

**Area 42 Fall Assembly
Tonopah Convention Center
September 11 – 13, 2009**

Friday September 11

6:30pm: Byron F. opens the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer, followed by opening statement:

Byron F: I get the privilege of serving as chair for the weekend. A little background on me or one important piece of background on me; when I came into the fellowship I got into service immediately. I was anxious to get into service because I viewed it as a way to change AA. My sponsor encouraged me to get into service immediately knowing full well what would happen. I got into service and it's been a wonderful thing because I have indeed learned humility, but my Higher Power works through you, so I ask your indulgence over the weekend to help keep me right sized if I get carried away, please scream. We will do introductions tomorrow morning but I do want to introduce Bill who's doing the recording all weekend. He's the son of Trent who's been recording this assembly for a long time and we also want to introduce Ralph who did a wonderful job this March and is here as back up for Bill. Back here in the gold room is the archives display. Carolyn has brought all this here to show you, so please stop and visit the archives display. How many people are here for the first time? Can you please stand? Fantastic, Welcome! I expect you'll be completely and totally confused when we're done with you. There is a GSR training and orientation here tonight. I strongly urge you to attend that. We have some of the trusted servants giving you valuable insights and information about what Area 42 is and isn't, and what gets done at the assembly. It will be a huge help for you easing your pain during the weekend. For those who may be confused about what we do and that kind of thing, I'll just read from the Area Guidelines. The area 42 committee is composed of the Delegate, Area 42 officers, the DCMs, or Alternates if DCM is unable to attend, and elected NAGSC & SAGSC officers. We usually meet at least twice a year and we normally meet Friday night in the blue room. I don't know why we refer to it as blue, it is white. The area committee cannot bind the assembly to anything. Don't think we're making irrevocable decisions behind your back. We may make recommendations that might come out area committee but it must come back to the area. A discussion group if you will, and that's its purpose. Have I missed anything? Let's start off with DCM reports and as you can see from your agenda which you should have in your packets, we're going to sprinkle the DCM, Officer and committee Chair reports in throughout the weekend, to spread them out, we'll sprinkle them in. Is there a DCM that would like to start us out?

DCM Reports (*in numerical order for purposes of document continuity, this is not necessarily order presented*)

District 1: Susan B. Good evening members of Area 42, my name is Susan and I am an alcoholic. District One covers the south/east area of Nevada, including Henderson, Boulder City, and Searchlight. We have approximately 20 GSRs that regularly attend our district meetings. In June of this year the District One Treasurer took our treasury and, to date, has not been returned. The bank account was closed and the PO Box re-keyed. We have since elected our new treasurer, Jake S., and alternate Treasurer, Alan V. Three of us opened a new bank account with Wells Fargo. Southern Area 42 generously loaned us \$1000 to fund our annual Picnic in October. Thank you to Julian R. and Dick H. for their loving support and consultation throughout this experience. Your valuable guidance was greatly appreciated. In August of this year District One hosted a service workshop and had the chair or a representative share on how their specific committee supports AA. The event was well attended and we all learned more on the value of service. This was the second year District One has hosted this type of event, and we hope to be able to do so annually. Thank you Natasha for chairing the event, and thank you to all of the committee chairs and members for their presentations. Jason R. has been hard at work organizing our annual District One picnic, which will be Saturday, October 3rd, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Fliers are available at the table up front. Please join us for food, fun, music, and our speaker, Dave A. Admission is free. Cynthia from the Grapevine and Caroline from Archives will both be present with displays. District One would like to thank Harold, our new District One registrar, for coordinating with Michelle B., Alt Registrar for Area 42, and getting us organized. All new GSR's are updating their information to be sure we are listed accurately.

District 2: Tim W. District 2 hosted a GSR training workshop for Northern Nevada at the Triangle Club in Reno on May 31st and we had about 50 attendees. We are grateful for those who shared their experience, strength, and hope with us. District 2 has completed a review of all groups and meetings in the district and reconciled the meeting schedule with the list of groups registered with GSO. While we originally thought we had 23 groups in the District, it now appears we may have as many as 32 groups. We are in the process of visiting 19 groups who have not participated in general service in many years to confirm their existence and meeting details and to encourage their participation. There are a significant number of changes to be made which will be forwarded to our Area Registrar after we complete the visits to all of the groups. We regularly have over a dozen GSRs attend our business meetings and we look forward to becoming more aware of and participating in issues affecting AA as a whole.

District 3: Russ C. Hello, I'm Russ and I'm an alcoholic. Dist. 3 is strong and self supporting. Since the Spring Assembly, we have had a 12th Step Panel which had a moderate turn out and solid experience, strength, and hope from the panelists. With the help of Jack F. at Central office and Michelle B. - Alternate Registrar. We tried to identify groups that were active or not active in District 3. The information collected had no current contact information for some groups and other groups are inactive. The 'How it Works' group had its 3rd anniversary potluck which was very well attended. I attended a meeting in Pioche with the GSR of Pioche and Caliente. They are self-supporting and meet regularly. The

Mesquite Sharing and Caring group's GSR has rotated out and the new GSR is attending this Fall Assembly. Thank you for letting me be of service, Russ C.

District 4: Daryl N. Currently there are 22 active groups out of approximately 48 meetings in District 4. We only have 4-5 GSRs who regularly attend the District 4 meeting on the first Thursday of each month. I am assuming this is due to the fact that District 4 was "in the dark" for quite some time prior to Steven C being elected District 4 DCM in February of this year. Steven moved to California in July and I was promoted into the DCM position from the alternate position at that time. I have been attending meetings in the District to let them know we are "out of the dark" and also to encourage and inform the groups to have their GSRs attend the district meeting. I also posted notices at the Driars Club and at the Triangle Club, the 2 clubhouses in District 4, announcing the Sept. 3rd meeting and will continue to post notices on a monthly basis. District 4 is hosting the next NAGSC meeting on Sunday, December 6th at the Triangle Club in Reno. The Standing Committee will meet in one of the smaller upstairs rooms from noon to 1pm. The General NAGSC meeting will be held in the large room downstairs from 1pm to 4 pm. The only meeting disrupted by the NAGSC meeting is the 2pm meeting, which will move, upstairs for that day. District 4 still needs to discuss what type of food we will be providing for that meeting at the October and November meetings. District 22 as volunteered to help out with whatever is necessary in hosting the NAGSC meeting. Thank you for letting me be of service. Darryl N. Dist. 4 DCM.

District 5A: Dark

District 5B: John C. District Meetings are held every month on the second Tuesday at Stairway II, 1:30 pm. The District is financially sound. Our District GSRs attend various service committee meetings and bring monthly reports to all GSRs to keep our groups informed on what is going on in Southern Area AA. Work continues on updating all records for registered groups, registering new groups, and recording all group location changes. Our District continues to recruit new GSRs and Alternates from the registered groups within our District. District 5A, considered Dark, resides within the Stairway I club location. Three groups wishing to be active in General Service have migrated their registration to District 5B. Another group is changing to District 5B or district 3 in order to participate. District 5B held a Sponsorship workshop in May and a Service in Sobriety workshop in August at Stairway II. A third workshop is being scheduled during the fourth quarter. District 5B is hosting our annual picnic on Sept. 27, 2009 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The picnic will be held again at Wayne Bunker Park on the corner of Tenaya and Alexander.

District 6: Dave M. Things are going well in District 6. I'm happy to announce that we have 7 GSR's in attendance and 17 people from our District here. Due to changing times and confusion over responsibilities of committee members. We are currently working on revising our District 6 guidelines. So far we have had 1 ad-hoc committee meeting concerning this. It turned out to be interesting and very productive. We have a 2nd meeting planned in the near future. We also have a proposal in the works concerning meeting as a District every other month. We currently meet every month. Many feel this will give us more time in between meetings to effectively accomplish our district functions. I hope the idea of meeting every other month will allow more people to participate in the district. Last, I would like to acknowledge the untimely passing of one of our GSRs, Gregg F. from the Genoa 11th Step meeting in July. He is surely missed in our District. Thank you for allowing me to be of Service, David M. DCM District 6.

District 7: Sylvia B. Boundaries – Meet the 3rd Friday of the month at St Rose Hosp. (Warm Springs and Durango). From I-15 West, from Charleston South. If you have a meeting within these boundaries please see me throughout the weekend so we can get our records aligned. We are working with our area Alt. Registrar so GSO in NY has a more accurate count of active groups. Dist. 7 Support from GSRs representing their meetings is increasing. Our annual Mt. Charleston Picnic was August 16 – the 7th tradition of the picnic mtg was donated to LV central office. Wonderful time and a success. Except for Safety and Insurance issues – we are not able to have people bring their pets – no pets. We will continue to keep the dist groups informed and continue to have Service Mtgs. Throughout the year.

District 8: Carrie C. Hi I am Carrie and I am an alcoholic. District 8 just had our district meeting and we are glad to announce that the Lone Pine group is now part of our district after a year or so of going through the process. Ask them to stand, say names Artie, GSR, and Linda, member. Bob being our newest member representing the Boiled owl group. Thank you all for coming. District 8 had a secretary's workshop in July that was very successful with an attendance of 30 members. Discussion was on the responsibilities of a secretary. Our Alt. delegate was there to give the delegates report and answer questions. Mike, thank you for coming to Bishop. Our Unity ride is still a great service in supporting the smaller groups we have been to Bridgeport, June Lake, and Crowley Lake, our car is usually full. CPC/PI has been concentrating on Public Information lately. Our goal has been to distribute meeting schedules throughout the Mammoth Lakes area. We have begun to display schedules in hotels/motels, Vons, the Visitors Center, and the Post Office, along with pinning schedules to open bulletin boards around town. They are hoping to begin organizing a small packet of schedules and beginner literature to be given to patients leaving the emergency room after detoxing in Mammoth Hospital. The consent and cooperation of the staff still needs to be solidified. C&T bringing meetings into the Bridgeport jail every Sunday at 4:30 to both the men and women also to the juvenile hall and the jail in Independence.

