

NAGSC Business Meeting

Date: June 1, 2019

Location: Reno

Address: 1070 W Plumb Ln

12:00 -1:00 pm DCM's & Committee Chairs meeting / GSR training

Chris opens Meeting with Serenity Prayer

Preamble

Reading from the 12 Concepts

Approval of March minutes

Motion to approve minutes with stated changes

Seconded

Approved

Treasurer report – Laura

Motion to accept Treasurers report

Second

Passed

1pm-4pm General meeting

2:20pm-2:35pm Break

Chris re opens with serenity prayer

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 in order to be included in the meeting minutes.

Delegate's Report

Delegate (Rhonda F): I can't thank you enough for bestowing upon me this great honor. I have never felt so connected to AA as when I was representing all of you at the GSC. I'm here to tell you all that each and everyone of you is qualified to be our next Delegate.

I arrived in New York, hungry, lonely and tired, when I picked up my luggage and saw that it had been broken and I had to call an Uber because there were no cabs I quickly escalated to Angry. Two hours later I arrived at the hotel grabbed a sandwich and went to my room, positive that you had picked the wrong person for the job. The next morning, I woke up, got showered and met the pacific region to take the Circler Line Tour. We walked through New York City and I fell in love, the architecture was amazing, and the people were wonderful. The walk and don't walk signs do not mean anything in New York.

After the tour we returned to the Hotel then headed to the conference area where there was a meet n greet. I walked around the meet n Greet collecting buttons and bookmarks from the other delegates. I felt like the deer in the headlights. They suggest you mingle and don't cling to the people you know but I found myself searching for familiar faces and shying away from the ones I didn't know. I felt awkward and alone. We then sat down at round tables and listened to the Remote communities meeting and the

1728 presentations. When I got back to my room to dress for dinner, I was exhausted, spiritually mentally and physically. Still convinced that I was not the person for the job.

Then it happened, we sat down to dinner and Vera from Oregon 58 said, "Every meeting, every picnic, every potluck, every sponsee, sponsor, cup of coffee, roundup, assembly, conference, every phone call and every newcomer qualifies me to be here today". I cried. I knew that it was not me at that table, it was AA as a whole. I knew that you had brought me up one commitment at a time.

The next day we met as an entire group and it was like I was wearing a new pair of glasses; I could see my purpose and the old Rhonda (who talks to everyone) came out. I handed out my Area Buttons and introduced myself to everyone. Then they called Roll. I sat there waiting for my name to be called and was filled with so much emotion. 135 members were present or here. The panel 69 Delegates by region took the stage and presented their two-minute talks about their Area. Over the course of the week I sat next to Maine, Rhode Island, Indiana, Utah, California and Canada.

Monday and Tuesday, we met with our committees to discuss the Agenda items. We deliberated for 6 hours over the Grapevine agenda items and called for more background and the statement of purpose regarding the Grey pages. It was in that room that I really got to see Concept 3 in full swing, the right of decision. I heard so much more information and different opinions from 7 other areas. My mind raced back and forth. Then finally the Delegate from 44 New Jersey Jeff said its in the Grapevine Charter, we have given the Editor the Editorial Freedom to publish what they think is best for AA. We then Called the New Editor in and asked him if he felt he had the freedom to choose, he said he did not. Since it has gone to the conference so many times, he feels he must follow the conscious of the conference. We decided not to recommend any items to the conference. We cited Editorial Freedom on the Grey Pages.

Lunches and dinners were served everyday and desserts were everywhere! After the committees met, we all me back in the Conference area to hear more Delegates talk about their areas. We were not allowed to discuss agenda items with anyone except our own committees.

Wednesday morning, we took a trip on the Subway to GSO. I walked in and saw the Serenity Prayer written in 70 languages and brail. I was so overwhelmed with Gratitude I started to cry, then I couldn't stop. I kept thinking pull it together Rhonda, but the tears kept rolling. I sat down in a corner by the coffee pot and the man sitting next to me asked if I was ok. I said yes, just grateful. He asked where I was from and I said 42, he said oh, I was Phil's Buddy last year, I said you know Phil? Then just like that I stopped. I felt at home, I felt connected in a way I have never felt. We toured the office and I got lost in Archives. My confession is I got so lost in the Archives I never made it to the Grapevine Department.

