

# Spring 2017 Area Assembly (Pre- Conference) Minutes

## March 24 – March 26, 2017

Tonopah Convention Center, 301 Brougner Ave., Tonopah, NV 89049

### Friday, March 24, 2017:

Assembly Opens @ 6p.m. with the Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions read by Kristen D.

“WELCOME TO TONOPAH!”

Recognition of new GSRs. Please register with Laura, Area Registrar this weekend if you haven't yet.

Limited amount of banquet tickets available. See Julie C., Alt. Area Chair. No vegetarian option.

Donation jar by the coffee to help off-set cost. Please contribute if you are drinking the coffee.

Mizpah will be open late for ice cream or pie (or both).

Jonelle W., Area Secretary, asked for approval of Fall 2016 Assembly Minutes. Passed unanimously.

**Area Secretary:** Greetings Area 42, My name is Jonelle, and I am an alcoholic. Thank you again for giving me this opportunity to serve as your Area Secretary. Since I began this position, I have had some experiences. I have sent more emails than I ever have in my entire life, I have asked for more help and guidance than I ever have in my entire life, and I have realized why it so important to review attachments sent to me before sending them out to the Area, just in case we have a translation issue or something. My responsibilities not only include inundating you with lots to read and distribute, but scrubbing things, doing a bit of translating of my own, being the in-between for our Area and the website, putting packets together, maintaining the rosters, the Area minutes, and so on. I want to share with you my gratitude for attending my 4<sup>th</sup> PRAASA earlier this month. After processing my experience and sharing it with my sponsor, am I able to understand the benefit it has on my sobriety, my service position, and most importantly, the benefit to the drunks that show up in my life! I am reminded constantly of why I do what I do and I am humbled. I attended the Secretary Roundtable discussion with Glenn, the SAGSC Secretary and Monica, the Alt. Area Secretary/NAGSC Secretary. Since we are a unique Area, we have a lot to offer, as well as a lot to learn and possibly incorporate. I also want to take a quick moment to thank Paul, our past Area Secretary, & Justin, our past past Area Secretary. They have both made my transition in this position much smoother than my natural, “I got this” attitude that has failed me miserably. I am looking forward to this weekend as always. I am looking forward to the growth I will experience and the growth I will witness, in individuals and in our Area. Thank you for all you do and allowing me to do it with you.

**Area Treasurer:** My name is Paul and I'm an alcoholic. Our treasury is in good shape as you can see from the reports in your packets. I still have some PRAASA expenses to reimburse and then there will be this Assemblies expenses. Earlier today the Area 42 finance Committee met and reviewed the books from last year and now they will be turned over to the Archives for safe keeping. If anyone has any questions about our finances please come see me at the table on the side of the room. I have receipts for your contributions and to save on expenses I will not be mailing them to you. If you would please send me an email address so that I can send your receipt to you or your group (your group can set up a free email account through gmail and then anyone in your group can access it). This is very easy to do come see me if you need help. If this does not work for you or your group I will have printed receipts here at the Spring and Fall Assemblies that you can pick up and those that are not picked up by you I will turn over to your DCM and you can pick them up from your DCM. Just a note the jar by the coffee is not a tip jar. It is to help pay for the coffee, we have to pay for the coffee and that helps offset the cost. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Roundtable Highlights** – Feedback from NAGSC/SAGSC. Discussion on new information only.

**Corrections Item B** – Emily C. – Discuss carrying the A.A. message to incarcerated Native American/ First Nations/ Inuit People.

**Comment(s) shared** – Share *God as we understand*, rather than a specific concept. Help facilitate their own understanding.

### District Reports:

**District 1 DCM:** Hello everyone! My name is Joan and I am honored to serve you as the District Committee Member for District One, which covers the region of Southeast Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City, and Searchlight, Nevada. We will be holding our first workshop of the year on the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous on April 22, 2017 from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Green Valley Club located at [1481 W. Warm Springs Road Suite 137, Henderson, NV 89014](#). The workshop will feature a performance of the Traditions Play as well as a panel of speakers and pizza! Please pick up a flyer on the table at the entrance. In addition to our workshop, we are continuing to support our commitment to the Las Vegas Central Office Hotline on the first Monday night of each month. We are also working on creating finance guidelines for our district. After assembly, we plan to start outreach to meetings in our area who are not currently represented with GSRs, so we may send them information and connect them with AA as a whole. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**District 2 DCM:** Starting out the new year the district adopted a new set of guidelines. District 2 had been operating without guidelines prior to this.

In our January meeting we discussed the upcoming items:

- o Panel 67
- o Roundtables

o PRAASA

o The assembly/ which we will be hosting

We decided to visit non participating district 2 groups to try to improve General Service participation.

We also came up with a few ideas for our district GSR are to participate in for fun.

o Group invasion- we will all pick a meeting and go en-masse/ also as a district we will sponsor a monthly speaker meeting.

In February, we elected a new secretary, Sabrina S. We also decided to fund GSRs to attend PRAASA, This is beyond normal additional funding to give as many GSRs as possible to get the PRAASA experience in anticipation of Reno hosting the event next year. We set up a speaker Sue H. of PI committee to address our meeting in March Sue H attended our last meeting and really spurred enthusiasm.

We had 4 GSRs from our district attend Praasa. They were very involved and looking forward to helping with PRAASA in Sparks next year. Very happy to be working with such an enthusiastic group.

**DISTRICT 3 DCM:** HI, MY NAME IS STEVE AND I AM AN ALCOHOLIC AND THE DCM FOR DISTRICT 3. AT OUR LAST DISTRICT 3 MEETING WE HAD 4 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE. RABECCA F. FROM THE HOW IT WORKS GROUP, DAVE M. FROM THE MESQUITE GROUP, JOHN C. FROM THE GRADUATES GROUP. DISTRICT 3 IS A BIT UNIQUE IN THAT THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA THE DISTRICT COVERS IS FROM DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS ( 9 GROUPS ) TO RURAL MEETINGS IN LOCATIONS AS SEPARATE AS PIOCHE, CALIENTE, OVERTON, MOAPA AND MESQUITE FOR A TOTAL OF 14 GROUPS.

DISTRICT #3 IS FINANCIALLY SOUND. 8 GROUPS CONTRIBUTED TO LAS VEGAS CENTRAL OFFICE IN 2016. DISTRICT #3 WILL BE HOSTING THE SAGSC SPRING SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING ON MAY 21ST AT THE TIE CLUB AT 1:15PM THANK YOU.

**District 4 DCM:** Currently there are only a few groups participating in the district meetings. I am looking forward to visiting groups within the district to get acquainted with them and encourage their participation in the district. I am also looking forward to inviting the area officers and officers from the northern are to speak at the district meeting. It will also be my pleasure to meet these individuals and getting acquainted with them. Recently we elected an intergroup representative. However, we need a Grapevine Representative. I am learning this service position and will be calling on other DCM's for help and guidance. In the process of changing DCM and Treasurer we failed to pay the rent on our P.O. Box and our mail was returned to senders, so if you sent mail to District 4 please resend it. This situation has been corrected. Grateful to be of Service, Darrell S.

**District 5B DCM:** Hello I am Lisa and I am an alcoholic and I currently serve as the DCM for district 5B. The dust has finally settled since this years rotation and we are kind of figuring out what to do here. Ronnie D is our Alternate DCM, LC is our treasurer and Robyn is our very busy secretary! We held our last district meeting on March 11 @ 1:15 pm at the KCB Club. I am grateful to have a healthy interest and participation in our District, there were 24 in attendance, including GSRs, Liaisons, and guests. I was able to share my gratitude for the District funding me to go to my first PRAASA this year. We also shared the excitement to be in the hosting area next PRAASA and have encouraged GSRs to go back to their groups and consider saving to attend in Sparks next year. District 5B's will be hosting a workshop on April 8th, which seems to be a popular day for workshops down south, from 2-4 at the KCB. Our workshop topic is on taking a group inventory, why do it? and How to do it? I appreciate the growth and love I have received from my so far 7 years in General Service and will continue to serve with my whole heart. Grateful in service, Lisa I

**District 6 DCM:** (no written report given to Secretary – took highlights from Assembly recordings) Mike L. District 6 covers Douglas County, Carson City, S. Lake Tahoe, California east to Stagecoach and Lyon County. 20 groups participating, maybe more. All Standing Committees have representation from our District. Had PI presentation from Sue. Hope to get more Chairs to present. Funded for PRAASA – spiritual experience – attended both DCM Roundtables. Hosting June 3, 2017 NAGSC in Genoa Park. Thank you to John F. – previous DCM.

**District 7 DCM:** Hi everyone, Lisa Grateful Alcoholic. First I'd like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve in this capacity, thanks to all who came before me to inspire & show me the way. So far this year we are preparing to have our first Service Event of the year on April 8<sup>th</sup>, we have also picked the dates for our other 2 events as well as our annual Mt Charleston picnic. We will keep you posted. This past February we hosted the annual district wide chili cookoff which was a great event. Mostly these past 3 months have focused on getting familiar with our new rolls, and naturally on the agenda items in preparation for this assembly. I am looking forward to working & growing with all our GSR's for the next two years. In Love & Service, Lisa T. DCM District 7

**District 9 DCM:** Hi I'm Vickie and I'm an alcoholic! . . . and the DCM for District 9. Our district has been small for a while but we are working on turning that around. We have new participation from the Dirtbags Group which meets Wednesday night on East Sahara—this is a huge meeting that is full of enthusiasm and fun. We are doing outreach to groups that do not currently have a group representative, passing along information including how to get involved so they have a chance to have a voice, and maybe even get a GSR. I went to PRAASA this month on behalf of District 9. I had a great time learning about general service. The DCM round table discussion was super helpful—I got to see how issues are handled, problems resolved, and in general, how things are done in other districts. Some of the information was not exactly relatable as there was no way it could apply to

us—like some DCMs talked about how their districts were so big they were divided into sub districts, and I'm thinking, "District 9 has historically had like three GSRs." But, definitely it made me see that we have an opportunity to grow, maybe not into sub districts, but still. . . This was my first PRAASA and I am already excited for the next one in 2018 in our area. We are holding our first District meeting here in Tonopah and are electing officers (or have elected officers, depending on when I give this report). This should help to get the word out to even more groups in our District about how they can get involved. District 9 participated in the Southern Area Chili Cook-off last month and I am super excited to announce that we won People's Choice!! Even though we didn't win first place which means we will not be hosting next year, it was really neat to see people from our District show up and give their support. We are hoping to join up with another District to put on a workshop in the coming year, but there is nothing definitive yet. Believe me, when we do, you will know—we will be so excited that it will be an event. I am super grateful to have the opportunity to be of service. Thank you! In love and service, Vickie.

**District 10A DCM:** Hello this is Ema from 10 A group I'm not so sure if im doing this right please bare with me but I will do my best. Our report notes is 1 we have a yearly Campout a 2 yearly Gratitude Dinner and this year we have it set for Nov 4th we also had a new year dance a ugly sweater event and we also need funding for traveling. I don't have anything else. thank you. Oh almost forgot I am the dcm for A 10 district and also we are setting up a workshop for may 20th in our Elko group.

**District 11:** Hello, my name is Debrah, I'm an alcoholic. The DCM for District 11. On behalf of District 11, Welcome to Tonopah. I am happy to report that District 11 is continuing to grow and carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Round Mountain has three meetings a week at the Carvers Ambulance Barn – Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays at 6:30pm. They are looking forward to the Kinston Canyon camp out on the 21,22 & 23 of July. Tonopah Bookshelf group has a meeting every morning at 8:00am, and Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 6:00pm and Sunday at 5:00pm. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**District 12 DCM:** Cate S. District 12 has been undergoing some changes, as our DCM has stepped down for personal reasons. As Alternate DCM, I was able to attend both the Roundtables and PRAASA. At our March meeting I was confirmed as DCM and Lisa H. was elected as Alternate. We have, this year, all positions filled with alternates for each position. We also have two new GSRs, George A. from Hawthorne and Ronnie D. from Fallon, and are pleased to have increased participation from existing GSRs. Bridging the Gap has a new presence in our district thanks to Kevin C., with enthusiastic participation from many. Frank W. and Lee H. have expressed interest in taking meetings into correctional facilities. And thanks to our new Birthday Speaker Coordinator, Nick M., we have been getting great speakers for our monthly Birthday/Speaker meeting, held the second Saturday of each month. So come fellowship with us and have some cake! Respectfully submitted, Cate S.

**District 14 DCM:** Happy to report that we have finally dug out from January and February snow. As a result, we have 7 of us attending this assembly. Also happy to report that we have filled all our officer positions in the district except archivist. Most recently, we have been holding quarterly speaker meetings hosted by groups or individuals. So far they have been quite successful. Our big event of the year is in August. The District 14 Jamboree held in Truckee on the river. It's an AA/Alanon speaker event and is one of our quarterly events. Next speaker meeting will be May 20 at the Biltmore in Chrystal Bay on Tahoes North Shore. Also, we have recently restructured our business meeting. We have found a permanent neutral location that we feel will be more welcoming and stable. Thus more inclusive and accessible to all groups in our district. I went to PRAASA for my 4<sup>th</sup> time this month, this time as a DCM and I felt it to be the most rewarding. This is also my 4<sup>th</sup> Tonopah visit (first as DCM) and very pleased to be here.

