

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

Date: December 4, 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 1:21 with the Serenity Prayer

Announcement of March roundtables on the 12th.

Notice of recording by Erica P.

Responsibility Reading on World Services: Read by Chris from District 16

Announcement of Birthdays

Zoom hosts: Jeffrey and Dave

Approval of March minutes and notice of recording.

Julie C. moved. Dan M. seconded. No opposition.

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

We have \$25,888.39 in the checking account. We spent \$1,859.67 on Assembly travel and \$200 for software.

The certificate of deposit is at \$1,554.52.

7:43 PM

12/03/21

Cash Basis

Northern Area General Service Committee

Profit & Loss

September through November 2021

	<u>Sep - Nov 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4002 - Contribution Income	2,254.55
Total Income	<u>2,254.55</u>
Gross Profit	2,254.55
Expense	
8054 - Office expenses	200.00
8090 - Travel	
FALL ASSEMBLY	<u>1,859.67</u>
Total 8090 - Travel	<u>1,859.67</u>
Total Expense	<u>2,059.67</u>
Net Ordinary Income	194.88
Net Income	<u><u>194.88</u></u>

7:45 PM
12/03/21
Cash Basis

Northern Area General Service Committee
Balance Sheet
As of November 30, 2021

	Nov 30, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · BofA checking #	23,452.24
1004 · Savings CD	1,553.95
Total Checking/Savings	25,006.19
Other Current Assets	
1100 · Undeposited Funds	2,554.55
Total Other Current Assets	2,554.55
Total Current Assets	27,560.74
TOTAL ASSETS	27,560.74
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	5,099.83
3200 · Retained Earnings	17,233.06
Net Income	5,227.85
Total Equity	27,560.74
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	27,560.74

Lyle announced that Leonel from District 22 passed away. Tony A. will step in as Alternate District Committee Member.

Delegate's Report (Julie C.):

Good afternoon, everyone. I have the privilege to serve as the Panel 71 Delegate from Nevada Area 42. I am so grateful to be able to attend another Northern Area Committee meeting in person. I appreciate Lyle allowing me a few minutes to discuss a couple of items with you.

I was able to attend the Past Delegate's reunion last month in Las Vegas. Anyone who has participated in one General Service Conference is welcome, so since it was in Nevada, I had to go. I tried to absorb some of the wisdom in the room. Friday night Ken N., the Panel 48 (1998-1999) Delegate from Alaska, read a quote from the 1995 Final Conference report. It was so moving and I believe it couldn't be more timely, so I would like to read it to you.

“Not one of us is given a torch big enough to lead the drunks of the world out of the darkness and into the light. Instead, each one of us has been given a candle that burns for a short while with a flickering flame. If we stand together, the light will outshine the greatest torch. If we argue and bicker and blow at each other's candle so that each of us starts shielding our own little flame, then the alcoholics of the world will continue to suffer in darkness, and so will we.”

I received the written 3rd Quarter Trustee Report from our Pacific Region Trustee, Kathi, a couple of weeks ago. You should have received it via email from our Area Secretary in English and Spanish. I would like to share some quotes that touched me from the “What's on Your Mind?” General Sharing Session.

A member shared that “The Conference has let us know they want everything translated into all three languages but right now the desire for translation has outpaced our ability.” I know we face similar issues in Nevada. I believe we have the desire, but are challenged with capacity constraints to achieve all that we want to do for our Spanish-speaking communities.

Another asked,

“Should we reimagine how we conduct our meetings? Maybe there are creative ways to allow more space for discussion, more room for vision. If there were more lines of communication with the Fellowship, perhaps there would be more conversations and fewer accusations. Can Delegates use technology to communicate more frequently and more clearly that we are only doing what the Fellowship has asked us to do?”

It is my intention to schedule more virtual meetings to supplement our in-person/hybrid meetings. I know Lisa T. and Lonnie are having meetings with the District Committee Members and that Lyle has met with his standing committee chairs virtually. I think we are slowly moving in that direction.

“On the mind of a Regional Trustee is that there are many people who don’t feel heard - as reflected in the number of agenda items received. She wants those members to know their items were received and carefully considered, even if it is not being forwarded to Conference. She wondered if she should pick up the phone and talk to the submitters, so they don’t interpret ‘took no action’ as not being heard and considered. Another Trustee agreed that a phone call can make a difference. With a phone call you feel more included in the conversation.”

And another Regional Trustee asked, “How can we get back in touch with groups that went virtual? How can we find those [General Service Representatives] and other trusted servants? What’s our plan to rebuild after the pandemic?”

A General Service Trustee expressed that “he feels we need time together that isn’t structured around arguing about who’s right and who’s wrong. He would love to just hear from Delegates, talk together, start over with the spirituality of why we come together.”

A staff person said, “We talk about the power of pausing in A.A. and we need to find a way we can pause as a Fellowship. It’s an uphill bike ride now but it won’t be forever. We just have to keep pedaling, keep practicing.”

Another Trustee said, “We need to include the people who feel slighted. We all need to have the opportunity to voice our position. We all want to be included in the process. I want to thank you all for helping A.A. during challenging times. But then, when were there not challenging times?”

