

**NAGSC Business Meeting**

**Date: March 9th, 2019**

Location: Reno

Address: 627 Sunnyside Dr

**12:00pm DCM's & Committee Chairs**

**1pm-4pm General meeting**

**Chris opens Meeting with Serenity Prayer**

**Preamble**

**Reading from the 12 Concepts – Concept 3 read by member**

**Approval of December minutes**

**Tina O motioned to approve minutes with stated changes**

**Seconded**

**Approved**

**Treasurer report – Laura**

- Went over attached report
- Contribution receipts included in file, organized by district
- Funding avail thru NAGSC to assist DCM's and GSR's, request forms available (up to \$50 was budgeted, dependent on availability), forms in English and Spanish
- Email it to Laura ahead of time or provide the form at Assembly
- Spreadsheet available detailing where contributions can be made to
- Banks are getting picky about who checks are made out to, be specific
- Provided sheet for mileage funding

Motion to accept Treasurers report

Second

Passed

**DCM's, Standing Committee Chairs, Officer Reports:** Due to time constraints, reports will not be read at the meeting. Please send in your reports to Noel at [noelservice42@gmail.com](mailto:noelservice42@gmail.com) in order to be included in the meeting minutes.

**AA Members state responsibility statement.**

**Chris states that committees need help. Goes over members chairing the conference committees.**

**Clipboard passed around so members can sign up to help with conference committees.**

**GSR's will bring the info back to their home groups so they can get their home groups opinion. We will vote on the agenda items at the Area Assembly so Rhonda has the feedback from our Area.**

**Schedule:**

**1pm-1:30pm opening**

**1:30pm-1:50pm Agenda Item 1**

**1:50pm-2:10pm Agenda Item 2**

**2:10pm-2:30pm Agenda Item 3**

**2:30pm-2:45pm Break**

**Chris re opens with serenity prayer**

**2:45pm-3:05pm Agenda Item 4**

**3:05pm-3:25pm Agenda Item 5**

**3:25pm- 3:45pm Agenda Item 6**

**Purpose of today's meeting: To inform ourselves on the following 6 agenda items that our Delegate Rhonda F has chosen for the NAGSC Roundtables and to carry that message back to our home groups.**

**1. Literature C. Consider requests to develop a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.**

- This is to update stories to better reflect current membership.
- Would stories would be taken out?
- Would we get to look at the stories that may be added? (Member answers: No, handled by literature committee.)
- Consider newcomers, the stories are an opportunity for us to identify, doesn't relate to the first set of stories, they are outdated
- The first 164 pages and Dr. Bob's stories are authored, we don't rewrite authored stories and they won't change, the stories are a separate matter.
- Concerned about Pioneers section being removed since they got sober on the 12 steps only
- Conference advisory action a couple years ago that we will not change the first 164 pages ever, that motion would have to be rescinded so this item is only regarding the stories.
- Publication – Experience, Strength, and Hope contains all the removed stories, if you have a favorite story you can get one of those books
- It is our responsibility to update those stories.
- There's only one LGBTQ story in the book.
- The average is 15-20 years that the stories get updated and we are currently over that.
- The prefaces give the history behind membership and how the stories were changed.
- Where are the stories about people that got sober in their 60s and 70s? where are the stories about military experience, deaf people, etc?
- As soon as this edition comes off the press, will it already be outdated?
- Literature committee would come up with guidelines for story submissions.
- This updated would include a foreword to the 5th edition that explains the changes.
- It's easy to focus on the big book as the main text but there are dozens of other books that contain stories such as the Grapevine, they can update stories much faster than the Big Book to include more diverse stories.
- Only one area (49) is suggesting that there's a section for young people in AA, the suggestion is to update all the stories.
- We went through this whole process and didn't do anything last time, it's very carefully considered and they won't do anything that's not in the best interest of AA
- It would be more like 2026, it's a 7 year process, very slow moving, those stories now are a minimum of 26 years old

- The request is only do we want to *consider* updating Big Book.

**2. Literature N. Consider suggestion to add “Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers” to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card.**

- This would help people who are coming in for school assignments understand if they should participate or not.
- Any background as to why it failed previously?
- It should match the rest of the literature (*The A.A. Group* pamphlet).
- The blue card was never used until outside people came in.
- This would help Al-Anon understand AA more.
- If we’re not going to add it to the blue card then it should be removed from all literature.
- This might be a response to the rise in court cards at meetings.
- Just because there is a blue card doesn’t mean your group has to use it.
- The blue card is good for those who are new in service and afraid to say something or cut people off.