**District 15 DCM:** Hi, I'm Dave K. and I'm an alcoholic. I am the D.C.M. for District (15). Since we last met for assembly, District 15 has co-hosted two events, held the Christmas and New Year's Alcothons, and held an independent event in February of 2017. The first of the co-hosted events was a Grapevine Workshop in conjunction with our Grapevine Chair (at the time), Jake S. and the second was an H & I workshop in co-operation with the H & I committee. Our work shop in February was a Sponsorship workshop and I thought it was outstanding. John Z., Mickey B., and Roger L. were informative. This workshop was held on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the T.I.E. club in the main room from 1:30PM to 3:30PM. Tom P. chaired this event and I'm sure everyone in attendance was exposed to some very beneficial information with regards to both the sponsoring of new comers and what to look for in a good sponsor for new comers. We've had some adversity in the New Year, but we are adequately dealing with it and we refuse to let that stop us from holding more events in the future. In keeping with this ideal, we are going to hold two workshops, one on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at the T.I.E. Club from 1:30PM to 3:30PM and one on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Triangle Club from 1:30PM to 3:30PM. Both of these workshops will be in co-operation with District 13. The first of the workshops will be "Problems other than Alcohol" in A.A. chaired by Andy R. and the other will be "The Doctor's Opinion" workshop chaired by Dick W. We are planning to have other workshops later in the year, specifically in August, October and, of course, our annual Christmas and New Year's Alcothons in December/January, but we haven't been able to decide on topics or specifics as yet. This year I had the opportunity to attend PRAASA in Sacramento California. I flew in on Friday early and was given a service assignment for that day. As a member of the pre-registration table in the main lobby of the McClelland Conference Center, I had a good time helping those entering the center get their packets and orientation and finally had the information down about the time my shift was over. I heard "such is A.A. in service" on many occasions. The assembly was informative and quite a wealth of information was presented. I'm confident that we can improve our efforts back home here to "reach out our hands" to the alcoholic that still suffers. District 15 and I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our Alternate Delegate, the Finance committee, and the fellowship in the Southern Area for their

willingness to assist in the continuation of "business as usual" with the loan that was approved. Thank you all very much. As well, thank you for letting me be of service.

**District 16 DCM:** To Area 42, my name is Nancy W. and I am an alcoholic. I currently serve as the DCM for District 16. Though I have been a GSR for a number of years, taking over as an alternate, and then serving my own two years, my DCM role just began last January. There seems to be A LOT more paperwork! And I think I will be needing a new email address just to hold all the mail of AA business. District 16 covers the area from Sparks at the South end, west to the California border, east to Pyramid Lake, and then way, way, way up north. Thankfully, it does stop before we get to the Oregon border. My goal for the next two years will be to contact all the groups in the district, given the area... this might be an interesting challenge. During this last three months, some of our GSRs have finished their rotations and new GSRs have joined. During these months of my time as DCM, I and many of our GSRs have had the pleasure of attending several orientation seminars and Roundtable discussions. We were also able to attend this year's PRAASA in Sacramento. My plans for our District's service commitments in this coming rotation is to be active in helping with the needs of our own Nevada PRAASA coming this next year. I hope to bring interest to new possible GSRs from groups I will be speaking to and with our GSRs input, look to ways of educating ourselves better on how to bring AA's Traditions and Concepts to more members. Thank you for letting me serve as the District 16 District Committee Member, and I look forward to my new role with all of you in the coming years.

**District 17 DCM:** Kim, an alcoholic. Represent District 17 – Pahrump, Tekopa, Sandy Valley & Beatty. In continuing with our previous DCM's James' goal, we are continuing to grow our district. We have 12-14 regular attendees at our meetings. Our meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month. So far this year. We have had a workshop on service work and a talent/no talent and chili cook off. We had a good attendance. We have a workshop scheduled in May on sponsorship and a pool party in June or July. H&I has worked hard at getting us into the jail in Pahrump and the privately owned holding facility. We go weekly to hold meetings. We are all excited about the growth and participation at functions we are starting to have on a regular basis.

**District 20 DCM:** Hello, Area 42! I am delighted, humbled, and honestly a little terrified to be serving as the District 20 District Committee Member during Area 42's 67<sup>th</sup> panel of service. District 20, in the top right hand corner of California, covers three large counties Modoc, Lassen, and Plumas. Our northern boundary is the Oregon state line, our eastern is Nevada, our western is beautiful Mount Lassen, and the southern boundary is about 25 miles north of Reno. Despite our 11,000 square miles of land, our total population is about 65,000 individuals which includes about 11,000 people who are held in 3 local prisons. We have thirteen communities in District 20 having either weekly or daily meetings. Of the 13 communities, there are 23 separate groups; five of which have General Service Representatives from Chester, Susanville, and Westwood but there are many more that send support to District, Area, Intergroup and the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous. We have more miles to cross than minutes cross them and more positions to fill than people to fill them. So like the rest of Area 42, we stretch our time along with our hearts to cross the miles and fill the gaps. There seems to be some renewed interest in General Service in our District which, not unlike our reach for the still-suffering, requires just one alcoholic talking to another. I am deeply grateful for our ever-important GSR's whose outstretched hands touch the heart of the group to the soul of AA wherein the Sacred resides. In loving service, Heidi R. District 20 District Committee Member

**District 21 DCM:** We are working on an event picnic on June 4 (Sunday) , " El forro " is on June 11 (Sunday) , " XIX convention de Nevada " is on June 30 and July 1, and 2nd also. We formed a committee "EP " and the venue. It stood independent because it didn't fill up . Achieved historic is still in progress. Right now we have actually have 16 groups going on . The district invited all groups to participate in reunions to work with the traditions. Have a happy 24 hours . - Jose G. from AA.

**Roundtable Highlights** – Feedback from NAGSC/SAGSC. Discussion on new information only.

**Grapevine Item G** – Jake S. – Discuss ways groups can be kept informed about Grapevine and La Vina when they don't have a GVR or RLV.

No additional comments from the floor.

#### **Standing Committee Chair Reports:**

**NAGSC Accessibilities:** Look around at the people assembled here today. Who is missing? Who is not here? We define remote communities as those separated from the program of Alcoholics Anonymous by language, geography and culture. How do we approach those in remote communities and make new contacts? ~These words were from Alaska Area Remote communities report in 2005. NAGSC Accessibilities would like you, the groups and districts to help us carry our message, one of inclusivity. Using the remotes as a model and focus our first year, I hope to expand communication among special needs populations. At the December and January NAGSC meetings GSRs and DCMs educated me about both some of the needs and the solutions for their groups and districts. I look forward to more communication. To do that I would like to confirm dates for this dialogue. In April, I meet with Districts 4 and 2, in May District 16, in June District 12, in July District 8 and in August District 20. As always, we can plan workshops and panels with other area committees. In service, Mary

**SAGSC Bridge the Gap:** We are holding our own and excited for the coming year to iron out a few wrinkles that repeatedly turn up. Our request forms from inmates are often not including a contact number upon release. We will address this as we want all requests the opportunity for sobriety. Thank you. Bridge the Gap Lenny H.

**NAGSC CPC:** No report.

**SAGSC CPC Chair:** Hello, Area 42. It is great to be back in general service again and to serve you and Alcoholics Anonymous as the Southern Area 42 CPC Chair. Tisa, our PI Chair, couldn't make it today because of a family tragedy, but she sends her best. Please keep her in your prayers.

We have been very busy since assuming the Trusted Servant roles on these 2 committees in January. We are, of course, serving suffering alcoholics wherever we find them, but we are concentrating our efforts on the homeless and veteran populations. We do this through attendance at special events and at monthly provider meetings for professionals working in these fields, and through outreach in our fellowship to educate the general AA public about what we do. We work closely with the Accessibilities Committee and with Al-Anon.

Our committee has grown to 45 members in 2 months, some of whom attend monthly provider meetings such as the PACT Coalition, the Care Coalition, the Mayor's Faith Initiative, and the Nevada Homeless Alliance. At all of these, we provide meeting schedules, contact information for our Central Office, and information about what AA is and what it isn't. Many professionals have misconceptions about AA mandating religion, forbidding prescribed medications, being a cult, etc. The Giving Project is a monthly event focused on veterans, where we staff a table and do direct outreach to alcoholics and their families. We also attend AA events, such as the Area 42 and Las Vegas Intergroup Service Festival and SAGSC. We are available for any AA event - District Workshops, picnics, etc. We contribute to the Area 42 Newsletter and our local Intergroup Silver Streak. Our next AA event is a table at the Gratitude Ball where we will educate the fellowship about what we do. We will also have a table at Founders' Day and the Las Vegas Roundup. There are also community events where we give meeting schedules and literature to suffering alcoholics and those who love them. So far this year, we've attended Black Monday and a Metro community event. Spring and fall are our busy times. We will attend a Metro and Clark County Cinco de Mayo event. We have 2 Spanish speaking volunteers. Thank you, Gabriel. We will also attend 2 Health & Wellness Fairs and Family Connect, which is a mini Project Homeless Connect. Please see our flyer for upcoming events.

Thank you for allowing me to attend PRAASA this year. It was amazing. I especially enjoyed the Roundtables and the Past Trustees panel on Sunday. I have filed a separate PRAASA Report with our Alt Delegate.

**NAGSC Corrections Committee Chair:** Let me know if you are interested in participating on the Corrections Committee! At the January NAGSC "meet the new rotation" meeting, I gave a brief overview of what the Corrections Committee's responsibilities are and encouraged people to join the committee. I'm getting my feet under me with this new position. I have read through most of the materials and spoken with the past committee chairs about some of the projects they were working on. I made a suggestion to a group member from Bishop to invite me for a workshop. I have been speaking with another AA about getting Big Books into a jail. I would like to try a mock panel for AAs carrying the message into jails and prisons. Here are some questions you may want to ask at your next District or Homegroup meeting: How is this Corrections Committee serving my District or Group? How would I like to see this Corrections Committee serve the Northern Area? Remember, if your District or Group would like a presentation or workshop even through the month of December **PLEASE contact me** and we'll be glad to come. The Corrections Committee's job is to serve the Districts and Groups when needed (asked). I'd like to take this time to thank the Northern Area General Service Committee for allowing me to be of service. It is an honor and a pleasure to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous in a fun and informative way. Email: [nagscpi@gmail.com](mailto:nagscpi@gmail.com) *Respectfully submitted by Samantha G., Northern Area 42 Corrections Chair.*

**NAGSC DCM Coordinator:** Hello, my name is John and I am alcoholic. I am grateful to be serving as the DCM coordinator for the north. So according to the NAGSC guidelines it is my responsibility to "work with the DCMs to assist them with their duties. Conducts a meeting of the DCMs and NAGSC chair's prior to every NAGSC meeting." I hope I can meet these duties with the same enthusiasm as my predecessor. At our last northern area meeting, the same day the north held its roundtables, the DCM's their alternates, standing Committee chairs and other AA guests gathered for an hour to discuss the upcoming roundtable process and the Conference Agenda item time table. We spoke about communication challenges with our Group GSR's and shared solutions about the best ways to share information with our AA Groups. This meeting also allowed Committee chairs to introduce themselves to districts and share about upcoming service commitments. I touched base with my southern counterpart DCM coordinator Claudia to talk about ideas for Sunday mornings DCM workshop. I am super excited to be connecting with our southern friends and learning from them.

Excitement and enthusiasm filled the room as I can tell that even though we all may be a new in our service positions we are all here to support each other to the best we can. Please feel free to always ask for help! (Reminder for myself) Finally, I was fortunate enough to attend PRAASA. As always by listening to AA members who are outside of my daily circle of experience I learn so much. By listening to their service and recovery experiences I am shown given a perspective and experience that I could never get on my own. To share the sentiments of Joel C. our Pacific Regional Trustee, I remember that "my service is really connected to important things the unity of our fellowship and helping drunks to recover"

**SAGSC DCM Coordinator:** Claudia B., Hi everybody, my name is Claudia and I'm honored to be the DCM Coordinator for the Southern Area. My job, basically, is as trainer for the DCMs in the South in conjunction with the DCM Coordinator in the Northern Area. I met with this new group of DCMs in January at the SAGSC meeting in Las Vegas and we discussed the items on an informal agenda that was passed on to me from our previous DCM Coordinator, Glenn. We introduced ourselves and I passed out information that they may need in being of service to their GSRs. We will be having another meeting this weekend with the Northern Area DCMs at 7:30am on Sunday in the Blue Room. Hopefully these meetings will continue to support the

DCMs and give them the ability to share their experiences, strengths and hope with each other to take back to their Districts. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**NAGSC Grapevine:** Hello. I'm Pat, an alcoholic, and your Northern Area 42 Grapevine Committee chair. I look forward to working with your Southern Area 42 Grapevine Committee Chair, Justin P. As I'm just getting my feet wet in this new service position, this report will be short. It is my goal to get every NAGSC district to have a Grapevine and/or LaViña representative. In a perfect world every group would also have such a position filled. We will be holding a Grapevine article writing workshop April 29 at a location yet to be determined. AA members who have been published in our "Meeting in Print" will share how they did it, and help others to pen their own articles. All articles will then be submitted to the magazine. It was so helpful to attend the Grapevine workshops at PRAASA, led by Ami B., the Executive Editor/Publisher of Grapevine. I learned so much that I hope to share with others at the Area level. I have made myself available to all districts and groups in the north to visit and discuss the Grapevine with them. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**SAGSC Grapevine:** Justin Alcoholic. thank you for letting me serve as your Southern GV chair for the panel 67 rotation! Our meeting is the last friday of every month at central office 6pm. everyone is welcome. Our format is, we discuss current GV events and how GV helps us in our sobriety. We also read an article and coordinate Gv distribution, events, and upcoming things, monthly. you do not have to be a GV or LV rep to attend, also anyone can come down to Central office during business hours and pick up their GVs. The area Assembly is the 24th,-26th and i will be assisting in the literature table. I was able to attend the PRAASA and am greatfull for the support from our intergroup and the SAGSC. I was able to be under budget by over \$200 do to the contributions of a roomte and other funds donated. the panel relating to GV as well as the round table discussion were very informative. The Executive Editor Ami was present answering our questions and providing feedback on current GV and LV events. there were about 20 GV chairs or other interested people there at 8:30 pm friday and 9:30pm saturday nights. We learned there is a new GV book coming soon about making amends. and there is 10 more books waiting to be published. Lots more to report on so see me after meeting if you want more info. Online GV is going strong! Check it out. Also, think about how our groups contribute to varies AA services. Think about adding a donation to Gv by buying a subscription. thats how we dontate to Gv. Thanks for letting me be of service! Justin PS I have Spanish books, la Vinas, and service manuals.

