

AREA 42 NEWSLETTER

Alcoholics Anonymous in Nevada and Eastern California



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A.A. In A Time Of Change Message from our delegate:

Welcome everyone to Panel 71! The first General Service Conference was held in April of 1951, so this is the 71st General Service Conference. A panel number reflects the first year in a rotation (2021/2022). The theme for the 2021 General Service Conference is "A.A. in a Time of Change" - and boy is it a time of change. Little did we know last year how long this pandemic would last. Outside research has identified an increase in alcohol consumption sales since last March. As we try to balance virtual, hybrid and in-person meetings, let's not forget the people who may not yet know they have a problem with alcohol; the person that is shut-in who doesn't know how to reach out for help or where to turn for help; the person who doesn't have a smart phone or internet access. What can we do to reach out our hands to the suffering alcoholic?

Well, you are doing it. You are the "trusted servants" in the 2nd Tradition. You have made yourselves available to serve Alcoholics Anonymous and I am grateful to you for your willingness. You are the officers, standing committee chairs, liaisons, district committee members and general service representatives. I know this has been a challenging time for most of us.

Initially I was disappointed that the General Service Conference is to be held virtually again, but that has been overshadowed by the complete and utter privilege I feel to be our Delegate during this uncharted time.

What can we do? First, may I ask all of us to hold on tight to the Traditions, to remember that our unity is vital. Let us never forget that we are here to help the

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Congratulations to our "trusted servants"!



Area 42 Guidelines Preamble:

Ever mindful that the reason for the General Service Structure is to be of service to the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, this body shall always observe the spirit of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts for World Service.

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A.A. In A Time Of Change

Message from our delegate:

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still suffering alcoholic, the ones that we know, the ones that show up at our meetings and the ones that are still in the depths of our disease.

With that said, I have been assigned to the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee. I can't think of a more important committee right now. We have a long history of cooperating with professional friends. From *A.A. Comes of Age*, page 39, "Dr. Silkworth gave us the needed knowledge of our illness, but Sam Shoemaker had given us the concrete knowledge of what we could do about it... he passed on the spiritual keys by which we were liberated."

However, the lock down has created new opportunities for us to connect long distances at a moment's notice. Many of our committees are meeting via video conferencing and the unity between our northern and southern service committees is growing and expanding. I have had the privilege of attending district meetings all over the state. I have met casually with the Pacific Region delegates and trustee. As much as I miss the in-person hugs I love the ability to see and connect with those of you at the other end of the area.

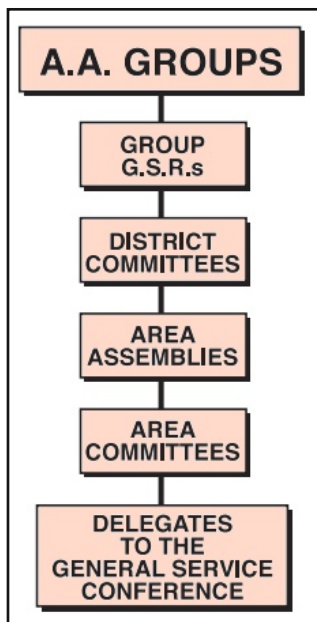
We will be very busy over the next couple of months. It will all be virtual this year. I hope that those of you who are able, find a way to join us. We have postponed the agenda item roundtables until March 13th and 14th. This will allow our committees more time to become familiar with our agenda items to help guide us so that we can hear our collective voice. The Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (P.R.A.A.S.A.) happens over the first weekend in March, again virtually. The registration fee is only \$15 and there is funding available for G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s whose groups and districts don't have the funds to

send you. For some of you this may be the only time you can attend P.R.A.A.S.A. due to time or financial constraints. Even if you are only able to attend some of the panels and hopefully a roundtable, please don't miss it. Registration is open at praasa.org.

As new general service representatives (GSRs) we want to hear your group's voice. Just as you represent your group to the district and area; I represent our area and AA as a whole to the General Service Conference in April.

