

AREA 42 NEWSLETTER

A confidential AA document

Spirit of rotation shines as Panel 63 officers elected

The "spirit of Rotation" was the order of the day Sept. 8 as Area 42 selected Sophie as our panel 63 delegate. She was selected on the second vote.

Although none of the available positions went to "the hat," several went full four votes before any one person received the required two-thirds.

Sophie K. was named delegate. She is completing her two-year term as alternate delegate, and as such chair for Northern Nevada Area 42 General Service Committee (NAGSC).

Cherie N., currently Area 42 treasurer, will move into the alternate delegate position when rotation occurs Jan. 1.

The new chair will be **Mike M.**

Phil W. will move from alternate Area 42 treasurer to alternate chair.

Carol B., who has served as

our chair for the past two years, was named treasurer.

Vince C. will assume the alternate treasurer role.

Justin P. was named secretary, moving out of his current task as chair for NAGSC.

Rich B. was selected to serve as alternate secretary.

The new registrar will be **Jeannette B.**

Alternate registrar will be **Emily C.**

Rhonda W. is our new archivist. The archivist and alternate archivist positions are 4-year terms, while all others are for two years.

Pat S., the current newsletter editor, was selected to serve as alternate archivist, thus archivist for NAGSC.

Pete L., an Area 42 past delegate, was selected as Area 42's candidate for Trustee-at-Large.

Letter from our Pacific Regional Trustee

Dear friends,

Hello to one and all. I hope that your summer went well and that your service brings fulfillment and grace to you. I have so much gratitude for this wonderful service position as Trustee. AA continues to carry the message and it is always exciting to participate at any level of service, it is daunting to realize the immense responsibility, the huge challenge we have and humbling to be enlightened with the gift of sobriety.

I would like to encourage sharing with our group members the value and understanding of our 2nd and 3rd legacies more than we do now. I believe that we do a very good job of sharing with the general membership the merits and implications of our 1st legacy. All of you have experienced and have come to understand how important all of our legacies are individually and for the entire fellowship. Bill stated in AA Comes of Age:

"In the early days we saw that it was one thing for a few alcoholics to get

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well, but the problem of living and working together was some-thing else. Therefore it was into an uncharted future that we looked from the window of Dr. Bob's living room in 1937 when we first realized that alcoholics might be able to get well in large numbers..... Could we function as groups and as a whole? No one could say. Our friends the psychiatrists, with some reason, had begun to warn: 'This fellowship of alcoholics is emotional dynamite. Its neurotic content can blow it to bits.' When drinking we were certainly explosive enough. Now that we were sober, would dry benders and emotional jags blow us up?"

Isn't that our challenge still, to tether our alcoholic natures that the psychiatrists and Bill referred to, again, for our individual and common welfare? Native people believe that where there is a poisonous plant that could hurt or kill, the Creator also put the antidote plant nearby and this is the case in AA, the question and the answer are together. In our challenges are also our solutions. On page 79 above, Bill describes the challenge and on page 98 in AA Comes of Age he presents our solution. Bill says: "Pride and fear and anger — these are the prime enemies of our common welfare. True brotherhood, harmony and love, fortified by clear insights and right practices are the only answers. And the purpose of AA's traditional principles is to bring these forces to the top and keep them there. Only then can our common welfare be served; only then can AA's unity become permanent."

I believe Bill is saying that we can be our own worst enemies and that by being aware of this fact then we can apply our spiritual principles to the pride, fear and anger. How do we know we need to drop something if we don't even know we are holding it? It saddens me that a newcomer or an AA member of short or long term sobriety leaves AA because of our "self will run riot" behaviors because it could quite possibly put that person's life in jeopardy. So, I would ask that we encourage our GSRs and the chairs of group meetings to have topics on our 2nd and 3rd legacies. When I first got sober it wasn't until I became a GSR then DCM, that I began to understand how important unity and service were to me and my fellow AAs. I believe we have a responsibility just like Bill and Dr. Bob when they passed on to the entire fellowship the permanent keeping of our three legacies in 1950, which is to keep these legacies for us in perpetuity but to always share them with the still suffering alcoholic.

Take Care and God Bless,

Rod B.

Pacific Regional Trustee

A fond 'thank you' from our outgoing delegate

To my AA Family-----

This will be my last Area 42 Newsletter contribution as your Delegate. I want to say thanks to all for the opportunity to serve as your Panel 61 Delegate. It has been an honor, privilege and pleasure. Any contribution I may have made to the Area or to AA as a whole pales into insignificance compared to the impact this service opportunity has had on me personally. Growth in personal humility, greater understanding of service activities in general, and love for the AA Fellowship overall and Area 42 specifically were all wonderful learning experiences for me.

