

AREA 42

NEWSLETTER

Alcoholics Anonymous in Nevada and Eastern California



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Message from Area Chair

Hello Area 42!

We are looking forward to our Assembly this fall, September 23-25th. Please see the tentative agenda for an idea of what the weekend will look like. We will be having elections this assembly, and many of the Area Officer positions will be rotating. If you are interested in standing for a position we welcome you to create a "service resume" to help those that do not know you personally see that you are qualified. If you look in the service manual and our Area 42 guidelines, you will find the qualifications needed to serve any position. I know that for me serving the Area as an Officer has changed my life and my recovery for the better! I could never have imagined the gifts that have come from serving in this capacity!!! Our Friday night session is going to be for Districts and Standing Committees to report anything new happening since the last NAGSC or SAGSC meeting. If there is nothing new to report that is ok! Please keep your reports short so that we have time for everyone. After that we will have the GSR training/Weekend Roadmap and an Area Committee meeting.

On Saturday we will hear from our Delegate about the General Service Conference she attended on our behalf. Big cheers for all that

HYBRID-OPAH

**Taking a Trip,
Not Taking a Trip...**



Julie has done for our Area during her time as delegate!! (THANK YOU JULIE!!) Then we will get into the elections. We will also have a couple of ad hoc committee reports and are hoping that the Area Conference Committees (ACC) will have reports as well. If you are a chair of an ACC we just want to hear a 2-3 minute report about your experience and what happened at the General Service Conference for your committee.

PLEASE PLAN TO STAY FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND! I know we are all excited to be done and get home, but your group is funding you to stay throughout the entire assembly. We often have business on Sunday that needs to get done, and sometimes we end up doing it with half the room empty. We have two second readings for guidelines changes, the Ask-It-Basket (which is always a highlight) and then the assembly opens the mic up to all of the attendees. This is the time we get to hear your voice and that is important. We want you with us!

Can't wait to see you there!! XOXO

Lisa I, Chairperson Area 42 P71

Leadership in AA

When I had a few months of sobriety I raised my hand to volunteer to be the coffee maker at my Monday night meeting. It was a big production. I would get the coffee started and then get to work preparing the food. About an hour before the meeting started, some of the less fortunate would arrive wanting to eat the food and wait for the meeting. I controlled the kitchen with an iron hand. No one was allowed in until I said so. Here I was three months sober and in charge of the big Monday night feast for the meeting. I don't remember what my criteria was, but at some point, I opened the kitchen and put the prepared food out.

So, let me ask you, was that strong leadership? Well, as I look back at it today, there are lots and lots of things I would change. But it was my first experience in a leadership role in Alcoholics Anonymous. I was a newcomer, doing what newcomers do best, taking my responsibilities very seriously.

At 22 years sober, I became a first time GSR. There was something exhilarating about learning new things in Alcoholics Anonymous. Not only was I exposed to new ideas, but my AA world expanded from my little home group to the big world of General Service. I met people who were Trustees on our General Service Board. I met people who had served two years as delegates and gone to the General Service Conference in New York.

My first experience at an area meeting was during our annual roundtable discussions. This is where all the GSRs and members of the Area Committee discuss policy items that will be considered at the annual meeting. I was lost. I didn't know the history of AA. I had never read

about it. I hadn't read the Grapevine, so I hadn't read any articles about people's experience with the 12 Traditions. I didn't know A.A. had 12 Concepts or that we had 93 Areas who sent delegates to an annual meeting to decide the direction for A.A.'s future.

