

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

**Date: June 4, 2022**

Location: Zoom and 10315 Professional Circle, Reno, NV 89521

Agenda:

**12:00pm District Committee Members & Committee Chairs**

**1pm-4pm General meeting**

Zoom hosts: Jeffrey and Dave

**Lyle opened the meeting at 1:09 with the Serenity Prayer**

Announcement of anniversaries

**12 Concepts: Read by Diana**

Notice of recording by Lyle

**Motion to approve March 2022 minutes by Kathleen W., Anne Y. seconded. No opposition.**

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

Here are the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet through 5/31/22. We have \$23,951.01 in the checking account and \$1,553.95 in the certificate of deposit.

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**Northern Area General Service Committee  
Profit & Loss  
January through May 2022**

	<u>Jan - May 22</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
4001 · 7th tradition	232.00
4002 · Contribution Income	4,746.22
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>4,978.22</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	4,978.22
<b>Expense</b>	
7004 · NAGSC Meetings	
Fuel Reimbursment	1,257.10
Rent	150.00
<b>Total 7004 · NAGSC Meetings</b>	<u>1,407.10</u>
8050 · Bank Service Charges	47.32
8054 · Office expenses	1,218.84
8090 · Travel	
SPRING ASSEMBLY	2,097.92
<b>Total 8090 · Travel</b>	<u>2,097.92</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>4,771.18</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>207.04</u>
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## Northern Area General Service Committee

### Balance Sheet

As of May 31, 2022

	May 31, 22
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
1000 · BofA checking #	23,951.01
1004 · Savings CD	1,553.95
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	25,504.96
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
1100 · Undeposited Funds	1,769.22
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	1,769.22
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	27,274.18
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>27,274.18</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	5,099.83
3200 · Retained Earnings	21,967.31
Net Income	207.04
<b>Total Equity</b>	27,274.18
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>27,274.18</b>

#### Delegate's Report (Julie C.):

Hello Northern Nevada! My name is Julie, and I am an alcoholic and currently serving as the Panel 71 Delegate from Nevada Area 42. I know I always say that it is my honor and privilege to serve as your Delegate, but after being able to attend the first in-person General Service Conference in New York City since the shut-down in March 2020, I am over the moon. I can't put into words the honor I feel that I have been trusted by you. That I was given the keys to the Conference. I came to you a petty liar, petty thief, and a manipulative cheat. Because of the Steps, Traditions and Concepts, I have been transformed into someone whose judgment you can trust. It is not lost on me the changes that have occurred in me. I was someone who only thought about me, and how life affected me. Now you asked me to go to the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous for all of the United States and Canada and fully participate in making policy for all of us. I will be forever in your debt for the experience.

I have done a tremendous amount of soul searching on this report. I believe I need to report back to you all about the Conference at Southern Area General Service Conference and Northern Area General Service Conference. In the Fall I will report about the Conference again, hopefully with different details. I have brought a four-page summary of all the Advisory Actions (policy decisions) that were made at the Conference. I will be talking in detail about the Northern Area items that we discussed here last March. Additionally, I will briefly report what happened with the items discussed in the South and the Area. If you have any questions on the items in the summary, please ask.

Lyle and I went together and spent a few days ahead of the Conference. We saw the 9/11 Memorial, a Broadway show, got a real pastrami on rye at Katz' Deli and enjoyed the sights and sounds of New York.

Interestingly, the hotel was a quarter mile from 182 Clinton Street where Bill and Lois lived until they no longer could afford the rent. We went there on our first night.

I was able to attend my second General Service Conference in person in Brooklyn with Marita R., who is serving as the United States Trustee-at-large. We waved to each other from nearby tables, and she invited me to sit with her at lunch. The tables seated ten people, so while I was at her table, I really got the opportunity to visit with other Trustees. We were encouraged to move about the Conference and meet Delegates from other regions and trustees, staff, etc. It wasn't until Friday that I finally spent the afternoon with Marita, and it was the perfect day to do so.

The Conference began on Saturday afternoon with two preconference sessions. One was the 1728 (12x12x12) meeting, where Class B (alcoholic) Trustees speak about a Tradition and a Concept. The East Central Region Trustee spoke on Concept 3. She explained balancing between ultimate authority and delegated responsibility in a way that I was able to hear at a much deeper level. Now that I have been elected (delegated with the authority), it is up to me to do what I believe is in the best interest of AA. It is my responsibility to listen to my Area, to hear your thoughts, concerns, ideas, and beliefs; to hold that information close to my heart and then to listen like I don't have an opinion at the Conference.

#### 1728 Meeting: Concept 3

- ✓ Allows our trusted servants to do their work
- ✓ Leaders have to be able to lead
- ✓ Leaders need to be able to make decisions
- ✓ We "communicate" rather than "report"
- ✓ If we don't trust our leaders, aren't we hamstringing them?

The other preconference session was:

#### Remote Communities

- ✓ Alaska & Northwest Territories/Alberta/Nunavut – Extreme remote conditions with limited physical access
- ✓ New Mexico – 19 unique tribal languages; only Navajo has a verbal translation
- ✓ Nevada – Remote areas with poor/no broadband and poor cellular service. Question: In trying to reach more people, are we inadvertently excluding people without specific skills?

I was privileged to present on the cultural aspect of the challenges and successes in the digital divide. I spoke about two issues.

1. Our newfound virtual platform which has given us more accessibility, but who are we leaving behind?
2. Are we creating additional requirements to serve Alcoholics Anonymous beyond just being a member?

[next slide] This is last year's Remote Communicator, which for the first time has been translated into French and Spanish.

[next slide] This is the dais where Bob W and Linda Chezem presided over the Conference for seven days.