**3. Policy /Admissions G. Reconsider the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the full Conference.**

- Previous delegate: advisory actions have to be carried out by trustees, suggestions don’t, would like to go back to the 80’s to see what was going on
- Previous delegate: the committee suggests this should be an advisory action, if it doesn’t make the 2/3 vote, all of a sudden its not an advisory action and it just kind of goes away
- If the committee does nothing, the board does nothing?
- Sometimes suggestions are recorded, sometimes they are not.
- They will tell us if they adopted the suggestion or not.
- We’re losing information if it’s not recorded.
- We should be accountable, if the body asks us to vote to do it, we should be doing it.
- Nothing has been recorded since 1995.
- We’re having discussions we don’t need to, they’ve already been had, but we don’t know since it’s not being recorded.

**4. Public Information D. Review draft language addressing anonymity and safety proposed for the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity.”**

- The safety card already has this exact wording but it seems odd to add it to this pamphlet.
- AA is not above the law; criminal behavior should be reported to the law.
- Member tells a story of a disruptive person at a meeting exhibiting violent behavior and another member dialing 911. If our literature doesn’t tell us what to do we may cover up behavior in the name of anonymity. Our literature should back up doing the right thing.
- The safety card is a lot more accessible, why does it need to be added to the pamphlet?
- Who decides what’s “inappropriate”? Too vague.

- Pamphlets are available at clubs, central office, area assembly – it's more accessible than the safety card. Since a lot of people read the pamphlets, the verbiage should be consistent.
- If the meeting participants can't take out a disruptive member then we have failed as members of AA and then the police should be called
- Conference committee wanted to add this to any appropriate place.
- A lot of people are unaware of the rules of anonymity.
- Example brought up of AA conferences trying to take authority and be the police and how it's unwise. We should allow the authorities to be the authorities.
- Literature and pamphlets are important, we can refer to the literature instead of giving our opinion.

**5. Treatment/Accessibilities C. Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late."**

- We're trying to bring the vast group of military into our outreach, CPC came up with the idea of talking to the chaplains and doctors about the elderly alcoholics in the military, we have very few things about AA and the military (one currently)
- Most members are Vietnam vets not WW2 vets.
- WW2 did not end until 1945, there are older members of AA that understand WW2 and the Great Depression, but we do have more Korean vets and Vietnam vets currently.
- All of our veterans should be included no matter how old they are.
- There's 8 stories currently with people over 60 but half of them are from military. This is just another method of reaching out to people who may not identify.
- The military could be classified as a remote community.
- It seems important to add the website to the pamphlet so they can access more stories online.
- Does not want to have WW2 stories taken out.
- Details aren't our business right now – "consider" means they just want to start discussing updating it and no one knows what will be taken out or added yet.
- His father hearing other stories of vets from the Depression or WW2 helps him.
- New pamphlet for the homeless is suggested since a lot of them are vets.

**6. Trustees E. Review draft procedures for partial or complete reorganization of the General Service Board.**

- Any nonprofit is required by NY law to have a board in place, current board can't be voted out unless a new board exists.
- This came out of last year's conference because of the agenda item regarding censuring the board. It was recommended that the Trustee's committee come up with a process so we know how to handle these situations in the future if we needed to censure or vote out the current board.
- The Trustees met in 2014 for 4 or 5 hours and came up with a plan that was not acceptable to the body, the idea was that some kind of procedure needed to be in place so that if we needed to restructure the board, we need to have a plan ahead of time (AAWS, GSO, Grapevine, etc)

- We carefully elect with 2/3 majority our trusted servants especially at the board level, we should revisit love and tolerance is our code, a lot of them don't even get paid, why do we need to reorganize our trusted servants who have served us?
- It sounds like we want to punish our trustees.
- There is already a procedure in place, the body can vote with ¾ approval and remove the current board and nominate new trustees.
- The trustees are human beings, I don't think we're going to fire our board.
- Agenda topic says something has already been drafted? What are we being asked to do?
- (The body decided there was not enough information present.)

**Julie addresses body:** we are here to help you, we provided these summaries that we sent out via email, talk to your DCM's, want to thank everyone who summarized agenda topics, thank everyone who put their hard blood sweat and tears into this

For the first time we have offered a Spanish version translated by them (instead of a Spanglish version).

Pick things that touched your heart if your group can't sit through a 3 hour deal. Get your group involved in the process. That's all I can ask of you. Thank you for your time, effort, love, and service.