The questions I would like you to think about are:

- As leaders in Alcoholics Anonymous, what are we doing when we hear that people feel unheard? Are we listening with an open heart, compassion and understanding?
- Are we pausing when agitated and encouraging spiritual solutions?

As many of you know, my husband Lyle and I live near the devastation of the Dixie fire. While our home was spared, many of our friends’ homes were not. I have been asking myself, What lessons I can bring from the trauma of living through a disaster to some of the challenges we are experiencing in Alcoholics Anonymous? As has happened many times in my sobriety, I am brought back to the basics. I am grateful for my sobriety today. I look for how I have been cared for. Am I bringing love to the rooms? And I am making sure that Alcoholics Anonymous is available to those seeking help?

The Saturday before Thanksgiving we had a Thanksgiving/gratitude dinner for the survivors of Greenville. The town that was destroyed. It was the first time many of the members of the Greenville

Fellowship saw each other since the fire. Many from around Northern Nevada and Northern California came, bringing love and support (and some literature). That is General Service. Getting in the car and giving of yourselves so that alcoholics can find the love that was freely given you. Each day you show me how blessed I am to walk among you.

I brought the 71st General Service Conference Final Reports today. Tony, the Alternate District Committee Member of District 21 has the Spanish copies. For anyone not wanting a hard copy, you can access an anonymity protected copy under our Delegate's Corner on nevadaarea42.org.

Because of Zoom, I have had the privilege of seeing how some of the other Areas participate in the Conference process. I am so excited that we established our Area Conference Committees and look forward to see where we go next year. Please sign up with Lyle or Jake today if you want to learn and grow in the Conference process.

One item that we have not participated in very much is giving our voice to Conference themes, workshops and presentations. The Conference Coordinator sent out forms, which Jake sent to everyone in the Area. I would like to ask the District Committee Members to consider reaching out to your General Service Representatives for ideas. I have some copies of the forms for Nevada to participate in recommending 2023's theme, workshops and presentations. Jake sent them out to the entire body and asked for ideas to be sent in to us soon. We need to forward them to the Conference by December 15th. So please send them back as soon as possible. As said by the Conference Coordinator, Steve S.,

“Theme, presentation and workshop topics revolve around basic principles of A.A. and can spark thought-provoking discussion at Area and District meetings as well. Regions, Areas, and Districts may incorporate discussion of these topics into workshops, meetings, pre-Conference assemblies, etc. This gives A.A. members the opportunity to participate and become more informed about A.A.”

District Committee Members, could you ask your Districts to send ideas to us soon? Next year the theme will be “A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service”. There will be workshops on “The Warranties – Our Promise to the Fellowship and the World” and presentations on “1) How do A.A.'s go to any lengths to Recover, Unify, and Serve?; 2) Going Beyond Fear; 3) How to Reach Anyone, Anywhere”.

The General Service Office is looking for shared experience on the 7th Tradition and virtual meetings. Please watch your email for the request.

Thank you for the privilege to serve you this year and I am very excited to see what next year brings. Thank you for my life.

Questions? None.

Joyce started a discussion on who is a voting member.

2022 Virtual Meeting Equipment Needs: Jeffrey C, Area Hybrid Meeting Chair

Hybrid Meeting Chair Recommendation for NAGSC Bi-monthly Hybrid meetings

The following equipment would be needed to hold a hybrid meeting at our current venue of St. Catherine's. This provides us with a main room setup and a breakout room to be facilitated with the use of someone's personal computer/tablet/phone.

When we change venues, the host facility would need a speaker or speaker system as well as stable internet.

Equipment needed:

1- Laptop computer (Acer 14" Chromebook)	\$330.00
1- USB Camera (4K Webcam)	\$35.99
1- Tripod (Torjim 60" Camera Tripod with Carry Bag)	\$30.99
1- USB Microphone (Blue Yeti Nano Microphone)	\$79.99
1- Bluetooth Conference Speaker (Luna Conference Speaker)	\$79.99
2- USB Extension Cables (Cable Matters 10 ft.) @ \$8.99 each	\$17.98
1- HDMI Cable (HDR HDMI Cable 40 Feet)	\$34.99
1- Backpack to store equipment (Computer backpack)	\$35.00
1- Miscellaneous Connectors (Ethernet/etc.)	\$50.00
	TOTAL: \$694.93

Discussion

Kathleen: Does the amount quoted include taxes?

Answer: No.

Dan: Would we split this cost with the Area?

Answer: We hope to use this equipment to support the Area. The Hybrid Committee will present that at the Area.

Lyle: What would it take to get another iPad? How much is a reasonable tablet?

Answer: A couple hundred dollars.

Mike M.: Could the estimate be taken back to General Service Representatives for groups to explore the possibilities of using this template in their Homegroups?

Answer: Maybe. This setup would be more than you would need. I can help you out with that.

Kathleen: Since we're a non-profit, has that been incorporated in these costs?

Answer: Not yet.

Michelle M.: Because we are having issues with everyone being able to hear, can we get a better sound system?

Answer: This proposal is minimal. You would need a mixer and microphones. It can be done, and Dave has experience with sound. Better sound would increase the cost.

Someone: Can we get a portable microphone?

Answer: We would need more equipment for that.

Andrea: What about one additional microphone that's set up near the [tripod?]?

Answer: We would need a mixer.

Phil W.: Is this portable? I want to visit our outer Districts once we are done with Covid.

