

AREA 42 NEWSLETTER

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FROM OUR OUT-GOING DELEGATE:

Dearest friends –

I thought I would bring you a report today on the status of being a "feather duster" as some like to call us Past Delegates. I want you to know that although it was a wonderful journey, it is a joy to be on the other side of Delegate. I thought I might be a little bored with nothing going on all the time, mail, calls, etc., but my life has only picked up speed. I have a new job and now all my concentrations are on that, as well as being a mentor in whatever way I can to the new Area Officers, and, of course, the new Area Delegate, Joyce P. I attend the Southern Area business meetings, but my engagements are limited for now as I will be traveling to and from Arizona for the next six months. It looks like I am, one more time, in a job I really prayed hard for, a job I have idea how to do and am dependent on others for assistance in, and a job that I am not always sure of my footing. Sound familiar, isn't that what we do when we get lovingly ushered into service at the hands of our fiends and sponsors. Well, I am here to report that the job as Delegate turned out to be my time to GROW, not GLOW! And, the time spent has certainly gone a long way in getting ready to live in the world with the other adults. I want all of you to know how proud I am of you as members, both in and out of service, and how proud I am of our Area. If I could give you but one pearl of wisdom, it would be to remain kind and tolerant of your new trusted servants and help them all you can, for they too are learning and growing. Give them a chance to find their footing and they too will take off and do the business of AA. Also, please love and care for your Area, because it is yours and we all owe a great debt, especially if you were one of those like me, that service saved your life. I am never too far away from you, and all of you are in my thoughts - much AA love to you and yours Kathy S, Panel 53 Area 42 Past Delegate

DELEGATE'S REPORT

I hope those of you planning on attending PRAASA have sent your registration forms in or registered on line. I have heard there are no more rooms available at the host hotel in Tucson, but the Santa Rita Hotel has rooms at the same rate.

My committee assignment for the next two years is that of Public Information. This is exciting to me, as it is one of the committees I have not had much experience with. I will have a lot to learn and I'm looking forward to it. GSO has just completed their board weekend, and we should have the final conference agenda items shortly after Feb. 15. As soon as I receive them, I will contact Jason, Mike and Byron with those items we will discuss that I will need input on, at the Area Assembly. They will also be assigning agenda items to members for 10-15 minute presentation at the assembly. At that time I will have Jason and Byron send the final conference agenda items to the DCM's for distribution to their District GSR's. I know you can't discuss all of these at your home group. What I would suggest is that you pick one or two for discussion. It's time once again for group information updates. If you are a DCM please get your packet from me. I have given you an envelope to send the completed forms back to me. I know this is a huge undertaking, frustrating and not always successful, just do the best you can. Please return these to me before April 1, so that I can send them to GSO. If for some reason you misplace or loose some, please call Sophie as she has a duplicate set. I have sent the updates to Byron to distribute in the South. For those of you interested I have brought just a few final conference reports from the No. Nevada Native American Conference. This report has been sent to our Trustee Phyllis Halliday, and our Class A Trustee Leonard Blumenthal with a note of thanks for their participation. If your District has a Treatment Facilities committee, please see me at the break, as I have received from GSO some correspondence they want feedback on. The 2005 International Convention has approximately 17,000 persons pre-registered at this time and registration forms have been brought to this meeting. There is going to be over two hundred topic meetings. For the first 10 months of 2004 we distributed a total of 1,829,217 books. Up nine percent over the same period in 2003 with 1,134,130 Big Books sold. In October, GSO hosted, the 18th World Service Meeting, with the theme being "One Meeting-Many Languages-One Fellowship" where 48 delegates representing 35 countries met to discuss such topics as: Singleness of Purpose, Reaching Ethic Communities, and Country to Country Sponsorship. The 19th World Service Meeting will be held in Dublin, Ireland, October 2006, with the theme being "Anonymous But not Invisible." Finally, I would like to encourage you all to attend the Area Assembly. I understand its on Easter;

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however if you are unable to attend, please send your alternate. It is important for Area 42 to have an informed group conscience to give me to me, as I will need your guidance when addressing these same items at the General Service Conference in April. So DCM's encourage your GSR's to attend and why their voice is so important. Please if you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact me. I am here to be of service to you. "Thank you for the privilege of serving as your delegate.

Joyce P.

ARE YOU PLANNING TO ATTEND PRAASA MAR. 11-12-13 in Tucson, AZ

THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER

And if you're undecided or feel you don't have enough information about what PRAASA is all about ASK SOMEONE – Don't miss the opportunity!

2005 General Service Conference Committees FINAL AGENDA ITEMS

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2006 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2006 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2006 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. Review shared experience on ways local committees approach professionals in addition to writing letters, for possible inclusion in the C.P.C. Kit.

