

Northern Area General Service Conference (Northern Area General Service Conference) Business Meeting

Date: August 7, 2021

Location: Zoom and Saint Catherine of Siena Episcopal Church, 10435 Double R Blvd, Reno, NV 89521

Agenda:

12:00pm District Committee Members & Committee Chairs

1pm-4pm General meeting

Lyle opened the meeting at 1:03 with the Serenity Prayer

Responsibility Reading on World Services: Read by Kathy from District 12

Approval of March minutes and notice of recording.

Anne Y. moved. Joel B. seconded. No opposition.

Northern Area General Service Conference Treasurer (Anne Y.):

Here are the Profit & Loss and Balance sheet as of 7/31/2021. The bank balance is \$23,747.66. The Certificate of Deposit balance is \$1,553.95.

Use this PO Box for contributions:

NAGSC Treasurer. Anne Y.

3250 Retail Dr Ste 120 PMB 30, Carson City, NV 89706

Laura sent around a list for travel expenses.

Northern Area General Service Committee
Profit & Loss
 June through July 2021

	Jun - Jul 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4002 · Contribution Income	1,326.53
Total Income	1,326.53
Gross Profit	1,326.53
Expense	
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	300.00
8050 · Bank Service Charges	12.00
8054 · Office expenses	
Treasurer	193.68
8054 · Office expenses - Other	480.00
Total 8054 · Office expenses	673.68
8056 · Tax Preparation	150.00
Total Expense	1,135.68
Net Ordinary Income	190.85
Net Income	190.85

Balance Sheet
 As of July 31, 2021

	Jul 31, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · BofA checking #	23,747.86
1004 · Savings CD	1,553.95
Total Checking/Savings	25,301.81
Other Current Assets	
1100 · Undeposited Funds	780.58
Total Other Current Assets	780.58
Total Current Assets	26,082.39
TOTAL ASSETS	26,082.39
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	5,099.83
3200 · Retained Earnings	17,233.06
Net Income	3,749.50
Total Equity	26,082.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	26,082.39

Delegate (Julie C.):

Upcoming In-Person Events: *Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Assembly 2022 and Pacific Regional Forum*

[Has a black eye. In evacuation status. Provided a Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly handout.]

I am very grateful to be here today.

I would love to give a Delegate's Report to your Districts.

- District Committee Members: Now that we are getting proficient at hybrid meetings, I can easily attend your District meetings and discuss what happened at the Conference in April. We can tailor the report to specific issues, questions or concerns your District has or I can give an overview.
- Area Conference Committee Chairs and Standing Committee Chairs: I would love to discuss in detail my experience with the agenda items pertaining specifically to your Committees. Remember, Lisa is going to provide time at the

Fall Assembly for each Committee to discuss your reactions to the results of the General Service Conference. I would love to share my experience.

We have posted all the committee recommendations, floor actions, advisory actions, and my Delegate's report either on the [Delegate's Corner](#) or in the [area member login](#) section of our webpage (which is anonymity/password protected). I have brought a few copies today of the quick reference.

We had the monthly Pacific Region Delegates' Meeting with Kathi F., Pacific Region Trustee. Here are some of the highlights: The soft copy of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions will come out soon with the changes from this year's advisory actions. It is just the soft copy because we are ready for another printing. The revised "Faith Leaders ask Alcoholics Anonymous" (formerly Clergy Members ask...) will also be printed soon. The "71st Final Report" should come out in August. Then in September, "Hispanic Women in AA," the new "12 Traditions Illustrated" (under a new name) should be released, and the General Service Office should be receiving sample texts for the plain language translation from different vendors.

The new "Service Manual" will be released hopefully in November, and in December, a new book of Spanish "Experience, Strength and Hope" will be published with stories from the Spanish Big Books.

We have a new challenge for July. It is the \$7.34 on 7/31/21. This amount would cover each member's share of General Service Office Group services. I have printed a few flyers for you to bring to your groups. We are working on replenishing the reserve and any help you can provide is greatly appreciated. You and your Groups were so thoughtful last year and covered the shortfall in literature sales, so that we were able to continue funding Group services.

Thank you again for the honor to serve you as your Delegate.

The PACIFIC REGION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICE ASSEMBLY (PRAASA) is an annual assembly hosted by one of the 15 areas in the Pacific Region of Alcoholics Anonymous each year and it therefore moves around the region.

The purpose of the Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly is to:

- Develop greater unity among the members, Groups, and Areas of the Pacific Region;
- Encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences;
- Provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of Alcoholics Anonymous; and
- The Assembly and the Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly Committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous.

It's an experience you must not miss!

Come join over 1000 excited AA members from all over the Pacific Region and be part of this unforgettable event. The entire weekend is packed with panels, roundtable discussions, presentations, open microphone sharing, speakers and fellowship.

History: The first Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly was actually called the Western General Service Assembly. It was held in Fresno in January of 1968. Reno hosted the second Western General Service Assembly in 1969. We had a blizzard, of course. Nevada has hosted more than any other area, most likely because we have so many venues to choose from. Ironically, we had a blizzard the last time we hosted it in 2018. I had the privilege to serve as the Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly Treasurer.

The next Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly will begin on March 4th, 2022 in Portland, Oregon. The host will ask all the delegates for participants. I will ask for volunteers to participate as readers, presenters, moderators and timers.