Answer: Yes.

John: Is all the equipment at St. Catherine's being used?

Answer: No.

Michelle: We are using the facility's equipment, like a screen and projector. What if we went somewhere else?

Answer: Correct. You would at least have to have a sound system to support us. A screen and speaker would be better.

Dan M.: What is the overall cost for a little sound system with two speakers, and couldn't you get a mini-projector for \$100, for a total of around \$400?

Answer: Yes, you could incorporate those things. The smaller projectors don't have great reviews.

Paul: I'd like to make a motion.

Lyle: Hold off on making a motion until we get to the second part of the presentation.

Carol B.: We stand in line at the microphone at Tonopah, and I don't know why we can't do that up North.

Lyle: The second part of the motion is whether this is the direction that we want to go. Is there a motion for purchase of the equipment up to \$1000 so NAGSC has the capacity to hold hybrid meetings?

Phil: Asked if we could go up to \$1500 since we have some money right now?

Lyle: Yes.

Phil: **Move that we purchase the equipment, but no more than \$1500.**

Seconded by Pat S.

Skylar: What is our prudent reserve?

Anne Y.: I'd have to look and get back to you.

Phil: I believe it's \$5,000 and we have more money than that right now.

Lyle: We currently have \$25,000.

Laura: Money in the certificate of deposit is our prudent reserve. The capital that is in our checking account is a working account.

Wayne: Since NAGSC is still so spread out, it's good to allow those in the outer areas to attend virtually.

Michelle: Who is responsible for the equipment and the position?

Answer: It will go to the NAGSC Chairperson. We will have to do a NAGSC guidelines change to add a Hybrid Technology team to have a NAGSC person. For now, Jeffrey and Dave have been helping us. But first, we want to see if NAGSC wants this equipment.

Voted: All in favor.

Scheduling a Zoom Meeting on the Area 42 Account

If you are a District Committee Member, Committee Chair or hold an Area service position, you can use the Area 42 Zoom account to schedule a Zoom meeting for your service commitments and Committees. Please give 48 hours' notice when requesting a meeting by email; you should receive a response within 24 hours.

Follow this instruction:

Send an email to hybridmeetingchair@nevadaarea42.org with the following information.

- a. Title for your meeting
- b. Date of your meeting
- c. Time and duration of your meeting
- d. Is it a recurring meeting?
- e. The password you would like to use

You will receive the following information to the email that requested the meeting.

- The link for your meeting
- The password for your meeting
- A Host Key
- How to use a Host Key instructions

NOTE: A Host Key is used for the specific meeting requested and can be used for that meeting (including recurring meetings at the same time). If a meeting is required at another date and time, you must send another email as a request to have that meeting set up for that time and date.

Discussion

Paul: This isn't for regular AA meetings. It's only for AA service meetings like committees, officers, chairs, etc.

Lyle: It's for AA general service activities.

2022 NAGSC Budget: Phil W., NAGSC Finance Chair / Anne Y., NAGSC Treasurer

Phil started discussing the budget and said he wanted to move \$1,500 for virtual technology under "rent" as a one-time expense.

Carol: Will we have a new Hybrid or Technology Chair? We should put that expense under Committee expenses rather than NAGSC meetings.

Phil: The equipment is only to be used for NAGSC meetings, right Lyle?

Lyle: We will use this for NAGSC. If we want to help out the Area, we would have to do a group conscience.

Carol: Okay. Then I guess we can keep it under NAGSC expenses.

Phil: We can put this under rent as a one-time expense. We will add that this is for "technology" when we finalize this.

Phil continued through the rest of the budget. Since the Pacific Region AA Service Assembly is virtual, we can wipe this out.

There was a discussion about whether NAGSC reimbursed the \$15 registration fee for the last virtual PRAASA. Laura suggested adding \$350 for anyone who would want to go. Dan M. suggested that we increase it to \$500 so that General Service Representatives can go.

Phil: We don't generally fund people to the Forum. Do we want to do anything about the Pacific Region Forum which is supposed to be in Salt Lake City in late summer/early fall?

Julie: Can we fund some people to the Forum if we have money?

Carol: Yes, check the NAGSC guidelines because we fund even General Service Representatives if funds are available. Also, the NAGSC guidelines say that you give your Grapevine person more than \$100. The guidelines state how much money you give your Grapevine person.

Phil: That's in the Area guidelines.

Carol: The guidelines say that the Grapevine Chair has to have display at the Assembly and to take around to NAGSC events.

Paul: When I was in that position, we removed the Grapevine Chair funding in the Area and NAGSC because the money earned from selling merchandise is replaced. Travel for the Grapevine Chair is covered under another line item.

Phil: Wants to add \$2,500 for the Forum to give some money for anyone to attend because we saved \$7,000 on the Pacific Region AA Service Assembly.

Laura: Phil asked Chairs or Officers many times what they need for their budget and hardly anyone answered. As to the Forum, you should follow the guidelines as to how to distribute that money. Suggestion to move all the Pacific Region AA Service Assembly over to the Forum.

Phil: Okay. The next Pacific Region Forum will be in Las Vegas. Any other comments about funding to the Pacific Region Forum?

Julie: I like the idea of moving the Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly money to the Forum. I would like to make sure to send the NAGSC Treasurer and Registrar.

