

Secretary Minutes from December 1st 2012  
NAGSC Meeting Fallon Nevada

**Confidential AA Document**

NAGSC Statement of Purpose: To facilitate interest in General Service work by encouraging involvement in service at all levels as follows:

- A. Provide information from the Area Committee to GSRs of action taken or pending on current events or proposed concepts that are being reviewed.
- B. Provide a forum for group or district problems / possible solutions.

**NAGSC Meeting:**

- NAGSC Chairperson Sophie K led us in the Serenity Prayer, .Dennis W. read the preamble. Art F. read short version of concept 12
- Mileage and sign-in sheets were passed.
- Introductions were followed by approval of the Minutes of meeting from Aug.11, 2011

Rich B. read Treasurers Report,

**NAGSC TREASUER REPORT**

January 4, 2012 to November 26, 2012

Starting balance	\$12,332.08
Total income and contributions	\$7,199.94
Total expenses	\$10,684.33
Ending Balance	\$8,847.69
Prudent Reserve	\$1,250.90
Notes: Income & Expenses from January to present.	
1. 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition (NAGSC)	\$405.30
2. Contribution	\$6,794.64
3. Fuel Reimbursement	\$2,684.88
4. Service workshop	\$251.00

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Rich B.

**Officer Reports:**

**Chairperson:** Sophie K. Greetings everybody and welcome again to all who are new to General Service in Northern Area 42. Thank you to District 12 for hosting this NAGSC meeting and inviting us to make a General Service 12<sup>th</sup> step call to Fallon.

Since our Elko meeting in August, my service to the Northern Area has included participating in a service workshop in District 10b. Lisa A., GSR for Winnemucca's "RAA Group" asked for a GSR training and Winnemucca and Battle Mountain GSRs got an introduction to committee work as well. Thank you to Dist. 10b for your wonderful hospitality and fellowship.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to be a part of the NAGSC committee this rotation. For many years we have had NAGSC committee chairpeople for Public Information, Corrections, Treatment Facilities & more, but we had no committees to carry that message. In this rotation we have started a process to form committees to work with a committee chair.

Getting into action it became clear that, for better and for worse, our guidelines didn't offer much guidance on what our committees are and aren't, what we do and don't do and where we go to do it. Thank goodness that confusion brought on some "loving discussion". More will be revealed. Stay tuned.

We did the pre-conference roundtables each year to discuss conference agenda item. Each time more GSRs participated. Hopefully, that means that more GSRs felt the connection between their home group and the General Service Conference, and they took that excitement back to their group. If so, that translates into stronger and more active groups. Keeping that connection alive is what General Service is about.

Congratulations to us all for two years of playing well together. We continued to go the distance for workshops, NAGSC meetings, trainings and orientations to show the groups that they are a part-of and to encourage them to stay informed and in contact with the Conference through their GSR.

It's wonderful to trudge the road together and to make General Service fun! Thank you for your service.

Thank you for allowing me to do some, too.

Sophie K.

**Area 42 Chairperson** Carol B It's a pleasure to be here today with everyone. Some are rotating out of and some of us also privileged to be rotating into yet another general service position. It has been a privilege to serve all of you for the last two years in the Area 42 Chair position. It's also been an honor to be not only a voting Northern Nevada Committee member but to know and work with most of you in here today.

We have really progressed the last few years, as far as the Nevada Area's individual groups involvement and participation in AA General Service Conference agenda Items, this could have only happened because of the enthusiasm brought about through the leadership and guidance of the DCM's, GSR's along with the past and present Area Committee members, offering collective Experience Strength and Hope in the various Fellowship concerns as they surface. Please allow me to be of assistance in any manner you may wish with the upcoming 2013 & 2014 conference agenda items.

A note to the ladies in the room, please pass on the IWC information to the women in your groups. Nevada is honored to host their 2013 convention here in Reno at the Silver Legacy February 14 thru the 17<sup>th</sup>. They need our support and probably some local volunteers too. If you don't already have their sign-up sheet & information pamphlet you can either go to NNIG.ORG or just search (Google) IWC RENO.