The first Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly I attended was in Oakland, California in 2009. I was very new to General Service and was serving as the General Service Representative for my home group, the Chester Group. The highlight for me that year were the two General Service Representative roundtables that I attended. They were very different because of the flavor of the two moderators. I learned how to make a General Service Representative report. I learned that the challenges of small, rural General Service Representatives are different than big city General Service Representatives; not worse or better, just different. But mostly, I was confused by what the presenters were talking about. And it didn't matter. I felt the love of Alcoholics Anonymous. I heard the heart of AA. Since my first Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly, I have volunteered for every Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly that I have been able to attend. I have given the Delegates my name and waited to hear if I was chosen to be of service. If I wasn't on the program, I volunteered to be a greeter or a scribe for the roundtables.

You may not know that I am actually a bit on the shy side. I can be intimidated by large groups of people, so I try to follow the directions given to me in my early sobriety of asking where I can help. This has allowed me to meet people all along my journey. I have had the honor to serve with a few of the Delegates in other positions over the years. I have friendships that have developed over the years of seeing each other at Pacific Regional AA Service Assemblies.

Besides meeting wonderful people, the Pacific Region AA Service Assembly allows us to build resources so that we can grow in effectiveness as area servants and as an area as a whole. Please consider volunteering when I am asked to send names. Next year we are really trying to focus on diversity. We were asked at the business meeting last year why there were so few Spanish speaking presenters. And what about people of color. The Delegates discussed how we could best address these concerns. We had little diversity in the members who volunteered. So, I would like to extend an invitation to all members to volunteer, especially to our Spanish speakers and people of color.

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, AA World

Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with AA members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the AA service structure.

The 2021 Virtual Regional Forum season is under way!

On behalf of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Linda Chezem, General Service Board Chairperson, cordially invites you to one or more of our remaining virtual Regional Forums. Whether the virtual forum hosted by your region, or even in another region, we hope you can attend. Virtual Regional Forums are free.

General Service Board Trustees, AA World Service Directors and AA Grapevine Directors, as well as staff and other employees of the General Service Office and Grapevine will be available at the Forums to share experience, respond to questions, and hear suggestions. The mix of first-time forum attendees and those who come to see old friends and spread the message of the value of service always makes a lively weekend.

West Central Virtual Regional Forum: September 10-12

Southwest Virtual Regional Forum: October 8-10

East Central Virtual Regional Forum: November 19-21

SAMPLE PROGRAM REGIONAL FORUMS

Orientation for First-time Attendees—General Service Office Staff, Regional Forums Regional Trustee

Welcome--Regional Trustee

General Sharing Session

Opening Remarks--Class A (nonalcoholic) Trustee, General Service Board, Chairperson

GENERAL SERVICE BOARD PRESENTATION

- Class B[oozer] Trustee
- Class A[mateur] Trustee

CORPORATE BOARD PRESENTATIONS

- AA World Services Board
- AA Grapevine Board

SPECIAL GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE PRESENTATION

DELEGATE PRESENTATIONS

[?] GRAPEVINE PRESENTATIONS

- **AA Grapevine**--AA Grapevine, Inc., Publisher
- **La Viña**--AA Grapevine, Inc., La Viña Associate Editor

[?] GENERAL SERVICE BOARD PRESENTATION

[?] Trustee-at-Large —

[?] GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE PRESENTATIONS

- **General Service Office**—General Service Office General Manager
- **General Service Office Staff Assignments**—General Service Office Staff

[?] GENERAL SERVICE BOARD PRESENTATION

- **Finance**—General Service Board Treasurer

[?] WORKSHOPS

- **Supporting Grapevine: From Your Story to Service**—AA Grapevine, Inc., Publisher
- **Supporting La Viña: From Your Story to Service**—AA Grapevine, Inc., La Viña Associate Editor
- **Circles of Love & Service**—Roundtable discussion
- **Fostering Participation in AA: Who's Not in the Room?**

[?] Sharing from First-time Forum Attendees

[?] General Sharing Session

[?] Sharing from Past Trustees

In a nutshell, the Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly's program is created by the Host Committee, and the presenters are active members of the Pacific Region general service. In comparison, the Forum's program is developed by the Board and the General Service Office with some participation from the Region's Delegates. The Forum will give you an opportunity to hear from the Trustees, the General Service Office, Grapevine and Delegates. The Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly offers service position roundtables to help us with our positions and opportunities to network with people in similar positions throughout the Region. Both try to present current and relevant information. Both are incredible experiences you won't want to miss.

Questions:

Pat B.: Do you know if the Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly host committee is on target to have the website up next month? And the venue?

Julie provided a later response: They should have their webpage open and running and will be at the Red Lion on the River Jantzen Beach in Portland, Oregon. You can find more information at info2022@praasa.org.

Presentations: *Reaching the Still Suffering Alcoholic in these Challenging Times*

Terri M. – District Committee Member District 14

District 14 is North Lake Tahoe and Truckee. I am ecstatic you all are here, and we are able to meet in person on this glorious Saturday!

I was asked to do a presentation about reaching the suffering alcoholic and what District 14 does to make sure we do our best to reach them.

First, I would like to mention a little bit about AA's founders, Bill W and Dr. Bob. Some five months after Bill's last drink, he traveled to Akron, Ohio on business. He found himself wanting a drink so, so bad! He contemplated going into the hotel bar but instead called a local minister who got him in touch with Norman Sheppard. With only a nickel left in his pocket, Norman referred Bill to a nonalcoholic named Henrietta Sieberling, a member of the Oxford Group (an evangelical movement begun in the 19th century), who introduced Bill to a prominent local doctor and notorious drunk, Dr. Bob S.