**Rhonda addresses body:** I am your panel 69 area 42 delegate. There are a lot of new faces and I'm grateful for that. When I walked in, I felt like I was home. I love that about our area and region.

So the conference committees, if you do not want to participate in that please opt out and do not feel bad about opting out, it's your choice. We are just trying to educate, learn, and bond with the north and the south. We are trying to bring them together. There are a lot of people that will opt in so the work will get done. There's 13 conference committees.

This year we called all the past delegates and we got 12 past delegates to sit on those committees. I am so excited to take your voice to New York. Area 42 is already the unique kid on the block so everyone wants to talk to you about the north and the south and I'm proud to tell them were all still super close and communicate well even though we are separated by hundreds of miles. I love that even though we're far apart we have that common bond. I'm happy to serve you all.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition \$300**

**District Hosting June 1 meeting: District 16**

**Motion to close  
Seconded**

### **DCM Reports**

**District 2 (Joel B):**

- 1.) District 2 will be hosting the NNIG Speaker Meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.) We are financially sound and will be able to help fund GSR's to Area Assembly this spring.

- 3.) District 2 has begun discussing changes to their guidelines regarding funding to general service events. The purpose of these changes is to further define the parameters of funding for district members.
- 4.) This writer, representing District 2 as its DCM, attended PRAASA 2019. Much insight was gained regarding difficulties groups are experiencing in the pacific region and strategies utilized to address these difficulties. Also, it was interesting to find that groups across the Pacific Ocean in Japan struggle with some of the same issues which reinforced a sense of global unity.
- 5.) The P.O. Box for district 2 is as follows:

P.O. Box 12872  
Reno, NV 89510

Our monthly district meeting continues to be held at Central Office for Northern Nevada

Intergroup located at: 436 S. Rock Blvd

Sparks, NV 89431

We still meet on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.

Thanks for the opportunity to be of service.

Joel B., DCM District 2

**District 4** (Dan M): We're doing a traditions study at 6 pm before the district meeting.

**District 6** (Drew H): Hello everyone, my name is Drew, an alcoholic, and I humbly serve as the DCM for dist 6. It is good to be at a NAGSC Meeting and it is good to be sober today. Dist 6 encompasses the Dayton Valley, Carson City, Carson Valley, Topaz Ranch Estates, and South Lake Tahoe. Our biz meeting is on the 2nd Sun of even numbered months at the Carson City Alano Club at 1:15pm. All our Committee Chair Positions have been filled. We had good attendance at our Feb biz meeting where we met new GSR's and committee chairs. Our Dist Boundaries Ad Hoc Committee should have a new district boundary description to present at the upcoming assembly. Our Dist Budget allowed for Committee Chairs to be partially funded to PRAASA. Dist 6 had a large presence in Irvine Ca. this yr! This was my 5th PRAASA and am always taken aback with the love and commitment of our trusted servants. I am excited to be here at the Roundtables and will be attending my home group sharing session in 2 weeks and of course our Pre-Conference Assembly in Tonopah. I am ever mindful to be available to my fellow alcoholics and thanks for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

**District 8** (Julie D): No Report

**District 10a** (Ronnie D): No Report

**District 10b, Dark**

**District 12** (Shelby B): No Report

**District 14** (Steve L): District 14 is located from the North Lake Tahoe Basin, to Sierra County North – Downieville, Sierra City, Sierraville and Loyalton. Our District has 12 Groups, with 7 Groups represented at the District Committee meetings and there are a total of 56 meetings in the Area.

District 14 website is NorthTahoeAA.Com. Our meetings are linked to the "Find a Meeting" App and District 14 Committee meetings are held every Odd Month, 3RD Wednesday, from 5pm to 6:50pm. District 14 holds Quarterly Speaker/Panel/Workshop meetings hosted by various Groups in the

District. Our Fall Quarterly meeting, is our Annual Jamboree – BBQ / Alanon / AA Speaker shinding. We will be looking for a Jamboree Committee Chairperson at the next meeting.

TITYPAA – Tahoe Incline Truckee Young People in AA is on FIRE. TITYPAA committee meetings are held every 1ST and 3RD Sunday, starting at 6pm, located at the United Methodist Church, corner of Dolly Varden and Bear Street – 8425 Dolly Varden Avenue, Kings Beach.