As most of you already know, Michael M. from the South shall be rotating in next month as the panel 63 Area 42 Chairperson. I'll be passing on the chairperson e-mail address to Mike. Thanks to your support and confidence, I shall be your Area Treasurer for the next panel. and my new area e-mail contact is: [areatreasurer42@gmail.com](mailto:areatreasurer42@gmail.com).

In Loving Service,  
Carol B.

**Treasurer:** Rich B\_Went over Proposed Budget Which was accepted by the body

**Secretary:** Phil W. Hi to all of you, I'm really glad to be here in Fallon. I want to thank Debbie and Dist.12 for hosting. Life is good, I've been working on wrapping up this Rotation as your Secretary. I really love my life which let's me do so many things with others. I love being in General Service to AA as we are the folks that carry the message of service to and from our groups and districts so as to help them to do their primary purpose. A few of us went to Winnemucca last month and had a really nice workshop on being a GSR. Its truly nice to be able to come out here as well as other places in the Northern area and meet with you and others who are interested in doing this thing called sobriety, I am looking forward to being able to do this stuff during the next Rotation Thanks for trusting and allowing me to be of service in this capacity. Phil W.

**Area 42 Archivist:** Paul E. It has been my pleasure to serve as your Archivist for the past 4 years. I have learned a lot about A.A. in the Area and the history of A.A. This commitment has been very enlightening. I have collected flyers, group histories and made tapes of long timers. I started a small Archives area at Central Office. I look forward to helping Pat our new Alternate Archivist in any way I can.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul E.

### **District Reports:**

**District 2:** Hello Everyone, I am Tom E, District 2 DCM. I enjoyed my two year term. I learned a lot about myself, most of it bad. We had our election last month. Roger H. is the new DCM. Brian the Alternate. Mary the Secretary. Tia the Treasurer. I want to thank District 2 for being so supportive and involved. I am in Los Angeles this weekend attending my sobriety class of 81 banquet. Best Wishes Always, Tom E

**District 4:** No Report

**District 6:** District 6 had elections and filled all positions. That's such a short statement, but it's such a meaningful one, too, because things were not always this way in District 6. For the second year in a row, District 6 had an information table at the Carson Valley Gratitude Dinner, so this may be the start of something

regular. The mission was to inform AAs about General Service and to encourage groups to participate through their GSRs. We stimulated discussion through this challenge: "If your group doesn't vote, then this guy will vote for you...does your group really want that?". That opened the door to talking about what a GSR is. I've been acting as DCM (and I really do mean "acting") for three years now, but it wouldn't have been possible without the support of the current Alt DCM who is also our new incoming DCM, Chris S. I dumped an incredible amount of stuff on Chris and he just kept asking for more. Our incoming Alt DCM is also here today, John F. He's praying that Chris stays healthy and doesn't go anywhere for the next two years. Thanks for letting me serve.  
Lee H D6 DCM

**District 8:** No Report

**District 10A** Dennis W. Hi Everyone, I'm Dennis W. Alcoholic from District 10A. As the outgoing DCM, I am happy to report our district came through filling all our service positions with new trusted servants. I would like to introduce our new DCM, Art F. I can only hope he has as good of time as I have had serving with you all for the last two years. I just can't believe it is time to rotate out already. I have learned so much from you all and want thank you for helping me grow just a little more towards being kinder and gentler. I thank you for our District, for all the sharing and love that came our way. Attendance at our Fellowship hall, campouts and speaker meetings really helped to let our members know that there are people who really care about us out there in north eastern Nevada. Real faces and not just names on a report were so awesome to see. I leave my service position with the feeling that some real positive things have been accomplished, yet knowing there is still a lot of work yet to be done. I will still be there to help any way I can.