Wednesday afternoon we started hearing the report backs and recommendations. I will get to those in a minute. Thursday and Friday, we listened to the committees share what they recommended, and we voted on the recommendations. 7 Floor actions were brought to the floor during these 4 days. They were recorded and to be heard after the regular recommendations were all presented.

Saturday Morning, we had brunch and the Trustees that were rotating out gave their farewell speeches. David M Class A Trustee and Finance Guy (He writes the Around the picnic table reports) Talked about his journey with AA and how he gave his time and energy to AA because it saved his wife's life, he cried, she cried, I cried...

One last note before I review the agenda items. I forgot to take my service Manuel with me.

Topic	
I. Agenda 2 Recommendations	Vote
A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2020 General Service Conference. 2020: A Clear Vision for You	Y123/3N
B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2020 General Service Conference. Recovery, Unity, & Service	
C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2020 General Service Conference. Attraction Through Action	Y123/4N
D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, process and 2018 Evaluation Summary. No Recommendation	
E. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference. No Recommendation	
II. Cooperation with the Professional Community 1 Recommendation	
A. Discuss progress on implementation of A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page. No Recommendation Waiting for Further information	
B. Consider request to remove text "They may help arrange hospitalization" from the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community."	Y123/4N
C. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.	
III. Corrections 1 Recommendation	
A. Consider request for a review of all corrections related literature in order to make the language more modern and inclusive.	Y47/84N Failed
B. Consider request that the General Service Office establish and help maintain a database of Correctional Facilities in each service area in the U.S. and Canada and the status of meetings held therein.	
C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.	
IV. Finance 1 Recommendation	
A. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.	Y113/18N
B. Review the Conference-approved level of \$5,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members.	
C. Review the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$5,000 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member.	
D. Review Self-Support Packet.	
V. Grapevine No Recommendations	
A. Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine book topics for 2020 and later.	
B. Consider request to remove the "Alcoholism at Large" section from AA Grapevine.	
C. Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.	
D. Review AA Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey and summary.	
VI. Literature 6 Recommendations	
A. Review progress report on the development of the pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A.	

B. Review progress report on the development of the pamphlet on A.A.'s Three Legacies.	
C. Consider requests to develop a Fifth Edition of the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i>	Y54/78N Failed
D. Review progress report regarding updating the video "Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure."	
E. Review progress report on the update regarding text on anonymity to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."	Y121/4N
F. Consider the development of a Literature Committee Workbook.	
G. Review progress report on the update to the pamphlet "Too Young?"	
H. Review progress report on the update to the pamphlet "Young People and A.A."	
I. Review proposed revision to A.A. World Services' "Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials."	
J. Consider request to revise the pamphlet "The A.A. Group."	
K. Review progress report regarding the update to the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated."	
L. Review progress report regarding language on safety and A.A. for inclusion in <i>Living Sober</i> and "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."	
M. Consider revising the Foreword to the book <i>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</i> .	Y25/106N Failed
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.	Y32/100N Failed
O. Consider request to update the pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated."	Y118/9N
P. Review matrix of A.A. recovery literature.	Y116/17N
VII. Policy/Admissions 1 Recommendation	
A. Review dates for the 2022 General Service Conference.	
B. Review report from G.S.O.'s general manager on General Service Conference site selection.	
C. Consider a process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee.	
D. Discuss the process of approving qualified representatives from other A.A. service structures to observe the U.S. and Canada General Service Conference.	
E. Discuss a request to "develop a procedure to deal with special requests/agenda items."	
F. Consider revising the "Process for Polling the General Service Conference Between Annual Meetings."	Y125/2N
G. Reconsider the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the full Conference. No Recommendation	
VIII. Public Information 7 Recommendations	
A. Review 2018 annual reports from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.	Y122/4N
B. Review a report regarding the 2019 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.	Y124/6N
C. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):	Y115/13N