**Roundtable Highlights** – Feedback from NAGSC/SAGSC. Discussion on new information only.

**Literature Item J** – Sue H. – Consider requests for literature and/or language regarding safety.

**Comment(s) shared** – What are the safety issues? How do we educate the group? Newcomers need to know what to look for. Make these available in GV or on the website. Cautionary info.

New secretary needs to be informed.

Workshop rather than pamphlet.

Experience shared – 911 called. Needs an individual on report, not a group. No one wants to be that individual.

Opens a can of worms re: liability. Sponsor/Sponsee issue, Elder statesman issue. One safety pamphlet may not fit all.

Update "The A.A. Group" pamphlet. Do not imply A.A. isn't safe.

List behavior in the by-laws of the group. Can we or can we not? type of questions.

Safety can be emotional/ spiritual, not just physical. There are also fears re: insecurities surrounding gender and sexual orientation.

In a perfect world, we are all here for the same reason! However... motives play a part. Economical? Court ordered and for what reason?

Are we going to choose who comes in?

Experienced shared – a restraining order divided the group. Would have liked Guidelines!

There is new material on GSO website re: Safety.

**NAGSC GSR Trainer:** Here we are, the first assembly of this panel 67. I have the privilege of serving as your northern area GSR trainer, my position consists of; leading workshops for the GSRs to help get familiar with the group representative service position as the member who has the "Guardian of the Traditions" responsibility to the home group, along with carrying your group's voice to the District and Area.

Materials used in Area 42 GSR Training:

GSR Survival Guide ([nevadaarea42.org](http://nevadaarea42.org) - under the Manuals, Guides, & Forms link)

A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature:

G.S.R. – General Service Representative (P-19)

The A.A. Group – Where it all Begins (P-16)

The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service (BM-31)

It's truly important you familiarize yourselves with these service items.

Please take advantage of this training opportunity, which I am available to facilitate for you at the northern Districts and Groups, whenever it's convenient. The workshop sessions are 1½ to 2 hours in duration. I shall be contacting your DCMs to get them set up. In the meantime please contact me anytime with your questions and concerns. In Loving Service, Carol B.

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**SAGSC GSR Trainer:** (no written report given to Secretary – took highlights from Assembly recordings) New to position. Learning as we go. Next SAGSC, ready, willing and able to assist GSRs! Have a few manuals in English and Spanish. Glad to be in General Service again. Alan V.

**SAGSC H&I** - Christy is committed to this service work. She is asking for volunteers to go to jails and prison. She reminds us that this is a very important commitment. These individuals look forward to these sessions for an obvious reason. The inmates have an hour to be treated like any other newcomer to our beloved program. Please announce to your groups there are many opportunities to grow in this very important commitment. Report given by Lenny H.

**Break 7:45p.m.**

**8:00p.m** – Main Room – Mike M. "Roadmap to the Weekend."

Blue Room - Area Committee Meeting.

**Highlights:**

Open with Serenity Prayer.

Hello to all the new folks.

Announcement made asking the ACM if they would like a bid for the Pacific Regional Forum in 2020 to be held in Las Vegas. Bid is made at the GSC by the Delegate. Sense of the assembly will be taken on Sunday. Finance Chair brought up why info does not match on the P&L and how to see that it does. Discussion re: paper packets vs. possible email options. Discussion re: funding for GSRs for PRAASA 2018. Motion to be brought to the body on Sunday. Discussion re: NAGSC/SAGSC calendar of events.

Discussion re: website translation and being more inclusive. Discussion re: translation committee. Plans for Fall 2017 assembly mentioned. Closed at 9:08p.m. with I am Responsible.

**Saturday, March 25, 2017:**

Assembly Opens @ 8:00a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

12 Traditions read by Carrie C.

Announcements made re: banquet tickets available and area restaurants.

**Area Delegate:** Hi I'm Phil I'm in alcoholic I'm very honored to be serving as the Panel 67 Delegate for Area 42 Nevada As we left the last assembly I understood I was still chair and not delegate A little less than a month later I was invited to join the delegates of the Pacific Region for dinner at the Pacific Regional Forum on the island of Hawaii it was a very exciting forum. The forums are put together by the General Service Office to inform the fellowship in each region of what is happening in A.A. as a whole. We had a great time at the forum I did get to ask the delegates their questions about their time as a delegate there were over 300 1st time attendees out of 460 members at the Forum. The Pacific Regional Form is a great tool to get people interested in general service. On Sunday we will talk some more about the Pacific Regional Form. The first of this year there were a lot of things going on conference calls with the delegates of the Pacific Region, and also conference calls with the PRAASA delegates advisory board which is made up of five delegates a couple of which have hosted PRAASA and three which will host the next PRAASAs. The Final Conference Agenda came out the 15th of February. Laura and I split the agenda up into Single Items then we gave the whole thing to Rhonda and Julie who along with the team of summarizers who put the summaries together in just a few days. We wanted to get the info out to you by the 25th and 26th of February. They did a wonderful job and at our roundtables the presenters did a great job. I was able to go to both roundtable meetings and thoroughly enjoyed the presentations and the questions, also comments from all of you. I wanted to thank Rhonda and Julie along with everybody who helped out in putting everything together this last month. Now I wanted to say something about service that I believe is very true. I believe that it is in the best interest of AA that I allow others to help in many different ways; I will relay a short story that happened this winter. We had a record snow year in the hills where I live, in fact we had so much snow piled up that my cell phone was not working very well I could get texts but the phone part was not working very well at all. Our Pacific Region Trustee had scheduled a conference call and I wasn't going to be able to be on it, but in his email about the call he had told us if any delegate couldn't be on the call it would be all right for the alternate to take the delegates place. I texted Rhonda and she got right back to me and with excitement texted me saying she would be very happy to be on the call. I think we have an amazingly helpful alternate delegate in Rhonda, I'm very happy I learned a while back to allow others to be of service and to help out where possible (I did learn that here in AA) A week after the round tables came PRAASA and I have to say our area was

well represented with somewhere around 90 Area 42 members present I really thought the business meeting came off smoothly with Ruth J. Chairing. I felt the past trustee sharing was very inspirational in the presentations throughout the weekend we're thought-provoking and put together very well Greg T. Manager of GSO was an interesting speaker for our Saturday evening meeting. As I wrap up this little talk I want to read from the first two paragraphs of Chapter 7 in Alcoholics Anonymous. "Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail this is our 12th suggestion: carry this message to other alcoholics! You can help when no one else can, you can secure their confidence when others fail remember they are very ill. Life will take on new meaning to watch people recover to see them help others, to watch loneliness vanish, to see a fellowship grow up about you, to have a host of friends--this is an experience you must not miss we know you will not want to miss it. Frequent contact with newcomers and with each other is the bright spot of our lives." As I get ready to go to the general service conference I do know my group of people that are all around me in sobriety will expand and I am very excited to have you all here I will send some emails and post a few short notes and pictures on the delegate's page of the area website. Once again I'm very honored to be able to be the delegate of area 42 and thank you very much for allowing me to share with you. Phil W Area 42 Panel 67 Delegate

**Presentation by Greg M: The Strategic Plan.** (no written report given to Secretary – took highlights from Assembly recordings) Hello, I am Greg M. and I am an alcoholic. Grateful to know what ales me. This is my 4<sup>th</sup> time in Tonopah. My homegroup in Half Moon Bay, CA is the Language of the Heart Group. I believe strongly in the homegroup, it is the basis of our service structure. I am a Past Pacific Region Trustee and General Manager for 10 years at GSO. Background info – final conference report is a corporate report. It discusses all the happenings of the GSC and the GSO for a year. (Dry reading, but some good info). In 1991, events happened in A.A. Steep climb in groups and literature sales, levels of participation was huge and then... steep decline. We have gone flat for 25 years. In 2006 – Board Sharing process – “Is A.A. Growing?” Presentation made re: 1991's incline and then the decline. Why is this happening? After this, the GSB (General Service Board) began to take inventory. For 3 years, the GSC took inventory to answer why? In 2015 – the Feasibility Study released to the Fellowship for discussion... this led to the Strategic Plan. They got bold in their vision. It lays out questions, goals, assignments to committees, with no ending. Wanted to improve internally and externally, wanted to increase revenue, wanted to reduce expenses, and wanted to evaluate our current service structure and performance. The plan is divided into 3 sections – Reaching Out, Improving Relations/Communications, and Fiscal Planning, with 15 goals. Last page states who will do what. This is ongoing and the Fellowship will be informed along the way. Get engaged! Do not wait for the other guy to do this... become active!

**Comment(s) shared** - Q. In Goal #2 – P2.3 – The GSB will begin a conversation with basic professional degree programs/accrediting bodies to incorporate info on A.A. into basic education and look at possible inclusion in continuing professional education. Are we going to have A.A. college classes?

A. Probably not. The 7 Non-alcoholic trustees on the GSB are there to give their professional discipline perspective to A.A. The discussion is about engaging with professionals ie: through Class A trustees giving presentations in their field, graduate students studying the field of alcoholism, possible larger presence on LinkedIn.

Q. On pg. 5 – what does it mean to sponsor other countries?

A. GSO translates basic literature for other countries in their language. GSO supports until that country is able to print their own literature, etc. That is what we mean by sponsorship.

Q. In Goal#1 – P1.2 – The GSB will contact Area Delegates to identify underrepresented sectors of the A.A. population in their Area. How will this be implemented? What steps will be taken by the Delegates?

A. At the GSC, Delegates met to discuss remote communities and how to outreach. Are we truly reaching out the hand of A.A.? Language, culture, belief systems are all barriers. What are we doing in our own community?

Q. Who or whom make up the GSB? And what is the average A.A. members take away from this Plan? ... in 10 words or less...

A. Our Delegate is responsible for this. Voting is done at the GSC. Have the districts, GSRs, groups generate discussion.

Q. Great words used – optimize and communications. In relation to Tradition 11 & 12, What will it look like with a presence on Youtube, Twitter, etc.?

A. Algorithms can delete inappropriate info. It is up in the Fellowship to come up with the solution.

Follow up ... is there going to be a future where people are blocked? There will be critics. We need to tread lightly.

A. We are never critical of the public... regardless. We never respond as an organization. Individuals do, but never A.A. as a whole.

Q. When I read this, I saw a lot of great rhetoric revolving around nothing. How does the GSB plan to implement this... my specific question is... in Goal#14 – Increase the percentage of groups that participate in General Service. I am just trying to get attendance at District meetings! The pat question is... how much is this going to cost?

A. That is always a concern. The GSO is a 501c (3) – non-profit – and has no employees. The two affiliate corporations have employees. The affiliate boards do the work and send the info to the Fellowship. I was reading through and noted P14.1 – The GSB will suggest that AAWS consider the possibility of changing the current GSO practice of listing only groups and add an option for listing meetings as well. – that is a big deal because the top of our service structure is the A.A. Group, but are we



leaving out a whole bunch of people who only attend meetings? We are supposed to be available to all alcoholics. Are we really inclusive?

Follow up... when I listen to individuals, they do not want to come up with the finances to attend assemblies. It is up to us to reach out and let them know it is worthwhile. The thing is, I don't see how this is going to get to meetings not participating?

A. That is why we reach out to Central Offices. Meetings can decline. In regards to money... I say send a dime, send a penny! Just connect.

Q. How is the request for videos for young people going?

A. I was the manager when the project started. Check out PSA's made by individuals on Youtube. The Board thought they were a bit risky, but they are still available and do not break any traditions.

Q. In Goal #2 – P2.3 – The GSB will begin a conversation with basic professional degree programs/accrediting bodies to incorporate info on A.A. into basic education and look at possible inclusion in continuing professional education. It has to do being friendly with our friends. If we can provide continuing education credits, that will allow us to make more presentations. Does this cross the line between cooperation and affiliation?

A. It is not up to us to apply credits, it is up to whomever is sponsoring/hosting wherever the presentations are being made.

Q. Regarding reaching out to meetings/groups – is it best for Intergroup or DCM's to do the outreach?

A. If you're an A.A. meeting, you're on the Intergroup list. Best to combine efforts.

Comment - I'm not there to convince a group of anything. I am meant to be attractive. I find that saying of 10% do 90% of the work to be absolutely false. It depends what is defined as service. If you have to be a GSR, DCM, Area Chair, etc. then it is probably true. But meeting service is just as important. The GSB is not going to do anything, we are.

Comment – I am responsible. Not to ask who is going to do this, but to make sure that I do.

Q. Goal#7 – Increase A.A. visibility on contemporary technologies. We will have a presence on Hulu, Youtube, Twitter, etc. Raises red flags. Who is responsible to produce these videos? And are we going to have a broad spectrum of A.A. members?

A. The lead into this, the GSB stated that all items that require GSC approval will go through that process. Eventually, us as members will be heard and the Conference will vote.

Comment - I love the paradigm. The structure of our inverted triangle. I don't think we should pick from the middle of the paradigm and say they need to do the outreach. This program started on alcoholics talking to other alcoholics.

Thank you, Greg!

### **Reports (con't):**

**District 22 DCM:** (no written report given to Secretary – took highlights from Assembly recordings) Good morning, I am Luis DCM for District 22. 6 GSRS of 10 groups, that's 60%, so we're trying! Thank you.

