

**Fall 2019 Assembly Minutes**  
**September 6 – September 8, 2019**  
**Tonopah Convention Center, 301 Brougner Ave., Tonopah, NV. 89049**

Approved March 28, 2020 by Area 42 Assembly

**Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**6pm** Chairman Paul opens assembly with the Serenity Prayer.

**Anonymity Statement** read by Barry

**Legacy of Service** read by Scott

**Twelve Traditions** read by Julie

**Announcements:**

- Welcome to the past Trustees and Delegates, and to our current Pacific Regional Trustee, Kathi.
- It is with a heavy heart that I announce the loss of one of our past Trustees, Julian.
- Trent is taping for us. Trent has CD's for sale. During break, go see what he has.
- We have to pay extra for the coffee. The jar next to the coffee is not a tip jar, it is to help pay for the coffee. If you are drinking coffee, please contribute to the coffee jar.
- Against the far wall we have the Treasurers, Literature, Grapevine, and a couple of informational tables. If you are back there visiting one of those tables, please keep the noise down.
- April is doing Grapevine Jeopardy this weekend. There will be two rounds to narrow it down to 3 people.
- Tomorrow morning at 6am is the Tonopah Trot. Meet in front of the Convention Center.
- Flyers on the table with a list to send your group's contribution. SAGSC contributions checks should be payable to SAGSC.

**Spring 2019 Assembly Minutes have been approved as written.**

**DCM/SAGSC & NAGSC Committee Chair Reports:**

**Dist. 1** Hello, my name is Libby and I have the honor and privilege of being the DCM for District 1. District 1 is basically Henderson, Boulder City, Searchlight and parts south. We have a very active district and participation at the District level is maintaining at a steady level. I think the most exciting thing going on in our district right now is planning our October 12<sup>th</sup> picnic from noon to 4 at Broadbent part in Boulder City. Make sure you grab some flyers on the side table. This year our picnic planning committee has stepped up with enthusiasm and lots of new ideas. Probably the most exciting part is we will be partnering with the LVYPAA group (Las Vegas Young People). District One has been trying to reach out to young people in our boundaries and connect with them. This picnic will hopefully enable us to do that. In exchange for their help we sponsored sobriety bingo as a District at the SWACYPA convention. Good times for all. And before I forget, I am challenging my fellow DCM's to participate in our dunk tank event. I'm doing it and I would sure love some company. Bring your sponsors or sponsees and let's make it a great event. Don't forget it's free and there's always plenty of food and fun. We held a District workshop back in May at the GVG club. The topic was 12<sup>th</sup> step work. The Hotline and 12<sup>th</sup> Step List team showed up. It didn't get much attendance, but the workshop was powerful, being small everyone had a chance to share on various types of 12<sup>th</sup> step work and all walked away feeling more energized. I just love District One and its workshops. Besides the picnic committee our Archives is getting a shot of enthusiasm and Jake is really getting into the role. It's great to have someone excited about it. Our other committees' liaisons are showing up for business and keeping the district informed. Our district also does a once a month commitment for the hotline. Whatever we can do to carry the message at a district level, suiting up and showing up. We are also planning a workshop with District 3. We have agreed to join them in Mesquite. I heard the topic is "Going to Any Lengths", I guess that includes driving to Mesquite. I'm hoping to get a caravan of cars to drive down with some good old fashion road trip car meetings. Sort of like going to Tonopah but closer. The details are still to be finalized but we're expecting it to be in November. Lastly, I want to mention a discussion we had at our last district meeting. We usually go around the room for introductions and group reports. This time I asked each person talk about being a GSR and how can we improve the District in addition to their group reports. We had an hour-long discussion and came up with some great ideas and probably more importantly for me I felt more connected with my fellow district members and our shared general service experience. Sometimes being a DCM I think I have to lead when what I really need to do is to be of service to my GSRs and help them grow in the program through service. I love each and every one of them and I couldn't be more proud of my District. I think that's everything for now. Thank you District 1 and Area 42 for allowing me to grow in the program through service.

**Dist. 2** District 2 usually has 12-15 district members at monthly district meetings. We realize that we have unrepresented groups in our district and we have started visiting these unrepresented groups with the hope of encouraging their involvement in General Service. We visited one group last June and now they have a new GSR who has been come to the last two district meetings. District 2 continues to be financially stable and is helping with funding GSR's to attend area functions. We have edited our guidelines to be more specific regarding who gets funded and the amount of funding available per GSR/alt-GSR. Only one voting member will be funded per group for assemblies. (i.e. If a GSR is attending an assembly and paying their own way, then the alt-GSR will not be funded by district). Also, amount of funding available per GSR/alt-GSR is \$50 which could be increased based on available funds. Billy O. has stepped up to be the District 2 Archivist. Many thanks Billy! We hope to have Lyle C., Area 42 Archivist, attend our October district meeting to do a brief presentation on archives. We are exploring further fellowship building activities for the future. Many thanks to all the members of District 2 who make our district great and thanks for the opportunity to be of service. Joel B. DCM

**Dist. 5b** Hello everyone my name is Ronnie D. and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is December 10, 1999. I currently serve as your district 5B DCM. District 5B is doing well and our attendance for our monthly business meetings run from 18 to 45 people this last 6 months. We had our district workshop on the 4 absolutes on August 10th and attendance was over 80 people at the Keystone Club. Everyone had a great time and we made rent for the room with a modest balance left over. District 5B will be having our annual picnic October 6 at 2 PM at Children's Memorial Park at Rainbow and Cowan from 2pm till after the speaker concludes. We are also having a workshop November 9th at 2 PM at the Keystone Club at 2525 north Decatur in Las Vegas. Rhonda, our delegate will also speak on the GSO service structure. District 5B has also brought people who would be willing to interpret for meetings and these names have been given to Anthony S. and Las Vegas Central Office. District 5B is an active district and

our GSRs are doing a great job of bringing general service resources back to their home groups. Thank you for listening to our report. Regards,  
Ronnie D.

**Dist. 6** Hello area 42, my name is Drew, an alcoholic. I humbly serve Dist 6 as DCM. It is good to be in Tonopah, and it is good to be sober tonight. Dist 6 encompasses Carson City, the Dayton Valley, South Lake Tahoe, the Carson Valley and Topaz Ranch Estates. We are an active and healthy Dist. We meet as a Dist on the 2nd Sunday of the even numbered months at the Carson City Alano Club. It has been busy in all aspects of my life, including Alcoholics Anonymous. Back in June, Dist 6 hosted our annual Founders Day Picnic in Genoa. The weather was perfect as was the venue...largest attendance in recent memory. Good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Also in June, I participated in a Secretary Workshop for a group up at the lake where many questions and ideas were discussed. Our dist Committee Chairs have been busy as well. In July, Elise F, our Grapevine Chair put together a Grapevine Story Writing Workshop along with Mark, our NAGSC Grapevine chair. Of course Pat S. shared his vast experience too. District 6 C and T Committee Chair Ed S. hosted a Treatment Panel for the facilities in the Carson City area, raising awareness for the need of volunteers to take meetings in to these facilities, (somehow, I got signed up for this). In August, I hosted a 12 Tradition Study Group on Wed nights at the Carson Alano Club... seemed to have went well. Our Dist has been working to produce a more accurate map of district boundaries. Also in August, our NAGSC CPC Committee Chair Samantha G, traveled from Winnemucca and gave an informative presentation. As busy as my life is, making time for General Service keeps me centered, and for that, I am grateful. I love my Home Group, I love you guys, and I love Alcoholics Anonymous.

Yours in service, Drew

**Dist. 9** Hosted July 14th SAGSC w/donuts. District 9 welcomes Ronnie R. who is the Alt GSR for Let Go and Let God is attending her first Area Assembly here. Met for the 3rd and 4th women's AA mtg at the Clark County detention Center. At The last meeting there were 15 in attendance up from 9 the previous meeting. Donovan has submitted his name as Alt DCM for District 9 and was voted in today. Al G. from the Retreat Men's Group with 54 Years passed away. The AA Way of Life Meeting will be having a cookout on Tuesday, October 15th. Cookout is st 5:30pm. Speaker is at 7pm. Roger L will be the speaker who also has 54 years.

**Dist. 10a** Hello everyone, I'm Julie and I am the new DCM for District 10A since May 19<sup>th</sup> when our old DCM Ronnie stepped down. To begin, I'd like to say thank you to my district and everyone here for this opportunity to be of service. It has been a wonderful experience so far. On March 1-3, 2019 I attended the PRAASA in Irvine California. It was amazing to see so many people from all over the globe and learn about the workings and plannings of AA at a higher level. The panels were all so fun and informative. On march 17<sup>th</sup> we held our St. Patty's day Corned beef and Cabbage fundraiser in Elko. We had a lot of fun. My sponsor and I along with a few other district members attended the Reno Spring Festival April 26-28. Another wonderful, fun experience. June 15<sup>th</sup> was out Founders day picnic in the Elko city park. It was my first event as DCM. We had lots of fun and fellowship. This July 26-28 we held our annual Serenity in the Rubies campout in Lee, Nevada because our regular spot was burned out last summer. It was a beautiful this year and I was able to attend for a couple of hours Saturday morning. I had the privilege of attending the NAGSC meeting in June Lake on August 3. It was a great learning experience and I met so many wonderful people there. I am so happy to be here in Tonopah and looking forward to the Oasis Festival in Fallon on October 19th. Once again, Thank you.

**Dist. 14** North Lake Tahoe Basin, Sierra County North – Sierra City, Sierraville and Loyalton along Highway 49. We have 11 Registered Groups plus 1 A.A. meeting, Totaling 56 A.A. meetings in District. We have 7 Registered GSRs, nearly 2/3 of all Groups in D14 Represented! District 14 Website is NorthTahoeAA.Com and our District 14 Committee meetings are held every Odd Month, 3RD Wednesday, from 5:30pm to 6:50pm. District 14 Annual Jamboree was held August 25th at the Truckee Regional Park and the event was a Kick in the Pants. TITYPAA, our District YPAA Group recently put in a BID for the 2020 SWACYPAA Conference where Santa Barbara was awarded to host the upcoming Conference. Our very own Area 42 Delegate, Rhonda F. was the Saturday Night opening Speaker at the 2019 SWACYPAA. Great Conference – Lots of Panels, including a Panel on General Service where our Past Delegate, Phil W. was one of the Speakers. SWACYPAA is a Registered 501 (c) (3) Nonprofit Organization. District 14 is going through some Guideline and Financial Changes where we have (2) Ad-hoc Committees formed to present information to the Groups to have the Group's Vote on changes, additions, ideas, etc. to Their District 14 Guidelines. District 14 recently eliminated District 14 Officer Votes where, only Group GSRs are the Voting Members at the District Level. District 14 will be hosting our Quarterly Speaker Meeting sometime in the Fall – look for more information to come. Group One will be having their Annual Holiday Party, typically early December where the event is a Pot Luck, Speaker Meeting, look for that flyer soon to come... The Food is Off the Hook...I am hoping that in the near future, that District 14 can meet up with other District's in the Area to possibly host a panel event or speaker meeting in regards to General Service and how AWESOME it is to be a part of GENERAL SERVICE!!! Everyone here is Super Awesome in my book...Steve L. aka Scooby Doo District 14, DCM

**Dist. 16** Hello Area 42, in June Barbara M resigned as our DCM, as our Alternate DCM Andrea B became available to fill the service position. Andrea became our DCM and Barbara was elected as our Treasurer. In July Kimmie was elected our Grapevine Chair and in August Pat B was elected our NNIG liaison. We also have a new GSR attending our District meeting and are excited to see growth. We look forward to working with District 2 and District 4 on planning a Workshop all about Service Beyond the Homegroup. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Andrea B DCM Dist. 16

**Dist. 17** is doing well with 32 meetings a week and 10 registered groups. The last Sunday of the month, at the Oasis Outreach Center, next door to the First Step Club at 11am is our Speaker Meeting! Area 42 Delegate, Rhonda F. will be our speaker Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. Pizza afterwards. Our H&I committee is taking Big Books to the jail. There will be a "Doctors Opinion" workshop on Sunday, October 13 at 12:30pm at the Oasis. Refreshments will be provided. District #17 now has a Grapevine Rep. her name is Marcia S. The Low Bottom Group in Death Valley went dark early this year, but will be starting back up next month. We will be having our annual Lovell Canyon Campout Fri. Oct. 4-Sunday, Oct. 6. The main event will be Saturday Oct 5. Noon-BBQ hot dogs and hamburgers \$5.00 donation. 2pm Speaker is from the "Wrecking Crew"...RIP YOUR FACE OFF KATIE from Dolan Springs, Arizona. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. John McK. Alternate DCM

**Dist. 20** District 20 is a large district in California 200 miles long from north to south with remote small communities throughout our district the population can vary from 2500 in Alturas to 1120 in Greenville up to our largest community of Susanville at 15,000. With other small towns scattered about. Traveling to meeting can be up to 1 1/2 hours drive time and as close as 15-30 minutes. Our District meeting are held 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of January, March, May and October with the location rotating between Susanville, Chester, Westwood, Alturas and Greenville its always a fun time and informative traveling to neighboring towns for our district and AA meetings. We have great participation with different events from workshops to speaker meetings. We just had our district 20 campout August 23-25 held at Camp Connery located on the Westshore of lake Almanor what a success after many campout meetings and preparation the big day came we had guest speakers Friday Saturday evenings with a Sunday morning spiritual speaker. What a joy to have our guest speakers share their experience strength and hope! There were some workshops and of course lots and lots of food and fellowship. The Saturday evening dinner being you guessed it BBQ tri tip and chicken! I very much appreciate this opportunity to be serving as alt DCM for district 20 Thank you,

**Dist. 21** is located at 3111 S. Valley View Blvd. Bldg. "A" suite #208 and meetings are every Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in which the first Thursday is for GSRs reports and their committees and topics to be put in schedule. The second Thursday is for topics to be discussed. The third

Thursday, the first hour is to discuss pending topics and the second hour is for concepts review. The fourth Thursday, the first hour is for topics to be discussed and the second hour is for traditions review. On every fifth Thursday we will do a district inventory to see how we are working and how we can improve. In fact the purpose of these inventories is to find out why the apathy toward service. So we are working hard and we are motivating the GSRs by reviewing the 9<sup>th</sup> Tradition and it is working. We did not have our committees active but now after the first inventory; we have our PI and FORUM committees working and we hope we are going to have the rest of them soon. (La Viña, Historic Archives, and maybe CPC) so far we have conducted 3 inventory meetings. Our FORUM committee is working in its next event but right now we only know will be on May next year. PI committee is working also with the newspaper and they are going to run an ad on it. We are visiting the groups every Wednesday and we still have our "Traditions Work Shop" with the groups and we answer the questions from the Tradition Checklist pamphlet. We have 16 groups including the one in Mesquite. Thank you all for let us be at service: DCM Samuel M. DCM ALT. TREASURER ALT. Angel L. SECRETARY Genobeba G. SECRETARY ALT. Enrique S.

