

## **NAGSC Meeting: 1:00 PM Saturday December 7, 2013**

Chairperson Phil W. opened this meeting with the Serenity Prayer;

Read Concept 10 Short Form. Minutes were approved as recorded.

### **Old Business:**

At Phil W.'s request; A motion was made and seconded for the NAGSC body present to vote on today's second reading of a guideline-changing proposal.

## **NAGSC Guideline Change Proposal**

### **Second Reading: December 7, 2013**

Proposal is to amend:

#### 2.1 MEETINGS

2.2 Meetings will be held the first Sunday of the following months: February, June, August, and December unless otherwise decided upon by the NAGSC. Every effort should be made to include all cities of Northern Area. (amended 3-16-08)

Proposed guidelines change to read: *Changes in bold font.*

2.1 Meetings will be held the *last Saturday in February and the* first *Saturday* of the following months: June, August, and December unless otherwise decided upon by the NAGSC. Every effort should be made to include all cities of Northern Area. (amended 12-7-13)

*[Motion to accept the proposal passed with one opposed. No Minority Opinion; already stated during discussion].*

### **New Business:**

**Finance Committee: Lonnie M.** Reported, as per Finance Guidelines Addendum to NAGSC Guidelines;

#### C. Duties

3. Perform annual review and audit of the financial records kept by the NAGSC Treasurer. Such review and audit shall be performed at the December NAGSC meeting.

Lonnie M., Carol B. and Lyle C. reviewed the 2013 Treasurer's records and they were found to be in order with no discrepancies.

**2014 NAGSC Budget Proposal: Julie C.** went through all the budget line items and fielded several questions, comments and opinions.

Motion [Roger H.] to “*accept the finance committee reduced budget*”, was passed with all voting in favor, and was then followed with discussion on Committee Chair funding.

- a.) Fund Chairs every other year or
- b.) limit the amount up to partial funding among those chairs attending

Motion made [Chris S.] to “*split the \$2000.00 Standing Chair funding among those wanting to attend the 2014 PRAASA*”. This was passed unanimously.

### **NAGSC Finance Committee Proposal**

#### **Lonnie M. First Reading: – December 7th, 2013**

Proposed Amendments to the Northern Area 42 General Service Committee Guidelines. In accordance with Article 6.0, “Amending the Guidelines” it states: Any proposed amendment to these guidelines shall be presented at two consecutive meetings of the NAGSC. A two thirds (2/3) approval vote by the members present at the second presentation shall constitute adoption of the amendment. The effective date will be included in the amendment.

Proposed Amendment:

The objective for this proposal: To update the mileage reimbursement rate to reflect a more realistic representation of the current gas prices.

Background: Intent-Purpose:

In December of 2011, NAGSC increased the mileage reimbursement from \$0.20 to \$0.40 per mile. The intent was to address the rising price of gas. During the past two years of reimbursing at \$0.40/mile, it appears that the reimbursement can be greater than the cost of gas. The feedback from some is that they are being reimbursed more than they paid for gas. Currently the price of gas is on a downward trend.

The Finance Committee recommends reducing the rate to \$0.30 per mile.

5.4 currently reads:

5.4 Mileage funding: A. Mileage for all voting members to the regularly scheduled NAGSC meeting will be paid at .40 per mile for mileage in excess of 30 miles one way if the group/district is unable to fund its officer(s). (amended 12-4-11)

Proposal is for 5.4 to read:

5.4 Mileage funding:

A. Mileage for all voting members to the regularly scheduled NAGSC meeting will be paid at .30 per mile for mileage in excess of 30 miles one way if the group/district is unable to fund its officer(s).

If approved, the new rate would be effective upon approval at the following NAGSC meeting.

There was one (1) question for clarification; “Why .30 cents, rather a lesser amount?” Phil W. determined that this question should be discussed after the second reading, rather than today.