**SAGSC Accessibility:** (no written report given to Secretary – took highlights from Assembly recordings) Dan, I am an alcoholic. Thanks to folks who helped with my report. (Gave Darryl's report from PRAASA). Started to work with libraries. We will have a table at the Gratitude Ball. We are reaching out to outlying areas to see how we can serve them. We have 5 events in April, so we will be busy!

**NAGSC Intergroup Liaison:** In January NNIG made it into the black. Expenses were down 7.3% and income was up 5.4%. Their prudent reserve was met due to the Gratitude Dinner and Halloween event. In February a new phone system was purchased at a cost of \$6100 plus a \$110 service arrangement which placed them in the negative, but it was a much needed item due to the failing system in place and they now own the equipment. Total calls into the Central office for the months of Jan., Feb and Mar. were 546 with a total of 336.6 volunteer hours and 12 step calls totaled 53. In January it was announced that merchandise prices will be increasing along with office space rent and events/activities storage. Total group contributions for NNIG/Central office in Jan. and Feb totaled \$7391.27. I attended the December 2016 NNIG meeting. At the meeting the Knuckleheads group read a letter of changes to the NNIG by-laws because of the cancelling of the New Year's Eve event. The event is meant as a fund raiser and the steering committee could not approve a budget for an event that loses money. The letter was handed to the Steering committee for review and discussed at the January steering committee meeting. In Feb. it was brought to the floor of the NNIG business meeting and a vote on the changes will happen at the March NNIG business meeting. The final outcome of the vote was 3 in favor of the changes- 24 opposed – minority opinion was heard and still not enough to change the vote at the NNIG business meeting. It was a very good learning experience for both sides and each side has come out knowing more about the traditions and AA Guidelines. NNIG is now planning a New Year's Event for this year. In January Mary Pat Z stepped down from the NNIG business meeting chair. Ron T stepped into the position since he was Vice Chair and Don T became the Vice Chair. There is a lot of service enthusiasm at the business meeting and a lot of good things are happening. In Feb the room was pretty packed with many who care about carrying the message. An ad-hoc committee was formed in Oct. of last year and as of Jan, 2017 it is their belief that the Central office, if everything goes right will no longer need a part-time employee. In order for this to happen though it will need to train volunteers. The volunteers will need to either train for 2 weeks daily or 3 days a week for a month studying the office procedures. Duties after training will include opening, closing, and day to day operations of the

office. At the end of training keys will be issued to lead volunteers who can support the training of other volunteers and cover PTO and/ or comp time for the ExDirCO. I also attended PRAASA in beginning of March. What a fun filled and exhausting event. I attended the Central office/Intergroup roundtable and the Young Peoples Roundtable. AA teaches me there's always more to learn and I take in so much at these roundtables. Upcoming events include Founders Day Picnic at Idlewild park, Serenity in the Sierras July 20-23. For more information on the events go to NNIG.org, go to the Bracer Newsletter and look up the most recent month. It will give you locations and you can read in depth what is happening at the NNIG business meetings. Thank you for allowing me to be of service Chris S. NAGSC Intergroup Liaison

**SAGSC Intergroup Liaison:** Kellie M. For the month ending February 28, 2017, Jack F. reported that Central Office took in 702 information calls and the Hotline received 1,973 information calls. Central Office received 83 twelve-step calls and the Hotline received 183 twelve-step calls. The Web Site experienced an average of 193 visitors per day and total of 5,404 visits for the month of February. Jack F gave the Treasurers report. According to the February 2017, Intergroup Report: Total Income \$13,786.03; and expenses of \$16,536.84 for a net loss of (\$2,750.81). Literature income \$11,673.14; Literature Expenses of \$1,901.88; Intergroup Bank Balances: General Account \$19,823.27 less Committee Totals (\$13,954.65) for a Total Central Office balance of \$5,868.62. Central Office has a Prudent Reserve of \$15,551.35, a Payroll Account with a balance of \$448.30, and a Literature Account with a balance of \$9,951.17; Total Bank Accounts \$37,819.44. We would like to thank all of the groups and individuals who contribute to Central Office! We really appreciate your contributions to help all of us serve our community. Intergroup held an election for the Steering Committee Chair. DaWane W. was nominated and voted in as that chair. Central Office holds two events during the year. The first is the Gratitude Ball which will be held April 1, 2017, at the Westgate and the second is Founders Day which will be held in June 3, 2017, at Christ Episcopal Church. At the last steering committee meeting there was discussion to add a third Central Office event in the fall, we will continue to provide updates on progress of the fall event. Intergroup meets every 2nd Monday of the month, next meeting is Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:00pm at Central Office. At your Service: Kellie M. SAGSC-Intergroup Liaison

**RENVYPAA Liaison:** Hello, my name is Anthony/alcoholic and I am your current general service liaison for the Reno Nevada Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous to be referred to as RENVYPAA. I want to thank you for allowing me to be of service and giving me your time for a couple minutes to tell you a little about us and what our purpose is. The aim of young people's groups is to help newcomers understand that they need not experience years of drinking, loss of family, friends, and finances to be ready for sobriety. They help bring the newcomers into the mainstream of A.A. Recovery, Unity and Service through the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of World Service by carrying the A.A.'s message to the suffering alcoholic. Young people's groups are in no way separate from Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Newcomers are shown by people their own age that using A.A. principles in their daily lives and getting involved in A.A. service can lead to a lasting and comfortable sobriety. The purpose of young people's groups is to carry Alcoholics Anonymous message to alcoholics no matter what their age. RENVYPAA was formed a few years ago, out of the void that was left by the last young peoples group (ANNYPAA) that had dissolved in 2012, which is a nice way of saying that they all had a bunch of resentments. The formation of the group was soon followed by winning a bid to host the South-Western Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous last spring that was a huge boost to our primary purpose of carrying the message to the newcomer on a large platform. I was told I have to say that because of its success we were able to donate \$756.00 to our local intergroup (known as NNIG). More importantly it allowed newcomers and long timers alike to come together in service and showed many of the young people in Alcoholics Anonymous the energy and fun that can be had in sobriety, I think secretly some old-timers had fun too. We do not have to be condemned to a boring and glum life. Following the conference RENVYPAA has been asked by NNIG to help in our local events, bringing life, fun, and amazing turnouts. We are also being asked to provide entertainment for this year's Spring Festival as well as provide for the upcoming Fall Roundup with a young people's panel, speaker, and entertainment for the conference. On top of all of that we are planning an amazing campout this year. It's going to be held June 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> at beautiful Taylorsville, a couple hours away in California. Pre-registration is \$20 and going up to \$25 as we get closer to the event. If you would like to register, see me after the meeting, Shameless Plug. There is going to be speaker meetings, activities like a guided meditation, hiking and anything else we can think of by the time of the campout. Also, included in the cost is two meals and a bunch of people acting like idiots, I mean respectful members of AA. To make these things possible as well as put on our own events, like the upcoming Game Show Night, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 9pm, another shameless plug, to meeting invasions to help attendance for struggling meetings, we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month, upstairs at the Triangle Club in Reno at 5pm. The meetings are full of people ranging in ages from our youngest member at 21 to our most enthusiastic member at 54. Although the room is full, we are always looking to add more and anyone is welcome to join. We also can be found at RENVYPAA.com, where you can find information on our upcoming events and schedules for young peoples meetings in the Reno area. If anyone in your area is interested in getting a young person meeting or committee formed we have an amazing outreach chair and are connected and working together with various YPAA's across the western United States. From my own personal experience of being thrown into general service last fall as the backup to the back up of my homegroups GSR, coinciding shortly after with being elected as General Service Liaison for RENVYPAA, to each one of our experiences of being divinely crafted to reach our utmost potential of helping another alcoholic, we of RENVYPAA are looking for our place in the archives of AA. Thank you for your time and thank you for your service.

**LVYPAA Liaison:** (no written report given to Secretary – took highlights from Assembly recordings) Jason, I am an alcoholic. We recently held elections using the third legacy voting procedure. I recently moved here from Area 40, which is Montana. The liaison has a voice, not a vote. We formed a group so we had both. We will be proposing to the Southern Area to have the guidelines changed so the LVYPAA Liaison can have both as well. It is exciting to see young people excited about service. Thanks!

**NAGSC PI:** Our Public Information committee reached out to all of the Districts in the North. We made arrangements to attend the District business meetings for District 4, 6, 10a, 12 and 16 to share a short presentation about Public Information. Continual work is happening with District P.I. chairs to assist them in forming PI committees for their Districts. District 6 has a strong PI chair and is eager to utilize his position. I had the opportunity to present PI information at the NAGSC “Welcome meeting” which provided experience with building a committee. PRAASA was great and I attended it with one of my sponsees. This was her first time which is always exciting in witnessing their experience too. I had the pleasure with meeting with the manager of the Carson City Alano Club, per his request. We discussed the need for Meeting Directories and Pamphlets in local rehabs, counseling centers and thrift stores who employ alcoholics hoping to change their lives. A Big Book and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions book was donated to the library of the Silver Springs senior center. This is the site of our last NAGSC meeting. Continued presentation for the “Victim Impact Panel” at Tahoe Justice Court and Buckeye court house has been happening. The Victim Impact Panel includes a personal story of a drunk driver victim and a first responder who arrives at a scene of an accident. It is followed up with a presentation of what it was like to be the drunk driver and changes made due to recovery. There is much support from the courts for persons who have drunk driving citations to attend AA meetings. It is at the Judges discretions. Continued research on carrying AA information to the Sherriff Departments and legal systems. Research shows that the majority of officers only have their experiences with drunk drivers as a resource about Alcoholics Anonymous. Our goal is to provide factual information about “what AA is and what AA is not”.

**Projects:**

- To place an AA sign outside of each meeting for visitors and new persons to locate meetings easier, the circle and triangle could be used on a sign if preferred.
- To provide Big Books, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions book, “AA at a glance” pamphlets and meeting directories in jails, senior centers, school libraries, medical offices, police stations, counseling centers, hotels, hospitals etc.
- To contact Radio station 105.7. They are offering free PSA available airtime on Sundays
- To verify and/or add local meeting information in local advertisements.
- To start a new meeting. A Literature Study meeting using the Conference approved pamphlets during the meetings.
- To hold a workshop regarding Anonymity at the public level. How we inform the public of our works and not our members. The HOW AND WHY OF Personal anonymity on the internet, social media and what that means.

If you have questions regarding how AA carries it’s message publicly to the still suffering alcoholic via a third party or how personal anonymity is practiced in doing so, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous and it’s fellowship. Sue H.

**Roundtable Highlights** – Feedback from NAGSC/SAGSC. Discussion on new information only.

**Public Information Item(s) B.** – Pat B. (Three in total)

1. Review the Trustee’s Public Information Committee report on the Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
2. Review 2017 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
3. Discuss suggestion to update the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity”

**Comment(s) shared** – My group wants more interactive workshops and would like the wording to the 11<sup>th</sup> Tradition revisited.

Add a section on gossip in the anonymity pamphlet.

Important to millennials to have a social media presence. Use LinkedIn – communication from professionals for professionals. Have GSO do presence rather than the fellowship.

This is a convoluted topic. It’s confusing... important to pass along.

AAWS has a suggested list of topics. Add safety and anonymity as topics.

**SAGSC PI:** Report given with **SAGSC CPC.**

**NAGSC Treatment/Accessibility/ BtG:** I spent a lot of time in Treatment Facilities as I was trying to get sober. I'm pleased to report that I have now spent considerably more time in Treatment Facilities since getting sober than I ever did while trying to get sober. As the name of my service position indicates, I have two related, but different responsibilities; Treatment Facilities on one hand, and Bridging The Gap for Treatment Facilities on the other. In regard to Treatment Facilities, my responsibility is to understand and share resources that make service work in Treatment Facilities as effective as possible. Sometimes this means opening a new relationship with a facility. Sometimes it means sharing ideas with members currently taking meetings into facilities on what we can do to be most effective at carrying our message. Is the message we take into Treatment Facilities

different than the message we hear at outside A.A. meetings? The Treatment Facilities Workbook suggests that: "The goals of these presentations are to impart knowledge about A.A. and to try to correct any misconceptions that may be held by the treatment setting's staff and clients." I am anxious to work with the committees that are taking meetings into facilities, and furthering our relationships with the administrators at these facilities. I do have a challenge in this regard and I do need some help. Within some Districts in the Northern Area General Service Committee, there may be Treatment Committees or Corrections & Treatment Committees, or H&I Committees that work in concert with General Service, but are not necessarily a part of the District level General Service structure. If you are aware of that situation in your District, I would really appreciate your help in getting the contact information for the appropriate people. Switching gears now to Bridging The Gap. In recent months in the Northern Area, BTG presentations to the management of 7 Treatment Facilities have taken place. All 7 facilities have now requested the Bridging The Gap service and requested that BTG presentations be made to their clients while in treatment on a regular basis. The facilities are: CrossRoads, Renown Behavioral Health, West Hills, New Frontier Fallon, WestCare, Carson Behavioral Health, and the State of Nevada Department of Health & Human Services Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Division. Throughout the Northern Area we have teams of BTG Program Presenters who will make the presentations to the clients while in treatment and we have a list of almost 100 BTG volunteers who are ready to take clients leaving treatment to their first A.A. meeting once leaving treatment. The Bridging The Gap Committee is looking for additional volunteers to make presentations at facilities and or volunteers to take a client to their first A.A. meeting once leaving treatment. With Gratitude, Pat B. NAGSC Treatment / BTG Chair

**Break 9:45a.m.**

10:00a.m – Assembly resumes.