District 9: Keith. We sponsored a service workshop and are in the process of hosting another. Our groups are growing and we have good attendance of GSRs at our district meetings. Our service positions remain fulfilled and we're getting better organized.

District 10A: Guy My name is Guy I'm an alcoholic. Tom couldn't be here today so I'll just tell you folks what we've been doing. We've pretty much been doing what we have for many, many years. We had our serenity in the Rubies, it was a big success, we have meetings at 680 River Street Alano Club, We meet every day at noon and at 5:15 and we have a Friday

night speaker group. We bring in out of town speakers at least once a month. It looks like we have the funds to bring in people maybe even twice a month if anyone wants to speak please see me.

District 10B: Wayne S. District has gone a little dim right now. We're doing some restructuring.

District 11: Chuck. Hi I'm Chuck I'm an alcoholic. District eleven, Tonopah, Bookshelf group. We have meetings every morning at 9:00, every evening at 7:30 except for Sundays, we also have a men's stag Saturday at noon, and we have a female stag Tuesdays at 10:30 in the morning. There are also meetings in Kingston, Hadley, and Round Mountain, and we had a camp out in King's Mountain in July that was a great success and we invite everybody to come for it next year in mid July. Thank you.

District 12: Carol. My name is Carol Ann and I am an alcoholic. The reason I'm here today is because of Jason. Because I started out my morning with a busted foot, impacted teeth, fever, swollen glands, and my husband took the key, locked the truck so I had to walk down here. And the reason I'm telling you this, the last time I saw Jason he said that sometimes he doesn't want to get in his car but he goes ahead anyhow. Thank you. District 12 holds a regular business meeting on the second Tuesday of every month. It is held at 7:00 PM in a church complex meeting room five miles east of Finley. Our usual participation includes nine to fourteen GSR's, committee officers and an inter-group rep. During last year district 18 had petitioned and asked to join district 12. During the summer Silver Springs had a banquet speaker meeting. Parton held a potluck speaker meeting, and Gabbs -a blowout potluck. I'm from Gabbs, you must realize, It's a real remote place. Fallon hosts a monthly speaker meeting. We have been advised that there are some financial problems with the northern area inter-group and problems in Yerington with a guru meeting. Somebody's just running AA by themselves there. We are discussing these problems but we need nags support on procedure. We have organized our treasury, our contributions are down. Many of our district meetings have no GSR's to represent their meetings. It has already been worked in one of the groups. From there we hope to gain district support. Pray for us, we need all the help we can get....

District 13: Justin P. Dist.13 has 22 registered AA groups that meet on a daily or weekly basis. Most of which are correct in the Central office schedule and with GSO, thanks to Michelle and others. There are 15 GSRs in the Dist. Now, 2-3 that regularly attend the Dist. Business meeting and support events. 6 of them will be here for this assembly. There are 6 people that support the Dist. And the events, 4 of which are alt GSRs. We are very grateful for all the participants. We wrote 5 \$50 checks to help GSRs attend this event. Fully funding the DCM as well and have a balance of \$129.47 remaining. On 9/27 2-4pm, flyers on the table, we are doing a Traditions 7,8,9 workshop with Lee D. This is a potluck event. In December 10,11,12. 7 groups have donated to the Dist this year. That is more than 3X from the last assembly. At our Business meeting we have invited past delegate Dick M. In July, and P&I Rep Cindy to talk about their service experience. Jim with H&I is coming in Sept. We are looking forward to attending the PRAASA in LA and Forum in Whittier, international in San Antonio, and another year as DCM. It has been an honor to give back to AA what has freely been given me by being a trusted Servant.

District 14: Lonnie M.

District 15: Dave A. We were able to fund fully one GSR from 4th Dimension and partially fund the GSR from the Monday night men's stag. We will be holding our annual dist.15 picnic on Sunday Oct.11, next time and event will be announced then. To be announced: Women Sponsoring Women workshop. Followed by a traditions workshop then we will have our Marathon 24 hr Alcathon xmas – TIE Club (xmas eve, noon to xmas day noon). Then we will host the New Years alcathon at the TIE Club (NY Eve noon – NY day noon). All proceeds to go to Central office. Thanks for allowing me to be of service, Dave A.

District 16: Ed O'S. Hi everybody, my name is Ed and I'm an alcoholic. It covers Golden Valley, Hungry Valley, Lockwood, Sparks and Sun Valley and Sun Cliff. Our business meeting is held the second Wednesday of every month. Last weekend we had the fall roundup for the northern Nevada area, which I heard, was a success. Our next big event for district 16 is our annual Christmas affair party on Dec. 12th and our senior citizen complex at 98 Richards Way in Sparks. There is a flyer thanks to Sue on the table to remind everybody that you're all welcome. It's also free. It's our way of thanking AA, the groups, and the people that do service work during the past year. It's our way of saying thank you all. I'm glad I'm here participating in this fall assembly because it saved my life. Thank you very much.

District 17: Dale B. At present we have 33 active meetings in our district. 19 are registered and 2 more are becoming registered. We cover Pahrump, Beatty, Death Valley, Armagosa, Sandy Valley, Shoshone, and Tecopa. We have 8 active GSRs and 5 are here at Area Assembly. Our H&I & Prison meetings are doing well, both men and women. We have been having workshops every 3rd Saturday of the month from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the First Step Club. We are also having a District BBQ on Oct. 3rd, 2009, at the First Step Club from 4-7 pm. Our web site is: aadistrict17pahrump.org. We also have plans for our Alanon Meeting for Christmas and New Years. Thank you for letting me be of service.

District 19: Tom. Monday Night: Endless Possibilities at the Jailhouse Casino 7:30 pm. The Monday night meeting is going strong with attendance still growing. This is a Big Book study group. This is an open meeting. Wednesday Night: Old Timers Meeting. This is held in the cafeteria at the hospital 7:00 pm. The Wednesday night meeting has a new Secretary, Alicia. She is doing a great job. This is a closed meeting, but court cards are signed. Thursday Night: the Freedom Group this is held at the American Legion Hall at 7 pm in McGill. This is a strong meeting. We also have a new secretary for this meeting. Greg is doing a great job. This is an open meeting. Friday Night: Friday Night Fever held at the First Baptist Church, 7 pm. Friday Night Fever is a topic meeting with attendance going strong. This is an open meeting. Saturday Night: Saturday Night Live also held at the First Baptist Church 7 pm. This meeting is growing in attendance and new ideas. This is an open meeting. Sunday Night: Old Timers meeting – held at the cafeteria in the hospital at 7 pm. The

attendance is going strong. This is a closed meeting and court cards will be signed. Here are a few things that we have been working on. We are now in the White Pine County Jail. We were welcomed with open arms by the Sheriff. We are going to be in twice a month. We are checking with the jail to find the best days and times to carry the message. We are also working with the local schools to carry the message to our youth. Eureka also has a meeting; this is an open meeting on random Fridays. We would like to give Shawn a special thank you for hanging in there and never giving up. For information on the meetings, you can call the Eureka Sheriff's office. Tom and Donna went to the Great Outdoor Beaver Meeting held in Beaver City, Utah on 9/3-6. There was approximately 270 people attending. When Tom and Donna returned home they carried the message on all the wonderful things they learned. The Social Events Can has been going around at meetings and we almost have enough to have another gathering. The BBQ at the McGill pool was a great chance for us to sit back, take in the sun, and have a great time. We have the Tonopah Assembly coming up on Sept. 11-13. Everyone is welcome to attend. The General Service Representatives are going to come back with many new ideas to share with all of the meetings.

District 20: Lyle C. District 20: Last district meeting was 7/11/09 at Camp Connery with twelve members attending. District 20 had its campout; a good time was had by all - thanks for coming. Thanks to Carol B for giving the delegate report and Jeannette, our Grapevine Rep. for coming. A special thanks to our Saturday night speaker, Marion De P. H&I: We have six new people cleared to take meetings into the prison CCC with the orientation on Sept. 18th. Eileen S. is now the AA H&I Rep for Lassen County. High Desert Prison is not open for AA meetings at this time. There are regularly held meetings at Lassen and Plumas County Jails for both men & women. Literature is ordered & dropped off regularly for County Inmate's use. Thanks to Sam H. for his years of service. Tele-Service: The phone service is now completely centralized at the district level; we are looking at ways to better serve the district Group Updates: New group at Lake Almanor with three new meetings. Chester fellowship has its first closed meeting beginning 3/15/09. Two more Groups have voted to fund GSRs to Area Assemblies. Quincy fellowship has opened a new meeting hall, after many months of hard work, called the Orchard House. Greenville has closed two meetings, but the impact has been positive. There is more support at the other meetings and people are carpooling to meetings in the surrounding areas. Other Plans: We are discussing putting on a sharing day or some type of function to help bring general service to more people, .Lyle C.

District 21: Eduardo L. We visit our groups twice a week. All of the Committees PI, HP, La Vina, are working very well. HP is visiting Hospitals and jails. PI is giving information to the public in schools and health fairs. La Vina is visiting all groups once a week and creating more subscriptions. We are counting with 16 groups and our community is growing in about 50% and many young people are joining. We are now working with the Roundup with our Spanish speaking Committee. Thank you.

District 22: Carlos. In our last business meeting we agreed to send a \$50 contribution to Central Office every month. Last month 8 groups, including our district, sent contribution to central off that has never happened before. Sept. 11th, we opened a checking account in the Bank of America with the two treasurers on the account. We want to end the problems with the money in our district. The last treasurer took \$650 and the last DCM \$1200. Thanks to the area officers for helping me with this. We sent literature with Gene L. of the District 10B to Elko to 1 Hispanic fellow who wants to start meetings there. Monday 14 we are opening meetings for gays and lesbians 3 times a week in our district office. We are still having our study meetings every Wednesday at 6 pm, topic: Traditions. Between 15-20 members are attending. I have more material for our archives. Thanks.