**Dist. 8. Phil read for Laura J.**

DCM Report – District 8 Northern Area 42

My name is Laura, I am an alcoholic and it is my pleasure to currently be serving as the DCM for District 8, which spans a length of Highway 395 in the Eastern Sierra of California, and includes meetings in Lone Pine, Big Pine, Bishop, Benton, Crowley Lake, Mammoth Lakes, June Lake and Bridgeport.

I am continuing my goal to improve communication and participation from the groups at the district and area level. Currently we have 11 groups meeting in our district. Seven actively participate in District events and I continue to try and visit as many of the groups as I can to carry the message of general service and to reach out to the less active groups, encouraging participation.

We meet as a District on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the odd numbered months. I am happy to see much improved participation in the District meetings.

Our plan to increase awareness and involvement by the members, in general service, centers around organizing district events ranging from social activities to workshops. In early November we held a general service workshop with presentations by our NAGSC PI and Corrections chairs, thank you to Deb and Samantha for traveling to our remote district! This was well attended, very informative and most of all a hugely fun afternoon. The well-organized presentations by our chairs sparked renewed interest in both areas of PI and Corrections among district members!

Our next new activity will be a 12 Concepts study group meeting. We have invited all AA members in our district to join us in discussing the 12 Concepts of World Service to explore their meanings to AA and to our own personal recovery. We are planning on meeting once a month for at least 12 months. I have left some flyers on the table.

We are also planning a movie night at the end of January. We have secured a room at a local hospital with projection capabilities. We will be showing some of the AA PSAs as a warm up then our main feature will be Bill W, a biographical movie produced in 2012. We will also be serving soda, candy and popcorn of course!

Our unity ride continues to organize members once a month to travel some of our more remote meeting areas within the district.

Our Corrections and Treatment committee meets on the last Monday of each month in Bishop and continues to take AA meetings into 4 adult corrections facilities, 1 juvenile facility, 1 outpatient facility and recently they have started a meeting in a senior care facility!

As you can tell AA continues to be strong and active in the southern most district of the Northern part of Area 42 and I am ever grateful to have the opportunity to serve AA in this way.

Laura

**Dist. 12 Roberta B.**

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I have been visiting groups within the District and as a result we have some new GSRs. Weather permitting I hope to visit more of those I have not been to yet. The Ladies Monday Night meeting is going dark due to lack of participation, so we will lose the GSR from that group. I attended the wrap-up of the Concept Study group and also attended the workshop on service in Carson City, sponsored by District 6. District 12 is still working on Guidelines and I hope to have a workshop to finalize them soon. We will also be sponsoring the January District Speaker meeting on January 4, 2014.

Thanks for allowing me to serve,

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta B.

**Dist. 14. Lynn D.**

1) District 14 hosted our **Annual Jamboree** on August 25<sup>th</sup> in Truckee, CA. with about 80 members attending. As part of our effort to encourage participation in General Service, we invited all committee chairs to come and discuss their roles in Area 42. Thanks to Lyle for representing the CPC committee and bringing literature and Sophie for chairing the meeting.

2) We also hosted a **Traditions Workshop** on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> with Debbie D. from Concord with 40 participants attending the all-day event. Her presentation was a comprehensive study of all 12 Traditions which was not only informative but humorous which made the workshop a great success. We are already discussing how to ride this wave of enthusiasm into next year.

3) Incline Group #1 is hosting a 6:00-7:30 Potluck Dinner from 6:00-7:30 with an Alanon Speaker at 7:30 and Lonnie M as our AA Speaker at 8:00.

4) The Kings Beach Group held an Alakathon from Midnight on November 27th through Midnight on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

5) We are also looking into what the General Service office in Sparks provides for us so we can use them more efficiently and contribute accordingly. A representative will be coming to our district meeting next year.

Thank you for letting me of service. .

**DISTRICT 20 DCM REPORT**  
**Fall December 7, 2013**

One of our goals in District 20 is to visit as many of the groups or meetings as possible. In support of that goal we are developing a short hand-out providing the contact information for the DCM and the Alternate DCM. In addition we may include a few pertinent news items pertaining to Area 42 activity, some of the support we can provide, invite their participation in service, and solicit their input as to their most pressing needs. Included with the handout is 4 or 5 copies of the Announcement/Order form for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the Big Book. This has proven very popular and enlightening as many were not aware of anniversary edition or its availability.

