

1:00 -Serenity Prayer

Concept 3 Read by Chris

7 Topics Chosen by Ronda for us. – Please keep comments and questions to the point.

Approval for the minutes from the December meeting.

Motion to accept December minutes – 2nd, Approved

Treasurers Report – Laura –

Pick up Group contribution receipts.

Checking \$15,266.95

Thank you to everyone that told their Groups that we were underfunded and the Groups have responded. We can support our service people.

Savings Account \$1253.68 – Prudent Reserve

Finance Committee met and we set the funding amount for GSRs we will be able to fund up to \$75 per GSR or DCM please keep in mind that Area also has funding of \$50 so that means that if needed you would have \$125 toward Area Assembly. Funding is obtained through your DCM. DCMs reach out to your GSRs reminding them to go to their Groups first, then District and then NAGSC and Area. DCMs can email the form to me and we pay it out at Area. There is also funding available to PRAASA.

QUESTION: I believe that Area also increased but did the cap of \$250 go up?

ANSWER: NAGSC doesn't have a cap, Area may. I don't know. Claudia doesn't know if the funds went up for at the Area level.

Motion to accept Treasurers' report, 2nd

Phil – We are hosting the Pacific Regional Forum August 21-23. We will have a table at PRAASA and please take a turn at the table at PRAASA to get people interested in the Forum. Talk about what the Forum is. We will talk more about this at the Assembly.

Julie – Alternate Delegate – Welcome if this is your first Round Table. My first Round Table was at the Triangle Club, I felt welcomed and loved. Use the forms as a tool only use if they are helpful. Go back to your home group then bring it to the Assembly. There were 35 people who summarized, and more that helped!!!! Thank you so much. You did a marvelous job.

Chris – 10 days to summarize 95 Topics. Gave the presenters 2 days. Keep your comments and questions to the point and allow everyone to have a chance to share. Will give each Presenter 20 minutes to get through their topic. We will be timed.

1:30pm-1:50pm: CPC Agenda Item A.- Consider a request to discontinue the pamphlet “AA in Your Community”Ed L. CPC Chair

CPC — Item A

Agenda Topic - Consider a request to discontinue the pamphlet “A.A. in Your Community.”

Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?

Tennessee Area 64 submitted this request stating that they believe this pamphlet has typographical and grammatical errors and mis-informs audiences. There are at least two other similar pamphlets “A Brief Guide” and “AA at a Glance” that cover the information contained in “AA in Your Community”.

What does the Delegate need to know?

Does your group think we discontinue the pamphlet “AA in Your Community”?

(Presenter)

- Went up for the first time in 1981.
- Big item that has kept this going is that CPC chairs for presentations feel the title is necessary.
- Most the information can be found elsewhere.
- Helpful to doctors and the medical community. We don’t dry people out, we don’t have dry out farms etc.
- Asking the Group – Do you want to keep them or not?

(Discussion)

- Q. What does CPC stand for?
A. Cooperating with the Professional Community.
- Q. Numbers as far as how this pamphlet is used and how effective it is?
A. Don’t have this information.
- Q. Argument in favor of keeping it?
A. CPC chairs feel that this title is picked up more than others at events and presentations. The fact that it says AA in your community is what has kept this going.

- Q. What are the typographical and grammatical errors? –
A. General complaint doesn't really get into it. This information is covered in other pamphlets. Doesn't go into detail exactly what those errors are.
- Q. Wouldn't this be basic housekeeping fix the errors?
A. That is what they want to do but others want it pulled.
- Q. Is this the oldest pamphlet?
A. Don't know but the argument started in 1981.
- CPC Chairs argue that the title grabs people's attention with the word community.
- Q. Is there a place where this information can be reviewed as far as grammatical errors?
A. Go to Area 42 Website 15 pages of Background but not a lot of information on specifics.
- Q. Do the revisions have to be made through committee as well?
A. Yes
- Biggest problem is that some want it pulled.
- The agenda item only has to do with pulling it or keeping it.
- Q. Is there something to affect that if it stays it would be corrected?
A. Yes, probably but it would be done in Committee.
- "Consider" means they want to talk about it.
- From what I have heard that we support our Trusted Servants and if the CPC Chairs want it, it should stay.
- Q. Does anyone besides Area 64 have a problem?
A. Presumably so since it has been going on for so long. It keeps going back and forth. Every time they decide not to pull it an argument comes back to pull it.
- Pamphlet has been revised as of July 2019.
- Final Conference Report has a list in it of every AA publication and how many were sold in 12 Months. 2018 "AA in Your Community" distributed from GSO 37,029 – quite substantial. They are part of the CPC Packet.

Does your group think we should discontinue the Pamphlet AA in Your community? - Overwhelming Majority (almost unanimous) - NOT to discontinue.

1:50pm-2:10pm: Literature Agenda Item M.- Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous..... John H.

Literature — Item M (1)

Agenda Topic - Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous: 1. Develop a Fifth Edition.

Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?

Area 20 and District 52 have requested that the Trustees Literature Committee begin development on a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous. At the 69th General Service Conference a motion to develop a Fifth Edition of the Big Book was considered, it is believed to have been passed on because the Trustees felt they were too busy at the time being. The First Edition was published in 1939, the Second Edition was published in 1955, the Third Edition was published in 1976 and the Fourth Edition was published in 2001. The stories in Alcoholics Anonymous need to reflect our changing society to reach the still suffering. For the alcoholic to identify the stories need to reflect the current socio-economic experiences of the average person. It has been nearly 20 years since the last edition was published and there are no stories that reflect the current social norms.