Laura: The NAGSC Treasurer is already funded but the Registrar is not.

Phil: So we will add another \$500 to the Officers. We can do that if that's what NAGSC wants to do.

Lyle, can you get a vote on it?

Lyle: Lonnie has a question.

Lonnie M.: Move money from Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly to the Forum. That would be much easier.

Paul E.: I would like to go back to line item 13. This should be increased to \$800 because there would be four meetings, rather than just the one \$200 expense.

Phil: Yes. For the Forum, are we going to make that \$2,500 for the Officers, \$4,500 for the Committee Chairs, \$350 for District Committee Members, and \$750 for General Service Representatives. Then, line 13. Fixed that to \$800.

Laura J.: We need to add \$500 to the Officers to cover Paul.

Phil: We did. Total expenses are lower than we started by \$500.

Laura: The numbers don't add up.

Phil: Total expenses is wrong. What is the actual total expense? \$10,990 is not right. \$19,090 is the correct total expenses. Are there any other questions?

Lyle: Will anyone make a motion to accept the budget?

Paul made a motion to accept the amended budget. Kathleen seconded. Motion passed by substantial unanimity, but minority opinion was heard.

Dorrie: Historically, the Forum hasn't been funded. Shouldn't we add to the budget that this item is a one-time expense? Then she said, Nevermind. **Motion passed.**

Break

Lyle: We will table the Guidelines change until after the roundtables.

Area Conference Committees: Jake S, Panel 71 Area 42 Alt Delegate

I am extremely grateful and honored to be serving as the Area 42 Panel 71 Alternate Delegate! As the Area 42 Alternate Delegate, my main duty is, if for any reason our Delegate is not able to attend the General Service Conference, it would be my job to attend and the Conference and carry Area 42's Group Conscience.

This panel, I am also handling our Area Conference Committees, and this is what I want to talk about quickly today. I am so proud of the work our Area Conference Committee Chairs and Members have done for the first General Service Conference of this Panel, and I am very excited for all of our new Chairs and Members, and for the next agenda of the 2022 General Service Conference.

At the General Service Conference, all of the Delegates sit on a Committee and they discuss the items on the Agenda for their Committees. Then, everyone comes together to discuss the items on all of the Committees. Now, we are doing the same thing in our Area.

The pandemic, in my opinion, has been a very tough time for Alcoholics Anonymous, but it makes us all internet and online Zoom masters, and has been a very good thing for our Area Conference Committees. Now, we can get Members from the NAGSC and the SAGSC together to discuss the General Service Conference Agenda items with the click of a mouse. The bottom line is that the Members of our Area Conference Committees sit on a Committee (like the Literature Committee), they get the items for that Committee, they summarize the background information, discuss the topics, make suggestions to our Delegate on which items to discuss and then present these items at our Area round tables and Area Assembly. Now that's what I call a party right! What could be more fun than that?

Seriously though, I feel that our Area is better informed with this process and it is great for the unity for the SAGSC, the NAGSC, and our Area. I have been absolutely blown away with all of the feedback I have gotten with our Members telling me what they have learned through the Area Conference Committee process. The idea of bidding on having the 2035 100-year anniversary of the International Convention of AA in Las Vegas, Nevada, in the new Raiders stadium, came from our Area Conference Committee of International Conventions and Regional Forums.

I want to thank our Delegate, Julie, for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this process and I want to thank everyone that made our Panel 71 Area Conference Committees so successful. I know you don't want to miss out on all of the excitement for Panel 72 in 2022.

So, if you are not currently on an Area Conference Committee, I will type my phone number and email in the chat, and you can send me an email, text, or call me to get you all set up. It is a very fun, easy, and informative commitment, in my humble opinion. Alcoholics Anonymous has saved my life and General Service has become a huge part of my program of recovery.

Thank you all very much for being here today. Thanks to Lyle and Erica and all of my NAGSC homies. Can't wait to see you all in beautiful downtown Tonopah, Nevada!

Julie: If you don't know what this is, sign up. I'm on the Cooperation with the Professional Committee. We meet, we talk about our agenda topics, summarize them, and decide which would be of interest to the NAGSC and SAGSC and then, as the Delegate, I decide what to discuss at the Area and then at the General Service Conference. This explains why we vote one way or the other.

Jeffrey: I just signed up. Will I meet prior to the roundtables with my Committee or will I just meet them at the roundtables?

Julie: There were 178 items and they cut them down to about 70. On Feb. 15th, we'll get the Committee Agenda items. Your Committee will meet after you get the items and your Committee will divide up the work among your Committee. You may do a presentation.

Joyce: I would like to address the constant question of why we don't discuss all the Agenda items in each Committee every year. There is too much work for each Committee to address every issue. But collectively, all of AA will address every Agenda item.

Paul: Part of being on a Conference Committee is that you get to address every item on that Committee. And now, with equitable distribution, some Committees may get more. Everyone will get some juicy Agenda items to discuss.

Lyle: As the Archivist, I reviewed all the items for the Archives Committee and was really engaged.

Andrea: Does equitable distribution happen at the Area level or at the General Service Conference?

Julie: At the General Service Conference level. We expect eight to nine Agenda items per Committee. The General Service Conference will try this for three years; if it doesn't work, they'll terminate this process.

