not over-used the words of others. My dad was an atheist, but his favorite quotes were from the Bible. I am not a big Bible guy, but to honor my father I will read to you from 1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

I am humbled as I stand before you and am thankful you allow me to be of service.

Alternate Treasurer

Libby G.

Hello, my name is Libby, and I am the Area 42 Alternate Treasurer and the SAGSC treasurer. As Alternate Area Treasurer my primary job is to support the treasurer, including praying for her continued good health and on a less spiritual level to go by the post office box in Vegas and mail her the contributions as she lives in the North.

As I am in my second year, things are starting to click. As the SAGSC treasurer I continue to be busy with what many might consider boring treasurer activities like making deposits, reconciling the banking account, writing checks and generating reports for everyone's reading pleasure. I don't know about them being boring as I'm pretty excited when all the numbers add up correctly. Nothing worse than spending a weekend looking for a \$20 difference.

The groups in the South continue to be generous in their contributions to SAGSC and I would like to thank them for their 7th Tradition support. My only request to the group treasurers is to include an email address to send a receipt to but I will continue to send snail mail as needed.

I wanted to remind everyone that there is a new address for contributions to GSO. GSO has kept it's original address, it is just adding another one for contributions. The new address is: G.S.O., Post Office Box 2407, James A. Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407.

The Conference Agenda Committee organizers were kind enough to put me on the Finance agenda item committee. This year I get the honor of be chair. I am working with an amazing group of people. As a group we recommended two items to present, and Julie agreed. We presented one at NAGSC and one at

SAGSC. Ironically enough neither topic has anything to do with Finance, they are two literature topics that were assigned to the finance group to help with distributing the workload more evenly. Instead of two potentially dull finance topics, although AA's talking about money can sometimes be very lively, we found ourselves in the middle of two much more controversial topics regarding changes to the 12 & 12.

I attended PRASSA and learned a lot. As always PRAASA was very thought provoking. Thank you for the opportunity to attend.

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.

Thank you everyone for the opportunity to serve and feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Finance Committee Chair

Claudia B.
No report.

Alternate Delegate

Jake S.

My name is Jake, I'm alcoholic. I am very grateful and honored to be serving as the area 42 alternate delegate. Being the alternate delegate has been quite a ride and I have learned so much. The COVID 19 pandemic affected everything in Alcoholics Anonymous and I am so grateful to feel like finally getting back to normal and being here with all of you, my people, again in the greatest place on planet earth beautiful downtown Tonopah NV. If you are a new GSR here today I really want to welcome you here. If you are anything like me you got AA railroaded into the position and you were the new group GSR before you actually really knew what being the new group GSR actually meant. When I found out that it meant that I had to spend a whole weekend sitting in the Tonopah Convention center with a bunch of AA nerds let's just say that it made me bristle with antagonism. On my four hour car drive to Tonopah NV I cussed out my home group members the whole way up here. But just like everything else I had done in Alcoholics Anonymous in that first year and a half I just did what I was told even

though I knew it was stupid and that it would never work. Today I will be forever grateful for that group of men that put me into service. I was not sitting in this room for more than two hours before I realized that the people sitting in this room we're doing more to help the alcoholic who still suffers than 99% of the people I had met up to this time and I have been at every area assembly and every SAGs meeting since. The longer I stay sober the more I realize what an absolute miracle it is that I ever got 30 days sober, that I actually became a member of this fellowship and got sober in AA. Now the longer I stay in General Service the more I realize what a precious gift we have been handed down by the founders of AA and that it is the leaders of Alcoholics Anonymous who ultimately will be responsible for that gift. If you are sitting here today make no mistake that you are a leader in Alcoholics Anonymous. And tradition 2 tells us that a leader in Alcoholics Anonymous is a trusted servant. A person who's life has been saved by AA and wants to do everything they can to make sure that when anyone anywhere reaches out for help the hand of AA always will be there. And before you get too excited it also means you get to do a bunch of work for no money. But seriously in my humble opinion the most important thing that we can do as a group and as an individual is never forget tradition one. That our lives and the lives of everybody to come depends upon AA unity. I believe step one is the most important step and that is why it's first I also believe that tradition one is the most important tradition and that is why it is first. The good news is in Alcoholics Anonymous we have a simple and clear pathway to unity. That clear pathway is our primary purpose. That all we are concerned with here is keeping one drink out of one drunk for one more day and we have absolutely no opinions on any outside issues. That is why being a GSR for your home group, like the old subtitle of the GSR pamphlet said, may be the most important job in all of Alcoholics Anonymous. Alcoholics Anonymous is an upside down triangle where the groups are the decision makers and we want to hear from every single member of Alcoholics Anonymous on these agenda items. That is why this process is so vitally important to our unity and to Alcoholics Anonymous. I always say that how we treat each other is always more important than any business we get done here. In the same way how we make the decisions on these agenda items is always more important than any individual decision that we do make. Did we hear from every member of our area? Did we listen closely to what everyone had to say on these items and keep an open mind? Did we treat everyone with kindness love and tolerance and make room for minority opinions? Or did we already have our mind made up and sit in our chair and every time somebody said something we don't