To all of you, thank you for your love, support and inputs over these last couple of years. A special thanks to all the "rusted" servants who were always ready and willing to provide their experience and guidance whenever I asked.

And finally, I offer my congratulations and unlimited support to Sophie K., Cherie N. and all the incoming Area 42, SAGSC and NAGSC Officers, Committees and Committee Chairs. As Julian R. so eloquently and correctly reminded me at our September Assembly...I must now look forward to being part of the Area 42 "reference material" but make no mistake, I will miss being part of the "operating manual".

Yours in love, service and appreciation,

Byron F., Area 42 Delegate

MEETING MINUTES

Links to minutes of Area 42 Assemblies, NAGSC and SAGSC meetings can be found online at:

www.nevadaarea42.org

**BOISE, IDAHO - MARCH 1st, 2nd, 3rd****Located at the beautiful****850 W. Front St. Boise, ID****Right in the heart of downtown Boise!**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - One person per form										Mail In/Online Registration due by February 21, 2013																								
FIRST NAME (ABOVE)										LAST NAME (ABOVE)																								
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AA Service Position (Check one box only) ?																																		
GSR					Alt-GSR					DCM					Alt-DCM					DCMC					Delegate					Alt-Delegate				
Past Delegate					Trustee					Past Trustee					Area Officer/Comm. Member. (specify)																			
Intergroup (Specify)										District/Home Group position (specify)																								
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Al-Anon Service Position (Check One Box Only) ?																																		
GR					Alt-GR					DR					Alt-DR					Delegate					Past-Delegate									
Area Coordinator/Chair										Other (Specify)																								

SPECIAL REQUESTS (Deadline is February 21st 2013)	
I require Spanish Interpretation	
I request literature and agenda in Spanish	
I require American Sign Language Interpretation	
Accessibility/Dietary Requests (Specify):	
Make Checks Payable to: PRAASA 2013 Mail Registration to: PRAASA 2013 PO BOX 140132 Boise, ID 83714-0132	

HOTEL INFORMATION

(Must mention PRAASA when booking)

Grove Hotel - 245 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise
(see PRAASA website for info) on-site
(208) 333-8000



Hampton Inn & Suites Boise-Downtown
495 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise
(see PRAASA website for info) .23 miles
(208) 331-1900



Owyhee Plaza Hotel - 1109 W. Main St., Boise
(see PRAASA website for info) .34 miles
(208) 343-4611



Safari Inn - 1070 W. Grove St., Boise
(see PRAASA website for info) .16 miles
(208) 344-6556



Hotel 43 - 981 Grove St., Boise
(see PRAASA website for info) .11 miles
(800) 243-4622

EVENT	FEES	TOTAL
Registration	\$28	
Al-Anon Speaker Lunch	\$29	
Al-Anon Speaker Lunch - Vegetarian	\$29	
Fellowship Lunch (no speaker)	\$22	
Fellowship Lunch - Vegetarian	\$22	
Past Delegate Only - Lunch	\$29	
Past Delegate Only - Lunch Veg.	\$29	
Delegate Only - Lunch	\$29	
Delegate Only - Lunch Veg.	\$29	
Banquet - Idaho Trout	\$43	
Banquet - Prime Rib	\$43	
Banquet - Vegetarian	\$43	
TOTAL		\$
*Meals Subject To Availability/Gratuity included		

PRAASA 2013 CONTACT INFORMATION

Position	Name	Email
Chair	David F.	chair@praasa.org
Co-Chair	Tony T.	co-chair@praasa.org
Registration	Janice Mc.	registration@praasa.org
Program	Candice C.	program@praasa.org
Translation	Madeleine P.	translation@praasa.org
Al-Anon	Tina N.	al-anon@praasa.org
Treasurer	Teri K.	treasurer@praasa.org
Special Needs	Janet H.	greeter@praasa.org

Points of interest/activities visit:
The Boise Convention & Visitors Bureau

www.boise.org**ONLINE REGISTRATION - www.praasa.org**

PRAASA online registration was not yet available as of our deadline.
Check back at www.praasa.org to register online.

