

## Motions / Proposals and Senses of the Assembly

### 2015 Spring Assembly

1) **Finance Committee report: Carol B.** The FC met before the Assembly began on Friday afternoon. We: as the guidelines suggest: Performed an annual review of income and expenses for previous year at each Spring Assembly. All was found to be in order. The committee is making a recommendation to pay our translator \$380.00. We are aware that he should be receiving a much larger amount, but Tony does this for the area as a service commitment. In the past Tony was a GSR, this year he is not, so we want to cover all the expenses involved in his commitment to us. Also, the FC has learned that Lyle C. (our NAGSC P.I. Chair) has been selected to represent Area 42 in the PRAASA Hospitality Room at the International Convention in Atlanta this year. The Pacific Region is requesting 15 Pacific Areas to contribute \$75.00 towards purchasing souvenir pins and postcard type handouts for visitors to the site. This is not an Area 42 event and we don't want to set a precedent of spending area funds on non area events, but we feel that Area 42 should join the Region in contributing a 1/15<sup>th</sup> share of this 2015 International Convention expense, so we also are recommending that the area cover this one-time expense. It's an A.A.W.S. event not a local roundup, campout or convention event. SAGSC and NAGSC are sharing 1/3 each in the tax Prep and filing expenses this year. We are using Tech Soup, a website which sells to non-profits; to upgrade the three treasuries QuickBooks for \$99 every two years.

**\*John S. moved to contribute \$75.00 to Hospitality Room at International Convention in Atlanta. 2<sup>nd</sup> from floor. Passed unanimously.**

2) **PRAASA: committee report Byron:** no PRAASA committee has been formed yet, PRAASA is held first full weekend in March, (now a rotation process within the 15 Areas) Area 42 will be the first in this process in 2018, Area 42 has hosted PRAASA the most. When Sophie contacted me back about 6 or 8 months ago, she asked me to explore alternative potential sites for hosting PRAASA in the Las Vegas area. I could not do this on my own so I asked for help from Justin P & Alan V both of whom have had some experience at site selection both in Las Vegas and in California. I also was fortunate enough to have the input from a gal by the name of Christen who is the vice president of a company in Chicago that her sole job is to run convention/conferences in the Las Vegas market and I also had the help and input of a neighbor who schedules conferences/conventions at her facility both of whom are very knowledgeable about all the people in Las Vegas that could be of help to me. Christen was very helpful because she took the 2014 PRAASA and created a flow chart, that all of the space requirements and time requirements. The major part of PRAASA that is a challenge is the space requirement, we need 16 to 18 break out rooms simultaneously on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, in addition to needing a main meeting room and then also to host the Saturday night banquet. I talked to about 13 facilities in the Las Vegas market, so here is my report the room price for Friday and Saturday night was between \$175.00 and \$225.00, they also require between \$40,000 and \$50,000 in minimum food comment and also asking for a minimum of 700 room comment and that went up as high as 1500. So all of those things make PRAASA in the Las Vegas market potentially very expensive. Sophie: This is an event for the region, this event is for hopefully a GSR in Wallace Idaho will come or be able to come as well as a big group in Phoenix Arizona lets say and thinking of the region as a whole and wanting to foster our unity. The other thing is that Area42 is really unusual that we fund our officers, we will help support DCMs, and GSRs to a certain extent we are very generous with our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions in order to support members in service to participate in PRAASA that's very unusual there are lots of Areas that don't do that. Yes this is Las Vegas "turn" but we as Area 42 are putting on this event for the region, we need something to compare this to. So I'm just going to throw this out to the Reno Convention Bureau, which I did and I used the same flow chart that Byron had. This is a very good tool because it is in the language of the industry. What I found is that looking at Reno could be half the cost. So we need your feed back on moving this from Las Vegas to Reno.