	Y101/22N
1. Review the distribution and tracking information for the video PSA “Changes.”	
2. Review the 2018 Report on the Relevance and Usefulness of Video Public Service Announcements.	
3. Consider request that the video PSA “My World” be discontinued.	Y115/13N
4. Consider request to approve the development of a new PSA in video format that utilizes full-face actors (not members of A.A.).	Y101/22N
D. Review draft language addressing anonymity and safety proposed for the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity.”	Y108/20N
E. Consider request to update language in the flyer “A.A. at a Glance.”	Y114/14N
F. Review the 2018 trustees’ Public Information Committee progress report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account.	Y94/35N Y127/1N
G. Review the 2018 trustees’ Public Information progress report on the use of Google AdWords and Google Grants to carry the A.A. message.	Y97/31N Y91/36N Y101/27N
H. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.	
IX. Report and Charter No Recommendations	
A. Discuss General Service Conference <i>Final Report</i> .	
B. The A.A. <i>Service Manual</i> , 2018 - 2020 • Review progress report from A.A.W.S. Publishing Department on the redesign of <i>The A.A. Service Manual</i> .	
C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., and Western U.S.)	
X. Treatment and Accessibilities 3 Recommendations	
A. Consider revising the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap” to include related corrections activities.	
B. Consider adding a story from an A.A. member who is deaf to the pamphlet “Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers.”	Y127/3N
C. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late.”	Y124/0N
D. Discuss the concept of posting anonymity-protected interviews on aa.org with military professionals about their experience with A.A.	Y122/5N
E. Review draft of proposed Remote Communities Kit.	
F. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.	
G. Review contents of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.	
XI. Trustees 3 Recommendations	
A. Review resumes of candidates for: 1. Northeast Regional Trustee 2. Southwest Regional Trustee 3. Trustee-at-Large/Canada	Voted on and Approved
B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.	Y124/3N
C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.	Y125/5N
D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.	Y125/5N

E. Review draft procedures for partial or complete reorganization of the General Service Board.	
XII. Archives 1 Recommendation	
A. Consider request to add the 1940s home movie of the co-founders and their wives to the video “Markings on the Journey.”	Y134/0N
B. Review Archives Workbook.	
XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums 2 Recommendations	
A. Discuss an anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony to be taken at the 2020 International Convention.	Y130/0N
B. Consider a broadcast of the 2020 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony, similar to the anonymity-protected delayed Internet broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.	Y130/1N
C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.	

Thank You all for the support today.

Are there any questions?

Yours in Service,

Rhonda

Questions/Discussion

Julie will be uploading the committee reports from GSO to the google drive.

Rhonda is happy to send any report if you would like it, just call her.

Joyce asks Rhonda to briefly tell us about the for and against the big book

- We’re getting a new website at GSO and they’re moving everything from that fmv to an erp, they are changing the whole system
- Literature has 55 items on it every year, they would have to drop all of that and work on the big book, didn’t seem logical
- Some people said we shouldn’t even do a 5th edition, they talked about plain language, a digital only 5th edition
- They didn’t feel the process should start this year
- Next year will be good because they will have all those new systems in place
- We ask GSO to do a lot of work for us and the workload is too much

Question asked – how do we reintroduce that? Rhonda says to submit it. Joyce says she heard it has to skip a year, we can’t bring it up again till the following year.

Rhonda didn't think the workload was a good excuse, she voted yes, she thought they should hire more people. "I have too much work on my plate is a good reason not to do something."

Question asked and answered. Review contribution for \$5000 (when you die) was increased to \$10,000

Phil asks question, Blue card – any talk of taking it out of the pamphlet? No, but there was a lot of talk about being consistent.

Joyce asks Rhonda to describe how the committees work at GSO. Some committees make suggestions but they aren't the same as recommendations. There's no voting on suggestions. Recommendations get voted on.

Suggestions won't be in the next report since they didn't recommend they should be.

Discussion around technology ensues.

Question asked – what were the hot issues this year? Rhonda answers - The hot issues in the fellowship are the workload of GSO and that we are falling behind in technology and we aren't meeting people where they are.

How many of you work with a newcomer on a tablet? No one raises their hand. The big book isn't going anywhere.

The staff didn't say they need more people, she just heard a lot of workload talk.

Question - Does the staff grow with the growing aa population? No. we used to have a lot more staff (125) and when the economy crashed they got rid of 40 people. (this decision doesn't have to go through the body) Phil mentions when we hire staff we have to fund retirements. Less than 40% of the groups are sending money to GSO so they are being prudent with their hiring.

There are more meetings than there are groups.