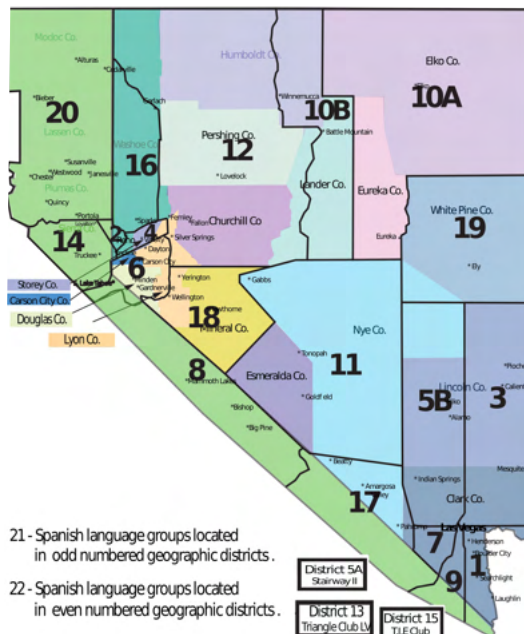
I don't like to make a fool of myself, so I tend to watch quietly until I feel prepared to participate. I was so overwhelmed with my lack of knowledge and the wealth of knowledge and experience of those around me that I kept quiet for a while. I saw people who were chairing

meetings allow their schedules to change so that everyone had an opportunity to voice an opinion. I heard speakers talk passionately about an idea only to change their minds after hearing a different opinion. I felt the open-mindedness.

There is a saying "listen like you want them to change your mind" or "listen like you don't have an opinion". At our area meetings, I observed people talk passionately about items and then change their mind

and vote against what they had proposed. It is the most awe-inspiring experience. To me, it feels like a true spiritual experience to watch long-time members demonstrate loving leadership. Leadership through showing us how to allow a full group conscience.

I was able to attend the North/South Connection Special Forum in July. This is a new Special Virtual Forum between the separate General Service Structures of Chile, Argentina and US/Canada. The focus is reaching remote communities – remote through



- 21 - Spanish language groups located in odd numbered geographic districts.
- 22 - Spanish language groups located in even numbered geographic districts.

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Leadership in AA

either language, culture or geography. Topics ranged from speakers in the deaf community, indigenous people and those speaking different languages. One speaker from Canada talked about the Punjabi community and stepping up to help get literature in Punjabi from India, while he was still new.

A gentleman in Argentina spoke about taking a six hour bus (not car) ride up the mountain on a twelfth step call; not knowing if his prospect would be there. Another man from the Mapuche people spoke about feeling disconnected from his culture as did an Inuit woman from Baffin Island in Northern Canada. What all these speakers had in common was quiet leadership. They were part of a hidden community that wanted to belong. Through their experience in Alcoholics Anonymous they had healed enough to want more. They didn't wait for someone else to come along and tell them what to do, they found their own way. I was moved by their passion to help others, their compassion and their sense of purpose.

A few years ago, there was a request from the fellowship to create a pamphlet for the Hispanic Woman. As the area discussed the value and need for a new pamphlet, a group of Hispanic men came to the mic and in both Spanish and English discussed why there needs to be outreach to Hispanic women. They honestly talked about their experience with either excluding the women or observing the exclusion of Hispanic women in their home groups. There were tears and heartfelt amends made and a plea to those of us unaware of the behavior to support the creation of the pamphlet. There wasn't a dry eye in the room. And now we have a pamphlet. Those men stepped up, told their truth, and lead our area into supporting the new pamphlet.

During the pandemic when many of us temporarily lost our meeting places, I saw AA

members transform into leaders before my very eyes. People with little understanding of technology learned how to run a Zoom meeting. Other's found new places outside when the weather allowed (cold winters where I live and unbearable heat in Las Vegas). The need to make sure the still suffering alcoholic had a place to go uncovered the AA leaders among us.

Bill W. wrote in Concept IV:

"There is another good reason for 'participation,' and this one has to do with our spiritual needs. All of us deeply desire to belong. We want an A.A. relation of brotherly partnership. It is our shining ideal that the 'spiritual corporation' of A.A. should never include any members who are regarded as 'second class.' Deep down, I think this is what we have been struggling to achieve in our world service structure. Here is perhaps the principal reason why we should continue to ensure 'participation' at every important level."