\*Comments from the floor: Cherie: would be logical, Sue; Q. are they considering coffee in the price? Byron; A. no, Rhonda; should consider Reno, Amelita: yes in favor of Reno, Rick; get more in Las Vegas, but would still like to see in Reno, John; Q. how do cost compare to Boise? Byron; A. I don't have that information but the room cost for San Diego and Layton were \$115.00 to \$125.00, Erica; Q. did we go to the Las Vegas convention board? Did we say we were non-profit? Is there anything else that is going on

that weekend that would jack up the prices? Byron: A. yes, yes, it is nascar weekend and it is peak season in Las Vegas, but we got dispensation from the Delegate committee to consider the first and second weekends in March and this seem to make no difference. Vince: Q. when was the last time it was held in Area 42 and where? What resources were used to research airfare prices? I feel we should keep with the rotation, Byron: A. 2003 in Reno. Sophie: A used kayak. Gary: Reno is in the middle of every thing. Roberta: I was privileged to serve PRAASA in Reno in 2003 we were asked to try to keep the price low. Janell: keep unity in mind and try to reach as many people as possible. John: Reno would be more affordable. Q. did you consider off site rooms and outlying areas (Henderson etc.), Byron: A. yes. Leticia: in 2012 LVYPAA held young peoples convention WACYPA in Las Vegas. Whitney: Reno is half the cost would the funding be different, Sophie: A. no. Tony: Q. Spanish district could we hold it in alternate weekends? Byron: A. yes, but it would not make a difference. Darryl: Q. has Tahoe or Laughlin been considered? Byron: A. no. Don: 2003 attendance was about 1300.

**\*Sense 20% Las Vegas 80% Reno**

### **3) 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of proposal: Proposal**

To integrate the Finance Guidelines, approved at Assembly 09/08/12 with the Area Guidelines approved at Assembly 03/29/14, creating one document. This will be done by placing the entire document called the Finance Guidelines into the back of the Area 42 Guidelines as an addendum. The process to amend *any* part of the integrated document will remain as currently stated in the Area 42 Guidelines, page 12: Section 7.0 (1st reading at Assembly, 2nd reading with discussion at the next Assembly, vote to follow) Proposal will become effective immediately upon passage.

**History:** Up until the recent revision of the Area Guidelines our financial policies were scattered throughout the document. To create the finance Guidelines, all mention of finances were pulled out of the Area Guidelines, organized, updated and re-formatted. The body approved the updated and re-formatted policies on 9/8/12. When the financial policies were scattered throughout the document they were subject to the amendment process stated on page 12 of the Area Guidelines. I propose returning the re-formatted policies, now called "the Finance Guidelines" to the original Area Guidelines document where they will again be subject to the same agreed-upon process for amendments.

**Definition-** Addendum-an item of additional material, typically omissions, added at the end of a book or other publication. Roberta B, Paul E, Phil W, Dale 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal

**\*No discussion; unanimously approved**

**4) Erica; Q. BCC when emailing why do we do this?** Paul: A. I was told the reason we use BCC in for anonymity purposes, Carol: the DCMs are probably going to get things at least twice from Paul and their North or South Secretary, but its really important that the GSRs receive that. I will tell you what happened about 4 or 5 years ago there was somebody that had an address that was Las Vegas something and they changed it and we didn't know it and the email went to somebody in Los Angeles who was really upset about the stuff he was getting in his email. I mean it was real nasty I was privy to the email he was sending back and then when he figured out that it was Alcoholics Anonymous he became apologetic, so this can become a big anonymity break, if we knew it was just everyone here there would be no problem but sometimes weird things happen, Mike: it also protects us from spammers they love mass emailing, Rhonda: 1. in the Archives in Las Vegas there are email addresses because before we BCC there was no, everybody just emailed everybody and I don't think its appropriate and it's a lot of work for me whenever I scan those documents I have to black all of that out, so keep me in mind 2. BCC me on everything I don't care if I get it 10 times, Fred: we already have the Area 42 web site with a NAGSC/SAGSC link, Q. Would it be just as simple to put information on those links and just send out an email saying that its updated and the link to where its located? Phil A. not everything goes on that web site and some of our stuff is confidential. Rick: there is an alternative way to do this and that is Google documents, Sue: spammers can get them if not BCC,

**\*Sense; unanimous to use BCC and have DCMs forward**