District Committee Member Reports (emailed in)

District 2 (Billy O.):

Greetings to All,

Our District meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30PM.

We are excited to share a few things with the rest of the northern Districts and Area 42 as a whole. Our goal is to get more involved and reach out to other Districts and Members of AA across the state.

District 2 is hosting the Northern Nevada Intergroup Speaker Meeting at the Silver Legacy, in the Silver Baron Ballroom. The meeting doors open at 6:30PM on the 11th of December, and the speaker will be Luther M. from San Jose. In the spirit of Rule 62, wear your “Cheesiest” Christmas outfit, like a wacky tie, lights flashing jewelry, or the classic ugly Christmas sweater, and show that you don’t take yourself too damn seriously. Choose this night to be light-hearted and care-free in the company of others who share the joy of sobriety.

I just want to share with you how excited our District was to be allowed to host the December NAGSC meeting. At our November District meeting, there was so much enthusiasm and ideas were popping up from everyone. I am privileged to be part of this District, and it warms my heart to see the team work together to bring joy to all who will attend. Thank you, District 2, for letting me serve with you.

Our District meetings are now being held in hybrid format, so that all have the opportunity to get involved. Thank you, Jeffrey, for making this happen. We did this in response to other Districts leading the way.

We have formed a couple of new Committees:

The first is an Activities Committee and the second is a Committee to reach out to meetings in our District that are under-represented in the Area. We want to be present for them and let them know that we are here to support them in any way we can. We have found that unrepresented meetings are frequently due to lack of knowledge in General Service.

We have much more to come and look forward to keeping you all up to date in the future.

As always, THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SERVE. I am part of the best District in AA.

District 4 (Michelle M.):

I want to thank our beloved Secretary for the calls and the text messages.

Wow, you guys. I had no idea what I was getting into when I became the District Committee Member.

Since the last NAGSC meeting, we have added five new General Service Representatives. We have regained our Reno Nevada Young People in AA (RENVYPAA) Liaison and have a few more positions that need to be filled. Our meetings are getting larger, and I am learning how to hold the reigns loosely.

The Dark Meeting Committee, an amazing team of “yearling” General Service Representatives, have kept us motivated and moving, visiting four dark meetings.

A few business meetings felt a little like dental work: uncomfortable during and a little numb afterward, but overall happy with the outcome. Most were really impressed that we showed up. At two of the meetings, I was honored to have the opportunity to share what I have learned in General Service, completed with a careful balance of humility and honesty. One of the meetings we went to had a Treasurer with five months of sobriety.

We have a Traditions Workshop starting. There is a flyer.

We also reviewed Roberts' Rules of Order in one of our meetings. It was confusing but we remember to "Wear Roberts' Rules like a loose glove." We also have some new meetings with new people in service trying to do the right things.

Man those people pleasing character defects want a seat at the table. Thank God I have the solution, and it is always the same: read the literature, work the steps, go to meetings, help others. This is how I learn and grow.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

District 6 (Pat S.):

District 6 meets on the second Sunday of even numbered months at 1:15 pm at the Carson City Alano Club. Our District encompasses all of Douglas County, Carson City, South Lake Tahoe, and nearby rural areas. We'll go hybrid for our next meeting, December 12th.

As required by our Guidelines, District 6 Officers met (via Zoom) this past week to review the proposed budget, which will be introduced at our December 12th meeting, and to conduct an annual audit. Special thanks to Carol B., our Treasurer, for her work on these important documents.

As District Committee Member, I've been approached by several past and present General Service Representatives who had Group concerns. This has become an important part of the job. I'll not give details, as I consider most of these concerns to be of a confidential nature.

I was very proud of District 6, which acted as the Host District for our Area 42 Assembly, held in September, providing snacks and hosting the Saturday night speaker meeting. Thanks to all for your help.

Yours in service.

District 8 (Dorrie K.):

I don't have much to report. We are still running into audio problems, and everyone's computers for the Zoom meetings are different. One Group purchased two very good microphones, which has helped. There are still glitches from time to time. Most meetings are hybrid, with a few Zoom only, and a few in-person only. We were hoping to have a Gratitude Dinner again, but decided it would be more prudent to forgo it until next year. We did have a special Zoom Gratitude Meeting on November 20th. It was very nice, though I was hoping for a better turnout. Oh well.

We held our last District meeting on November 7th. It was the first in-person only meeting of the year, and, again, not very well attended. We discussed whether we wanted to just give up and make our District meetings Zoom-only, but most Members feel it's important to have the personal touch as it is such an essential part of who we are as a Fellowship. More will be revealed. Any suggestions on that topic would be appreciated.

We hosted a Grapevine Workshop about submissions, *etc.*, on October 16th in June Lake. It was fun, and the weather and the scenery were fantastic. I think there may be some articles submitted in the future! Thanks to the ladies who came from out of our area to share their expertise. It was a new experience for me.

So, I think that's it. We will be having New Years' Alcatons, with no firm plans yet. Have a Merry Christmas, and I hope the New Year brings good things! Thank you.

District 10a (Joe H.):

Greetings from northern Nevada.

We had our Gratitude Dinner on November 13, 2021 at Elko Veterans' of Foreign Wars Hall. More than 50 people attended. We had a wonderful speaker from Ely, Nevada.