So, I would like to ask all of us, what hidden community are you witnessing? When you see a need, do you act? I want to celebrate all of our quiet leadership. Leadership in A.A. isn't just those out in front, on stage or with titles. Some of the strongest leaders are those among us who see a need and take action. Those who listen with an open mind, who encourage others to try new ideas with an open heart. A good leader doesn't need accolades or to be given credit. Roberta L, Panel 47 Nevada Area 42 Delegate and Past General Service Trustee was quoted at the 2022 General Service Conference "Blessed are those who have nothing to say and the courage not to say it." As we prepare for our election assembly, please keep in mind those who have demonstrated leadership and choose wisely.

Julie C.



AREA 42 FALL ELECTION ASSEMBLY

September 23, 24, 25

Tonopah Convention Center
301 Bougher Ave. Tonopah, NV 89049

In Person and Virtual Assembly
Contact your DCM for Zoom Information

Thank you District 20 for Snacks
and District 9 for hosting drinks.

The Election Assembly

At the September Area Assembly of each *even-numbered* year, an Election Assembly is held to choose the Trusted Servants for the Area who serve a two year term starting January 1 of the next odd year.

To allow for maximum service opportunity and even rotations, the following Officers, are elected at this time from different sections of the Area (Northern or Southern) on a rotating basis. The **Delegate**, **Treasurer** and **Registrar** will be elected from one section of the Area, and the **Chairperson**, **Secretary**, and **Archivist** from the other. Alternates will be elected from the opposite section of the Area from the officer.

Area 42 G.S.R. Survival Guide pg. 12

Rotation of Area 42 Officers	
2-year terms South in 2022, 2026, 2030 North in 2024, 2028, 2032	2-year terms North in 2022, 2026, 2030 South in 2024, 2028, 2032
Delegate	Alternate Delegate
Alternate Area Chair	Area Chair
Treasurer	Alternate Treasurer
Alternate Secretary	Secretary
Registrar	Alternate Registrar
4-year term South in 2020, 2028 North in 2024, 2032 Archivist	4-year term North in 2020, 2028 South in 2024, 2032 Alternate Archivist

AGENDA

Friday – Sept 23, 2022

(Hosted by District 20)

3:00 - 8:00 Registration Opens
6:00 Welcome – Opening Announcements
6:30 DCM & Committee Reports
8:00 Weekend Roadmap - GSR Training on Elections and Election Process
8:00 Area Committee Meeting

Saturday – Sept 24, 2022

7:00 AA Meeting
7:30 Registration Opens
8:00 Open Assembly
8:10 Delegate Report
9:15 Area Officer Reports and Job Descriptions
10:15 Break
10:30 Elections - Updates on ad hoc committees and ACC Committees
Noon - Lunch (90 Minutes)
1:30 Continued: Elections and Reports
4:30 Adjourn: "Please Clear Room Quickly"
6:00 Saturday Night Banquet- Tonopah Brewery BBQ
7:30 Speaker Meeting
9:00 Ice Cream Social- Hosted by Young People

