

NAGSC Business Meeting

Date: August 1, 2020

Location: Zoom

1:00 pm - Serenity Prayer

Approval for the minutes from the June meeting.

Motion to accept minutes – 2nd, Approved

NAGSC Treasurers Report

- Savings 1553.84
- Checking 17,253.74

Per a discussion and agreement from the members at our June meeting I have transferred \$300 from the checking account to the savings fixed rate CD. This aligns our prudent reserve with our guidelines requirements.

Our accounts are ample with some contributions continuing to come in and with little to no expenses going out in the foreseeable future.

Yours in service today and every day,

Laura

Motion to accept Treasurers' report, 2nd, approved

DCM's, Standing Committee Chairs, Officer Reports:

Alt Delegate (Julie C): My name is Julie and I am an alcoholic and currently serving as our Panel 69 Alternate Delegate. Welcome to all of you who are new to general service. What a strange time to be new to general service. I commend you on stepping into a new service position under these unusual circumstances.

Since June, I was able to go to the July Southern Area General Service Committee meeting. I was so impressed that they were doing an inventory and looking deeply into what the best structure will be for their committees. There was such love and commitment to Alcoholics Anonymous. Doing a periodic inventory, personally, at my home group or within the area is vital. I am very excited to see how their inventory unfolds.

Rhonda just received the final report, which is posted in the chat and Tony should have the Spanish version in his private chat. She also received trustee reports in one complete file. Once she forwards it to me, I will divide them into each area conference committee and email all the chairs. This is a reminder that we are hoping to have time for all the area conference committees to present their final reports at the fall assembly.

I would love to participate with any districts who are having Zoom meetings. Please let us know so that we can support your districts. One of the great things about Zoom is that we can easily visit more districts or standing committees and grow our involvement. If you are having elections and need help let us know.

DCM Reports

District 2 (Joel B):

- 1) We continue to meet monthly via zoom. And we have about 9-12 members show up for these meetings.
- 2) We are over our prudent reserve and have distributed funds to GSO and NNIG.
- 3) A couple of groups are having difficulty because some of the members want to reopen while others do not. They report that they are trying hybrid meetings with limited success. It's a work in progress.
- 4) District 2 elections are this month and we will be electing DCM, altDCM, Treasurer, and Secretary. The new rotation begins on January 1, 2021.

Many thanks to District 2 for allowing me to serve as DCM.

Joel B. DCM, District 2

District 4 (Dan M): No Report

District 6 (Rina H): My name is Rina, I am an alcoholic, and serving as the District 06 DCM. I assumed the DCM position the end of May and we elected Pat S. to replace me as our District Alternate DCM at our June District Meeting. Welcome Pat!

I am happy to report that the groups in our District are active with live meetings, phone meetings, Zoom meetings, and hybrid meetings - finding what works best for their group. We even have several new groups forming this summer which has been encouraging.

District 06 will be holding elections next week for the upcoming rotation January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

Grateful to be of service,
~ Rina

District 8 (Julie D): No Report

District 10a (Julie): Hello NAGSC members, its Julie up here in Elko District 10A. Things have been quiet up here. We are still holding meetings at the fellowship hall. We keep the room cleaned and sanitized, we social distance. No hugging or hand holding but we're all doing well. We just held our Serenity in the Rubies campout at Southfork reservoir this past weekend as our Lions Campground is still in the process of rebuilding. We had an amazing time. Lots of

fellowship, food, fun and water activities. Our speakers were amazing. Kelli and Adam out of Sacramento. We are also planning an end of summer BBQ blow out on Sunday August 23rd at 1:30 in the Elko city park, with lots of food and friends. Y'all are welcome to come! Hope this finds everyone safe and happy joyous and free! I miss your faces. Much love, Julie

District 10b, Dark

District 12 (Shelby B): No Report

District 14 (Terri M):

Hello.

My name is Terri M and I am an alcoholic.

I have replaced Steve L as DCM for district 14.