agree with we called them an idiot. Once again in my opinion the beauty of General Service and Alcoholics Anonymous is that everyone is allowed to speak their opinion on every item on the agenda. After hearing everything that our area has to say our delegate Julie will go to New York and vote on these agenda items on our behalf. And when she comes back and the decisions have been made that will be the group conscience. Sometimes when the Delegate comes back we as individuals may not agree with every decision that has been made. But I truly believe in my heart that the group conscience will always be more important than any individual members. The other good news is that if you are a member of Alcoholics Anonymous you should be used to admitting that you are sometimes wrong by now. And if we can all except the group conscience and then turn our attention to how we can help a suffering alcoholic I believe that we can stay unified and that the person being born today who will be dead without Alcoholics Anonymous just like me will get the same chance to find a new life in AA. As Alternate delegate my main duty for the last two years has been working with our Area Conference Committees. At the General Service Conference all of the individual items are discussed in committees first and then brought to the full body of the conference. In area 42 we now do the same thing but on a smaller scale. I cannot express how grateful I am for all of the amazing members and committee chairs that we have in area 42. These Area Conference Committees have done a ton of work this year. They had their meetings they summarized all of their agenda items they made suggestions to the delegate for what items we would have presentations on and I could not be more grateful for all of their hard work and dedication to these agenda items and our area. All of the Area Conference Committee chairs will be giving their reports tomorrow morning we have some exciting news so please come tomorrow and check them out. Alcoholics Anonymous has saved my life and General Service has become a huge part of my recovery. Thank you all very much for being here this weekend. Thank you all very much for your dedication and service to Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you for giving me a new life a life worth living. I love you all!

Chair

Lisa I.

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to the Area 42 - 2022 Spring Pre-Conference Assembly! It is so exciting to be back and to see the room filling back up! Our Spring assemblies have always

been a jam packed agenda and this weekend is no different. As your chairperson my intention is to create a safe and loving environment for you so that we may discuss the items that will be presented at the General Service Conference next month. I will keep us on our timeline as closely as possible so that we may cover our many topics that our presenters have prepared for us.

Because of our strict schedule please keep in mind when you are sharing that you stay on topic and that you are not repeating what someone has already said. We will be discussing some things that many are passionate about and I ask that you taper your comments with care and consideration without limiting your perspective. We want to know how your groups feel about the agenda items, and we also want to keep a safe and respectful place to share openly and honestly. We have coffee in the back of the room and drinks and snacks at the counter in the back. Remember that we pay for the coffee, so please contribute to the coffee collection. And we will also be passing a basket to collect for the snacks provided as well.

This weekend we are here to discuss and inform our Area 42 Delegate with your Groups' Consciences. We will hear reports from our Area's DCM's, Standing Committee chairs, Area Officers, Area Conference Committee's, we have a couple ad hoc committees, we also have two first readings of guidelines changes, and presentations.

Tonight (Friday) after our main session our Past Delegate Mike M. will lead the GSR training here in the main room while the Area Officers, Standing committee chairs, and DCMs meet in the blue room.

Our banquet will be held in this room Saturday evening and after the dinner portion we will have our guest from GSO, Jeff W, share his story. Even if you are not attending the banquet you are welcome to come back and join us for the speaker. Also those of you on Zoom are also welcome to attend.