Sunday – Sept 25, 2022

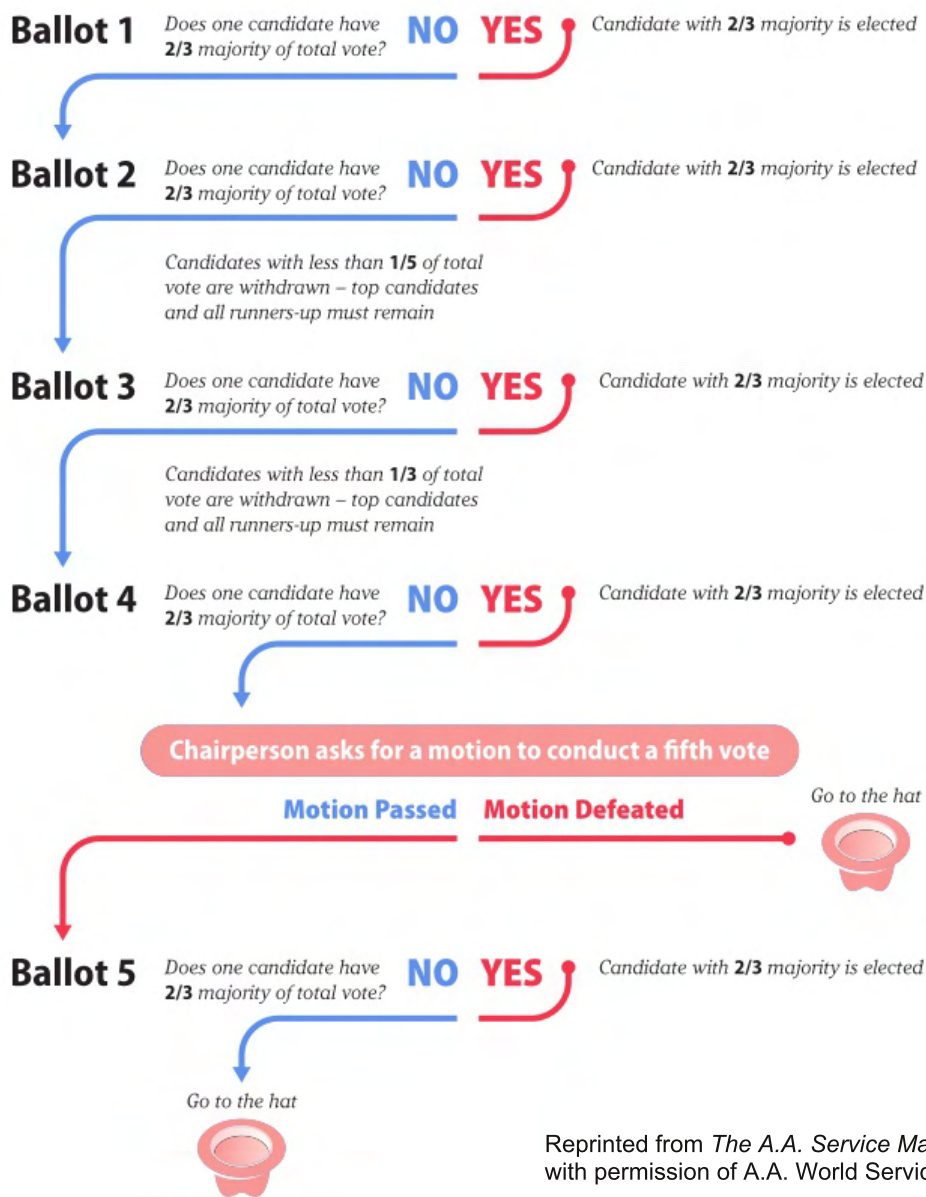
7:00 AA Meeting
7:30 – 8:30 DCM Workshop (blue room)
7:30 – 8:30 Standing Committee Chair Meeting (Archive room)
8:45 Assembly Opens
9:00 Guidelines Readings - Treasury Unification and Tech Committee
9:30 Ask-it-Basket
10:30 Break
10:45 Old Business: Ad-hoc Committee Reports
Feedback from GSRs
12:00 Close with Responsibility Statement

* Please note, this is a tentative agenda and times are subject to change. Check your packet at the assembly for the most up to date agenda.

Did You Know?



A.A.'s **Third Legacy Procedure** is a special type of electoral procedure, used primarily for the election of delegates and regional and at-large trustees. It is considered to be unique to A.A., and at first glance, appears to introduce a strong element of chance into a matter that should depend solely on the judgment of the majority. In practice, however, it has proved highly successful in eliminating the influence of factions or parties that seem to thrive on most political scenes. The railroading of a candidate for election is made difficult, if not impossible, since voters have a wide selection of candidates to choose from. More importantly, a second-place candidate who may be extremely well qualified but without early popular support is encouraged to stay in the balloting rather than withdraw.



Appendix G

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2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

90 Years – Language of the Heart

VANCOUVER, BC JULY 3-6, 2025

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

Kindly take a few minutes and answer the questions in the link below. Your responses are of great value in helping us to better plan for the International Convention.