**Dist. 22** We continue to have business as usual. We are meeting two time per month, first Thursday we have our business meeting and third Thursday we have traditions and concept study meeting. We have 12 registered groups in our district and 11 of 12 are participating in the district activities. Tony A. DCM District 22

**NAGSC Secretary** Hi, Noel an alcoholic. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Chris and I have discussed a time frame to have NAGSC minutes translated. After speaking with Tony, we found that inserting them into Google Translate doesn't work. We are looking forward to improving that service. If you are not receiving NAGSC emails and would like to, please see me this weekend or send me an email, this includes GSR's. Side note-I appreciate everyone's love and tolerance. This position has kept me in the middle of AA in a difficult time of my sobriety. I have been blessed to work closely with Chris, he has unknowingly taught me a lot about service. This entire experience has been humbling. Thank you. **SAGSC Secretary/Alt. Area Secretary** Hi everyone. As your alternate area secretary, I am the secretary for the southern area. We meet four times a year and I take the minutes for those SAGSC meetings. Diana (one of our dear translators) and I coordinated so that the minutes are prepared in English and Spanish. Gratitude to you Diana, appreciate your diligence in making this happen. I also have been sending out emails when they come in from the south, keeping the rosters current with any changes occurring in the south, and doing my best to coordinate with the SAGSC chair, Jake. As alternate secretary for the area I am also your literature chair. I heard your requests and have come prepared with many of the "God Word" pamphlets, as well as some other requests from the Spring Assembly. AA.org has a new system so ordering pamphlets was a delight, and most things were easy to search for. If you need any literature that I do not have at the table this weekend it is extremely easy to order from [aa.org](http://aa.org). Thank you so much and grateful to be of service! Lisa I.

**NAGSC Chair** I attended the campout that district 20 had this year and what a wonderful time it was and they actually allowed me to speak, imagine that. I have attended one in the past and it was a good time. There was a lot of food, fun and fellowship, what a way to spend a weekend. At the last NAGSC meeting in August we had 2 presentations. One presentation dealt with funding and how our home groups can help the GSR's to service events put on by Laura. A can dealing with just the GSR funding can be passed around. Laura made up a few green cans with wonderful designs and all of those went home with members at the NAGSC Meeting. Julie put on a presentation dealing with the new Conference committees and the format was a question and answer. It went quite well and I feel that most of the questions were answered. I am also looking forward to the new conference committees and hoping they will flourish and grow. We can learn so much more and be able to carry a much larger message as a NAGSC community. We've had some changes in a couple of positions this summer, we had 2 finance committee members step down, those positions were elected at the last NAGSC meeting in beautiful June lake. Thank you to those members that allowed themselves to be of service. Yes I did say June Lake Ca. District 8 hosted us right on Gull Lake upstairs in the community center. What a beautiful location with the Sierras as a back drop and not a forest fire to be seen. The last couple of times we have been there you could cut the smoke with a knife from fires out of Yosemite if I can remember correctly. Thank you District 8. In December we will be hosted by District 6 in Gardnerville, NV

**SAGSC Treasurer** Hi Everyone and Welcome! Sean D., Alcoholic. I am the SAGSC Treasurer, as of today, the current checking balance is \$8023.02, and savings balance is \$7,514.41 for a combined total of \$15537.43. On Budget health, post this fall assembly we will be reached approximately 95% of budgeted expense pay out for this year. To date I have received 68% of the estimated contributions collected in group contributions and 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. I believe we are on track with the budget and consider the prudent reserve as healthy. In other news, Our Finance Committee is now chaired by Emmie M. as Michele H. had to step down from the Finance Committee Chair. We have a filled the open positions and are meeting regularly. We will be entering budget season for Fiscal 2020 and will be presenting budgets in November to the SAGSC body for approval. One interesting change for SAGSC is that we will be voting in changes to effectively take over the funding for all the southern area standing committees from Central Office. I believe long ago in our history; we, SAGSC, were not able to support these committees and had requested assistance from Central Office. I am happy to say that it seems we will be able to help our Central Office in their time of need and more than likely will fund all of the standing committees that request funds providing approval is received from our body. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Respectfully, Sean D. SAGSC Treasurer

**NAGSC Treasurer** As of 09/01/19 Savings \$1253.48 Checking \$7600.46

Thank you to all groups and individual members who made contributions to the Northern Area General Service Committee. We are moving into the time when we want to build up our budget for the beginning of the next rotation year. The first quarter of our fiscal year is the one most impacted with travel costs because we have the Round Tables, Praasa and Spring Assembly all falling within that time frame. That is also the time we account for the annual tax preparation fee and the fee paid to GSO for the Conference. The Finance Committee is working on a budget for 2020 which will be presented to the Nagsc body at the December meeting. Please, if you are a Nagsc officer or Standing Chair, be sure to return your funding request forms. For the Nagsc membership, when the budget is presented, please give this important process your full attention and consideration. The December meeting will be the time to give input to how the Finance Committee and the Treasurer can spend the funds. If you disagree with how the funds will be budgeted or if you see something that needs more or less funding, that will be the time to speak up. One of my objectives during this rotation was to open up a conversation on how groups can increase their 7<sup>th</sup> tradition, especially in how groups are funding their GSRs to general service events. I gave a presentation on this topic at our August Nagsc meeting and wrote an article on this which is printed in the current Area 42 Newsletter. For more information on this or to share your ideas on this topic, please catch me over the weekend. Also, come on back and visit me at the treasurer's table in the back and I will show you my "Green Cans!" I also have copies of the Nagsc Profit & Loss and balance sheets as well as receipts by district for group and individual contributions.

**SAGSC Grapevine** My name is April and alcoholic. I am very proud and very grateful to serve as your southern area 42 grapevine chair. Since we last met in the spring, Grapevine was asked to bring a table to District 7s second service event of the year and the topic was "what is service"? After that, I invited myself to SWACYPA and thankfully they were willing to give me 2 tables at their event. I had a lot of fun carrying the A.A. message and meeting other young aa's from the south western area. I especially enjoyed when Rhonda came to speak before the main speaker and a bunch of guys started yelling at her to be their mom. You had to be there I guess. Special shout out to Sara, JJ and Chrissy for helping me with the tables at this event. It was a big deal for the Southern Area and the YPAA committee did an amazing job.

The next Grapevine event will be the annual Grapevine writing workshop on September 21st at central office in Las Vegas from 1:30 to 3:30. There will be lots of food so make sure to come by and write a story for the Grapevine.

In October, the Grapevine table will be at both the district 5B picnic on October 6th and the district 1 picnic on October 12th. On October 19th, grapevine will have a table at the last District 7 event of the year about Practicing Principles in All Our Affairs. Lastly, in November, the Grapevine committee will be at the Roundup at the West Gate. If you are in the southern area and want Grapevine to attend your event, please reach out to me. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**NAGSC CPC** My name is Samantha G. and I am an alcoholic. I am thrilled to serve as this rotation's CPC committee chair! I am not attending this Assembly because I'm in Colorado at a horsemanship conference I have dreamed of going to for 18 years. Thank you to whoever is reading this report in my stead. I had a blast at District 6 last month giving a presentation and showing a video! An external speaker for the video would have improved the experience. I am excited to be invited to present at District 12 on October 12<sup>th</sup> in Fallon. Thank you District 12! If your District or Group would like a 10-30 minute presentation or ½ day workshop please invite your CPC Committee! We can do a mock panel and prepare AA members for how to approach and inform professionals in their community. This Committee was invited to share a booth and costs at the California Probation, Parole, and Correctional Association conference on August 27-29. This conference would have been a fantastic opportunity to reach professionals and get them CPC information first hand. The rate was \$900 for the booth and registration and it was during the work week so I was unable to participate based on cost and time frame. If you know of any other non-AA gatherings where your Northern CPC Committee could set up and share AA information with professionals, please let me know. I'm starting to contact professionals to see where AA can be of service particularly in the rural portions of our Area. I'll let you know what I find. Thank you for allowing me to serve. In love and service, Samantha

**SAGSC GSR Trainer** Hi everyone, my name is Jonelle and I am an alcoholic. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend this Fall's Assembly. Since our last assembly in April, I have had two trainings in the south prior to our SAGSC meetings. I have hopefully been able to give a clearer understanding about a GSRs role in their homegroup, their district, and the area, I have hopefully answered some questions, and I have hopefully made myself available should GSRs need me in the future. The next training will be one hour prior to our November's SAGSC. I'd like to thank the SWACYPAA host committee for allowing me to speak on a panel about my General Service experience. I had the opportunity to spend some time with a woman after who is open to the possibility of serving as a GSR. She was doing her homework before committing to the position. I was able to make some suggestions and exchange contact info. I was thrilled that what I was sharing may attract a new member to Area service... and she wasn't even from our area!!! She's from Fresno! Thank you all for all you do and allowing me to do it with you!

**SAGSC DCM Coordinator** Happy assembly! Very excited to report that SAGSC passed a guidelines change proposal to fund (if funds permitting) the GSR trainer and the DCM coordinator to PRAASA! We will be having our DCM meeting Sunday morning at 7:30 so if you have any topics and are a dcm or dcm alternate, please let me know to add them. I'm also very grateful for our Las Vegas central office for putting an events page up and keeping it current. Overlapping AA events can be frustrating for attendance. There are upcoming events pages on the table and the Saturday Tonopah trot is still a go and a fun run walk. I'm sad to report that our house is for sale and we will be moving to Massachusetts when and if it sells. I truly don't know where I have grown more in AA working the steps or being a member if general service. You will be in my heart forever. look to area 30 for me to continue my general service. Take care and thanks for putting up with me as I've grown Love and service Justin p

**NAGSC Corrections** Greetings All, Pat. Alcoholic. I currently serve as the NAGSC Corrections Committee Chair. The scope of the NAGSC Corrections Committee includes the coordination of 12 Step service with 8 State of Nevada correctional facilities, 6 Nevada county facilities, 5 State of California facilities, 3 California county facilities, and one Federal correctional facility. Members of the committee also reach out the hand of A.A. to incarcerated alcoholics in various facilities throughout the United States via the Corrections Correspondence Service. Committee members also serve as Temporary Contacts via the Corrections Pre-Release Contact Program. These Temporary Contact volunteers meet newly paroled inmates and arrange to take them to their first A.A. meetings in the communities to which they are paroled.

Our service work is carried out by many exceptionally active Corrections, H&I, or C&T, (Corrections & Treatment), committees throughout the General Service Districts and Intergroup committees within the NAGSC geography. Quite naturally then, the primary goal of the NAGSC Corrections Committee is to increase our presence where we have 12th Step opportunities. Among these opportunities is to respond to requests from correctional facilities to establish A.A. meetings where there are none, and to try to reinstate meetings where we once had a presence, but currently do not meaning meetings that have "Gone Dark". No surprise that there is an ongoing need for Fellowship volunteers to carry out this 12 Step Service. To dispel what may be a common misconception, a member need not have experience being incarcerated in order to participate in Corrections Service. Incarcerated alcoholics already know how problem drinking can be the path to prison; our goal is to show them the path to freedom. Immediate opportunities for the Committee have been to fulfill requests from officials at two prisons to establish A.A. meetings in their facilities. These would be the State of Nevada facilities. Wells Conservation Camp in Wells, NV and Northern Nevada Transitional Housing in Reno. I am pleased to report that Joe H. of Battle Mountain has been coordinating the effort for Wells Conservation Camp. Joe and another volunteer from Elko have now completed the training required by the State and are moving forward toward establishing a meeting within this facility. Additional volunteers are needed. Our effort with Northern Nevada Transitional Housing in Reno is under the coordination of Charlotte C. , the Northern Nevada Intergroup Corrections Committee Chair. The request to establish a meeting within this facility came to us in February of this year. Just last week, additional committee volunteers completed the required Nevada Department of Corrections training and we are getting closer to having enough volunteers to start an A.A. meeting within this facility. The Washoe County Jail located on Parr Blvd. in Reno is the largest county correctional facility within the NAGSC geography. And yet, we have had one man taking a meeting into this facility weekly for over a year. We have had one or two women taking a meeting into this facility every two weeks for over a year. Fortunately, help is on the way. Many of us have completed the training required by Washoe County. We are now only awaiting word on our final clearance from the Washoe County Department of Corrections. A.A. members can be of Service in the Corrections Committee and never leave their home via the Corrections Correspondence Service. The only requirement for participating in this service is the willingness to write on average one letter per month to an alcoholic incarcerated several states away who has requested someone on the outside to share their recovery experience, strength, and hope. These requests come from alcoholics who are reaching out for help. There is an ongoing shortage of A.A. members on the outside who participate in the Correspondence Service, particularly men. I have information on all aspects of corrections service available at the Corrections Committee table in the back of the room. Please come by and take the information back to your Home Groups or Districts. Respectfully submitted, Pat B. NAGSC Corrections Committee

**SAGSC H&I** Committee Panels Las Vegas H&I Committee host over 300 meetings each month. Committee meetings are held at 34 separate facilities, including meetings at 7 State Correctional Facilities and 6 County or City Correctional Facilities. AA books and pamphlets are distributed at most meetings. "Pink Can" and groups donations are used to purchase literature. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:00pm at Central Office. Procedure and Guidelines update (2010) Ad-Hoc committee met 6 times between January and June. Draft copies distributed to all committee members at July business meeting for review. Extended meeting held at August business meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> reading and discussion. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is scheduled for this month meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Hope to have approval by committee by November meeting. Committee members did some outreach at the SWACYPAA conference the weekend of Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>. Info. flyers were handed out to interested people. July workshop held on 27<sup>th</sup> of July at

Stairway Club. Topic: Treatment professional view of H&I. 40 members attended. Bob F. of Cleveland, Ohio with 30 years experience as Treatment Counselor. National Correction Conference (NCC)- Ad-Hoc Committee formed to explore possibility of hosting the conference. Fall workshop scheduled for 10/26/19 at "The Meeting Space". Topic- TBD

**NAGSC Finance Chair** Hello, my name is Lonnie, an alcoholic. I'm the newly appointed NAGSC Finance Chair. We just filled those positions at the last NAGSC meeting in Mammoth. We are going to start the process of doing the budget. We are having a meeting tomorrow afternoon. I am going to start sending emails to the Committee Chairs so I can get those budget requests. We are going to get this thing together and have it done by December. Thanks.