What does the Delegate need to know?

Does your group support a Fifth Edition of the Big Book?

Does your group feel the current stories may be too old for newcomers to relate to, therefore ineffective?

(Presenter)

- There is an advisory action currently in effect written in 1995 when they were starting work on the 4th Edition – First 164 pages of the Alcoholics Anonymous, Prefaces, Forwards, The Doctors Opinion, Dr. Bob’s Nightmare and Appendixes stay as is. From the Prefaces to the Appendixes should not be changed.
- My question was, what is going to take to reverse the Advisory Action – Called GSO and past Trustees – No conference action is binding to another conference. Each Conference can move forward with their own agenda.
- People are constantly requesting changes – not talking about the plain language version but the actual Big Book. At any point the conference is free make changes.
- The Literature Committee in November last year recognized the priority of addressing whether or not a 5th Edition might be developed before addressing any items relating to

content or format changes. First step has to be making the decision to make a new edition.

- Pro – Its time. Comes down to how the publications have been spaced out.
1st to 2nd Editions 16 years
2nd – 3rd Editions 21 years
3rd – 4th Editions 25 years. This includes the typical 4 or more years it takes to get the new Edition approved. It has been 19 years and we would just be getting started. The world changes and the world had changed a lot.
- Con – Someone said things haven't changed that much in 21 years.
- Pro - The way we work live and communicate today is so much different and that is why some of the stories could change and be more relevant.
- Pro - Developing the 5th Edition is not about the first 164 but rather the stories in the back reflecting the way we live and communicate today and the diversity. Lots of cultures 71 languages. We could have a broader scope.
- Pro - It is a living document we need to breathe new life into the program.
- Pro - 4th Edition brought in stories of young people and gay people, 5th Edition could include Transgender and more, economic, cultural diversity. New section possible on "They thought they were different." Possibly create new sections.
- Pro – There will be no change without a new edition.
- Con – Change is bad. People don't like change. We are faithful to the language that got me sober. Maybe they are the perfect words.
- Con – Afraid to mess it up.
- Con – Could be an unnecessary expense, it will cost money to do it.
- Con – GSO could have other priorities.
- Con – Scope of change doesn't go far enough it needs to change from its roots. Role of women in society needs to completely change, attitudes towards minorities, and a gendered God are passé concepts. Suggestions to change the book are not big enough.
- Con – Some people won't be happy.

Literature — Item M (2)

Agenda Topic - Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous: 2. Develop a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous with updated stories and revisions to Appendices III and V.

Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?

Area 06, California Northern Coastal, requests that a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous be published and that the Conference take this up as an Agenda Topic. The request to update the appendices isn't intended to remove any of the current language, but rather to expand on the existing ideas in Appendices III and V. An update of Appendix III (The Medical View on A.A) could include more information on mental illness. The language could be similar to "The A.A. Member -Medications and Other Drugs." Specifically, where it talks about some alcoholics needing medication. Also, Appendix III in the current edition of Alcoholics Anonymous references a pamphlet that is now out of print. An update of Appendix V (The Religious View on A.A.) could include perspectives from different faiths. Currently, the only perspectives offered are from Father Ed Dowling, who was.

What does the Delegate need to know?

Does your group feel it necessary to update Appendix III to include information on mental illness, medications and other drugs?

Does your group agree Appendix V should have perspectives from more faiths and religions?

(Presenter)

- I see the Big Book as a 5th Tradition issue and that is why it was written and why it is suggested to stay current. Primary tool to our recovery.
- Appendix III Suggested that the medical view is from the 40's and we could use some fresh opinions. Including alcoholics that have mental illness and need medications.
- Appendix V is the Religious view on AA – no other religions except Christianity included. No, Hindu, Buddhist, Islam etc.

Literature — Item M (3)

Agenda Topic - Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous: 3. Add a proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition foreword of the book Alcoholics Anonymous at the time it is published.

Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?

The A.A. Group Fifth Traditionalist from Bloomington, IN asks that the 2020 General Service Conference consider addressing the bias of gender terms in the Big Book in the forward of the Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous when it is published. Some find that the gender terms of the Big Book come from a somewhat insensitive era. A.A. addresses many "issues" people find problematic in the program but the bias of the gender terms in the Big Book are not clearly undertaken. They request that the proposed Addendum address gender terms and is written

with the intent of assuring that all who are seeking answers (help) for a drinking problem are encouraged to give Alcoholics Anonymous a try.

What does the Delegate need to know?

Does your group support an addendum in a possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous that addresses biased terms from the insensitive era in which the Big Book was originally written?

(Presenter)

- She gave a sample of the Addendum – gender terminology. The man was the alcoholic and the wife was the housewife. Some people may have insurmountable issues with the gender terminology in the Big Book. In this addendum she is not trying to change the Big Book, instead saying, try to understand that this is a historical document and don't let this interfere with you getting the message, look for the similarities.