AA's birthday is observed on June 10, the day in 1935 that is the day Dr. Bob took his last drink. Realizing they needed to help others in order to stay sober, the pair went looking for other alcoholics to help. Do you ever wonder what it would have been like to be twelve-stepped by Bill W. and Dr. Bob?

"The Man On the Bed" (Bill D) is a famous painting first appearing as a Grapevine center spread in the December 1955 issue. Bill D. was AA's number 3. This painting to me has a soul. You can really see the pain in Bill D.'s eyes. The desperation.

Fast forward to now. A year after a worldwide pandemic, what are we doing to reach the suffering alcoholic? First and foremost, our District is accommodating both Zoom and in-person masked up meetings. This concept has been reaching the suffering alcoholic, especially during lockdown. Two of my sponsees got sober in the pandemic on Zoom. It saved lives as well as hindered recovery. But I highly believe that when there's a will, there's a way.

As a District, we have had many challenges with groups not wanting anything to do with Zoom or hybrid meetings. But like AA has taught us, we have a business meeting, and the Groups decide if they want hybrid meetings or not. People can choose to participate or not. Listening in on some of these business meetings, I see our traditions at work. I also see a lot of pissed off people who have left their home group over these issues.

Then again, each Group is autonomous; therefore, the members can decide what they want to do within their Groups. As a District Committee Member, I have been called many times to business meetings to be available for questions on anonymity or Zoom

issues and I always refer to our Traditions. If I do not know something, I ask someone who has more experience. But I ask for help.

Keeping our website current is also imperative to have accurate information on the meetings, including Zoom meetings. What could benefit our area is an active Cooperation with the Professional Community position. We lost our momentum on reaching out due to the pandemic and restrictions. Going to our professionals in the community, especially the local hospital, etc., would be what our District can improve on. What also reaches the suffering alcoholic is sponsorship. More than ever, reaching out our hand at meetings, on Zoom. Sponsorship workshops would also be beneficial to our District.

Just getting back out in the public and enjoying life without booze. Our first event is soon. Mark your calendars! Sunday August 29, at Truckee River Regional Park. Rhonda W., our past Delegate will be sharing her experience, strength and hope. YAY RHONDA! We are so excited she is coming to Truckee. It is a BBQ, bring your own side according to your last name. I brought flyers for you all. Please come! It's right by the River and it is a great time!

I believe we as a District should encourage keeping Zoom around so we can reach as MANY suffering alcoholics as we can. Reaching out to our Area Cooperation with the Professional Community contact (Joel), and possibly having him come to our future District meeting would greatly benefit the community.

In closing, I am proud of District 14. It is my opinion that we have proved resilient beyond anyone's expectations. We lost great people in this pandemic. I personally am so grateful for AA and what this program has taught me. Thank you for letting me serve.

Jodie G. – District Committee Member District 20

I have been asked to share on what District 20 is currently doing to reach the still suffering alcoholic.

District 20, for those of you who do not know, consists of three rural counties in Northern California: Plumas, Lassen and Modoc.

During the height of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we lost touch with some individual Groups, fellowships and District members. I know we are not unique. Because of this many, Groups and fellowships became unrepresented at the District level. Our District has only just begun to meet live again recently. At our last meeting, we determined a goal of reuniting the District.

An event called the "Welcome Back Recovery Roundup" was planned and took place just last Saturday. We invited speakers from all over the District to share for 20 minutes and bring members of their Groups along. A free lunch was provided and a dessert auction was held. Despite the Dixie Fire raging in a good part of our District, we had a very good attendance and nearly all the small towns in our District were represented. Although this may seem small, we felt it very important to regroup and bring back

some unity so that each Group is healthy enough to help the newcomer and the still suffering alcoholics right in the rooms.

It was the consensus of the room that day that more events are wanted and that is what we intend on doing.

We have since signed up a new General Service Representative, which is exactly the type of thing we want to see happening in our District.

It is our hope that we now have some momentum to build on.

Jay S. – General Service Representative Trainer

Told people to back to live meetings after 1.5 years. Told people to not go back to live meetings. Read sex inventory section of Big Book. Brings up Triangle: unity, service & recovery. 12 steps, traditions and concepts. Unity-we are here. Service-pulled out Service Manual. Recovery-we are all going to meetings. Reads 12 Traditions long form—1, 2, 3, 5, 12. Told audience to treat people well and reach out. Someone could be desperate or I could be desperate. Excited to be here.

Rich B. – Public Information

As the PI Chair I would like to form a committee that consist of District PI Chairs. Using the resources of the Northern Area to aid the districts to carry the message to the places where Alcoholics might see or hear the message.

I went to meetings in caves. Had to go to Yerington to deal with their problems. S. Lake Tahoe drug and alcohol counselor and have to go to a meeting to get a meeting schedule. I'm an essential worker. There is someone providing pamphlets and the Area should know about that. We need to get pamphlets out. People are suffering. How did you find AA? We need to increase our ability to get pamphlets out when Covid is over. I found AA in a treatment facility, in a pamphlet. Would like anyone from a District to give me a call so we can have meetings to brainstorm what is working or not.

Discussion/Questions:

Marilyn, District 8: I've thought about volunteering at my local battered women's shelter. I don't know what I can say in that work. Where can I get guidance on that?

Joel: We'd like to start a committee. Talk to Rich and I because we would like to have a Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community meeting.