**SAGSC Accessibility** Hi, my name is Mattie and it's my privilege to serve as the Southern Nevada Area 42 Accessibilities Chair. The Accessibilities Committee meets the second Monday of each month at 4:30 at Central office along with the Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community Committees. The Accessibilities committee helps to carry the A.A. message to those who are not able to get the message as easily as most of us here today. As my term comes to a close I am grateful that I had this opportunity to be involved in Area 42 and work closely with the PI and CPC chairs. I've enjoyed helping to carry the message and look forward to more opportunities to continue to do so. If you are looking for a way to be if service please see me about the possibility of taking on this great service opportunity. I hope that the upcoming Chair finds it as rewarding as I have. Thank you for letting me serve. Thank you, Mattie M

**NAGSC/Area Archives** Hello everyone, Gabriel, Alt Area Archivist, and the southern area archives committee continues to work on organizing and improving our Area Archives, which are located in the Las Vegas Central Office. We have district binders located in the archive display room here, along with Area 42 archives. Gabe brought a new exhibit with the names and panels of our past delegates. Please remember to give me or Gabe copies of your district or group business minutes, event flyers and any other historical documents that you want maintained in your area district binders. I am available if you want to have your area archives displayed at your events. In June of this year a new archives checklist was released on aa.org. It has sections on What are archives?, Getting Started, Accession (which are Controls), Arrangements, Facilities, Electronic Records, Preservation & Storage and Reference Services. This will not only be helpful for Area 42 archives, but also for any district or group archives. We have a lot to learn about storing and preserving our archives. The new archives book, **Our Great Responsibility**, is available now for \$10. This book contains never before published transcripts of archived audio recordings of Bill W. addressing the General Service Conference, as well as more than sixty photographs and other images from the A.A. Archives. For more information, visit the [A.A.W.S. Online Bookstore](#). Yours in Service, Lyle C

**SAGSC PI/CPC** Hello Area 42! Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your new Southern Area 42 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve you. We work closely with the Public Information and Accessibilities Committee and we have all been very, very busy carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to professionals who work with alcoholics in the raw to the general public. We are delighted to have a close working relationship with District 21. As a result, we keep our committee member, Diana M. busy translating business cards, displays, flyers, and many committee related documents. We do our best stock literature racks at events, hospitals and institutions with English and Spanish literature. The public and professionals seek our help. We do not promote AA. We set up information tables at events and are frequently the least popular table, but there is always someone that seeks the hand of AA. For over two years, we have been attending the Giving Project and the Pop-up Homeless Connect monthly, which both serve the homeless. Since our last report in March, we have attended a Spring Carnival, the Veterans Stand Down, Police Athletic League Combine Showcase, TINHIH Mini-Monday for Mission High School, UMC Wellness Fair, Cinco de Mayo Festival, 3 Community Health Fairs, Family Connect, Founder's Day, 2 Service Fairs, a Professional Counseling Conference, and on behalf of the New York General Service Office we staffed 12 shifts of volunteers at the Society for Human Resources Convention. In addition to events, we coordinated an interview with Talking Solutions radio host, Terrie Springs of Beasley Media Group, which recently aired on (5) radio stations, as well as a podcast. The impact to the public will always be unknown, but to all of us involved this has been incredibly rewarding, emotionally fulfilling, and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve at a level beyond our typical reach. Also, beginning this month, we have been invited by the Alternative Peer Group to give AA presentations to students, parents and guests. To help education our fellowship about what we do, we submit information to the Area 42 Newsletter and the LV Silver Streak publications. The Public information and Cooperation with the Professional Community Committees receive many requests for AA literature, information, and presentations each year. In order to fulfill all the requests, the committees need your support. Please consider passing the Green Can for monetary contributions at your meetings. A big thank you to all of the groups who do support and help us purchase literature to reach the still suffering alcoholics. Please see our flyer if you are interested in getting involved, or would like the link to the interview podcast.

**NAGSC Grapevine** My name is Mark and I'm an alcoholic. It has been some time since I have written a report as I missed the August NAGSC business meeting. Since my last report I have only one event to discuss and that was a Grapevine writing workshop held by District 6 in South Lake Tahoe in June. It was a wonderful event where I was able to make a presentation and then with the help of some trusted servants and experienced writers who have been published we sat down and wrote our stories. Some stories were shared at the end. I found it to be a great experience and am hoping that some people followed up and sent their stories in. Other than that I have essentially had no other activity with the Grapevine in the north. I have received no requests from groups or districts for presentations. I have not reached out to any groups or districts either. Which leads me to the hard part of this report. After quite some time and thought I have come to the conclusion that right now I am not properly representing NAGSC and Area 42 as the Grapevine Committee Chair from the north. I feel as if someone with more time and motivation would be better suited to carry out the obligations of this position. Between AA, General Service in AA, work and family obligations I feel that I am quite out of balance and cannot apply myself well to the position of grapevine committee chair. I have given this ample time, pause and meditative thought. I feel that I need make a change and do the right thing. I have decided to resign as the Grapevine Chair for NAGSC. I will not be attending the fall assembly but am submitting this report to Area 42. Perhaps someone from the north at the assembly will have an interest in the position. While this decision saddens me it is also somewhat of a relief. I think it is only fair, to NAGSC and Area 42, for me to step aside and let someone step into the position who may have more time and motivation. Thus more effectively carry the AA message through education and information as the grapevine rep. Perhaps there will be another opportunity for me in General Service in the future but for now I need to find balance with family. My experience in general service over the years with District 14, NAGSC and Area 42 has been invaluable and a big part of my recovery. Many thanks to all who have helped along the way. Regards, Mark P.

**SAGSC/Alt. Area Archives** Hi, my name is Gabriel; I am an alcoholic, Over the years, the Fellowship has accumulated a remarkable collection of materials, providing an unmatched historical resource and a resonating emotional touchstone for the Fellowship. We have been working on a lot of printed sheets in storage, we have been putting them together by month and year in plastic covers and putting them in binders. Some of the material was enlarged and framed. We enlarged and framed the spread sheet of Area 42 Delegates. We took archives to District 7, and to the SWACYCAA convention. We meet every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 am.-11:00 am., everyone welcomed. Central office manager Leslie has been working

with us. We added more boxes To storage and easels to put pictures on. The past continues to accumulate each day, and more and more material are Becoming available to be evaluated, categorizes and stored for the benefit Of future A.A.s Thank you for letting me be of service Gabriel **NAGSC Intergroup Liaison** My name is Pat. I am an alcoholic and I am humbled to serve as the Northern Nevada liaison between Northern Area General Service and Northern Nevada Intergroup. An update on a report I gave you at our last gathering. NNIG has decided NOT to move from its present central office location. Five years remain on the present lease. The new NNIG Website is up and running (nnig.org). They had said earlier when it went up meetings would no longer be on the new AA Meeting finder app ... but they still are. I'll be hosting a workshop to discuss how the two entities compliment each other and efforts to avoid duplication of services. It is tentatively scheduled to be held at the NNIG Central Office in Sparks on either September 14 or October 12. Our past delegate Phil has agreed to participate on the panel. Thank you for letting me be of service. Pat S.

**NAGSC PI** Hello Area 42, in April I went to District 6 and gave a PI presentation to their District meeting. I really enjoyed that experience thank you Drew. Then in May I was welcomed by District 4 to give a PI presentation to their District meeting and I appreciated that, thank you Dan. I also co-operate with NNIG Public Information and in late Spring we took presentations and literature into four High schools. Damonte Ranch, Reno High, Mc Queen and Reed High school.

In May I received an email through Central Office to assist Lasson Family Services. I contacted District 20 DCM Jay, who supplied their office with information. Thank you Jay! The Washoe County Library currently has 6 English Big Books ,1 Spanish Big Book, 1 Audio Big Book and 2 12 Steps and 12 Traditions available for the public to check out. I would like to let the Northern Area Districts know that I am available to come to your district meeting and give a presentation to your group. Please feel free to call me and I will also be calling you too. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Andrea B

#### **Announcements:**

We will take a break until 8:00pm

The GSR's and Alternates will return to the main room for a GSR Orientation put on by Ruth and Greg.

In the Blue Room, the Area Committee and Committee Chairs will meet.

#### **BLUE ROOM:**

8:00PM Area Committee Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer by Area Chair, Paul

The Treasurer reported that \$5,000. For converting translation equipment is still available. There was a 45 minute discussion on the Area 42 Conference Committees. Some key points...Set some time aside Saturday afternoon with Committee members to chat. The General Service Conference Report Books will be available tomorrow morning. Area Committee reports will be given in the afternoon. Let's keep people engaged so in the Spring they will be prepared to keep lines open for Agenda Items. There are 3 translators, Districts 21 and 22 members can join with a committee. Julie has handouts for Saturday morning. The Conference Committee Chairs can explain about their committees. Through this Conference Committees, the Delegate was able to hand Area 42's report on Agenda Topics for each committee-there is a value in it. It is new, we need to give it a couple years to incorporate it into the Area to make it simpler. The Conference Committee discussed Agenda items, then the conference information given for homegroup or members. In the Spring, each committee summarizes their Agenda Topics? The Registrar suggests to get into practice with stickers for a more accurate count of voting members. Would like to see the ribbons back. A discussion on credit/debit card machine at the registration...would be an extra duty. Who would pay the fees. YPAA conference, made it easier. Less people are carrying cash. Register online. Would need to do more research. A link to online registration on the Area 42 website was brought up...Get a sense of the Assembly, and possibly proposal for the Area Website Guideline change. A suggestion for an Ad-Hoc committee on Host District snack shopping. Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge. 9:06pm

#### **Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Announcements:**

Trent is taping Assembly. He has speaker CD's for sale.

Coffee jar is not a tip jar. It is to help pay for the coffee. If you are drinking coffee, please contribute.

If you are visiting the information or Treasurer tables, keep the noise down.

There will be Grapevine Jeopardy, see April at the Grapevine table for details.

Ask it basket in front is for your questions. Our past Trustees and Delegates will be here on Sunday to answer them.

There is a Big Book being passed around. Please sign it and keep it moving.

There is plenty of food in the back. Please help yourself.

Jake still has plenty of banquet tickets for sale.

#### **8:00am Assembly opened with Serenity Prayer by Chair, Paul**

**Anonymity Statement** read by Jessica

**Legacy of Service** read by Hanna

**12 Concepts** (short form) read by Rich

**Chair Report** Hi I'm Paul alcoholic, your Area 42 Chair. Good Morning everyone I hope you all had a good night's sleep. We have a busy weekend ahead. I have learned a few things from the last Assembly, my first as chair. I have to be very careful with a few key words such as break and lunch. Because as soon as I mention them I seem loose everyone's attention. I have also gotten some feedback on the little shuffle I did with the seating on Saturday after lunch. Some very positive and some negative, there is still a little confusion on what the purpose of these Area General Service Conference Committees are all about. First it is to help our Area grow, learn, and be more informed on what the General Service Conference does and how the committees work within the structure. The more we can learn on how much a vital part of the General Service Conference these committees are the more we can utilize this in our own Area, Districts, and even our Home Groups. We have standing committees and other officer positions that mirror the General Service Conference. There is a handout right up front here that explains this in more detail that one of our committee chairs developed. Also this is to help the Area as a whole work together North, South, East, and West all of us coming together and working as one, Unity. This is one of our three legacies Recovery, Unity, and Service and form A.A. world services; A Declaration of Unity "This

we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives; And the lives of those to come." That being said we need to find a way to include Districts 21 and 22. We currently have three translators and if they are willing to participate that will help with those that wish to be on a committee that are not bilingual and if we have anyone that wishes to participate that is bilingual we could pair them up on a different committee. And if we have anyone that is currently on a committee please let Julie, Jake, Rhonda or myself know. As I said earlier we have a busy weekend, we will here from our Delegate Rhonda next and there will be a short time for questions about her report. Then we have the pleasure of having our Pacific Region Trustee Kathi F. here for this weekend and she will give a Trustees report and there will be a short time for questions. Feel free to go and introduce yourself to Kathi. This afternoon we have a budget to approve, a second reading of the Communications Committee proposal, an update on the 2020 Pacific Region Form that will be in Las Vegas. Tomorrow we will have the first readings of some guideline changes and a first reading of a Translations Committee proposal. So, please do not leave early as we do have business to take care of and we always have our ask it basket for our past Delegates and Trustees. Then what's on your mind and if you missed this at our last Assembly you missed out. I did get a lot of feedback on the Assembly so don't be shy and get up and tell me how you really feel. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area 42 Chair, Paul