We are still trying to fill our Chair positions for Bridging the Gap, Public Information, and Cooperation with the Professional Community.

All of our meetings are in-person and have been for many months. Attendance is still about 50% of normal.

There is not much else to report, except we recently lost a few members to COVID-19. One of them was a past District Committee Member named Ema. Some of you will remember her. Rest in Peace.

Thanks.

District 10b (Inactive)

District 12 (Debbie S. - Interim):

We are currently without a District Committee Member to pass the NAGSC, Area and General Service Office information to our Groups and Members out here in the less populated, rural areas east of Reno and Carson City. In the spirit of Unity and Service, I am honored to be that person to meet the needs of our Members for the time being. We are holding business meetings monthly that are attended by three General Service Representatives and myself, followed by a Chip Speaker Meeting of Recovery. Our surrounding rural towns include:

FALLON, that holds a meeting daily at noon, one early morning, two evening meetings, and a couple that are still being held via Zoom-only at noon. This is a total of six groups, represented by two General Service Representatives and a Homegroup member to relay information. Fallon Groups held a Gratitude Luncheon on Thanksgiving Day, that was well attended with 25 Members; of which 20 stayed for the noon meeting.

FERNLEY, of which I recently learned is shredded into pieces between Districts 4 and 12 with the recent boundary map change, had been a very active part of District 12 for well over 20 years. Fernley groups have 11 meetings, umbrellaed under two registered groups. They have a General Service Representative that attends the business meetings and receives the forwarded emails of information. Fernley holds a monthly business meeting of their Secretaries, where information is shared for their Membership. Fernley holds an annual Christmas Party for their kids, to be held December 15th this year.

SILVER SPRINGS, being even less populated and rural, holds three meetings weekly and two Potluck Speaker meetings monthly. There currently is not an active General Service Representative attending the District meetings, however information is being emailed to two members of Silver Springs Groups. We are serving information via email to a General Service Representative of a small group of miners out

in the Smokey Valley area. In this day and age where email is the norm, information can be shared in lightning speed across the vast desert, to make the information conveniently accessible.

Thank you for listening and giving me the honor of being a vessel.

District 14 (Terri M. – Mike, the Alternate District Committee Member, gave the report):
District 14 is North Lake Tahoe, Truckee, and Incline Village, NV.

Things are going well for District 14.

At our recent District meeting, we elected a new Alternate District Committee Member, and new General Service Representatives stepped up. We also voted in a Secretary, who we have needed desperately. At our meeting, we discussed restarting our monthly speaker meetings and perhaps forming a Traditions workshop in February.

Meetings are going strong both in-person and online.

I also brought up to the Groups the option of online registration, which I learned from our recent District Committee Member meeting.

I am excited to be serving as the District Committee Member of District 14 and look forward to having in-person events.

In love and service.

District 16 (Pat B.):

Greetings, everyone. District 16 is the greater Sparks area. I'm also currently serving as the acting District 16 Treasurer, the acting District 16 Recording Secretary, and the acting District 16 Christmas Affair Chair.

I'm very pleased to welcome two new General Service Representatives to our District: Katherine S., the General Service Representative for the Open Heart, Open Mind Group in Sparks; and Robert T., the General Service Representative for the Positive Acceptance Group also in Sparks at the Sparks Alano Club.

Our monthly District Meeting has been a hybrid meeting. In 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.

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

During the last two months, the District Committee has spent much time in the final planning of the District's 34th Annual Christmas Affair. The event is a service function combined with a turkey dinner, raffle, and visit from Santa Claus. Family members are certainly welcome. The agenda includes an AA Speaker Meeting and a Panel Presentation / Discussion which focuses on the current theme of the General Service Conference. This year's event is Saturday, December 18th from 12:00 - 5PM at the Sparks Masonic Center in Sparks. Flyers are available.

Respectfully submitted.

District 18 (Inactive)

District 20 (Jodie G. – John B., the Alternate District Committee Member gave the report):

Meetings are live in District 20. There is one hybrid meeting in Chester. Four womens and co-ed groups are growing. Caution is still a factor in keeping communities safe because of Covid.

Susanville Fellowship has had a great time with 7th Tradition events to help with their new meeting hall and expenses. A lot of visitors have been stopping in, as well as newcomers.

District 20 had a Secretary's workshop in October with about 40 participants. The panel was Julie and Lyle.

The Greenville Thanksgiving Dinner was held in Taylorsville. Greenville's old meeting hall had burned in the Dixie Fire. 50 District Members attended. Taylorsville's Grainge Hall will be their new meeting place and District 20 volunteered to pay six months of their rent to support their work in recovery.

Please pick up a flyer for the All-Sober Holiday dance at the Lassen County Fairgrounds on December 10th from 8-11pm. Donations accepted, but the event is free. It will be family friendly. Bring a dessert.

John asked the Area to continue to ask for support for District 20.

District 22 (Leonel J. O.): No report.

Chair Reports

Corrections/Bridging the Gap (Joe H.):

On October 30th, we were finally able to attend the Nevada Department of Corrections Volunteer Orientation and Training Program in Reno. Hopefully we will be allowed to re-enter those prisons soon. We had 16 or 17 people there, which was cool.