TITYPAA is going to bid for SWACYPAA – Southwestern Area Conference of Young People in AA, where SWACYPAA is being held this year in Las Vegas, August 15TH to the 18TH, Be There! TITYPAA has started a new meeting – BYOB meeting – Bring Your Own Big Book Meeting, held every Sunday, at 7:30pm, at the United Methodist Church, Corner of Bear Street and Dolly Varden – 8425 Dolly Varden Avenue, Kings Beach. Be there because it is LIT AS .....

TITYPAA is hosting District 14's next Quarterly Speaker Meeting, May 11TH, at the Tahoe Biltmore in Crystal Bay. It's going to be a Speaker Panel Meeting, with (3) YPAA Conference Committee members, or so, speaking about the YPAA Conference experience. The meeting will be followed by an Event – Look for the Flyer to come soon and at websites – NNIG.org and NorthTahoeAA.org.

District 14 does have an issue regarding the District 14 Guidelines, as proposed by one of the groups in the District. District 14 Guidelines allow District Officers to Vote; There are 10 District Officer Votes and 12 Group Votes – where presently, only 7 Groups are being represented.

We'll let you know how this works out.

Myself and other GSRs in the District, had the opportunity to attend this year's 2019 PRAASA in Irvine, California – It was a Kick in the Pants. 2020 PRAASA will be held in Tucson, Arizona.

Love and Service

Steve L. aka Scooby Doo

**District 16** (Barbara M): No Report

**District 20** (Jay S): Hello my name is Jay I am an alcoholic and the District Committee Member for District 20. Not much new has happened since our last meeting. We still have a couple of positions open for our District 20 Trusted Servant Board. Most positions have been filled or are being covered. My thanks to District 20 for funding my trip to PRAASA, as everybody knows that was there, it was a wonderful event. Our next District meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> will be followed by a potluck where we hope to get the districts feedback on upcoming questions for area pre-conference.

District 20 has been selected to host the refreshments at the spring 2019 Area 42 Assembly. We are very excited and would like to welcome our co-host SWACYPAA - Southwestern Area Conference of Young People in AA. They are also very excited for an opportunity to join with us for this event. We are hoping some of our District members that have not attended an area meeting will join us to help out. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**District 22** (Tony A): No Report

**Alt Delegate** (Julie C): My name is Julie C, I'm an alcoholic and I currently serve as Panel 69 Nevada Area 42 Alternate Delegate. As some of you know we are trying something different this panel with the Area Conference Committees. It is our hope that this will not only help better prepare our Delegate, Rhonda, for this year's General Service Conference, but also create more unity between the north and south and expand the area's understanding. But mainly, we want this to be helpful and fun. It is completely voluntary and anyone who wants to participate may join or step back at any time. This is new to our area, so we are looking for feedback from everyone.

This year we had 25 people volunteer to help summarize the agenda items and we asked 7 experienced summarizers to act as mentors. We summarized 73 agenda topics. Additionally, we had a few bi-lingual volunteers who translated all of our summaries and the roundtable and assembly documents. This is the first time we have provided Spanish translations of Area 42 summaries.

I am humbled and honored to be able to serve alongside those of you who gave freely of your love and time.

I was able to attend PRAASA (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly) in Irvine last weekend. I met 12 of the other Alternate Delegates from our region. We had lunch on both Friday and Saturday and I was able to attend one of the roundtables. We discussed how we prepare our delegates and most of the other areas have area conference committees, but each one has a unique way of setting up their committees. Some assign districts to specific committees. They have been doing it for years, but the way the committees are formed seems to be a changing process. We also discussed how we reach remote communities. We all defined remote communities based upon our demographics. One of my favorite presenters was deaf and presented on "What can your group do when a deaf person shows up?" Did you know that English is often their second language? American sign language is their first language. So, writing a note may not be as easy for them as we think. I was very touched and will discuss with my home group what can we do. I am humbled by the privilege to serve as your alternate delegate.