We also have an Ask-it-Basket session at the end of our assembly on Sunday. As you come up with questions over the course of the weekend add them to the basket and our lovely Trusted Past Servants will impart their wisdom for us.

Our Assembly runs from Friday evening and ends Sunday around noon. Please stay for the whole assembly if you are able. Sometimes important things are not able to be discussed until the session on Sunday and we do not want you to miss it!

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 roundtables. What a great job with all of the work everyone put in. With passionate feedback on the Agenda Items. Also, thank you to our presenters for great work.

I was able to attend PRASSA 2022 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 in-person and virtual participation for Area meetings. The areas in the Pacific Region seem to be having difficulty with translation/interpretation committees. Except with the areas that pay for translation/interpretation. Websites seem to be another service that professionals are very useful. However, hybrid was the hot topic. Some areas are providing the hybrid service themselves and others are bringing in Tech 12.

Thank You All for allowing me to service.

Grapevine SAGSC

Jason M.

He and his committee are available for *Grapevine* events.

Grapevine NAGSC

Elise F.

LVYPAA

Mike L.

Alternate Registrar

Jonelle W.

Hi everyone, my name is Jonelle and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as the Alternate Area Registrar and your SAGSC Registrar. I had a ton of fun prepping for this Assembly because I knew that it would feel a bit more like old times. A bit more like a positive and hopeful experience for me in our changing world. I need it and I think I am not alone in that!

Paul, our Area Registrar, and I connect often to organize our Assembly responsibilities. For the past several months I have ordered ribbons for a few positions we needed them for, I ordered the wrong size badge holders, returned those, ordered new wrong ones, returned those, got the right ones, and then got a call from Anne (last rotations Registrar, current Area Secretary) that she had a box of badges she forgot to pass along. Her darling husband Matt came to my job and put the box in my car for me. Thanks Matt! Matts are good! I attended virtual PRAASA - AMAZING! and the SAGSC Roundtables. I have passed along a bunch of Group Change Forms to Paul, and have done my small part on the Area Conference Committee on Trustees.

I love seeing all your smiling and enthusiastic faces when you come in through the front door. I love meeting all who are here for the first time and seeing all who I have been allowed to serve with for many years. I love your hugs, your questions, your concerns, and sometimes - your opinions. I love that I get to assist you. That is like the best. job. ever! Use me - if you are a new GSR or DCM and have not filled out your paperwork, or didn't even know that there was paperwork to fill out - come talk to me. I will walk you through.

Thank you for all you do and allowing me to do it with you!

Archivist

Ronnie D.

Hello everyone my name is Ronnie Dillion and I am an Alcoholic. My Sobriety date is December 10th, 1999. I am the Area 42/SAGSC Archivist in the second year of a four year term.

October of last year Archives set up a table at the District One Picnic in Boulder City, Marty Did make it to this event and it was a lot of fun.

November 4th I was asked to attend District 21 Spanish Speaking District and La Vina Event planning committee meetings at Spanish Speaking Central Office in Las Vegas. Archives donated an Extra Printer to Spanish Central Office.

Thanksgiving weekend Archives held several tables at the Las Vegas Round Up at the Tropicana Hotel and we had over 200 signatures in our guestbook.

This year I traded chairs with Debbie S, our Alt Archivist to be the Are Conference Committee Chair for Archives with Debbie being the Alt Chair. Appointed committee members will review the Archives workbook during the General Service Conference at GSO. I made a review of the Archives Workbook with the

help of Greg M. and our committee and turned my report in to Julie, our Delegate. Members of our committee were asked to summarize topics for other ACC committees that were burdened with several topics. I did the summarization for the fourth quarter report on “Google Ads performance” and turned this report in to our Alt Delegate Jake S.

March 12th Archives set up a table and I was asked to speak at the District 5B General Service Workshop as was H and I. Ashley and Heather always put on the best workshops in Area 42.

March 13th I attended the SAGSC Roundtables at Las Vegas Central Office albeit a little late. It was a hybrid meeting.

Archives has been a regular attendee at the Zoom Las Vegas Intergroup meetings which will be going live next month.