**Delegate Report** (GSO Conference Report can be found on the nevadaarea42.org website) Hi Everyone, my name is Rhonda and I'm an alcoholic. I am honored to serve as your panel 69 Delegate. Following is your Report on the 69th General Service Conference. Our Big Book – 80 years, 71 languages. How grateful are we to have Bill W.'s vision, this service structure in place to use in order to stay united and continue to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. We lovingly call that structure the upside-down triangle. Where every member has a voice! As your delegate I have been given the privilege of carrying yours to the Conference and then reporting back to you what took place. The first bit of "Why Do We Need A Conference?" From the late Bernard B. Smith, Class A Trustee: "We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure recovery of a child being born tonight, destined to alcoholism..." The Make up of the Conference: Meets once a year for one week. 93 Delegates, 27 Trustees and Directors, & 15 GSO/Grapevine Staff. I checked in to my Hotel on Friday night and went straight to bed. Saturday Morning we went on the Circle line Cruise around Manhattan. I took way to many pictures and had a great time getting to know the pacific region delegates and their families better. We headed back to the Conference area and picked up our packets, so many packets, and after my luggage debacle at LaGuardia, new luggage was in order. As it says in our Service Manual this report is to convey to you, the best I can, "what I saw, heard and felt". This presentation along with all Conference Advisory Actions, Committee Considerations and Floor Actions will be available on our Nevadaarea42.org website or you may request a hardcopy through your GSR, DCM or myself. In August we will receive the full Final Conference Report and it will be posted to the same website for members to read and hardcopies will be handed out at the October Voting Assembly. After the mingling and getting to know the other Delegates and staff members we went into the conference area and began the meetings before the meetings. The 1728 was interesting as Class A trustees shared and we got a general feel for the Unity Service & Recovery of 1728. Sunday morning when I walked into the room set up conference style for the first time, once again I thought it hard to believe that people actually had faith in my ability to be there...considering the incompressible demoralization and embarrassment that I bestowed upon myself, my friends and my loved ones in the past... it is quite humbling. I was brought to tears often thinking about how in this past year the work at hand to do was the best way ever to push forward with positive action. We received our binders with the schedule and it was time to get to work! We had roll call .... There are really no words I can find to express how I felt when they called my name... You're to answer "here" or "present" and then told that, "all 135 of you are now official voting members of the 69th General Service Conference". I believe in my heart we are doing spectacular work and I felt honored. The Hotel also served Lavazza Coffee (My Favorite). The Grapevine Committee met for 3 hours talking amongst ourselves, the Trustees and the Appointed Committee Members. We were asked to keep everything that we heard in confidence until it hit the floor, and we weren't to let it leave the Conference until we adjourned. In total we spent close to 9 hours in committee. We heard of the very important website redesign to update our site to keep up with technology and help us be more organic and more easily found when people are searching. We saw a wonderful draft visual adaption of "Daily Reflections". It was produced as a "conversation starter" to come up with more ideas for placement onto our YouTube channels. We learned there are over 90,000 emails a year to GSO. 1000 hits a day on "Need help with a drinking problem...", 3000 requests per month for Media and PI and 12 million visits a year to aa.org. We viewed a Finance Presentation called "Around the Picnic Table" given by our GSO Treasurer David Morris. This is also available on our Nevadaarea42 website. He shared with us that there was substantial growth in online contributions. Rising from \$86,000 in 2010 to \$880,000 in 2018! He thought the biggest positive was how the fellowship stepped up to have the most contributions ever to date. He said the thing we need to work on most is supporting Grapevine. The question was then asked why we can't contribute to Grapevine as we can to GSO? He also shared that 30% of the budget is spent on staffing 5 people to process the contributions. 4 of them are for the snail mail and 1 for the online. He asked us to keep in mind that most contribution need some research for verification, group #, individual contribution etc. Often times all the correct info is not given so they must track it down. Also, a personal thank you is sent to each one. Speaking of Online Contributions...remember it's so easy! I do 5 bucks a month and forget about it...if we all did a little, think how it could add up! Here is for those numbers people: •7th Tradition contributions were a record of \$8.4 M •Services provided to the Fellowship were \$11.4 M •Shortfall between our 7th Tradition and the cost of services provided to the Fellowship was \$3.4M •AAWS publishing net income of \$3.4M covered the shortfall, resulting in a net profit of \$.4M •Grapevine subscriptions levels decreased in 2018, resulting in net loss of \$149,000 •General Fund support of La Viña was \$148,000. What 90 people do each day for the hand of AA always to be there: 18,900 pieces of literature shipped daily 230 emails daily 40 calls answered daily 350 seventh traditions processed daily 6 archives requests answered daily. We are Responsible... Wednesday was a wonderful trip to GSO. They had a lovely lunch for us and then a tour. I got to see Greg's office, along with my conference Buddy. Most of you have heard the crying jag that happened when I went to GSO but as you can see I was all smiles for the tour. Upon our return we heard some fantastic Presentations: AA Technology: Where Innovation Meets the Traditions Attraction not Promotion: AA's Relation to the World Today's Alcoholic: Inclusion, not Exclusion. Every one of them spoke about the need to avoid the fear of change and embrace technology in order to reach the millions of still suffering alcoholics. We started Report Backs and had electronic voting this year. What a wonderful time saver! Instantly you could see the results...one thing that stood out for me was that there was a very apparent clear group conscience speaking. Way more than 2/3 most of the time. Later we began our Grapevine Committee session with a working dinner. If there is something you specifically want to know please just ask. By the end of August, we can expect the anonymity protected Conference Report and the Full Final Report by September. I will post the anonymity protected report to our Google share drive and will have the Final Reports at the 2019 Fall Assembly. Q: There were a lot of "No Recommendation" in the conference report? A: What happens is each committee discusses what goes to the conference floor. Once it hits the conference floor, we vote on it. Q: Where it states "We recommend that..." are we going to get that information for our groups? A: email me, I will send you a copy. There were comments/opinions on the 5th Edition of Big Book decision. Delegate Comment on Our Conference Committees: I got to give those written reports to the other committees discussing those Agenda Item Topics. The had Area 42's voice in those committee rooms. It was valuable for having our voice in each of those 13 rooms We expect a report of what those recommendations are for Spring Assembly. In the Fall, at the Assembly, we want to see the comparison of what actually happened and your thoughts. If you are not on a committee, and would like to be, see Julie, Paul, Chris, Jake or myself.

### **DCM/NAGSC & SAGSC Committee Reports:**

**Dist. 4** First off, I would like to thank everyone in District 4 for showing up at meeting we have 6 to 10 groups showing up for the meeting. We have most our positions are filled. Amber S has stepped as the Alt DCM as she felt was holding too many positions and wanted let others have opportunity to be of service, Christine N. is now the Alt.DCM. At our last meeting we were talking about doing a work shop on Service and Sponsor ship, 7<sup>th</sup> tradition or H&I still working out the details on what it will be. Thank you all for allowing me to be of service. Dan M. DCM District 4

**Dist. 3** Hello My Name is Jason and I am an alcoholic. District 3 is financially solvent. We will be meeting with district 1 to finalize our co-hosted event in Mesquite this November. We had one GSR step down due to health issues, the group has since filled their GSR position. This concludes my DCM report, thank you for allowing me to serve! Jason M.

**Dist. 7** My Name is Jen I am honored to serve as the DCM for district seven area 42. District 7 has had some amazing things happening. June 22nd we held a service event and approximately 55 people attended on the topic. What is General Service? This event included an incredibly creative play, panel and lunch. We have also hosted our annual Mount Charleston Picnic. We sold 550 tickets, there was food, music and incredible speakers. It was a perfect get away from the Vegas heat. Our next service event with by held October 19 Th. Our quarterly service events will be held at Lakes Lutheran Church 8200 Sahara in Las Vegas, NV 89117 from 11:30-1:30 pm. District 7 has also had the honor for hosted this assembly. Area 42. I would like to thank District seven and area 42 for this experience and my life today. Jennifer

**Dist. 8** (Dorrie) Been awesome summer. Very little smoke and nice cool weather on the most part. All of our meetings have a larger turnout during the summer in our district due to tourism. \*(This includes Bridgeport, Lee Vining, Mammoth Lakes, Benton, Bishop, Independence and Lone Pine.) We help our 43rd annual camp out in Mammoth Lakes on August 23-25. Was a huge success! The small town of Benton had their annual pot-luck picnic in August, with many coming for our entire district for the event. District 8 also hosted NAGSC in June Lake and we had a great turnout and a very productive meeting. We were so excited to have people come to visit our beautiful area. In Bishop, they celebrated Bill birthday with a Pizza Party. We have a new meeting "morning in the park" on Sat at 9am in the summer, and they will move to the senior center in the winter. Saturday, Oct 12, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. at the Jill Kinmont Boothe School in Bishop Dist 22 PI committee is helping us host a PI presentation. We will be asking Dist 22 for language to put on fliers and in the Spanish language newspaper here in Bishop. We also have the backing of the Catholic priest. We will check with the Rural Health Clinic to see if we can put a flier there as well as at laundromats and the County Health Clinic. IF this event is successful, we may also host a PI event in Spanish in Mammoth Lakes as well. And, if interest arises, we will try to set up a Spanish speaking meeting in the district. At this point we have English only meetings. Early November we are also having our first Eastern Sierra Womens retreat in Big Pine. So, we are busy and loving sobriety. Thanks. In Loving Service Julie (District DCM) and Dorrie (Alt DCM)

**Dist. 12** (Sandra) Hi Family! It sure is lovely to be back in Tonopah. They say this is where dreams are made ..

Things in district 12 have been, as always very exciting! I have an update on our DCM Shelby – she was unable to make it as she is recovering from surgery but sends her regards. We expect her to be running our ship again next week. Lucky for you and our district, I have been running our meetings as well as am able to represent here. I have managed to run two very riveting district meetings and I have already managed to lose all of the keys to the church and everything else we are supposed to have keys for !! Our beloved Frank, has moved from Austin and is now residing in Fallon. We are grateful for his amazing service out in Austin keeping that town's AA open pretty much solo but are even more grateful that he is closer to us ! He has been such a role model to myself and I appreciate his honesty and sense of humor. Last time we were here, we had officially absorbed Yerington and they were actively participating in our district happenings however, easy come easy go because they have been unable to participate due to schedule conflicts and distance. We also have lost participation from Silver Springs, however, our plan for the final quarter of the year is to drum up involvement and visit these two rural areas. We have also discussed videoconferencing so we can involve all of our fellows, far and wide. Lastly, we have discussed how we will be disbursing our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition and intend to increase our donations to NAGS. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be of service and appreciate all of the love and support I receive.

**Dist. 15** Our Treasurer, Bob K. stepped down due to medical reasons, so we will elect a new treasurer at the next District meeting. We are working on putting together annual Al-cathon meetings for Christmas and New Year. We are also looking to start District BBQ at the Tie Club. Dave L, DCM

**Dist. 19** No report.

**NAGSC GSR Trainer** The NAGSC tradition of having a GSR meeting the hour prior to the beginning of the quarterly NAGSC meeting has proven to work well for us. It gives us all a chance to share what is and isn't working in our home groups, districts and events. It also affords an opportunity for anyone with questions to get peer input. Thanks to Lonnie for leading the meeting prior to the August NAGSC meeting while I was on vacation. I am available to conduct GSR trainings even for small groups if your district has new GSR's or would just like to go over some information. Thank you for this blessed opportunity to serve.

**NAGSC Treatment Bridging the Gap Program:** Bridging the Gap is designed to help the alcoholic in an alcoholism treatment program make the transition to sobriety. The Northern Area 42 Bridging the Gap committee consists of A.A. members in urban Reno/Sparks area and far-flung rural communities who volunteer to be the hand of A.A. when a member from a Treatment Facility reaches out for help. A slippery place in the journey to sobriety lies between the door to the facility and the nearest A.A. group or meeting. A.A. experience suggests that attending meetings regularly is critical to staying sober. Here's a thumbnail sketch of how BTG works. Monthly or biweekly, A.A. presenters, in an hours time, introduce the Bridging the Gap program to clients in treatment facilities in Reno, Sparks, Carson City, and Fallon - and beyond, throughout the world really. The A.A. presenter, a guest speaker, and the A.A. video, "Hope," provide clients an overview of Fellowship, of what A.A. is and is not, does and does not do, and in the process explains how the BTG program works. Afterward, clients may fill out a card requesting that a temporary A.A. contact call them upon departure from the treatment facility. The Temporary Contact Program is the vital part of the BTG Program. This is where A.A. volunteers with at least one year of continuous, solid sobriety reach out to the departed client and introduce them to the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous - the meetings, members, literature, and fellowship. Approximately two hundred A.A. volunteers in Northern Nevada are on the Temporary Contact call list. For Reno and Sparks, the BTG chair of the NNIG H&I Committee maintains the Temporary Contact roster of volunteers. The NAGSC BTG roster of Temporary Contacts contains the call list of volunteers' in "rural" Nevada communities. However, no matter where the client requesting a temporary contact departs treatment, if the newcomer's destination is Northern Nevada, we are glad to say from experience that willing volunteers are available in every community, even the most remote towns, to help the newcomer get to an A.A. meeting - even if the contact is made initially by phone. A variety of moving parts must be engaged for BTG to function. Alcoholics having just left treatment try to re-enter their lives outside of treatment frequently struggle to return the initial call or message from the Temporary Contact. Most heart filling for me are the times a Temporary Contact tells me how much this 12th step work fills their heartfelt need to pass the A.A.'s recovery program on to other alcoholics. As coordinator, I get to announce the need for volunteers, provide the BTG literature and experience, and regularly call when a new batch of clients have requested Temporary Contacts. Attempting to make the requested connections, Temporary Contacts and BTG coordinators often find themselves igniting their recovery routines and reaching into the spiritual tool kit, because lives of alcoholics are, well, fluid. A.A. Meetings in Treatment Facilities: In northern Nevada's treatment facilities, two kinds of A.A. meetings are held to introduce clients to A.A. One is

“outside” the other, “inside.” The “outside” meeting is a regular A.A. group recovery meeting with secretary and group chosen format for sharing experience strength and hope. In Northern Nevada, “outside” meetings are held at treatment facilities in Carson City, Fallon, Elko and Reno. Clients may attend the “outside” meeting regularly or as allowed. At an “inside” meeting, attendance is limited to the clients in the facility. Generally, A.A. members on an H&I treatment committee are asked to chair the meeting and arrange for outside speakers or discussion leaders. The NNIG H&I Treatment Chair seeks and places volunteers to fulfill treatment facility requests for A.A. “inside” meetings in Reno and Sparks and at Vitality-Carson City. There has been recent progress finding volunteers at TFs in Reno and Carson City. Local group members fulfill “inside” meeting requests at other treatment facilities in Carson City, Fallon, and Elko. Announcements are made at a variety of meetings and volunteers sought usually in response to request from a TF for volunteers for inside meetings. Orientation to A.A.: In northern Nevada, the Orientation to A.A. presentation program delivered to clients continues at Bristlecone TF and Carson Tahoe Behavioral Health Services TF in Reno and Carson City, respectively. This is an orphan A.A. information program developed by Reno and Carson City long-time members seeking to help clients get a thorough acquaintance with what A.A. does, does not do, and is and is not. It consists of a series of four A.A. literature-based, scripted sessions, presented weekly by two or three A.A. members, lightly seasoned with the presenting members’ recovery experience. While serving as a BTG Committee member and Orientation to A.A. committee member at inside presentations, it is clear that many treatment patients have attended A.A. meetings before. Orientation to A.A. gives potential newcomers and relapsed clients an opportunity to learn and ask clarifying questions about the A.A. program, fellowship, meetings, traditions and more.