[next slide] This is Sunday's schedule. Last year I wasn't as moved by participating in the virtual rollcall. I had been told how powerful it is to participate in rollcall – to know I am one of 135 people entrusted with the safety and wellbeing of our Conference. This year when I answered the rollcall, "here", I became a Conference Delegate rather than just an Area Delegate. I was taken aback. What does that mean? It means that I felt transformed into one of 135 (133 on day one, actually) voting members of the United States/Canadian Conference. While I have heard the voice of Nevada, now I am a member of the Conference and there to listen as if I have no opinion. Try it sometime; it's more powerful than you think.

[next slide] This shows the makeup of the conference.

Bob W. opened the Conference quoting our own Roberta L., who now resides in Arizona and isn't in great health. "Blessed are those who have nothing to say and the courage not to say it." She adapted that from Oscar Wilde. Marita and I caught each other's eyes and I started crying. Later Marita told me that even if Roberta isn't able to remember us, we will remember her.

Our own Kathi F., Pacific Region Trustee gave the Keynote Address:

- "I think we are inclusive in our hearts and minds, but are we doing our best to find out all we can about these suffering alcoholics? We ask ourselves, if we were in their shoes, how would we like to be approached?"
- I constantly ask myself when part of a body choosing our servant leaders: "Am I choosing those like me or am I choosing those who will do a good job and bring a diverse voice to the table, possibly a different view, religious or cultural perspective?"
- About online groups: How do we deal with the international nature of so many of these groups? Where should their voice and vote be? If we have a U.S./Canada online area will this affect other structures' Seventh Tradition or participation? When the pandemic is not such an overwhelming concern, will many groups meet in-person?

We had a fishbowl workshop (all sitting at round tables, and we had microphone runners between the tables). We had a workshop on "Your Third Legacy." This workshop set the stage for open hearted, courageous conversations later in the week.

And our own Marita R., Trustee-at-Large for the United States discussed the REDELA (Reunion de las Americas/Meeting of the Americas)

- We sent our interpreters with technical equipment and were able to participate remotely. Because we added the virtual component to REDELA this year, Brazil, Panama and Paraguay were also able to attend virtually.
- The pandemic has had serious economic effect on all our service structures.
- Roberto from Argentina may have summed up best the feelings of the Delegates at the end of the Conference when he said: "You open my heart and when my heart is open, we connect forever. Even when my memory fails, my heart will remember you."

Finally, Trish L., Trustee-at-Large for Canada spoke about AA Around the World

- How do you keep a Homegroup together when the members struggle to get even a couple of days of sobriety? How do you carry the message in the many different languages of Africa?

[next slide] It was my privilege, although I often served with a bit of an attitude, to be the Secretary/Treasurer of the morning Serenity meeting Monday – Friday. It forced me to get up earlier than I wanted, to miss morning walks on the Brooklyn Bridge and breakfast fellowshiping, so that I was to meet and get to know those willing and or needing to come every day to start their Conference day on the right foot. I made some close friends where we shared our sobriety with our service. I will cherish this service forever.

[next slide] **Board Reports**

General Service Board: Linda Chezem. General Service Board Chair as of last May. This was her first General Service Conference in 19 years.

- Technology and online are points of risk for disunity.
- We have a new Board ad hoc committee to address the need for more people participating in service work: “Increasing Participation in the General Service Structure Through the Lens of the 3rd and 5th Traditions,”
- Do we misuse that most precious resource of all – time – by having meaningless meetings? Is that committee meeting necessary? Is it efficient and time appropriate? Are the meetings more social and recreational than we want to admit? But we make a grave mistake if we are misusing time and discouraging people we need and want from participating in general service.
- Elaine McDowell, PhD., was the first female and the first woman of color to serve as chair of the General Service Board from 2001-2005. She was gracious and wise in her remarks as she shared her thoughts, set out below: “As I took time to reflect on our last year together, I was struck by the many gifts that trustees of the General Service Board receive from AA trusted servants. We are given the privilege of observing dedicated service on the front lines here at home in the United States and Canada, and in the far-flung areas of the world. We are able to observe the miracle of recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous demonstrated in the lives and service of so many AA members. On behalf of my fellow Trustees, I thank you for your service, for your recoveries in AA and for your lives.”

AA World Service: Jimmy D – Southwest Region Trustee, AA World Service Board Chair. Jimmy said that we are a spiritual entity doing a little bit of business.

- The permanent implementation of a reduced shipping charge for orders from the webstore. This plan enables Groups, Districts, Areas, and local Service Offices to provide a broad spectrum of AA literature at a palatable price point for the member or potential member. Shipping fees – making sure that a newcomer doesn’t pay extra.
- Safety and Service Material: For those of you who did not hear, Publishing released a revised service piece last year that caused significant discussion and concern from the Fellowship. It was subsequently pulled and revised. A concern expressed during Questions and Answers after Jimmy’s report was
  - Concerns on the safety pamphlet – that it will be around forever since it was online. What was so bad? Is a vocal minority turning into a group of tyrannical critics?
- There is a new website. Check it out.

- 8<sup>th</sup> Floor renovation – The Publishing department is now on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor. Publishing is currently undergoing an audit of our international licensing and translation procedures to identify areas for improvement and resolve some weak points in the many processes involved in executing and maintaining our copyrights and licensing agreements with AA structures and entities worldwide. Working to make more literature available in digital formats.
- Corrections Correspondence Service now replaced a system which could never do the job.

AA Grapevine, Inc. – Josh E, General Service Trustee, AA Grapevine Chair.

