

NAGSC Business Meeting

Date: February 24th, 2018

Location: South Reno United Methodist Church

Address: 200 De Spain Lane, Reno NV 89511

12:15 DCMs & Standing Committee Chairs/ GSR Training – Roundtable

12:45-1:00 Break:

Chair Julie C. Opened the meeting at 1:00 pm with Luis Spanish Serenity Prayer and English the Serenity Prayer

Welcome:

Terry Reads: GSR Preamble

Peggy Reads: Reading from the 12 Concepts of World Service; Concept 5

Tony Interpreting for Linguistic District

Review Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting (December 2nd, 2017) reviewed,

Corrections: None

Motions to Accept: Yes

1st: Yes

2nd: Yes

Vote: Yes

7th tradition collected: \$240.00

Chair: Julie C. - Committee Chairs, Officer Reports: Due to time constraints, reports will not be read at the meeting. Please send your reports to Monica as for them to be included in the minutes. Purpose of today's meeting is to inform ourselves on following five agenda items that will be discussed in committee at A.A. General Service Conference.

Treasurer's Report: Will L- February 2018 NAGSC- Hi my name is Will currently serving as your treasure. We have a current balance of \$10,808.17 in the checking. We made deposits of \$3,501.08 we have a cd with\$ 1,252.74.We would like it if your groups could provide an email address so we can send your receipts to save NAGS a lot in postage. I will also bring receipt with me each time we meet before I mail them out. IF there are any G.S.R or D.C.M that need help with prassa please come see me or take down my contact information and ill be available March3. PLEASE have your groups send your donations to any questions contact Will. Thanks, Will L

Chair: Julie C.- Shares cost for this meeting informing the body that the room cost 450\$ to rent for this meeting and she had gone to finance committee for approval wanted the body to be aware of cost raise for this NAGSC Meeting.

NAGSC Balance Sheet: 4:39 PM NAGSC 02/17/18 Balance Sheet Cash Basis As of February 17, 2018 ASSETS Current Assets Checking/Savings 1000 · BofA checking # 10,808.17 1004 · Savings CD 1,252.74 Total Checking/Savings 12,060.91 Total Current Assets 12,060.91 TOTAL ASSETS 12,060.91 LIABILITIES & EQUITY Equity 3000 · Opening Bal Equity 5,099.83 3200 · Retained Earnings 3,476.00 Net Income 3,485.08 Total Equity 12,060.91 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 12,060.91

Delegate Report: Phil-Gives verbal report: Wanted to talk to everyone about this is the first time that we have the Agenda Topics including background translated into Spanish. He will post English/Spanish to the Area Member only Area 42 Website. Looking forward to seeing everyone at PRAASA and Conference. Thank you for your service.

Break out in Round Table Groups: 1:15

Feedback on Round Table Items:

A. III. Corrections: A. Consider request to create a pamphlet for inmates who are to be released after long term incarceration.

- Bridging the Gap should be handling this
- It's a waste of time because 76% return to prison
- They should combine into existing pamphlet
- What issues are not being addressed in Pamphlet?
- H & I is helping to pass this message to prisons
- New pamphlet- forward or not
- It sure beats sitting in a cell
- AA corrections Pre-Release correspondence program
- How much to create? \$0 to consider
- No Background yet: geared to long term/6months before release
- Great Idea- Pamphlets, more is better, is easy to carry in
- Put information in Current Pre-Release (idea)
- How to integrate into AA?
- What to do upon release.
- This would be a tool as a seed
- Input on content? Clarified "no"
- For all inmates? Or inmates in AA on inside?
- Apparently something is missing in prisons as reason for consideration request
- Concern of not knowing information and involvement.
- Money and time can be better spent to get members involved in taking AA into prisons

B. VI. Literature: C. Consider request for the development of a pamphlet for atheist and agnostic members.

- Atheist and Agnostics can use 12x12 to lead into the conversation.
- Sounds like we are watering down how we reach believers or non-believers
- Change title of "Many paths to Spirituality"
- The UK has a Pamphlet "The God Word". "The God Word" sounds religious.
- Many groups in AA; To the woman, LBGTQ, Why not another?
- Whatever it takes to reach the next suffering alcoholic
- It was mentioned this is not just for the newcomer, "God" can be many forms. Group of drunks or just the fellowship, it was mentioned that someone stayed Sober 23 years by her HP being the fellowship
- We Have the Big Book Ch. To Atheist/Agnostic
- The Big Book doesn't relate enough, what about the alcoholic who still suffers
- When you read pamphlet " Many paths to Spirituality" it seems it is not for The Athiest/Agnostic