**NAGSC DCM Coordinator** Everything is good. Lots of good participation and discussion. We look forward to seeing everyone at 7:30 tomorrow morning. Anne

**RENVYPAA** Hi, I’m Noel, an alcoholic. Our group is doing well, we are blessed to have new members with time in sobriety and service. We are looking forward to seeing how they grow in service. Hopefully they will integrate their experience in General Service. Recently we held two successful events. “Wet & Wild Battle Royale” with a speaker meeting, Chris G. from Truckee. We had several newcomers in attendance along with members from the Salvation Army. The event prior to that began with a speaker meeting. The event had so many newcomers, that we took a slight financial loss. All speaker meetings began with a sobriety countdown. One of our recent meetings we voted to fully fund our GSR. We are still bidding for SWACYPAA. This conference has changed my life as well as others serving on this committee. Financially we are doing well and going to make our contributions soon. We will hold our annual inventory on Sept. 22. We held our annual campout since we last met. This brought unity to our group and with Oregon and California. We look forward to continued relationships with them. We look forward to continued support with our local Area, so if we can be of service, let us know Thank you.

**Nor Cal Bid for ICYPAA** I know it sounds confusing, but Area 42 covers the North Eastern part of California and they wanted to make sure Area 42 was involved. I went to ICYPAA in Boston this year, just got back a couple of weeks ago. I had a really good time, the speakers were amazing! We put in our bid. The bid process is really intense. When you put in a bid, you show up 90 days before the conference with an outline of your program. We have to pretty much show up as if we were actually hosting the conference. They are pretty strict about the bid process, as ICYPAA has been around a long time. It is a great experience for us. It was our second year for putting in our complete bid. This year Louisiana was awarded the bid. I highly recommend that if you haven’t been to an International Conference of Young People, you go. We will be putting in another bid next year. ICYPAA advisory board gave us some service ideas. We are looking to start an online YPAA meeting for those who can’t make it to a meeting. There is an online meeting where the speaker tags someone from another area to speak next. A few people came to the Area Spring Assembly, from California, that help facilitate NACYPAA elections. They are looking for ways they can help support Nevada. We are moving to Stockton as they struggle in keeping YPAA meetings. Thank you.

**LVYPAA/SWACYPAA** SWACYPAA - South Western Area Conference of Young People in AA, was held at the Plaza in downtown Las Vegas on August 15th-18th. We had a little over 600 in attendance, and because of the sponsorships that were available we were able to sponsor the kids from Mission High school as well as some local treatment centers including Cross Roads. I want to thank the following for being present and of service at the conference: PI/CPC, Grapevine, Literature, Meetings on the Go, and Area 42 Archives. Thank you to all the panelists and speakers, some of whom are in this room...! Thank you to all of the districts, and individual meetings that signed up for hospitality and marathon meeting slots. And thank you to anyone who volunteered for any of the merchandise, security, or other various volunteer slots that were available, your service was much appreciated. SWACYPAA VII was awarded to Santa Barbara Young People in A.A. and dates are still being confirmed for the next conference. SWACYPAA VI will be having one final “wrap up” event on September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm at the new Alternative Peer Group building. It will be a speaker, and game night and all are welcome to come and participate. The following day on September 15<sup>th</sup>. SWACYPAA VI Host will be dissolving, and LVYPAA elections will be held, they will be held at the TIE club beginning at 1:30 PM. All positions are available, and the position descriptions are available on the LVYPAA Facebook page in the Bylaws. With the momentum still going we have plenty of things planned for the near the future. In the upcoming months as LVYPAA we will be co-hosting the District one picnic in October, as well as having our annual Scavenger hunt on October 26<sup>th</sup>. For more information about that you can see any of the SWACYPAA host members. We will also be giving flyers to all of the DCM’s to pass along. In conclusion - as this is our final report to the Area 42 body as SWACYPAA Host - I know I speak for the entire host committee when I say thank you so much for your support. Thank you for putting up with us announcing everything everywhere all around town. Thank you for supporting our events. Thank you for letting us be of service at the spring assembly! Thank you for indulging us and letting us high-five you at the sobriety countdown. Thank you for letting us be unorganized...seeing as how this is the first report we’ve actually prepared all year. And most of all - thank you for helping us to bridge the YPAA gap and supporting us as well as NACYPAA. In love and service, Samantha G. Co-Chair

**SPARKYPAA** Barbara, alcoholic. The young people in Sparks have decided to start a new YPAA, SPARKYPAA. We just had our elections. Joyce has been showing up to make sure we are following all of our Traditions. Our elections were facilitated by Kristen from San Leandro. She helped us go through all our election process. I am the new Outreach Chair. If you want to stay young, get involved with the young people. SWACYPAA in Las Vegas was just on fire! The music never stopped, Saturday night. If you want to know what Rhonda said, you should have been there. Sparks is now up and running. There are 7 or 8 people from SPARKYPAA here today.

#### **Break 10:05-10:17 am**

**Pacific Regional Trustee Report** My name is Kathi and I’m an alcoholic. Thank you for your report Rhonda. I want you to know that Rhonda did a great job at the conference, she was so engaged and welcoming. Rhonda is the Alternate Chair for the committee she serves on. I serve as your Pacific Region Trustee, I am about 1 ½ year into my 4 year rotation. The last General Service meeting I attended was in July. My report is about the things that took place in July. Some highlights: We have 5 new Trustees, 3 Class B and 2 new non alcoholic Trustees. We started with Orientations on By-Laws, etc. We spend a couple hours talking about the Board’s Strategic Plan. Most of the Board’s work is done in Committees. We work on Conference recommendations. AAWS highlights: ACCESSIBILITIES-Pamphlets and guidelines are being updated to reflect changes.

COMMUNICATIONS desk major project, updated AA meeting guide app. CPC-Working with different events to work with the professional. We currently have 42 events scheduled. CORRECTIONS-The 200 inmates waiting to be matched with the Corrections Correspondence Program has been matched. There are constant changes, so keep signing up for it. International- Mexico has now completed the translation of the World Service Conference. It is now on the aa.org website. The Pacific Region is going to have a Hospitality Suite at the International Convention. We will be looking for volunteers from Area 42. PI-workbook has been updated. Publishing is working on cards, that is less wordy on "A Newcomer Asks", "Meeting Guide App". The PI Trustees committee is looking for comprehensive meeting plan for social media. The new book, "Our Great Responsibility" that came out by AAWS has been translated in Spanish in July. 21,000 copies sold. 2 new staff members were hired at the General Service Office. ARCHIVES-completed a new workbook. FINANCES-gross sales and contributions were up for the first six months of 2019. \$326,680 over 2018. Expenses were up over 2018 due to professional fees and conference travel expenses. GRAPEVINE/LA VINA-the Spanish ordering is now written in Spanish. A new catalog in La Vina is going out in every AA and Grapevine order. Subscriptions were down for the 1<sup>st</sup> 6 months, Grapevine app was up. Total of 650 subscriptions, including the app and online were down from 2018. The aa.org website is being updated for handheld devices. "One Big Tent" was the biggest seller. The Spanish has asked that it be translated. It is in the works and will be out soon, but will be called, "Under One Roof". Financial-Overall, \$88,000 shortfall. A net profit of \$45,000 in 2018. La Vina up from 2018 with a \$84,000 shortfall. Overall, aaGrapevine and AAWS are staying very close to budget. "Emotional Sobriety" is in the works for being translated into French. AA Grapevine and AAWS have a utube channel. Committees continue to work on General Service Conference advisory actions. CPC/ACCESSIBILITIES/TREATMENT-linked in page is being worked on and should be up in the next couple of months. You can help on the committees, if you have an area of expertise. We just brought in a committee member for his Military knowledge. CORRECTIONS-letter being drafted talking about pre-release. FINANCE-There are 2 recommendations, To donate a maximum of \$10,000 to help Delegates from other countries to attend. To lease additional 5,000 sq. ft. space on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the same building. \$9,000 monthly, 5year lease will coincide with the lease on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor. INTERNATIONAL-some conventions in Mexico, Russia, Peru, Honduras, among others. There are very few women members. Russia just licensed the pamphlet "The God Word". International Data Map will be on the website soon. You will be able to see where AA is around the world. LITERATURE-is always super busy, they are still working on advisory actions from last year's conference. Creating pamphlet for the Hispanic Women, there were 30 stories sent in. PI-working on vendors with ideas for membership survey. GENERAL SERVICE BOARD'S MISSION is to serve the membership. The Board asked for a Communications Department so we have better relationships with the public. A more clear vision of what AA is. To have more interaction with Professionals. To utilize our Class A Trustees better. To have better communication within the fellowship. Our role is to look at strategic plan goals in this department that is being created. Please come see me this weekend with your thoughts and ideas. Thank you for having me.

#### **DCM/NAGSC & SAGSC Committee Chair Reports:**

**SAGSC Intergroup** Central office took 417 hotline calls. There were 8,330 visits to the website. Central office bank Acct is \$29,123.57. LV Intergroup Board of Directors Inaugural Forum. September 18 Central Office. 4:30-6:30. Grapevine Writing Workshop. September 21. Central office. 1:30-3:30. Gratitude Ball. Palace Station. September 21. 4-11pm District 5B Annual picnic. October 6. LV Roundup. Westgate. November 28-December 1.

**Dist. 11** (Sharon) We are still here and kicking.

**NACYPAA** My name's Christina and I'm an alcoholic. I am the Outreach Chair with NACYPAA. Most of the positions have been filled. We have created and approved by-laws, including the financial section. We have written bid requirements. Tentatively looking at 2020-2021 for the first conference. We are still looking for members-at-large and advisory. As of right now, we are looking to co-host events with Districts.

#### **Area Officer Reports:**

**Area Translation/Interpretation** (Diana) Hi, my name is Diana. I'm an alcoholic and a translator. I love to translate for our Area 42. Not only do I get to know what's going on in the whole area, but – just by the way you write - I also feel like I personally know many of the people who've submitted reports. Translation/Interpretation is the communication of meaning using the equivalent elements between two languages. A translator considers not only words, but surrounding context and cultural references. We search out the most appropriate words and phrases to convey meaning similar to what is written or said. This includes slang and other expressions that do not translate literally. Often, phrases in English sometime must be translated into Spanish by description. This is why the computer assisted translation process cannot always be faithful to the text...it just cannot distinguish the nuances. Whenever I use it, I always find myself having to review and revise my work. The Latino AA Community represent a significant proportion of our membership. Our Hispanic brothers and sisters may find themselves reluctant to contribute as they try to adapt to different social customs or an unfamiliar cultural environment. But their challenges are not only attributable to cultural differences. There are also the communicative differences: People prefer their native language even if they can speak some English. They respond better in their native language if they are spoken to in the language their heart speaks. Translation goes beyond **basic** communication and that enables us to have **effective** communication. It brings our cultures together by helping each to comprehend the other by transcending linguistic boundaries. It supports participation by providing the ability to approach information with understanding, evaluation, and knowledge. The Translation/Interpretation Committee has a goal. That is for our Latino AA community and their trusted servants to fully understand what is going on in Area 42 Assemblies, workshops, forums, roundtables, etc. This way they can better interpret, apply their own authority, and to better exercise their "Right of Decision." Can you imagine the possible influences we can have on one another? With translation we are also embracing the potential of inclusivity by honoring the cultural and linguistic diversity of our Hispanic AA Community. Thanks for listening.

**Area Translation/Interpretation** (Tony S.) Hi I'm Tony, an alcoholic. I want to thank Diana for coming aboard. For the past 6 1/2 years, I was doing this by myself and refused to ask for help until I did, and Diana came aboard. We used to collect the reports from here, interpret them, translate them and get them back to the Secretary. This time, for this Assembly, we have translated 16 Officer reports, 11 DCM reports, 10 Conference Committee reports, 9 NAGSC, 8 SAGSC reports, and 5 other reports, with Rhonda's being the longest. There are still reports to be translated, so hopefully you will send them to Debbie. Debbie will send them to us so we can translate them and send them back to Debbie for the minutes. Our job is never over. This is why you will hopefully be here tomorrow, as we are proposing a committee. You want to be inclusive, let's include everything. 90-95 percent of your Area reports have been translated already. As we translate them we put them on the website. We like for you to email your reports at least two weeks before the Assembly to get translated. It makes our job and Debbie's job easier. We have to translate your reports from English to English. You know, the period, coma, explanation mark, etc. Everything that makes a sentence come out in Spanish. Then into Spanish and read it in Spanish. Please speak slowly. If I miss a sentence, it sounds like garble, the whole point is missed. Thank you for letting me be of service for the past 8 years.

**Area Interpretation** (Tony A.) Hi, I'm Tony, an alcoholic. Grateful to be here. When I first came here to Area 42, obviously I was shy and nervous. You were a new group of people. I was working for 16 years with Area 06. They do things differently here. I was translating simultaneously, but

things took a different turn. What I am doing for our members is translating simultaneously. Things like the Trustees report, something for Phil later and possibly the Speaker meeting. Only because Tony and Diana will not translate simultaneously in a way that is understood in our community. That is all I have to say. Everything is a work in progress, we are going to make it better. I am willing to continue to be part of this committee. At this moment I am willing to continue to help where I am needed. I am not going anywhere.