<https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/UhCs6p>

30TH ANNUAL NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS CONVENTION

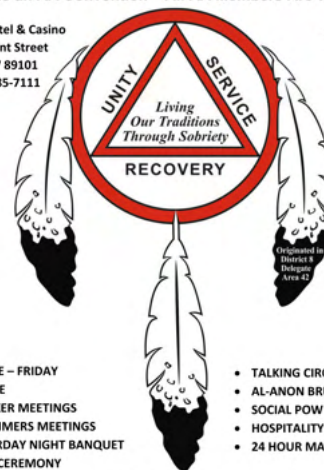
August 18, 19, 20, 21, 2022

The sole purpose of this convention is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the Native American Indian, both in and out of the Program, who still suffer from Alcoholism.

This is an AA Convention – All AA Members Are Welcome

Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino
129 East Fremont Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101
Phone: 702-385-7111

Hotel Reservations:
800-331-5731
Group Code:
GSNAI22



SOCIAL
POW WOW
Saturday
08/20/22
7:30PM

- DANCE – FRIDAY
- RAFFLE
- SPEAKER MEETINGS
- OLD TIMERS MEETINGS
- SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET
- FLAG CEREMONY

- TALKING CIRCLES
- AL-ANON BRUNCH
- SOCIAL POW WOW
- HOSPITALITY ROOM
- 24 HOUR MARATHON MEETINGS

www.nai-aa.com

Alternate Area 42 Chair /NAGSC Chair

Hello Area 42,

As NAGSC Chair I'm busy setting up the August agenda with special guests to give us a 12 Traditions presentation. I wish I could tell you this was my idea, but not so. We had a request from the body that it might be nice to do more than just reports and guideline changes. I remembered a group of past delegates had put on a wonderful 12 Traditions workshop some years ago and asked some of them to help with a shorter version of it. Of course, NAGSC has 3 guideline changes also, it will be a fun but busy NAGSC meeting.

As your Alternate Area 42 Chair I'm looking forward to seeing all of my Area 42 friends in person at the Fall Assembly, and on zoom for those who are not available to be in person. As you may know this is an Election Assembly. If

you have not participated in an Area 42 Election you are in for a treat, please come. It has been my overwhelming pleasure to serve Area 42. I have learned so much, especially in ways that I didn't want to grow - like with computers and technology with virtual meetings. So if the fear of not knowing or not having skills has you thinking it is beyond you and is holding you back from standing, asking for help really works. Thank you to Panel 71 for all your service. It has been a challenge for Area 42 with all the technical changes – thank you to all who have helped us through this time.

Yours in Love and Service,
Lyle C. Alternate Area 42 Chair/ Northern
Area General Service Chair

La Viña Ad Hoc Committee Proposal September 2022

History:

For several years dedicated individuals have been carrying the La Viña message to Area 42 with no support from the Area. They have put together story writing workshops. They have been bringing La Viña publications displays to our assemblies. And in general, carrying the La Viña message to the Area and beyond as they have also been active in promoting La Viña to the Pacific Region.

Proposal:

The La Viña Ad Hoc Committee proposes the creation of two (2) La Viña committees complete with Chair positions, one in the North and one in the South. The purpose of this proposal is to bring La Viña into parity with NAGSC and SAGSC Grapevine committees. The La Viña committee chairs' duties would be the same as the Grapevine chairs and will be to represent La Viña at Area, SAGSC and NAGSC events. The La Viña Chairs should be fully funded voting members of the area committee. The newly formed NAGSC and SAGSC La Viña committees should be included in the Area budget process.

As our Area grows and matures it is time to recognize the value, passion and efforts of those who have been carrying the La Viña message and give them parity with the Grapevine committees efforts. The area Ad hoc committee is tasked with recommending ways to create parity. To achieve this, we are proposing to both NAGSC and SAGSC to create La Viña committees complete with Chair positions and that the Area 42, NAGSC and SAGSC guidelines recognize the chair positions. Finally, that the new La Viña Committees and Chairs are financially supported by appropriate budgets.