End of Discussion

Alt Delegate (Julie C): My name is Julie and I have the privilege of serving as the Alternate Delegate for Nevada Area 42. I am going to be a broken record for a little while until most of us become familiar with our new implementation of area conference committees. Last year we introduced the idea of creating 13 area conference committees that mirror the General Service Conference Committees. Everyone is welcome to join a committee. It is not a huge time commitment and we have already seen an increase in awareness within our area about what is happening at the conference. Pat B, who serves both as our NAGSC Corrections Chair and Co-chair of the Area Conference Committee on Corrections, created an introductory document as an overview of what we are trying to do for his area conference committee. He has graciously shared this document with all the committees. We have updated all the area conference committees with the new volunteers who signed up so far this year. If you are interested in participating on a committee please let me know and I can add you to a committee. If you are curious we can provide you with the document to see if you want to participate.

If your district wants a delegate report and Rhonda is not available, as your Alt Delegate I am happy to come and do my best to fill in for Rhonda.

DCM Reports

District 2 (Joel B): Joel B. DCM and Nick K. alt-DCM

1. District 2 usually has 12-15 district members at monthly district meetings. We realize that we have unrepresented groups in our district and we are planning to start visiting these unrepresented groups with the hope of encouraging their involvement in General Service. Our first "group invasion" will be this month of June.
2. District 2 hosted the NNIG speaker meeting in April and it was much fun and successful.
3. District 2 hosted a GSR training in May which was also much fun and successful.
4. District 2 is financially stable and we have been helping with funding GSR's to attend area functions.
5. Billy O. has stepped up to be the District 2 Archivist. Many thanks Billy!

District 2 is exploring further fellowship building activities for the future. Thanks to all the members of District 2 who make our district great and thanks for the opportunity to be of service.

Joel B. DCM

District 4 (Dan M): Thank you for letting us host, district is doing well, doing traditions study before our district meeting. Once we've completed the traditions, we will start on the concepts.

District 6 (Drew H): Hello Northern Area 42. My name is Drew, an alcoholic, humbly serving as DCM for dist 6. It is good to be at a nagsc meeting and it is good to be sober today. Chris asked to keep our reports short and have no problem honoring that request. Dist 6 meets on the 2nd Sun of even numbered months at the Carson City Alano Club. At our last meeting, Andrea, our nagsc PI chair gave, a wonderful and informative presentation to our body. Thanks you again Andrea. At our Aug meeting, Samantha G, nagsc CPC Chair, will be visiting us for a 20 minute presentation...we will be looking forward to that. Traditionally, after the spring assembly, our dist makes contributions to the entities and this year, we were able to give a little extra to nagsc. As DCM, I have helped with a secretary workshop at my home grp, and today, was asked to help with another up at the lake...exciting stuff!

So the big news is dist 6 will be hosting our annual Founders Day Picnic and Speaker meeting. This will be happening next Sun, Jun 9th, at the Morman Station in Genoa.(at the gazebo on foothill rd) starts at noon. Erik A from the Minden Gardnerville grp will be our speaker. I put some flyers out and I invite you all to come and visit.

That is all. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Drew

District 8 (Julie D): All meetings going well, now that snow is melting and everyone can finally get to the meeting hall!

Bishop men's meeting is growing strong!

Several events are coming up-

June 15th. Annual Chili and Pie cook off with prizes and music. Rhonda will also give convention report in person. Millpond park in Bishop 11-2.

August 23rd-25th. Mammoth Lakes annual campout. Lot of people attend. Speakers, daily workshops, hiking, etc. Food is provided. Go to aamammothlakes.com for registration and more information.

District 10a (Ronnie D): Ronnie stepped down, Joe gave report. I don't know if Julie is going to pick up the gauntlet since she's the alternate, he missed the last meeting. A young peoples meeting is going to start in Elko on Thursday at 6:30 pm.

Fundraiser Founders day event

Elko city park
June 15th
1:15 pm

District 10b, Dark

District 12 (Shelby B):

Hi friends ! I'm Sandra and I'm an alcoholic alt DCM for district 12.

Our fearless leader Shelby will be on bed rest for a few months due to surgery so you (and my district) are stuck with me.

Things have been rather slow in our district - we have modified our district meeting to include food and changed start time - it has not improved our attendance.

We are currently hosting the meeting in one town that requires our furthest town to travel an hour and a half. It has been suggested to try a rotating district meeting which I will be bringing up at our next business meeting.