- B. Consider ways that members share information about A.A. one-on-one with professionals, for possible inclusion in C.P.C. materials.
- C. Discuss the need for a pamphlet directed to the criminal justice system.
- D. Consider request to create a video for professionals.
- E. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

III. Correctional Facilities

- A. Consider including the following statement on A.A.'s Singleness of Purpose in the pamphlet "A Message to Correctional Professionals":

"Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as 'substance abuse' or 'chemical dependency.' Nonalcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to A.A. and encouraged to attend A.A. meetings. Anyone may attend *open* A.A. meetings, but only those with a *drinking* problem may attend *closed* meetings."

- B. Consider the revised updated draft manuscript of *A.A. in Prison: Inmate to Inmate*.
- C. Review Final Report exploring the feasibility and cost of producing and distributing an informational video introducing A.A. to training academies for corrections personnel. [Note: the estimated cost of production and distribution is \$50,000.]
- D. Review the draft service piece on "Guidelines for the Development of Workshops Introducing A.A. in Training Programs for Correctional Personnel."
- E. Consider suggestion that the name of the Conference Committee on Correctional Facilities be changed to the Conference Committee on Corrections.
- F. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

IV. Finance

- A. Discuss self-support.

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- B. Review and discuss report from trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee on delegates' fees.
- C. Discuss request to include information on how to obtain a tax ID number in the "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" pamphlet.

V. Grapevine

- A. Consider request that in 2006 or later, the Grapevine produce a collection of stories for young people, drawn from previous issues of the A.A. Grapevine magazine, similar to *Spiritual Awakenings*.
- B. Consider request that in 2006 or later, La Viña produce an audio compact disc of La Viña stories on Steps Seven through Twelve as a companion to its CD of stories on Steps One through Six.
- C. Review Workbook.

VI. Literature

- A. Consider revised draft introduction developed by the Publications Department and reviewed by the trustees' Committee on Literature to be added to the front matter of the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, as recommended by the 2003 Conference and per additional consideration of the 2004 Conference Committee on Literature.
- B. Consider revised draft pamphlet "Too Young?"
- C. Review trustees' Committee on Literature progress report on "Young People and A.A." pamphlet.
- D. Review trustees' Committee on Literature progress report on the Spanish-language Third Edition Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.
- E. Consider revised draft text for the section titled "Service Sponsorship" on page 28 in the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- F. Consider the revised draft comic book format pamphlet "It Happened to Alice!"
- G. Review draft manuscript of the revised pamphlet "The A.A. Group."
- H. Consider revised text for the section titled "The A.A. Grapevine" in the pamphlet "Your A.A. General Service Office."

- I. Discuss suggestion to develop a publication oriented toward and addressing the concerns of A.A. members with long-term sobriety.
- J. Discuss suggestion to replace the term "sexual preference" with "sexual orientation" in the pamphlet "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic."
- K. Discuss request to revise the table of contents in *Living Sober* by creating "unity," "service," and "recovery" sections and by including a subtitle under chapter titles.

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Review dates for the 2008 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss report from trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference regarding the use of laptop computers at the General Service Conference.
- C. Consider requests to revise the timetable for the election of one delegate in the Western Canada Region to allow for two odd and two even panels in that region
- D. Consider request that a second Conference Committee on Literature be formed.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Consider 2004 annual report from the trustees' Committee on P.I. regarding G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site.
- B. Review and approve final draft of the "Alcoholics Anonymous 2004 Membership Survey" pamphlet.
- C. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
 - 1. Consider approving the proposed television P.S.A. - "Living in Chaos" - developed by the trustees' Committee on Public Information.
 - 2. Review information on centralized redistribution, tracking and evaluation of television P.S.A., "We Know What It's Like."
 - 3. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed television P.S.A. - "Living in Chaos" - at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, in addition to the work of local P.I. committees.

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4. Consider removing the phrase "and taking pills" from the P.S.A. "Teenager," spot #6, on the radio P.S.A. CD item #R-10.

- D. Consider report from trustees' Committee on Public Information recommending first steps in determining the feasibility of replacing two videos, "A.A. - Rap With Us" and "Young People and A.A.," with estimated initial project costs not to exceed \$20,000.

- E. Consider a suggestion to replace/update the video "Alcoholics Anonymous – An Inside View."

- F. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. Review *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2004 – 2005 Edition.

1. Review editorial updates to *The A.A. Service Manual*.
2. Review updated chart to replace "A.A. Grapevine, Inc." on page S80.
3. Consider adding proposed text pertaining to the A.A. Grapevine Digital Archive and Reprint Policy.

- B. Discuss *General Service Conference Final Report*.

- C. Discuss A.A. Directories.

1. Consider request to include online meetings in languages other than English, French and Spanish in A.A. directories under "ONLINE MEETINGS."
2. Consider request to include adding Web site information for online meetings listed in A.A. directories under "ONLINE MEETINGS."
3. Consider placement of a central office serving Native North American People in the A.A. directories.

X. Treatment Facilities

- A. Review results of survey regarding activities of local committees involved in Treatment Facilities service.