Byron F: We'll continue with the Committee Chair reports in the morning.

7:30pm: Break for respective GSR Training and Orientation, Area Committee meeting. The Assembly is closed upon completion of the meetings.

Saturday 9/12

9:00am: Byron F., Area Chairperson opens the Assembly with the serenity prayer and provides the opening statement:

Byron F: I always begin with a brief caveat on me personally. I unloaded on my sponsor early on and he came back and said "tell me a little about what's good about you". I said "people have said I'm accountable, responsible, and well organized". He said we have plenty of those in AA: rude, egotistical control freaks. I am one of those so I ask your help in keeping me right sized throughout the weekend. Byron asks the assembly members attending for the first time to stand and introduce themselves. Individuals went around the room as requested and Byron then said: We have a lot of trusted, rusted servants who have for along long time provided continuing guidance to all of us. I'd like them to stand and introduce themselves. Any past Delegates, Trustees, Directors, please introduce yourselves. We're privileged and honored to have all those folk here. They attend regularly and are a huge help to Area 42. We will be passing the Big Book around. Sign it and we'll be giving it away tomorrow for the newest newcomer attending. Sylvia from District 7 is managing this, please be sure to sign it. We'll be passing the basket to help reimburse District 7 for refreshments. We'll continue with Officer Reports, but first let's begin with the minutes from last assembly.

Area Secretary: Marina B. In your packet are the minutes from March Assembly. Hopefully you've all had a chance to read through it. I would like to direct you to page five. The fifth item down, Hospitals and Institutions is incorrectly listed from the North. It should read from the South. Thank you Tim. Right below that is H & I: no report. If you can just scratch that out, it doesn't even live there. Are there any other changes, issues, comments? No Comments. I will take a motion to approve the minutes. Minutes passed and accepted into record.

Area 42 Committee Chair Reports: *(for purpose of continuity, all office and chair reports are listed here)*

Area 42 Treasurer: Sophie K: I want to let people know, especially GSRs that are new. If your group has only been able to fund a minimal amount and you've gone to your district for financial support and then you've gone to your Northern or

Southern area for financial support to fund your trip here to assembly and if you're still coming up short, there's a form you can complete. Please come and see me for additional support. This afternoon, I'll take all those requests and write out checks all at the same time. So you'll want to come and see me after we break and before dinner. There's also a listing of all group contributions to date. You can look up your group's name, either in Northern part or SAGSC and you can see if your yearly contributions have been listed. See me if something is awry or you haven't been receiving receipts.

SAGSC Treasurer: Cherrie N. Balance sheet, Total Assets \$23,127.54. Profit & Loss as of 8/31/09 Profit \$112.27 Loan Rec. District One \$1,000.00. Please ask your groups to put their group number and district number on their contributions as well as their email address. Officers, Committee Chairs or DCMs or anyone else, who wants funding from SAGSC, please submit your budget requests including amount and what for at the November SAGSC meeting so the finance committee can review and present budget recommendations at the January 2010 meeting.

Alternate Area Chair: Marion De P. Thanks to those who offered to help with banquet. The ELKS Club stepped up to provide the dinner. Help with cleaning and covering tables will be appreciated. We'll start immediately after the assembly breaks, Saturday afternoon.

NAGSC Chair Report: By group conscience the first meeting each year will be held in Reno. This is to allow us to take advantage of the expanded facilities available for round table discussions. Last year we met at the G.S.R. and had room for each roundtable separated by air walls. This meeting will be funded and hosted by NAGSC. Liaisons from Intergroup and ANNYPAA are giving reports at our meetings.

Area 42 Webmaster: Ralph C. I polled the statistics for the area 42 website. It's being visited about 3,500 to 4,000 times a month and on the average at least two pages are visited. I built a new page link on the Area 42 website called the Delegates page at Jason's request. Everything is up to date for the information I have received (mostly from Carol B and Jason C). At the Area committee meeting last night in the blue room we formed a web committee of five for our area 42 website. A survey will be posted on our website and we encourage you to take it. Your suggestions will be considered. If anyone has any questions about the website please ask.

Area 42 Archivist: Paul E. First of all I would like to thank Caroline for the hard work she is doing sorting and categorizing all of the archive material. I do plan going to Las Vegas near the beginning of next year to see the extent of the work and all of the Area Archives. I would also like to thank all those who [participated in the archives survey at the March assembly. The results are in and somewhat surprising, at least to me. At the top of the list of what members want to see in the archives are books with photos, not far behind, audio, then area records and individual stories. At the bottom of the list was video with event flyers showing up low to mixed in the middle. I am still looking for group histories, to put in the district binders. I am looking for individual stories from long timers, about their experience in the Area and AA. I did attend District 22's tenth year anniversary celebration. I have been collecting all the flyers that I have seen. At the June NAGSC meeting past delegate Joyce P. to sort through.

Area 42 Registrar: Kevin B. (presented by Jeanette B.) During the past six months Michelle B. and I have continued to gather information from the groups and get the information into the data base. The past few months have been challenging as I have been away from home on military duty and have only been available via email. So I do appreciate every ones patience in the occasional (ok Frequent) delay in my responses. I would encourage all the DCMs to continue to send their updated info to Michelle in the south and to me in the north. I will have an updated area group list for the Spring Assembly so that we can see the results of all your hard work. Michelle and Jeanette are going to be managing the registration table for the weekend assembly in my absence. I would ask the DCM's to review their district sign in sheets throughout the weekend so that we can ensure an accurate accounting of all your eligible voters. I would like to close by saying how grateful I am to be able to be of service to all of you on this journey of learning and growth. I will be with all of you this weekend in spirit.

this so please be gentle with me. It's a privilege to serve you in Kevin's absence. If there are any changes in your group or district please see me and fill out a change form. Any new groups please fill out a new group form. I do have all forms with me, so please if you have any questions, come and talk to me.

Area 42 Secretary: Marina B. I want to thank Carol B. for all her work embracing the website. She works closely with Ralph C, our webmaster ensuring the Area 42 website is maintained. Everything except the current guidelines with latest revision from Spring Assembly is updated. There are some things coming in this area that I'm sure Ralph will be sharing in his report. As Area Secretary, I'm required to conduct a survey about the website. It's traditionally occurred at Spring Assembly the second year of service term for this position. Last night our Area committee we discussed a plan to do this survey online in the next few months. So look for this and know that your input is invaluable. I'll be emailing your rosters with all corrections and updates in the next few weeks, so please if you are a new DCM or General Service Committee member get with me today with all your contact information. Also, please submit a copy of your DCM, Officer and Committee chair reports to me this weekend.

Hospitals & Institutions SAGSC: Tim R. We meet 3rd Tuesday @ 6:00p.m. at Central office in LV. Financial Report, year to date contributions \$17,196.94. Current Balance is \$3,402.97. We purchased 80 cases of Big Books at the lower cost before July. Nothing but Big Book, Twelve by Twelve, pamphlets and schedules. We currently support 45 meetings a week in jails, prison, Salvation Army & detox. Bridging the Gap is up and running. BTG Conference Jan. 23, 2010 at the Salvation Army, 2900 Palomino. H & I committee and Intergroup will host a corrections workshop, which will feature Tom I. from Pinehurst N.C. He has over 50 year's sobriety. Breakfast and lunch will be served. We will also have an ex-inmate panel and also a panel of those who take meetings into prisons.

Correctional Institutions NAGSC: Roger R. I was invited to see how the Drug Court operates in Bishop. The Drug Court is for people on probation for drug and alcohol abuse. If the drug and alcohol people stay clean and sober, they get their jail time excused. If not, they go back to jail. I am trying to get a list of people who take meetings into jails to let me know of their participation so we have accurate information. I will be going to Corrections Workshop held in Las Vegas on January 23rd, 2010.

Intergroup Liaison NAGSC: Graham S. All intergroup committees are staffed and working. The Reno AA phone service is staffed and working well. When a time slot opens it seems as if it is quickly filled. Intergroup is in a financial crisis. They have had to dip into their prudent reserve to pay for daily working costs. It was suggested they get out to the groups, an AA birthday fund. Everyone that has an AA birthday is asked to donate to intergroup \$1.00 for each year of sobriety. Intergroup also has five AA sponsored events a year. March-Corned Beef & Cabbage, June-Founders Day Picnic, Oct-Halloween party, Nov-Gratitude Dinner, Dec-New Years Eve Party. Intergroup hopes that they will help raise funds. I personally put \$2.00 in the basket at my meetings. Give me a break, how long has the \$1.00 donation been in effect? I think it's time everyone puts \$2.00. Is that asking too much to have your life saved? I'm also in the process of compiling a list of all intergroup committee chairs, meeting place & time for NAGSC Chair.

Cooperation with the Professional Community NAGSC: Rich B. On the topic of northern area CPC, we received a call from Yerington NV of a group not participating singleness of purpose. It was a request of us to contact the professional community to explain singleness of purpose we connected with the hospital, the local drug and alcohol treatment program and shared the information of AA. Letters were sent to the judge, law enforcement, MD physicians'. We did not receive any response from these agencies. A workshop was put on in Incline NV to help district 14 with preparing the district with a co-op of CPC/I. This co-op seems to share the responsibility of reaching the professional with many members throughout the district involving more in service. **Cooperation with the Professional Community /Public Information SAGSC: Tim H. Cindy M.** Recent Events: 03/31-04/01/09 Bishop Gorman HS presentations to 9th grades classes in conjunction with Al-Anon. 05/05/09 Veterans event @ Gold Coast to welcome back military from Iraq. Special Needs (Leslie) and Bob (PI/CPC) will be present. 08/15/09 CPC Chair, Tim H. participated in a District One service Workshop. 08/23/09 Joint presentation with Spanish CPC to youth (16+yrs) groups at United Methodist Church. (Literature display). 08/25/09 PI Chair, Cindy M. attended district 13 meeting to explain CPC/PI committees. Upcoming Events: 09/12/09 NV Recovery Celebration Day @ Cashman Center, literature display utilizing ten volunteers working five shifts throughout event. 10/14/09 Community resource days-Wynn Elementary. 10/14-10/16/09 Exhibit for American Psychotherapy Association. 10/22-24/09 AARP Conference. Current Focus: Healthcare provider presentations at meetings. Invited healthcare professionals to attend meetings to brainstorm on 'getting our foot in the door'. Future areas of focus: criminal justice, law enforcement, military, etc. We meet every third Monday from 6-7:00pm at LV Central Office.