- Page 9 of Many paths to spirituality basically tells you that you will find a God/Higher power
- What about the 12 and 12 doesn't it cover this?
- Do we need another pamphlet?
- Can we just edit the existing pamphlets?
- If a pamphlet is made it would need to have Atheist and Agnostic in title.
- In Japan there is no word for God, we need to be inclusive
- Does this go against Big Book? Does it go against traditions?
- My sponsor is an Agnostic and I got sober many years later I found a higher power but my story is not everyone's
- Many paths of Spirituality is not enough it does address the non-believer
- I have had sponsee where this would have helped them where I couldn't
- It would be nice to have others stories included, who then AA's could relate to

C. VI. Literature: R. Consider request to add a section on anonymity to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."

- How Many? Cards vs. pamphlets...229,000 Pamphlets on Sponsorship 29,000 Cards
- They talk about the "Understanding anonymity" Pamphlet
- Who is doing wording? Not decided today.
- Useful to have in pamphlet, and then go to the 12 x 12.
- Financial Impact? We don't know- not a huge deal though.
- Looking to add anonymity statement to 9 pieces of literature
- Is this about adding to a pamphlet or writing a new pamphlet?
- Can a sentence about posting pictures of Sobriety celebrations on Facebook be included in the paragraph?
- Are we trying to prevent anonymity breaks in Social Media?
- Don't need to make this change, we already have a pamphlet on anonymity.
- This is not a sponsors job
- Anonymity is limited to press, radio, and film. We are overdoing the Anonymity topic.
- Why "This Pamphlet". This pamphlet gets better readership than many other pamphlets.
- Need anonymity on Social Media pamphlet.
- Current Anonymity pamphlet is fine.
- Person to person is better. It was years before I picked up a pamphlet. We need to talk to younger people about this.
- If we are already doing all we can do on this topic, why is it not working?

D. X. Treatment and Accessibilities: C. Discuss ways that remote communities concerns might be addressed by the Conference.

- Doesn't have enough info so we table it – not going to table anymore
- Go back to group and see if we want to start a new committee
- Accessibilities needs bodies, remote communities has fallen under this committee
- 1 indigenous meeting in this area
- Should be having more bilingual meetings in other languages
- GSO acts as liaison. Do they not want to do it?
- Accessibilities speaks it all maybe they could be incorporated.
- Discuss a committee at Conference for Remote issues
- Remote definition: Anyone who has a barrier to AA, examples are young people, mental health, military, language barriers, sign language and confinement to nursing homes.

- Have one committee member from each committee become the a member on the remote committee
- We don't need to be concerned about remote because they can call the AA hotline from anywhere
- Past Delegate shared there is a mission statement about what a remote community is and the past delegates discuss how to handle this. There's a lot of work
- The remote committee meeting is held on the first night at the conference and everyone was invited at the conference
- Accessibilities has taken all of remote responsibilities
- Travel is a big concern about remote communities
- The purpose is to discuss the barriers you have come across in AA
- There are online meetings and phone meetings now for remote situations

E. XI. Trustees: Review proposal to censure the General Service Board.

- Discuss not judge, censure opinions belong to the groups
- Clarification on what to take to group- is it a good idea to censure
- How long did they know about it?
- Both sides in violation
- Home group decided no more money to GSO, he will get another home group
- Clarification- Warranty 5 applies to conference action not AAWS
- Are we just responding to the action the Trustees took? Why did they sue?
- Warranty V shows us a public lawsuit is public controversy.
- The GSC should have been consulted. This was a disregard of Warranty V and taking action without consulting GSC.
- The Trustees did not follow the process already in place.
- Did Trustees have legal counsel prior to pursuing this lawsuit?
- It cost us around \$135,000 for expenses and legal fees.
- This incident seems more dis-unifying than unifying.
- If we vote to censure, what happens? What would censure accomplish?
- Censure is a way for the body to state its opinion. It's a statement of strong disapproval.
- What happens to the Trustees if we censure them? We can reorganize the Trustees.
- Delegates may need more input in electing Trustees to avoid situations like this.
- If GSB is not behaving as we would like, we can elect new delegates or withhold funds.
- Can AAWS poll Areas before taking action?
- Warranties and Concepts show how to handle this.
- Do we trust out trusted servants at GSO to do the right thing and allow them to have the Right of Decision?
- This is a terrific topic to educate the Fellowship on the process. Overall census of censuring: inconclusive.