### **Chair Reports**

**Chairperson** (Chris S): My name is Chris and an alcoholic. I am also your new incoming NAGSC chair for the 2019-2020 rotation. Thank you for allowing me to serve you in this position. I have always heard that you stand for the position if you are willing and able then let your higher power choose the outcome. Well in December after serving for the last 12 years in General Service I wondered what was next. I had missed the last Area assembly due to illness so the position I thought that I wanted to stand for came and left. Worry set in and I wondered what was next. I think that all who do this for a few years find a great love in doing what we do and look for something to do to continue that. I found out that NAGSC was going to elect the chair and secretary this rotation so you all know what I thought. Your all correct, something to do. But when the time came to go to the front of the room for the vote I found myself not getting up. Then the higher power kicked in, I looked at my sponsee and he gave me the head nod which meant get your butt up there. I think in the back of my mind standing up there that I wasn't going to be in this position. But once again, higher power choosing my destiny. Since then it has been a hit the ground running experience. The appointment of the committee chairs needed to happen soon because Phil needed to get that information to GSO and most of those happened before the end of the day. We needed to find venues for February 2 for the welcome to General Service meeting and the March 9<sup>th</sup> NAGSC meeting. I will say that not living in Reno poses a problem and so I reached out to a few people who did most of the leg work on that and I thank you. We have found out this year that prices of facilities, finding places with multiple rooms, finding the date that works, people who would rather not have AA in their facility and of course the final one in March where the venue sprang a leak and they couldn't fix the roof 3 weeks away from the meeting. So once again off and running. It took a week and we ended doing what the Assembly and SAGSC do.....One room 6 presentations. So this year we put the ball in motion and started the Conference Committees each committee had 2 chairs, one from the north and one from the south. We had mentors and their job was to help the summarizers with the agenda items. They were to give advice, support and make sure we were able to get the agenda items to Julie the Alt. Delegate. Thank you to all who helped this year. Looking back over the new process we understand there is a little fine tuning, so hang in there with us. I feel in my heart that we are heading in the right direction and we will all be more informed as we walk together. I also was able to attend PRAASA at the beginning of March and as always a charging experience. There was 1750 plus members in attendance and a lot of wonderful presentations. Then there was the ride down and back with 3 other members. Those rides are wonderful and an awesome opportunity to carry the message and excitement. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Chris S. NAGSC Chair



**Area 42 Chair (Paul E):** Hi I'm Paul your alcoholic Area 42 Chair. I would like to thank Julie and all of those that helped with the agenda items, either summarizing, presenting, translating, and the work done in the committees. This was a lot of work in a short amount of time so thank you very much. I believe that we have a very good group of trusted servants for this rotation. There have been a few changes and there will be growing pains with them and we all can make that go a little easier if we keep up with the effort that we have shown so far this year. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul, Area 42 Chair

**Treasurer (Laura J):**

Profit & Loss statement and balance sheet included in this report.

As of 03/09/2019:

- Savings 1253.24
- Checking 7299.29

In reviewing our accounts to date, in comparison to past years, it is my opinion that we are currently underfunded. Funding priorities, per our guidelines, state that we first fund our elected officers, then our standing chairs, then assist our DCMs and GSRs with travel expenses. If we want to fully fund our committee chairs, as I believe we should, and assist DCMs and GSRs, we need to increase our contributions. Our conference committees are much more organized and active than in the past. Their knowledge of specific areas of General Service is invaluable to Nagsc and to your groups. Please, go back to your groups and let them know what services Nagsc can provide, especially through our committee work. Our committees are willing and ready to come to your Districts and events with presentations on Public Information, Corrections/Bridging the Gap, Treatment Facilities, Accessibilities and Remote Communities, Cooperation with the Professional Community and La Vina/Grapevine. If members want to continue having these services available, we need to fund these services. This is a formal appeal to the Northern Area groups to consider Nagsc as an entity in need when making contribution decisions. If I haven't received your receipts for reimbursement from Praasa travel, please get those to me soon. I have forms available to request funding for Assembly. By our guidelines this happens through the DCM. DCMs, please pick up the form and if funding is needed, fill this out and bring with you to Assembly. You may request up to \$50 per DCM and \$50 per GSR. The form reminds you that funding for the DCM first comes from your districts, funding for GSRs from their group. Nagsc is a secondary option if those sources cannot adequately fund you.

I have created a list that will help your groups when they are ready to disburse funds for contributions. I left a space for groups to add their own districts, then have listed information for Nagsc, Area 42, GSO and Intergroup. The information includes what name to put on the check and the address for mailing. Banks are getting strict about cashing checks made out to incorrect or incomplete names, please be precise when filling out the check.