We also will be visiting all meetings in our district between myself and other officers to try and determine if we have GSRs that are unaware of our district meeting and how we can involve them - even if this means we include them in our email discussions .

Lastly, the district is financially sound and we will be discussing 1. How we fund our gsr/DCM 2. How we assist the area

Both are areas we need work on.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service .

District 14 (Steve L): District 14 – AREA 42 - North Lake Tahoe Basin, Sierra County North – Sierra City, Sierraville and Loyalton. 11 Groups, soon to be 12 Groups with the new YPAA meeting, BYOBB, Bring your own Big Book. 56 meetings in the Area. NorthTahoeAA.Com linked to the "Find a Meeting" App and District 14 Committee meetings are held every Odd Month, 3RD Wednesday, from 5:30pm to 6:50pm. District 14 Annual Jamboree August 25th Truckee Regional Park, we will have a flyer real soon on this, stay toned... King Beach Golden Group is having a Burn your 2x4 Resentment Bon Fire, June 9th at the Tahoe Sands Resort, starting at 5:30pm with BBQ, Speaker and Fire Pit... TITYPAA Volleyball Tournament June 15TH across from the Kings Beach Safeway on the Beach, BBQ, Speaker and Volleyball Tournament, starting at 11am... District 14 has a lot issues going on with the 12 Traditions, Officer Voting, Guidelines and Five (5) Dark Groups not being Represented – Group One, Squaw Valley, Sierraville, Sierra City and Loyalton although considering how other Districts in several Pacific Regions have very low GSR Representation, District 14 has more than 50% of their Groups being Represented and District Officers positions are pretty much all covered. We'll keep you posted and let you know how this all works out... Love and Service Steve L. aka Scooby Doo

District 16 (Barbara M): Only 2 groups were represented, we now have 3. They were about to go dark. Jaywalkers, one of the largest groups in the district, now has a gsr. I want to thank district 2 and 4 and 16 and 22, we all did this together. Some of it was kind of last minute but hey you got water, you got food,

you got soda. I had a sponsee that had a key to the door. If everyone would help clean up afterwards that would be a big help. They don't want more than 7 chairs around the table. Nagsc doesn't need to use their budget to pay for the space today, the districts financially supported it. Applause for tamales from district 22.

District 20 (Jay S): (clint, the alt gives report) serenity in lake almanor campout coming up in august, chris will speak on Saturday night.

District 22 (Tony A): 3 speakers, carlos will talk about history of district 22. 7th tradition and Julie will be talking about delegates report and importance

Sun valley
5446 sun valley blvd
1-2 pm is lunch and 2-4 is the meeting
June 9th

Room for 100 people, everyone is welcome

Chair Reports

Chairperson (Chris S): Hello to everyone and thank you once again for being here and allowing me to serve you once again. I would also like to thank Districts 4, 16, and 22 for hosting this gathering. As I sit here typing this report I really don't know what to put in it. For the first few months of the rotation it was busy, busy, busy and for the last couple of months it's been relaxed in comparison. So here are a couple of thoughts. At the last area assembly and here today Laura touched on the financial state of NAGSC. So through lower contributions from groups and District's which always comes from lower member contributions due to life happening here we are. So this also gives us a moment to talk about why money and spirituality do mix within our groups and districts. So when one entity is doing well like GSO or Area 42 how do we let our home groups and districts know that we can adjust our contribution percentages for a couple of months to help the entity that is struggling. So bringing this situation back to the committee chairs and DCM's how do you best spend your yearly funding which is minimal at best due to our situation. The standing committee chairs inform the membership about the committees' roles in carrying the AA message and to encourage members to participate in general service work in their groups and districts through workshops and presentations. So with that in mind the DCMs should be inviting the chairs to the district meetings to help do that or of course chairs inviting themselves. But sometimes the drive is long and expensive and due to the limited budget that everyone has, how can the districts help. So that is up to you the DCM's I don't know what you can do, maybe gas one way, if it's a long way can someone spend the night at a members house to forgo motel? In helping, that takes a little pressure off of the NAGSC budget to help us get caught up and prepare for next assembly or PRAASA. Through loving discussion money usually fixes itself when people are asked to help. One other item that was brought up in an email is, how do we get people involved in what we do when it seems like there is no one that wants to help. My response is this....like a sponsee in early recovery we are only going to get those who want to do the work. The only thing I could do, was hope that the joy of doing what I did, shows through enough, to create a small ray of enthusiasm in someone else. Those of us who do this part of service are few and that is what I have learned over the last few years and if something goes away because there is no one to do the job it doesn't mean that it stays gone forever. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Chris S NAGSC Chair