**Area Secretary** Hi, I'm Debbie, serving as your alcoholic Area 42 Secretary. Upon standing for this position, I was extremely nervous, overwhelmed and full of fear. I expressed my fears to one of our members. She told me that there is nothing involved in this position that is above my capabilities. At the time, about all I could do was slowly type with nine of ten fingers and print stuff off my computer. What I had learned is that she was right...I am capable of learning how to make the tasks of this position easier. Every time I learn something new, I get so tickled and an overwhelming feeling of ease. These skills that I continue to learn are skills that I can use in other areas outside of Alcoholics Anonymous, and for that I am grateful to you all and to be in service in Area 42. About those reports I keep asking about...Our Translation and Interpreter Committee wish to be prepared to interpret our reports to our Spanish community, as we should wish them to be prepared. It takes time to translate all the reports and presentations. These same reports and presentations, both English and Spanish versions are organized into a file to paste your minutes together later. Thank you for the reports that I have received and the ones that continue to trickle in. I don't want to miss any of your contents or misinterpret your information, so if you have not sent me your report yet, please email or drop a paper copy to me before leaving. I absolutely love reading your reports! In doing so, I have found that some of your reports contain last names, phone numbers, and private email address'. These have to be scrubbed, or removed before going into the minutes. Did you know that if you are an officer, NAGSC or SAGSC Committee Chair, or DCM that you can use your position, from the contact page, @nevadaarea42.org as an email address or to contact a specific DCM, officer, or committee chair? For more information on the website talk to the Area Webmaster.

**Alt. Delegate** My name is Julie and I have the privilege of serving as the Panel 69 Alternate Delegate for Nevada Area 42. Rhonda shares with me all of the correspondence that she receives from GSO. I try to keep up with all of the reading. It truly is an honor to serve as your Alternate Delegate. I have learned so much, especially about how little I know. Since the last assembly I have been updating the rosters for our area conference committees. I updated all the committee chairs on the Conference Committee Reports and Trustee reports, where applicable, for their committees. The new members that volunteered at the spring assembly and the summer NAGSC/SAGSC meetings have been added to the rosters. I am on the International Conventions and Regional Forums Committee. We met and our chair will be giving a report. I love that I was able to read the Trustee's report and the Conference Report for our committee. I love that I better understand that the Trustees meet throughout the year and provide a report to the Delegates at the General Service Conference. I was able to see that the Trustees make some decisions within their committee and forward onto the conference other decisions to be made by the conference. I love that Gabe will tell you information about the 2020 International Convention. I am excited to be on this committee next year during the 2020 International Convention and the Pacific Regional Forum being held in Las Vegas. I am experiencing Rhonda's vision that rolling out these committees will better inform our body and prepare our members to stand to be future delegates. Participating on the committees is so much more informative than just reading the service manual. I feel like I am current on the decisions being made on behalf of Alcoholics Anonymous. At the August NAGSC meeting in June Lake, we had a wonderful discussion on the merits of the area conference committees and asked for feedback. Generally, those participating were growing to see the value in being connected to the General Service Conference. We still need to figure out how to include our Spanish speakers. Please let us know any ideas you have on how we can be inclusive to all members of Area 42, regardless of English language skills. There were some concerns that devoting time to the conference committees interfered with their standing committee priorities. Some DCMs didn't feel able to answer questions from their GSRs. Again, we are here to help. Call us, text us, email us, but please do not hesitate to ask us. We want to help all of us make this successful. Please see Rhonda, Paul, Jake, Chris or me if you have any ideas, concerns, but especially if you have questions. Rhonda, our Panel 69 Area Delegate, told me her vision for next year at the annual General Service Conference. She said that she would love to have feedback from all of the Area Conference Committees on the Conference Agenda Topics. She told me that even though only a few delegates sit on the Grapevine Committee with her, that many other delegates provided feedback from their areas on the Grapevine Agenda topics to the Grapevine Conference Committee Chair. They used every single piece of paper that was given to her chair. She wants to be able to give each of the 13 committees feedback from Nevada Area. For example, if there are three topics for public information, one of which is to review the PI Kit and workbook, she would love a report from the PI Area Conference Committee on all three, including reviewing the workbook. That way the PI Committee could review the workbook and the contents of the PI Kit. We will provide the committees with a short checklist of things she would like to hear about. Like, are the contents helpful in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic? Are the pamphlets relevant and current? Regarding the other topics, what does your committee think? If it is an item to "review", were they able to review the items from the background provided? If it is an item to "consider", what do you think? What are your opinions? If it is an item to "discuss", what are your thoughts? This will help us to fulfill our responsibility of providing a voice from Area 42 to the Conference. This will help us to be more fully informed. But mainly, this will help Rhonda to better prepare for the General Service Conference and bring feedback from Area 42 to the Conference.

**Area Newsletter Editor** Thank you all so much for this wonderful opportunity to grow in my sobriety and service experience. In my report at the Spring Assembly I joked about not knowing what I was doing in this position and I am proud to say today that it is no longer an issue of whether or not I know what I am doing, but whether or not I have the time to do it. When I took on this commitment I was told that it was a lot of work, but spread out over the year. I thought hard before sending Paul the email saying I was interested in being the Newsletter Editor, thinking about whether it would interfere with my other service commitment. I also serve on the Advisory Council for SWACYPAA as the Co-Chair, the conference that was just in Las Vegas at the Plaza. This position is also a lot of work, but also spread out throughout the year. For this last edition of the Newsletter I found myself very busy with both commitments at the same time. I not only accomplished both commitments to the best of my ability, but managed to have fun with them both and did so with very little stress. I contemplated stepping down from this commitment if it proved too stressful to do while doing this other commitment, but after this last month I have once again proved to myself that I can handle everything my Higher Power has thrown at me. I am looking forward to whatever comes next and I hope that this is just the start of many years of service to Area 42. Thank you for allowing me to serve Gabe S.

**Area Webservant** Hello everyone my name is Mike and I am an alcoholic serving as the area web servant. It is a great honor and privilege to be able to serve in this capacity. The area website [nevadaarea42.org](http://nevadaarea42.org) is an important information tool for our area. The Website is like a recovering alcoholic not perfect but always striving to do better with the help its members. The site is both in English and Spanish. Since we met last the communications committee, which is charged with the duty of finding anonymity breaks on the website such as last names, personal email addresses, personal phone numbers has diligently been working to find any breaks We actually only found only a few from 2016 and 2017 and they have been corrected on the website. Also with the help of the Spanish speaking members. We have begun the updating the Spanish language documents on the website. I am so grateful for the help making the site equal as possible for both the Spanish and English speaking members. The site consists of two parts one that is open to the public and one part that is for AA members only requiring a login. The secure area which contains financials and some unscrubbed

agenda background information along with the General Service conference final report. For any questions and concerns my contact information is on the roster or email me at [webmaster@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:webmaster@nevadaarea42.org). I am so grateful to be sober and able to serve.

**Area Registrar** Hello and happy September Area 42. What a year! I'm happy to report that we have a great turnout for this assembly. We have 160 voting members and 219 registrants. Thank you to everyone who registered online. Thank you to everyone who has helped in the registration process – especially the new crop of Fall Assembly volunteers. Thank you to the Alt Registrar Tony A. from up north and the team from the Area Committee, past and present. The new FNV system with the General Service Office in New York is up and running. I am happy to report that things seem to be OK. We have experienced a few hiccups which is to be expected. The team in New York has asked for patience from the registrars and members when it comes to registration packets and other communications. I plan to have Spring Assembly Registration open on January 1. Please keep an eye out for information on that in the form of an email from your DCM or Area Secretary. You can also find helpful info in your Area 42 newsletter. If you are a new DCM, GSR or Area Committee member, please see me or Tony to fill out the change form for your group. If you have any suggestions that would help better the registration process or if you would like to volunteer to help at the Spring Assembly, please contact me. Yours in love and service, Anne D. Area 42 Registrar

**Alt. Registrar** Hello again. I'm Tony, still an alcoholic. The only thing standing between you and lunch is me so bear with me for 30 seconds. I know you are hungry and tired and sweaty, but that's ok. As a Registrar obviously I haven't had much activity. I only had a couple of requests and they were sent to Anne who took care of it for me. Briefly, why am I doing DCM work and an Area Officer. Our elected DCM came to our final meeting and resigned 15 days before his commitment. The GSR's looked to me and obviously I never say no so here I am. I am going to try to do my best. Piggyback a little on my previous report and as for Translation, I just want to thank you all for your support. When you put money aside for translation, please don't just look at that table in the corner. You are helping a greater group about 30 groups in Spanish and they are also trying to help the Area and different Service entities and we are working together, working hard to make this together. My final words. We not only have to think of who we are helping with the money in here, but the still suffering alcoholic. Thank you very much and have a good lunch.

### **Lunch 12:00-1:30 pm**

#### **Alt. Chair, Jake opens meeting with the Serenity Prayer.**

**Alt. Chair Report** My name is Jake I'm alcoholic. I'm very grateful to be serving as your alternate area 42 chair. As your alternate area chair, I also serve as your SAGSC or southern area general service committee chair. Everything has been going very well in beautiful Las Vegas. We have had some challenges though starting with the May SAGs meeting. At the May sags meeting 30 seconds before the meeting started Lisa the sags secretary and I were informed that the Las Vegas intergroup will no longer be participating in any funding for any of the standing committees that do our 12th step work in the south. This was a big blow to our area and a bigger blow to the SAGs guidelines. So, we have formed an ad hoc committee that is working on all of our SAGs guidelines. Now this might have been a blow to our guidelines but now in the south we are all working to make sure that it is not a blow to our unity. We are still all in this work together and we want to make sure that we are all moving forward in the most positive and unifying way possible. I really want to thank everyone for all of their support, experience, strength, and hope through this time. I have complete faith that we will work through this situation and come out stronger and more unified than ever. Thank you all very much for being here once 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 holding my hand and giving me a new life a life full of freedom and joy. I love you all.

**2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Guidelines change-Communications Committee.** After proposal is read there will be a discussion. We will vote, it will take 2/3 vote to pass. **Presentation:** I would like to talk to you about the Communications Committee. We have had a chance to communicate with each other over the past six months. We as a committee worked on anonymity breaks that had made it onto the website over the past three years. The webmaster Mike and I had discussions about the website; Mike has concerns about doing things to the website like upgrading it and would like to have the larger communications committee to help with suggestions and ideas about things that could be done with the website. Maybe to make it more modern and upgraded it some. I was able to talk with Gabe our newsletter editor while down at SWACYPAA he expressed a desire to become part of the communications committee also and I think that everyone involved in communications in our area will be helped by this committee. In the future I can see that a committee made up of the folks who are the communicators of our area will be very helpful when it comes to Interpretation and Translation this includes language and also a ASL as we become more inclusive in carrying the message of hope to those still suffering alcoholics. I want to thank you for allowing me this short time to give a few of my thoughts about this committee. Now we can read the guidelines change and have discussion. **Proposal:** (Included in packets), read by Phil. **Discussion:** Extensive discussion on grammatical errors.

*Lisa:* "Can we just approve content and let a trusted servant take care of grammar?" *Jake:* "No, it has to be word for word."

*Jake:* No more corrections, only questions or comments on content- Jake read proposal again.

*Alternate Chair, Jake:* We are going to vote on how we just read it, if any changes that are grammatical, we are going to give them to the Committee. Those can be changed at any time if they are grammatical. The s' and capital A's are what we are going to be voting on. Are there any questions or comments on content? Q: Can I get some examples of situations of Internet content, bulk e-mails, etc? I don't get the nitty gritty. Paul explained difference of bcc or blank carbon copy and cc, or carbon copy. Emails should be sent out bcc as names are linked to emails. It happens sometimes that emails are sent to a list of people. The Committee would inform people when it happens, hopefully prevent from happening again.

*Jake:* If you want to vote to approve this, raise your hand. If you are opposed to this, if you do not want to see this happen, raise your hand. Passes unanimously. (Grammatical errors noted and will be fixed before going into Guidelines.) Effective immediately.

**Update on 2020 Forum Report** So I'm really grateful that area 42 is allowing me to lead our areas volunteer committee to host the Pacific region forum in 2020 I wanted to go over a few things today and let you know what our plan was. We plan to put together a small Communications committee that will be charged with communicating with all the other areas in the Pacific region. I feel that 10 folks with good communication skills will be able to reach out to the other areas of the Pacific region, and also the inner groups throughout the Pacific region, keeping everyone informed about the Forum and also things to do in Las Vegas. We will be developing plans to work getting the senior community around the Region and also down in Las Vegas. Our Spanish-speaking friends will be needed to help carry the information to still other Spanish speaking Groups in all of the Areas. Of course there is a huge part for our young people to play in the communicating with their friends around our Pacific region. I think that we can do really well inviting people to come and enjoy the forum with us. Of course our delegate will be needed to communicate with the other delegates of our region to help find liaisons in those areas with whom we can communicate. Our first event will be the 2020 PRAASA in Tucson where we will have a table set up and be giving away save the date cards and trying to let people know we want them to be in Las Vegas for the 2020

forum. We will also approach our fellow areas About putting a PDF on their area websites reminding everybody of the date of the Pacific region forum. Things will ramp up after our spring assembly.

**Treasurers Report** Hi, my name is Claudia and I am an alcoholic and your Area 42 Treasurer. It is great to be here at another Area Assembly. It is a pleasure to serve you as your Area Treasurer and I look forward to continuing to do this through the next year. I would like to thank everyone that has contributed to our treasury. It is doing very well as you can see from the reports in your packets. There are two reports before you, a Balance Sheet and a Profit and Loss Statement for fiscal year (as opposed to Calendar Year) of 2017/2018 (August 1, 2018-July 31, 2019). If you want to see of August of 2019 (which is the start of our new fiscal year), please come see me at the treasurers table in the back of the room. If you have not received a receipt for your groups' contributions, you should also come to the back and I will email them to you. This is the easiest and most cost-effective way for me to get them to you. Also, in your packets you will find a proposed budget for this next fiscal year. Please review this carefully and do not hesitate to ask questions of me or the budget committee. Please wait, however, until after the budget is presented to the body. By the way, just a reminder that the large contribution jar near the coffee pots is NOT a tip jar. It is to help pay for the coffee. As part of our rent agreement with this convention center we must pay for the coffee. Thank you in advance for your contributions and for allowing me to be of service.