District 14 is alive and well. Meetings are being held on ZOOM, outside and inside with 10 person minimums. Rents are being paid and we are doing well. We held our district meeting on July 22 with light attendance. We discussed funds and were actually able to disburse money. Anne Y, our DCM coordinator from the north joined our district meeting to assist me in the transition to DCM which I really appreciated.

We are hanging tough in the light of the world's affairs.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

District 16 (Andrea B): Hello Northern Area 42, my name is Andrea I'm an alcoholic and DCM to District 16 in Sparks NV. Our business meeting is held on the third Tuesday of the month 6pm on Zoom. We would normally meet at Sparks Christian Fellowship under normal circumstances, but due to coronavirus we meet on the Zoom app.

District 16 borders South- East of Virginia St. US 395, East-to Fernley. North- to Gerlock, West- to the California border. We have 35 Groups or Meetings in our District, of which 5 are represented by GSRs.

Our District had been planning a Workshop. We have decided to table this until April. To be Continued.

Our District elected a new Treasurer. We welcomed Kim G to the table and we are so excited to have her.

Thank You for letting me be of service.

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 of the NAGSC community. My hopes are that everyone one is as healthy and sane as humanly possible at this point of our lives. We have definitely moved into a different point of going to any length to stay sober and carry the message. We are resilient aren't we? At this stage of life gathering in person has ceased and meeting on the Zoom platform has come into play. On June 6, 2020 your next NAGSC meeting will be on the same platform just like we did for the Area 42 assembly in March. I am still working out a couple of items but as we draw closer I will be sending out an agenda for you to follow as we move through the meeting. Area 42 has a zoom membership which we will be using and you will also be receiving a code to attend the meeting. If we decide to have the meeting before the meeting at noon for the DCM's, Committee Chairs and GSR's there will be breakout rooms set up on the zoom meeting and that is what we are trying to figure out. Rhonda will not be giving her Delegates report at this meeting, but what she will do is hold another Zoom meeting just for that. This meeting will be just for reports. DCM's please make sure to forward this out to your GSR's This is all still really new to me as with all of you so hang in there with me.

Here are some of the things that are rattling around in my head. Since all this no gathering started and we all locked our selves in our homes. Has anyone been active in their service positions or found a way to be active? Or have we just placed all our energy back into our homegroups? Will there be any reports to present if you have been inactive due to the virus? Will there be any new GSR's for Tinna, or discussion for Anne with the DCM's and Committee Chairs? Questions, questions and more questions. None of which I know how to completely answer.

So here is what I know..... All of you are my family and have been a large part of my sobriety. For some of you it has been years together. We still need to be apart of each others lives and a virus isn't going to stop us from that. For your reports as DCM's and Committees chairs if you have placed your energy back to your home group and helped them start a zoom meeting I feel those stories are important to hear to include the struggles and how you worked through them. If you are still having District meetings I want to hear that and how they are working. Maybe you even applied the traditions at a business meeting on zoom that can be part of your report. Or you may have nothing to report which is fine. We may have others in the same boat that need help and you may be the help they need.

So once again everyone hang in there with me because this will be my first NAGSC meeting on zoom so I guarantee there will be hiccups. But just to see all of you will make that worth while. Thank you Chris S. NAGSC Chair

Area 42 Chair (Paul E): Hi All, I'm Paul Your Area 42 Chair and an alcoholic. I was hoping that by now the pandemic would be calming down or at least leveling off, but that is not the case. With the safety and welfare of the Area in mind. We will be having our Fall Area 42 election assembly online on zoom. This will allow that the maximum amount of members will be able to attend and be able to stand for the positions. The dates that are scheduled for the meeting are October 16th, 17th, & 18th the dates with the agenda will be coming out at the end of August or

early September, along with the meeting ID number. I will be looking for none voting members and those that are not standing for any position to help out with the logistics of the election. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul E.

Secretary (Noel C): No Report

Archivist (Lyle C): I'm an alcoholic and my name is Lyle. I am the Area Archivist. I am disappointed and sad that I was not able to attend the Spring Assembly and Spring Festival in Reno. I miss being able to show off our area archives and visit with new and old friends. I continue to collect and maintain our area's valuable history. I am available to come to any group or district via Zoom to help you start or grow your own archives. Also, I'm still collecting stories about our experiences during these challenging times. Our experience may be helpful to future generations of AAers.
Yours in Service, Lyle C

Public Information (Andrea B):

Hello Northern Area 42, my name Andrea I'm an alcoholic. I have not done any District presentations for the months of June or July. I do have a presentation scheduled this month to be given at District 16. Thank You District 16 for hosting me.