Special Needs/Accessibility SAGSC: Leslie D. On June 5, 2009 Special Needs shared a booth with AA Public Information at the Gold Coast Hotel for a function geared towards retired and returning vets. On June 6, Special Needs set up a table at Founders Day featuring large print pamphlets and Braille Big Books and the Braille 44 question pamphlet. We sold one big book at this event. Since then, Central Office and Special Needs have donated 3 Big Books in Braille to the Nevada Blind Center at 0001 BN. Bruce St. Special Needs has a home bound 12 step sign up sheet that we use for those in need. On September 5, Special Needs used this list and made a home bound visit to one of our members and the meeting was very successful, we plan to meet with this individual on a weekly basis. Special Needs is currently looking for a person to perform sign language for Las Vegas and surrounding area meetings or events needing this service. If anyone has suggestions on how Special Needs can be of service, Please contact Leslie D.

Special Needs NAGSC: Stephen VW. I recently received my packet form general service office and it was very helpful. The general description of my service commitment led me to the conclusion that the biggest accessibility problem we have in the north is logistics. There's a lot of real estate between districts once you get out of the general area I live-in (Reno/Sparks). For those who are outside of this area in the north, word sometimes travels slowly. I plan on attending some meetings in the out laying areas (Fernley, Fallon, Yerington) to find out what actions I can carry the message more effectively here in the north. I also want to find out when their business meetings are so I can attend a few of those also. The questions "what am I doing to better serve the still suffering alcoholic" constantly runs through my mind.

Grapevine SAGSC: Cynthia L. Our meeting is 2nd Friday of each month, 7:00pm at Central Office. About twenty Grapevine representatives attend at the meetings. Meeting serves the purpose of sharing ideas on the best way to get the message of AA through the grapevine and especially into the hands of newcomers. We order 180 and usually all get sold or are given away. We manage to stay self supporting. We feel it's not a lot when you think we have 700 meetings. Events we've represented; Mt. Charleston Picnic, District 5B Picnic, Boulder City Picnic-District 1 and various workshops. South and north will alternate grapevine table at the spring and fall assembly.

Grapevine NAGSC: Jeannette B. I took the grapevine display to the district 20 Chester Fellowship campout in June and the Mammoth campout in August. Last assembly Cynthia and I (GV Chair South) agreed to rotate Grapevine display at the assembly. NAGSC GV - Spring Assembly and SAGSC GV - Fall Assembly. So far it's all working very well.

Byron F: We will begin our formal part of the agenda. It's my pleasure to introduce the Alternate Area 42 Delegate, Mike M.

Mike M: Good morning, I'm Mike and I'm an alcoholic. I have the privilege of serving as alternate delegate for this area. I frequently get asked, what are the responsibilities of alternate delegate? and I really don't know. I've been doing this roughly nine months and I'm still trying to figure it out. I keep my head buried taking notes. I give reports. I love to do that, particularly over something I don't know. It gives me the opportunity to go learn and come back and share it with others.

You get to visit groups and for some reason my phone rings a lot with questions on traditions and I get phone calls with member who don't get along with one another. Imagine that? One person doesn't like that one and they don't like the literature that they're reading and they almost come to me like I'm some AA police and I have a tablet that I'd be able to issue out demerits that you are not allowed to speak at this meeting for the next week. Unfortunately I don't have that, and I'd be in a lot of trouble if I did. Anyway, I'm glad to be here. Jason and I had a discussion about the third and ninth concept at this assembly. It came up in a conference all we had with our committee members and I spent the last six to eight weeks trying to put this thing together and to just make it to where it would be fun and just very simple. If you can just sit back and relax like we're sitting around your kitchen table, we can keep it simple. Those of you that are new and unfamiliar with this process, we all were here. I can remember my first experience. I couldn't figure out what the heck was going on. You as a GSR was elected by your group to come here this weekend to do this work. So imagine this: two weeks ago your DCM handed you a piece of paper that said September 12th, you're going to be voting on these topics; ABC/ You take this to your home group and everyone goes around the room and each member shares their thoughts and opinions on that topic. Your home group doesn't mandate how you vote, they just share collectively with that topic and they don't tell you how to vote. Fast forward two weeks and you come to the microphone and you share your thoughts on this topic of ABC that you discussed in your home group. And a few other GSRs stand up and share comparable thoughts. A few other GSRs that you don't know get up and share something about that topic that you were unaware of. Now this new information that they shared completely changed your perspective of this idea one hundred eighty degrees and now it's affected your vote. You vote opposite from originally what you came in discussing. That is the right of decision. When you come here, you're representing the Area not your group. You've come here this weekend to do this work and you're going to go back to your group and report what happened. Now let's parlay this to the delegate at the conference. We have a delegate that comes out of area 42 and every year he goes to New York, which is called the Conference. At the conference there's 93 delegates, 92 others and 93 including ours. There are 21 trustees that attend this conference. Now each one of the delegates has a committee they stand on. There's 13 committees. Our Delegate sits on the Public Information Committee. Now what happens is the 15th of February, our delegate gets a wagon load full of information related to the topics he or she's going to discuss in this committee. Then the conference begins 14th or 15th of April. They have two months to go through it thoroughly. They go to conference and they have roughly three half days they meet with their committee. There are hours and hours of closed room discussion where they can make decisions for AA as a whole. Now when our delegate goes to New York he's not representing our area, he's representing AA as a whole in North America, United States & Canada. Our delegate has gone there to do that work, to serve AA as a whole and he's coming back to report what's happened. The reason that this comes up is we have been discussing topics outside of our delegates committee. Our delegate sits on PI committee and we're discussing H & I. Our delegate has little or no affect on other committees. A lot of people come up to me and asks our delegate who chooses the topics for the roundtables. That needs to be the delegate who chooses those topics. When conducting the roundtable it's best that we discuss items to prepare our delegate to go to the conference. If we could prepare our delegate for topics within his committee then that would best serve him or her for their time at the conference? Does that make sense? Byron asked me how much time I needed. I told him thirty minutes, he gave me an hour and I did it in fifteen. I guess the point of what I wanted to share with you is it would best serve us as an area you discuss roundtables that are in the PI committee and to trust our delegate to do this work. Just like we trust the other delegates in the other committees to do their work. The ninth concept is about Leadership. It is to trust them and trust their process. That's all I have, I've got forty five minutes left. Are there any questions that anyone might have?

Susan B: So Mike, There's going to be agenda items we're not familiar with, which there's always been. Are we going to be familiar with only PI items for Jason? If we did that, what's the best way to explain to our home group why we're not covering other agenda items and can they get that information if they're interested?

Mike M: They can get that information somewhere else. There is a report. All agenda items are in the report. The outcomes included PI. A full report with everything that happens is in there. Your second question on how we tell the groups. We have to trust the process. Trust them. Let them do the work and report back to us.

Ruth J: You were busy in the white, formally blue room last night, but I talked a little bit about that explaining the two assemblies. I said, anyone or group can take an agenda item and let their delegate know how they feel about it. It doesn't mean he's going to vote that way or he's on that committee. What you're saying is you focus on the committee the delegate is on. That's obvious, but it doesn't preclude a group choosing to discuss another one. I brought up the three that Jason had in his June report that are going to be discussed at this year's conference. Am I correct? My committee and was very versed in that. However at area assembly

Roberta L: Do I understand that we wouldn't be doing in March what we've been doing with summaries of various agenda items and discussing them or did I miss something?

Mike M: No, you've missed nothing. All I'm lovingly suggesting is that we talk about items within our delegates committee.

Roberta L: I'm just remembering when I was a delegate. The first year I studied all the background then it was mailed out to delegates only and we dispensed that information to people who asked for it. You'd call me, we didn't email then; and ask me for information on, for example the corrections committee and I'd copy and mail it to you. I went through the whole thing item by item and by the time I got to the conference I was so befuddled I didn't know what I was doing. My committee was PI and I also crammed all this stuff in my head that had nothing to do with my committee work. The next year I just studied my committee and was very versed on that. However at area assembly, I got a sense of what you thought on other agenda items that had been picked. I would be concerned if we focus on only PI and I agree we should

focus on that strongly. I have loved how you guys have handled agenda items through roundtables and summaries the last couple of years. You can't imagine how much that has prepared me for the conference.

Mike M: Why would that concern you? Discussing only on PI items?

Roberta L: Because selfishly, I wouldn't have the benefit of hearing you talk about the other items we'd determine important. I don't mean go in depth, I don't mean everyone going to read background on every agenda item. I just mean I like that overview you area officers provided and we talked about some of them. We also need to talk extensively about the PI Committee. The PI Committee this year will have some meaty items on it and at some point this weekend I'd like to talk about one of them if Byron will let have a few minutes. There some important to the traditions of AA that will be on the PI agenda. Our area officers have done fabulous job of presenting summaries the last few years so that we can all understand what going on at general conference.

Sophie K: Something I stumbled on in the AA service manual I'll let you guys decide whether I'm taking this out of context or if this applies or not. It's in the charter on page S99 and it's in the context of conference relation to AA and the sentence I'm going to read pertains to our serving or rather what the delegate may need and the delegates' prerogative to decide what they may need for conference. 'Delegate should be free to their conscience dictates. They should also be free to decide what questions should be taken to the group level for information, discussion or their own instruction.' I'll leave that up to everyone's consideration.