(Discussion on all 3 parts)

- Q. If they do decide to develop the 5th edition they will create a new forward for the 5th addition?
A. They do create a new Forward with every edition. If they include what they are talking about here, that is another story.
- I look at the first 164 pages and Dr. Bob's Nightmare like a history book. We don't change Shakespeare. We cannot change what an author has already written.
- One suggestion was to renumber the pages, so The Doctor's Opinion starts on page one. Also include Dr. Bobs Nightmare *in the main text*.
- Q. Will this be different in different countries?
Q. How is that taken into consideration.
A. We only translate the first 164 pages, other countries get their own stories.
- I know the fellow who translated the Big Book into Cantonese and it was only the first 164 pages and they do their own stories.
- I bought the Big Book on Audible and it was not done well. We would be able to present it Audibly and do it well.
- Q. If we decide to make a new 5th Edition does that automatically make all the other parts of this agenda item grouped in the decision?
A. No, they will be separated.

1. Does your group support a Fifth Edition of the Big Book? . – *Overwhelming Majority - Yes*

Does your group feel the current stories may be too old for newcomers to relate to, therefore ineffective? – *Almost Even*

2. Does your group feel it necessary to update Appendix III to include information on mental illness, medications and other drugs? – *Overwhelming Majority - Yes*

Does your group agree Appendix V should have perspectives from more faiths and religions? - *Yes – 58/42ish*

3. Does your group support an addendum in a possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous that addresses biased terms from the insensitive era in which the Big Book was originally written? – *Substantial Majority - No 72/28ish*

2:10pm-2:30pm: Literature Agenda Item N.- Consider development of a draft Fourth Edition of the book Alcoholicos Anonimos..... Luis C.

Literature — Item N

Agenda Topic - Consider development of a draft Fourth Edition of the book Alcoholicos Anónimos.

Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?

This is an advisory action from a FLOOR ACTION at the 69th (2019) General Service Conference. The Literature Committee did not recommend Starting in 2015 a series of requests have come forward regarding the correction of translation errors and/or omissions. In response there is a proposal to draft a 4th edition of Alcoholics Anonymous.

What does the Delegate need to know?

Do you agree with the requested draft of the Spanish Big Book, 4th edition?

(Presenter)

- There were changes in the 3rd edition on the history part of the book. There were also changes of the first 164 pages and it changed the meaning of some of the paragraphs. In chapter 5 they changed some words to sincerity instead of honesty. Previous editions did use the word honest. It changed the meaning a lot and people were not happy about that.
- If you noticed this question requests to make a 4th Edition of the Big Book the Spanish is only on its 3rd Edition. This would be to fix errors.

(Discussion)

- Q. In the 3rd Edition, which is being used now and there are errors in Chapter 5 regarding the wording Honestly and this would be fixed so that it mirrors the English better?
A. Yes. Revise the Translation so that it mirrors the English version better like it did before. It seems like this would be a pretty big need.
- Every country has a right to change the stories. Had a personal friend who had a story go into the 3rd Edition and ego went to his head. They took the “now” out of “There is a Higher Power may you find him now”, confusing to hear “There is a Higher Power may you find him.”. There are words in it that are hard to understand, and they were translated by Columbian Spanish interpreters instead of Mexican Translators, so the words are not quite the same or ones we understand.
- Q. Do you know why they did not recommend the 4th Edition at the last conference – It wasn’t an Agenda Item it was a Floor Action.
A. It hadn’t come through the Body. They wanted it to come through the body not the Floor.
- Q. Does that mean that the first 164 pages would be returned to the Original Edition or completely retranslated?
A. They are requesting a review so that they can make it more like the English version.
- Q. Is there a preferable translation to meet the needs of the Spanish in the United States and Canada?
A. We are not part of Alcoholics Anonymous Mexico, we are part of Alcoholics Anonymous USA and Canada. We need to make it equal to what is represented in English.
- Q. When was the 3rd Edition Published?
A. 2008
- The literature committee would have a committee of people who would go over the translation, it wouldn’t just be one person, it would be a committee of people.
- Q. New group of people translating it?
A. Yes

Do you agree with the requested draft of the Spanish Big Book, 4th Edition? - Overwhelming Majority - Yes

2:30pm-250 pm: Literature Agenda item T.- Consider revising the pamphlet “Questions & Answers on Sponsorship”..... Jay S DCM District 20

Literature — Item T (1)

Agenda Topic - Consider revising the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship”,
1. Remove the suggestion that sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex.

Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?

An AA member in New York, New York is suggesting an update in the pamphlet “Questions & Answers on Sponsorship”, to remove the suggestion that sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex (page 12 under the heading “Can any member be a sponsor?”)

“A.A. custom does suggest one limitation already noted on page 10: If the group is large enough to allow a choice, sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex. The reasons are the same from both viewpoints; we A.A. members, no matter how long we have been sober, remain thoroughly human, subject to emotions that might divert us from “our primary purpose.”

Update this section to read:

“A.A. custom does suggest one limitation: Sponsorship should be avoided wherever a romantic entanglement might arise between sponsor and newcomer. We A.A. members, no matter how long we have been sober, remain thoroughly human, subject to emotions that might divert us from “our primary purpose.”

What does the Delegate need to know?

Does your group want the Conference Committee on Literature to consider revising the “Questions & Answers on Sponsorship” pg 12 under the heading “Can any member be a sponsor?

(Presenter)

- I have a lot of background information.

(Discussion)

- It doesn't cost us anything because they just start printing the revision after the current pamphlets run out.
- Point out that the importance of the wording – “Does your group want the conference Committee on literature to *“consider”* revising.”
- Don't like the wording Romantic Entanglements.
- The whole idea is to make sure the sponsorship relationship doesn't become romantic.
- I have sponsored men before because I am gay and there would never be any chance of a romantic entanglement.