7th Tradition

Carol: Thanks for the presentations. Get directories and meeting at AA.org with the meeting guide. Gave an example of looking for an English meeting in Quebec.

Phil W.: You can get the meeting guide app on your app store. If you are a counselor, you can bring that up and show it to your client.

Julie C.: It's a known issue that the app has some difficulty in rural and less technically knowledgeable areas.

Michele: I helped start two meetings and we brought in speakers who have never been to those meetings before. We started also a womens' book study for 12 x 12 x 12.

Laura J.: Check the meeting app and submit changes to the Northern Nevada intergroup. They are handling those changes.

Don: Northern Nevada Intergroup removed the webmaster position, and Ronda is now managing the list. Let Northern Nevada Intergroup know about changes so that the meetings can be updated.

Erica: The Espanol section of the Northern Nevada Intergroup website does not match the meeting map section of the website which also does not match the meeting guide. It would be great if we could get that together.

Break

Limited Officer Reports

Registrar (Paul E.):

As of this morning we have 84 pre-registered and, of those, 9 have selected to be "virtual (on-line)." We have also sold 63 banquet tickets out of 125.

The deadline for pre-registration is Monday, August 23rd. If you don't register by then you will have to do it in-person. So, you will not be able to register for "virtual (on-line)" after that date. It is not a requirement to pre-register unless you plan on attending "virtual (on-line)," but it will be very helpful if you do pre-register for Lisa and everyone else involved with the planning process for this Assembly.

If you have any trouble with registering, you can contact me. Remember to scroll down and fill out everything for it to work. I have been making changes (District Committee Members, General Service Representatives & District Chairpersons) as they have been sent to me via the "Fellowship Connection" General Services registration program. I know the forms state that you can send them directly to the General Service Office, but they would prefer that the forms go to the Area Registrars to help cut down on their workload and put it into the Area Registrar's hands. Any help we can give them is greatly appreciated as most, if not all, of them are still working from their homes. This should be our mindset as we move forward: Let us put the work in the hands of our trusted servants.

They have been accepting new Group forms for "virtual" meetings. When you send those to me, *please* let me know what District you are in. As for any "hybrid" type meetings, they currently consider those to be an in-person meeting. All of this is still a work in process. With any new meeting, there is a 30-day waiting / holding period, and it has been this way for a long time. So if you have a new meeting, the sooner you send

me the information, the sooner the wait time is over. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Questions?

Pat B.: If they are updating the new group info form, are they going to change the bottom of the form to say to send the form to the Area Registrar?

Answer: Yes. They are looking at changing that. They are also planning to change the meeting days and times.

Lyle: New General Service Representatives need to register for the Area Assembly. If you don't have money, let your District Committee Member that you need money.

District Committee Member Reports (emailed in)

District 2 (Billy O.):

This report will be fairly short, as I am new to this and have yet to talk to my service sponsor (laugh laugh).

I have fallen into the role of District Committee Member mid-term, as our District Committee Member stepped down a couple of months ago. I am excited to share with the group everything that is happening within our District. Our District business meetings were being held via Zoom and then we began to meet in-person after the first couple months of 2021. We were meeting in a local park and it was nice to see familiar faces once again. For the last two months we have started meeting once again at Central Office on the Third Thursday of the month, at 6:30PM. What is in our future is uncertain, as it is unclear how the new mandate will affect our group.

We have a healthy sized attendance at our District meetings, even though our District is the smallest in Area. The biggest pain points that I have heard for most AA meetings within our District are how to transition from Zoom to in-person meetings. Some meetings have split into two (one being Zoom and the other in person) to accommodate all members.

[Said he liked what Jay was saying about being all-inclusive and it doesn't matter how we do it and quit being so sensitive.]

As a District, we have decided to get more involved with events in our AA community, and here are a couple of things we have committed to:

1. Co-hosting the Northern Area General Service Committee in August 2021.
2. Hosting the Northern Nevada Intergroup monthly speaker meeting in December 2021.

We have been reaching out to other Districts to strengthen bonds between your District and ours. One example of this is the August Northern Area General Service Conference. We are co-hosting with two other Districts (4 & 22).

We look forward to becoming more visible in the Area, and if you have ideas on how your District and ours can get involved together, please reach out.

I am excited to see what is next and we all in District 2 look forward to meeting you.

As always, thank you for letting me be of service.

District 4 (Michelle M.):

District 4 suffered a loss of leadership when Amber S. stepped down as District Committee Member. Her enthusiasm and drive for service will be missed. So, when voting in the new District Committee Member, we tried to follow the third legacy procedure, but it was a unanimous vote. Seasoned members strained to piece together what we could remember of the procedure, so we are encouraging the new District Committee Member to learn how to run it. Hi I'm Michelle, I'm the new District Committee Member for District 4.

I am thrilled to be the new District Committee Member for District 4, because service has been the place where I have experienced the most personal growth in working with others. This is also where I have some of my most meaningful relationships. I look forward to all the lively debates done with love and tolerance.

Our first hybrid meeting had its technology challenges, but our focus is on being inclusive, so we will continue to learn and grow. And after the meeting, in-person attendees were happy to linger and chat - the ultimate sign of fellowship and a good meeting.

We happily collaborated with Districts 2 and 22 on the set up of this meeting, I want to thank everyone on the committee. Everyone there had amazing drive and passion for service.

There is still much work to do in District 4, focusing on reaching out to disconnected Groups, resetting our District goals, and getting to know our individual roles. We welcome any guests who wish to present new information to our fresh General Service Representatives, who are eager to learn.