After the roundtables and before the Pre-Conference Assembly, please discuss with your

groups your experience at the roundtables. Tell them what you heard and what you felt. Even as we do the business of Alcoholics Anonymous, we still speak with the language of the heart. Please share the summary of agenda items with your group – there will be time to express your voice on an item even if it's not on our assembly's agenda (March 26-28). The purpose of the next few months is to give you and your groups an opportunity to tell us what your opinions and feelings are so that when I attend the Conference I will have heard from the groups that I represent. We want to know what you think and feel.



Lastly, there are online resources for you. We have the [delegate's corner](#) where we posted anonymity protected final reports for the last three years, also AAWS Highlights and we will be updating as we walk through our pre-conference process. We also have our [password protected area](#) (please ask either your G.S.R. trainer or D.C.M. for the password), which will give you access to all of the background used by the Conference.

Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve you during such a vital time. I am humbled and eternally grateful for the opportunity.

Love to all,

Julie C. – P71 A42 Delegate

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Website Guidelines Change Proposal

1st reading:

The objective for this proposal: To add links to the Area website to register and pay for the registration and virtual Area 42, NAGSC & SAGSC service meeting information.

Background: Intent-Purpose: Last year 2020 for our Spring Pre-Conference Area 42 assembly many members pre-registered through an outside company. Then we had to shut down and not have our in-person meeting, which led to everyone needing a refund. This never happened through the company. As a result, the Area refunded everyone with Area 42 funds for their registration. This was a loss for the Area, so to prevent this from happening again in the future. This proposal would allow Area 42 to have the members to register and pay directly to the Area. This would be similar to the way members register and pay for PRAASA and other A.A. events. Also, the proposal is to add links to virtual Area 42, NAGSC, & SAGSC service meeting information, to be kept in the password protected section of the website. This would allow easier access for our members to acquire this information. With the continued upswing in virtual service meetings this would be a great tool for Area 42 and our website to have.

Proposed changes are in **bold** and underlined, this proposal would become effective immediately upon approval;

AREA 42 WEBSITE GUIDELINES rev 9/08...

3. Site Content

The following types of information only are allowed for display on the Area 42 Website: Links to websites sponsored by bona fide A.A. service entities will be provided as a service to the website visitor. It shall be made clear Area 42 does not endorse these websites and our linking to these sites does not constitute their endorsement of the Area 42 Website. Permissible

links to A.A. websites and additional websites include the following:

- * AAWS (www.aa.org), commonly referred to as the G.S.O. website. *AAWS Website Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) (http://www.aa.org/default/en_services_aa.cfm?pa_geid=31)
- *The AA Grapevine (www.aagrapevine.org).
- *Central Offices and Intergroup within Area 42.
- *Webmaster, North, South & Area Officers and Service Committee Chairs
- *GSR Survival Guide also en Espanol.
- *The Area 42 Newsletter [Beginning with February 2005 Issue] and Assembly Minutes current and past [Beginning with Spring 2001]
- *Assembly Agendas on the Area 42 Assembly Information Page (rev 9/08)
- ***Registration form for Area 42 assemblies with an outside link to a financial institution to pay for the registration**
- ***Virtual Area 42, NAGSC, & SAGSC service meeting information to be kept in the password protected section**
- *District [DCM] Links (rev 9/08)
- *Guidelines for the Area 42 Website Committee (rev 9/08)
- *Guidelines for Area 42, SAGSC and NAGSC (rev 9/06)
- *Area Delegate Page
- *Suggestion - Comment submittal box
- *Service Opportunity Contact

There shall be no reference or link to any non-AA material except **to pay for registration for the Area 42 assemblies, virtual Area 42, NAGSC, & SAGSC service meeting information, and** specific internet software necessary to view the Internet web site. A link to Adobe® Reader® software for viewing Portable Document Format (PDF) files that are used to convey some of Area 42's web content. In keeping with AA Traditions, the Internet web site shall cooperate with AA entities by providing references only, including a non-affiliation disclaimer.

Respectfully submitted: Paul E., Dan M., & Mike L.
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Guidelines Change Proposal - Treasury

Proposed Changes: **Additions** vs ~~Deletions~~

Note: Only those sections where changes are proposed are included herein. Other text remains the same.

The objective of this proposal: To make recommendations to change the Area 42 Guidelines and the Area 42 Finance Guidelines to accommodate the unification of the NAGSC/SAGSC treasuries into one Area 42 treasury.