- B. Consider request that the "Singleness of Purpose Statement" currently used in six C.P.C. pamphlets be added to the pamphlet "A.A. in Treatment Facilities."

- C. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for regional trustee and trustee-at-large:

1. East Central Regional Trustee
2. Southeast Regional Trustee
3. Trustee-at-large/U.S.

- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board.

- C. Review slates of directors of A.A. World Services and Grapevine Corporate Boards.

- D. Review request that the qualifications for regional trustee and nontrustee director be updated to include the following:

"That an Appointed Committee Member not be eligible as a Regional Trustee or nontrustee Director candidate until one year after his or her last service as an Appointed Committee Member."

- E. Discuss recommendation from trustees' Nominating Committee that new language be added to the Bylaws of the General Service Board regarding successor terms of Class B trustees in the event of resignation or death.

XII. Archives

- A. Review Workbook.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Consider the concept of broadcasting an encrypted, anonymity-protected, delayed Intranet broadcast of the 2005 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.

- B. Discuss the upcoming 2005 International Convention.

- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional and Special Forums.

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D. Discuss the concept of restructuring and/or increasing Forums (Regional/Special).

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Many of these agenda items will be included in the various Presentations and round-table discussions at PRAASA in March. Another excellent opportunity to gather information in order to be better informed while discussing these items in Tonopah at our pre-conference workshop.

## ALL AREA 42 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING AND PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

Including GSO Conference items discussions in TONAPAH March 25th, 26th, & 27<sup>th</sup> 2005

This is when and where we will have the opportunity to discuss these items in depth, which will then allow our Delegate Joyce P. to carry our total group conscience to the General Service Conference in New York in April. This is how you and your group get to participate in the real operation of Alcoholics Anonymous and have a voice at the General Service Conference!

> DON'T MISS THIS!

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Conference Advisory Actions are one of the major things that take place at the General Service Conference. This is a "Flow-Chart" of a Conference Advisory Action:

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SAGSC JANUARY,2005 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Byron F.: Opened and chaired the meeting

Byron F. (Outgoing area 42 Treasurer): Gave an overview of how the area, noting how the Southern and Northern is split financially. If anyone has any questions about group contributions contact Byron. The Area 42 Treasury is an open book, and is available to anyone in Area 42.

Pat G.-Area 42 and Southern Area Alternate Treasurer: Pat indicated that our budget is in good shape and he is looking forward to his term of service.

New Business:

Kevin D: "The International AA Conference in Canada June 30th-July 3rd, 2005"

Kevin reviewed some of the red-tape that may be required to attend this event. He suggested that those attending apply or renew their Passports ASAP! (Applications and information on passports are available at your local **US POST Office.**) Canada has different laws and rules regarding felonies or DWI convictions than the United States. Julian suggested that additional information on entry to Canada is available at: www.aa.org and click Services for Members.

Byron B: Byron asked that DCM's, GSR's etc. to please provide their e-mail address. He also reviewed new guidelines for proposals being brought up at our upcoming "Tonopah Assembly March 25th,-27th, 2005".

Alan V. - Area 42 Newsletter: Our next newsletter will hopefully come out February 23rd, 2005. Please forward any information you would like to see in our newsletter to: av92aa_lasvegas@yahoo.com

Kathy S. - Outgoing Area 42 Delegate: One final official function! Kathy asked for the hands of all committee chairs and asked that they provide their complete contact information including e-mail address so that information can be forwarded to New York.

Committee Chair Reports

*Inter-Group Liaison: Andre – Elected new officers. Inter-group is doing well.

*Accessibilities: Aurora – Regular meetings are held at Central Office 6:00PM the 3rd Sunday of each month.

*Grapevine: Don – Regular meeting are held at Central Office 7:00PM the 2nd Friday of each month. We are doing great; we go everyplace you request we go.

*Combined CPC & PIC: Bill – Bill spoke of the upcoming Community Awareness event to be held February 27th, 2005 at Spring Valley High School.

NEXT SAGSC MEETING WILL BE HELD:

MAY 8, 2005 at the T.I.E. CLUB at 1:15 PM

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## NAGSC FEBRUARY,2005 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Area 42 Treasurer Report: Ed deP - Area 42 accounts have been transferred as of 1-25-2005. Financial audit conducted by Byron F., Terri K. and John S. in Las Vegas with no irregularities noted. More complete information will be available at the Pre-conference Assembly.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion to allow for another two-year term for the Spanish Translator [passed unanimously]
2. Spanish documentation of NAGSC meeting minutes and other NAGSC documents – an ad-hoc committee was appointed to research issue.
3. PRAASA funding with full receipt funding was approved for 9 committee chairs
4. Discussion was held on GSR Survival Guide Workshops

### District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

### NAGS Committee Chairperson's Reports

*SORRY, DUE TO A FORMATTING PROBLEM DETAILS OF THESE REPORTS CAN NOT BE*

*INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.*