We have also been asked to help re-start two weekly meetings in the Lakes Crossing Center in Sparks, Nevada. We've placed a flyer in the Northern Nevada Intergroup Bracer and contacted District Committee Members in Districts 2, 4 & 16. Both meetings will be on Monday evenings at 6pm. I have flyers and background info for anyone interested. Will have to get COVID testing and TB testing.

Ed L., our Treatment Chair, contacted me about the Lyon County Jail in Yerington wanting to have AA meetings in their facility also. District 18 is a dark district. Ed will travel to Yerington to attend meetings and inquire if anyone would volunteer.

Lastly, I've been working with the Las Vegas Hospitals and Institutions Corrections Committee about a joint venture to bring AA Meetings to the state prison in Ely. Ely is in District 19, which is in the Southern Area General Service Conference, so I've also been in touch with Jim C., the District Committee Member for District 19. He still hasn't received any confirmation of willing volunteers from the Ely area.

I became involved when the warden in Ely emailed me and showed interest in AA Meetings. We have been in touch with the chaplain, and he is reviewing some AA literature now. I'm almost one hour closer to the Ely facility than anyone from Las Vegas, so I'm willing to go over and help start a meeting inside the prison. Hopefully, District 19 will be able to provide some volunteers to continue providing support.

In the meantime, the Southern Area General Service Conference Hospitals and Institutions committee will provide literature, and I'll provide the in-person assistance to the incarcerated members.

Wish us luck.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Grapevine & La Viña (Elise F.):

It has been a great quarter for the Grapevine!

There was a powerful and productive Grapevine Writing event in June Lake for District 8 on October 16, 2021. A panel of three presented on all that the Grapevine has to offer members, personal experience of submitting a story and guidelines for submitting. A great lunch was served, a few hours were spent writing and several members submitted their work or jokes for consideration. Such a great opportunity to meet folks who love the Grapevine as much as I do.

The Grapevine had a booth at the Minden/Gardnerville Gratitude Dinner on November 19, 2021, which was great exposure for the Grapevine. I am looking forward to being on a panel for District 16's Christmas Affair on December 18 in Sparks.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this inspiring program. It keeps me active in my sobriety, and I am forever grateful.

Public Information (Rich B.):

Public Information work is happening in the north in Districts 6 and 20. District 20 has been trying to provide information in the Dixie fire area. District 6 has been providing information to hospitals and treatment centers in the Districts.

There are no other reports from any other Districts in the Area.

District 20 really needs support. I worked in the prison in Susanville and these people know how to party. They can cook. You want to be at their events.

Treatment/Bridging the Gap (Ed L.):

Not much has changed since my last report other than I found out that there is a group of men going into the Ridge House in Reno. I found this out because a guy on a Zoom meeting talked about the meeting being brought in there. The contacts I have for Treatment centers are vague at best and sadly, with COVID, Members have stepped away from their commitments. I will continue to keep trying to contact facilities and offer Zoom meetings for both Treatment and Bridging the Gap meetings. Hopefully, by the end of my commitment, there will be a list of names and meetings schedules for the next person to pick up and run with.

We had a meeting with the NAGSC Chairs and learned some very helpful information. One idea is that both NAGSC and Northern Nevada Intergroup Chairs should attend each other's meetings. I will try to start attending Northern Nevada Intergroup meetings this month.

I hope everyone has a great Holiday season full of Family and Love. Thank You.

District Committee Member Coordinator (Lonnie M.):

Lisa, the District Committee Member Coordinator for SAGSC, and I started regular District Committee Member Zoom meetings combining NAGSC and SAGSC. In October, we had our first combined meeting. We discussed how to help and inform Zoom-only meetings about how those Groups could have a voice in General Service.

We invited Julie, our Delegate, to help us with the process. She was really a great help. We plan to have our next combined Zoom meeting in January.

Thank you for allowing me to share.

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

I want to thank you for the opportunity of this position. I would also like to thank all of the General Service Representatives from the North and South who have joined our training sessions.

We've covered a lot of information -- we've read through the agendas, I've looked at various websites, and I think I've had a lot of fun doing it all.

Please note that I am available for District and Home Group meetings, or one-on-one chats. Thank you again from my heart for this opportunity.

Intergroup Liaison (Don D.):

The Northern Nevada Intergroup meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Sparks Alano Club in a hybrid format. The Intergroup is solvent, thanks the Groups of northern Nevada for their contributions. The Pink Can currently has over \$7,000 for literature, so we are still cautiously asking Groups to look at their donations to that as well as to help bring literature to any correction or treatment facilities; that information can be obtained from our Central Office.

We have been busy the past few months trying to fill vacant service positions and encourage Groups to send a representative to bring their Group's voice to the Northern Nevada Intergroup business meetings. I am happy to announce that, besides the Officers, we also have filled the Cooperation with the Professional Community, Treatment, and Bridging the Gap Chair positions and are hoping to fill the rest as we continue to ask for service volunteers for Events, Corrections, and another Representative for the Steering Committee. I look forward to connecting Chairs to their respective General Service counterparts to help coordinate our Northern Area service work and give them the best conduits to information from New York that I can. I have a roster so that I can help people get connected.

The Northern Nevada Intergroup has begun to connect with some of the reopening treatment centers in order to begin carrying meetings into any willing facilities.