I could not be more honored to serve.

My name is Amber, and I am an alcoholic and the District 4 District Committee Member or District Committee Member. A very

brief overview about how I got here...I went to my first PRAASA in 2018 and made a 5-year plan to

hopefully become a General Service Representative (General Service Representative). That 5-year plan became a 5-month plan as I

was elected by my Home Group to be their General Service Representative about 5 months later. I served as a General Service Representative for Panel 69. I

was also the Secretary for District 4. When District 4 had their elections, I was encouraged to stand for

District Committee Member, and well the rest is now history. I am beyond blessed to serve in this capacity and at such a pivotal

and challenging time.

District 4 held their elections at the end of 2020 and our new elected members are as follows. Michelle

M. was elected Alternate D.C.M., Dan M. was voted in as Treasurer, Karen S. was voted in as Secretary.

Our Northern Nevada Intergroup Liaison rolled over but his last meeting was at our March Business meeting, so we are hoping

to fill that position asap.

We have very promising participation, including 5 General Service Representatives serving for the first

time and 4 General Service Representative's that have been General Service Representative's in the past. Our meetings are still held on Zoom for right now and we are so excited to see them return to in person, but in due time.

In these first few months we have been really trying to encourage participation with the groups in

District 4. Our amazing Alternate District Committee Member, Michelle came up with the idea for a Newsletter to encourage

our groups to get involved. We are planning to get to each group and emphasize the why, how and

when for participation and extend all help that we can to help them succeed. We created a Google

Drive with all the information for the new General Service Representative's that are included in the General Service Office's General Service Representative Kit and the

information from the Area and Northern Area General Service Conference as well. The drive also holds our minutes and archives.

After all the General Service Conference business is completed, we will be moving on to getting our By-

Laws up to date and trying to get our District slightly more organized. We hope this facilitate more

service positions and become a useful tool for those participating in District 4.

We as a District are extremely eager to spread the enthusiasm of being in General Service.

District 6 (Pat S.):

District 6 includes all of Douglas County, Carson City, portions of South Lake Tahoe and surrounding rural areas. We meet the 2nd Sunday of even numbered months. As of tomorrow, I am happy to announce

that our meetings will be in person, once again, at the Carson City Alano Club at 1:15 p.m., 1800 East Williams St., #5.

The top priority currently is preparing to be the host district for our next Area 42 Assembly in Tonopah (September 10-12).

A major challenge is to encourage Groups that have no General Service Representative to become active with greater AA by filling that position.

Most meetings within District 6 are now again "in-person."

District 8 (Dorrie K.):

Things are getting reorganized as far as meetings go and the Mammoth Groups are all hybrid at this time, although some may decide to go strictly to Zoom. The business meeting is this Thursday and the Good Life Group are both on Zoom.

Lee Vining and June Lake are hybrid and going well, although small. Bridgeport is on their summer schedule of Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. Crowley Lake is via Zoom only, with visitors often.

Lone Pine is back at Statham Hall. It's smaller so far. Benton is on hiatus, because there is no building available and one member moved to Chalfant. Big Pine is also on hold for now.

Bishop Group Meetings are Thursday and Saturday, both in-person and going strong. The Boiled Owls group is in-person, and may go hybrid at some point, but not for now. It's a little smaller so far.

The High Sierra Group is mostly hybrid: two are in-person only and one via Zoom only. Only two venues now makes meetings a tad simpler!

There have been some issues with audio quality in the hybrid meetings, but we're working on that.

Circle in the Park is in-person only with good attendance, and often has visitors.

The Corrections & Treatment Committee is active in both Inyo and Mono counties. Prison meetings haven't been possible yet, but both County jails are holding virtual meetings regularly. We are doing panels for DUI classes, and have done a Young

Peoples' panel with the Northern Area's help. The District is again starting up a panel at a treatment center next month.

We will be having the Mammoth Campout again!!! August 27-29, so get your reservations! The Speaker on Saturday night will be our very own Marita R, Trustee at Large!!

Also, there will be a Grapevine Story Writing Workshop in June Lake on Saturday, October 16. The lunch will be potluck, yum!

Benton meeting is on hiatus for some reasons. Big Pine is on hold, too. An outdoor barbeque is being planned.

District 8 is going strong: meetings are meeting, sobriety is happening, newcomers are coming, and service is trudging along. Events are planned and everyone's happy to see each other again, and there's cake at the TGIF meeting! Stay well.

District 10a (Joe H.):

The District meeting took place on July 18th. We are working on establishing a proper budget for yearly expenses like NAGSC meetings, Area Assemblies, and fund raisers.

The Elko Fellowship annual "Serenity in the Ruby's" was July 23-25. I've been told it was a great time.

After the District meeting, I traveled to Eureka, Nevada to attend one of the two meetings that were listed in the Northern Nevada Intergroup meeting guide, only to find out that no one has taken the lead on those meetings and are no longer there. Eureka is geographically part of 10A even though it is an almost two-hour drive from Elko and about the same distance from where I live in Battle Mountain in the other direction.

Our meetings in Elko and Battle Mountain are all in-person, but the attendance is still down to less than 50% from pre-pandemic numbers.

Thanks for letting me be useful.

District 10b (Inactive)

District 12 (Debbie S. - Interim):

To look at the District boundary map of Area 42, one would see that District 12 covers a massive area in the North Central part of Nevada. District 12 presently only has

Groups in Fallon, Fernley, and Silver Springs; each only being 30 miles from one another.