- In 1946 Bill W wrote: “...The Trustees are the Conscience of AA, the Central Office is the Heart of AA, and the Grapevine is the Voice of AA. When these functions are bound together into a working unit, we shall be able to relegate the founders of AA to the sidelines, where probably they long since should have been sitting...”
- “Do we want to have a Grapevine? If the answer is yes, are we willing to support it financially, and how? I put my contribution in the basket, and I contribute \$4.99 a month to Grapevine through my recurring monthly subscription. How many monthly subscriptions do you maintain for apps, and games, and media players? The number one question I get at events, Forums and talks is ‘How can I contribute to Grapevine?’ or ‘Why don’t you accept voluntary contributions?’ The answer is you *can* contribute. Each and every one of us can set up a recurring yearly or monthly subscription to ensure that Grapevine can continue to grow and once again thrive.”
- “Perhaps we’re doing it wrong. What if instead of selling Grapevine materials, our Area Grapevine Chairs were tasked with collecting content from the local Districts and Groups. What if chairing my Area’s Grapevine Committee meant I was supposed to build a Committee of local reporters, videographers, photographers, and content creators. What if I was expected to coordinate and cooperate with the Publishing staff in New York to submit new material from my Area or Region weekly and monthly? What if we built out our editorial staff and aagrapevine.org to publish new material weekly? What if we published new material every single day? Can you imagine the potential good that could come from hosting a Grapevine writing workshop at an event for Alcoholics who are Deaf, or an Assembly of Native People, and Grapevine was able to publish every story that was written within a week or two of the events? What if we could publish almost everything we received? All the diversity of experience and opinion, custom and recovery.”

[next slide] Finance – Kevin Prior, Class A Trustee, General Service Board Treasurer

- Impact the pandemic had on revenue:
  - Record Contributions for the third year in a row
  - Literature sales still in a slump.
- Kevin’s favorite slide – 2/3 of all contributions are \$100 or less .
- Gross profit on Literature Sales is down due to much higher printing and distribution costs without raising prices.
- Grapevine subscriptions down; operating loss was less than budget.
- Key take aways:
  - Our financial position is comprised of three financial entities:
    - General Service Board – Contributions and costs of services;
    - AA World Service – General Service Office, including literature sales and publishing; and

- Grapevine & Viña – The two magazines, but Viña is funded by the General Service Board.
- We experienced an accounting surplus of \$1.7 million
  - Contributions of \$10.7 million versus budget of \$10 million
  - Savings in key expense categories:
    - professional fees - technology
    - salary and benefits – primarily vacant positions
    - other expenses – largely driven by the pandemic
  - Offset by a decrease in literature gross profit

### **Grass Roots Challenge**

Oregon created a grass roots challenge to all AA members. If every member contributed \$6.06 to the General Service Board, all of our services would be covered. Please go back to your Groups and let them know that this year’s challenge is for \$6.06.

Here’s how Areas meet the Challenge to cover their own share of Group Services for a year:

- Groups collect \$6.06 from each member on or before 6/06/22.
- Groups send contributions to General Service Board\* on 6/06/22.
- Contributions can be made online at aa.org. (Be sure to mention the “6.06 Challenge” and Group number). Attach the bottom of the flyer.

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### **2021 General Service Office FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 7th Tradition of Self-Support – \$10.78 million set another record, up 5.07% from \$10.26 million in 2020.
- Operating Expense - \$15.28 million down 31.6% from \$22.34 million in 2020.
- Program Service Expense - \$7.59 million down 38.7% from \$12.39 million in 2020.
- Supporting Services Expense - \$7.70 million down 22.6% from \$9.95 million in 2020.
- Self-Support - covered 70.5% of operating expense and 142.0% of program service expense.
- AA World Service publishing gross profits – \$6.30 million down 4.3% from \$6.58 million in 2020.
- Operating surplus of \$1,697,141 but operating cash increase of only \$53,177.

### **2021 GRAPEVINE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Grapevine print subscriptions decreased 11.5% in 2021. Subscriptions for the online and mobile app magazine increased 73.3%.
- 2021 Grapevine results were a gross profit of \$1.091 million on the magazine and a gross profit of \$411,000 on other published items. Operating expenses of \$1.808 million resulted in an operating loss of \$112,618 compared to a loss of \$298,699 in 2020.
- General Fund support of La Viña service activity was \$388,646 in 2021, almost the same as \$385,771 in 2020.
- La Viña magazine circulation decreased by 12.4% in 2021 compared to a 36.6% decrease in 2020 after several prior years of growth.

## 2022 General Service Office BUDGET

- Total revenue \$16,761,400 compared to \$17,377,021 in 2021.
  - Contributions \$10,000,000 compared to \$10,775,871 in 2021.
  - Literature gross profit \$6,534,000 compared to \$6,297,678 in 2021.
- Total operating expense \$18,111,969 compared to \$15,282,198 in 2021.
- Operating deficit of \$1,350,569 compared to \$1,697,141 surplus in 2021.
- 2022 deficit to be paid for with 2021 surplus.

## 2022 GRAPEVINE BUDGET

- Print magazine circulation to increase to 62,000 from 56,081 in 2021.
- Online and e-Pub circulation to decrease to 8,842 from 8,972 in 2021.
- Gross profit on subscriptions \$1,236,434 compared to \$1,091,404 in 2021.
- Grapevine net operating surplus of \$19,234 compared to \$112,618 deficit in 2021.
- La Viña magazine circulation to increase to 7,500 compared to 6,312 in 2021.
- General Fund La Viña support of \$402,067 compared to \$388,646 in 2021.

### [next slide] Presentation/Discussion Topics

- ✓ How do AA's go to any lengths to Recover, Unify, and Serve?
- ✓ Going Beyond Fear
- ✓ How to Reach Anyone, Anywhere

### Workshop

- ✓ The Warranties – Our Promise to the Fellowship and the World

These are wonderful AA topics that can be talked about and discussed throughout the Fellowship, in Assemblies, Districts, Intergroups/Central Office gatherings, and in Groups.