Background: Intent-Purpose: Early in Area 42's history, the area was split into the North and South to better service the Area and to encourage participation. As part of this split two new treasuries were created to support the newly created North and South sub-areas. It has been suggested that the Area has evolved enough that there is no need for two treasuries and that the Area could easily operate with one treasury with no detriment to our service bodies.

AREA 42 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY FINANCE GUIDELINES (approved 9/12)

1.0 AREA 42 FINANCE COMMITTEE

1.1 Membership

The current Area Treasurer, and alternate, ~~NAGSC and SAGSC Treasurers~~, and immediate past Treasurer shall automatically be members of the Committee. In addition, ~~four~~ **two** at-large members will be elected, ~~two~~ **one** residing in the North and ~~two~~ **one** residing in the South. In the event there is an even number of members on the Committee, the Chairperson shall be a non-voting member. (rev. **new date**)

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AREA TREASURER & AREA ALTERNATE TREASURER (rev. new date)

A. Responsibilities of the Area Treasurer

1. Carries out all banking responsibilities.
2. Records and deposits all funds received.
3. Prepares and records all payments for expenses.
4. Maintains financial and bookkeeping records.
5. Ensures that the accounting for the Area is performed in QuickBooks, or similar accounting program.
6. Prepares and presents financial statements to the Area Assembly **and NAGSC/SAGSC meetings as needed. (rev. new date)**
7. Assembles documentation for tax preparer of Federal ~~and State~~ filings **in a timely manner. (rev. new date)**
 - a. ~~Secures profit & loss reports from SAGSC & NAGSC after all prior calendar year income and expenses have been recorded. (Revised 9/17)~~
 - a. ~~Assists Accountant with all documentation and information needed to file federal income taxes on or before May 15th each year. (Revised 9/17)~~
8. At the end of the rotation, and after review by the Finance Committee, turns over the original financial documentation to the Archives.
9. Files annual list of officers with the State of Nevada primarily through the state's online SilverFlume portal after June 1st and prior to July 31st each year. (Revised 9/17)

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10. Provides copies of bank statements and reconciliations to finance committee chair.
11. Provides Back up of QB file to Alternate Treasurer monthly.
12. Maintain a binder with current copies of the following documents for the Nevada State Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous.
 - IRS Tax Exempt Status Letter
 - Nevada Secretary of State Annual List of Officers (See section 2.0 9)
 - Articles of Incorporation
 - Nevada Department of Taxation Tax Exempt Status Letter (This will need to be renewed every 5 years with the Nevada Department of Taxation)
 - Las Vegas PO Box information
 - Finance Committee Minutes for the two years of treasurers' service commitment

Identical copies of this binder shall be provided to the Area 42 Archivist and Area 42 Alternate Treasurer, ~~NAGSC Treasurer, and SAGSC Treasurer~~. The Treasurer shall provide all binder holders with copies of the Finance Committee minutes and updates to or copies of any included documents in a timely manner, not to exceed six months. (Revised New Date)

B. Responsibilities of the Area Alternate Treasurer (rev. new date)

1. Assume the duties of the Treasurer in his/her absence.
2. Share in the duties of the Treasurer as determined by the strengths and desires of the Treasurer/Alternate Treasurer team.
3. Receives back up of QB file from Area 42 Treasurer monthly.
4. Prepares and presents financial statements for NAGSC/SAGSC meetings as needed.

3.0 CHECK SIGNING AUTHORITY

Checks can be signed by any one of the following: Area Treasurer, Area Alternate Treasurer, Delegate, or Finance Committee Chair. (rev. new date)

5.0 THE BUDGET PROCESS

5.1

Prior to July 1 of each year, each Area officer and persons appointed by the Delegate or Area Chair, NAGSC/SAGSC officers, standing committee chairs and funded persons appointed by NAGSC/SAGSC, are responsible for preparing a budget for his/her position. The Area Chairperson will prepare the budget(s) for any vacant area position(s). The NAGSC/SAGSC Chairperson will prepare the budget(s) for any vacant NAGSC/SAGSC position(s). Each budget is submitted to the Finance Chairperson. (rev. new date)