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2:30 - 2:45 Break:

2:45 - Standing Committees:

Chair Reports

Registrar, Laura J- Greetings to all from the Area Registrar. Online registration is available for our Spring Area 42 pre-conference Assembly, held in Tonopah, NV, March 23 - 25. This is an

important assembly for GSRs to attend as this is your opportunity to convey your group's conscience to our delegate who will carry that conscience to the General Service Conference in April. It is not mandatory to pre-register for this event online however by doing so you make it easier on the organizers. You may also purchase a banquet ticket online which I recommend because these will often sell out. The banquet meal will be provided this Assembly by a local restaurant who will be serving all types of BBQ, ribs, chicken, brisket and side dishes. Something new than what we've done in the past, should be delicious! The last day to pre-register online is Monday, March 19. Anyone can register at the event also. The link to register is: area42assemblyregistration.bpt.me I am using a new online registration company. The previous company raised their fees so that each ticket purchased would cost the buyer almost \$3. That cost is absorbed by each member for the banquet ticket and by the area for the Assembly ticket. This new company is actually less expensive per ticket than we have paid in the past. The online registration is a service provided to the body by the Area. Members seem happy with the current system and with the quick lines at the registration table; however if you have questions, comments or feedback on this system, please let me know. At Area Assembly Jake and I will have group information spreadsheets for each DCM. Please look these over when you get them and help us update our records. We, of course, will also have forms for changes or additions to our Area's groups and representatives. Yours in service, Laura

Secretary, Monica S- Hello Everyone Monica Alcoholic and your Secretary of the North just wanted to say thank you for being of service. In case I don't already have your email please see me I would love to meet you and get your info, I have a blue notebook here for you to add your info to. Also very excited to hear from you today as I am scribe for one of our Round tables, Presented by Paul.

Finance Committee Chair, Sue H- (No Report)

Archivist, Lyle C- Area 42 Archivist The Archives Committee was extended a budget of \$400 from the Area 42 Assembly at our fall meeting. The funds are to buy shelving and other material to clean up the spaces we have to store our Archives. We keep our Archives at Central Office in Las Vegas. In the process of our work the long time manager, Jack, had health issues which stopped the work. There is a new manager at Central Office for now and we are back at the task of installing shelving. This includes redesigning our areas. I plan on going to Las Vegas after Area 42 Assembly to help out. I want to thank Gabriel, Jake and all the other volunteers for all their hard work. Your Archive committee created a couple wonderful slide shows that were shown in the Archive room at PRAASA. We organized Area 42's PRAASA archives which we were able to display for everyone to view. I am very grateful for the opportunity to participate at PRAASA as well as working with the great Area 42 Archives Committee (Anne K, Jake, Gabriel and Pat S). Yours in Service, Lyle C

Cooperation with Professional Community, Anne Y- Things are good. I went to the Sparks district meeting and gave a presentation it went well we all learned something. I have been working with some of the sheriffs and highway patrol so they can learn more about alcoholism. I look forward to going to other district meetings. Thank you for letting me be of service, Anne

Corrections Facilities, Samantha G- NAGSC Corrections Committee Report February 2018
Taking Meeting into Correctional Facilities: This committee does basically these things:

- work with AAs who want to take AA meetings into correctional facilities

- connect AA members with correctional facilities
- works with correctional facilities
- keeps a database of meetings going into correctional facilities

Corrections Correspondence Service: This service allows inmates to correspond with outside AAs on an individual basis. Your Corrections Committee can:

- offer suggested guidelines to help when writing to members inside the walls
- inform AA members **how to** set up pre-release contacts (Bridging the Gap)
- provide samples of letters

Most recently we gave a presentation to District 20 in Susanville. Thank you District 20! And we received a couple emails about AAs carrying the message into a correctional facility. DCMs and GSRs, if your District or Group would like a presentation or workshop, all you need to do is invite us. We'd be glad to come! If you're interested in helping AAs get meetings into correctional facilities or contacting AA who are already taking meetings in, please join this committee! And please let me know if you are already taking meetings into correctional facilities or are interested in participating on the Corrections Committee. I'd like to thank the Northern Area General Service Committee for allowing me to be of service. It is an honor and a privilege to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in a fun and informative way. *Respectfully submitted by Samantha G., Northern Area 42 Corrections Chair, This is a confidential AA document.*

Grapevine, Pat S- My name is Pat. I am an alcoholic and I am humbled to serve as the Grapevine Chair for Northern Nevada. Grapevine will have a major display at the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Assembly (PRAASA) in Sparks next weekend (March 2-4). Please stop by and visit. Most of the Grapevine literature will be sold at the Northern Nevada Intergroup (NNIG) booth. Breaking news: The Grapevine YouTube page is up and running. The easiest way to find it is to Google "AA Grapevine Youtube." Be sure to include "AA" or you'll be directed to something else. Meanwhile, I remain available to talk about Grapevine at any group or district meeting. And if your group or district does not have a Grapevine Representative, please consider creating this rewarding position. It's an easy job and it would provide a service opportunity for somebody. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Pat