I know that times are hard right now and that is why I think my next topic will be about our Gratitude Dinner in Elko. With the help of some open minded members we were able to have our first Dinner where the proceeds went to GSO. This is a big deal in my mind as it was how Bill W. set it up. We did the whole dinner on donated food and fed around 75 people, with no door charge, only donations, we were able to send \$140.00 to GSO to aid in the great work they do for us all. We had a wonderful speaker, Irene P. from Henderson NV. Great story, she had me laughing and crying, and laughing again. Again I thank you all for your service and allowing me to serve with you. Thanks to my Alternant DCM, the GSRs that worked tirelessly and attended NAGSC and Area assembly with me to carry the message.  
Dennis, I am an Alcoholic.

**District 12:** Debbie S. Thank you all for coming out to Fallon. This gives me a chance to participate in the Oasis Festival at the Convention Center and nagsc,

as they are both going on today. I was able to go to Winnemucca for a service workshop in November. District 12 has been pretty quiet for the past couple of months. We held our District elections in September as it suggests in the Service Manual. All of our district's positions were filled with alternates as well. Roberta B. will be our new DCM. Our group, GSR and DCM change forms were just updated and mailed off to GSO.

Thank you for the past two years....In Service, Debbie S.

**District 14:** Ron W. No Report

**District 16:** Bruce A. , We are very busy preparing for the Christmas Affair, the event is on December 8th and you can see the flyer on the website for Intergroup. NNIG.ORG We have had our elections and everyone is excited to begin the new year. I want to thank the District and NAGSC for the time I have spent in service, I am grateful and wish all the best to the incoming officers.

Yours in service, Bruce

**District 20:** Julie C. We had the privilege of having Carol B., Area 42 Chair and Roberta, the Alt DCM from district 12 lead our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Sharing day in early October. Not only did they drive a long way, they did an outstanding job! Thank you both! We discussed the topics that were proposed at the April Conference regarding keeping our meetings safe. The group that attended this year was smaller, but just as passionate. We voted to discuss three topics; 1) Inappropriate/disruptive conduct in meetings, 2) Sponsorship and Safety, and 3) Are our meetings welcoming? We were so enthusiastic regarding what to do about conduct in meetings that we never got to the other topics. Participating in our sharing days has been one of the biggest gifts of General Service for me – watching the love in our district fills my soul.

We had our elections at the end of October and have all the offices filled; we still have some open chair positions. Kyle H will be our next DCM and I am very excited to see what he will bring to the district. This is the fourth panel for District 20 since we emerged from our dim status; yeah! We have some experienced GS people and some new blood; yeah again!

I attended a PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) training along with one of our GSRs. Lassen County is now requiring all visitors to attend the federally mandated training. A few years ago we discussed PREA at our NAGSC round tables and then at my home group so we had background and familiarity going into the training. My experience was very different than the description from the background on the agenda item. I can definitely see why the GSC has no opinion on what individual AA members should do. I appreciated the guidance from our Corrections Chair that we need to follow the facilities rules and be respectful representatives of Alcoholics Anonymous. After receiving the training, I have a different opinion on what I think I would do regarding reporting back if I observe or hear about prison rape. It is up to my conscience.

It is with mixed emotions that I give my final DCM report. I am thrilled that we have a new DCM and I hope that I am able to continue in some capacity in

General Service. I have learned much and am overwhelmed by the love and kindness in Area 42; especially the people from NAGSC, many of whom I consider good friends. It has been an honor and privilege to be the DCM from District 20. I am so very proud of the commitment from the people who I have been privileged to serve with.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

In Love and Service, Julie C. ~ DCM, District 20

**District 22:** No report.

**GSR Survival Chair:** Went with the group to Winnemucca on a 12 step call when I put on a G.S.R. training. We had a great turn out, lots of questions and conversation. They are well on their way to a great district.

The light is shining bright in Winnemucca.