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B. Duties of the Alternate Chairperson:

- 1) Assume the duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence.
- 2) Assist and support the Chairperson in carrying out the duties as needed.
- 3) Serve as the Chairperson of the General Service committee in the section of the area (Northern or Southern) in which he/she resides. If he/she has already served a two-year term as Chairperson of this body, the NAGSC/SAGSC may elect a chairperson from among its membership.
- 4) The local Special Needs Committee Chairperson shall notify the Alternate Chair and Area Treasurer as soon as assistance is requested so that any necessary arrangements can be made. (rev. 4/16)
- 5) The local Special Needs Committee Chairperson shall obtain from the interpreter(s), in writing, a quote for the hourly fee for services to be provided, or for a set fee for the Assembly or meeting. (rev. 4/16)
- 6) Appoint a Grapevine Representative from NAGSC or SAGSC as appropriate.

7) Appoint a La Vina Representative from NAGSC or SAGSC as appropriate. (rev 7/22)

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D. Duties of the Alternate Delegate:

- 1) Serve as the Chairperson of the General Service Committee in the section of the area (Northern or Southern) in which he/she resides. If he/she has already served a two-year term as Chairperson of this body, the NAGSC/SAGSC may elect a chairperson from among its membership.
- 2) Appoint a Grapevine Representative from NAGSC or SAGSC as appropriate.
- 3) Appoint a La Vina Representative from NAGSC or SAGSC as appropriate. (rev. 7/22)**

Alternate Area 42/SAGSC Treasurer

First, I should report that the SAGSC treasury is healthy. Secondly, my official treasury duties have kept me very engaged. As usual, I've been picking up the AA mail. Sending the Area checks to Laura, the Area treasurer. I've been attending the SAGSC meetings, paying that rent and of course reimbursing for donuts and coffee supplies. Most importantly I process the group checks on a monthly basis. I also generate what I'm sure are very boring financial reports for SAGSC as well as the SAGSC finance committee.

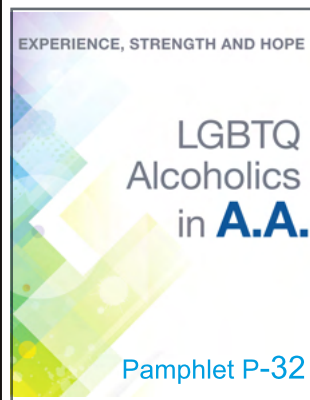
As a reminder starting January 1, 2023; groups and individuals will only need to write checks to Area 42. The SAGSC and NAGSC treasuries will be moved into the Area 42 treasury. This will make things easier for group treasurers as they will have one less check to write. Checks should be made out to Area 42 and be mailed to PO Box 70171, Las Vegas, NV 89170-0171. If you, your group, or your group's treasurer have any questions feel free to reach out to me, the NAGSC treasurer or the Area Treasurer.

I managed to get myself invited to be part of another Ad Hoc committee. This one is about recommending we create La Viña Committees in the North and South that would be set up like the Grapevine committees. The committee and their Chairs to be funded appropriately for Assemblies and other activities. As people are already doing the work by bringing La Viña displays to the Area Assemblies it seems like a no brainer to get them supported. The Ad Hoc committee's recommendation will be presented at the Fall Assembly for a first reading.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Assembly. Remember it's the 3rd weekend instead of the second this year.

And a quick note of thanks to all the groups who have been contributing to SAGSC to keep us in a position to continue to do service in the Southern Area.

Yours in Love and Service,
Libby



Thirteen LGBTQ alcoholics chronicle their experience before and after joining Alcoholics Anonymous, and how - despite their trepidations

about A.A. - they discover that the tie that binds us all together is freedom from alcohol. Includes stories by recovering alcoholics who self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and transitioning, and queer.

"From the time A.A. was founded, with one alcoholic helping another in Akron, Ohio, on June 10, 1935, the hope of the Fellowship has always been to reach every alcoholic who needs and wants help."

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National A.A. Technology Workshop 2022

Moving Forward Together



September 9th - 11th, 2022

Seattle (Tukwila), WA and online

In-Person Location:

Hotel Interurban

223 Andover Park East, Tukwila, WA 98188

Room Rate: Two Queens \$139/night - One King \$129/night

Use Group Code **NAATW** when booking

Registration:

In-Person - \$75; Online - \$25

Onsite meal options available as add-on options. Friday buffet and Saturday box lunch

For more info and to register visit NAATW.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:

(Make checks to: General Fund)
Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407

Area 42: (All Nevada & California)

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

Las Vegas Intergroup Central Office:

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

Northern Nevada Area Intergroup:

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

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.