- I didn't get along with women and if I would have had the chance to have a male sponsor I possibly would have. I have become a better woman by have women sponsors.
- This is a suggestion and we tend not be rule followers changing the literature to accommodate is actually being more prejudice.

Does your group want the Conference Committee on Literature to consider revising the "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship" pg 12 under the heading "Can any member be a sponsor? Majority - Yes

Literature — Item T (2)

Agenda Topic - Consider revising the pamphlet "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship":

2. Expand the section on "Service Sponsorship" and retitle the pamphlet to include service sponsorship.

Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?

The Service Sponsorship Section in the "Question & Answers for Sponsorship (P- 15) pamphlet should be expanded. Area 44 in New Jersey is recommending that "Service Sponsorship" share the same importance as "Recovery Sponsorship". The recommendation is to add more information on Service Sponsorship into the pamphlet and retitle the pamphlet to include Service Sponsorship. The revised pamphlet can serve to:

1. Reinforce that service work often begins with a suggestion from a Service Sponsor.
2. Engage more members in service work.
3. Point out the benefits of service to the individual, the group and the fellowship.
4. Define service work as a responsibility of all recovering Alcoholics.
5. Discuss ways that a person in service can attract others to service.
6. Explore ways that a Service Sponsor can assist those new to service.
7. Present personal experiences of those serving as Service Sponsors. Service Sponsorship deserves more attention; many AA members are completely unfamiliar with the term Service Sponsorship.

What does the Delegate need to know?

Does your group want the Trustees' Literature Committee to consider revising the "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship" (P-15) Pamphlet to include the aforementioned information on Service Sponsorship?

(Presenter)

- Add more information on Service Sponsorship and change the name so that it is promoted in importance.

(Discussion)

- Q. What does it say now?
A. 1 or 2 pages on Service Sponsorship. They want to retitle and add more information.

- Last year they tried to get a Service Sponsorship pamphlet.
- Q. Are they intending on expanding the section or taking away pages from sponsorship?
A. I believe they want to just expand and retitle.
- They are trying to elevate the importance of Service Sponsorship and that is where I have a problem with it.
- I could not have served my Area like I have been able without a Service Sponsor. Service Sponsors directed me to pamphlets, becoming willing and the Service Manual.
- My service sponsor is an enormous part of my life. AA has the 3 Legacies, recovery, service and unity.
- Doesn't really say if it is for the newcomer or not. You would give this to a newcomer and could become confusing and overlapping.
- The "What does the Delegate need to know" does not include changing the title just revising the pamphlet.
- Personally, I love service sponsorship there are already 2 pages and when there is a new person in the room it could be confusing to the new person having the name changed to include Service Sponsorship.
- Question has a natural bias coming from a group like us. Service has been instrumental to our lives I don't think it is that relevant to a newcomer. Not everyone has to do what I do. Some peoples service is limited to making coffee and they are sober.
- A pamphlet that talks about sponsorship should focus on recovery of the newcomer and we shouldn't divert the attention away from what the newcomer needs.
- Until I read this, I forgot that there were those pages in there about service sponsorship. The service work I have done in AA has been probably the most important thing I have done for my recovery. They might just say questions and answers on recovery sponsorship and service sponsorship. I think it would be good to see it in the title. Newcomers can be in service from day one.

Does your group want the Trustees' Literature Committee to consider revising the Questions & Answers on Sponsorship (P-15) Pamphlet to include the aforementioned information on Service Sponsorship? No 55/45ish

3:05pm-3:20pm: P.I. Agenda Item I.- Discuss a request “to create a new form of communication” to address anonymity on social media.....Rina Alt DCM District 6

Public Info — Item I

Agenda Topic - Discuss a request “to create a new form of communication” to address anonymity on social media.

Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?

This item was brought about by members of area 29. It is area 29’s belief that the current information we have on digital anonymity is not enough to change the habits practiced by many members. They believe a new form of communication beyond, pamphlets, posters, and service pieces is needed. Area 29 feels rather than dictate the form this communication should take it is their intention to start the conversation about what would be best for our fellowship.

What does the Delegate need to know?

Does our fellowship need a “new form of communication” to address the need of anonymity in digital media?

(Presenter)

- Current information we have on digital anonymity is not enough to change the habits practiced by many members. New form of communication beyond, pamphlets, posters and service pieces are needed. Start the conversation about what would be best for our fellowship.
- May be a little misleading – Area 29 requesting this a postcard size informational
- Additional suggestions and have the conversation brought to group level.
- Experience of vast majority of Area 29 in the Sponsorship pamphlet about anonymity is not enough to emphasize importance of anonymity. Social media poses an urgency for a discussion about anonymity.
- Could be in a poster size card or tabletop card format.
- Facebook pages showing anniversaries, members and chips and is a serious anonymity issue.
- People do not realize that potential employers and current employers now use social media to possibly hire or fire.
- New members of A.A. are the ones most likely to inadvertently break the anonymity of another member or even their own. This is a direct result of a lack of specific guidance on this issue.

- Anonymity on social media continues to be a concern and Area 29 thinks we need something beyond the anonymity language added to the Questions and Answers on Sponsorship, which may or not mean a postcard size card, poster or tabletop card.
- Just looking to start the conversation.