I want to thank all of NAGS and area 42 for the last two years of service. Thank you to all the DCM'S for being so welcoming to me, it was a great experience. I thank you all. Lonnie

**Finance Committee Report:** We did the Audit and books are in order

**CPC Chair:** Tim W. :We conducted one conference call of the NAGSC CPC Committee members since our last NAGSC meeting. In attendance, besides myself, were: SAGSC CPC Chair, NNIG CPC Chair, and CPC representatives for Districts 2 and 6. Each of us discussed recent CPC activities we have been doing, such as: Contacting and meeting with Drug Court representatives Dealing with court cards Hosting medical students at open AA meetings Making presentations to students at high schools and nursing schools (we have a great presentation which can also be used for meetings with any professional as well)Working with Al-Anon to bring meetings into domestic abuse shelters Working with Project Homeless Connect to bring meetings into homeless shelters Hosting information tables at health fairs and a child abuse awareness conference The NNIG CPC Chair has attended several meetings with UNR medical students. I had the opportunity to attend one of them and was able to explain what CPC was to them. The NNIG CPC Chair also arranged for a speaker-Dr. B. from UNR-to speak at St. Vincent's Residence Hall on May 18th. He spoke and answered questions on the physical and psychological effects of alcohol, and he was well received by those in attendance. I was contacted by a newcomer who is a professional is and very concerned by anonymity. I explained our 12th Tradition and referred her to several meetings where she may feel comfortable. I was asked to write up one of the agenda items for the NAGSC roundtable discussions which I did. Finally, we were contacted by a Ph.D. student who is conducting a survey of members of the Fellowship for his doctoral thesis. After we were assured of anonymity and confirmed the nature of the survey, the committee members agreed to respond to it. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. Tim W.

**Corrections Chair:** Lyle C. There was an agenda item from NY a few years ago, which we discussed at the assembly regarding PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act). It seems that the way California is implementing the training does not require AA members to sign any pledges. They try to use guilt as a motivator for AA members to report any knowledge of inappropriate sexual behavior behind bars. Lassen County jail just implemented PREA training as federally required.

The Federal and State prisons continue to provide PREA training for new and renewing outside AA members.

The federal, state and county facilities all have active participation and literature.

I want to thank all the corrections committee people, especially Emory B from Susanville, Chuck M from Tahoe and Scott B from Bishop. They provided me with updates and kept volunteers and literature moving. They made my experience with corrections much easier.

One last time I will remind you that the inmates are still asking for CCS (Corrections Correspondence Service), so remember that we are always looking for people to write to inmates. And we still need Spanish speaking outside members for CCC and High Desert.

I have been passionate about corrections for a long time, but the joy of bridging the gap took me by surprise. Thank you Sophie, for pointing me in the direction of BTG. Thank y'all for the opportunity to grow in service.

In Fellowship and Service, Lyle C. ~ Corrections and BTG Chair

**Area Webmaster:** no report

**Area 42 Newsletter Editor:** Pat S. My two-year-term as Area 42 Newsletter Editor technically expires Dec. 31, but the last newsletter has already been sent out. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve in this position. I now look forward to serving the area for the next four years as Alternate Archivist ... which automatically makes me Archivist for NAGSC. Thank you for this new honor. You'll be hearing from me (probably getting tired of my announcements) soon as to how you can help preserve the history of AA in Northern Nevada. In loving service, Pat S., outgoing Area 42 Newsletter editor  
incoming Area 42 Alternate Archivist/NAGSC Archivist

**Grapevine Chair:** Grapevine Report – Laura J – Interim Chair

Hi, my name is Laura, I am an alcoholic and filling in as Grapevine Chair for Doreen for this rotation. Not too much has gone on since the last NAGSC meeting. As always I encourage all to check out [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) for the latest news from the Grapevine. If your groups do not have a Grapevine Rep, please encourage them to try this and remind them that they can register as a GV Rep on the website.

I wanted to make a few comments on how fulfilling it has been to serve on this committee. 2 years ago at this same NAGSC meeting we were asked to choose a committee to work with. I choose the Grapevine because I thought it would be the least amount of work. I was wrong. Then, I knew nothing about the Grapevine and I am happy to say that in these 2 years, through participation in NAGSC meetings, Area Assemblies and PRAASAs, I have learned so much and come to greatly appreciate this wonderful publication. So when you are asked today to choose a committee, I recommend looking for something that you don't know anything about. For me, working with the Grapevine committee has led to growth in my program, fellowship and in my sobriety. Thank you for allowing me to serve the Area.