Area 42 Chair (Paul E): Hi I'm Paul your Area 42 Chair, alcoholic, I'm very happy to be here. At our Spring Assembly we did a little move around and had people sit with their different Conference committees that mirror the General Service Conference. This caused a little confusion and I have heard some feedback on this, some positive and some negative. Some people did not know that that did not have to participate they could still sit where they wanted to. All though the table that they were sitting at may have had a Committee sitting there, they could have sat with the committee or moved to a different table. Again I have heard some feedback today both positive and negative. At our next Area Assembly in the Fall September 6-8 we are going to do this again. I'm also going to ask each Committee to give a short report on the items that they discussed and how the results of those items came out in the conference. Were they different, did it cause a recommendation, what was the results, was there no action? This is all to better help us all be more informed on the General Service Conference and give us more knowledge on the process. This is in no way to conflict with our Delegate and her report, she welcomes the information. 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 1253.34
- Checking 5214.93

I want to thank all groups and individuals for your contributions to the Northern Area fund. We have improved our financial standing, but we still fall short from being able to fully fund members to general service events.

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 will need to increase our contributions. Our conference committees are much more organized and active then 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.

The other funding priority to consider is our ability to assist GSRs to these events. We encourage groups to understand their important role as participants in general service. The AA general service structure is representative. It relies on active involvement in discussions between our GSRs at our Nagsc meetings, Area Assemblies, PRAASA, and in 2020 at a GS Forum in Las Vegas.

I would like to see more discussion and workshops to help groups with ideas on how to fund their GSRs to these events. I would be happy to work on this with anyone interested in putting together ideas for just such a workshop or presentation.

Remember, spirituality can be found in our baskets and funding our trusted servants to general service events is an important group expense, not a luxury.

Yours in service today and every day,
Laura

Secretary (Noel C): Thank you all for your service! Please continue to send your reports to me at noelservice42@gmail.com. If you're able to send them at least 24 hours in advance to the meeting that

works best so I know who has sent me reports going in to the meeting. Please let me know if anyone still needs to be added to the email list. Also, keep an eye out for last names in your reports since we scrub the minutes of those.

Archivist (Lyle C): Hello everyone,

It's great to be here with you. I had an opportunity to show our area 42 archives at the Spring Feasible in Reno. Thank you for stopping by to visit and checking out the archive display.

I also went to Las Vegas where our main archives are kept, and helped work on organizing the archives and building display cases.

The new archives book is available now for \$10. This is the first original title released by Alcoholics Anonymous since *Daily Reflections*, the book **Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951–1970** is now available for order in English, French and Spanish.

Publication of this important volume culminates years of research and transcription of archived audio recordings of Bill W. addressing the General Service Conference. Complementing the text are more than sixty photographs and other images from the A.A. Archives — some never before published. Timeless and timely, these 16 talks give fresh perspectives on the A.A. Fellowship in our co-founder's own words. For more information, visit the [A.A.W.S. Online Bookstore](#).

Yours in Service, Lyle C

Public Information (Andrea B): Hello everyone , my name is Andrea and I am gratefully serving as your Northern Area public information chair. I am cooperating with the Northern Nevada Intergroup Public Information Chair and we have taken their Washoe County School District approved presentation about " What Alcoholics Anonymous is and what Alcoholics Anonymous isn't ". In March we went into Sparks Highschool, April Damonte Ranch High and Reno High then May we went into Reed Highschool and McQueen High. At the same time we make sure to supply their Health classes with literature by supplying a literature display or refilling the display from our previous visit.

In March I gave my 1st Public Information presentation to District 22, thank you Tony. In April I presented to District 6, thank you Drew; and in May I was able to present to District 4, thank you to Dan.

In May we received an email through Central Office to assist Lasson Family Services. I contacted their local PI committee who supplied their office with information.