Our efforts have been hampered by illness and injury impacting both AA members in service and their families. The Alternate DCM has managed to visit 3 meetings in distant localities and found the AA strong and focused on the basic AA message but in each case supported by a small contingent of committed AA members. This was some of the input; (to paraphrase) "We are committed to the program but don't have enough members to participate in service above the local level.", "There are a lot of new people going to NA but not many coming to AA", and "I have to put in more time and energy at work and after I spend some time with my family I am unable to give more to AA." Never-the-less, one result seems to be an increase in groups visiting other meetings and this serves to increase the larger sense of community.

We are attempting to address the expressed member concerns by developing local group or meeting guidelines that delineate service positions clearly, limit responsibilities to a level more easily managed by members with little time and energy, spread the service responsibilities among more members (many hands make light work), and provide support with service sponsors. We are also introducing AA principals, The Traditions and The Concepts of World Service as foundations upon which to build a sustaining AA community in District 20. Ambitious goals but with the support and guidance of a loving higher power how can we go wrong.

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Corrections     Debbie S.  
NAGSC CORRECTIONS/BTG

December 2013

I had a concern for the inmates incarcerated at the prisons in the Southern Area, residing and/or released to the Northern Nevada area, that they may not have a contact or "BRIDGE". I have contacted the Southern Area's "Bridging the Gap" chair. In our conversation, he has agreed to contact me if a bridge request is made from an inmate being released to the North. I plan to contact the DCM of the district of release for a volunteer.

November 8th I had the opportunity to give a corrections presentation at a workshop in District 8, Bishop to be exact. I felt honored to be asked. I had the opportunity to hear what was going on in the area of corrections at their 2 county jails and prison. I learned that they have a strong group of volunteers that are taking meetings behind the walls. I was able to share information and requests from the General Service Office on Correspondence and prerelease contacts.

I cannot share enough on the issues of Correspondence and prerelease contacts. There is a need for members to share in that special kind of service. Men on the outside are needed to correspond with male inmates. I have the pamphlets to fill out and send to the General Service Office...Once the General Service Office gets the contact information, a random match is made for sharing the message of recovery through letter writing. Women who are taking meetings into women's facilities, please let these incarcerated women know that these services are available to them. I have information pamphlets on Correspondence for the member on the inside. If you are or know of someone taking meetings inside of prisons, arm yourself or them with pamphlets on "Prerelease Contact Information", especially the copies for AA's on the inside.

I have been invited to give a short presentation at the District 12's business meeting in January. If your group or District would like me to give a presentation, join in on a workshop or would just like information please don't hesitate!

I urge you-NO-dare you to go to your local county jail, prison or camp and ask the sheriff or warden if there is any AA literature you can provide for the inmates library or dayroom. Literature like Grapevine magazine subscriptions, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, the book, Inmate to Inmate published by Grapevine, Daily Reflections, etc.

I have a few copies of the fall 2013 newsletter, "Sharing From Behind the Walls", it contains short shares of gratitude to AA and volunteers, among other articles.

Thank You for allowing me to serve in the capacity as your Corrections Chair,  
Debbie S.

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NNIG Liaison Mike L  
December 7, 2013

NNIG Liaison Report

Hello everyone my name is Mike L and I am an alcoholic serving as NAGSC Liaison to NNIG (Northern Nevada Intergroup). With every intergroup meeting I go to I always am amazed by all the 12 step work that goes on from Corrections, treatment facilities, Bridging the Gap, answering service, Sunshine Committee, PI, and CPC. All this is communicated to the AA membership via the monthly newsletter The Bracer and via the web @ nnig.org. I encourage the NAGSC standing committees to work with their Intergroup counter parts

Some of the highlights since we last met; there was a Operating Procedure approval change that insures that there is a budget process that gives responsibility to the groups; the pink can money contributed through intergroup has collected about \$10,000 in the last year that enables literature to be given to alcoholics who are in area facilities. The Halloween party and Gratitude Dinner were both very successful this year. The Fall Festival this year contributed \$1250. Central office receives about 250 -300 calls a month about 5% are 12 step calls the balance being information calls. There is a big need for more Carson City women for the 12<sup>th</sup> step call list for the answering service.