Jason: Thank you Mike for your great presentation. I know you've put a lot of time into it. I'm going to be honest. It may be the first time ever. I've really struggled with choosing items for discussing at the area. It's a real challenge in my mind, not just as a delegate, but as a participant. When we started the roundtable formats three or four years ago, we chose items we could sink our teeth into. What's occurred has been a wonderful participation in this area. Our last roundtable in Reno had over eighty people attending, which is double the number of participants compared to previous years. We're a link; we are a part of this great and wonderful program called Alcoholics Anonymous. How we as an area show up at the conference is through the delegate. It doesn't matter that it's me. It's not a personal deal. It's not 'lets do it this year this way because it's me'. I believe this. I believe this as an AA member and as an area committee member. So we send our delegate off and are backed by the area participates for the good of AA. I know without a doubt, 100% I will speak about every PI item. We'll rip it apart, drag it around, rub it in the dirt, bring it back up, put some water on it, watch it grow and do all kinds of things. I cannot say with any degree of certainty that I will have any say on any other item. That's because what happens is, for instance, on PI we will come up with recommendations. Say of fifteen items we discuss, we will only have all advisory actions on five or six items. That is true of all thirteen committees. Grapevine for example; we didn't share anything. That committee that we trusted did not have one advisory action at all. They made a wonderful presentation. We did not discuss Grapevine five, ten minutes tops. I assure you that was not the case when an advisory item was on the floor. Sometimes we spent two or three hours on one item. That's why we went to 1:00a.m instead of 5:00p.m. on Friday night. So the struggle I have as being a part of AA as a whole and as a part of making AA better and AA being effective. I want to do my part the best that I can. It's not my part as Jason. It's my part as a part of area 42, showing up and being a part of the greater hub. You meet with the Trustees on PI and iron out any information necessary. Then we meet as a PI committee and we tear them apart and we figure out what we want to present to the body. But after that trustee meeting, I realized I was not prepared. *(The final part of Jason's dialogue was not recorded)*

Cherie N: It seems to me that since, that there were fifteen topics on the PI, which is the committee that Jason was on, we spent a lot of time on the round tables and in our groups discussing six different things only one of which related to the things he needed to know. And all the other fourteen he spent hours and hours and hours, and I believe his own money, to get together with Mike so that he and Mike could discuss it. He had to be prepared for all fifteen of those topics and we only gave him information on one. And instead, the round tables we talked about Grape Vine, which he didn't get to participate on, and which only took five minutes but we discussed the hell out of it, and we also discussed things about literature and correctional facilities, we discussed a lot of things that absolutely no benefit to Jason. So he went and we.... So we actually sent Jason completely unprepared for the job that we've elected him to do. Now, does that make sense to anybody? It certainly doesn't to me, I'm probably the only logical woman on the planet, but that doesn't make any sense to me at all. So what Mike is saying, and what Jason is delicately trying to put to you I'm not nearly as delicate as Jason is so I'm going to put this straight up, you know between the eyes version. What are we doing here if not to prepare him? We need to take whatever he wants us to find out to our groups discuss the hell out of it, the groups, the round tables, here, and he will go fully prepared this year and not have to spend hours and hours and hours between him and Mike and God knows what goes on between his ears. Don't you want to give him your opinion? We all have them at twenty minutes of sobriety, I know I had one. Right? Don't you want to give him your opinion and your group's vote so that he is fully prepared? I mean let's end this thing already.

Roberta L: Hi I'm Roberta and I'm an alcoholic. I think you get an A+ for your presentation. The conversation and the ideas that have occurred as a result of your presentation are very exciting. You know this is the first time I ever recall the whole assembly discussing what we will discuss at the March assembly and I think that's awesome. You know I have complete and total confidence in our area committee. I trust that they will do what's best for area 42 and Alcoholics Anonymous. Whatever you decide I will support of course, and I agree wholeheartedly that PI is a very important focus we should have because of the fact that Jason is on that committee. However, I want to remind everyone that Jason will be voting on every single conference item on every single committee. Corrections I know have some important items, I'm on the literature committee, and there are some important items there. I'm on CPC/Treatment/Special Needs Committee and there are some things coming down the pike there. We have newly added special needs to that committee. So I'm

thinking that we don't want to be too limiting in our focus. We want to consider preparing Jason for his major responsibility, but I think we also want to discuss some of the other things. And I don't know but I see this as an opportunity for all of us to have a better understanding of Alcoholics Anonymous and how it works. We need the broad picture too. We need that narrow focus but I think we also need the broad picture. Thank you.

Tim: Hi my name's Tim I'm an alcoholic. And I don't know if I missed it, my question, and I actually have a question, is what is the process for when Jason goes to the conference of how he is assigned to this committee. Is there any other way we could get the collective group conscience of the area of the assembly of a committee of an area that maybe we're more interested in. Is he just assigned that committee, and how is it, what's the process, is it just drawn out of a hat, that doesn't make sense to me how AA works.

Julian R: I'm Julian and I'm an alcoholic. An answer to the question, it's a random process. With several considerations, and one of the primary ones being that you do not have a member of the committee from the same delegate area two successive panels. In other words, the successor to Jason in the next general service conference will not be on the PI committee. That's to be assured. There are some other considerations in there but I don't recall the specifics on them so I'll stop there. But it's a random process. It's been a good discussion this morning I think it's a very valid topic for discussion a very important topic. The committee process as I understand it, as it has been explained to me over the years, is that the conference committees made up of delegates carry the conscience of the fellowship to the general service conference. And to a certain extent they are the gate keepers. Let me explain that. Jason gave a very good picture of what he does there in the PI committee. As these agenda items come up, they are assigned to the different committees. And those committees, the conference committee, will take that information that, like he said, just work it over up and down whatever to see what comes out. They can also say this is not such a great idea after all and that's the end of it. That's the gatekeeper function right there. So what we have here is a chance for deliberation, extensive deliberation under ideal conditions to get as much input as we can give Jason on PI this next assembly will be to his benefit. However, if we start debating agenda items from other committees, let's say corrections, literature, what have you, though Jason will be able to vote on those in the conference, he will not be able to be in the committee that makes the determining factors, that shapes the agenda item. That says that this is good but we need to add this or we don't want this in it. So this is where you get to your right of decision entrusting your trusted servant you give them that right of decision. When I was on the PI committee, I had the privilege to chair the PI committee when I was a delegate, as Jason, same committee that Jason's on. And that year we had a very contentious item periodically we get an item on PI committee relating to the questionnaire, the AA questionnaire that goes out every three years. It's a very good source of information. But it can also be a great source of misinformation and you get a lot of debate. A lot of hot argument really. So that dominated most of discussion that year. However, that was not the only hot item on the agenda at that particular conference. And the other delegates were well aware of what these other item were and they had done their research on them and they had looked up the background information they'd gone through, they'd made inquiries, and then they went ahead and they voted with their conscience as thought. They exercised their right of decision with the information, which was available to them. I exercised not only my right of decision but I worked from a very informed information source in the committee that I represented. So to make a long story short, it's a very effective process that we've had here in the past it's worked well. And there's no reason that we have to preclude these other items from interest. But let's put our energy and our emphasis on the ones that our delegate is involved with.

Andy K: Hi my name is Andy I'm an alcoholic. When we were doing the round tables this last go around the topics that were presented to me as southern area chair the way the process went was I got an email with a question about which ones I thought we should be talking about, like a survey, and I emailed back my answers and then we talked about whatever we were told to talk about, and I think there were six of them that we actually discussed on the round tables. I got the information on the six and I disbursed them, to the DCM's within the southern area. And so we really didn't have that much decision on what were going to talk about. We were told what we were going to talk about. We only ended up talking about one PI topic. And I think what going on here today is that Jason felt like he wasn't prepared. And I love you Jason you know that brother, but we talked about what we were told to talk about and Jason was the one that picked those topics. So I don't understand why this topic is on the floor today about how we could better help Jason. I understand the importance of it, and we definitely need to help Jason, but I'm thinking we have a whole bunch of past delegates in the room that could help out our delegate at the time on those other topics that aren't in our committee and our delegate should concentrate on the topics that are within our committee. I don't understand what we're talking about here. I don't understand, you know I've been coming here for ten years, I've missed one meeting here in ten years, and this is the first time we've talked about something like this. And there's a lot of people that don't understand what the hell we're talking about. And it kind of feels like, you know because I'm an alcoholic and I'm negative, this kind of feels like a finger pointing thing. That we let our delegate down and I don't feel like we let our delegate down, I think we did a damn good job talking about the topics that we were assigned to talk about. I think this is just a fantastic body. This a very loving, very loyal, very committed body to best prepare, we were given the information we were given and we rolled up our sleeves and we did the work. But now were coming to find out that the best way we could serve our delegate is to talk about the PI committee and best to prepare him is to talk about it within his agenda. So rather than not only making that decision without consulting anyone, we're having this discussion. We're not really going to make any decisions this is just what we came up with, this was brought up in a conference call, that asked me to talk about these two items so that's what we're doing. We're having a loving discussion.

Tim R: My name's Tim and I am an alcoholic. Grateful to be here I'm the H and I chair for southern Nevada and when I first heard this of course my first response was you know the most important thing to me is H and I. And you're not going to talk about H and I and so Susan's question you know I thought about that and how am I going to go back and tell my committee that they're not concerned about the H and I issues. But actually standing up here and listening to Julian I appreciate what Julian had to say and I understand now what he was talking about and I want to thank you for that. And I got my questions answered. Thank you.