Fernley has four noon live meetings and six evening live meetings, all of which fall under one Group umbrella.

Silver Springs is meeting back at the Senior Center two evenings a week, and a potluck speaker meeting monthly on the 3rd Saturday evening.

Fallon has seven live meetings at noon and two live evening meetings, making up five Groups. Fallon has three noon zoom meetings.

Fernley is having its 20th annual "Picnic in the Park" on August 15th in the In Town Park. Our Fernley General Service Representative has relocated.

We have a General Service Representative from Silver Springs and two General Service Representatives from Fallon.

District 12 has a monthly business meeting on the 2nd Saturday at the Wolf Center on Esmeralda Street in Fallon at 5pm, followed by a Speaker Chip meeting at 7pm.

Thanks for this opportunity to serve.

District 14 (Terri M.):

I am the District Committee Member for District 14 which covers North Lake Tahoe and Truckee.

Things are changing up here again. Masks are required in all indoor meetings, vaccinated or not. We just opened up most in-person meetings this last week and are planning to have our Jamboree on August 29, 2021, but that could change. I am doing a presentation so I will keep this brief. The Jamboree is August 29th, like I said, and it starts at 11:30 and goes till 4:30. It is being held at Truckee River Regional Park 10050 Brockway Rd, Truckee CA 96161.

Our past delegate Rhonda W. will be our main AA speaker and we are working on an Alanon speaker.

Our District 14 meetings are held every "odd month" on the third Wednesday at 6 pm on Zoom. Our website is www.norhtahoeaa.com.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Jamboree, August 29th!

In love and service.

District 16 (Pat B.):

Our monthly District Meeting has been a hybrid meeting: in-person with Zoom availability. The last four months participation in our meeting has been 100% in-person with no Zoom participation. We plan to continue to offer Zoom availability for the foreseeable future.

The discussion topics for our June District meeting were the Delegate's General Service Conference Report and the funding sources available for General Service Representatives to attend our Area Assembly beyond their Group. The District's discussion topic for our July meeting was the income and expense structure of the AA World Services and the role Group contributions serve in funding the those operations.

We are in the process of reviewing and revising our District Guidelines, taking time each month to review a section at a time.

In December of last year, District 16 proposed a motion to the Northern Area General Service Conference that the General Service Conference consider developing a pamphlet on the Corrections Correspondence Service. As old business at this June's Northern Area General Service Conference meeting, the motion was discussed further and approved by majority. This July, the motion was presented to the Southern Area General Service Conference, and was approved by majority. The motion will be presented, discussed, and subjected to approval by the Area Assembly this coming September. Pending approval by the Area Assembly, our Delegate will submit the item to the General Service Conference Coordinator at the General Service Office for consideration as an agenda topic for the 2022 General Service Conference.

In July I visited two District 16 Groups currently without representation in general service. Hopefully a new General Service Representative will appear from each Group. More Groups will be visited in future months.

It is with great hope that the District is planning the return of our Annual "Christmas Affair" event. the Christmas Affair has been an annual event sponsored by District 16 since 1986. The event is a service function combined with a turkey dinner, raffle, and visit from Santa Claus. The agenda includes an AA speaker meeting and a panel presentation / discussion which focuses on the current theme of the General Service Conference. With great optimism, we are announcing that we plan to host the annual Christmas Affair on Saturday, December 18th. Save the date: **Saturday, December 18th.**

Respectfully submitted.

District 18 (Inactive)

District 20 (Jodie G.):

I hate to repeat myself, but the highlight of District 20 was the "Welcome Back Recovery Roundup" held last Saturday in Westwood.

Our next District meeting takes place in two weeks and it has been proposed we plan a Secretary Workshop in the near future. It is apparent the members of District 20 are ready to get together and work together!

Nearly all of the meetings are now live. There is one hybrid meeting and one Zoom-only meeting remaining, to the best of my knowledge. We have had meetings very recently go live from Zoom, and there has been a struggle getting attendance back where it

was. Of course, there are also live meetings that are thriving that had never shut down or have modified and/or returned to their regular format.

We have gained two new General Service Representatives this month. We are also continuing to work on our District meeting schedule as things have been changing rapidly.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

District 22 (Leonel J. O.):

Tony A: Business as usual.

Lyle thanked Tony for the 200 tamales he brought us.

Chair Reports

Accessibilities/ Remote Communities (Dan M.): Unavailable due to personal emergency.

Hello Area, 42.

My name is Jay S. I am an alcoholic and this is my Northern General Service Representative Trainer Report. I want too to thank you

for the opportunity for this position. I also would like to thank all the General Service Representative's from the North and South

that have joined in for our training sessions. We have covered a lot of information; we have read

through the agendas, looked at out various web sites, and in my opinion have had a little fun doing all.

Please note I am available for District meetings, home group meetings or one on one chats. Thank you

again from the bottom of my heart for this opportunity

Hello Area, 42.

My name is Jay S. I am an alcoholic and this is my Northern General Service Representative Trainer Report. I want too to thank you

for the opportunity for this position. I also would like to thank all the General Service Representative's from the North and South

that have joined in for our training sessions. We have covered a lot of information; we have read

through the agendas, looked at our various web sites, and in my opinion have had a little fun doing all.