**Agenda Item Presentations:**

**CPC Item A – Chris S. – Consider retiring the pamphlet “Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W.”**

On Nov. 1 2015 report of the trustee’s Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities:

The committee agreed to forward to the 2016 Conference C.P.C. Committee the Subcommittee’s recommendation that the pamphlet “Three Talks to the Medical Societies by Bill W. be retired because the pamphlet is too lengthy and dated.

The 2015 Additional Committee Consideration of the Conference C.P.C. Committee:

That the trustees Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities review the pamphlet, noting the concerns related to its language, outdated information and relevance to modern day professionals. They felt that future information may be needed to reflect current information about A.A. to be provided to medical professionals, perhaps utilizing past and current Class A trustees

Oct.30 2016 report of the trustees’ Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities:

The committee agreed to forward to the 2017 Conference C.P.C. Committee a recommendation that the Pamphlet “Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W.” be retired noting that the language in the pamphlet is dated and not helpful to today’s communication about Alcoholics Anonymous. The committee acknowledged that the pamphlet is a part of A.A. history and noted that a copy remain available from the G.S.O. Archives for historical purposes. The committee discussed that a future publication of service material sharing A.A. long history of speaking to professionals, from its origins to current times, may be a more effective reflection of presentations about A.A.

October 30 2016 report of the trustees’ Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities:

The committee reviewed the Conference Committee’s Additional Consideration for the trustees’ committee to continue discussing the pamphlet and appointed a subcommittee to continue discussion on the pamphlet. The subcommittee’s findings regarding the future of the A.A. pamphlet met two times. The subcommittee discussed how language throughout the pamphlet was concerning, especially in regards to being seen as a current C.P.C. tool. They came to these findings.

- The pamphlet in its entirety is not an effective current tool in communicating to the professionals.
- The pamphlet should not be made available to professionals.
- Though history tied with the pamphlet has sentimental value, text could not be found or selected to be repurposed.
- Present day communication about A.A. and its cooperation with professionals and outside entities can be found in current A.A. publications such as: Box 459, About A.A. Newsletter and the publications/videos on the Professions’ page on the G.S.O. website.

- G.S.O. Archives serves as a repository of A.A. history.
- All A.A. pamphlets are public documents. Therefore, as long as this pamphlet is published it will remain a way in which A.A. is publically perceived.
- Retired pamphlets are always available upon request from the G.S.O. Archives for historical reference.

After a wide ranging discussion the subcommittee suggests that the trustees' Committee on CPC/Treatment-Accessibilities send a memo to the GSO Publishing Department requesting assistance in the creation of service material to the mental health care professional utilizing current and possibly past Class A trustees in a letter format for possible content on aa.org.

The subcommittee also discussed the possibility of the creation of an "in house" video of current and past Class A trustees in the mental health profession to mental health care professional to appear on the "For Professional" page on the GSO website

Preservation of Discontinued A.A. Materials Process:

When a pamphlet is discontinued, 2 copies of the final printing are permanently preserved in the Archives, along with a copy of the recommendation/decision to discontinue. A single copy of any discontinued pamphlet may be obtained directly from the G.S.O. Archives for personal use only.

Total copies viewed whether by print, saving to file, or opening a PDF in 2014 (34,927) - 2015 (25,870) - 2016 (31,469)

**Comment(s) shared** – I want to hear from CPC/ PIC.

The pamphlet is used. No problem with the length. Take snippets, not the whole 45 pages.

Q. Is it a money saving thing?

A. Info is outdated and was not good for CPC use.

Q. Will it be available in archives?

A. Yes.

Several brainstorming questions asked to be considered - Will it be revised? Updated? Will parts be kept? Could a single piece of literature address this topic? Could there be a possible in-house video? Does it address lawyers, doctors and other professionals? Or just mental health? If there is a pamphlet - that is a misconception, maybe we need to eliminate?

- Phil will take these questions with him to the Conference.

Q. If we are eliminating – what is replacing?

A. The CPC Workbook. However, this is just a consideration. Pamphlet is still being used.

Pamphlets are liked old cars - out dated.

Folks aren't reading pamphlets. It will always be available in archives. Save money and modernize.

All professions have changed. New approach needed.

Listed in the RECOVERY section of Literature Catalogue. Maybe put it under REFERENCE section.

What about updated rather than eliminate?

This is a disservice to Bill W.

Sense of the Assembly – Consider to retire pamphlet? Majority opposed.

**Corrections Item A** – Lisa - Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service [C.C.S.]

Hello, my name is Lisa and I'm an alcoholic. I am representing Area 42, District 2, first year GSR. I am presenting Agenda Item A: Discussion on the Corrections Correspondence Service.

The Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) is a vitally important resource for our inside members, especially if they are incarcerated in facilities that don't offer AA meetings or have a long waiting list for meetings. It is ideal for those who want to do corrections work but don't live near a facility or might have problems getting clearance to go inside. In 2016, we were able to link 1,033 male inmates and 501 female inmates (which was our highest number of female inmates ever.) Currently we have a surplus of female volunteers which enables us to link a female inmate as soon as she reaches out for help. Unfortunately we have a shortage of male volunteers, which is a perennial problem. Currently there are about 80 male inmates waiting for correspondents, and the average waiting time is 4-6 weeks.

To attract more male volunteers, we regularly include calls for male correspondents in Grapevine and La Viña, announce the need at Regional Forums, and request that area and district corrections chairs announce the need also. In addition, we periodically email men in our database who are already corresponding and ask if they would be willing to write to another inmate. In the past we've had a shortage of Spanish-speaking outside correspondents but right now we have enough to fulfill all the current requests. For several years there has been a desire to expand C.C.S. into Canada. While many Canadian members have volunteered to be outside correspondents, we haven't had many requests from inmates in Canada. However, this is starting to change thanks to a new level of cooperation with the Canadian governmental agency Corrections Canada. Taken from the October 2016 meeting of the trustee's committee on Corrections:

C.C.S. in Canada: Appointed Committee Member Robert M reported on the significant progress made in the last two months with the Canadian government agency Corrections Canada. This culminated in a governmental memo supporting AA's CCS throughout the Canadian federal corrections system.

After last year's Conference, we revised the C.C.S. form (F-26) to include a place to designate other languages besides English for correspondence. At last year's Conference we also discussed the future of using email for corrections correspondence. Taken from the January 2017 meeting of the trustee's committee on Corrections: The committee discussed the enormous potential of using email for corrections correspondence in facilities that make email available to inmates. This is especially important for younger inmates who are not used to handwriting letters.

I'll end with some quotes from emails sent from outside and inside members trying Corrections Correspondence via email:

From outside member-dated October 2016: "I did not include a mailing address in my email. This feature might allay fears some members might have about communicating with inmates through CCS."

From same outside member-dated January 2017: "I really enjoy corresponding through email after experiencing using regular mail with my two previous contacts. I find it is quicker and more convenient."

From another outside member-dated December 2016: "I'd highly recommend this - I think more people will be willing to participate in the corrections correspondence programs if they can do it from their office or home without needing to go to the post office." From inside member-dated December 2016:

"I want to say thank you to whomever set this up. I find it very helpful in my recovery to be able to admit to another my wrongs, and listen to someone else sharing their triumphs as well as their troubles." Again, my name is Lisa and I want to thank you for allowing me to be of service. Thank you very much.

**Comment(s) shared** – Great idea! What better way to introduce ourselves. Email is more convenient.

46 years in existence. Brought info to my group – 9 members signed up.

When inmates write to GSO, they are reaching out.

The application form says what it does.

No request for additional literature on the CCS.

All for helping, just know what you're walking into it. Use caution.

How do we start?

Guys don't get intimate in prison. This allows for that.

Several personal experiences shared.

Inmates don't know who you are... they won't find out your address, etc.

Email still costs. What does the Responsibility Pledge state?

How may here would consider? Many.

80 are waiting. More will volunteer.

No matter what approach is used – Do not discourage handwritten.

Computers for email? Ain't gonna happen! They like letters.

Difficult to keep up writing.

Can mail emailed letters. Send self-addressed envelopes. Simple notes work!

Not a lot of info in this.

**Grapevine Item A** – Gabriel R. – Discuss the spiritual value of Grapevine and La Vina in carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Hi, my name is gabriel i'm your archives alternate. It was started by a group of six volunteers in June 1944 as a newsletter for A.A.s in the New York City area, but Bill W. and the editors soon saw that it had a broader potential for unifying widespread groups and letting the public know about the new program. May its rays of hope and experience ever fall upon the current of our A.A. life and one day illumine every dark corner of this alcoholic world, Bill W. wrote in the first issue, Bill W. wrote to the groups and asked if they would like grapevine to be their national publication. He called for a magazine that "reflects, as accurately as possible, the voice of All A.A., as he put it, and "not the views of any one individual, group, or organization—even our Central office or the alcoholic foundation. Between 1944 and 1971 Bill W. published approximately 150 articles and editorials in grapevine, including two sets of essays introducing the twelve traditions, Bill also tried out his proposal to change the ratio of alcoholics to non-alcoholics trustees on the general service and to introduce General Service Conference to the fellowship. For him, the magazine was a primary means of communication with the groups and later years, his grapevine articles clarified and developed his thoughts on many of A.A. fundamental spiritual principles. As a basic editorial statement, those words still hold true. The steps, traditions, and concepts are the magazine guidelines. And grapevine articles articulate these unchanging principles through the current experiences and informed opinions of individual members writers in addition to personal experiences of gaining sobriety and working the program. The fellowship brought a request for Spanish-language magazine modeled after grapevine to the general service conference in 1995, which the conference endorsed, after a business plan for the new magazine was approved by the trustees finance committee, A.A. grapevine inc. began working on a bimonthly edition of the magazine. To echo the title of the English magazine, the first issue came off press in June 1996. Early editions drew primarily on translations from the monthly English edition, nowadays, however, La Vina publishes mostly original

material in Spanish which can be translated into English and appear in the grapevine as well currently, La Vina receives approximately 100 submissions every other month, so there is always a need for members' stories.

**Comment(s) shared** – In jail, the GV made me love A.A. I had my 1<sup>st</sup> spiritual experience. I identified.

Gave GV to a truck driver. Now they have a link.

Thank God for GV! Never missed a month since 1994. There is a 1<sup>st</sup> edition copy on the table.

GV got me through the beginning.

Q. What is the purpose of this item?

A. Phil gives insight – wants a discussion and how our area can use this.

Jail worker – brought in GV's, they were considered "contraband". I didn't care, they helped inmates.

Longtime subscriber shares benefits – also good to keep in the commode!

GV is the "Language of the Heart" – used in remote communities and as ideas for topics.

Written word is powerful. When written – the GV & LV does what it needs to.

Suggest that your homegroup subscribes.

At sea for 40 years, sober 28 – GV kept me going.

Dad went to meetings with me, sat and read La Vina to connect and understand. Great way to carry the message.

\*Phil addressed body – the Trustees put this item on the agenda to open lines of communication.

### **Reports (con't):**

**NAGSC Treasurer:** Hi my name is Will currently serving as your treasurer. We have a current balance of \$6,620.41 in the checking. We made deposits of \$2,383.52 we have a cd with \$1,252.44. We would like it if your groups could provide an email address so we can send your receipts to save NAGS a lot in postage. Last year we spent \$150.00 in stamps. I will also bring receipt with me each time we meet before I mail them out. This was my first year going to P.R.A.S.S.A. and I loved it. PLEASE have your groups send your donations to: Po box 2507 Dayton NV 8940. Any questions contact Will.

[nagsc treasurer@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:nagsc treasurer@nevadaarea42.org).

**SAGSC Treasurer:** The P&L as well as Balance Sheet reports are posted on the wall above the table at the entry. I have printed out contribution receipts (in the interest of saving on postage) and have put them on the back table – they are in alphabetical order by Group name. Please pick them up and return to your group's treasurer. I attended PRAASA round table discussion for treasurers and learned all about compliance and how important it is to have correct information in our records. I am in the process of updating all treasure records to comply. Starting after the May SAGSC meeting, I will be emailing the groups receipts to each DCM for distribution. Many groups attend their District meetings and not the SAGSC so as to make it easier. If you would like to receive at the SAGSC meeting, just drop me a note and I will be more than happy to do that for you. Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your SAGSC Treasurer for this panel. Chuck S.

**SAGSC Secretary:** Hello everybody my name is Glenn and I'm honored to serve as our Southern Area Recording Secretary. We have a lot of new people here and I want to welcome you all. This is my 16th area service assembly and if there is anything I can do to help you with please let me know. For those of you that are new, my primary job is to make the minutes from our southern area meetings and to correspond southern area business with the fellowship in the south. I work closely with our SAGSC chair, treasurer and finance committee chair and assist them when needed. I help maintain a current set of rosters for the southern body so if any of your information changes please let me know so I can do the updates. You can check your information with the rosters in this weekend's packet. We are currently short information for the Ivypaa liaison. If there is anybody here from Ivypaa that can help fill in the blanks please see Jonelle or myself. A draft copy of the SAGSC minutes from our January meeting has been sent out. If there are any changes that need to be made please let me know before the next SAGS meeting on May 21st. If you are from the southern area and did not get a copy please let me know and I will make sure you get you a copy to bring back to your group. I had the privilege of attending my fourth PRAASA in Sacramento earlier this month and want to share with you a little bit about my trip.