Area 42 General Service Assembly Finance Guidelines were adopted at the Elections Assembly. The new, approved version is as follows:

AREA 42 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY FINANCE GUIDELINES

The purpose of the FC is to define fiscal responsibility and standardize procedures in Area 42.

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, two at-large members will be elected, one residing in the North and one residing in the South. In the event there is an even number of members on the Committee, the Alternate Treasurer shall be a non-voting member.

1.2 Elections

Election of at-large members shall be held at the Fall Area Assembly on odd numbered (non-election) years. Eligible candidates shall have 2 years experience in Area 42 service prior to election. At-large Finance Committee members may not hold other positions that are subject to area Budget considerations.

1.3 Officers of the Committee

The Finance Committee will elect a recording secretary. The immediate past Area treasurer will act as Finance Committee Chairperson.

1.4 Replacement

If a member of the finance committee is unable to complete the rotation, the Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair will select a replacement to be confirmed by the Finance Committee. The replacement assumes duties immediately.

1.5 Meetings

Finance Committee meetings shall be held at least 4 times per year: twice per year at Area Assemblies and at least twice per year by teleconference.

1.6 Funding

If not otherwise funded, Finance Committee members shall be reimbursed for costs associated with attendance at Finance Committee meetings.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AREA TREASURER

- A. Carries out all banking responsibilities
- B. Records and deposits all funds received
- C. Prepares and records all payments for expenses.
- D. Maintains financial and bookkeeping records
- E. Ensures that the accounting for the Area is performed in QuickBooks, or similar accounting program
- F. Prepares and presents financial statements to the Area Assembly
- G. Assembles documentation for tax preparer of Federal and State filings.
- H. At the end of the rotation, and after review by the Finance Committee, turns over the original financial documentation to the Archives.
- I. Files annual list of officers with the State of Nevada.
- J. Provides copies of bank statements and reconciliations to finance committee chair.

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- K. Provides Back up of QB file to Alternate Treasurer monthly

2.1 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. Gathers budget requests as a part of the budget process.
- B. Drafts financial guidelines policy/amendments for consideration by the Area Committee and the Assembly.
- C. Reviews requests for additional funding.
- D. Establishes per diem rate for travel and incidentals.
- E. Performs annual review of income and expenses for previous year at each Spring Assembly.
- F. Maintains an inventory of assets owned by Area 42. Inventory items include software, all equipment and Archives.
- G. Publishes minutes of meetings in Area newsletter.
- H. Conducts a conference call each April.

3.0 CHECK SIGNING AUTHORITY

Checks can be signed by any one of the following: Area Treasurer, Delegate, or Finance Committee Chair.

4.0 PRUDENT RESERVE

The Prudent Reserve is to ensure that, after all obligations are paid, enough funds are held to conduct area business. Experience has shown that, for any given year, a reserve equal to 1/3 of the previous year's expenses will ensure that the Assembly will be able to meet its financial obligations. A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of area officers is necessary to draw upon our prudent reserve.

5.0 THE BUDGET PROCESS

5.1 Prior to July 1 of each year, each officer and persons appointed by the Delegate or Area Chair are responsible for preparing a budget for his/her position. The Area Chairperson will prepare the budget(s) for any vacant position(s). Each budget is submitted to the Finance Chairperson.

- A. The Finance Committee receives budget requests, compiles them into a single Assembly-wide budget using data from August 1 of the prior year through 7/31 of the current year, and presents it to the Area Committee at the Fall assembly.
- B. The Area Committee reviews the Budget.
- C. The Assembly reviews the budget and adopts it by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority approval.

5.2 No Officer or appointee is to exceed their approved budget. If additional funds are needed that exceed the budgeted amount, the officer/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.

6.0 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

6.1 EXPENSE AUTHORIZATION AND SUBMISSION

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The Treasurer is responsible for the reimbursement of all expenses incurred on behalf of the Assembly, submitted with receipts within 45 days of occurrence.

6.2 AREA OFFICERS FUNDING

A. DELEGATE: Full expenses to General Service Conference, Area Assemblies, annual PRAASA, events within the Area, and Pacific Region Forums.

B. ALTERNATE DELEGATE: Full expenses to Area Assemblies, annual PRAASA, and Pacific Region Forums, funds permitting.

C. CHAIRPERSON: Full expenses to Area Assemblies, annual PRAASA, funds permitting.

D. TREASURER, ARCHIVIST, SECRETARY, REGISTRAR, NEWSLETTER EDITOR, AND WEBMASTER: Full expenses for Area Assemblies, and annual PRAASA, funds permitting.