Please note I am available for District meetings, home group meetings or one on one chats. Thank you

again from the bottom of my heart for this opportunity

Cooperation with the Professional Community (Joel B.):

I would like to find a member from each District in the North to be part of the Cooperation with the Professional Community committee. Also, I am willing to present Cooperation with the Professional Community talks at District meetings. There is no other Cooperation with the Professional Community activity to report. Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to serve.

Many thanks for your service. I appreciate you.

Corrections/Bridging the Gap (Joe H.):

Hi everyone, I hope all is well. I don't really have a lot of progress to report.

I've been informed that the "High Desert Facility" in District 20 (California) is allowing meetings, but I haven't found out who is taking them in.

The Nevada Department of Corrections still hasn't given the "OK" to return. I spoke to Joy Walsh (the Nevada Department of Corrections Volunteer Coordinator) on 7/28. She informed me that the Nevada Department of Corrections is changing their protocol and will issue new guidelines soon. She did give me a few things that will change:

1. They are looking for large venues to do new training programs. Volunteers will need to complete training prior to going back inside.
2. Proof of vaccination will be required for volunteers.
3. Instant testing will also be required on the day of entrance to facility.

That is all the information I have as of now. I will send out any updates as I receive them.

Ronda at the Northern Nevada Intergroup forwarded an email from Hank G., the AA Corrections Chair of Hospitals and Institutions in Las Vegas. He has been able to put together a Corrections Correspondence Form and a Bridging the Gap form that has been sent through the Nevada Department of Corrections system so that these forms are now available in all the facilities in the South.

He and I have been in touch, and I've also contacted Joy Walsh about setting up the same programs in the North. Once I send her the forms and a short letter attached to the original from Hank, she will send this up through her chain to get things started.

I've also been reaching out to the people on my Corrections lists to find out the status of different city and county jail meetings. As of today, I have not received any responses, but hopefully that will change.

Thanks for allowing me to be useful.

Grapevine & La Viña (Elise F.): Unavailable.

Joyce made an impromptu report: Elise put together Virtual Campfire. The presenters are people who have written stories for the Grapevine. The event is August 27th, 5-6:30pm and will include folks in the East Coast.

Public Information (Rich B.):

I have been doing Area service work for quite some time. I was at one point the Cooperation with the Public Community / Public Information Chair for the Area. As a treatment facility owner, this last year, the only way I have been able to get meeting schedules is because I am a member of AA. Public Information is responsible for reaching out to the media, doing Public Service Announcements, making presentations and giving literature to the public in places like libraries, high schools, colleges, police stations, hospitals, senior centers, hotels/motels, and on the radio.

As the Public Information Chair, I would like to form a committee that consists of District Public Information Chairs. Using the resources of the Northern Area to aid the Districts to carry the message to the places where alcoholics might see or hear the message. I would like anyone from a District to give me a call so we can have meetings to brainstorm what is working or not.

Please contact Rich B. at nagscpublicinformation@nevadaarea42.org to get more information to join the committee.

Treatment/Bridging the Gap (Ed L.):

Due to the resurgence of Covid we are at a standstill as far as meetings in rehabilitation facilities and Bridging the Gap presentations. We will continue to monitor and keep in touch with all of the rehabilitation facilities in hope that things will open back up soon.

District Committee Member Coordinator (Lonnie M.): No report.

General Service Representative Survival Manual/Trainer (Jay S.):

Not a whole lot to report. I am looking forward to seeing everybody at the upcoming Northern Area General Service Conference meeting and really looking forward to the Area 42 Conference in Tonopah.

Thank you District 20 for allowing me to host your Welcome Back Roundup. This was a wonderful event, where General Service Representatives from all over the District invited members from their home groups to speak.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Intergroup Liaison (Don D.):

Northern Nevada Intergroup business meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at the Alano Club in Sparks.

As of now, Northern Nevada Intergroup is financially solvent. We have our specified operating expenses and are close to having a full prudent reserve because of the generosity of the Groups and individual contributions.

I have been keeping the Fellowship there informed of the things reported from the General Service Conference as well as the ways that Service Committees here are reaching out to the still-suffering alcoholic. I have found out that while many groups contribute to General Service through the 7th Tradition, they do not have a General Service Representative due to vacancy or because that position doesn't exist in their group. It catches me off guard, and I am glad that I can help them see why the concept of the "Right of Participation" is important so our Fellowship has integrity in our Group Conscience. Currently, there are many service positions open at Northern Nevada Intergroup including Corrections, Treatment, Bridging the Gap, Cooperation with the Professional Community, and Public Information. As these positions become filled by willing members, I hope to see their coordination with the Northern Area General Service Conference to help bring solidarity in honoring the 5th Tradition. Anyone who can help us serve in this way will be greatly appreciated.

The monthly speaker meeting happens the second Saturday of every month with doors opening at around 6:30 and a speaker at 7. This event is at the Silver Legacy.

There will be a Service Workshop at Central Office September 25th at 10:30am with presenters to discuss how service in Intergroup and General Service has helped them to grow within their personal AA programs and help the still suffering alcoholic. There will be snacks. Snacks.

The Annual Northern Nevada Intergroup Gratitude Dinner will be held Saturday November 13th, and 500 tickets have already been sold. This is the current limit for tickets until the event committee is comfortable to release more, since they had to cancel last year's event and issue refunds. The process with that was very tedious.

As always, thank you for allowing me to be the link between General Service and Northern Nevada Intergroup. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. If you have any concerns, contact Lyle.

YPAA Liaisons (Vacant): No report.

Newsletter (Alfredo M.):

area_newsletter_editor@nevadaarea42.org.