Carol B: My name is Carol and I'm an alcoholic. I had the privilege last year of being one the people who put the summaries together. And we divided up between I don't know, five or six of us, all of the different agenda committee items. And I'm not sure but I think public information was one of the ones that...I know I read it, if I didn't do the summary on that one. And out of the fifteen or seventeen or however many Jason said there were, most of them did not even send any information out. And by the way there were 670 pages that were sent out that had all of these items on them. We had to narrow them down to; I don't know how many we had to narrow our summaries down to. But many of the public information items, they didn't send anything. Many of them were pertaining to PSA'S and videos and this is like top secret stuff even the delegates don't get to see it until they get to New York so we couldn't have given too much input on many of the topics that Jason had to deal with as far as selecting the six what Jason did was, he asked us to each come up with six that we thought would be good topics for the round tables. And I think I know when I chose my six I was thinking about the home groups and what they would be... when that GSR has to go to his business meeting and ask them for some input what could they come up with that they're not going to be rolling their eyes to the back of their head or glazing over. It's real hard to find six topics that's going to interest your business meeting. And that was what I had in mind when I selected the six that I selected. Everybody else did, and then Jason chose the six out of those that he wanted to be on the round tables. I'm just so grateful that we're doing that now.

Joyce P: I'm Joyce and I'm an alcoholic. We've all had this problem for years about how do we get and talk about the agenda items and get a sense of this assembly. And I'm going to throw something out there. I'm not asking us to do this, and I'm not saying that we need to change everything. However there are some delegate areas that do things a little different. And each agenda item, they place that agenda item with the standing committee that it's assigned to. So you have standing committees here, you have public information. You have report and charter, you have finance, you have grapevine. And we have these committees in the north and south. The committee would then be responsible for that agenda item from the conference. Discussed in that committee and brought back to the area floor which gives the delegate a little more information on agenda items not within his committee. When I was delegate there were... I had nine agenda items and I was also on PI. Roberta was on PI, Joan was on PI, and I think Mike finally got out of the PI circle. So there's been quite a few of us here on public information and it's kind of the luck of the draw as to how many agenda items your committee will be given at the conference. I know that I had sixteen agenda items that I brought to this floor for input. And we were very fortunate that what you gave me back from those not only the agenda items that I picked for my committee but the other ones were brought back to the floor at the conference and I had a little more input on that. So I applaud you all for the excitement and the enthusiasm and the integrity for which you've discussed this here today. Thanks.

Kyle: My name's Kyle and I'm an alcoholic. And I realize I know only a little and I certainly respect the past delegates so much and I want Jason to be comfortable when he goes to New York. I guess I'm going to echo Carol there that I'm worried that if I go back to my group with strictly PI or 80 or 90% Public Information stuff I'm going to lose the interest there. And that is my first obligation is to my group and to have their voice heard in New York. And you know I would think that maybe we could divvy that up in a fair proportion that Jason could use his right to vote on public information and keep my group's interest at heart. You know because I have the snow ball effect. We were a dim or dark district not too long ago we have some enthusiasm there. And I may be putting, I don't know what these public information agenda items might be, they might be very interesting. But, that is my fear, that I'll go back to my group and put some people to sleep and I would rather have 80 or 90% participation there than have 1 or 2 people show up to my business meeting and give an opinion and come back with that on some items that they're not particularly interested in.

Glenn F: Glenn F, alcoholic. Let's just give the delegate what he wants. And keep it simple.

Mike M: All right, well I appreciate your time. Please come to us if you have any questions and Jason or I would be happy to help. Thank you.

Byron F: Thank you Mike. I view myrole as the parliamentarian I guess to just kind of facilitate this. Jason and Mike I just want to summarize from a parliamentary standpoint the assembly has not been asked for a consensus nor have they have they been asked to vote on anything, and so it's my understanding, and please correct me if I'm wrong, but it's my understanding that the decision has been left to Jason as to how he wants best to be prepared for his next March meeting but that does not memorialize or obligate future delegates. Ok, that's my understanding of where we are. Ok, let's break until 10:30.

10:15a.m. Adjourn for Break

10:30a.m. Assembly reopened by Byron F.

Jason : Thank you. I'm serving as an area 42 delegate. And at this time I know on the agenda, I actually didn't get an agenda, can I actually see your agenda. It says that I'm going to talk about preparing our delegate for New York. I'm not going to talk about that. I think we've talked about that. So I'm going to take this time to, and there are various things I'd like to share with you. I'd like to say that that was a great discussion. And that was the point. The point wasn't to ram an

idea down anyone's throat it was really and truly to have dialogue about what's important. And I think we accomplished that and that was, thank you all for participating. OK.... One announcement here, it looks like we might be tapped out of final conference reports. Is that box empty? Ok well those who did not get a final conference report there are a couple left over here by the table. The Spanish speaking version of that I did not receive that yet so I just received these four boxes the end of this past week. So what I will do is upon receiving those I will send half to district 21 and deliver half to district 22. And I expect that to come this next week being that I received those in the last three or four days. Could we pass the seven tradition basket? Sylvia has that I was told. Seventh tradition states we are solely self supported through our own contributions. Thank you. The first item that I'm going to discuss is, there were a few items that were at the general service conference that were to come back to the fellowship for input. And I received only one of those items and so I will share only about that one item. Let me just read a little bit to you and this is something that you would be encouraged to take back to your groups and get input on. I will read you the letter briefly. Dear delegates 2009 general service conference advisory action number 7 requests for fellowship sharing. At the 2008 general service conference approved of the following advisory action. That the trustees finance and budgetary committee gather input from the fellowship on the benefits and liability both spiritual and practical of fully funding GSO services to the fellowship, by the voluntary contributions of AA members and groups that this information be forwarded to the 2009 conference committee on finance. And many of you probably remember those words because we did discuss that. At the 2009 general service conference, the committee reviewed the material submitted by the fellowship and after a lengthy discussion the committee acknowledges that roughly half of all the AA groups contributing, is not enough to support our services, yet agreed that funding services from voluntary contributions are ideal. The committee confirms that our general service board policy previously adopted which reads as follows: self support of the world services of alcoholics anonymous, the AA spiritual support enables us to pursue our primary purpose of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic, with a shared sense of responsibility for our life saving work and without interference of financial dependence on outsiders. From our fellowship's earliest days, the expenses of the general service office and the world services provided by it have exceeded the amount derived from contributions of AA groups and members. As a result providing these needed services has necessarily been supported by sales of AA literature. It is policy of the general service board that the income from the literature sales should only be in amounts required to allow continued provision of vitally needed services and maintenances of a prudent reserve fund. We hope that the day will come when the AA groups and members through their contributions will be able to fully fund the services provided by the general service office. If that is achieved revenues from literature sales will only be needed in amounts necessary to cover the actual costs associated with literature production and to maintain a prudent reserve fund. So this is the recommendation of the committee that I'm about to share with you. That the trustee's finance committees gather input from the fellowship on the following for review by the 2010 conference committee on finance. So these are the two questions that you're encouraged to take back to your home group and districts and get input on. And here we go... 1. If we continue to use literature profits to fund services, should there be a limit? That's question number one. Question number two... If there is a limit, how do we continue to pay for the services if there is a shortfall in contributions? And in parentheses it says that the committee requests that the statement of policy's self support of the world services of alcoholics anonymous be distributed as background. Marina doesn't know it yet but what I'm going to do is I'm going to forward this letter along with a background on this. They also have a report from the subcommittee. And they have in that report some information that supports these two questions that will help inspire thoughts and ideas by the groups. But I will read those two questions again, as asked. 1. If we continue to use literature profits to fund services, should there be a limit? Number 2: If there is a limit, how do we continue to pay for the services if there is a shortfall in contributions? So those are the two questions I will forward this information. I'm not going to read the, we'll be here a long time if I read everything that I have. So there are four pages of, it's a report on self support and I will forward this to Marina to be distributed to all the DCM, everyone in the area. And so please see your DCM, if you're not on a roster, do get on a roster and you will receive that information.

Unidentified alcoholic: Now my question Jason, was that you had indicated that the funding is from literature profits as opposed to sales. I just wanted to make sure of that distinction. It is once they determine what a profit is or what their profits are then they allocate a certain amount of funding to support GSO? Can't read it from here. (Jason) Revenues from literature sales. That's how it's worded on this document. Revenues from literature sales.

Byron F: OK thank you. (Jason) You're welcome.

Jason C: Ok moving along there is a class A non alcoholic trustee vacancy. There are 21 trustees that serve on the general service board of alcoholics anonymous and there is an opening for a class A trustee. If you have any thoughts about who might best serve in that position you can certainly forward that information to me and I'd be happy to carry that information on the conference. So basically if anyone knows of a good candidate, friend of AA, please let me know and we'll continue with the process. And just so you know class A trustees are chosen from a variety of professional backgrounds including doctors, lawyers, clergy, social workers, educators, and business and financial professionals. I know Ruth is going to cover this later on, there is going to be a class B alcoholic trustee vacancy. This is an alcoholic trustee. 14 of the 21 trustees on the general service board are alcoholics. 7 are non-alcoholic. That would be for the Pacific region. So there are 15 areas in the nine western states and that is considered the Pacific region and certainly if you're interested in serving as the Pacific regional trustee do get a resume together quickly. Because we'll be discussing this later on and Ruth will head that up. We also have an opening for non trustee appointed committee member for trustee's committee for public information. And they're looking for a media specialist. They're looking for someone with talents in that area. Once again if you have thoughts on that please see me and you're welcome to use the past delegates