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.

F. QUALIFIED APPOINTEES:
NEWSLETTER EDITOR, WEBMASTER:
Full expenses for Area Assemblies and annual PRAASA, funds permitting.

G. DCMS, GSRS: May seek assistance from the Area, funds permitting.

6.3 ASSEMBLY SUPPORT SERVICES:

INTERPRETER AND AUDIO TECHNICIAN:
Compensation to be determined by Area Chair and paid accordingly.

6.4 REIMBURSEMENT FOR USE OF PERSONAL AUTO

Mileage costs for travel to Area Assemblies are eligible for reimbursement based on receipts.

6.5 All airfare to be reimbursed at Coach rate

6.6 ADVANCES / PREPAYMENTS

Advances or prepayments will be considered by the finance committee on a case by case basis. Submit requests to the finance committee chair.



Outgoing Area 42 Chair — 'So Long, but not Goodbye!'



It is with much indebtedness as I prepare to rotate out of this service commitment. You have allowed me to participate as I could not have imagined possible. As I stated at the September Assembly; this last panel 61 of serving as your Area 42 Chairperson has given the expression "Experience Strength & Hope" a whole new connotation for me.

Especially treasured, is your support to attend the Pacific Regional events. I know that our participation really energizes and inspires all in attendance.

It was truly a blessing to attend the Forum in September. Observing the appreciative members of the remote Alaska Area 02 was the Service Equivalent of a 12th Step Call in action! Over half of those present were first time attendees, most traveled from distant or secluded parts of the area.

The love and gratitude I am allowed to experience during the AA Service Weekends is overwhelming; considering the selfish, inconsiderate, self seeking alcoholic I was, when walking through your doors 20 years ago this month.

Thank you for the upcoming opportunity to serve as your Area 42 Panel 63 Treasurer. My service e-mailing address, as of January 1, 2013: areatreasurer42@gmail.com

Carol B.

Upcoming Service Events



SAGSC: Nov. 11, 2012 1:30 p.m.

329 N. 11th St., Las Vegas, NV (The TIE Club)

NAGSC: Dec. 1, 2012, 457 Esmeralda St., Fallon, NV

PRAASA: March 1-3, 2013, Boise, Idaho

Area 42 Assembly: April 5-7, 2013, Tonopah, NV

AA International Convention: July 1-3, 2015, Atlanta, GA

Tonopah Motels*

Next Assembly is April 5 - 7, 2013

Hi-Desert Best Western (775) 482-3511
\$114.44 single/\$125.34 double (includes tax)

Ramada Tonopah Station (775) 482-9777
\$64.86 all rooms single and double (includes tax)

Jim Butler Motel (775) 482-3577
\$63.22 single, \$71.94 double (includes tax)

Economy Inn (775) 482-6238
\$46.87 all rooms (includes tax)

The Clown Hotel (775) 482-5920
\$39.79 single/\$43.06 for two/\$46.33 for three (includes tax) (pet friendly)

Tonopah Motel (775) 482-3987
\$41.45 single/\$44.70 double (includes tax, includes WiFi)

National 9 Inn (775) 482-8202
\$44.99 single/\$49.99 double/\$39.99 seniors (plus tax)

Mizpah Hotel (855) 337-3030
Queen \$102.46 King \$113/36 (includes tax)

* (Not guaranteed — Rates were updated in October, and are subject to change)

Area 42 Officers (2013 - 2014)

Delegate Sophie K.
Alt. Delegate Cherie N.
Area Chair Mike M.
Alt. Area Chair Phil W.
Treasurer Carol B.
Alt. Treasurer Vince C.
Secretary Justin P.
Alt. Secretary Rich B.
Registrar Jeannette B.
Alt. Registrar Emily C.
Archivist Rhonda W.
Alt. Archivist Pat S.

Find contact information for all officers at www.nevadaarea42.org

District Business meetings

District 1: 2nd Sunday in April, 10 AM, at the Lost & Found in Boulder City, NV.

Email for information:

district1@nevadaarea42.org

District 2: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., Reno Triangle Club, 635 S. Wells,

Reno NV. Email for information:

district2@nevadaarea42.org

District 3: 2nd Sunday in January, May, July, and November at 12 noon, Las Vegas Central Office.