Officer Reports

Chairperson (Lyle C.):

Hello everyone, I'm honored to serve as the Area 42 Alternate Chair/ Northern Area Chair. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

I want to thank everyone for showing up today in person or virtual. As some of you know, Julie and I were evacuated from our home July 20th, with family visiting. I'm writing this report still on the road, but we are safe. Our home and neighborhood are good. Thank everyone for your generous offers and kind wishes. It means so much to us.

I was able to attend the July Southern Area General Service Conference meeting in Las Vegas in person, the Spanish Forum, and my friend Joan M.'s celebration of life. Joan was a long-term member of AA and of District 20, my home District. Joan served as an Area 42 Delegate and was very helpful to me in service work. Also, Area 42 lost Ray G., who had over 53 years of sobriety and served the Northern Area in many positions with love and respect. I will miss them both.

Welcome, District 22. I'm very happy to know how active and growing your District is, especially with new General Service Representative's participating.

Thank you all for your service.

Archivist/Alt Area Archivist (Debbie S.):

As the Area 42 Alternate Archivist residing in the North, I am entrusted with your Northern Area General Service Committee, better known as NAGSC, Archives for the next three and a half years. It has been fairly quiet in the world of Archives this past couple of months. I have received two emails. The first one was from District 16 inviting me to set up a NAGSC and AA Archive display at their 35th Annual Christmas Affair in December. The second email was from another member of District 16 that has some District Archives that they would like me to store and/or display at some point. The Northern Nevada Intergroup Bracer is one of the items we hold onto. I have been in touch with the office staff and now receive a hard copy delivered in the mail; the ink cartridges in my little printer can get expensive. Each District in the North has at least one binder containing Archives from your District. I would love to bring your Binder out to one of your District business meetings. I have some AA and NAGSC Archive items

that I can pack out to one of your events for display. I just need an invite. In closing I would like to repeat to you: “don’t throw anything away.” Send me your flyers, send me your group histories, send me anything you feel should be archived, stored and/or displayed. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. I can be reached through the nevadaarea42.org contact page.

Secretary (Erica P.):

Erica thanked everyone for submitting their reports early. She also mentioned that if a report changes, she doesn’t know which information to report. Also, when no report is entered, she sometimes has difficulty gathering the important and helpful pieces of the report.

Area Treasurer (Laura J.):

No treasury report. Has information from Quickbooks if anyone wants any information or wants to know about Group contributions. Will report more extensively at the Assembly.

Past Delegate (Phil W.):

Will be sending out funding requests for those who receive funding for Northern Area. Please fill these out, Committee Chairs and Officers, so we can get a good budget for this year.

Webmaster (Mike L.):

It is fantastic to be here live at a the Northern Area General Service Committee meeting to hear about the great service that is carried out in the Northern Area of Area 42. General Service has played an integral part keeping me grounded in AA during the pandemic.

The website serves the Area in both the North and South in both English and Spanish. The website contains a lot of useful information such as past newsletters, past minutes, and Assembly information. There is a contact page with links to all the Area Officers, North and South Officers, including standing Committees Chairs, and also you will find links to the Area District Committee Members. There is also the upcoming events page with a list of the District meetings including times and locations of District meetings. There is also a Google Calendar where you will find flyers for all the upcoming Area service events. On the password protected member info page, you can find confidential AA documents such as financials and un-scrubbed agenda items. The password is a.....r.

Currently, our guidelines prevent us from posting a link for registration for the Area Assembly, but coming this fall, there be a final reading and vote of a proposed guideline change to allow that. The website can be found at nevadaarea42.org. The site consistently receives about 2000 hits per month. For more info and questions, contact me at webmaster@nevadaarea42.org. Thank you. I am very grateful to be able to serve.

Business

Laura J. (Area Treasurer):

I have a general concern about the direction the Northern Area General Service Committee Standing Committees have been moving toward for some time now. My issue is that the Standing Chairs and those members of their committees are doing the actual 12th step work of their Chair assignment rather than being a communication link and giving support to the local committees, Districts, and Groups who should be doing the 12th step work in their own neighborhoods. My understanding is that the object of General Service is to encourage local members to engage in this type of work by bringing them information from the General Service Office and helping them set up their own committees. If I am wrong, please, someone help me to better understand the mission of our Standing Chairs. If I am not wrong, then I believe our body needs to have a conversation about this growing problem.

A discussion ensued among Lyle, Laura, Joel and Lonnie on whether to discuss this today or have a discussion at the Standing Committee Level, or do an ad hoc Committee. They decided to leave it to the Standing Committees.

Paul asked about sending out the Area budget before the Assembly so people have time to review it and go over so when it comes up at the Assembly, they'll have their questions already ready and have time to take it to their groups before they vote. He asked if the budget would come out before the Area 42 Assembly and Laura responded that it is the job of the Finance Committee and she would ask if they could accommodate that.

Lyle asked for a host for the next meeting December 4th with no takers. Jeffrey McC. reminded the body that the host would need a venue with hybrid capabilities. The Hybrid Chair would be happy to help with that.

A sense of the body was taken on whether to do a hybrid meeting again, and the body voted to continue to do hybrid meetings.

Jeffrey McC. announced that we have a zoom account for Area 42. Go to the last minutes. To get access to Zoom, email to Hybridmeetingchair@area42.org and give at least 48 hours notice.

Lyle thanked the hybrid team of Jeffrey, Dave H., Billy O. and Mike L.

Conference ended at 3:44pm with the Responsibility Statement.