It continues to be a great pleasure for me to serve as Intergroup Liaison to communicate the miracle of service to both Intergroup and NAGSC.

**Special Needs Carrie C. read by Carol**

Hi Carri Alcoholic, serving as NAGSC Chair for Special Needs, Remote Communities and Accessibilities. I am pleased to say that in District 8 the Bishop group has started a meeting in the Bishop Care Center. They bring in 5 -6 members and meet once a week. Right now they have (1) one woman who comes to the meeting and has been a member of AA for several years. This service is considered Special Needs. If you know of a care center in area that might benefit from this service please contact Carri C, Carol B. Joyce P. or Chris S. We would love to help you get this started. Please ask your DCM to have us come to your District and put on a workshop. Let us help expand the knowledge of these great services that AA and area provide. This year was very slow, I would LOVE to "Get in the CAR" and meet some of you in your district and see what we can do in these very special areas of AA.

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service-  
Carri C.

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**Treatment Kevin B. read by Jeannette**

Treatment chairperson report that was read at the NAGSC meeting. I have had 0 bridging the gap referrals I have received 0 requests from DCMs for assistance. I have been announcing to form a treatment committee and there has been little response. I announce all area and district activities at meetings. I remain willing to assist the northern districts in any area that I can. It remains my honor to be of service to the area.

**Paul E Grapevine;**

**Northern Area 42 General Service  
Grapevine Chair**

Since our last I was at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual High Sierra Campout in Mammoth Lakes, CA. on Aug. 23-25, I had a great time sharing the Grapevine with my fellow campers and I attended the Oasis Festival in Fallon NV. on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> this was a whole day of fun and fellowship. Then on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> there was a workshop on how to write a story for the Grapevine on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at the 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational United Church 627 Sunnyside Drive Reno, NV. From 1:00PM – 4:30PM, this was put on by Laura J. and presenters Joyce Y. and Pat S. all who have had stories published in the Grapevine. Everyone there wrote or started writing a story, I was surprised at how much one could write in such a short amount of time and the content of the stories was truly for the heart. I am willing to attend any upcoming events but I need as much advance notice as possible so that I can make sure that I don't have a scheduling conflict.

I also attended the Area Assembly in Tonopah in September. There my counterpart from the south set up the Grapevine table. I will do this in March.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul E.

**Emily C.**

Hi All,

I am about 4 days behind schedule but online registration is up and ready to roll. We would like to get the online registration info out to as many as possible. Please let me know if you have any questions. FYI, there are only 50 banquet tickets available online but there will be 100 additional at the door for sales. Please let everyone know this so they will not be confused about the number of tickets left.

Thank you,

Emily C.

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**Delegate Sophie K**  
Delegate's Report

NAGSC Meeting, Silver Springs, NV – 12/7/13

My name is Sophie, I am alcoholic, and I am grateful to serve Area 42 as its Panel 63 delegate.

Welcome to all first-time attendees – especially GSRs. Thank you for braving the weather to join us. Watch out for service bugs. They can bite with enthusiasm at these events! Most importantly, if you have a question, please ask it!

Thank you to you all for your service over the last months. I have enjoyed both attending and participating in workshops and panels put on by districts and standing committees - a PI & Corrections workshop, a Concepts Book Study celebration, and an Intro to General Service Panel. It was a special honor to facilitate a group inventory with the Mammoth Lakes Group. For me it was a powerful example of our traditions and concepts in action. I feel more strongly than ever that as a trusted servant I am here to serve the groups, to do my best to share tools, knowledge and experience that can strengthen us in all three of our Legacies: Unity, Recovery and Service.

Why are strong groups important? According to George M., a recently-rotated General Service Trustee, “Strong groups carry our message of hope with clarity into the world of misinformation and uninformed personal opinion about A.A.”