12:08 PM  
03/07/19  
Cash Basis

**Northern Area General Service Committee**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of March 7, 2019

	Mar 7, 19
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · BofA checking #	6,998.03
1004 · Savings CD	1,253.04
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	8,251.07
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	8,251.07
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	8,251.07
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	5,099.83
3200 · Retained Earnings	2,907.83
Net Income	243.41
<b>Total Equity</b>	8,251.07
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	8,251.07

12:02 PM  
03/07/19  
Cash Basis

**Northern Area General Service Committee**  
**Profit & Loss YTD Comparison**  
January 1 through March 7, 2019

	Jan 1 - Mar 7, 19	Jan 1 - Mar 7, 19
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
Income		
4002 · Contribution Income	1,256.87	1,256.87
4003 · Income from Other Entities	70.00	70.00
<b>Total Income</b>	1,326.87	1,326.87
<b>Gross Profit</b>	1,326.87	1,326.87
Expense		
8054 · Office expenses	17.47	17.47
8056 · Tax Preparation	150.00	150.00
8090 · Travel		
PRAASA		
Officers	915.99	915.99
<b>Total PRAASA</b>	915.99	915.99
<b>Total 8090 · Travel</b>	915.99	915.99
<b>Total Expense</b>	1,083.46	1,083.46
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	243.41	243.41
<b>Net Income</b>	243.41	243.41

**Secretary** (Noel C): Thank you all for allowing me to be of service as your Secretary. I attended PRAASA in Irvine, CA which was an amazing experience. I was able to attend the Secretary Round table as well as a young people's round table. Since we last met I was able to purchase a laptop and recorder under the budget voted on by the group at the last NAGSC meeting. Thank you all for sending in reports. If you haven't had a chance yet please get that to me in the next week so they can be included.

**Archivist (Lyle C):** I am honored to be your Area 42 Archivist. I want to welcome the new GSRs, DCMs and all the new panel 69 rotation to NAGSC and Area 42. For those of you who are new, we maintain two archives. The official Nevada Area 42 Archives are housed at the Las Vegas Central Office. We also maintain a smaller archive, specifically related to Northern Nevada (Eastern California), currently housed at my house. Besides the official Area 42 documents, we also maintain the history of each of your districts. We have two sets of district binders; one in the north and one in Las Vegas. Your archives committee has an archive room at the assembly, please stop by, sign in and browse the different binders and displays. Please forward your district minutes, guidelines and flyers if you would like them to be included at the assembly.

I am also acting as a co-chair of the newly formed Area Archives Conference Committee. We have the privilege of presenting a roundtable topic in the South on March 16th. We are new to this committee and looking forward to learning more about the General Service Conference Committee work.

I will have an archive display at the Reno Spring Festival on April 26th. Please stop by and see some of our books and other historical items.

Thank You for this opportunity, Lyle C

**Public Information (Andrea B):** Hi my name is Andrea and I'm an alcoholic. I currently cooperate with NNIG PI committee on presenting Alcoholics Anonymous to highschool students in Washoe County. We have several presentations scheduled this March, April and May.

I have spoken with Drew H. from District 6 and have scheduled a PI presentation for his District meeting in April. I have contacted two other Districts and I am waiting to hear from them on their availability.

I did speak with Washoe County Libraries and offered to supply additional Spanish language Big Books to them. They said thank you but they just do not have a demand for them, so they refused the offer at this time. Washoe County Libraries are supplied with both English and Spanish language Big Books.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**Treatment/Bridging the Gap (Ed S):** - Pat, outgoing chair, and I met for training. Pat handed off info on ongoing and developing treatment and BTG activities in urban and rural northern Nevada. The NAGSC BTG committee includes volunteers engaged in 12 step work at treatment facilities in NNIG districts 2, 4, and 16, and districts 6 (Carson City) and 12 (Fallon); temporary contact coordination in district 20, and, temporary contact volunteers in districts 10a and SAGSC district 19 (Ely). I am grateful for the opportunity to meet with Pat and to have a model of general service that is welcoming and cooperative, in the spirit of anonymity.

- PRAASA continues to amaze. For one, the wonderful democratic process for sharing on a range of points of view on this year's list of pre-conference topics. The loving interchange of experience and perspectives revitalizes my commitment and connectivity to general service and the AA way-of-life. At the CPC/PI-Treatment-BTG Roundtable, CPC and Treatment chairs described a new CPC/Treatment Facility playbook for AA coordination with hospital and treatment facility administrators and staff to facilitate client 12 step work. The playbook will be distributed to Roundtable participants, as will the locally grown Orientation to AA presentation program that is used in a Reno and a Carson City treatment facility. Thanks to an ad hoc room matching service put into play by Debbie S, I was able to find a room at lower cost, move offsite to onsite, and make friends with fellows in neighboring District 14.