### [next slide] Cooperation with the Professional Community

I served on the Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community. Here are the highlights from the hours that we met as a Committee of eight on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

- LinkedIn progress report: In the last few months the cadence of activity has increased significantly. We issued a Committee consideration asking for increased activity and coordination with Public Information on the Comprehensive Media Plan to look at effective ways to post videos and quick response (QR) codes. The work is being done in Public Information, we wanted to make note to remember LinkedIn and Cooperation with the Professional Community.
- Pamphlet for mental health professionals: the first action was to explore assembling a focus group of past/present Class A Trustees' and other mental health professionals who may be members of the Fellowship to ask what their needs are when addressing the suffering alcoholic. Our committee was thrilled with going to the professionals first and then creating a pamphlet. Novel idea.
- Pamphlet for "AA in Your Community": The committee wanted more edits and didn't feel it was ready for approval yet.

- New pamphlet designed to help Cooperation with the Professional Community committees reach as many doctors as possible. The committee suggested that service material directed at the individual AA member be considered. There are variables in the healthcare systems in Canada and the United States.
- Cooperation with the Professional Community Workbook & Kit: We spent much of our time on the workbook as it is outdated. The Cooperation with the Professional Community Staff Secretary took copious notes regarding proposed changes and updates. We were very concerned with moving forward in a digital world and that the printed workbook will become quickly outdated. Thank you to Area 42, specifically John M. from Las Vegas, for his thorough review and suggestions. We discussed them all.

[next slide] Yes, it is true. Our Conference had a COVID-19 outbreak. During the Conference, I tested negative, but on the second leg of my flight home on Sunday, I became symptomatic and later tested positive. I went from wearing a green tag saying hugs are welcome to wearing a mask and a red tag, asking for six feet. Apparently, it was too late. By the end of Friday business, we lost 14 people who were able to listen, but not fully participate. It was heart breaking. They lost their voice and their vote.

[next slide] Wednesday through Friday we met in the main Conference room. This is when we began voting on the Committee recommendations. Throughout the days, we would hear from the Committees broken up with Regional Trustee elections, general sharing sessions and presentations.

[next slide] The 15 Areas within the Pacific Region all presented their candidates. The voting members were the 15 Delegates from the Pacific Region and 15 others mainly from the Conference Committee on Trustees and the Trustee Nominating Committee, plus a couple of others chosen randomly providing 30 voting members. The entire Conference watched as we sat in a roped off area and voted and voted and voted.

[next slide] Brandon from DOTS (the outside technology company helping us vote digitally) was confused that we did all the voting gesticulations and THEN it's decided on the HAT? As you may remember, we elected (from the hat) Phil W., Panel 67 as the candidate from Nevada. Our new Pacific Region Trustee, who will serve from April 30, 2022 until April of 2026, is Reilly K. from Oregon with over 56 years of sobriety.

[next slide] **Northern Area General Service Conference**

Conference Committees on Finance discussed their Agenda Items and made no recommendations.

## **FINANCE**

C. Consider request that all proposed changes to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* be handled in footnotes. **Took No Action.**

**Committee Consideration** – The Committee agreed that they did not want to mandate a specific format for possible changes to a future Conference. The Committee noted that future proposals for changes should be considered by the Group Conscience of each Conference.

There is no discussion from the floor on *Committee Considerations* – just questions for clarity.

[next slide] **LITERATURE**

S. Consider an update of the book *Experience, Strength and Hope*. **Recommended** – a second volume of the book *Experience, Strength and Hope* be developed with the stories dropped from the Fourth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. **Failed**.

The decision would be too soon. We would be putting the cart before the horse.

**Advisory Action** — When a recommendation, whether from a committee or through a floor action, is approved in full session with substantial unanimity it becomes an Advisory Action.

(From “How the Conference Operates” Service Manual)

[next slide] **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

J (4) Consider request to retire and replace the “AA Fact File.” **Recommended** – The outdated “AA Fact File” be retired. **Passed**.

**Consideration** – Request to replace the “AA Fact File” with a service material version of a new digital Public Information Press Media Kit. The committee reviewed the new digital Public Information Press Media Kit and offered suggestions to the “Who are AA members” and the “24-hour plan” sections.

**Committee consideration** — An item that as discussed by a Conference Committee, but with no action taken or recommendation made to the Conference as a whole. Serves as a suggestion to the corresponding Trustees’ Committee.

(From the Service Manual Glossary)

[next slide] **REPORT & CHARTER**

E. Consider requests that the chapter titled “The Doctor’s Opinion” be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition. **Took No Action**.

**Consideration:** Bill W. was involved in the repagination of Alcoholics Anonymous for the second edition. Such a change would impact other pieces of AA literature that reference pages in the book Alcoholics Anonymous. The committee added that they did not recognize a strong “spiritual need” to revert to the original pagination.

[next slide] **TRUSTEES**

E. Discuss the revised “Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the AA World Service or AA Grapevine Boards.” **Recommended** – the “Suggested Procedure to Reorganize the General Service Board and the Boards of AA World Service, Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc.” be approved as one acceptable pathway to a whole or partial reorganization of the Boards, understanding that, as provided by the Conference Charter, the final process will be determined by whichever General Service Conference might be considering reorganization. **Passed**.

[next slide] **Southern Area General Service Conference**

**FINANCE**

B. Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. **Took No Action** – Current introduction already has this.

## **CORRECTIONS**

B. Reconsider the use of the term “person in custody” in AA Literature. Regarding reconsideration of the use of the term “person in custody” in AA literature. **Took No Action** -- It would be premature at this time to reconsider the action. Too soon.

[next slide] **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

J (1). Consider suggestion to revise the flyer “AA At a Glance.”