**Finance Committee** I would like to start with the changes that have occurred since the proposed budget was prepared and submitted. I have already updated the spreadsheet on the overhead screen. The first is an increase to the translator travel of \$500. The second is an increase to the Delegate expenses. We have increased the budget to \$1500. The third is an increase to the Archive storage to \$548. The fourth is an increase to the Secretary office expenses to assist in purchasing literature for our Area 42 Literature table. The amount has been increased by \$100. The revised total expenses are \$47026. With a revised proposed loss of (\$4521.).

**Budget Proposed- Discussion** included contributing \$1000 to NAGSC Treasury-result: voted down as NAGSC groups should be educated and contribute. **Motion to accept-** with increases. **Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>. Budget approved.** 2019-2020 Budget can be seen on the password protected section on the nevadaarea42.org website.

### **Break 3:30-3:55**

#### **Area Conference Committee Reports:**

**Agenda-** No report

**Finance-** Hi, my name is Claudia and I am an alcoholic and Co-Chair of the Area 42 General Service Conference Committee: First I would like to read the explanation of the GSO Finance Committee: FINANCE (trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee): Reviews the budget and financial reports of A.A. World Services and AA Grapevine, and reviews or initiates Conference recommendations that involve finances. The Finance Committee, since it first convened in 1951, has kept abreast of the movement's needs: it has looked into annual budgets, been concerned with the income needed to carry out service work, and has almost invariably recommended the expansion of services to groups and to the public. There were four issues on the agenda regarding the Finance Committee: First, the only recommendation that came out of the conference was that: The level of \$5,000 for individual requests to the General Service Board from A.A. members be raised to \$10,000. This came as a result of the four items that were available for review: IV. Finance A. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference. B. Review the Conference-approved level of \$5,000 for individual requests to the General Service Board from A.A. members. C. Review the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$5,000 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member. D. Review Self-Support Packet. I have to admit that this was a difficult responsibility with all of the others that I have had and was not sure what else this should have entailed and this was completed this week. Hopefully this told a relevant story and is satisfactory to my committee and the body as a whole. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**Corrections-** This report responds to our Area Chair's request for feedback on how our Area 42 Conference Committee on Corrections "felt" about the outcome of this year's General Service Conference as it relates to the Conference Committee on Corrections "handling" of their Agenda Topic items. Feedback was requested from the 14 members of Area 42 Conference Committee on Corrections. Responses were received from 5. Four members felt that the Conference results were just what they expected. One member felt strongly that not enough Conference consideration was given to a particular Agenda Item, specifically to scrub the term "inmate" from all Corrections literature because those incarcerated A.A. members find the term "derogatory", or "belittling". The aforementioned opinion may serve as a reminder of a possible remedy that exists in our Concept 5 "Right of Appeal". One member of our Committee, a past General Service Trustee, offered additional perspective; "I trust the committee system therefore believe the (Conference) committee made the correct decisions based on all the background information they had". So in overview, back in March or so, our Area Conference Committee was tasked with reviewing the Corrections Agenda Topics along with all of the background material and determining whether or not any of the topics was of significant magnitude as to warrant presentation and consideration by NAGSC, SAGSC, and the Area Assembly. We considered three Agenda Topics and advised our Delegate that the collective conscience of our committee was that none of the topics addressed needs with any widespread appeal. The final result was that the General Service Conference took no action on any of the three topics we reviewed. Respectfully submitted, Pat B. Co-Chair Area 42 Conference Committee on Corrections

**Literature-** No report

**Trustees-** There were lots of names and updates on election of trustees. The trustees committee reviewed and recommend approval for a group of trustees to be elected, at the conference. Resumes were also reviewed and none were disapproved. That we could tell. The reorganization plan if needed was discussed at length and looks like the concepts and the conference charter are heavily used to make sure we don't screw it up. The protocol for electing new trustees and directors was painstakingly put into writing. Rotation of new trustees class A and class B was discussed. To sum up. It will take 3/4 of all conference members to bring about a full or partial reorganization. They took no action on this item. In our committee meeting we discussed how serious this is and not to take it lightly, to trust our trusted servants is a shared sentiment. Some concerns were voiced about the committee process and how some of the people adapted to this process, how it's been confusing, for others, and at the same time exciting to be thrust so deep into AA topics. Some bullet points: Get comfortable being uncomfortable, Our diversity is what makes new people feel a part of, General service makes us be accountable, gives us a commitment, and we appreciate the extent of the fellowship to keep AA here. Our YPAAs are a joy to have involved, and lets be welcoming to all who cross our paths! Thanks for letting me be of service. Anne, Rich, Joan, Teresa, Bill, Greg, Mario, Marsha, Daniel, Doug, Justin

**CPC-** My name is Samantha and I'm an alcoholic. I apologize, I dropped the ball in organizing a conference call with the CPC committee in the last 10 days. I have reviewed and compiled a summary of the GS Conference outcomes of the CPC agenda items. A. The committee recommended to remove the text "They may arrange for hospitalization" from the pamphlet AA in Your Community. The committee requests the trustees' committee review this pamphlet with a focus on what professionals can expect from AA and AA members, and bring a report back to the 2020 Conference Committee on CPC. B. The committee agreed wording suggested for the LinkedIn page did not adequately describe AA. The committee stated

presence of a LinkedIn page would be a valuable tool and that the wording provided by Impact Collaboration would not be used. The committee requested the trustees revisit the plan and consider these suggestions: Add disclaimer that the “promoted” content is not affiliated with AA. Include information from current AA literature about what AA does and does not do that can be useful to professionals who work with alcoholics. Add a concise description of AA that is based on Conference-approved literature for professionals that was reviewed at the October 2018 trustee’s meeting. Add a link to aa.org and a link to the Information for Professionals’ page. Add a link to the About AA newsletter. Include a schedule of CPC exhibits at national level events that are coordinated through the GSO. Annually provide a report tracking the AA LinkedIn page, including visits to aa.org from the LinkedIn page for review by the Conference Committee on CPC C. The committee reviewed the CPC kit and Workbook, noted their value, and suggested a section be added where local experiences can be noted. Based on the discussions our Area CPC committee had this spring, the GS Conference committee came up with the same suggestions and concerns we did for these items. The actions they took closely mirrored our thoughts and ideas. Samantha G.

**Treatment/Accessibilities-** In April, the Area Assembly recommended three agenda items to the Treatment and Accessibilities Committee and the 69th GSC. Advisory Actions with recommendations were approved by the Conference for each of the items. In the 69th GSC Final Report’s section on “Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities,” the Trustee’s Report for the Accessibilities Committee, provides informative background and recommendations. Selected items of ongoing interest are reproduced from the report as follows. ITEM B: The Subcommittee on Accessibilities — Deaf and Hard of-Hearing was formed at the July 2018 meeting. The scope was to continue exploring ways to meet the needs of A.A. members who are Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. The subcommittee reviewed the results of an October 2017 request for shared experience and agreed that the experience from these members highlighted the following: a. The lack of a clear definition between the topics of Deaf versus Hard-of-Hearing in our literature and service material. b. The need to develop additional content and language regarding how A.A. performs ASL interpretation services. c. The need to detail how A.A. as a whole is overcoming access barriers of the Deaf versus Hard-of-Hearing. d. The need for references to designated seating for meetings and events to support overcoming access barriers for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. e. The need to ensure A.A. members who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing have full access to participation in all Three Legacies of A.A. Note: The NNIG is working to provide guidance to deaf persons seeking sobriety in the rooms of A.A. Central Office staff have had preliminary conversations with a staff person from a non-profit advocacy organization that assists deaf persons obtain access to meet needs. The Central Office has plans to meet with the potential alcoholic and advocate and discuss accessibility issues and ways to solve them so this person and other deaf persons can participate fully in the three legacies of A.A. ITEM C: The Subcommittee on Accessibilities — A.A. in the Armed Services was formed at the July 2018 meeting. The scope was to improve the effectiveness of carrying the A.A. message and improve cooperation with the armed services. The subcommittee noted that veterans and active duty members of the military are two very distinct groups and separate approaches may be needed. The subcommittee made several suggestions to update references in service materials to active duty personnel and veterans. The subcommittee reviewed current A.A. literature and suggested an increase in visibility of stories from active duty and veteran A.A. members. The subcommittee recommended that the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic — Never Too Late” be revised to incorporate recent stories, replacing ones that reference the Depression and WWII; to include information about online meetings; and to add information about AA Grapevine and its website. ITEM D: The Subcommittee on Accessibilities - A.A. in the Armed Services agreed on the usefulness of creating additional audio content to carry the message to military professionals. The subcommittee modified and accepted a list of potential interview questions for chaplains and medical personnel. These audio clips, 5 to 10 minutes in length, could be used in various places such as G.S.O.’s A.A. website, an app, LinkedIn, the A.A.W.S. YouTube channel, etc. The subcommittee suggested that audio sharing of A.A. members could come from the existing stories in the pamphlet “A.A. and the Armed Services” published by G.S.O., since they are already Conference-approved. It was suggested that audio stories could come from the new AA Grapevine book AA in the Military. The subcommittee also recommended that the A.A.W.S. Board consider posting anonymity-protected audio interviews with military professionals about their experience with A.A. as informational content for C.P.C. or P.I. use. Note: Mattie C., member of the Area 42 Treatment and Accessibilities Conference Committee, in March prepared a summary of the intricate background contributing to Item D. for presentation to the Area 42 Assembly in April. Having read some of the information in the 69th GSC Final Report, I much more appreciate the research presented in the summary. “2019 - Treatment and Accessibilities Item D., Mattie’s Notes.” It marvelously describes the creative and intricate interaction of GSO staff, service committees, and the A.A. membership to carry the message to military professionals (medical, clergy) that might identify and help alcoholics in the Armed Services get to A.A. or otherwise get treatment. What I find moving and attractive is the heart of A.A., the Fellowship collectively willing to go any length in cooperation with alcoholics in remote communities to broaden accessibility to A.A.

**PI-** Hello my name is Andrea and I’m on the Area Conference Committee for Public Information. Our Agenda Item was PI-D Review draft language addressing anonymity and safety proposed for the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity." Our committee was thrilled that our agenda topic was chosen by the General Service Conference as an Advisory Action. After review, it was recommended that the text be added to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity " addressing anonymity and safety. We agree with the Conferences recommendation it is just sad we need this text in our pamphlets. It has been fun to see this Topic go from Agenda Item to Advisory Action. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**Policy & Admissions-** Policy & Admissions Committee: Ernesto C., Dean H., Colton S., Susan L., Deborah C., Kevin C., Felicia W., Sophie K., Past Delegate: Sophie K. Chairperson: Anne K., Co-Chairperson: Rina H. The Area 42, Panel 69 Policy & Admissions Committee met for a conference call at 9 a.m. on Aug. 16. Members present were Anne K. and Rina H. The meeting included a review of the General Service Conference’s Policy & Admissions Committee’s minutes along with a short review of Area 42 Policy Committee’s Spring report which identified the following items. For the purposes of this report to Area 42, we are reporting on the three items the Area 42 Policy & Admissions committee identified as noteworthy: C., F., and G., in bold letters below. A. Review Dates for the 2022 General Service Conference. B. Review Report from G.S.O.’s general manager on General Service Conference selection. C. Consider process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to Conference committee. D. Discuss the process of approving qualified representatives from other AA service structures to observe the US and Canada General Service Conference. E. Discuss a request to ‘develop a procedure to deal with special requests/agenda items.’ F. Consider revising the “Process for Polling the General Service Conference Between Annual Meetings.” G. Reconsider the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the Conference. C. Consider process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to Conference committee. GSC Policy & Admissions Committee recommended further discussion on this item which would include further consideration from the trustees that it continue to develop a process that be outlined in their 2020 report and that it include more information regarding the rationale of the committee when agenda items do not move forward to the Conference committee. F. Consider revising the “Process for Polling the General Service Conference Between Annual Meetings.” The GSC Policy & Admissions Committee voted to recommend that the GSB Bylaws be amended so that Conference members be given two weeks from the time the poll is emailed to respond with their vote. The original poll will be emailed by 2 p.m. and will discussion will open that day and remain open for one week. Voting will commence on day seven at 2pm after discussion closes. This went to the Panel 69 GSC floor and passed with 125 yes, 2 no votes. G. Reconsider the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the Conference. The GSC Policy & Admissions Committee recommended that when an action item does not receive the two-thirds majority vote required to become a Conference Advisory Action item, but has

a majority of the votes, that it automatically becomes a suggestion and be duly noted in the Conference Report. Area 42 Policy & Admissions Committee Aug. 17 Meeting Takeaways: The Policy & Admissions Committee is likely the most cut and dry committee since it really concerns itself with straight-forward business principles and philosophies. Item F will allow for a more streamlined and straight forward process when the Conference must take action between the annual General Service Conferences. Most of the actions and discussions that took place in the GSC Policy & Admissions Committee meeting were taken to gather more information. This speaks to the importance of an informed group conscience. It was noted that gathering information might take a quite a bit more time, but it is worth the wait because an informed group conscience is critical to the AA way of doing business. The committee also noted that the decision-making process and result reporting as noted in Items C, F and G reinforced the importance of follow through reporting regardless of action because every voice is important. The group conscience relies on information reporting and gathering because in the end an informed group conscience is all about awareness.