Public Information, Andrea- Hello to our friends of Bill W., First I'd like to thank Sue H for facilitating such a smooth transition into my new service position. She was very informative and knowledgeable about the committee. Thank you Sue. In February Sue, my service sponcer Barbara and my self; took a presentation to District 22. This was a super exciting experience! To see Big Book thumpers of another language. We delivered a load of literature in the Spanish language as well as PI Workbooks for the GSRs of the District. They had a lot of questions and we had a lot of information. It went splendidly. Earlier this month, I went to Washoe County School District and filled out an application and took my finger prints to be approved to participate in presentations at the highschoools. Also in February I got to meet with the NNIG PI committee and review the script to present to the Washoe County School District. The presentation is to be this coming week and I hope to attend. Thank you for letting me be of service in Alcoholics Anonymous. Sincerely, Andrea B NAGSC PI Chair

Treatment Facilities/Bridging the Gap, Pat B- - NAGSC Treatment / Bridging The Gap Committee Report February 24, 2018 :2017 was a terrific building year for the NAGSC Treatment / Bridging The Gap Committee. I am pleased to report that during the year, the Bridging The Gap Temporary Contact volunteer network responded to 127 treatment client requests for assistance in getting to their first A.A. meeting once departing treatment in the greater Reno - Sparks area. Additional request were fulfilled in the Carson City and Fallon areas. We currently have 163 BTG Temporary Contact volunteers in the Committee roster throughout Northern Nevada. On February 4 I had the pleasure of making a Treatment Committee / Bridging The Gap presentation at the District 4 General Service meeting. A number of the members present volunteered to become either Temporary Contact volunteers or BTG Program Presenters. On February 11 I participated in the RENVPA bi-monthly business meeting and presented Bridging The Gap. As treatment clients who request Bridging The Gap services cross all age brackets, so is our need to have Temporary Contact volunteers across all age brackets. Linking clients with Temporary Contact volunteers as close in age as possible can help the client better relate to our effort to help the client start the process of "becoming comfortable" in the A.A. Fellowship. On February 6 I met with the new Fallon area Bridging The Gap coordinator to provide an orientation of "How It Works" relative to the oversight of the BTG function. The Fallon area serves the treatment program New Frontier. While the NAGSC Treatment / Bridging The Gap Committee has made progress, we still have expansion work to do. Our plan is to reach out to additional facilities in additional geographic areas during this year. Because treatment clients we serve can live anywhere in Northern Nevada, we are in hope of have BTG Temporary Contacts throughout the entire Northern Area. When we do not have a Temporary Contact in a particular location, or close enough to be of service to the client, much time is spent on email and on the phone trying to find a Temporary Contact. This includes calls to DCM's, Central Office, individual A.A. members, and our Area Registrar in hope of finding a Fellowship member in a particular location that could help a newcomer, or knows of an A.A. member who might help. While we can identify A.A. meetings in some locations where we need help, often times there is No Contact Person listed in our Group Information and we have nobody we can call. Contact Persons for Groups or meetings can be established on the "Group Information" form used to provide the GSO and Area Registrar with phone numbers for a Group Contact. In the meantime, we continue to ask for Temporary Contact volunteers from our Northern Nevada Fellowship. Respectfully submitted, Pat B.

Accessibilities / Remote Communities, Mary D- : Accessibilities report 12/2017-2/2018:Gearing up for Round Tables, PRAASA and Area Assembly. Here we go! Please let me know how I can be of service: attend a meeting, a workshop?. A few outreach calls this past two months: young people, service animals and special needs literature among them. Looking forward to seeing you. Welcoming new GSRs to general service! Warmly, Mary

Intergroup Liaison, Chris S- (No Report)

GSR Survival Manual/Trainer, Debbie S- (No Report)

DCM Standing Committee Facilitator, Ed L.- DCMC Report For NAGS Roundtables 2018
Hi Everyone, My name is Ed and I am an Alcoholic and current DCM Chair. I am still kind of new at this position and trying to figure things out. I want to thank everyone for giving me this chance to serve in this capacity. This past weekend we held our annual roundtable presentations and discussions. The turnout was amazing as was the feedback from all who participated. We are so fortunate to have so many past delegates attend all of our functions.