(Discussion)

- Q. Can it be added to anything in front of meetings?
A. That is a consideration once the conversation starts.
- We are just here to decide to start a conversation.
- A few years ago, this came up and went like wildfire through the whole fellowship and then we have seen it and the message get less and less. It might be time to address it again.
- Q. I don't get it, are they talking about Facebook? I see friends and relatives saying I am an Alcoholic, working the 12 steps in recovery, breaking anonymity.
A. Yes
- I was on the PI committee had the privilege to serve and this came up in 2005 within the committee and it didn't go to the floor but what did go to the floor was that 2 Delegates broke the anonymity of the Area and we decided that we could do nothing because it wasn't in our power at that time to address. Anonymity is so fragile. We aren't doing enough in the Home Groups to talk about it. Do we read the Anonymity Statement anymore? It needs to be brought up more in our groups. We need to and it has to start here before we can expect the GSC to take action.
- Personal experience: Took a picture of a meeting hall put it up on Facebook and then got a lot of flak for it. We want to acknowledge but there is a lot of grey area and I go back and forth on whether it is right or wrong. My face wasn't on the picture, so how was I breaking anonymity? I have questions. There is a lot of work to do on this.
- We have definitely had that issue with the breach of anonymity in our area. Newcomers are super excited about being sober. It was explained to me like this, this is a program of one day at a time and I say I am sober and drink again what does that do to the fellowship. This is a discussion at the sponsor sponsee level and our home groups. It is such an issue in our community.
- Hearing two things going on here don't understand what the "new form of communication" is. I think what is really being addressed is the breaking of anonymity.

Possibly adding Internet or social media to Traditions. Not sure what they mean by “new form of communication”.

- Q. Clarification: The Topic we are discussing is “are we in favor of having this discussion?”
- Q. Was there any mention of the National AA Technology Workshop and what they are recommending?
A. No
- The form of communication is already available specific to social media, doesn't need to be a pamphlet specific to social media, if we discuss anonymity at the home group level and having the conversation with the home group... Posting pictures of others is breaking their anonymity, not just ours...the information is there it is just lacking the discussion at the group level. You need to have that discussion with them and make it known you do not want to have your anonymity broke.
- This is more geared for the younger generation, but the younger generation lives on social media...You can be proud that you are sober, you go out and get drunk then people think AA doesn't work. Younger generation needs to know there are some boundaries in Alcoholics Anonymous.
- This is more about getting more information out there about the suggestions. WE need more information on how not to break your anonymity on Social Media needs to be the discussion.

Does our fellowship need a “new form of communication” to address the need of anonymity in digital media? Overwhelming Majority (almost unanimous) - Yes 99/1ish

3:20pm-3:40pm: Treatment and Accessibilities Agenda Item B.- Consider a request to develop a Bridging the Gap Workbook..... Ed S. Treatment and Accessibilities Chair.

Treatment & Accessibilities — Item B

Agenda Topic - Consider request to develop a Bridging the Gap Workbook.

Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?

That a Bridge the Gap Workbook be created to assist AA members who have interest in Bridge the Gap responsibilities in their Districts and Areas. There are currently Bridge the Gap pamphlets available from GSO but there is not a BTG workbook. A Bridge the Gap workbook would combine the important aspects of the treatment and corrections workbooks to achieve a better understanding to implement Bridge the Gap program at a District and Area level. With a Workbook, made available to a District or Area, AA members would have an approved action

plan for reaching out to alcoholics leaving treatment and correction institutions to become sober members of AA while transitioning to society.

What does the Delegate need to know?

Does your group believe there is a need for a Bridging the Gap Workbook?

(Presenter)

- Bridging gap workbook be created to help assist AA members who have interest in bridge the gap responsibilities in their districts and areas. Approved action plan.
- How many people have seen a workbook before? Large majority.
- Trustees Committee with CPC Treatment and Accessibilities do not do Bridging the Gap work or Temporary contact. BTG committees are considered Tradition 9 Committees.
- You can find the Utah Area 69 BTG Workbook.
- BTG didn't even exist in Nevada 3 years ago. NNIG/HI committee has a committee chair and the NAGSC Committee chair is for outside Reno/Sparks.
- We all got together and got to talk about what is happening with BTG. What we don't have in Area 42 is any kind of BTG Workbook – NNIG does have a workbook though. It gets to be really important to look at something other people have done.

(Discussion)

- Working with a person doing Chair of BTG the duties and the outreach are different enough that yes it would need its own workbook.
- Q. What would the workbook contain that the existing pamphlet does not?
A. The Treatment workbook is 36 pages and Corrections Workbook is 56 pages. – A lot more information. Learned from GSO desk about creating a new workbook... if approved to go forward there will be a request that goes out to the fellowship and BTG committees registered with GSO.
- Served as Treatment BTG chair – AA's welcome wagon. BTG as a function means we have a temporary contact to take someone to their first meeting and to make them feel comfortable. BTG has had a national workshop every year for 29 years. Many people still haven't heard about BTG. There has never been a committee workbook. Material has been archived. There is a BTG workshop website that is an incredible vault of information. Many Districts inside Areas around the country still don't have BTG. BTG applies to treatment and corrections but in corrections it is call pre-release contact service. Workbooks contain how and what to do and what others have done. Collective experience.