The Northern Nevada Intergroup Gratitude Dinner was a success, as always, with over 600 tickets sold and the New Year's Gala planning is in full swing.

I wanted to also announce that I am helping a District 4 Committee to facilitate a Traditions Workshop at the Sunnyside Church in Reno on February 5th from 11am-3pm. I have flyers available for that here today. It should be a good time. We will have food.

Thank you always for allowing me to serve AA.

Discussion

Erica asked for a copy of the roster to connect Northern Nevada Intergroup chairs to Northern Area chairs.

YPAA Liaisons (Vacant): No report.

Lyle said they elected someone new who is not available, but looks forward to them coming along.

~~Chairperson (Lyle C.): No report.~~
No report.

Officer Reports

Chairperson (Lyle C.):

Hello everyone, I'm honored to serve as 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 virtually. District 20, my District, has a lot of changes with the Dixie fire which destroyed so much around us. We lost whole towns and many homes close to me. We of Alcoholics Anonymous, especially those in District 20 and the Northern Area are working hard to support those in need.

It was wonderful to see everyone in-person at the Fall Assembly in September. I had a great time, especially scooping ice cream on Saturday night. I am grateful to our technology team for setting up the hybrid option so that there were options for most everyone to attend.

Northern Area is ready to start getting busy. We have the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, the Roundtables with Agenda topics, and the Area 42 Pre-Conference Assembly coming up in the Spring. For those of you who want to participate, please sign up for Area Conference Committees. I am sending around a sign-up sheet here, and, for those of you online, please send your name, phone and email to Jake, at alternatedelegate@nevadaarea42.org.

Thank you all for your service.

Archivist/Alternate Area Archivist (Debbie S.):

I spent Thanksgiving week going through the tubs of Archives entrusted to me to hold and add to, as the articles are passed to me. It was an awakening experience. It reminded me to let you all know, at every given opportunity, that each District has at least one binder that holds your District meeting minutes, flyers, and any other information you feel to hold onto for future reference or enjoyment. This information does not just appear; someone in your District has to hand it off to the Archivist. These binders can be viewed and added to at any time.

I discovered a binder that has some Groups' history information inside. I know that not all Groups in the Northern Area have one on file. I have brought the binder with me today. You are welcome to take a look and get a Group History form from me to be filled out and included in this Archival binder.

District 16 is holding their annual Christmas Bizarre this month. I have been invited to display some of your archives there. I will be bringing, among other items, District 16 binders and the Group History binder, along with some Group History forms with me.

To conclude my report, I am available for Archive displays and/or to attend your District business meetings with your District's binder. I won't just appear; someone in your District has to invite me.

Thank you for your trust with your Archived items.

Registrar (Paul E.):

If you are a new General Service Representative and have not sent me a change form or you are representing a new Group and have not registered with the General Service Office, please come and see me. I have the forms here. If you are online, please send me an email at registrar@nevadaarea42.org. If you have any questions you can come see me or email me. Thanks.

Discussion

Julie: What should a General Service Representatives do if they never received their packet?

Paul: At the first of the year, there was a glitch in the computer system. The General Service Office was going to circle back and send the packets. The General Service Office said any requests over a month old, they would send a digital packet and nothing in the mail. That was August. Since then, the General Service Office has updated the system and now it will give you the option of asking for a digital or a mail packet and they put the date on it when they send it out.

Julie: What should the General Service Representatives to do if they didn't get a packet?

Paul: Just have them contact me. I can get them the online packet immediately. Then we can get them the hardcopy if they want it.

Webmaster (Mike L.):

I am very grateful to serve and be here at the NAGSC meeting. Thank you, Districts 4 and 16 for hosting our meeting today, and a special shoutout to District 22 for the wonderful tamales.

The Area's website is located at nevadaarea42.org. The website is continually updated with Area business.

The biggest change to the website as a result of the Area website guideline revisions at the last assembly, will be to allow Area Assembly registration. When we are closer to the Spring Assembly there will be a link to register on the Assembly information page.

If there are any comments or questions, I can be reached at webmaster@nevadaarea42.org. Again, I am grateful to be able to serve.

Newsletter (Alfredo M.):

The deadline for the next edition is Wednesday, February 9th, 2022. You can submit any articles, meeting changes, or event flyers to the email address area_newsletter_editor@nevadaarea42.org.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Secretary (Erica P.): No report.

Accessibilities/ Remote Communities (Dan M.):

I am looking forward to the standing committee starting up soon.

Business

Lyle:

- The Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly will be March 4-6 and it will be virtual. There will be registration.
- NAGSC Roundtable meeting will be on 3/12. We need a volunteer District to host the Roundtables, preferably with Wifi and a small breakout room.
- Debbie from District 12 volunteered to host. The question was asked if District 12 had internet.
- Area 42 Pre-Conference Spring Assembly is April 1-3 in Tonopah, Nevada.
- Thank you for attending, Julie.
- Thank you to the Chairs and Tony for the food and tamales.
- Thank you, Jeffery and Dave, for hosting the hybrid portion.
- Translation committee making sure Spanish community gets the information so they can read it and participate.

Paul asked if we want to get a sense of the body about the Treasurer. Lyle said he would bring that up next year.

Conference ended at 4:08pm with the Responsibility Statement.