Archives Committee has been meeting almost every Wednesday afternoon before the Traditions meeting in Archives and have fulfilled all but 2 archives requests for CPC/PI, Area 42 members, DCMs and the like. We recently sent Debbie S. the NAGSC guidelines from 2006 to 1981 by fed ex to be kept in the NAGSC archives.

Alt. Archivist

Debbie S.

Debbie, serving as your Area Alternate/NAGSC Archivist. There has not been a lot going on in the North for Archival displays or search requests, mainly just collecting material. In December I got to put together a small display for District 16’s Christmas event, it was well received with interest. I have some pretty cool stuff that I can take out to display at your District events and functions. I am participating on the Area Conference Committee for Archives. We only had one Agenda Item; “Review the Workbook”. I found some archival thoughts and words of Bill W. on the General Service Conference from the article, “The Rocky Road to the First General Service Conference” in the April/May 2008 issue of “box 459”. Years earlier Bill W. was convinced that the Fellowship needed an annual meeting to allow input from AA Groups into GSO. A conference, Bill wrote, “would bring our Trustees into friendly contact with a representative cross section of A.A. It would permanently close the gap of remoteness in which Dr. Bob, I and others are still standing.” On April 20, 1951, 37 Delegates from the U.S. and Canada came to New York and spent 3 days meeting with 15 Trustees, Bill, and staff members

from GSO and the Grapevine. That Conference and the following 3 “trial” conferences were a vindication of Bill’s original vision that an annual meeting of Delegates from AA Groups could work for the good of Alcoholics Anonymous. His comments at the closing session of the 1954 Conference, the last of the 4 trial ones, indicate his great relief at the success of his plan: “As recently as 6 or 8 years ago...there still remained this terrific question of how to guarantee our overall function. Today...I share with you the promise of its certain success and am more moved than at almost any time in my A.A. life. The moment of the transfer of authority to serve, from us old timers to the movement, is at hand.” Thank you for this opportunity.

Alt. Secretary

Erica P.

I am Erica and I am your beloved NAGSC Secretary and Area Alternate Secretary. Everything has been going well at NAGSC meetings. I was able to attend my first in-person meeting in Fallon in March. Lyle is a very sweet chairperson and always makes sure that the events are flexible and run smoothly.

I bought way too much literature, so I need you all to buy the literature. If your group gave you money to replenish your pamphlet rack, come back and see me. If you didn’t get any money from them, surprise them anyway and ask for reimbursement after! I have a TON of Spanish pamphlets to sell you.

I have the new 12 and 12s in English and Spanish and one in Braille. Get them now before they become collector’s items. I also have three large Preamble signs for \$6 and change—those could become collector’s items, too. Also notable, I have general service manuals in English and Spanish. If you already have one, get one for your sponsee and make them read it to you since it’s all new content.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. And remember: Less is more unless it’s literature.

72nd General Service Conference Agenda Item Summaries – Area 42 Assembly Sense vote taken from the podium by Julie C.

Pre-conference Area Assembly Conference Committee: V. Grapevine and La Vina – Item D.

Discuss the wide-ranging impact the Preamble change has had on our A.A. Fellowship.

Negative impact: 33 percent

Positive impact: 33 percent

No impact: 33 percent

Conference Committee: VI. Literature – Item R

Discuss changes to the text of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as directed by the 71st General Service Conference.

For the changes: 40 percent

Against the changes: 60 percent

Conference Committee: III. Corrections – Item D.

*Discuss request to make A.A. literature changes slowly and with A.A.'s primary purpose in mind.**

Too fast: 40 percent

Too slow: 10 percent

Right speed: 50 percent

Conference Committee: VI. Literature – Item K.

Review progress report regarding the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language.

Like where it is going: 70 percent

Do not like: 30 percent

Conference Committee: II. CPC- Item B.

Review suggested revisions for the draft pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community."

Like the changes: 30 percent

Don't like the changes: 70 percent

Conference Committee: II CPC- Item D.

Consider creating a new pamphlet designed to help CPC committees reach as many doctors as possible.

In favor of creating the pamphlet: 80 percent

Not in favor: 20 percent

Northern Area General Service Committee

Conference Committee: IV. Finance. – Item C.

Consider request that all proposed changes to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions be handled in footnotes.