**Public Information: Carri C** Hi Everyone, I am Carri and am an alcoholic. I would like to thank Area 42 and all involved in service for allowing me to serve you in the capacity of Public Information Chair for NAGSC. This has been another wonderful two years of growth for me in ways I would not have imagined. I have felt very honored to work with the members of the P.I. Committee, who have showed me how to work as a team while carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. The time and work we have all put in has been amazing. One of our goals was to make sure that the Public Libraries in Area 42 have literature such as Big Book, living sobers and 12 & 12's. This task was very successful and could not have been done without the help and support from the PI committee members and DCM's in the area. Please give yourselves credit for making all this possible in helping us carry on with Tradition Five. Thank you all again, Carri C.

**Registrar:** Jeannette B

**Accessibilities/Special Needs:** My name is Chris and I have been your Special Needs Chair for the 2010-2012 term. Thank you for allowing me to be of service in this position; it has been a very rewarding and learning experience. I feel that what I have received out of this is far more than what I have given. In November I made the trip with a few other NAGSC members to Winnemucca. I shared my experience, strength, and hope with those there and had a wonderful meal. I am glad to report that Winnemucca is alive and growing in service. Once again thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow in sobriety. Chris S.  
NAGSC Special Needs/Remote Community/Accessibility Chair

**Treatment Facilities:** Bruce A. , We are at the end of our time in NAGSC and Renee and I want to thank all of you for your support and encouragement during our service. We have accomplished all of our goals from the workbook sent from NY and our Districts and Groups are supporting Treatment with meetings and



literature. All of us on the Committee wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season.

**Inter-group Liaison Report:** Roger H. no report

**ANNYPAA Liaison:** no report

**Old Business:** The Ad Hoc committee on Guidelines re: standing committees and their chairs reported back with a proposal, a few questions came up and it was decided to work on the proposal. A list was started of folks that had a desire to be part of the Committee.

**New Business:** Phil W incoming Area 42 Alternate Chair and Incoming NAGSC chair Introduced the new Chairs They were confirmed after a break. Those Chairs are: CPC, Lyle C. Corrections, Debbie S. Treatment, Kevin B. Grapevine, Paul E. Special Needs, Carrie C. and Mike L. as PI.

Next an election was held to fill the NAGSC Treasurer position Julie C. was the only member to stand and was confirmed as the incoming Treasurer. After that we asked for volunteers to stand for Finance Committee. Carrie C. Lyle C. and Lonnie M. made themselves available and were confirmed. Julie C made a proposal

**Proposal**

NAGSC will offer a new DCM workshop ½ hour prior to the NAGSC Round Table meeting in February 2013. The workshop will create a forum for outgoing DCMs to share experience, strength and hope; as well as an opportunity for new DCMs to ask questions. This will help districts to grow in effectiveness as well as allow incoming DCMs to be more prepared for their first assemblies as DCM. At the June NAGSC meeting we will consider the value of continuing the workshop in the future.

Sophie then turned meeting over to Phil W Incoming Chair for Announcements

we closed the meeting with Responsibility Statement

*The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket was passed and we received \$161.51*

**AA Related Announcements**

GSR pre-conference orientation workshop Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Triangle Club, Reno 12:30-3:00pm  
NAGSC Roundtables (info below)  
PRAASA March 1-3 Boise ID  
Area 42 Assembly April 5-7 Tonopah NV

Area 42 Website  
ANNYPAA Website

<http://nevadaarea42.org>  
<http://annypaa.org/Welcome.html>

Reno Central office <http://www.nnig.org>

**NEXT NAGSC MEETING**  
**RoundTables Feb.23, 2013**  
**United Congregational Church of Christ**  
**627 Sunnyside Dr. Reno**

THANK YOU all for your participation and attendance at these meetings

Respectfully Submitted: Phil W.

Revised by Ad Hoc Communications Committee for Anonymity Breaks in 2016.