I arrived Friday morning with many others from Area 42 on the flight. I couldn't help but notice all the flooding in the fields from the recent rains and thought about the farmers losing their crops only to find out from a local resident that much of what I saw flooded were rice paddies and needed to be under water anyways. What a relief. I knew right then it was going to be a good weekend and it was. I partnered up with Justin our Southern Area Grapevine chair. He got me involved as a volunteer to be a greeter at the hotel we stayed at then off to PRAASA we went. The panels and presentations were amazing, educational and spiritual. I attended the secretaries workshop on Saturday night where we round tabled many topics in the 2 hour meeting including recording motions made at meetings, translating into other languages and what responsibilities beyond keeping the minutes does a recording secretary have. If I could sum up the entire weekend with one thing that stood out for me it would be this: No matter what service I do in Alcoholics Anonymous, whether I'm sponsoring a new member or carrying the message through general service it must be connected to unity or recovery or my service is no stronger than a one legged stool. Thank you and thank you for allowing me to serve. In love and service, Glenn W. Southern Area 42 Secretary.

### **Area Officer Reports:**

**Alt. Area Delegate/SAGSC Chair:** Hello my name is Rhonda and I am an Alcoholic. I am your Current Area 42 Alternate Delegate. 2017 has been a busy and productive year. As Alternate Delegate I have the honor of serving as the Southern Area Chair, We

had our first meeting in January it was very well attended. We had our first GSR training for this panel and our first DCM training. The Round tables were well attended and the presenters were amazing. We had good discussions and great participation. I attended the southern area Chili cook off and I have to say I was disappointed in the turn out. Only 3 districts showed up to participate and even though the event was a success, there was not much of a competition. I guess the rest of the districts just don't know how to cook chili. Let's see if we can get at least 1 representative from every district next year. Unless your afraid of losing? Then we were off to PRAASA, what an amazing experience. My first Praasa, I felt so lost. I only knew my few friends from Area 42. This year I was visting with people from all over the pacific region. I love when AA gets a little bigger. I am very excited for Phil's journey next month to Carry our voice to New York and as always I continue to pray for his good health. In Service and Love, Rhonda. My email is [alternatedelegate@nevadaarea42.com](mailto:alternatedelegate@nevadaarea42.com) Thanks you for letting me be of service.

**Area Chair Report:** I would like to express how grateful I am to be able to serve in this position as your Area Chair. When I had the opportunity to attend PRAASA in Sacramento I kept chatting with folks that had long-time involvement in General Service and each of them shared with me that their favorite position in service had been as Area Chair. It later occurred to me after my sponsor shared with me stories of Area Chairs returning from PRAASA and immediately vacating the position that they may have just been being nice and trying to convince me to stay? So yeah, I may have had a breakdown or twelve over the past month with regard to this assembly, may have lost a bit of sleep at night. But I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the support, leadership and wonderful friendships I have built in service. I am working diligently to put together some Assembly Operating Procedures to ease the next 3 times that I get to do this and to be able to pass on to the next person that is lucky enough to serve in this capacity. And I am forever indebted to my Alternate Chair (and Alternate Brain I believe) Julie C. who keeps me sane even when I have passed that point. Thank you for allowing me to be of service and I do hope that you have enjoyed the weekend and will feel free to share any feedback you have so that I can continue to make these better while I am at the helm!

**Alt. Area Chair/ NAGSC Chair:** I have the honor to serve as your alternate area chair. For those of you new to Nevada/Eastern California general service, as your alternate chair I also serve as the chair for the Northern Area. So far this year we have held two events in the North. A meeting welcoming Panel 67 (2017-2018) with presentations for new general service representatives (GSRs) and an introductory meeting for new district committee members (DCMs) and standing committee chairs. Additionally, we held the annual pre-conference agenda roundtables in February. We had a wonderful turn out for both, including our Spanish-speaking members. We used our translation equipment at both meetings. I want to thank all of the participants who were willing to spend two of their precious Saturdays doing the work of Alcoholics Anonymous. We had an amazing amount of help from 26 volunteers, who summarized the Panel 67 (2017) General Service Conference agenda items. There are a whopping 101 agenda items, including the sub-agenda items. There were a number of people who participated for the first time. The thoughtfulness with which all of you summarized the information touches my heart. I want to give a special thank you to all of the presenters at the roundtables and here at the assembly. For many this is your first time presenting and I am extremely grateful that you are willing to walk through your fear to help us participate in the conference process and to help our delegate get a sense of the area. Bienvenidos a los nuevos Representantes de Servicios Generales. Welcome to our new General Service Representatives. I wanted to speak in Spanish so that our English-speaking members could experience and appreciate to the smallest degree what our Spanish-speaking members experience throughout our assembly. Unfortunately, my Spanish is extremely limited, so I will leave this once again to our wonderful translators. I had the privilege of attending the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Assembly (PRAASA) earlier this month. In seems that everywhere I turned there was discussion about translation. On Friday evening the translation equipment wasn't working so the PRAASA committee decided to translate during the presenters' presentations live from the floor mic. Then during the alternate chair roundtable someone expressed disappointment at the frustration voiced from some in the English-speaking majority regarding how hard it was to understand the presentations. Unfortunately, I was one of the people who had difficulty following the presentations. Now, I am much more aware of some of the hoops that non-English speaking members must jump through in order to become informed and participate. I am aware of how much I take for granted that everything is in English. I am reminded that the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. I appreciate the generous attitude of our two linguistic districts. I am grateful for your patience and understanding at our attempts to translate into Spanish. After PRAASA, I want to know what more we can do to be inclusive and I wonder how many other non-English speaking members we are not reaching because we only have English and Spanish districts. It is an honor and privilege to serve you. Julie C.

**Area Alternate Secretary (NAGSC Secretary):** Hello friends my name is Monica, grateful Alcoholic. I am full of joy and appreciation to serve as our area 42 alternate secretary. I would like start by saying thank you to the groups and the districts that have given there all for me to be here. My primary duties include serving the Northern area as the recording secretary, provide a literature display at the area assembly, and assist and coordinate with the area secretary. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the transition into my new position. Most of my time this weekend will be spent at the literature table. Please stop by and visit, I am looking forward to seeing all of you. I was given the cash box for the literature table at the last assembly, by my wonderful predecessor Glenn W. we had and still have a balance of \$103.68. I had the privilege of going to this year's PRAASA 2017 in Sacramento, CA. Thank you to everyone who assisted at this years PRASSA and represented our area so beautifully. Thank you all so very much for allowing me this humbling opportunity to have been among so many dedicated servants of AA. The number one take home of many I would like to share with those who could not attend this year, is that of the presentation Friday afternoon from **Zorida R. Area 5 Secretary, Southern CA.** "Our Newcomers- Are We Going to Any



Lengths to Encourage and Welcome Diversity?" She shared stories of many Hispanic women. Women whom had never been able to meet with other women Alcoholics. She shared stories of terrible things happening to these women once finally arriving at A.A. Women whom had brought themselves to A.A. looking for Hope and found none. She shared about how this inspired a Hispanic Women's workshop in December 2016. These woman were from all over. Not only California, or the United States, but many countries. She shared how about 70 woman got together, and for many of them it was the first time they were meeting another sober woman of A.A. It hit me hard in my gut, and hurt my heart. I can still remember the very moment I heard my sponsor's story and I knew she was the one, the one with whom I could relate and feel safe with. I first met my sponsor at a women's hour speaker meeting where she was chairing the meeting. I still think it was quite remarkable that she was the speaker. That I got to hear her full general share, in the safety net of so many women. I can't imagine what my life might look like if there wasn't any women's meetings, let alone no sober woman at all for me when I got here. Later Friday night I was delighted to attend the Grapevine Committee's round table where we discussed many topics, from how to more easily transport the grapevine racks to what to do with the over 300 recorded stories held by Grapevine Inc. New York. On Saturday I attended the secretaries Round Table where we heard many helpful takes on how to capture a conversation, voice recordings, translation, how their minutes are and how are we updating documents and carrying the message. I am in awe by the true trinity of unity, recovery and service that were displayed, thank you again to all who allowed me this experience. I will end with a quote from a paragraph in the long form of concept five. " *In granting this tradition " Right of Appeal", we recognize that minorities frequently can be right; that even when they are partly or wholly in error they still perform a most valuable service when, by asserting their "right of Appeal", they compel a thorough- going debate on important issues. The well heard minority, therefore, is our chief protection against an uninformed, misinformed, hasty, or angry majority.*" (Pg. 20) *Concept five long form paragraph two. The Twelve Concepts for World Services, By Bill W.* Love what you do, its most fun if you get to do it with people you love. Thank you for letting me serve with you. Monica S.

**Alt. Area Treasurer:** Edie D. – No Report.

**Area Registrar:** I have to say that the learning curve involved with this, my newest commitment in Alcoholics Anonymous, has been substantial, but I now feel confident and competent with the computer software system, provided by GSO called FNV (Fellowship New Vision) Having read the manual, yes, all 190 pages, and having had much practice inputting all of the new rotation assignments I am able to keep in information updated at a quicker pace. My job going forward will be to continue to update the records, to help those who would like to access the data, and to prepare for registrations at Area Assemblies. I was grateful to be able to attend Praasa in early March in which I joined other new registrars in an evening round table. I am connected with these folks now by email as well as a member of an online chat room for registrars provided by GSO. Together I feel we will keep the records part of AA flowing and updated. One thing that is new to me in this rotation is to have an alternate buddy to work with. I am grateful to Jake for all of his help because this is definitely a 2 person job! Please continue to update your group and district information with me or with Jake and contact me with any questions.

**Alt. Area Registrar/ SAGSC Registrar:** My name is Jake-I'm alcoholic. I am very grateful to be serving as your alternate area registrar. This is my first area service position and I am super excited for this panel. As your alternate area registrar I serve as the registrar in the south and my main job is to assist our area registrar Laura in anyway I can. If you have registered with me as a new group, new GSR or new DCM you should have received a welcome packet from GSO by now. If for any reason you have not got this please let me know. If you are a new group, GSR, or DCM and you need to get registered or if you need any registrar paperwork please let me know. Earlier this month I had the pleasure of attending my 7th pacific region Alcoholics Anonymous service assembly. The first day we had some problems with the translation equipment that caused some problems, but they got it worked out and it ended up being one of the best PRAASAs that I have ever attended. We had some great informative presentations, the business meeting went fairly smooth for a room full of alcoholics, and Joel our pacific region trustee gave another amazing report. The round table where all of the registrars from the pacific region come together and talk about how their area works and what they do was Saturday night from 9:30pm to 11:30pm. I didn't know how that would go but it was great. We had an amazing round table with some very good information. I learned a lot of different things about how different areas utilize there area registrar as well as their district registrars. We had a very informative discussion and we used the full 2 hours. When it was over I got some other registrars phone numbers and emails and we have already received our secretaries notes. If there is anything at all I can do for you or your group please let me know. I am extremely grateful to be here with you again in beautiful downtown Tonopah Nevada. Alcoholics anonymous has saved my life and general service has become a huge part of my program of recovery thank you all very much for being here this weekend. I love you all.

**Lunch 12:00p.m.**

1:30p.m. – Assembly Resumes.  
Announcements.

**Agenda Item Presentations (con't):**

**Literature Item B** – Barrett – Consider request to retire the pamphlet "Too Young."

-My Agenda item for today is Literature item B: "consider retiring "Too Young?"

- For those who have not seen it, this pamphlet is in a cartoon-like 'comic book' format to attempt to connect to a younger crowd. It was created in 1977 and, while updated, still retains the original form. It contains fake characters in attempting to portray different situations that young people possibly face in their contrived young environment.
- \* (mention names and reference couple pictures out of pamphlet)\*

-This motion was sparked by a presentation to Imperial area 08 in San Diego by a member of that area as well as co-chair of the NSDYPAA, the North San Diego young People in AA. He spoke with many members in his peer group in alcoholics anonymous and received an overwhelming response: 85% of young people found it offensive and a turn-off.

-Many felt that it the characters involved were very stereotypical and insulting to their intelligence.

Couple of quotes:

-"...I don't need SpongeBob or Scooby Doo to tell me that alcohol and drugs are bad."

- "unlike what we do in the meetings and in the book, the "too Young?" pamphlet is presented as a work of fiction...In A.A. We share our experience, firsthand, not a weird comic rendition of it."

By trying to appeal to a younger crowd so blatantly, it actually creates more of a schism between groups. One point brought up is that young people, especially young alcoholics, already want to be treated like adults and feel 'different'; this applies in the fellowship as well. Another point is that, trying to capture the current interest of the current youth in a fantasy comic book pamphlet is ineffective by definition...as by the time it's actually created and printed it will already be out of date.

-We also have a very similar pamphlet "Young People in AA" which has over 29 times the number of downloads online and is just updated recently. It contains real stories from young people getting sober just like the big book of alcoholics anonymous.

-It is important that we spread a message of inclusiveness to those who may feel like they don't belong. We have a history of creating literature that does just this outside of this pamphlet.

-We printed 45,233 copies of "Too Young?" in 2016 and these resources could possibly be spent more effectively elsewhere..

**Comment(s) shared** - If 85% found it offensive, it should be taken out.

Intent is to reach kids. It is offensive. YP's want internet rather than paper.

Sense of the Assembly - Retire the Pamphlet.

**Policy & Admissions Item B** – Lisa I. - Review final report on the translation of Conference background.

This Agenda item addresses an issue that Conference materials are only available in English, and there is no conference material or background available in Spanish or French. At the minimum, the following Pre-conference and Conference items are requested be translated :

- Welcome correspondence to new panel delegates including: letter, Memo to a Delegate from a Delegate, The Role of the Delegate
- Communications kit (71 pages total)
- Committee material: Agenda 1-3 pages per committee, composition, scope and procedures for 13 committees (17 pages total), History and Actions of 13 committees (484 Pages total)
- Pre-conference documents: board reports (GSB, AAWS, AA grapevine), Trustee committee reports,
- Conference kit.

This initial phase of translations would be coordinated by GSO departments including staff and publishing department personnel. Costs currently estimated by GSR for the initial phase would be included in the GSO/AAWS budget at approximately \$80-\$120,000 for the year. Actual cost may be higher or lower upon receiving competitive bids.