- As part of the Treatment/Accessibility Conference Committee, we worked together to complete the topic selection process with DCMs and Area 42 officers in the north and south. Setting up a conference call through online service was relatively easy, and proved an efficient way to communicate with members across Nevada. We had a lively, well informed discussion on the treatment and accessibility

topics, aided by committee members who had prepared summaries for topics assigned to the T/A conference committee this year and in recent years.

- Attending NNIG H&I monthly meetings and working cooperatively with the H&I treatment and BTG chairs is a worthwhile experience. We are setting up avenues of communication and finding where we can coordinate to support recovery meetings, Bridging the Gap, Orientation to AA presentations, and distribution of literature into treatment facilities in urban and rural districts. The NNIG committee this week elected a new treatment chair, Ryan S., and new co-chair, Terry N.

- Carson Tahoe Behavioral Health Services in Carson City hosts these AA activities - Orientation to AA, BTG presentation and contact coordination, and AA recovery meetings for clients and for AA members. Planning a workshop for May or June is underway. The purpose is to bring together AA coordinators and volunteers and BHS staff who will present information on the activities and get to know each other. We would like to bring into focus how AA and the professional community mutually supports the desire to help alcoholics achieve sobriety and recover their lives at the BHS treatment facility.

- Coming up later in March, I am looking forward to meeting the BTG coordinator at New Frontier treatment facility in Fallon, Tracy, and learning how BTG works there in District 12.

- A revelation about general service is that I feel as if I am going to camp. I get shots of wonder watching what others do and getting support to try it out. Fear of failure drops away, enough to find the Will to trudge shoulder to shoulder, gladly sometimes. A new sense of self, and strength in community living emerges. Seeing group intentions turn into reasoned and compassionate action. Seeing outcomes accepted as the province of a loving Creator. We are raised and bowed at once, as if by loving Hands.

#### **Intergroup Liaison (Pat S):**

- As a result of attending a roundtable at PRAASA last weekend, I will be arranging a workshop/panel on how General Service and Intergroup work together. Stay tuned for details.
- Northern Nevada Intergroup is in its 45<sup>th</sup> year and will be celebrating with one or more special events, details yet to be announced.
- The Central Office in Sparks has growing pains, including no room for Archives, which NNIG is now collecting. As a result, the Board of Directors has begun a preliminary search for a new location.
- There are openings for volunteers for Bridging the Gap, Central Office, Corrections and other committees. Since we do not put personal contact information in our reports, if interested, I suggest you contact the NNIG Central Office. The answering service committee, by the way, is now fully staffed.
- Meetings are now being taken into a new facility called Northern Nevada Transitional Housing.
- The Public Information Committee is now going into Reno-area high schools.
- Sunshine Committee had 32 visits last month, possibly a record.
- NNIG is developing a new Web Site, and until that is up and running will not be able to appear on the new AA World Services meeting finder.
- I have left a few copies of flyers for upcoming events.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

**GSR Survival Manual/Trainer (Tinna O):** Hello NAGSC and thanks for your service. I was invited the business meeting for District 6 in February, unfortunately snow kept me from attending. I was able to attend the February District 2 business meeting and really enjoyed talking with the new and the familiar GSR's. I am excited to meet before our NAGSC Roundtables. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Tinna O GSR Trainer.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community** (Samantha G): My name is Samantha G. and I am an alcoholic. I am excited to serve as this rotation's CPC committee chair! This is a short report as I have not really gotten my feet wet in this position yet.

One task I am taking care of is responding to the GSO CPC Coordinator's letter regarding several professionals who recently contacted GSO and requested information about AA. Since these professionals are all located in the Las Vegas portion of Area 42, I am forwarding their information to the SAGSC CPC chair. Aside from that, one district has already invited me to come give a presentation.

My paid job is keeping me very busy at the moment, but that will slow down after March. Then I will have more time to focus on finding out what the districts and groups may need regarding this committee.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. In love and service, Samantha

**Registrar** (Tony A): No Report

**Finance Chair** (Nancy W):

Dear All,

In February the Finance Committee was given its first request for consideration.

A Committee member had asked if we would consider using the full budgeted amount for PRAASA ( \$4,800) in a manner that would allow transferring of funds from those positions that did not use their allocations to other positions that still needed more financial help to attend.