**Consideration** – The committee requested that the trustees and staff secretary focus on improvements based on suggestions.

## **LITERATURE**

L. Review progress report regarding requests to develop study guide workbooks for AA. **Took No Action** – Requested further information regarding the purpose of the proposals and examples of what *Big Book* or *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* study guides would look like.

## **POLICY AND ADMISSIONS**

E. Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process. This issue touched Julie the hardest. **Recommended** – The compilation of all Conference Committee background be made available simultaneously in English, French, Spanish. **Passed.**

[next slide] **Area 42 Spring Assembly**

## **COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY**

B. Review suggested revisions for the draft pamphlet “AA in Your Community.” **Consideration**

D. Consider creating a new pamphlet designed to help Cooperation with the Professional Community Committees reach as many doctors as possible. **Consideration**

## **LITERATURE**

K. Review progress report regarding the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language. **Consideration** – We may have draft for 2023.

[next slide] **CORRECTIONS**

D. Discuss request to make AA literature changes slowly and with AA’s primary purpose in mind. **Took No Action.**

## **GRAPEVINE AND LA VIÑA**

D. Discuss the wide-ranging impact the Preamble change has had on our AA Fellowship. **Took No Action** – Premature.

## **LITERATURE**

R. Discuss changes to the text of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* as directed by the 71st General Service Conference. **Took No Action** – No consensus on the changes among AA members at the local level.

[next slide] **Other Notable Recommendations**

LITERATURE:

- Animated video of the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated."
- Updated pamphlets.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

- New Membership Survey.
- Understanding Anonymity updated for the digital age.

[next slide] **9 Floor Actions**

**Floor Actions** - The Committees are not the only source of recommendations for the body to consider and vote on. During the general sessions, members may make recommendations directly from the floor that may not have passed through a particular Conference Committee.

(From "How the Conference Operates" Service Manual)

#### **Unfinished Business from 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference Advisory Actions**

1. Recommit Twelve Steps Illustrated. **Passed.** We can create a Floor Action when we feel there is unfinished business around a recommendation that passes or fails. We didn't approve the revised Twelve Steps Illustrated, but didn't want all their work to be for nothing, so we recommitted to the Trustees Literature Committee to make some changes and have them bring back to a future Conference.
2. Final Editorial Review of the approved Membership Survey. **Passed.** There were some concerning questions regarding Black Canadians in the Membership Survey that we wanted revisited, even though we approved the membership survey. This is another process that demonstrates how thoroughly we discuss and listen and discuss and listen, ad infinitum.

#### **Disagree with Committee, which Took No Action**

1. Add General Service Representative Preamble to "Your Group's Link to AA as a Whole."  
**Declined to Consider.**

#### **71st General Service Conference**

1. Rescind the Plain and Simple Translation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. **Declined to Consider.**
2. Reverse the two changes to text in the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. **Declined to Consider.**
3. Reaffirm the 1995 Conference Advisory Action not to change the first 164 pages. **Failed** after a 3-hour discussion. This is when we talked about the elephant in the room. We were tired, our guards were down. This discussion touched my heart deeply. I truly was a Conference Delegate. I didn't think we needed to reaffirm the 1995 Advisory Action. I trusted our Staff and Trustees to honor and protect our *Big Book* in the process of developing the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition.

However, for the sake of unity within the entire fellowship, if there are other Areas that need this for their Groups to feel unified, then I was willing to vote for it. I will discuss in more detail at the Assembly, the entire spiritual process of this discussion.

### New Items

1. Moratorium on new agenda items for one year. **Declined to Consider.**
2. Create a plan for a new non-geographic Area for virtual Groups. **Failed.**
3. Evaluate the current process for developing background for the General Service Conference. **Failed**

[next slide] UNITY

Moments that touched my Heart.

- ❖ Joking about “throwing us in the car” is inappropriate, in countries where there are kidnapping and police states.
- ❖ The Delegates from Poland provided interpretation for a Polish speaking district in New Jersey – moved by the death from the Ukrainian War.
- ❖ There are meetings in Ukrainian in Polish subways.
- ❖ Eritrea in East African: A member with six years wants to be the contact and translate the book.
- ❖ Diversity is having a seat at the table, inclusion is having a voice, and belonging is having that voice heard.

[next slide] **September 11th**

On Friday before the Conference, we were able to attend the Friday morning Open AA meeting at General Service Office. This was the first open meeting since March 2020. What an honor to attend. After we attended the AA meeting, Lyle and I went with others to the 9/11 War Memorial Museum. Lyle is a retired ironworker and so he was extremely moved by being able to touch the bent iron from the World Trade Center. On Saturday afternoon, after the close of the Conference, we were invited to the General Service Office. We were the first visitors allowed since March 2020. We have this display in Archives.

“In the days following September 11, 2001, a special room was set up across the street from the fallen towers of the World Trade Center at the invitation of the Red Cross. The ‘Group Zero Group’ would occupy Room 231 for the next two months as the recovery and clean efforts took place.

The Logbook contains thoughts and prayers of those who served in the Rooms and also of those who helped in the clean-up. Working in 6 hour shifts the room always had an AA member in it for impromptu meetings, prayers, meditations, and support.

The plaque was made by ironworkers who helped in the clean-up efforts. It is made of steel from the World Trade Center Towers and was donated to the Archives in 2002.”

At the Fall Assembly, I will bring more photos from our historical visit through Brooklyn and Manhattan and our visit through the General Service Office and Grapevine.