Scheduling a Zoom Meeting on the Area 42 Account

If you are a DCM, Committee Chair or hold an Area Service Position you can use the Area 42 Zoom account to schedule a Zoom meeting for your service commitments and Committees. Please give 48 hours notice when requesting a meeting by email, you should receive a response within 24 hours.

Follow these instructions:

Send an email to, hybridmeetingchair@nevadaarea42.org with the following information.

- Title for your meeting
- Date of your meeting
- Time and duration of your meeting
- Is it a recurring meeting?
- The password you would like to use

You will receive the following information to the email that requested the meeting.

- The link for your meeting
- The password for your meeting
- A Host Key
- How to use a Host Key instructions

NOTE: A Host Key is used for the specific meeting requested and can be used for that meeting (including recurring meetings at the same time).

If a meeting is required at another date and time you must send another email as a request to have that meeting set up for that time and date.

Miss any Meetings this year?

Get caught up on the minutes to the Area assemblies, NAGSC/SAGSC Meetings, past Newsletters, Delegate reports and more by visiting: www.nevadaarea42.org

You are invited to the Pacific Regional Forum!



Regional Forums are hosted by the A.A. General Service Board and are open to all A.A. members and to anyone interested in A.A. Your Pacific Regional Trustee will moderate the event. You will also hear from General Service Office Staff members, the General Manager, General Service Board trustees, AA Grapevine Inc. Publisher and Staff, A.A.W.S. Inc. Director, your Region's Delegates and past Trustees.

There will be presentations, workshops, panels, and more. There will also be sharing sessions that will allow you to comment and ask questions of the board and staff.

The event will take place on Friday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Registration is FREE. For more information, please contact James H., Regional Forums Staff Coordinator, at regionalforums@aa.org
We look forward to seeing you in Salt Lake City!

Delegate's Corner



For results of the 72nd General Service Conference [click here](#), or visit the Nevada Area 42 website.

"Diversity is having a seat at the table, inclusion is having a voice, and belonging is having that voice heard."

-Liz Fosslien

What is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions?

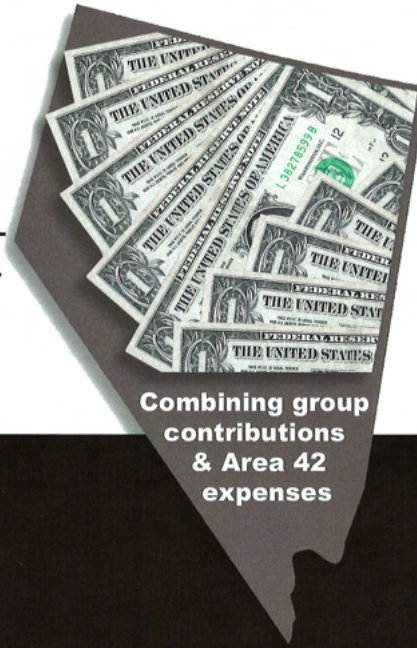
The Area 42 Newsletter is published 4 times annually in February, April, August and October.

Newsletter submissions should be sent to:

area_newsletter_editor@nevadaarea42.org

AREA 42 TREASURY UNIFICATION

In order to simplify group contributions & Area 42 expenses, SAGSC, NAGSC, and Area 42 overwhelmingly voted in favor of combining their treasuries beginning January 1, 2023. This unification will make life easier for group Treasurers and bring Area 42 more in line with general service practices.



Combining group contributions & Area 42 expenses

Groups and individuals can now write one check, instead of two, when making group distributions to support the general service work of CPC, PI, Grapevine, Accessibilities, Archives and the other general service entities.



Our address is:
Area 42
PO Box 70171
Las Vegas NV 89170-0171

Please include your Group name, number, and your email address to send receipts.