Later the committee reviewed with appreciation the progress report from the Trustees committee on plans for the translations and took no action. The committee recommended that background material continue to be provided in English because it is not feasible at this time to move forward with translation of conference background into French and Spanish. This recommendation failed.

A sub-committee was formed to develop all available options.

- This subcommittee came up with six options, each of which with the understanding that each conference committee will be responsible for the translation of the background for their committee into French and Spanish. Both plans rely primarily on volunteer translators coordinated by the conference committee chair.
- In one plan, volunteer translators are identified by the members of that conference committee aided and if necessary by the regional trustee of the region where their committee chair lives.
- The second plan provides freestanding team of translators who are divided up to serve the French and Spanish translation needs of each conference committee. Because it is hoped that volunteer efforts will translate most of the conference background, minimal financial support to cover the service of background translation would be necessary.

- Both plans allow for GSO/AAWS to provide professional translation when volunteer translation is not available. Two ease time and pressure on trustees' committee's, staff and translators, all plans recommend that the deadline for submission of conference agenda items to be moved up from December 15 to September 15.
- The subcommittee recognizes that these plans are bold and responsive to the needs of the fellowship. They are offered to the trustees committee on the general service conference for review and comment.
- OPTION 1: The odds are that one or more of the area delegates on a Conference committee will have a local translation committee in their area, or other resources (persons) who are willing and available to translate material into the languages of the Conference. When the panel rotates the new panel joins the committee which effectively rotates the responsibility and the weight of the task around the Fellowship so that no single Area or trusted servant need be over-taxed with the work. Regional Trustees will either know what translation resources are available in their region to be ready to assist in a regional request for assistance. A clear timeline and workflow diagram is provided with more details to allow a clear and definitive execution to this plan.
- OPTION 2: Proposes bringing those members throughout our structure together to form an established Translation Team. The Translation Team is made up of member translators who are chosen through an application/resume process. Translation Team Members are actual service positions where members commit to serve for a period of three years. The Conference committee secretary will be responsible for assembling background and forwarding it to the Translation Team. Because this task is a new undertaking it is difficult to know how many translators will be needed. Estimates # of pages:800, Words per page:450, Total translated words: 360,000, Estimated time in translation: 1,440 hours (1:50 per page). The estimates apply to each language and are based on professional translation. The 2016 plan also proposed the translation being done in a 21 day period. To meet this goal it is estimated that 10 translators (in each language) would have to work for approximately 7 hours per day. (10X7X21=1,470hours) Then there is the issue that because they are no professional translators they may not work as quickly as professionals, and also may not be able to dedicate 7 hours per day to the project. There is also a clear timeline for this process.
- OPTIONS 3,4,5, and 6: It was agreed that all four of these plans be submitted as part of including "all possible methods" for translation of the Conference background. Three of the following feature a September deadline for the submission of new agenda item proposals. Two call for the translation of background using professional and fiscal resources we do not have and are not likely to see in the coming year or two. Options 5 and 6 are more modest and might be done sooner, but require that AA embrace a more "let's get to the point/keep it simple" style of proposing new agenda items. In all plans, everyone receives the same background. Whether it is in English, Spanish, or French. All Conference members need to give serious consideration to their fiduciary responsibility to AA and fit the implications of these plans regarding the development of an informed group conscience.

PLAN

Proposals Due

Agenda Items Approval by

Dashboard posting date

Pre-Conference Review

Cost

A

Sept 15

Oct-Nov GSB mtg

Jan 26

19 weeks

\$331,000

B

Sept 27

Oct-Nov GSB mtg

Jan 25

18 weeks

\$207,000

C

Sept 15

Oct-Nov GSB mtg

Nov 23

20 1/2 weeks

\$45,680

D

Dec 15

Jan-Feb GSB mtg

Feb 23

7-8 weeks

\$45,680

**Comment(s) shared** – Need more info. Who & How many are there?

Ways to do it.

This was presented at the 2016 GSC – lots of discussion.

The Spanish and French speaking - “you do not have to translate. Give it to us in English and we will take care of it!”

There will always be enough to be inclusive. We need to do whatever we need to.

When we translate, it is 80% to 90% accurate.

If we need to do it, pay a professional! Or have them do it.

To translate an original, you must have someone re-read.

Past Delegate – at the GSC, you want to be fully prepared. Imagine looking at it and it making no sense. How am I going to best serve?

If they don't want it – don't do it!

Q. Specifically background or all material translated?

Past Delegate – history given – as of 1992, Conference materials are full translated.

Experienced shared – Spanish is my 1<sup>st</sup> language. I have never been to a Spanish speaking meeting, which is fine! Fear of economic insecurity will leave us – if materials could not be translated and that's what I speak, then I may not be a GSR.

Conference material/Background material confusion. Suggestion that the Delegate be bi-lingual in Spanish/ French speaking Areas.

Sense of the Assembly – 50/50.

**Policy & Admissions Item G&H** – Tom.

Item G states:

O Consider a request that the General Service Conference be held in New York City every other year.

This appears to be a proposal to formalize the present practice, which is alternating holding the conference between NYC and Rye NY

There is a reported substantial saving when the conference is held in Rye.

In presenting this proposal a delegate from Mississippi was concerned that the conference participants receive the complete NY experience, including a trip to Stepping stones.

O What does the delegate need to know?

O How does the group feel about the conference being held outside NYC every other year.

It is not stated clearly in this proposal but implied that the interest is in having the conference held in other areas of North America.

This is a lead in to agenda item H

Item H states:

Consider a request to allow regional service committees to bid to host the General Service Conference

This request was submitted from South Dakota Area 63

The information they present states that the conference saves approximately \$200,000 each time the conference is held in Rye as opposed to NYC

They propose that the regional trustees assist in preparing a bid to hold the conference in a specific area.

This will be based on the specifications provided by the General Service Board and in coordination with GSO in planning logistical requirements and using the \$200,000 saving as a guideline.

They provide further support for them in a letter to the General Service Board from area 63 dated 12/12/16

They argue that Rye doesn't have the amenities to make the Conference held there an enjoyable experience for the conference delegates

Due to modern technology the conference doesn't need to be held in proximity to the GSO, so why couldn't it be held in other regions of US and Canada on a rotating basis

Qualifying host cities would have to have an international airport with adequate convention facilities available at competitive prices in a major metropolitan area.

ADVANTAGES:

They submit that to do this would still save money

Gives regions an opportunity to be of service hosting the GSC

Allow areas to showcase AA fellowship in their region

Give delegates a chance to experience AA and culture of areas they may never get a chance to see.

DISADVANTAGES

The General Service Conference is a closed meeting

Delegates are advised to not do any outside business while attending because they will be extremely busy  
Transportation for staff from NYC, to support conference hasn't been determined ( a lot of equipment needs to be transported)  
Questions for the delegate

Is there a regional committee interested in bidding on hosting the GSC

Does this proposition make sense logistically and economically

**Comment(s) shared-** No regional committee in place yet. First time deal.

Base rate in Rye is substantially less.

Past Delegate – “What is the NY experience?”

Item G - Sense of the Assembly – want it in NYC every other year.

Item H - Sense of the Assembly – Want it in other regions? 50/50.

### **Area Officer Reports (con't):**

**Area Archivist:** I am honored and overjoyed to be your Archivist. I was so touched to be elected to this position that during my vacation last year in October, I spent some time with our past Archivist, Rhonda, at your Archives in Las Vegas. I was able to see the organization of the archives room. There are cases with contributions from members, including memorabilia from our past delegates from their trips to the General Service Conference. It was apparent that a tremendous amount of love and effort has been put in by volunteers in the preservation of our history. As Area Archivist, I maintain and add to our Archives. Also, I am available to provide presentations of our archives at your functions. Here is a quote from the Archives Workbook: “we ensure that our original message of recovery, unity and service remains the same in a changing, growing, expanding Fellowship that constantly renews itself.” On January 28<sup>th</sup> our past Alternate Archivist, Pat S., and I showed the DVD “Markings on the Journey” after the Minden-Gardnerville Saturday night birthday celebration in District 6. AA.org describes the DVD as “This newly revised DVD depicts nearly 80 years of A.A.'s history using rare material from the General Service Office Archives. It explores A.A.'s pioneering days and growth in the United States and Canada, as well as around the world.” It was very well attended, and we had a great time. Dawn, Charlie and I provided an Area Archives display at the Reno Spring Festival last weekend. Leslie the Central Office Manager in Reno gave Area 42 a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Big Book. Thank you Area 42 for sending me to the Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (PRAASA). I was able to attend the archives roundtables where I met the other area archivists in our region. It was inspiring to see how committed they were to the history of Alcoholics Anonymous. I spent a lot of time in the PRAASA archives room and am very excited to be involved in next year's PRAASA archives' activities.

Welcome to all the new GSRs to your first area assembly in Tonopah. We have a designated room for our archives here. All of the districts archive books are displayed. Please drop by sometime this weekend and don't forget to sign our guest book. Yours in Service, Lyle C

**Alt. Area Archivist:** Hello My name is Gabriel, Archives alternate.

This is the report from archives (SAGSC) We have been working every third Saturday of the month at central office from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, district 1 has been working with us but we still need volunteers to join us. Looking forward to working with everyone. P.S. Don't throw anything away. Thank you. Gabriel- Archives alternate

**Area Newsletter Editor:** Good morning. My name is Anne and I serve as your Area 42 Newsletter Editor. Thank you for trusting me with this position. It is an honor to serve you. The Winter 2017 issue that was out on Feb. 23 contains short messages from the delegate, chair, southern and northern area and archives chairs. You will also find a calendar of events, a district meeting schedule, lodging information for Tonopah along with a printed copy of the proposed guidelines changes. I hope you find it as fun as it is functional. The Winter 2017 Area 42 Newsletter was distributed to the area secretary and webmaster on or around Feb. 23. The secretary then distributes it to area officers who in theory distribute it to the DCMs who send it to their GSRs who pass it along to their own groups. If you are not a current area officer, DCM or GSR and you want to receive the newsletter, please let me know and I will make arrangements. Thank you to everyone who helps with the newsletter. It takes a village. If you haven't seen the area newsletter, you can always find it on our website ([nevadaarea42.org](http://nevadaarea42.org)) In early March, I attended my third PRAASA (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly) in Sacramento, CA. While we were there, I was able to attend the newsletter roundtable with about 12 other area newsletter editors. We shared our own newsletter experiences with each other in hopes that each of our own area's, districts and in some cases groups can more effectively find the message. As a group we talked a lot about content creation, event calendars and the process of editing, paginating and distributing our newsletters to the area. Thank you to the Area for sending me. And thank you to everyone who made Sacramento an incredible learning experience. I continue to be inspired by all that we manage to accomplish for fun and free. Communicating area, district and intergroup events and ideas to the membership remains a priority for the April 30 issue. If you have a general service insight or experience or an event you want highlighted, please, please, please reach out to me by April 15. My official email address is [area\\_newsletter\\_editor@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:area_newsletter_editor@nevadaarea42.org). Thank you for my life. Yours in love and service, Anne K.

**Area Web Servant:** Hello, my name is Libby G. and I have the honor of being the Area 42 Web Servant. Welcome to all the people who are here for the first time. You have now joined the ranks of the service junkies. Look around and you will find a room full of people who love AA and love service. I now you have heard this several times already but it all seems very confusing just hang around and it will start to make sense. Oh, and maybe read your service manual. What I do as the Area 42 web servant is to maintain the area 42 website. I upload events, update email addresses for the area, add area minutes, SAGSC

minutes, NAGSC minutes, finance info, Delegate reports, the Area Newsletter and whatever else needs to go on it or be updated on it. The address is nevadaarea42.org. There is a ton of information on the website. If your district or subcommittee is having an event send your information to Jonelle and she will review for anonymity breaks and then forward to me. I'll get it up on the Upcoming events page. Just so you are aware, you can't put a last name, personal phone number or personal email on any materials that go on the website. For districts I recommend using the Area 42 DCM email address found on the contact page of the website. The same for the subcommittees, use the Chairperson's Area 42 email address. Any questions?

**Roundtable Highlights** – Feedback from NAGSC/SAGSC. Discussion on new information only.

**Treatment Item B.** – Mike. M – Discuss the accessibility of the A.A. message for Armed Services veterans.

**Comment(s) shared** - Military are not able to get sober – there is a stigma. Told they do not have a problem.

Meetings on base is a process.

Got sober through a Navy Rehab facility. Would not be alive without it.

I try to take meetings into VA. Fliers disappear. Spoke to Congressman re: this issue. Cannot talk about God.

We should do more. Maybe another committee. Let them know there's help.

Not a huge problem in the VA Hospital in the North. Psych. Dept. employee gets Big Books to vets.

Huge problem nation wide.

I was only offered Anger Management in the military.

It is difficult to get meetings on base as a civilian.

If the base has a newsletter, put in a meeting schedule.

The military required that I go through Alcohol and Drug treatment.

Got into A.A. by dating a retired Navy pilot... I'm still here.

Adjourned at 3:10p.m.

**Sunday, March 26, 2017**

**(The two sets of minutes below were taken from the Standing Committee Chairs meeting and the DCM meeting)**

7:30a.m to 8:30a.m.

3/26/17 – COMMITTEE CHAIRS WORKSHOP – TONOPAH SPRING ASSEMBLY

CHAIR: JULIE C.            SCRIBE: EDIE D.