For: 20 percent

Against: 80 percent

Conference Committee: VI. Literature – Item S.

Consider an update to the book Experience, Strength and Hope.

Yes, update: 90 percent

No: 10 percent

Conference Committee: VIII. Public Info. – Item J.

Discuss public information pamphlets and materials: 4. Consider request to retire and replace the ‘AA Fact File.’

Retire it: 90 percent

Keep it: 10 percent

Conference Committee: IX Report and Charter – Item E.

Consider requests that the chapter titled “The Doctors Opinion” be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition.

Keep it where it is: 95 percent

Start on page one: 5 percent

Conference Committee: XI. Trustees – Item E.

Discuss the revised “Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the AAWS or AA Grapevine Boards.”

For: 50 percent

Against: 50 percent

Southern Area General Service Conference (SAGSC)

Conference Committee: III. Corrections – Item B.

Reconsider use of the term ‘person in custody’ in A.A. literature.

For changing to to person in custody: 50 percent

Against: 50 percent

Conference Committee: IV. Finance – Item B.

Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

Would like to see it: 60 percent

Against: 40 percent

Conference Committee: VI. Literature – Item L.

Review progress report regarding requests to develop study guide workbooks for A.A.

For development: 25 percent

Against development: 75 percent

Conference Committee: VII Policy/Admissions – Item E.

Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution Workload process.

For equitable distribution: 90 percent

Against: 10 percent

Conference Committee: VIII Public Information – Item J.

Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials: 1. Consider suggestion to revise the flyer “A.A. At a Glance.”

Yes, revise it: 30 percent

No: 70 percent

SAGSC Secretary

Claudia B.

No report.

NAGSC Treasurer

Anne Y.

Report Given

Webservant

Mike L.

Hello everyone my name Mike L I am serving as the Area Webservant. It is good to be here in Tonopah at our area Assembly, The area website can be found at nevadaarea42.org. The website has invaluable source of a informed group conscience of the 2022 agenda items, list of all the agenda items, background information , summaries of all the agenda items as well feedback from both SAGSC and NAGSC roundtables all in both Spanish and English, To find this information on the website go to the main menu on right on the bottom you find a link to Area Member Info (Login Required) the password is area42*****. Because of the guideline change I hope some were able to find a link to Assembly registration which is located on both the Area Welcome Page and the Assembly Information Page . Any comments or concerns about the area website I can be contacted at webmaster@nevadaarea42.org. I am deeply grateful to be entrusted to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

Registrar

Paul E.

Hi I'm Paul an alcoholic and your Area 42 Registrar. Our General Service Office has updated the group change forms, the new group forms, and the DCM change forms. The new forms have a box you can check for in-person or virtual. If your group is a hybrid group, it is considered an in-person group. I sent out a message to all of the DCMs on March 13th, that all of the new forms are now available on our nevadaarea42.org web site, under the section "Manuals, Guides & Forms". Just click on the form and download it, then you can fill it out and send it to me at registrar@nevadaarea42.org . Please send it to me and not GSO, this way I know which groups have been updated in our Area and if there are any problems we can fix them right away. Now for some bad news on March 8th, I was on a quarterly virtual meeting for registrars with the GSO staff that is in charge of the "Fellowship Connection", this is the program that is used to update new groups and changes to existing groups. They told us that there is a huge backlog on GSR kits and that they are currently on backorder. There is an issue with some of the items not being currently available. When they do become available they will start shipping them out. In the mean time they are sending out the kits in a digital format. On to some assembly information we had a total of 229 – 36 virtual registered for the assembly. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Newsletter Editor

Alfredo M.

Hello everyone, my name is Alfredo, I am your grateful alcoholic Area 42 newsletter editor.

The email address for all your submissions is:

area_newsletter_editor@nevadaarea42.org.

The deadline for the upcoming spring newsletter is April 16th, 2022. Thank you to all who have submitted articles and helped me in putting out last year's editions.

You can submit any articles, meeting changes, event flyers etc. to the email address area_newsletter_editor@nevadaarea42.org. This is my 2nd of a two year commitment and I can't help but reflect what a rewarding, learning and growing experience this has been...so far.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Communications Committee

Mike L.