- Q. Is this a workbook that you give to the inmates?
A. No, only for AA members that they would use for 12th step in a facility.
- This would help Area set up a committee to do BTG work.
- Workbooks are invaluable. Let me from the start to set up a committee and do the vital work that we need to do and I would love to see BTG get a workbook.
- Q. Is that a standardized workbook that comes from GSO?
A. Yes. The ones that Utah and NNIG have created were not done by GSO but GSO could use portions of others to create theirs.
- Q. Any argument against it besides cost?
A. No Answer to that Question.
- Pretty much every service committee has a workbook but right now BTG is a subcommittee of Treatment. Now BTG wants their own specialized to BTG.

Does your group believe there is a need for a Bridging the Gap Workbook? Overwhelming Majority (almost unanimous) - Yes

3:40pm- 4:00pm: Archives Agenda Item A.- Consider requests to develop a book on AA history from 1955 through present....Kevin E GSR South Shore group.

Archives — Item A

Agenda Topic - Consider requests to develop a book on A.A. history from 1955 through the present.

Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda?

Since the introduction of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age: a Brief History of AA*, there have been many landmarks in A.A. history. The last was in the first printing in 1957, when the book was introduced: A.A. membership has reached over 200,000 in 7,000 groups in 70 countries and U.S. possessions. The 2012, 35th printing, ends with the landmark in history: 1988 Louis Burnham Wilson dies, October 5. Between these dates the first printing and last of *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, AA has been filled with landmarks, milestones, and accomplishments far beyond what was expected from our founding members. In October 1998 the idea to support a second history book was outlined in an area's letter, useful to determine whether to bring back for consideration a development of an AA history book. 1999 literature committee considered discussing an AA history book and agreed there were ample existing resources on AA history. January 28, 2006 the conference literature committee considered the request and the committee agreed to take no action. In 2013 it was brought up and still no

action. With a new outlook on a need for a historical book brought on many different titles “Alcoholics Anonymous Continues to Age”, “A.A. The Next 30 Years” or “AA Comes of Age II” created a seemingly still found interest in a follow up AA history book.

What does the Delegate need to know?

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(Presenter)

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- Since 1955 AA has been filled with landmarks, milestones, an accomplishment far beyond what was expected from our founding members.
- Need to know what happened in our past to both positively and negatively to forge our future.
- Literature passed this information over to the Archives committee. The Archives committee considered the request to make a book about AA’s history since 1955.
- Went around to Districts and asked them about that and a lot of people don’t even know what AA Comes of Age is or what it is about.
- Every printing has a little summary about what has happened since it was first published. The last time it was printed was 2012.

(Discussion)

- We don’t know what would actually go into the book yet.
- Q. Didn’t we just print “I am responsible”? And doesn’t it cover what we are talking about?
A. Yes.
- I don’t think it ever hurts to consider requests. There is always interest in history.
- Take back to the groups and ask them what they think.
- Sense of Body -
Q. How many people have heard of the Book AA Comes of Age?

Overwhelming Majority

- Sense of Body -
Q. How many have read it?
Majority
- Box 459 a while back – how come we don't do a follow up to that book? Bill Wilson wrote it so who would write this one? This would just be a historical book by our Archive Committee.

Does your group want to develop an archival book as a sequel to Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age? Majority Yes 60/40ish

Samantha G moved out of Winnemucca Area and needed to appoint Ed L. appointed to take her spot. Approved by Body.

Julie – do you have a feeling about what you will do with this information? Take back to your groups and get a group conscience.

Paul – Let all the presenters know - hopefully you will be at the assembly and you can help me at the assembly. We will be talking about all the items even the South and extra ones assigned to the Area.

Reports

DCM's, Standing Committee Chairs, Officer Reports:

Alt Delegate (Julie C): My name is Julie and I have the privilege of serving as the Panel 69 Alternate Delegate for Nevada Area 42. Since the Fall Assembly we have been preparing for the preconference agenda process. We created a document with a calendar as a resource for our committees.

I am in the process of creating new folders for each of our area committees to work with next year. We are using google drive mainly because it is free. I will be sending links to the new folders by early next year to everyone who is on the committees. We will place all the documents that we have emailed out in the folders for easy access. Rhonda will send the agenda topics as soon as she gets them and the committees can begin having conference calls. I have a much better understanding of how the process works than I did just one year ago. By reading the reports after the general service conference I saw that there is a tremendous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes. I have so much respect for the time and effort that our Trustees provide to us. They do so with thoughtfulness and love for Alcoholics Anonymous. I hope I am able to honor all decisions made by our trusted servants; knowing that they were made in the best interest for the still suffering alcoholic.

DCM Reports

District 2 (Joel B): No Report

District 4 (Dan M): No Report

District 6 (Drew H): Hello everyone, Im Drew, an alcoholic, humbly serving Dist 6, the best damned district in Area 42, as DCM. It is good to be at an NAGSC meeting and it is good to be sober today. I am excited to be here at the roundtables today as it kicks off another season of March Madness. Dist 6 is an active and healthy district. Grateful for the funding to allow me to attend PRAASA next week. We've been busy with a second 12 traditions workshop, and I've made an effort to visit meetings throughout the district. We are looking forward to hosting the upcoming Preconference Assembly in Tonopah.