Thank you Andrea

Treatment/Bridging the Gap (Ed S): A Panel Presentation on service work at treatment facilities in Carson City is set for June 23, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., Carson City Alano Club. Presentations will cover Orientation to A.A., Bridging the Gap, and A.A. meetings inside for patients. Carson Tahoe Behavioral Health Services staff will present as well. An event flyer was distributed thanks to NAGSC and District 6 Secretaries and NNIG Central Office. A Coordinator is needed for Orientation to A.A. at Bristlecone Family Resources treatment facility in Reno. A flyer was circulated by NAGSC Secretary and NNIG Central Office. Also, two presenters are needed for one hour Orientation presentations on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Orientation to A.A. at Bristlecone may have to be suspended soon. If you will, please announce the open positions at Reno/Sparks meetings. Contacts for more information are NAGSC Treatment/BTG Chair (Ed S.) and NNIG Alternate Treatment Chair (Terry N.). Bridging the Gap presentations are ongoing in Carson City at Behavioral Health Services, in Fallon at New Frontier, and in Reno at Bristlecone, Cross Roads, Renown Outpatient, and West Hills. A.A.s serving as temporary contact coordinators are available to match after-treatment newcomers with temporary contacts in the mentioned communities. District 20 (Lassen County / Susanville) and District 10a (Elko/Carlin/Battle Mountain) DCMs and long timers

coordinate temporary contacts, and in smaller towns, the NAGSCs Treatment/BTG chair works with DCMs to match temporary contacts with newcomers from treatment. NNIG and NAGSC chairs maintain rosters of presenters, speakers and temporary contacts. Vitality Unlimited in Carson City is interested in having BTG presentation started soon, once A.A. meetings are set up. The opportunity to serve as a BTG speaker, presenter, and temporary contact is announced at meetings and in coordination with DCMs at as opportunities or as requests for temporary contacts arrive. Inside A.A. meetings are held at some treatment facilities in northern Nevada communities, but not in others. NNIG H&I Treatment chair has a data base of treatment facilities with and without inside meetings and it is getting updated. NNIG H&I coordinates with treatment facilities in Reno/Sparks. Outside Reno/Sparks, A.A. meetings at treatment facilities is coordinated between local A.A. members or groups and the facility staff. South Lake Tahoe area has a H&I Committee that coordinates inside meetings at jails and a hospital. Central Office fulfills literature requests from treatment facilities for patients, funded through Pink Can contributions. My experience so far suggests that A.A. members engage in local treatment facilities, hospitals, and intensive outpatient services anonymously. Meetings and workshops on Twelve Traditions are important. The NNIG H&I Committee holds a monthly meeting, which Terry N. and I participate in. We get to learn and to share our collective experience in supporting existing and cooperating in new recovery meetings, Bridging the Gap program, Orientation to AA presentations, and distribution of literature into treatment facilities throughout Northern Nevada - particularly at the moment, in Lassen County, CA and Elko; in Fallon at New Frontier, in Carson City, Reno and Sparks. We are glad to have received requests recently to set up recovery meetings and Bridging the Gap at another treatment facility in Carson City. Terry N. has taken on the duties of Alternate Treatment Chair for NNIG H&I. Carson Tahoe Behavioral Health Services in Carson City hosts weekly Orientation to AA presentations, twice monthly Bridging the Gap presentations with temporary contact requests, and daily AA recovery meetings for clients and outside AA members. To spread awareness and build mutual support for these 12th step service opportunities, a workshop is scheduled for Sunday, June 23, 1:30 to 3:00 at the Carson City Alano Club. On March 23, I got to meet the BTG coordinator at New Frontier treatment facility in Fallon, Tracy B., and participate in the BTG presentation. Getting to know one another in action is fun and heartening. Getting to see how 12th step work gets done here and there is fascinating, even delightful. The reliance and confidence we have in AA's spirit of service continues to amaze me. Letting go of outcomes is a blessing. I am glad to be sober, enjoying this day, and grateful for the opportunity to serve with you all. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve A.A. and alcoholics. It is wonderful to be part of making presentations and meetings in treatment and correction facilities.

Intergroup Liaison (Pat S): My job is to serve as a conduit for information between NAGSC and NNIG (Northern Nevada Intergroup).

NNIG meets the first Tuesday night each month at the Alano Club in Sparks.

At the DCM/Committee Chair meeting earlier this afternoon, there was brief discussion of potential overlap in committee work with NAGSC and NNIG. I will be asking representatives of both of these entities to participate in a workshop later this year to assure we compliment each other without overlapping our work.