5.2

No Officer, standing committee chair, or appointee is to exceed their approved budget. If additional funds are needed that exceed the budgeted amount, the officer, standing chair, or appointee must submit a request to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee may approve any such request that does not exceed 20% of the approved budget for that position. If such request is in excess of that, it will be submitted to the Area Committee for approval. (rev. new date)

6.0 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

6.1 EXPENSE AUTHORIZATION AND SUBMISSION

The Treasurer is responsible for the reimbursement of all Area expenses, ~~incurred on behalf of the Assembly~~, submitted with receipts within 45 days of occurrence. (rev. new date)

6.2 AREA OFFICERS FUNDING

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D. TREASURER, ARCHIVIST, SECRETARY, REGISTRAR, and their Alternates, ~~NEWSLETTER EDITOR, AND WEBMASTER~~: Full expenses for Area Assemblies, and annual PRAASA, funds permitting. (rev. new date)

E. NAGSC/SAGSC officers (if not already funded), NAGSC/SAGSC standing committee chairs, NAGSC/SAGSC appointed funded positions: Full expenses for Area Assemblies, and annual PRAASA, funds permitting. (rev. new date)

~~E. ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON, ALTERNATE TREASURER, ALTERNATE ARCHIVIST, ALTERNATE SECRETARY, ALTERNATE REGISTRAR: Full expenses for Area Assemblies. Full expenses for annual PRAASA, in the absence of the elected Area Officer, funds permitting.~~

6.4 REIMBURSEMENT FOR USE OF PERSONAL AUTO (rev. new date)

A. Mileage for funded positions to Area Assemblies, annual praasa, and Pacific Regional Forums, will be paid at a per mile rate established by the Finance Committee.

B. Mileage for funded positions of regularly scheduled NAGSC/SAGSC meetings will be paid at a per mile rate established by the Finance Committee, for miles in excess of 30 miles one way if groups and districts are unable to fund those positions.

6.7 REIMBURSEMENT FOR NAGSC/SAGSC MEETINGS (rev. new date)

Area 42 will provide funding up to \$200.00 to assist with rental costs of a facility for regularly scheduled NAGSC/SAGSC meetings. Nagsc/Sagsc Chairpersons will provide the Area Finance Committee with an annual estimate of costs when submitting their budgets.

In Servicie,
Libby, Marita, Laura, Caroline, Lonnie and Elisa
Treasury Ad Hoc Committee
treasurer@nevadaarea42.org

7th Tradition Contribution Addresses



Ask your DCM for the District Treasurer's address to send your group contributions. *Please include your Group No. & email address with contributions.*

General Service Office (GSO):

(Make checks to: General Fund)
P.O. Box 459 New York, NY 10163

Area 42 (All Nevada & California)

(Make checks to: Area 42 Treasury)
P.O. Box 70171, Las Vegas, NV 89170-0171

Southern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC):

(Make checks to: SAGSC) Southern Area Treasurer
P.O. Box 71804, Las Vegas, NV 89170-1804

Las Vegas Intergroup Central Office:

(Make checks to: Las Vegas Intergroup)
1515 East Tropicana Ave, Suite 710
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

Northern Area General Service Committee

(NAGSC): (Make checks to: Northern Area 42 Treasury)
P.O. Box 2171, Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546

Northern Nevada Area Intergroup:

(Make checks to: N. Nevada Intergroup)
436 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks, NV 89431



Why Is General Service So Important? [Message from our Alternate Delegate:](#)

Alcoholics Anonymous has saved my life and general service has become a huge part of my program of recovery. My name is Jake- I'm alcoholic and I am honored to be serving as Area 42's Panel 71 Alternate Delegate.

So why is general service so important to me? There is no doubt in my mind that if it was not for our 12 traditions Alcoholics Anonymous would not exist in the form it does now. In my opinion the first tradition tells us we have to stay unified as a fellowship or we are all doomed to die in the dark alone; then the rest of the traditions give us guidelines to follow to keep us unified.

Unity is the most cherished gift we have in AA. In Concept 1 it tells us that the groups, and the conscience of our whole fellowship, hold ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world services. Also, Concept 2 tells us that the general service conference has complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby the conference is the actual voice and effective conscience for our whole society.