The Traditions and Concepts workshops can be so helpful! Thank you DCMs and districts for continuing to offer them.

At our Fall Assembly the body enthusiastically supported having a mock General Service Conference. It's an exciting idea; I support it completely. We can only benefit from deepening our understanding of our conference process. Still, I have concerns about our timing. Based on my own conference experience and those of some of our rotated servants, I am asking the GSRs to prepare me for the 2014 General Service Conference using our roundtable and panel presentation formats and to take time in the summer and fall of 2014 to have activities to prepare us for a mock conference in 2015.

Why? Why not a mock conference at our next assembly? In my first and only conference experience to date I found myself on another planet of processes and procedures. I should have been better prepared – not about agenda items but about “how it works”. The conference went just fine partly because more than 50 of the 130 participants had already experienced the process.

At our Area 42 assemblies we might have 10 people present who have been to the conference and likely 200 who haven't. Rather than risk collective confusion and frustration in the precious little time we have, I'd like to be sure that we plan our mock conference experience carefully so that we can each be fully-informed and prepared participants in the new process. I'd like for us to allow ourselves the time to learn about and practice for an ultimately fantastic

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experience. For our spring area assembly I do not want to take the chance on muddling communication between the groups and the delegate at the time we need clarity the most.

Having said that, and so as not to lose momentum, one suggestion could be to organize ourselves north and south in the late spring to put on a local “mini-mock” demonstration. Then follow that with role playing sessions to practice the process. We would be in more manageable numbers and, hopefully, have more physical space to be able to focus on the activities. This is only one idea. If you choose to discuss it you will have many more.

I fully support our area experiencing the General Service Conference process and will wholeheartedly participate in making it happen. My request is that the experiment begin after our 2014 Pre-conference assembly.

What I hope to do in the spring is what we have learned to do really well: conduct a carefully choreographed, highly informative and inclusive pre-conference preparation process. First, we prepare new GSRs for the events. Then we provide summaries of the relevant agenda items. In the greater Reno and Las Vegas areas we host roundtables and discussions on the agenda items for efficient, clear communication and maximum group involvement. All of this is in preparation for the March Assembly when we come together to form the conscience of the area. In this way the delegate gets a fully-informed and accurate sense of Area 42's sentiments to carry to the General Service Conference. We have honed our current pre-conference process to prepare our groups and delegates well and thoroughly. It's an engaging weekend and we have a lot of fun.

Inasmuch as at the Assembly there was no discussion of the matter before or after the body expressed its enthusiasm, I request that we back up, have the discussion, and come to an informed group conscience.

**News from GSO:**

**Agenda items: deadline for submission Jan 15, 2014**

Trustees Committee on International Conventions and Forums:

- 2025 International: Vancouver, B.C.
- Announcement: Opportunity for a local Forum. Deadline for proposals April, 2014

We are approaching the second year of the rotation – the year that we begin to think we know how to do our jobs! How about we put some of our thoughts toward those coming up behind us in General Service. Let's get in the car together and show the next wave what is involved in the service positions we currently hold. Let's be an attraction for service and encourage them to stay involved. Of course, we will look at the next positions we, ourselves, are eligible for and learn about them from those who do or have done the job. We've got a year to prepare Area 42 for a strong rotation!

If you have questions or concerns about the pre-conference assembly or anything else, please email me via the area website and we'll set up a phone date. With my new work schedule I'm most available to do area business on the weekends. I hope we all enjoy sober holidays and good fellowship. Thank you for your service.