Email for information:

district3@nevadaarea42.org

District 4: 1st Thursday of the month, 7 p.m. Reno Triangle Club 635 S. Wells Ave, Reno. Email for information:

district4@nevadaarea42.org

District 5b: 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:30 p.m. 5715 Alexander, Suite 145, Las Vegas. Email for information:

district5b@nevadaarea42.org

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District 6: 2nd Sunday of EVEN numbered months. Email for information:

district6@nevadaarea42.org

District 7: 3rd Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Serenity Club, 3990 Schiff Drive., Las Vegas

Email for information:

district7@nevadaarea42.org

District 8: First Sunday of ODD months.

Email for information:

district8@nevadaarea42.org

District 9: 3rd Sunday each month at 2:30 p.m. at Turning Point, 21 E. California St., Las Vegas

Email for information:

district9@nevadaarea42.org

District 10A: 3rd Sunday of odd numbered months, 6:30 p.m., 680 River St., Elko, NV. Email for information:

district10a@nevadaarea42.org

District 11: Email for information:

district11@nevadaarea42.org

District 12: 1st Saturday of each month at 5 p.m. at Wolf Center, 457 Esmeralda St., Fallon, NV. Email for information:

district12@nevadaarea42.org

District 13: Last Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Triangle Club small room, 4600 E. Nellis Blvd, Las Vegas. Email for information:

district13@nevadaarea42.org

District 14: 3rd Tuesday of each ODD month at 7p.m. Email for information:

district14@nevadaarea42.org

District 15: 1st Friday of the month 6:30 p.m., T.I.E. Club, 329 North 11th Street, Las Vegas. Email for information:

district15@nevadaarea42.org

District 16: 3rd Monday of the month at a member's office.

Information:

dist16area42@gmail.com

District 17: 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at 360 S. Lola Ln, Pahrump, NV (basement training room). Email for information:

district17@nevadaarea42.org

District 19: 2nd Friday of EVEN months at 2 p.m. Email for location:

Email for information:

district19@nevadaarea42.org

District 20: 3rd Saturday in January, March, May, August and October, 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 44 1/2 Gay St., Susanville, CA . Email for information:

district20@nevadaarea42.org

District 21: Every Thursday at 7 p.m. 3111 S Valley View Suite B-212. Email for information:

district21@nevadaarea42.org

District 22: Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. 1479 S. Wells Ave, Suite 2, Reno, NV. Email for information:

pabloaa@gmail.com



From your new Secretary ...

Hello fellow alcoholics in Area 42 and beyond!

Being SAGSC (southern area general service committee) chair is a wonderful commitment! I've been able to watch how the service structure helps the groups to stay connected and I've gotten to see how the groups help make AA what it is today in southern Nevada.

Being a DCM (district committee member) helped to show me how to rely on others for support.

We have amazing people involved in our service positions. Thank you all, who have been always ready to stand up and be of service.

Our southern area meets at the TIE Club, 329 N. 11th St., Las Vegas, four times a year the second Sunday in January, May, July and November, 1:15 p.m. GSR training is at 12:30 p.m.

Service is everything from showing up at a meeting to going into hospitals and institutions to sitting on a steering committee. Service is also an integral part of meeting other alcoholics and keeping ourselves sober!

Service positions have given me reason to show up and be a better person, a better communicator, and a better friend. There are many ways to give back to those who have freely given us!

I'm happy to answer questions — (702) 217-9390.

Justin P

EDITOR'S NOTE: Justin P. is completing a term as SAGSC Chair and was elected to be Area 42 Secretary.

Area 42 Current 7th Tradition Contribution Addresses

Ask your DCM for the District Treasurer's address to send Group 7th Tradition Contributions.

Area 42 Current 7th Tradition Contribution Addresses:

General Services Office (GSO)
PO Box 459
New York, NY 10163
(Make Checks to General Fund)

Area 42 (All Nevada)
PO Box 70171
Las Vegas, NV. 89170-0171
(Make checks to Area 42 Treasury)

Southern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC)
Make checks to GSR Fund of SO NEVADA
Southern Area Treasurer
PO Box 71804-1804
Las Vegas, NV. 89170-1804

Las Vegas Intergroup
Las Vegas Central Office
1431 E. Charleston Blvd. Suite 15
Las Vegas, NV. 89104
(Make checks to Las Vegas Intergroup)

Northern Area General Service Committee
(NAGSC)
For address, contact:
nagsctreasurer@nevadaarea42.org
(Make checks to Northern Area 42 Treasury)

Northern Area Intergroup
436 South Rock Blvd.
Sparks, NV 89431
(Make Checks to N. Nevada Intergroup)