So anything that ever gets done or changed in AA is done through our general service conference, and the decisions of what we want done or changed are decided by our groups. But if we do not have an active general service committee, if we do not have GSRs representing our groups, and if we are not informed about what the agenda items mean and are asking questions, then our upside down triangle will be broken.

Our founders had a vision that all decisions in AA would be made by our groups and I believe it is our responsibility to make sure that we do everything we can to make sure that is what is happening. I feel that keeping good communication and keeping our whole fellowship involved and informed on the decisions being made in AA is a huge piece of the puzzle in keeping our fellowship unified.

Panel 71 will be using our **Area Conference Committees (ACC)** to inform our groups and our delegate again this year. The service manual

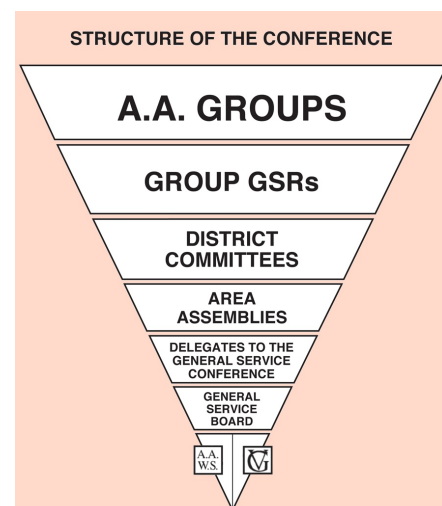
page S60 talks about the conference committees for the general service conference. It says without committees it is doubtful that any conference would be able to function effectively. Most questions suggested for the conference agenda are assigned to a committee, where items can be discussed in a small group before they are forwarded for discussion to the full conference body. We will be using our **ACC** to summarize the agenda items, prepare presentations for our round tables for the north and south, and write a report on their agenda items to be given at the spring area assembly.

After the general service conference is over we will ask the committees to meet again and write another report about what actually happened at the general service conference. We hope that this process will lead to a more informed area, and I pray that a more informed area will be a more unified area. We are looking for volunteers for all **ACC** so please get involved and be part of our responsibility to keep our upside down triangle upside down.

Thank you very much for letting me be of service. Thank you very much to everyone who served on panel 69 and welcome to everyone serving on panel 71. Alcoholics Anonymous has saved my life and general service has become a huge part of my program of recovery. ;)

Area 42- Panel 71 Alternate Delegate
Jake S.

alternatedelegate@nevadaarea42.org



Area 42 District Business Meetings

Contact your DCM for the most up to date info.

District 1: 2nd Sunday monthly, 10:30 am

Email for info.

district1@nevadaarea42.org

District 2:

Email for info.

district2@nevadaarea42.org

District 3:

Email for info.

district3@nevadaarea42.org

District 4: 1st Thursday monthly at 7 pm,

Email for info.

district4@nevadaarea42.org

District 5B: 2nd Saturday monthly 1:15 pm

Email for info.

district5b@nevadaarea42.org

District 6: 2nd Sunday of EVEN months at 1:15 pm

Email for info.

district6@nevadaarea42.org (eminutes@gmail.com)

District 7: 3rd Friday monthly at 6:30 pm

Email for info.

district7@nevadaarea42.org

District 8: 1st Sunday of ODD months, 3:30 pm

Email for info.

district8@nevadaarea42.org

District 9: Inactive

Email for information:

district9@nevadaarea42.org

District 10A: 3rd Sunday of ODD months at 1:30,

680 River Street Elko, NV

district10a@nevadaarea42.org

District 10B: Inactive

Email for information:

district10b@nevadaarea42.org

District 11: Inactive

Nye County

district11@nevadaarea42.org

District 12: 2nd Saturday monthly 5 pm Wolf

Center 457 Esmeralda St, Fallon

district12@nevadaarea42.org

District 13: Inactive

Triangle Club, 4600 S Nellis Blvd, Las Vegas

district13@nevadaarea42.org

District 14: 3rd Wednesday of ODD months 6 pm

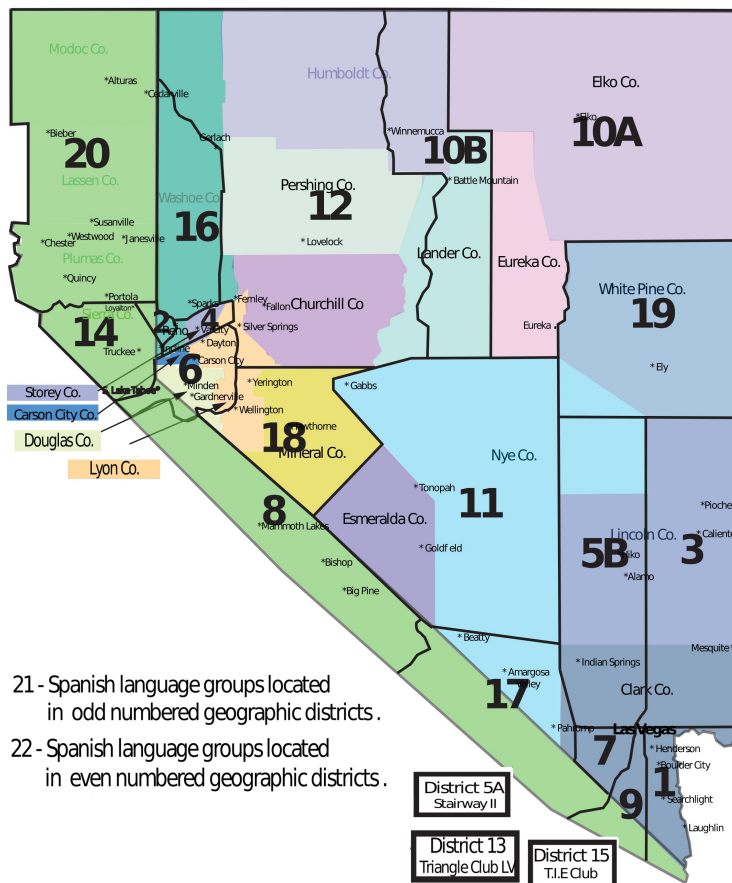
Email for info.

district14@nevadaarea42.org

District 15: Inactive

TIE Club, 329 North 11th Street, Las Vegas

district15@nevadaarea42.org



District 16: 3rd Tuesday monthly at 6 pm, Sparks Christian Church, Greenbrae Drive, Room 204a
district16@nevadaarea42.org

District 17: 1st Wednesday monthly 5:30 - 7 pm
Email for info.

district17@nevadaarea42.org

District 18: Inactive

Mineral County

district18@nevadaarea42.org

District 19: 2nd Friday of Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec, at the Indian colony, 5:30 pm

district19@nevadaarea42.org

District 20: 3rd Saturday in January, March, May, August & October 10:30am to 12:30pm

Email for info.

district20@nevadaarea42.org

District 21: Every Thursday at 7 pm, 3111 S. Valley View Blvd. Suite #A-208

district21@nevadaarea42.org

District 22:

Email for info:

district22@nevadaarea42.org

Alternate Area 42 Chair / NAGSC Chair

NEW GSRs AND THE AGENDA ITEMS

We offered an orientation to the new Panel 71 (2021- 2022) rotation in the North on January 30th. We had a wonderful turnout. Phil W., Panel 67 delegate, spoke about the difference and similarities between Northern Nevada Intergroup and Northern Nevada General Service Committee. He also talked about General Service as a whole, Area 42, NAGSC & SAGSC.

Jay S., NAGSC GSR Trainer, hosted a breakout room with the new GSRs. Julie C., Panel 71 Delegate, and Rhonda F., Panel 69 Delegate, were with the GSRs discussing Grapevine, what's next, and up coming events. Jay S. showed a great PowerPoint presentation for new GSRs, including how to use the Area 42 website. In the other breakout room Lon M., NAGSC DCMC, led a DCM and Standing Committee Chair's training. Jake S., our Alternate Delegate, led a training on the Area Conference Committees (ACC), including the Agenda summarizing work. The ACC and Agenda topics are coming next. Thank you all for participating.

Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly (PRAASA) will be March 5-7, registration is \$15.00 with funding available. If you have not been to a PRAASA please go to check it out; the cost is reasonable with no transportation. The roundtables are very good for new GSRs, DCMs and standing committee chairs. As a new DCM I was very impressed with the new information and personal experiences everyone had to share. I also was amazed with the Standing Committee chair's work in their areas. There will be presentations and roundtables for GSRs, DCMs, standing committees and officers.

The NAGSC roundtables will be held virtually on March 13 th from noon until 4pm. The Agenda Items are not out yet but very soon will be. The roundtables will be very informative for new GSRs. We want you to bring back the information to your home groups and then come to the assembly on March 26-28 with your group's voice.

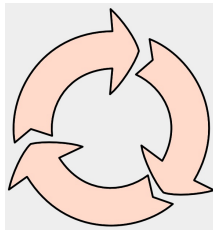
I'm so honored and humbled to be your Alternate Area 42 Chair / NAGSC Chair,
Lyle C. alternatchairperson@nevadaarea42.org

THE PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION

Traditionally, rotation ensures that service positions, like nearly everything else in A.A., are passed around for all to share. Many positions have alternates who can step into the service positions if needed.

To step out of an A.A. office we love can be hard. If we have been doing a good job, if we honestly don't see anyone else around willing, qualified, it's especially tough. But it can be a real that is, for some people, the spiritual

Among other things, anonymity in the prestige for any A.A. work we do to help it ever reminds us "to place principles



or with the time to do it, and if our friends agree, step forward in growth — a step into the humility essence of anonymity.

Fellowship means that we forgo personal alcoholics. And, in the spirit of Tradition Twelve, before personalities."

Many outgoing service position holders find it rewarding to take time to share their experience with the incoming person. Rotation helps to bring us spiritual rewards far more enduring than any fame. With no A.A. "status" at stake, we needn't compete for titles or praise — we have complete freedom to serve as we are needed.

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"Full of Gratitude"

The **Board of Directors of A.A. World Services** wishes each and every member of our Fellowship and their loved ones the happiest New Year. As we reflect back on the extraordinary events that we all have been experiencing it is with hearts full of gratitude that we say thank you to each and every group and member for all of the spectacular work of carrying the message to the still-suffering alcoholic that has taken place in these difficult times.

For many, this meant pivoting our groups to be online. For some, greeters became temperature screeners, enthusiastically encouraging mask use. In many of our meetings the coffee maker position went away and the online meeting host position appeared. As our many local A.A. offices met unsure financial outlooks, groups across the U.S. and Canada figured out how to make their Seventh Tradition support digital and supported one another as a whole. Service workers across the Fellowship worked from home, often tired and understaffed. As the pandemic pushed surges in binge drinking to new heights, our groups met the challenge head on and introduced a new generation of alcoholics to our program who have been sober for months now and have never even experienced an in-person meeting. The best is surely yet to come.

In the early months of 2020, many would not have imagined we could carry our message as fully, as far and as freely as we have online in the last 9-10 months. Some would have actively argued it could not be done. As a society, A.A. has never faced these challenges before. With no historical reference point for us to look to, after 85 years we faced a new pioneering period.

A.A. members everywhere responded, adapted, and met calamity with serenity. We are a resilient lot. We have seen clearly that the message of A.A. and the lifesaving experience of our membership need not be limited by time, space, or custom. We are held up by 36 spiritual principles in our Steps, Traditions,

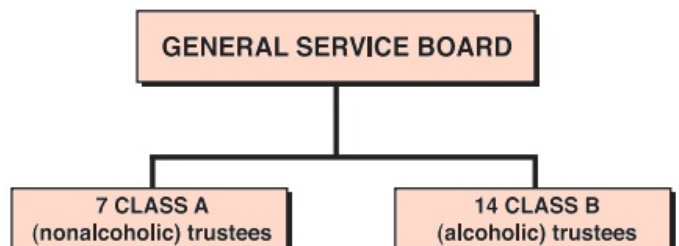
and Concepts that we can absolutely rely on to guide us through any uncertainty or challenge ahead.