**Sophie**

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**PHIL W Chair**

Area 42 Alt-Chair Report NAGSC Chair report Dec 7, 2013

Hi to all of you. I'm glad you were able to be here in Silver Springs. I want to thank Roberta and Ed and all of dist. 12 for putting this meeting place together for today. Well I'm happy to report that the Northern area is alive and well with Districts and Chairs putting together workshops and Roundtable discussions I'm so excited about the General Service work that is getting done in the North. I was able to be at a workshop that was hosted by Dist. 1 and 13 in Las Vegas a month ago. It was very nice to enjoy fellowship in the South. Earlier I did attend a Concepts roundtable discussion in Reno Really great group that lit a fire under those of us visiting from Dist. 8 we are starting a concept meeting in Dist. 8 There was also a Spanish Congress in Reno that I was able to get to for a few Hrs. on a Sat in fact the same Sat that a Grapevine workshop was offered I split the day and was able to attend the GV workshop for a while that day. I did work on our area Inventory Questions also was able to attend a workshop on Corrections and Pi that took place in November and was hosted by Dist. 8, I would love to attend any of your functions and would love to hear of them early as I am doing things and will schedule your event so I can be there. Early this year some of the guys worked over a weekend to summarize the Agenda Items and did a great job. That time is coming again and I would like to have all who would like to be part of this little exercise get a hold of me and we will work on getting ready for our roundtables and the Assembly together with the folks from the south it should really be fun.

**Area Treasurer Report Carol B**

I just received a third quarter Contribution report from GSO. If you want to access this; go to [nevadaarea42.org](http://nevadaarea42.org); then go to the bottom link on the right side of the page: Area Member Info (log-in required), you will be asked to enter a User Name and a Password. Both of these are the same. area42member.

This link has the financial statements and group contribution information that is available to all A.A. Members in area 42, please share this password at your business meetings to help achieve our 7<sup>th</sup>. Tradition transparency.

Carol B.

**JULIE C TREASURER REPORT**

NAGSC Treasurer: Julie C. – The Finance Committee held two conference calls where we created a budget for the body to approve today. With the recent change to the guidelines giving more direction to the Chairs, the Finance Committee wanted to ensure that the committees have the necessary funding to provide those services. I want to thank all the officers and chairs for participating in the budgeting process. I felt very supported by all. I appreciate the hard work and the thoughtful contributions from the Finance Committee

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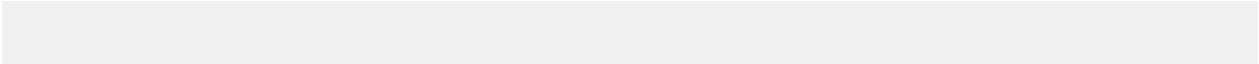
members, Lonnie M, Chair; Carri C, Alt Chair; Lyle C, Secretary and Rich B, Past Treasurer.

Here is your financial status: Our cash is even with last year's, which on the surface looks great. I want to bring to your attention that without the large contribution of \$4,860 from the IWC, we would be down by \$4,900. I know that we have enough and will always be provided with what we need, but want to let you know that group contributions are down \$1,472 or 17%.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. It is truly a privilege to be your treasurer.

**NAGSC YEAR TO DATE CASH POSITION AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITY: Jan 1 thru Dec 7, 2013**

Beginning Cash Balance	\$11,796.20	
Income		
7th tradition	343.25	
Contribution Income	7,296.06	Contributions down \$1,472.20 from last year
Income from Other Entities	<u>5,737.80</u>	Women's International Conference & Others
Total Income	13,377.11	
Expense		
NAGSC Meetings	3,689.20	
Standing Committee		
Expense	308.94	
Office expenses	137.32	
Travel		PRAASA spending up \$2,409; Assembly
(Assembly/PRAASA)	7,968.09	down \$716
GSC Fee	<u>1,250.00</u>	Group Conscience
Total Expense	<u>13,353.55</u>	
Net Ordinary Income/(Loss)	<u>23.56</u>	
Interest Income	0.14	
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>23.70</u>	
Ending Cash Balance	<u><u>\$11,819.90</u></u>	Cash is up by \$1,219 from Dec 2012



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March 1, 2014 NAGSC Meeting shall be located at Sunnyside (same place as last year's roundtables) Meeting will start at 1pm. DCM meeting at 12 noon. **First Congregational Church at 627 Sunnyside Drive Reno DCM Committee Chair meeting at noon**

There was a \$64.00 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 with the Responsibility declaration.

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