[next slide] Upcoming Events:

- Nevada Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous  
June 24-26, 2022  
Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas
- North/South Connections Virtual Special Forum -  
AA in Remote Communities  
July 16, 2022, 11 am - 6 pm Eastern Daylight Time  
Beyond Language, Culture and Geography:  
Sobriety Within Everybody's Reach
- 26th Anniversary of La Viña Pacific Region  
July 22 – 24, 2022  
Palace Station in Las Vegas
- 30<sup>th</sup> Annual National/International Native American Indian AA Convention  
August 18 – 21, 2022  
Golden Nugget in Las Vegas
- Pacific Region  
September 16 - 18, 2022  
Marriott Downtown - Salt Lake City, Utah
- Area 42 Fall Election Assembly  
September 23 - 25 2022  
In-Person and Virtual Assembly Contact District Committee Member for Zoom  
Information  
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[next slide] Events that are in both English and Spanish.

It is my hope that Jake and I can meet with the Area Conference Committee Chairs and discuss the Trustees and Conference reports before the Fall Assembly. Maybe we can have short Zoom calls. In the past few years, we have sent over the reports, but I would love to actually meet with you to answer any questions. You and anyone else on your Committee that would like to participate. This will help our Area to better understand what happened at the Conference and how it impacts our Area.

Thank you for your time. Thank you for the honor. Thank you for changing me. I love you all. I love being a part of Area 42. And mostly, I love Alcoholics Anonymous.

#### Discussion

Pete: Are we working on getting *Big Books* from AA World Service?

Julie: There is a supply chain issue and they are working on it.

Paul: The website shows when *Big Books* will become available. Wouldn't African Americans work for Canadians because they are in North America as well?

Julie: Good question. We are trying to use the correct self-identified term for the Membership Survey.

Rich: Are these Actions that you reviewed today in writing?

Julie: Yes. You can find two documents on the Delegate's Corner of the Area 42 website.

Joyce: Those documents don't replace the Conference Report, right?

Julie: No. These are early alert documents. We will have the final Conference Report in the fall if there are no supply chain printing issues.

Erica: Was the safety service piece only found online?

Julie: It was out, then taken back, and then came back out again in an updated version. The original version can probably still be found online.

Erica: On your presentation, you put on the Preamble Action item that it was "premature." What does that mean?

Julie: That item is too soon to even talk about it.

Pete: [inaudible – asked about moratorium on events coming out]

Julie: There is a practice to not reverse actions from the previous conference.

## **BREAK**

### **District Committee Member Reports**

**District 2** (Billy O.; Kathleen W. speaking for him): No report.

**District 4** (Michelle M.):

She thanked District 2 and 4 for hosting this Northern Area General Service Conference. There are dark groups. Workshop committee is doing amazing and they got a new General Service Representative, Glen.

**District 6** (Pat S.):

I'm honored to serve as District Committee Member.

Our annual Founder's Day picnic will be held next Sunday, June 12, at the Mormon Station State Park in Genoa. All are invited. We will have a short District 6 business meeting, then potluck picnic at noon and an address by our Area Alternate Archivist, Debbie S.

District 6 meets the second Sunday of even numbered months at 1:15 p.m. at the Carson City Alano Club. Those meetings are hybrid.

Yours in service.

**District 8** (Dorrie K.):

Hello from the Eastern Sierra! Spring is sprung and things are gearing up for an eventful summer. It's nice in the summer, we get lots of visitors which is always fun! We had someone from New Jersey last night.

The twice-yearly (normally) Baker Creek campout was held over Memorial Day weekend in Big Pine. It's been an ongoing event for quite a number of years. It includes a campfire meeting on Sunday evening. It happens at Labor Day, too.

Next up is the Chili Cookoff, Pie Contest, Barbeque, and Delegate's Report Potluck at Millpond Gazebo on Saturday, June 18th in Bishop. Julie C. will be sharing her experiences at the Conference, and there will be games and music!

Then, the 46th Annual High Sierra Campout will happen August 12th-14th. It's in Mammoth Lakes, at the Pine Glen Group Campground. There's a whole weekend of fun, food and fellowship. There are speakers, meetings, hiking trails, mountain air and scenery. It's so great to be able to enjoy these gatherings again. If anyone would like more information, let me know.

Big Pine's Sunday Meeting is back up and running. Circle in the Park is outside again, with lots of visitors. The Bishop Group is now holding potluck Speaker Meetings on the 2nd Saturday of the month. It's brand new and has been very well received. They're picking up visitors as well. The potluck is at 6:30 and the meeting is at 8:00.

Crowley Lake, Mammoth Lakes, June Lake, Lee Vining and Bridgeport are humming along. Lone Pine's Thursday meeting has a good core group. As is everywhere, COVID has changed so many things, but we keep on sharing our experience, strength and hope.

Thanks for letting me be of service.

**District 10a (Joe H.):**

Our Founders' Day Picnic is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1PM in Elko. All are welcome.

District 10A has responded to the Northern Nevada Intergroup Bridging the Gap call for volunteers. We have supplied four contacts for the Battle Mountain area and five contacts from the Elko/Carlin area.

Attendance at meetings is starting to increase somewhat.

Thank you.

**District 10b (Inactive)**

**District 12 (Debbie S. - Interim):**

I share Area 42 information to groups in Fallon, Fernley, Silver Springs and a small group of miners in the Smokey Valley. Lovelock is part of District 12, however, I have witnessed meetings try to start and end due to lack of membership. We have a couple of General Service Representatives here waiting to hear the Delegate report. I will be taking notes to send a synopsis of our Delegates report to that small group of miners as they have requested. With their work schedule and remoteness, it is hard for their General Service Representative to get out this way and they are excited to hear the happenings from the Conference. Thank you.

**District 14 (Terri M.):**

I am really happy to be here. We held our District meeting this past May 17<sup>th</sup> in which most General Service Representatives were in attendance. We continue to have available in-person meetings and

selected Zoom meetings. You can find this schedule on our website, [www.NorthTahoeAA.com](http://www.NorthTahoeAA.com). Financially, it seems people have no problem using Venmo or other ways to get in their 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. We were able to make disbursements, which felt really good as a Fellowship.