We understand more clearly today the importance of prudence and why we keep a reserve. We have new appreciation for group conscience and its ability to be found even over great distances. Our primary purpose served to keep us unified and as a buoy in uncertain times where being of service to others has helped us through the storm. The evidence of these events over the last year make clear that our legacies of Unity, Service, and Recovery remain strong. We as a board are rejuvenated with hope for a new year ahead and all the great opportunity that awaits as the world begins the slow process of recovery from the pandemic.

Covid-19 has brought very hard, and sometimes tragic events to many among us and around us. In taking stock, these circumstances have forced a crack in our rigidity and created light where before there was only a glimmer. If we leave room for that light to grow and adhere steadfastly to our principles, we can confidently face any uncertainty ahead.

As we continue meeting this challenge and those ahead, let us together continue to "grow in understanding and effectiveness," constantly working toward ensuring that any person needing the message of Alcoholics Anonymous can find it, and that together we preserve that message for the generations of alcoholics still to come.

Yours in service, Beau B.
A.A.W.S. Chairperson
(2-4-2021)



Message from Area Chair:

Hello Area 42!

Hope this finds you well. Looking forward to our upcoming assembly! As an Area we have decided to stay prudent in the suggestion of State guidelines, so we will be meeting virtually March 26-28, 2021. Please make sure you are connected with your DCMs, and that they have your email addresses, as that will be the way we will deliver the Zoom information to login to the Assembly.

We will meet Friday evening, Saturday for most of the day, and Sunday until about noon. We are excited to hear your group's feedback on the agenda topics, and will have a couple of guest speakers from GSO as well.

Also, save the date for the fall assembly which will (hopefully) be held in-person in Tonopah, September 10th-12th. Make sure that you get your rooms reserved for this date so that you have a warm bed to sleep in. Remember that if you ride and room with friends that you can keep the costs friendly for your group. And also, if your group cannot fully fund you to go to Tonopah, many Districts, NAGSC and SAGSC, and our Area have allotted partial funding to help you participate.

I am so grateful to serve the Area as your Panel 71 Chair. Looking forward to seeing you all in March on Zoom and from the podium in September!

With Love and Gratitude,

Lisa I. chairperson@nevadaarea42.org



Nevada Area 42

2021



Upcoming Events

PRAASA

Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly



This 2021 event is the 54th annual occurrence and is hosted by the California Central Area Assembly (Area 93), hosting the first ever "Virtual Event" for PRAASA.

Friday, March 5 thru Sunday, March 7

Agenda Roundtables: Contact your DCM for Zoom Information.

NAGSC- Northern Area General Service Committee
Saturday, March 13 - 12:00PM

SAGSC- Southern Area General Service Committee
Sunday March 14

Spring Pre-Conference Area Assembly:

March 26-28th Contact your DCM for Information.

(General Service Conference, April 18-24)

Regional Forum- Northeast: June 4-6

Fall Area 42 Assembly: September 10-12th

Did You Know?

The Conference, through ample discussion, always strives for substantial unanimity. Before a vote is taken, plenty of time is allotted for full discussion, including questions about the background of a recommendation and the committee's reasons for coming to its conclusions. In order to become an Advisory Action, a recommendation must be approved by "substantial unanimity" — defined as a two-thirds majority. A simple majority vote of the Conference shall be considered a suggestion to the General Service Board and to G.S.O. or the Grapevine.

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NNIG Monthly Speaker Meetings

Silver Legacy – 407 North Virginia Street, Reno 89501

Second Saturday



Monthly Speaker Meeting

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Speaker at 7:00 PM

Limit of **100 people** in Person

Zoom ID# 843 0142 9257



DO YOU EVEN
service?

JOIN District 5B with special
guests and learn about all
the ways to service.

When: March 13th @ 2:00 pm

Where : AT YOUR HOUSE!

Zoom Code: 911 603 2610

GOT QUESTIONS?

WE'VE GOT ANSWERS

But don't you
have to be
a GSR?

But I just want
to be of service
and don't know
where to start.

there is more
than one way
to service?





NEVADA AREA 42 ROUNDTABLES

SAVE THE DATES!

Agendas and Zoom Info will be coming

<i>Northern Presentations</i>	<i>Southern Presentations</i>
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 13th	March 14th
Noon-4pm	Noon-4pm

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