We met to discuss the technology committee guidelines change. A lot of good discussion. Continuing to monitor the website etc.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 8:30 am

Lisa I. called the meeting back to order.

GUIDELINES CHANGE PROPOSALS FIRST READING

- Finance Guidelines Changes Proposal (See attached)
- Technology Committee Guidelines Change Proposal (See attached)

AREA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair – Jake S. - Report given

Cooperation with Professionals

Robin R. - Report given.

Corrections

Robert J. - Report given

Policy and Admissions

Sophie K. - Report given

Grapevine

Dan M. – Report given

Agenda

Don D. – Report given

Finance

Libby G. – Report given

Report and Charter

Caroline J. - Report given

Literature

Claudia B. - Report given

Treatment and Accessibilities

Pat B. – Report given

Trustees

Paul E. - Report given

Archives

Debbie S. - Report given

International Convention and Forums

Jay S. - Report given

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

International Convention to Las Vegas

Jay S.

The committee continues to work on getting this together.

Treasury Unification Ad Hoc Committee Report

Libby G.

My name is Libby and I'm an alcoholic and the chairperson for the Treasury Unification Ad Hoc Committee. For those new to the topic, our mission was to recommend if the Area should combine the SAGSC and NAGSC treasuries into the Area treasury so that we have one treasury for all of Area 42 instead of three. We did recommend that there be one treasury and the Area agreed and passed Area guideline changes to make that happen.

Since the last Assembly, SAGSC has also passed guideline changes to align with the area guideline changes. NAGSC will begin the process soon. They wanted to get through the roundtables first. Come June the committee will help

transition the budget process to get NAGSC, SAGSC and Area budgets into one. You'll see the results of that at the Fall Assembly.

Come January 1st there will be a flurry of activity. The NAGSC & SAGSC banking accounts will have to be closed and the funds transferred to the Area bank account. Groups will need to start sending their contributions to the Area only. NAGSC and SAGSC finance committees will be disbanded.

I would like to thank the committee for their service for such a huge project – Laura, Caroline, Elisa, Lonnie and Marita who had to step down but helped get us started. Thank you all for your support and service.

NEW BUSINESS

Motions:

- Phil W. requested an ad hoc committee be formed to find out if Area 42 can fund a LaVina liaison like the Grapevine is funded. Seconded and approved.
- Michelle M. requested an ad hoc committee be created to look into Area 42's practice of charging for the assemblies. Seconded and approved.

OPEN MIC COMMENTS

Fox: took his comments back regarding the changes to the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. I'm not an old timer. I'm just old. He believes with all his heart that

Dee: for me with regards to changes in the Twelve and Twelve. I'm an alcoholic. Alcohol doesn't care that I'm black, I'm a woman, I'm LGBTQ. If we get offended then we have to figure it. We've got Traditions. We've got Concepts to help keep us in line. We can't get offended.

Michelle: personal opinion not group's opinion. Always looking for the danger. I love people that love the people that say people. Love people who say men and women. Are we creating disharmony, not saying things that they love. Feelings involved here that were not considered.

Michael: I've been pretty vocal change to preamble. Throwing out to you – you may say this guy is a conspiracy theorists. Reason why is it being changed. First of subjugation is divide and conquer. Outside forces are permeating AA. Attacking us as a group.

Linda: Michael said what I wanted to say. I've been in professional career – been in a front row seat. Never seen business run as smoothly as it does here. Proves a higher power is overseeing all this. We are finding ourselves entangled in a very big cultural war that is happening on the outside. We must be careful.

Hanlon: a lot of the groups are dark. Real problem in AA. To suggest that unity exists which is all that. We're not conspiracy theorists. We are conspiracy analysts. If you are saying it's not A.A. approved, you can't do it.

Vicki: Most of us are graying, we need to be a lot more inclusive. Make it available for all. We'll be autonomous as a group, but our groups will have died out.

Joyce: fellowshiping at dinner, in 2020 we went through a trauma that we have never experienced, but we are not through the trauma. We are recovering.

Dano: compassion and empathy for other people's feeling. Until it's your child, your mother, your father or someone you love, a change does not affect you.

ASK IT BASKET

Delegates participating: Phil W. chair, Joyce Y, Joyce, Sophie K., Rhonda F., Mike M. Greg M.