Our yearly Jamboree will be held at Truckee Regional Park on Sunday, July 24th. It is a wonderful event on the Truckee River. There is a bring your own entrée for the cooks to throw on the barbeque, and a side-dish depending on the letter of your last name. We will get a flyer on the website shortly. Save the date! July 24, Sunday at the Truckee Regional Park.

That is all from us. Thank you for letting me serve.

**District 16 (Pat B.):**

The District is most appreciative for the work our Archivist, Andrea, has been doing to reconstruct the District Archives for the last ten years or so. A few years back, the District Archivist left the Fellowship and took the District's archives with him. Andrea has been working with our Northern Area General Service Conference Archivist, Debbie, and members of the District Committee to recapture and update the District 16 archives. If you have a backup of District archives, please make sure to send a copy to the Northern Area General Service Conference Archivist.

During our April meeting, the District launched a Bridging the Gap Temporary Contact Volunteer initiative, in cooperation with the Northern Nevada Intergroup Bridging The Gap Chair's effort to update the list of available Bridging the Gap Temporary Contacts throughout Northern Nevada. The General Service Representatives were asked to make announcements at their meetings and ask Group members interested to enroll on a Bridging the Gap volunteer list. Completed volunteer lists are being emailed directly to the Intergroup Bridging the Gap Chair, but I am aware of at least five Groups who have had members volunteer to take the newcomer leaving treatment to their first AA meeting after leaving treatment.

In May, the District launched our "Does Your Doctor Know?" (DYDK?) program.

Some of us may recall last year's Conference Agenda topic on the subject of a pamphlet designed to help members who want to carry our message to their personal medical professional contacts. Additionally, in the Spring 2022 edition of "*Box 459*," the results of a focus group conducted by the General Service Office Cooperation with the Professional Community Coordinator revealed that "professionals often don't know how to refer clients, as AA has no intake or referral process." As an AA member, the comment about no intake process is amusing; we members know that our intake process is "Show Up." It's simple, but not always easy for the perspective member seeking help.

Our "DYDK?" kit will help medical professionals refer clients to AA. The kit contains 25 copies of our pamphlet "Is AA For You?" with the phone number and website of our local Central Office stamped onto each pamphlet. Also included in the kit is the stand-up easel pamphlet holder, our pamphlet "AA as a Resource for the Health Care Professional," our one-page bulletin "Information on Alcoholics Anonymous," and a bounce-back response card to order more pamphlets.

General Service Representatives have been provided with a demonstration "DYDK" kit for use in making presentations to their Homegroup. Homegroup members who have a desire to be of service by helping

to inform their personal medical professionals about AA can request a "DYDK?" kit without expense. The District will supply members with the informational kits at District expense.

District 16 will be hosting a workshop on August 20th entitled "AA Beyond the Home Group." Flyers are available here today.

Respectfully submitted.

**District 18 (Inactive)**

**District 20 (Jodie G.):**

District 20 has begun to plan our "new" campout to be held August 19 - 21, 2022 at Eagle Lake Youth Camp. We are very excited to be planning this event because it took a small miracle to find a new place to land after losing our former campground to fire last summer. We hope you will consider joining us. We will have workshops, and our speaker Saturday night is Julie C.

Greenville Group is holding their annual picnic Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Lake Almanor with a potluck and a speaker.

Susanville Fellowship and the Susanville Group are joining together to hold an Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

District meetings are small but full of dedicated individuals. We are strong financially.

Yours In Service.

**District 22 (Tony A. – Luis for Tony):**

We meet at Northern Nevada Intergroup the first Thursday of every month for a business meeting and the third Thursday for studying the manual. We have a good response from General Service Representatives who are coming to the meetings. We try to visit every group every month. Public Information is still receiving phone calls from newcomers. Spanish television is still running AA commercials.

**Chair Reports**

**Accessibilities/ Remote Communities (Dan M.):** No report.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community (vacant):**

Jodie has volunteered to do Cooperation with the Professional Community. The body voted her in unanimously.

**Corrections/Bridging the Gap (Joe H.):**

The Nevada Department of Corrections has re-opened their facilities for volunteers. They have left the details for entry up to each individual facility, including COVID-19 protocol, etc.

I've been traveling to the Wells Correctional Camp weekly. The camp is 264 miles roundtrip from my home at a cost of approximately \$80 weekly in fuel. It is very difficult to find anyone even from Elko (which is 100 miles roundtrip) to volunteer for this commitment. I'm trying to find a solution to this problem.

I fear it will only get harder to find volunteers as the costs continue to rise.

The Lovelock facility, where we had an arrangement, changed their requirements. Want us to have a meeting there every day, so we are still talking to them about that.

60% of our volunteers are no longer answering their phones for these commitments.

Lakes Crossing in Sparks wants us to start meetings there. We have flyers which require a background check. It's a secure psychiatric facility. You will have to do a background investigation, tuberculosis test, and COVID-19 test. The background test will not be as intense as going to prison.

Thanks for listening!!

**Public Information (Rich B.):**

There is very little to report since the Area 42 Assembly. In April, at the District 6 meeting, I gave a report on the changes within the Public Information Committee over the last several years.

I have been helping the South Shore Group in South Lake Tahoe to develop a Committee for that area. It held its first member's committee meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The Committee has decided to start by contacting the local media and put out a public service announcement and email to contact their local hotline number. The next meeting to be held is on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

If there are other Groups or Districts in the Area that would like assistance in developing Public Information Committees, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in service.