Thanks to NNIG, the Northern Nevada meeting schedule is now on the new World Services "Meeting Guide."

One of the big events for NNIG is one week from today: Saturday, June 8. The NNIG Founder's Day Picnic and celebration will be held at mid-day at 98 Richards Way in Sparks. At 7 p.m. it's the annual long-

timers meeting at the Silver Legacy in Reno, when speakers will represent several hundred years of sobriety.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

GSR Survival Manual/Trainer (Tinna O): No Report

Cooperation with the Professional Community (Samantha G): No Report

Registrar (Tony A): if you know anyone whos trying to register please let me know

Finance Chair (Nancy W): No Report

Corrections (Pat B): Our most urgent opportunity is with the Northern Nevada Transitional Housing facility in Reno. This facility has asked us to bring a meeting into their facility on Sundays from 10 - 11AM. Our goal is to establish a team of 10 or 12 volunteers who are willing to accept a once per month commitment for this facility. Attending a training seminar conducted by the Nevada Department of Corrections is a requirement for being cleared to enter all State of Nevada facilities. The next training seminar is scheduled for Thursday, August 15th from 8AM - Noon in Carson City. We currently have three A.A. members who have completed the training and we are seeking additional volunteers to complete our team and make it possible to start the weekly meeting at Northern Nevada Transitional Housing.

The State of Nevada Wells Conservation Camp is urgently awaiting our effort to assemble a few volunteers to take a meeting into this facility. We are seeking a few volunteers from the greater Elko area to fulfill this opportunity. Training from the State is required prior to being cleared to enter this facility.

In District 20, Susanville, we are seeking volunteers to take meetings into the High Desert State Prison and the California Correctional Facility at Susanville. A previously staffed meeting at High State Desert Prison has gone dark due to insufficient A.A. volunteers to fulfill a weekly commitment there.

Washoe County Detention Center, commonly known as Parr Blvd., - We have had a dozen A.A. members complete the application and training process for this facility. We are now awaiting word from the Washoe County Department of Corrections on final clearance for our volunteers to enter the facility. We have had a limited number of volunteers taking meetings into both the men's and women's sections of this facility and we are anxious to supplement their efforts is staffing meetings at this facility.

The Corrections Correspondence Service, CCS, coordinated through our General Service Office in New York is always looking for volunteers for this extremely valuable service, particularly men volunteers. The only requirement for this service is the willingness to correspond with an inmate who has requested this service and share our Recovery experience, strength, and hope by writing a letter per month on average.

Your NAGSC Corrections Committee is always looking for volunteers to serve as Pre-Release Contacts for incarcerated A.A. members who will be paroled into various cities throughout the NAGSC geography.

Pre-Release Contacts meet the inmate upon their parole, take them to an A.A. meeting, and help them start the process of becoming comfortable in A.A. outside the prison walls.

Most sincerely,

Pat B

DCM Coordinator (Anne Y): Things are going good we have a lot of good participation. 7:30 on Sunday mornings at assembly. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Accessibilities/ Remote Communities (Jared T): No Report

Grapevine (Mark P): Hello my name is Mark and I am an alcoholic. I currently am serving as your Grapevine committee chair for the northern half of area 42. In April I attended a service workshop in Winnemucca hosted by District 10b. It worked out well for my first presentation to a district. Coming up on June 22 I will be helping put on a Grapevine letter writing workshop with District 6 in South Lake Tahoe. The most recent publications from the Grapevine are the 75th anniversary tool kit which is a great introduction to the Grapevine for your group. The books AA in the Military (stories of experience, strength and hope from the grapevine) and One Big Tent (Atheist and Agnostic members share their experience, strength and hope). Are available online or at our central office in Reno. I would like to remind everyone that I am available to do presentations or workshops at your District or group business meetings and workshops. Please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Area 42 Newsletter editor (Gabe S): If you have any workshops or anything coming up, get that to me, I can get that into the newsletter. Would love to hear any ideas or suggestions of things you would like to have put in the newsletter.

Area 42 Webmaster (Mike L) – if anyone wants something on the website, I have to be told about it. I'm not in contact with all the districts. I'm glad to help out. If the time of the district meeting is wrong please tell me.

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District Hosting August 3 meeting: District 8

**Motion to close
Seconded**

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