ASL Translation

Sophie: start with the Accessibilities desk at GSO.

Least time intensive job in General Service where you can still be a part of general service? Is it finance?

Joyce: Don't know about the least intensive. All service require effort.

If my group has a different opinion than me may I voice my own opinion?

Rhonda: Kind of tricky for me because I am not a real follower. You can voice your opinion at any time, but you need to voice your group's opinion. You have to swallow your pride and voice their opinion.

Joyce: Share your group's opinion. Talk to people about personal opinion. Not here for me. Here for the group.

How do we get people to stay the whole last morning of the assembly?

Joyce Panel 55. Asking that question for years. Tired after Saturday. I think you should ask the past delegate.

Does Area 42 contribute to GSO? What does the Area do with extra funds?

Why do Districts have picnics?

Greg Excess funds used to fellowship with their community.

How does someone get involved with GS at Area 42 level? What are the time requirements in sobriety and in service?

Sophie invited by a group member to Tonopah. Once I was familiar with service at the Area level. Make self available for an ad hoc committee, Translation committee. Sobriety requirement two years to be a GSR.

Joyce how can a past anything be anything. Sit out among the people.

Why are being hired at GSO?

Greg General Service Board has no employees. People are hired for general service. I don't see a conflict of interest in any are or any section. Membership corporation that follows the guidelines of New York.

Phill as nominee to Pacific Regional Trustee

Why do issues come up in AA that seems to coincide with the current politics, PC.

People in your group's ask for these changes. Political charged activities in our communities. It doesn't mean that they are being driven. It is member-based for us. May be political out there. Members are crying for change regardless of what makes them cry for change.

First Area Assembly, confused as to why the agenda items are here. Aren't the ones that were presented at the Round Tables and that were presented to my group?

Joyce Agendas are set between the delegate and the area chairs. Each delegate has in their mind – had specific things she wanted feedback from. She gave a certain amount to the north, a certain amount to the south and a certain amount here at the Area. Each delegate will bring what they need. Congrats on being here for the first time. Can feel overwhelming. Reach out your hand and say you don't know.

Joyce: 89 topics this year. 93 delegates. 93 areas can handle 89 topics if you trust your trusted servants. I learned to trust my trusted servants.

Greg Years ago the delegates wanted more engagement. This is how we got here. Sophie Third Concept Right of Decision comes to mind. Service sponsor is super important in my growth.

Rhonda All of the Southern Agenda Items were distributed to all of us. Available on the website and via email.

In LV seen many clubs, meeting spaces close. It has not been sustainable. Is there anything the area can do to help save these facilities?

Mike No.

Rosters question

They are available to all via GoogleDrive and secretary will send out as requested.

How does one become a trustee?

Rhonda If you qualify to stand in your area. And your area nominates you to stand. Then others from other areas make them available regionally. In the Pacific Region. Non-alcoholic trustees send in a resume.

Does an area chair need to live in the Area?

Mike doesn't think they do. It's not in the guidelines.

Vote count – phones, computer. Do you see where one determined individual can rig an election?

Joyce Y. – Vote count matches the number of votes. If it doesn't recount.

How can we help Tony get people to slow down?

Joyce said we can't help them slow down.

Why do we use the word contribution instead of donation?

Paul – an advisory action that made the change.

How can we get young people excited about general service?

Sophie Enthusiasm.

Having had no prior experience with public information what are some strategies that my group can consider that aren't promotion?

Joyce Get the information from PI. Do we send people from the area out or make a committee within the district to make a decision how you want public information available in your town. People just went out put literature in the doctor's office. Library etc. Home group has a lot of leeway. Get with other districts and ask how they are doing with public information.

Is there any AA affiliated discussion or outreach into homeless communities?

Greg don't think AA itself goes out into the homeless communities, but individual members may go out.

Rhonda Homeless shelters have reached out. They are working through H&I or corrections to get things started.

Is the money given to AA a contribution or a donation?

Murita said several years ago the Trustees decided to call money given to AA by members 'contributions.' As members we contribute to AA.

Ashleigh importance of having a technology and ZOOM. Without Zoom I would be dead. Two years ago attended first meeting. To be involved in general service having hybrid available is important to me. Seriously consider and move forward with.

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