Yours in service, Drew H

District 8 (Julie D): No Report

District 10a (Julie): No Report

District 10b, Dark

District 12 (Shelby B): No Report

District 14 (Steve L): No Report

District 16 (Andrea B): District 16 meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6pm at Sparks Christian Fellowship at 510 Greenbrae Boulevard Sparks Nevada. District 16 borders south east of Virginia Street US395. North of I-80 East to Fernley, North to Gerlock East to the California border.

We have 35 groups in our district, of which 6 are represented a GSRs. We have welcomed 2 new GSRs into our district. TROY with CAREING AND SHARING IN STEAD and CHRIS with AFTERNOON SERENITY in SPARKS.

Our 33rd Annual Christmas Affair was very successful. Our Young People's group SPARKYPAA dressed as elves to add a Spark of Festiveness and the Panels were quite informative. Our Theme was " Our Big Book- 80 Years, 71 Languages".

And finally, our District is planning a Workshop to be held this May. The Theme of this Workshop is called " Beyond the Homegroup" and will illustrate the function, importance and fun of Service " Beyond the Homegroup". Our focus audience will be the group and meetings in our District who are not Represented by a GSR yet. We welcome everyone interested to please attend!

At our February meeting NAGSC ARCHIVES CHAIR LYLE C came to to visit us and give us a great presentation on Archives. THANK YOU LYLE! Now we know the kinds of items to save for our binder and perhaps we can find an Archives Chairperson for our District. In May we look forward to hosting ED NAGSC CHAIR of TREATMENT/BTG

Thank you to all of our District members! You do a fine job building our District together.

Andrea B District 16 DCM

District 20 (Jay S): No Report

District 22 (Tony A): No Report

Chair Reports

Chairperson (Chris S): Hello to all my extended family and now with what is happening we've become a little more extended. I never thought that I would say "thank god for computers". My procrastination button has really kicked in through all this chaos, so as I write this, it is a couple of weeks past when I should have been giving this report. Looking back, I would like to start with saying thank you to all that participated in the summaries, presentations, translation and support of our agenda item process. We had a good team and if not for everyone of you, we would've had a really difficult time. Next looking forward I want to say thank you to everyone for putting together the Zoom process. I attended the YPAA training and I was really impressed with the Zoom program. I really feel that even as we are not together in person, we will still have a sense of togetherness. I am really looking forward to our test run and then finally our area assembly. My feeling of gratitude through all of this is large at this moment. I am seeing groups come together and form virtual rooms for meetings, and Area 42 is working into the virtual meeting to support our needs in the most important time of our rotation. If this doesn't show how resilient we are as a society I don't know what does. So I say once again thank you from the bottom of my heart and stay strong everyone, we will come out much better and knowledgeable after this.

Chris S NAGSC Chair

Area 42 Chair (Paul E): No Report

Treasurer (Laura J):

Nagsc Treasurer's Report – February 29, 2020

- Savings 1253.68
- Checking 15266.95

I want to thank all groups and individuals for your contributions to the Northern Area fund. Please, DCMs, pick up the receipts and distribute to your GSRs.

Your contributions continue to help fund our officers, Standing Chairs, GSRs and DCMs, to service events in our efforts to carry the message of AA through General Service. The Nagsc account is in a good shape, we will be able to fund our budgeted expenses as planned. The finance committee met prior to this meeting and per our guidelines, discussed the funding amount for GSRs and DCMs to attend Area Assembly, March 27 – 29 in Tonopah, NV. We will fund each request up to \$75. Remember it is suggested that GSRs go first to their groups, then

to their districts for funding. DCMs should first request funding from their district. If you still have a funding gap, Nagsc can help. Area 42 also has funding available. With a \$125 minimum funding available from the Area and from Nagsc, attendance should be within most groups ability to participate.

The process for these requests is for GSRs to notify your DCM of your intention to go to Assembly and that you are requesting funding from Nagsc. DCMs will list these requests on the proper form and submit the form to me at Assembly. I will issue checks there. DCMs, I suggest approaching your GSRs now to encourage participation in this important General Service meeting. I have the form with me today and will also have them at Assembly.

As a reminder, there is also funding available for Praasa as determined by our budget and dependent on your service position. How many here today are planning on attending Praasa? Remember we are well funded in our budget travel categories for Praasa and also for Forum in August. You don't have to choose one or the other.

Yours in service today and every day,
Laura

Secretary (Noel C): No Report

Archivist (Lyle C):
Hello everyone,

In February I was invited to attend District 12's monthly meeting to discuss archives. They opened up with the reading of Concept II which lead right into the discussion on archives. Concept Two: "When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference — excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter — the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society."

Knowing our history is vital. We discussed the importance of retaining our history. Not just for our world services, but at the levels of the area, district and home groups. Thank you to Andrea, the DCM for the opportunity to come to their district meeting.

In January I went to Las Vegas to help organize our area archives, which are located at the Las Vegas Central Office. The amount of effort that has been done by the southern area volunteers is amazing. There is so much information that we try to retain, organize and display. I continue to maintain printed copies of the area, NAGSC and SAGSC minutes, newsletters, agenda summaries, delegate reports and many many more.

Yours in Service, Lyle C

Public Information (Andrea B): Hello to All, in January I was able to visit District 2 and deliver a brief presentation on Public Information to the group at their business meeting. I really enjoyed myself and I appreciate the opportunity to share this information with others. THANK YOU JOEL for having me.

In January I received a call from Central Office. A man had just been released from a hospital and was upset because that hospital had no AA literature for his review. So I made arrangements with the Director of Business Development at Reno Behavioral Healthcare, Don Butterfield; and a small rack of AA literature is now in their facility.