**Archives-** The Area 42 Conference Committee on Archives met via conference call and discussed both the Trustee Report and the Conference Report from the 2019 GSC Archives Committee. Here are the items which were of most interest to us. The Trustees approved five archival photographs for distribution @ \$2.75 each. The Area 42 Archives Conference Committee liked the idea of the new archival photographs The Trustees had discussions regarding recently acquired 1940s home movie of the founders and their wives: The Trustees forwarded to 2019 General Service Conference. Creating an agenda item to add the home movie to “Markings on the Journey” The Trustees approved distribution of the home movie as stand-alone for an appropriate contribution to be determined The Conference Committee approved the inclusion of the home movie into “Markings on the Journey”, unanimously The Area 42 Archives Conference Committee discussed Markings on the Journey and the stand-alone movie and were excited about both. Trustees requested that GSO Archives & AAWS Board consider including archival reproductions in the AAWS Catalog. The Conference Committee expressed concerns of pursuing adding archival materials to the AAWS catalog; specifically, regarding over-exposure and increased workload on archives staff The Area 42 Archives Conference Committee thought it was a good idea to add to the catalog and would not diminish from the archival value. Nor should the staff’s workload be a determining factor Trustees approved creation of “Archival Checklist” Conference Committee reviewed the Archives Workbook and Archives Checklist – suggesting the avoidance of gender specific language in the future The Area 42 Archives Conference Committee discussed and was appreciative for the Archival Checklist to help new and old archivists with archives.

**International Conventions/International Forums-** Our committee felt that all action taken by this committee was necessary and accurate to the needs of our area. All 3 items passed at the General Service Conference with substantial unanimity. We felt that there was a lot of information presented at the GSC that Area 42 would like to know: INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS COMMITTEE ● This committee has met 3 times since the 2018 General Service Conference and has reviewed and accepted all financial reports from the A.A.W.S. Finance Committee including information on contracts and activities for the 2020 International Convention. ● Last Summer a site inspection team visited Indianapolis, Indiana and St. Louis, Missouri and recommended to the General Service Board that St. Louis be the location for the 2030 International Convention. ● The 2020 International Convention souvenir book will be published in English, French and Spanish, and will include a visual history of A.A. ● The committee agreed to continue to follow a guideline from 1989 regarding discounts and subsidies stating that discounts can be accepted as long as they are offered to other organizations of similar size, but will be declined if offered to us because we are A.A. ● The committee recommended that a chairperson be appointed to run the local Volunteer Welcome Committee in Detroit, noting that it played a vital role in the Convention in Atlanta Georgia in 2015. ● The committee reviewed and accepted proposed revisions to the site selection guidelines for the 2035 International Convention to include the entire month of July in the bidding guidelines in hopes to increase the amount of qualifying cities for the 2035 Convention. ● The committee recommended for each attendee an advanced registration fee of \$115 and a registration fee of \$140 after April 15th. ● The committee suggested exploring the use of the videos of past International Convention flag ceremonies on aa.org, as a sampler of what you will see at the 2020 International Convention in Detroit. ● The committee forwarded all discussion and background regarding the 2005, 2010 and 2015 broadcast of an anonymity-protected, delayed Internet broadcast of the Convention Flag Ceremony to the 2019 Conference Committee. REGIONAL FORUMS COMMITTEE ● The committee has met three times since the 2018 General Service Conference. ● Since the 2018 General Service Conference, Regional Forums have been held in the Western Canada, Eastern Canada, Pacific and Southeast Regions; and one local forum was held in Area 08 San Diego Imperial, CA. ● More than 1300 of the 2100 attendees of these forums were there for the 1st time. ● The Pacific Regional Forum held a workshop providing Spanish-speaking women the opportunity to write and submit their stories to be considered for the pamphlet for Spanish-speaking Women Alcoholics currently under development. ● The Southeast Regional Forum held a workshop entitled “Who’s Not in the Room?” ● The committee recommended to the General Service Board that the request for a Local Forum in 2019, to be hosted by Area 05 Southern California, be approved. ● The following Regional Forums are scheduled or have been held already for 2019: ○ Northeast May 31-June 2 Tarrytown, NY ○ East Central July 12-14 Detroit, MI ○ West Central August 16-18 Grand Forks, ND ○ Southwest October 11-13 Houston, TX ● The committee reviewed and accepted the summaries of the evaluation questionnaires for the 2018 Western Canada, Eastern Canada and Pacific Regional Forums. ● The committee reviewed a progress report regarding the production of an anonymity-protected video of a virtual forum, and looks forward to updates as the project continues. ● The committee reviewed the Special Forums Information Packet and Timeline, they suggested collecting “shared experience” reflecting different approaches to Special Forums (i.e., remote communities) and adding such information to the packet. ● The committee recommended a line item for the IC/RF Committee budget for 2019 to accommodate an expense of up to \$10,000 to provide free AA Grapevine subscriptions to the first 50 first-time Forum attendees at each of the four Regional Forums in 2019. ● The chair appointed a subcommittee charged with inventorying all Regional Forum and International Convention materials to ensure the inclusive nature of the Third Tradition is reflected in all communications related to Regional Forums and International Conventions. After sending this report our committee was able to get more information on why the International Conventions Committee is considering the following possibilities for the bidding process for the 2035 selection process. ● In recent years, the number of cities bidding has been reduced due to local activity during the 4th of July in many cities. ● Moving the date of the conference to July 10th (AA’s Birthday) instead of the week of the 4th. ● Opening the possibility to have the International Convention during other times in July or even other times of the year. ● 2035 will be the 100th anniversary and they feel that this is a very important milestone and they want the maximum number of people to participate. The International Conventions and Regional Forums Committee is excited to see what is in store over the next year. With the International Convention being in Detroit in July and our regional forum in Las Vegas in August we are sure to have more to report back in the future. Registration for the International Convention opens on Monday September 9th, so dont delay in getting registered and planning your trip.

**Grapevine-**No report.

### Clear room for Banquet

Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Assembly opened with Serenity Prayer by Area Chair, Paul  
**Anonymity Statement** read by Amber  
**Bill's Legacy of Service** read by Barry

Thank you District 7 for hosting-There is plenty of food in the back.

#### **Old Business:**

**Ad-hoc Committee on Mapping** My name is Jake I'm alcoholic. I'm very grateful to be serving as your area 42 mapping chair. Also known as the never ending project. But seriously we can see the light at the end of the tunnel now. We have given all of the DCMs maps and descriptions of your districts. We are hoping in the next 2 months to have all of the final maps and descriptions done and hopefully we will be approving a new area 42 map at the next assembly. We have some exciting stuff coming up when we get the map approved. I want to thank Kevin L. Libby and Kirk for all of their work and thank you to all of the DCMs for helping us get this done. Groups are autonomous to go to any District. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Conference Committee Report-Report & Charter** The Report and Charter Committee had three agenda items to go over. According to the Final Report this is what the Report and Charter Committee considered. Item A – Discuss General Service Conference Final Report. There was no background information given. Item B – The A.A. Service Manual, 2018-2020 Edition Review progress report form A.A.W.S. Publishing Department on the redesign of the A.A. Service Manual. The committee accepted a report from the Publishing Department outlining the General Service Office process for timely and accurate preparation and publication of *The A.A. Service Manual, 2020–2022 Edition* and the 2019 General Service Conference *Final Report*. The committee reviewed the progress report from the A.A.W.S. Publishing Department on the redesign of *The A.A. Service Manual* and forwarded their comments to the Publishing Department. We didn't receive a copy of the report that was submitted from the Publishing Department on Item B, so we don't have any update on the progress of the Service Manual to share with you. We hope that it is progressing, and the updates will make using the Service Manual easier and more efficient in the future. Item C – Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.) The committee considered the A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., and Western U.S.) especially in light of the new ERP system and the Meeting Guide app, and requested that the General Service Office explore alternative methods of accessing and distributing the contact information contained in the A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., and Western U.S.). The committee requested that a report be brought back to the 2020 Report and Charter Conference Committee. The committee agreed with the suggestion from G.S.O. management that a new level of privacy was needed in the General Service Conference Final Report for Conference members' personal information, and that as of 2019: The roster section for Area Delegates include only each person's name, city, state or province. The bios of trustees and nontrustee directors include only each person's name, city, state or province. No email addresses for delegates, trustees or nontrustee directors will be included. The feedback we received on Item C shows that ongoing efforts toward keeping our Traditions of anonymity and concerns about privacy are at the forefront of our Trusted Servants in New York and we support their continued efforts.

#### **Announcement:**

Hi, I'm Mattie, an alcoholic. I am serving as SAGSC Accessibilities Chair. I just received an email from GSO looking for some preparation in the International Convention. They are looking for suggestions to help out with Cooperation with the Elderly Community. They are seeking people with experience from those that have started a CEC in their area. They want to know, what are the issues and what are the successes. They are looking for copies of any CEC literature produced locally. Please reach out to SAGSC ACCESSIBILITIES CHAIR with any ideas.

#### **New Business:**

**Area 42 Guidelines change Proposals:** (Complete Guideline changes included in packets.)

**Proposed Amendment One:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading

The objective for this proposal: To add the Standing Committee Chairs to the Area Committee.

**Proposed Amendment Two:** 1st reading

The objective for this proposal: To clarify who is eligible to stand for area positions due to conflicting statements in the current guidelines.

**Proposed Amendment Three:** 1st reading

The objective for this proposal: To create a new section (1.5) for Appointed Area Positions.

**Questions for clarification:** Q) Pg. 2 proposal for 2.1 b. Are the appointed positions able to with this change? A) They currently have voting privileges. Q) Pg. 5 3.1 a submit a resume is eliminated, is no longer required? A) It is not requirement. Some give an oral or written resume at time of standing for position. Never has been a requirement, that is why statement has been eliminated. Q) Pg. 6 3.2 d states a person cannot stand for this position again. Does that mean only in this area, or also if they move to another area? A) We have no control over what people do elsewhere.

**Ad-hoc Committee on Translation:** The Translation/Interpretation Ad Hoc Committee wishes to form a Permanent Committee for the document translation and interpretation into Spanish of: Area 42 Assembly Minutes. NAGSC & SAGSC Meeting Minutes. Agenda Item Summaries, Roundtables. Delegate, Area Officers, Standing Committee, and District Member reports. The purpose is to help bring our different cultures together, reach and include as many Spanish speaking AA members as possible in their own language. Helping each to understand the other.

Our goal is for our Latino Community and their trusted servants to fully understand what is going on in their Area Assemblies, Workshops, Forums, Roundtables, etc. By having translated documentation – written and spoken – our Latino Community can better interpret and apply their own authority to better exercise their "Right of Decision". More information: A translator/interpreter works to transmit any cultural references, including slang, and other expressions that does not translate literally. Often, phrases in English sometimes have to be translated into another language by description. In the past, Area 42 has used the automatic or computer assisted translation process for our documented activities.

But those of us that are bilingual have found that that process was not always faithful to the text. It does provide literal translation but cannot distinguish the nuances. It can be helpful, but I cannot assume one to one meaning between words. When using this automatic process, I find it necessary to always review and revise. Translation is the communication of meaning using the equivalent elements between two languages. Translation considers not only words, but surrounding context and specific culture (American, Latino, AA Culture – we have our own, special phraseology). Translators/interpreters search out the most appropriate words/phrases to convey meaning equivalent to the essence of what is written or said in a specific context.

**Proposal:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading. (Included in packets)

**Questions for clarification.** Q) Proposal says that the Translation Committee is a committee which consist of Chairperson, Alt. Chairperson, Committee Members. Are you talking about the Area Chairperson, Alt. and members or pick your own? A) Yes, pick our own and anyone that wants to be on the Committee is welcome. Q) How many members to make up the Committee? A) No set number, the more the merrier. This will become an Addendum to the Area 42 Guidelines.

**Finance Guideline:** Mattie, alcoholic. For your information, I will be putting together an official proposal.

**Registration:** Looking for a sense of the Assembly regarding a link to Assembly registration on the nevadaarea42.org website. We need a proposal to amend the Website Guidelines.

**Volunteer host from North for Spring Assembly:** District 6

**Ask-it-Basket:** Phil, Pete, Joyce, Sophie, Kathi.

Q: Bill W. said AA will not pull from outside influences, we may collapse from the inside. Do you see how this could happen and what can we do to prevent our fellowship from collapse? A: Traditions and Rigidity come to mind. We could be open minded to guard as rigidity.

Q: What is the total number of years of Past Delegates present? A: Joyce-50, Kathi-29, Pete-35, Sophie-24, Phil-21.

Q: Why is the GSR meeting at 8pm on Friday, as opposed to 7am on Saturday? A: You can ask the Chair to change the Agenda.

Q: Does Area 42 have scheduled inventories? A: Not scheduled. A proposal is required. About 5 years ago we had one, it took 2-3 Assemblies.

Q: A lot of people use their last names, is this a problem while recording? A: We read the anonymity statement. No anonymity problem as recordings are not going outside. The person being recorded can make that call on their own.

Q: As Delegate are you able to take sponsees under your wing? A: Yes

Q: When did AA start underlining ‘as we understood him’ in steps 3 and 11? A: Clarified, talking about wall hangings-ask aagrapevine.org

Q: Can you summarize the service positions? A: The upsidedown triangle shows the service structure. GSR is the link between GSC and the Group, the voice of AA. Each position serves AA from one position to the other. DCM’s help GSR to understand and serves the committee as advisory body. The Delegate carries the voice of the Groups to the GSC as a sense of the Assembly.

Q: How long were you in service before wanting to become a Delegate? Why? A: At about Alternate Chair. I love this Area and getting your thoughts to the conference. – In 1966, eight of us were listening to a Chuck Chamberlain tape, 20 years later I became Delegate.

Q: If you could serve as Delegate again, what would you do differently? A: Put together a Newsletter for GSR’s – Be more openminded about AA as a whole along with Area 42. – Be more inclusive of the body. – Have a fashion consultant. Ask more questions on how the conference operates, how committees operate. Travel more to the other half of the Area. – Not take the red eye flight the night before the conference. Not lose my wallet. Shared my experiences of Service Sponsorship and PRAASA.

**We are blessed to have these Past Trusted Servants show up. They travel here on their own dime.**

**What’s on your mind:**

Extensive work with other alcoholics. The Assembly conference is extensive. Stay in General Service and 12 step work.

**Close with Responsibility Statement...10:15am**

Respectively Submitted,  
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