The five of us had a very good back and forth discussion on our thoughts on moving the funding around. We ultimately voted 3 to 2 in favor of recommending the dispersing of any unused PRAASA budgeted funds as follows:

1. The request must be in writing and include receipts on a form provided.
  2. The total reimbursement amount can not exceed \$500.
  3. The amount of additional funding will only be, IF AVAILABLE\* and within the total budget amount of \$4,800.
  4. The agreement to move funding around within the \$4,800 budget is just for this 2019 PRAASA. Further discussion on future years funding allocations will be at a latter date.
- The availability of additional funding will only occur if any of the nine committee members or three officer positions do not go to PRAASA or find that they did not need the total amounts budgeted to their position. No new funding is being made available.

The Finance Committee has also been asked to give thought to other items in the budget and also the Guidelines for the Finance Committee itself.

The Committee plans to have a regular meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss our ideas and observations for the upcoming 2019/ 2020 session.

We all look forward to bringing our ideas for your considerations in the near future.

Sincerely,

Nancy W  
Finance Chair

**Corrections/Bridging the Gap (Pat B):**

I am most pleased to announce a new corrections service opportunity with the Northern Nevada Transitional Housing facility, (NNTH). This is a State of Nevada Correctional Facility located in downtown Reno that serves as a transfer point for inmates from other State facilities where inmates can begin to make the transition from prison to society. On February 19th NNIG Corrections Chair Charlotte C., committee member Tim H., and I met with four representatives from this correctional facility to discuss installing an A.A. meeting within the facility. Their reaction was exceptionally positive and they are very anxious for our Corrections Committee to organize our resources to bring A.A. behind the walls at NNTH. The target timing of the weekly meeting is Sundays from 10AM - 11AM. This service opportunity was announced during the NNIG monthly meeting on March 5th and I will be sharing this opportunity with our Northern Nevada General Service structure. We are positioning this service opportunity as a once per month commitment for interested Fellowship members. A flyer announcing this opportunity is available. Interested Fellowship members can fill out a Nevada Department of Corrections volunteer application and following security clearance, will attend an orientation training workshop facilitated by Nevada Department of Corrections personnel. Applications are available by contacting NAGSC Corrections Chair Pat B., NNIG Corrections Chair Charlotte C., or Rhonda at the Central Office.

The effort to expand the Corrections Committee presence at the Washoe County Detention Facility on Parr Blvd. in Reno was furthered recently by the attendance of 10 Fellowship members at the County's Department of Corrections training seminar on February 23rd. At present, one male Fellowship member and one female Fellowship member have been working alone taking recovery meetings into the Parr Blvd. facility. We are looking forward to increasing the number of meetings at this facility once those who attended the training seminar are contacted with their final security clearance by Washoe County Department of Corrections. Orientation training for this facility is offered approximately every 6 months. Additional volunteers are most certainly welcome to participate in the next orientation training seminar and can contact me for further information.

On February 9th I had the pleasure of participating in the Douglas County Corrections Committee meeting. This District 6 committee serves corrections activities at the County Detention Facility located in Minden, NV. An exceptional attendance of over 25 Fellowship members participated in this meeting all in the interest in carrying the message behind the walls of the Douglas County jail. The focal point of my participation was the Corrections Correspondence Service for members both outside the walls and inside, and the Corrections Pre-Release Contact program which allows an inmate to obtain a temporary contact beyond the walls who can help the inmate make the transition to A.A. in a community following their release from prison or jail.

On February 21st I was most pleased to participate in the District 22 monthly meeting at the invitation of DCM Tony A. Service opportunities in three primary areas were presented and discussed; volunteering to carry meetings into correctional facilities, the Corrections Correspondence Service, and being available as a Pre-Release contact for an inmate transitioning from A.A. behind the walls to A.A. in the

community to which they are released. I am so happy our service materials are available in Spanish through our General Service Office.

I have been most pleased to further the NAGSC Corrections Committee's cooperation with the Northern Nevada Intergroup, (NNIG), Corrections Committee through participation in the monthly NNIG H&I Committee meetings on January 31st and March 4th as well as the monthly NNIG meetings on January 1st, February 5th, and March 5th. The focus of our cooperation is primarily relaying Corrections Service opportunities and seeking Fellowship volunteers to carry the A.A. message behind the walls.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to attend PRASSA in general and in specific, the Corrections Round Table events that provided the open exchange of ideas and effective trends in corrections work throughout the A.A. Pacific Region.

A pertinent point to be relayed to all Fellowship members is that having been incarcerated in the past is not a requirement for being involved in Corrections Committee service opportunities.

In Service,

Pat B.

NAGSC Corrections Chair

**DCM Coordinator** (Anne Y): No Report

**Accessibilities/ Remote Communities** (Jared T): No Report

**Grapevine** (Mark P): No Report