Their incite and wisdom helps to keep all of us on track. I had the honor of being a presenter this year it was my first time and what a blast it was. To listen to the thoughts from past delegates to the newest members was amazing we are truly blessed in Area 42 with incredible wisdom and kindness. I look forward to seeing everyone at PRAASA I will be working the information table on Friday from noon to 2pm then registration table #7 from 5 pm to 8 pm. Then again in Saturday at table #7 from Noon till 2 pm. Stop by and say Hey if you get a chance.
Yours In Service Ed L DCMC

Paul Area Treasurer: Area 42 Treasurer: Area 42 Treasurer: Hi I'm Paul, alcoholic; I would like to thank all of the Groups that have sent in contributions. The Area 42 Treasury is doing very well. I hope to see everyone at PRAASA next weekend and then at the Area 42 Assembly in Tonopah on March 23rd-25th. Please have your Group treasurer send a note with an email address for me to send your receipt. A little less than 50% of groups are now doing this. If your treasurer does not have email access someone in your Group probably does and there are plenty of places where you can create a free email account for your Group. This would make it easy for your Group to get information not only receipts but information like minutes from your DCM, NAGSC, Area 42, and GSO. These are password protected so that only members of your Group will be able to see the information you just give the password to your home Group members. Thanks, Paul, Area 42 Treasurer

RVYPAA, Anthony M- (Non Report)

DCM Reports

District 2, Joel B- NAGSC Meeting February, 24, 2018 District 2 DCM Report District 2 is doing well. We are building up our finances and exploring ways to further unify the groups in our district. The highlights from the last two months for District 2 are as follows:

- We have moved our monthly business meeting to Northern Nevada Intergroup Central Office located at 436 S. Rock Blvd. Sparks, NV. We still meet at 6:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month.
- After starting from scratch financially last Oct. 2017, we have surpassed our prudent reserve and will be able to help fund GSR's for Area 42 Assembly in March.
- We have approached District 4 and District 16 about putting together a GSR training and we have expressed an interest in helping District 16 put together a Traditions workshop.

We look forward to seeing the rest of Area 42 at PRAASA and Area Assembly in March. Many thanks NAGSC for your support and providing a network for unifying the districts. Joel B. DCM, District 2

District 4, Darrell S- (No Report)

District 6, Michael L District 6 DCM Report Michael L Hello everyone my name is Mike L and I am an alcoholic serving as the District 6 DCM. First I am very grateful to be serving District 6 and Area 42. The district started out the second year this rotation with a "Safety in AA" panel workshop that was organized by Drew H our Alternate DCM that was held at the MindenGardnerville Friends of Bill W meeting hall. All three presenters were from District 6 expressing the need to be all inclusive providing a safe environment to help the still suffering alcoholic. At our February District meeting we filled two open positions of Grape Vine chair and Intergroup Liaison filling all the service positions of the district. It isn't enough with March madness upon us May 6th at the Carson City Alano Club Jackie W is organizing a Corrections

and Treatment Panel Discussion "Bringing the AA Message Behind the Walls" I am very proud and humble how the district has so many members who are so excited to be participating in the Agenda Roundtables, PRAASA, and and the the Area Assembly. Thank You and very grateful to able to Serve

District 8, Peggy H- (No Report)

District 10a, Ema E -(No Report)

District 10b, Samantha G (contact only)(No report)

District 12, Cate S-(Alt Lisa)- (No report)

District 14, Mark P- (No Report)

District 16, Nancy W-(No Report)

District 20, Heidi R- (No Report)

District 22, Luis C- Luis C., DCM District 22, Area 42 Viernes, 3/8/2018 **DCM Report** Receive a cordial and affectionate greeting from the District 22 of Alcoholics Anonymous, wishing that upon receiving this report you will be enjoying 24 hours of blessed sobriety.

- District 22 committee has been visiting all spanish speaking groups in our District.
- The Public Information Committe came to our previous business meeting on 2/2/18 to inform our GSR's on how to do public information and how to form a PI committee in our distric; we are really grateful for their service.
- District 22 has changed its business meetings from the first Tuesday of each month to the first Friday of each month at 6:30 PM.
- District 22 committee is having a good response from its groups; who are sending their GSR's to the district meetings.
- District 22 committee is looking forward to our Area 42 Assembly at Tonopah, NV.
- With nothing else to add at the moment I thank the attention to the present.

Thank you, Luis C DCM District 22

District Hosting: District to volunteer to host June 2, 2018 NAGSC meeting. If possible we would like two separate rooms so that the DCM/Chairs have a place to meet.

Next Meeting: June 2nd, 2018

12:00 pm DCM / Standing Chairs Meeting

1:00 pm General Meeting

Hosted By: by District 14

Address:10046 Church St., Truckee, CA 96161

Location: Community Arts Center

Closes at 4:00 pm with the Responsibility Statement