I would like to let the DCMs know that I am available to meet at their Business Meetings or on Zoom for a brief Public Information Presentation on "What AA Does and Does Not Do" and Ways they can be of Service in Public Information. I would love to have the opportunity to grow. My contact information is on the NAGSC Roster - Andrea B, Public Information.

Thank you for letting me be of service.
Andrea B
NAGSC PI CHAIR

Treatment/Bridging the Gap (Ed S): In lieu of an August 2020 report to our loving NAGSC fellows, I am improvising, and instead sending this August 10, 2020 treatment committee agenda. The reason is that when I started out in general service, I reviewed NAGSC and District reports submitted by the committee chairs to learn about the service position and what had been done in the previous 2 year rotation as a guide. The meeting agenda is a capsule of what the treatment committee was up to. So, the agenda follows. BTW, the meeting was attended by four members, and we had a good conversation about 12th Step work in northern Nevada.

N. Nevada Treatment Committee Meeting - A.A. Carries the Message to Alcoholics at BHS in
Carson City
August 10, 2020, Monday 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.,
Zoom Meeting I.D. 463 774 7771

The Treatment Committee Meeting is when we get to share our experience, strength and hope about carrying the message to potential alcoholics / newcomers on their journey to achieve

sobriety. It's a wonderful feeling, when sharing about A.A. and a patient-participant, with "that look" in their eyes, thanks us for coming in to visit and to share hope and strength as alcoholics experiencing recovery. I believe they feel the love of A.A. being passed to them - that which is given to us unconditionally, daily. I love A.A. and love being in service to the alcoholic who still suffers and the fellowship of A.A. We all do.

I look forward to having this time with you. Since we meet between rarely and infrequently (could that change?), may I suggest topics (take 'em or leave 'em):

- Summarize briefly how it works - it being the particular 12th Step Program you are coordinating - explain it as if we know little or nothing about it.
- What is carrying the message in to patients at BHS as the situation exists with pandemic precautions? Are patients and A.A. volunteers keeping safe?
- What problems came up when resuming BTG, Orientation, and meetings with inpatients? What to get over them?
- As Coordinators, what is going on with the scheduling of A.A. volunteers for commitments of presenters, speakers, or chairpersons? How goes it, getting volunteers with solid sobriety and recovery experience?
- What information is given out about where the A.A. meetings are and how to get to them? And how do potential newcomers take that info in?
- Others...?

The following timeline is suggested in keeping with the "least possible organization" principle expressed in Tradition 9 (Long Form). Let's start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and end the meeting at 7:45. (But, the Zoom session will stay open for any who want to continue discussion.)

6:30 Terry N. (Chair) - Open with Serenity Prayer, the A.A. Preamble, Tradition 9, and Self-Introductions

6:40 Ed S. (Secty.) - Guidance from A.A. General Service literature

6:50 Cara F. - Bridging the Gap Presentation and Temporary Contact Coordination

7:05 Jerry H. - Orientation to A.A. Presentations

7:20 Ashley and/or Jim N. - A.A. Inpatient Meetings

7:35 Q&A / Action Items / Discussion / Future meeting?

7:45 Close with Responsibility Statement

I am responsible,
When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.
And for that, I am responsible.

Intergroup Liaison (Pat S):

As the Liaison between NAGSC and Northern Nevada Intergroup my primary responsibility to keep each of these vital AA entities current on what is happening with the other.

Therefore, tonight I will report on NNIG. It meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday each month, so the next meeting is this coming Tuesday. Members have been meeting both in person at the Sparks Alano Club, and online via Zoom. It seems to be working well. The Zoom address is 296-0805-0240. If you are considering attending online, contact me and I'll give you the password.