& trustee's for finding out more information about that. Ok. I'd like to talk a little bit about that international convention. That's going to be held in 2010 July 1-4 in San Antonio, Texas. Usually there's between 25,000 and 50,000 individuals that attend that. I hear it's a great experience. I am planning to attend this year, or next year. One of the things that I wanted to talk to you about is that the Pacific Region the delegates of the 15 areas, myself included, and the Pacific regional trustee have been having a conversation about having a host room at the international convention. And so what I'd like to say is that there are 3 areas that are coordinating that and they are filling time spots for members from all the areas to be there and so area 42 will have a time spot to be there. And so if there are any individuals in this room or if you know of someone that would like to sit in a room and greet people in the name of area 42 please see me on that, give me your name, phone number, email me or something and let me know of that because there are these 3 coordinators that are going to put that together. And we want to fill our spot for sure and welcome people to the international. Let them know a little bit about area 42. Certainly there's a link on the GSO website where you can register for the international and I believe every group has been sent, well I shouldn't say every group because I'm sure there's groups that have not, but in a perfect world every group has been sent the information on the international convention. So if you would like information please see your GSR and certainly you can contact GSO or go to the site and print out registrations and make them available to your groups. One last thing on the international convention, I'm going to read this little bit: Dear friends, preparations continue for the 2010 international convention in San Antonio. To help in this effort, we request your suggestions for possible speakers for hundreds of meetings that will be held during the convention. We would be grateful to receive at least four suggestions from you. Here are some forms for completion and return by November 13, 2009. Of course you may also email your suggestions to 2010ic@AA.org So if you have someone that you think would, or if you yourself think that you might be a good candidate for a speaker at the international Convention they welcome those suggestions. OK moving right along. We've got a special needs pamphlet. You know I'm going to read this to you they word it much better than mine. Dear friends as you may know the 2009 general service conference recommended that a special needs recovery pamphlet for new comers or prospective members may be developed and that stories be solicited from members with very special needs. For example, members that are deaf, blind, wheelchair bound, etc. It says that they've been given the approval to begin soliciting stories, and while some categories of special needs have been mentioned the 2009 advisory action above, these need not be limiting. We will also considering stories from AA members who have autism, brain damage, learning disabilities and other challenge that we may not even have thought of. Anyone who knows of such members is encouraged to let them know of this project and to help them submit their stories. Special needs committees may be uniquely positioned to help locate successfully sober AA members with special needs and to help find ways to share what it is like, what happened, and what it is like now. The deadline for that is December 15th. What they're looking for is roughly a two-three page 500-800 word story where you share just like we normally share in a general way what we used to be like, what happened, and what we are like now. And so, if you'd like more info on that, please ask me, I encourage you ask me, and I can get you the form and all that stuff to do that and perhaps you can be in a pamphlet for AA. Everybody wants to, everybody's doing it. As many of you know as part of the public information committee we did recommend that the young people video with four segments be approved. That has been approved and that will be available like anytime now. They said the first part; sometime in September that young people video with four clips on it will be available. Presently there are three English speaking and one French speaking story on that video. There's, what was decided is that we keep that open for submissions for the video and what they're really looking for is a submission from a Spanish speaking member. Doesn't have to be created by a Spanish speaking member but a Spanish speaking, because they felt like those are the three languages we use in the US and Canada, specifically. French, English, and Spanish, and so they felt like if we had that it would be a real complete package and help better carry the message. So if anyone, and anyone, and anyone would like to have more info on what to do to create that and I also have rough draft of that video that I would be happy to show anyone to give you an idea of what was accepted, please see me. See someone. The kindle reader. Those of you that may not know what a kindle reader is, I think I'm one of them, All I do is read about and regurgitate, I'm not really, not altogether familiar with all of them. It's an electronic device you can download, books, articles, etc. in it. It holds a tremendous amount of information. What I'll do is we stepped into an agreement with amazon.com to have the big book as a download for the kindle reader. And that started and ended very rapidly. General Manager Phyllis H. presented a report on July 30, 2009 on the current status on the negotiations with Amazon Digital Services, Inc. Regarding the Kindle project and explained that based on the 30 day termination clause in the contract it requests to withdraw the big book on kindle from the Amazon website had been forwarded to them on July 10, 2009. It seems that none of the assurances made to us by Amazon were maintained. For example, no suggestions for other books to show up with big book prices. Rescinding the contract at any time. That contract was rescinded and we no longer have the Big Book available in that format through kindle reader. Very short lived. I have about 300 things more to go so....just take a couple minutes. One thing I want to say kind of on a personal note, I don't know what the deal is with my God in this year but I feel very challenged. It's just been one experience after the other to the point where I felt like it was just funny. I don't know how much more could happen in one year's time. My father... I became a delegate, my father passed away, I lost my job, I traveled to New York, ate road food for over six weeks and lived crazy. My mom had a serious operation while I was back there, and I'm back and I feel jittery. I really had to dive into the program of Alcoholic Anonymous. I don't think it's any mistake that my sponsor gave me a CD on emotional sobriety and general service. Trouble is I get here and I'm looking around and I'm like which one of you people have both of them? Then I stopped at my, my God slapped my hand away and I stopped. But I would just like to thank you guys for, number 1 you could have just said go screw yourself, you want to be gone six weeks whatever, and I really appreciate the opportunity to get through

whatever I needed to and get back here and be of service because it's where my heart is and it's what I like to do and I certainly like to be a part of this. And there were people that I called and, the beautiful thing about this is really and truly what I said about the area committee I wasn't just trying to get my way I really believe that we have a wonderful area committee and they're willing to be of service and they're solid, and they have a program to back their general service and it's really great that I could just call upon them and just shift my responsibilities one day and get in the car the next day and just get where I needed to go. So I just want to thank you for that, and I know Mike M. Sophie K. and Carol gave reports and I know Marion shared and those were all things that I was asked to do that I had to set aside for, to take care of my family and so I appreciate that thank you. It's a great area. One little announcement, I know there were flyers down on the table but I did receive this as well through email, January 23, 2010 a gentlemen by the name of Tom will lead an H and I workshop in Las Vegas and we may consider sending our corrections and treatment chairs to that, just a thought. One last thing under area kind of stuff. I'd like to read a letter to you that I received from Doug R., the conference coordinator. It says dear Jason, we have received the sad news of the death of Manny B, panel 33 delegate, which I know is a huge loss for the Nevada area. Everyone at the general service office and the Grape Vine office join me in sending sympathy and love to you, our friends in your area and to Manny's family. We value each delegate and trustee and understand that a loss as this is significant and deeply felt in fellowship Doug R. I just wanted to read that to you because we did have a past delegate pass away some months back and it was just wonderful to get that kind of acknowledgment from the general service office. Didn't go unnoticed. One thing I'd like to do is I'm going to set a piece of paper on this table at some point, actually I'm not going to set a piece of paper, there are plenty of papers over there. I know Sherry has the meeting times and places for the districts, and I don't know if... do we have that in the north? Do we have a list of all the districts and the business meetings? They have it at the central office? Ok, I'd like to get my hands on that at some point but I just thought I'd bring it up being that you guys are all here. So I'll check there then, and if anyone in this room has that that would be great to get that. I did attend, this was kind of fun, although I don't know if the other people I thought it was fun having me there. The ANNYPAA, the All Northern Nevada Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous They had a committee inventory, which I thought was awesome they've done an incredible job, they started one young people meeting about 3 or 4 years ago and that meeting grew to in between 100-150 people and when I first walked in, I'm going to be blunt, I thought it was kind of a meat market. I thought "ah yeah lot's of sobriety going on here, I'm going to go out here" But I wondered why there was so many people going to those meetings. So I attended a meeting and it was wonderful to hear about the 12 steps, to hear about sponsorship, to hear about God, I higher power, and to see people actively getting people into service and it was wonderful. Then I facilitated a committee inventory with them and it was just really awesome, they're just really eager to learn and to grow and I certainly encourage them to, now that they've taken the inventory, with that information be sure and look at it again. Because it's easy to take the inventory but it's not always easy to go back and look at it and make changes based on that. But that was a good time. Two more things. On the first one, I have a couple power point presentations that were received from area 11. One is a DCM orientation. The other is a GSR orientation, and then they have some service structure things and, with Marina's permission I'll send that to her and she will forward it out to the members and those with Microsoft PowerPoint can utilize that. And the last thing I would like to say is that I've had a few people come up to me and they tell me it's their first time coming here and I noticed I got excited. I really got excited for them. I'd just like to welcome everybody, I'd like to welcome the people that are new, I'd like to welcome the people that have been coming here and love it, I'd like to welcome the people, who could give a crap if they were here or not but they're supposed to be here. I'd like to welcome you all to our area assembly and we're very glad that you're here. Thank you verymuch.

Byron F: Thank you Jason. One of our traditions here is on Sunday morning to run a "Ask it Basket". Better known as stump the panel. Where the past trustees, delegates assembled trusted servants, will answer questions. So I'm going to put this plastic tray down here, and anyone who has a question would like to ask the panel drop it in there and they will deal with it tomorrow. Do we have all the Spanish folk? What I'd like, if from district 21 or 22 are there are any new GSR's or a DCM if they'd stand and introduce themselves that would be wonderful.

Lurdes: Yes Carlos C, district 21. Jose C, district 21. Miguel, and another Mike, from district 21.

Byron F: Lurdes, are Spanish visitors here?

Lurdes: We have one.

Byron F: Would you introduce that person please?

Lourdis: Francisco J., district 56, his home group is Accion. And that's in Riverbank, CA.

Byron F: Marion is going to cover this a little later but at the area committee meeting last night we reviewed some materials that the Hispanic groups from CA had prepared, educational materials really, and it was really wonderful.

Lourdis had said they were some people from the CA group are going to be over at our assembly and we welcome them. OK we've got a little bit of time before we break for lunch and I will give us plenty of time because I know it's a challenge in Tonopah to do it. But let's a get back to district reports if we can. Let me go to my list of who we haven't heard from.