In March I am scheduled to visit District 12 with DCM SHELBY as well as District 14 with DCM STEVE. I still get a little nervous.

Gratefully in Service,

Andrea B NAGSC PI CHAIR

Treatment/Bridging the Gap (Ed S): No Report

Intergroup Liaison (Pat S):

- Northern Nevada Intergroup (NNIG) meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Sparks Alano Club at 6:30 p.m.
- After it was noted two major events have been scheduled on the same date (Area 42 Assembly and the Reno Spring Festival, both March 27-29) it was decided to utilize the NNIG monthly newsletter "Bracer" as a master calendar. Check it before scheduling your event, and please send details of that event to nnigbracer.com
- Upcoming NNIG Events:

Second Saturday each month: NNIG Speaker meeting. Usually at the Reno Silver Legacy, but check nnig.org and press the "events" link to verify the location.

"Markings on the Journey" screening: March 14, 701 Ave. N, Ely. 9-10:30 a.m.

Cribbage & Corned Beef: March 15, Idlewild Park (California Building), Reno. Noon – 6 p.m. Tickets (\$15) at Central Office. Info: (775) 355-1151.

Reno Spring Festival: March 27-29, Nugget in Sparks.

Yours in Service,
Pat S. (NAGSC/NNIG Liaison)

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

Cooperation with the Professional Community (Ed L): No Report

Registrar (Tony A): No Report

Finance Chair (Nancy W): No Report

Corrections (Pat B):

The Chair's priority has been establishing a meeting at Lovelock State Prison. This has involved seeking volunteers for the planned weekly meeting, (Saturdays 9:30AM - 10:30AM), and guiding those volunteers through the Nevada Department of Corrections clearance and training protocol. I am pleased to report our progress in this endeavor has been steady and the currently planned timing of the new meeting is the beginning of April. We are still seeking volunteers to insure an adequate committee available to staff this meeting on a consistent basis. Our hope is that the average volunteer commitment is to help staff one meeting per month. A Facility Coordinator for Lovelock has been appointed, Mr. Charles J. of Fernley. An additional responsibility, and priority, of the Chair is to arrange "Pre-Release Contacts" for inmate A.A. members who are scheduled for release and have reached out to A.A. for help in getting established in the A.A. Fellowship in their new city of residence upon release. This often involves contacting A.A. Areas throughout the country in an effort to find a Pre-Release Contact volunteer who will correspond with the inmate while still in custody and arrange to meet that inmate upon parole in order to take the inmate to his or her first A.A. meetings and in general, help the inmate start the process of "becoming comfortable " in their new A.A. Fellowship. The "Pre-Release Contact" function in corrections is also sometimes referred to as "Bridging The Gap".

Corrections Committee volunteers serve the Fellowship by participating in meetings at correctional facilities, serving as Pre-Release Contacts for inmate A.A. members scheduled for release, and by serving as Corrections Correspondents where we share our recovery experience through the mail with an inmate who has requested this service. Committee Volunteers for all three primary service functions are always needed. To the end, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in District General Service Meetings in District 12 on February 8th and District 2 on February 13th.

Volunteer training for the Washoe County jail is taking place even as we speak here today. Responsibility for this facility falls under the umbrella of the Northern Nevada Intergroup Corrections Committee Chaired by Charlotte C. A.A. currently takes one women's meeting and one men's meeting into the jail, fondly referred to simply as "Parr Blvd.", every Saturday. Volunteers are always welcome. This facility has a plan in place to establish a separate unit within the jail for veterans. We have been contacted by the Washoe County Department of Corrections and been apprised of this new "Veteran's Barracks" project. Facility administrators have asked A.A. to plan on establishing an A.A. meeting for this new men's unit. A committee of

A.A. volunteers for this project has been established and will be coordinated by A.A. member Ed O.

A weekly meeting recently established at State of Nevada facility Northern Nevada Transitional Housing, (NNTH), is taking place on Sundays from 9AM - 10AM. Responsibility for this facility falls under the NNIG Corrections Committee.

The NAGSC Corrections Committee continues to focus on facilities where A.A. does not currently have a presence. Areas of opportunity are Susanville and the Winnemucca / Wells areas.

As continually noted in this Chair's reports and announcements, "having experience being incarcerated is Not a requirement for A.A. Corrections Service". Inmates already know the path to prison; we show them the path to Freedom".

Respectfully submitted,

Pat B
NAGSC Corrections Chair

DCM Coordinator (Anne Y): No Report

Accessibilities/ Remote Communities (not filled): No Report

Grapevine: No Report

Area 42 Newsletter editor (Gabe S): No Report

Area 42 Webmaster (Mike L): Hello everyone my name is Mike and I am an alcoholic serving as Area 42 webservant. I believe this is shortest report I have made since being in general service. Today we are here discussing the Agenda items for the 70th conference. The website is valuable tool for the Agenda items. You will find in English and Spanish all the Agenda Background and summaries on the password protected Area Member Info page. Any questions and service related submissions for the Area Calendar on the website. Please contact me at webmaster@nevadaarea42.org. I thank the area and gratitude allowing me to serve. Mike L

Host Group for June - Susanville

7th Tradition - \$232 Collected

Motion to close, 2nd, approved

Closed meeting with Responsibility Proclamation