The Central Office in Sparks is back to its regular schedule Monday through Friday 9-5 plus at least temporary 9-1 Saturdays with volunteers.

Elections were held at the July meeting. The new chair will be Mark B. Barbara M. was voted in as vice chair. I have the list of other positions that were filled available at your request.

The monthly speaker meeting continues live (but to a limited number of attendees) at the Silver Legacy and also via Zoom. Next: August 15 with speaker Pete L. from Reno. It starts at 7 p.m. The rest of the year it is held the 2nd Saturday each month.

Of note: You are aware we have an outstanding Archives collection in Area 42. NNIG now has its own growing Archives. You can find Archives at nnig.org under the "About AA" tab. It now has a couple of "old-timer" interviews both recorded and by transcript.

Finally, I wrote an article about NNIG and NAGSC, their differences, similarities and why we need both. It was published in the NNIG "Bracer" July edition. You can find it online at nnig.org, pull down the "links" tab and click on Bracer Newsletter.

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

Cooperation with the Professional Community (Ed L): Hi everyone sorry I'm that I can't attend the Zoom NAGS meeting this month I am camping in an area with limited service at best.

Sadly there isn't much to report other than I have been looking into new areas of the professional world to contact in person as soon as things open up.

Take care and be good to yourselves

Sincerely

Ed Loughrey

Registrar (Tony A): No Report

Finance Chair (Lonnie): No Report

Corrections (Pat B): No Report

DCM Coordinator (Anne Y): No Report

Accessibilities/ Remote Communities (Emma E): No Report

Grapevine: (Elise F): I am on vacation in No. Carolina, celebrating my first Grandbaby's first birthday so forgive me for not being with you all in person.

In case you haven't already checked it out, this month's Grapevine is full of stories about how people are getting through these crazy times in sobriety. it is an exceptional issue.

Happy to report that we have had great response to a fun virtual event happening later this month. There will be a few stories read by folks who have been published in the Grapevine, but even more exciting is the number of folks who have reserved a spot to share a story they have written, or that they just want to share.

Looking forward to seeing how things turn out. Thanks Pat Stanley for your continued support. You are awesome.

A flyer is attached with all the information. Thank you for helping to spread the group.

I love being a part of this inspiring group. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be of service.

With love,
Elise Forrer

Area 42 Newsletter editor (Gabe S): No Report

Area 42 Webmaster (Mike L): Hello everyone my name is Mike I am an alcoholic serving as the area Webservant. The website is an important communication tool which can be found at nevadaarea42.org. The past few months during this pandemic feels like a blur and I have had difficulty to be engaged doing without personal interaction with other alcoholics. Thank god for service which makes me stay connected. The website is continually being updated with the latest approved minutes and guidelines for the Area, NAGSC and SAGSC in English and Spanish when they are available can be found on the website. Also the website has most of the Area Newsletters since 2005. On the upcoming events page there is event calendar though most of the events presently are virtual. There is also a secure member page where financials, unscrubbed agenda items and other unscrubbed information can be found. The password for the secure member page "area42member" all one word in lowercase. I can be contacted at webmaster@nevadaarea42.org. I remain extremely grateful to be able to serve

RENVYPAA Liaison:

- Committee business meetings are still online. We meet 2/4 Sunday of the month at 4 pm.
- We're going to have a music/open mic zoom event on Sat, Aug 15 at 5 pm. Meeting will open with a speaker, then move into the open mic portion. Flyer to come.
- WACYPAA has been postponed and will likely be next summer in Missoula, MT. RENVYPAA is still planning to bid for the 2022 WACYPAA conference in Missoula.

NACYPAA Liaison: We have been meeting every month which everyone is welcome to attend our business meeting will provide a zoom link if.

We are looking to move forward with putting the first conference on in spring of 2021

We are going to start having online events starting next month and will also keep the area up to date links for them as well, which will be speakers and panels.

We are looking for way to help raise contributions to help make NACYPAA happen more will to come on this

Thank you for allowing me to be of service to the Area 42

NACYPAA Chair Dan M

7th Tradition

Motion to close, 2nd, approved

Closed meeting with Responsibility Statement