Jason: Just a quick announcement, I have this; this is the northern area districts. I'm going to leave this down on the table could you make sure your business, time, location etc is accurate? Thank you

2:30p.m.Trustee Discussion and Nomination: Byron introduces Ruth J. and turns the meeting over to her to facilitate the nomination process. Ruth J. presented the system of third legacy procedure for this vote, and explained what this position means. 'The way that position is elected in fifteen areas of the pacific region, is that each area is allowed to send one member. Those fifteen names go to the conference. All pacific region trustees get to vote, all those on the trustee nominating committee get to vote, all those conference committee members on trustees get to vote, so that there's an

equal amount against the fifteen delegates. If they need any extras to make it even, they will pull votes from the hat. It has happened in the past that we've had fewer than fifteen to elect.' Ruth J. went on to explain a little more about the position and the requirements. 'It's a busy position, you can be gone every other week during the four years of service, Extensive travel is required so you need a flexible job, or retirement, or no job. It is not a paid position, it is volunteer. Your travel expenses are paid. These are the qualification of an Alcoholic Trustee as written in the service manual: Experience has shown that AA trustees are strong in one or more of these following areas and have contributed in matters that come before the board. a) The length of sobriety required is ten years is a minimum. b) A business or professional background is not necessary, but it has proven valuable for General Service Trustees who deal with business affairs. c) Leadership in AA. The qualities of dealing with AA growth and affairs, a minimum of friction, an ability to keep your opinions to yourself. (I added that, but it's true. You hear my opinion all the time after I rotated out, but while I served, you never heard my opinion). Good leaders can bring resoluteness, the courage of convictions good judgment, along with objectivity and the willingness to stand up and express them. d) Such candidates usually have the love and respect of AA in their community, state or province and can represent the board and interpret its actions back home. The common denominator for a successful trustee is an ability to communicate effectively.

Ruth J. facilitated the introductions and voting process. 'There are at least three past delegates available to serve and each one will introduce themselves with length of sobriety and a little bit of their service work. The service resume will go with Jason to New York and it will be more detailed.' Pete L., Mike D., Joyce P., and Joan M. all stood for Pacific Region Trustee. The first round of votes were cast with 146 voting members. Roberta L. and Julian R. assisted with the counting (non voting members) and Ruth defined voting members to the assembly. Pete L – 40, Mike D. – 28, Joyce P. – 26, Joan M. – 52. A second round of votes were cast with a total of 138 (anyone less than 20% automatically is dropped).

Pete L. – 50, Mike D. – 12, Joyce P. – 19, Joan M. - 57. Mike D. and Joyce P. With less than 20% are dropped.

A third ballot was done with the two names, Pete L – 62/43%, Joan M. - 81/57%. A motion from the assembly to go to the hat was asked. Joan M. was pulled and will be the Area 42 nominee for Pacific Region Trustee. Joan served on Panel 51, Area 42; her sobriety date is Jan 7, 1979 and is celebrating 30 years. Her general service work began in 1983 as GSR, DCM of two districts, Alternate Delegate twice, Delegate of Area42. Joan is retired, holds a Master of Science in Business Management, has been Treasurer of NAGSC, Area Treasurer, Treasurer of two other nonprofit organizations, President of Home Owners Association, Is free to travel and she considers it a privilege to stand as nominee for Area 42.

3:00p.m. Conference Call Review: Marion DeP. Hi everyone, Byron asked me to update you on the Area Committee meetings that we talked about at the last assembly. The plan was to meet every two months. We've had a little bit of a slow start. It was not well attended. Everyone that should have got their email didn't get notified. What we found with 15 people participating on the free call is that people were hesitant to jump in because there's no way indicate when people want the floor. Web conferencing is a wonderful tool. The moderator is able to share his desktop. Everyone can see all the display. One of the things brought up at the committee meeting last night; we're all talking about the website but we're not looking at the website, so how do we know what we're talking about. This is a solution to that. It's very easy to use Webinar. The emails are sent out, they open their invitation and click on at the appropriate time and they're in. You can text questions to the moderator, you can take polls. It's a helpful tool and the price is within the amount already approved by last assembly. Any questions?

3:15p.m. Break

3:30p.m. Byron reopens assembly with an introduction of Roberta L.

Roberta L: Thank you Byron for the opportunity to allow me to speak. I know we're all tired and bleary eyed so I'll make this brief. Something that's maybe coming down the pike for this conference and you'll be asked to share on in March, is full face images on videos. This will give you some time to consider this for March. How many of you have seen the old "Hope" video? Not very many at all. It was made to show to people coming out of treatment facilities. It's very dated and the fact that only two people raised their hand, illustrates that point quite nicely. We decided the script on 'Trustees Treatment Committee' was fine and appropriate but the visual needed to be updated. So a couple of conferences ago that assignment was made and the video was updated, and it was shared with treatment facilities committee. It was presented at Conference and it was approved last year. However, there was some concern as we went along that we had full faces of actors who were portraying alcoholics. They were non-alcoholics pretending to be alcoholic; they did a pretty good job. I have to tell you, the video is beautiful and that's what sold it. When the committee questioned the full faces, a disclosure was put at the beginning of the video: 'Alcoholics in this video are portrayed by actors'. The next time it was viewed there was still concern, so the disclosure was added to the end of the video as well. So, it's at the beginning and the end. So it was viewed again, and a voice over, reading the disclosure at the beginning and the end. There's still concern and I'll read a couple of paragraphs from Tradition Eleven and you'll see why maybe there is a concern. 'In the beginning the press could not understand, they were genuinely baffled about our insistence of anonymity. Then they got the point. Here was something new in the world; a society that would publicize its principles, and work but not its individual members. The press was delighted with this attitude. Ever since these friends have reported AA with respect. There was actually a time when the press of America thought the anonymity of AA was better for us than some of our own members. At one point about a hundred of our society broke anonymity at the public level. With perfectly good intentions these folks declared that the principle of anonymity was horse and buggy stuff thoroughly appropriate to AA's pioneering days. They were sure AA could further if they availed themselves of modern publicity efforts. AA they pointed out, included many persons of local, national and international fame. As long as they were willing, and many of them were, why shouldn't their membership be publicized, thereby encouraging others to join? But happily our friends of the writing profession disagreed with them.'

Now, I'm to asking you to form an opinion; I don't want to suggest you believe one way or another. There are PSA's on our website that I worked on a subcommittee that I'd worked on that developed these. I recently went back and looked at them and there are people in these videos with full faces shown. Then I remember our rationale: 'well those are not members of AA, they are practicing drunks'. There's such a fine line there that other trustee committee members have been discussing this issue and have decided that we need a sense of AA. We need to look again at our anonymity practices and clarify completely what we really want in anonymity. If you saw the new Hope video; it's not out yet, it's beautiful, and you will be amazed. When actors portray alcoholics speaking, you believe it. The problem is, will the people (and it's very convincing) viewing the video understand what the difference is? Something to think about. Mention it to your home groups and maybe come back in March with some ideas. Thank you.

Joan M: I'm Joan, I'm an alcoholic. Now that I've composed myself a little bit, I'd just like to thank you all for your participation in this election as nominee for me to be trustee. Thank You.

Byron: Thank you Joan. We're closing on the finishing line here. Ask it basket: get your questions in please. The seventh tradition that was passed a second time has helped with expenses. That got done. Our Banquet tonight with past delegate, Mike D. as our speaker.

4:00p.m. Meeting is adjourned

Sunday September 13

9:00a.m.: Byron opens the assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Housekeeping items are announced and Byron introduces Ruth J. to facilitate the 'ask it basket' question and answer session, which is conducted with Joyce P., Joan M., Pete L., Roberta L., and Mike D.

10:30a.m. The meeting is turned back over to Byron.

Byron: I'm Byron, alcoholic and continue to have the pleasure of serving as chair this weekend. We're on the homestretch folk. Some thanks are due. Marion, and her herculean effort putting together the banquet, thank you. I'm happy to say the ELKs have agreed to do the March assembly. And a special thanks to Marina sitting up here taking notes all weekend and we appreciate her efforts too. Thanks to all the staff of the Tonopah Convention Center. Thank you Diane and all her people. Diane who manages the convention center; her son was one of the ELKs serving us last night. Mike D, a thank you very, very much for being our speaker, We really appreciate it. The rusted servants, for their support and for being here year after year after year after year. We appreciate them. District seven, Sylvia, thank you for hosting us and from me, a special thank you to all of you. Thank you for your loving support this weekend, especially your kindness. I really appreciate it. A couple of agenda items now to take care of. We need a district to host the next assembly. I logically should come from the north. Is any district willing to host next assembly? District 2 has volunteered. Thank you. The Assembly date for March is next. If we follow history, it would be the last weekend in March. Easter would be the following week. Assembly weekend would be March 26, 27, 28. Do we have any questions, issues, suggestions?

Sophie: We don't know what the preconference agenda looks like so perhaps this doesn't even matter, but it did prove to be helpful in the recent past to push assembly out to April allow more time for agenda items. It's that whole thing about not having enough time for group input on agenda items. We have no control over GSO in getting the information but we do have control over when we have our assembly.

Jason: I concur.

Byron: Are there any other questions, comments?

Anonymous Alcoholic: You have an even number for the food setup and an odd number should be volunteered for the drinks. You still need a volunteer for drinks in March.

Byron: All right, Thank you

Jason: Just kidding about my last comment. The last of March is good in my opinion.

Marion: Do we have a date of the conference Jason?

Jason: April 18th.

Byron: I don't know if this is Parliamentarian or not but I need a show of hands for March 26, 27 and 28th. Ok, great, the last weekend in March is agreed. Now we need to go back a moment to take care of refreshments. I understand we need a district to host the drinks for March. No response from the districts.

Byron: Any old business? Yes, district 11 has volunteered to host refreshments at Spring Assembly. Any other old business? Any new Business?

Marion: I would like to ask our chair to appoint an adhoc committee to take a look at the GSR survival Guide. In studying the information in the GSR Survival Guide, I see a lot of really good information but the order it's in could probably use some revision. It doesn't seem to follow any outline. It seems things have gotten added and put into whatever order seemed logical at the time. I propose an adhoc committee may be able to look into this and come back with some suggestions and input.

Byron: Yes, I would be more than happy to do this. I would make it absolutely, steadfastly clear that an adhoc committee would not be binding on the assembly in any way, but would bring recommendations, thoughts, ideas back to the assembly to be presented and discussed here. Is that comfortable with everyone? I don't want to impose anything onto the assembly at this twelfth hour. So, yes we will appoint an adhoc committee to look at the GSR Survival Manual.

11:00a.m Meeting is adjourned and assembly is closed with the Responsibility Pledge.