IN ATTENDANCE:        CAROLINE (S)CPC/PI  
PAT (N)    GRAPEVINE  
ANNE (S)    NEWSLETTER  
JUSTIN (S) GRAPEVINE  
KELLIE (S) INTERGROUP  
CAROL (N) GSR SURVIVAL TRAINER  
CHRIS (N) INTERGROUP  
MARY (N) ACCESSIBILITIES  
SUE (N)    PI  
PAT (N)    BRIDGE THE GAP

TOPIC: HOW DO WE COORDINATE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH

CAROLINE – ALREADY DOING THIS WITH PEOPLE FROM THE NORTH THAT SHE MET AT PRAASA.

PAT – REGULAR CONTACT BY EMAIL WITH ALTERNATE IN SOUTH WHO BRINGS LITERATURE TO ASSEMBLY. IN THE NORTH, MONEY SALES GOES INTO SINGLE FUND WHEREAS IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL OFFICE SUPPLIES THE LITERATURE AND GRAPEVINE PAYS BACK. ASKED ABOUT PRAASA 2018 AND HOW GRAPEVINE WILL BE COORDINATED.

ANNE – DCM COORDINATORS ARE STARTING TO CREATE CALENDAR IF EVENTS TO TRY AND KEEP SOME ORDER. THIS WILL HELP ANNE W/NEWSLETTER. ASKED INTERGROUP LIAISONS IN NORTH AND SOUTH TO CONTRIBUTE SMALL ARTICLES ON WHAT IS GOING ON WITH INTERGROUPS. ASKED REGARDING PRINTING – CAN BUDGET BE INCREASED OR CAN IT BE A DONATION HERE AT THE ASSEMBLY. SUE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP.

KELLIE – SOUTH HAS BEEN CARRYING ON WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST – HOTLINE – 12STEP GROUP, ETC. COORDINATES WITH CENTRAL OFFICE MANAGER AND LOOKING FOR SOME NEW IDEAS. WILL COORDINATE WITH COUNTERPART IN THE NORTH FOR IDEAS.

CHRIS – NORTH CREATES INFO WITH EACH ENTITY – WHAT IS NAGSC DOING AND WHAT IS EACH COMMITTEE DOING. SOME CONTROVERSY IN SOUTH AND CHRIS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO HANDLE THIS. ASKED RE SERVICE FESTIVAL IN NORTH. KELLIE GOT SOME IDEAS FROM NORTH REPORTS. VARIOUS COMMENTS ABOUT HOW NORTH AND SOUTH CAN WORK TOGETHER.

PAT – WILL WORK WITH NNIG TO SEE IF CAN HANDLE GRAPEVINE LITERATURE PURCHASE AS IT IS DONE IN THE SOUTH.

KELLIE – TALKED ABOUT CREATING ENTHUSIASM AND HOW WE HANDLE THE SERVICE FESTIVAL IN THE SOUTH. LOOKING INTO DOING ANOTHER ONE IN THE FALL.

MARY – TALKED ABOUT SERVICE PANELS AND UNITY DAY.

CAROL – GETTING TOGETHER WITH DISTRICTS TRYING TO GET DATES TO DO GSR TRAINING IN EACH DISTRICT. MOST OF NORTH SERVICE CHAIRS GO TO THE DISTRICTS INSTEAD OF AT THE NAGSC MEETING.

**SUGGESTION** – DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF HAVING THE CENTRAL OFFICE CHAIRS COME TO AN ASSEMBLY AND GIVE BRIEF PRESENTATION.

MARY – HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO CONNECT WITH THE SOUTH. THIS YEAR HER COMMITTEE TALKING A LOT ABOUT REMOTE AREAS. WANTS TO SEE WORKSHOPS IN COORDINATION WITH PI/CPC. ELDERLY MAY NEED HELP. GOAL OF WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. GEOGRAPHICS PAY A PART. DISTRICTS ARE QUITE HELPFUL. DEAF WANT THEIR OWN MEETINGS – FINDING SIGNERS IS DIFFICULT. TEXT TALK IS VERY EXPENSIVE.

SUE – PI IN THE NORTH LEARNING HOW CAN TRY TO MERGE AND WILL BE ANXIOUS TO TALK WITH CAROLINE. **SUGGESTIONS:** WE TRY AND HAVE A TIME FOR ONE ON ONE WITH COUNTERPARTS – HAVE TABLES AT ASSEMBLY AND DO THIS ON BREAKS? POSSIBLE THIRD ASSEMBLY TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION? MAYBE HAVE A PRESENTATION AT ASSEMBLY? LIKES THE CALENDAR IDEA. DEVELOP A CARD WITH INFORMATION AS RESOURCE SUCH AS WEB ADDRESSES AND COMMITTEE CONTACTS, ETC.

PAT – CAME FROM CALIFORNIA WHERE BTG MEET MORE OFTEN. TREATMENT & BTG MAY NOT BE WELL DEFINED. **SUGGESTION** FOR PRAASA ROUNDTABLES – HAVE THE LITERATURE AVAILABLE THERE.

DCM Meeting

March 26, 2017

Area Assembly – Tonopah

Opens with Serenity Prayer

Intros – Claudia - Southern DCM Coordinator

John - Northern DCM Coordinator

Intros – DCMs

How many sent/accepted Google Groups? 50/50

Some had problems accepting Groups. Claudia will add all emails on rosters.

Google Groups is a private place where DCM can share and get info to assist in position. If you are not comfortable with this, Claudia will be your middle man. Email her.

Q. Is there a password?

A. No.

Q. If people in the District have info for Groups, is that OK?

A. ?

Q. Linguistic Districts? Can you send to Tony to translate for D. 21 and D. 22?

A. ?

Q. What emails were used when Google Groups was set up?

A. District emails. Claudia will put all emails into Groups.

Q. Where do you get access to "alias emails"?

A. On the website. All emails will be forwarded to "personal emails."

Purpose of "alias emails" explained by Claudia.

Claudia created a place for DCMs to collect forms.

"As soon as you know you will have an event, you can put them on Google Groups because communicating through the website is too slow."

DCM Topics:

Purpose of meeting – Q&A on anything you need.

Forms up front if you do not use email.

Kits available in case you did receive one yet from GSO. \* All have received Kits \*

Trusted Servants – what does that mean to you?

PRAASA was an eye-opening experience in "Attraction Rather than Promotion."

All comments were very positive.

Go to groups – offer help wherever we can.

Q. Is there specific direction on how a GSR should bring things up?

A. DCM should go with them to that group.

Shared successes on how to help GSRs. – Service Manual – “Why have a Conference?”

Autonomy in Meetings:

Everyone has a voice.

Get a Service Sponsor.

Past Delegate input – I am welcome to all events eventhough I do not hold a service position.

Suggestion – hold Concept workshops in order to help District understand the whole triangle.

GSR suggestion to groups – hold mini business meetings for 15 minutes after meeting.

Suggest your GSRs reach out and helps.

Most people don't know what General Service is.

Putting announcements in about General Service helped make our business meeting grow.

Make a workshop on Agenda Items prior to Area Assembly.

Use Google Group to share ideas on anything with each other on service functions or how to help groups, GSRs, etc.

John will be available to visit District meeting in the North to help out DCMs.

Archives:

“Don't throw anything away!”

Any Questions on Guidelines or DCM positions?

Materials up front – get with John and Claudia after.

Visit groups in your District and encourage group participation.

Service events/ work together.

Use Google Groups.

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Assembly opens @ 8:30a.m.

Traditions read by Paul H.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Guideline Change Proposal – Tinna O. - Finance Chair

Proposed Amendments to the:

**Area 42 General Service Assembly Finance Guidelines**

**Current:**

2.0 Responsibilities of the Area Treasurer

G. Assembles documentation for tax preparer of Federal and State filings.

**Proposed:**

2.0 Responsibilities of the Area Treasurer

G. Assembles documentation for tax preparer of Federal and State filings.

**1) Secures profit & loss reports from SAGSC & NAGSC after all prior calendar year income and expenses have been recorded.**

**2) Assists Accountant with all documentation and information needed to file federal income taxes on or before May 15<sup>th</sup> each year.**

**Current:**

2.0 Responsibilities of the Area Treasurer

I. Files annual list of officers with the State of Nevada

**Proposed:**

2.0 Responsibilities of the Area Treasurer

I. Files annual list of officers with the State of Nevada **through the State's online SilverFlume portal after June 1<sup>st</sup> and prior to July 31<sup>st</sup> each year.**



Thank you, District 2 for Hosting!

District 1 to Host Fall Assembly.

Phil asked for a Sense of the Assembly re: presenting a 2020 bid at the GSC to host the Pacific Regional Forum.

Passed.

#### **New Business:**

Motion: To have \$1,000.00 allocated to help fund DCMs and GSRs to PRAASA 2018.

Comment(s) Shared - Q. How will it be divided?

A. Up to Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee is happy to discuss the motion and will make fair/just allocations of funds.

Amended motion made: To have \$2,000.00 allocated to help fund DCMs and GSRs to PRAASA 2018.

Seconded.

Comment(s) Shared – Can we help more GSRs?

We are not the only body to fund... SAGSC/NAGSC, DCMs can check their budgets, etc.

Order of funding – GSRs to group first – then District – then Area.

As attendees – volunteer.

Overwhelming for small Districts. It is hard getting funding. Communication is lacking.

This is a gesture on the part of the Area. Start with the groups and be creative.

Money will not go away if not used!

Repeat motion: To have \$2,000.00 allocated to help fund DCMs and GSRs to PRAASA 2018.

Motion Passed.

**PRAASA 2018 Report** - Mike M.(no written report given to Secretary – took highlights from Assembly recordings)

Mike, alcoholic and I am the PRAASA Chair for 2018. It will be held the first full weekend in March in Sparks, NV at the Nugget.

The location was chosen prior to me coming on board, but I am real excited about the location. The site is ideal and Byron and

Sophie negotiated \$89.00 a night which in PRAASA standards is very good. Put together a steering committee, met over the

phone once and then yesterday did our first face-to-face meeting. We are looking to put together a database and a website.

Everyone was asked to type out their job descriptions and what their duties are so we can see what holes need to be filled.

Each PRAASA host is autonomous. We just came back from Sacramento and the PRAASA Chair and Co – Chair are here with us.

We met with them this morning over coffee and took notes. Marita, our Treasurer has a bunch of stuff we never even thought

of. The big push now is database and website, which needs to go live by the 15<sup>th</sup> of September and we will send out our first

mailing. A postal mailing and an emailing will be sent to past attendees. About 1753 attended Sacramento, so they all will

receive one. I passed out some of the “Save the Date” cards and you can make your reservation today. The code is good from

Wednesday to Monday. This time last year, we sent a clipboard with names and emails. As we get closer, you will hear from us.

We want as many people to volunteer as possible. We want to be small and mighty right now, but will call upon you eventually.

We have opened a checking account. We have \$19,000.00. We need about \$60,000.00, which is about average.

**Comment(s) shared** – Sacramento had late Roundtables. Let’s not do that!

Q. Who should we direct suggestions to for this years PRAASA?

A. Mike – that would be me!

Take the Nugget Shuttle.

Q. Is there RV Parks in the area?

A. It is on-site.

Q. Are the fees available?

A. The fees will be low.

Q. Does the RV park take reservations?

A. The phone # is on the Save the Date card.

There are RV parks about a mile away fully loaded. The one at the Nugget may not have connectors.

Q. How do we sign up to volunteer?

A. See Mike.

The registrations will ask if you want to volunteer. Check the volunteer box.

Why don’t we use our Newsletter re: RV Parks. We can put a blurb about updates.

Discussion re: when will folks be heard about their suggestions. Email Mike. Also, fill out the PRAASA experience form created.

They are also available in the back.

Volunteers to transport from airport. Could be a lot of liability!

Welcome to Inez and Lee from Area 07.

### **What's on your mind?**

Q. Is email working?

No. Folks are not getting all the emails.

DCMs are getting all the emails and in turn sending them to all their active GSRs.

Q. Should we have all Standing Committees have tables here?

GV not feeling part of.

Regional Trustee Board Report – Phil will send.

Standing Committee presentations during Banquet? Chair will consider.

One group would like to discuss all agenda items. Can all be sent? It would be a lot to discuss all, however 92 Areas are participating, so all are being paid attention to.

### **Ask It Basket: (Answered by Past Delegates from our Area and others...)**

What was the consensus in New York re: the proposal to revise the Big Book and update some of its archaic language?

Lee W. – The plain language version was discussed last year at the GSC. It was decided it was not yet time to do this. Maybe some other literature could be considered, but not the Big Book.

Joyce Y. - The first 164 pgs. are already authored. Why change a book that is already written?

I see "Area 42 Nevada" in our Area website name – PRAASA 2018, fliers, and other places. Since Area 42 includes districts in California, in an effort to practice inclusiveness, can we consider either including California, or simply use Area 42?

Inez - The Californians don't mind!

I would like to know why Grapevine/La Vina mail in subscription postcard contained in the magazine still asks for our credit card information for anyone to see.

Roberta L. – I don't know. Let's check with Amy at GV. I think we should pursue this. I would be happy to call Amy myself.

During our Area Inventory, the sense of the summaries was having North & South as opposed to just Area 42 was very confusing. Are we going to look into a solution to our inventory issues?

Joyce Y. – We are unique. There is no blueprint for what we do. We are inclusive yet divided, by some sense of the word. Good question – we should continue to discuss.

Can individuals/groups/Districts make a donation to Area to support DCMs & GSRs for PRAASA? Can we add a line item for the donation?

Byron - No. But I think we should allow that in our budget to specific line items. I am not aware that we have that as of right now.

What's Love got to do with it?

Mike M. – Love's got everything to do with it! That's what hooked me! The love first and then all you folks. I keep coming back here!

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed.

Closed with I Am Responsible.

Adjourned 10:00 a.m

Respectfully submitted,

Jonelle W.

Area 42 Secretary

Fall Assembly September 8-10, 2017

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