**Treatment/Bridging the Gap (Ed L.):**

I took Don D.'s advice and went to an Intergroup meeting to meet up with my counterparts there. We exchanged all kinds of information with each other like contact lists and recovery facility names and numbers in the eastern part of our Area. They, in turn, let me know what was open and having meetings in our local Area.

We are all working to get things back in order after all of the COVID-19 craziness. Hopefully, I will be able to turn this position over, and it will be a smooth transition. I would suggest, as Don keeps suggesting, that we all meet up with our Intergroup counterparts and work together. It's amazing how much we can get done by combining efforts. Often times, we end up doing exactly the same things when we could be sharing tasks and spreading the message farther.

One of the first service positions I had after moving to Northern Nevada was Intergroup Representative for District 12. I don't know why it took me so long to realize that we need to stay in touch and work together. This all being said, this will be one thing that I will be able to pass on when my term ends. Treatment is beginning to open back up and Bridging the Gap calls are coming in. One thing I learned is that Ronda from Central Office didn't have my number, and, for the longest time, Intergroup had no Treatment or Bridging the Gap Chairs. Now that these positions have been filled, blue card phone calls will be answered. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

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

**General Service Representative Survival Manual/Trainer (Jay S.):** No report.

**Ad-hoc Tech Committee (Jeffery C.):**

(Given by Scott) The body approved a proposal to fund the Northern Area General Service Conference Hybrid meetings in the amount of \$1,500.00 at the February Northern Area General Service Conference meeting. The Hybrid Committee has purchased two computers, two cameras, two tripods, and two Yeti microphones to help facilitate these meetings with a breakout room.

There is still \$300.00 left in the allotted funds for this purpose. The Committee decided to see what was needed for upcoming venues before purchasing any more equipment.

Thoughts that came up were:

- a speaker system, which we borrowed from District 16 for the roundtables. We wanted to see if that \$300.00 system would work in conjunction with Zoom. It worked well.
- a projector to allow us to have the meetings in various locations and include the visual component for those in attendance online and in-person.

In summary, we are able to run the Zoom room with a breakout room using the computers while capturing both video and audio with our equipment. We are currently relying on the chosen venue for the sound output through a speaker or system and to project the video via projectors.

We could purchase the \$300.00 speaker system that was purchased by District 16. This worked well and would certainly accommodate the audio output needs for almost any venue.

A projector can also be purchased but would be a bit more costly. There are some quality portable projectors for about \$500.00.

#### Discussion

Lyle: The speakers would be large and take up a lot of space. A projector would be much smaller.

Joyce: [inaudible]

Lyle: Would the package be suitable as proposed? What we bought is sufficient. Some facilities have more amenities.

Paul: [inaudible]

Lyle: Do we need to always have wifi ready facilities? Are we excluding areas that wouldn't have wifi? Are we excluding people?

Dave: I have wifi and I can plug that in anytime, but we just need to make sure that we have internet available.

[Further discussion on this issue included here for continuity, but discussion was actually later in the minutes.] Paul: I suggest that Lyle create an Ad Hoc Committee to make guidelines changed to make a permanent Tech Committee for the Northern Area General Service Committee.

Lyle: I'm willing to do that.

**Northern Nevada Intergroup Liaison (Don D.):**

[read by Erica P.] We have elections next week. We need chairs. Go to the Northern Nevada Intergroup, and volunteer.

**Area 42 Comite for the Pacific Region 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of La Vina (Dina):**

We are happy to announce that The Pacific Region 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of La Viña is being hosted by Area 42 in Las Vegas on July 22 - 24 at the Palace Station Hotel & Casino. I am the Reception and Hospitality liaison for this event.

To inspire participation, the registration fee for the Pacific Region La Viña Anniversary celebration includes a one-year subscription to the magazine. We've created a website [www.lavina26.com](http://www.lavina26.com) - in English and Spanish - where you can purchase the registration and/or the banquet separately.

The registration fee is \$23 and includes a one year subscription to La Viña. The (Saturday night) banquet fee is \$60 (it will be buffet style). There is a category for registration AND banquet together for \$83. Contributions from AA members are welcome and easy to make on the website whether you wish to attend the event or just support the La Viña 26 – simply hit the “DONAR” button, which is next to the words "Support La Viña 26." On the website, there is a discount code available if you wish to reserve a room at the hotel.

This event is providing interpretation in English. A few of our invited speakers are our Area 42 Delegate, Julie C.; Marita R., the US Trustee-at-Large; Paz P., who is a Trustee on the General Service Board; and Karina C., who is the Associate Editor of La Viña.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. We look forward to your support. In Love and Service.

**Reno Nevada Young People in AA (RENVYPAA) (Natasha):**

[Read by Sharlee] I'm the General Service Liaison for RENVYPAA. RENVYPAA has a few things currently coming up on their agenda. The Group will be holding their yearly Group inventory tomorrow at 3pm. At this time, the group will also be completing their bid for NACYPAA. The group will be holding their annual elections in July either as RENVYPAA or NACYPAA, if they are awarded the conference. RENVYPAA will continue being a participating presence at the Northern Area General Service Conference. Thank you for letting me serve.

**Northern Area Conference of Young People in AA (NACYPAA) (Sharlee):** [This report was later in the minutes, but added here for continuity purposes.]

I'm the co-chair for the Northern Area Conference of Young People in AA (NACYPAA) Advisory. We are having NACYPAA June 24 - 26 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Plaza Hotel. We would love and appreciate any and all support from the Area, since this is an Area 42 conference.

**Grapevine & La Viña (Elise F.):** [This report was later in the minutes, but added here for continuity purposes.] [Read by Erica P.] I am so sorry to not be there in person for our meeting today. I have two work obligations and hope you understand.

It was awesome to see everyone who visited our Grapevine table at the Area Assembly in April. Please keep me in mind if your Groups have any desire for a workshop or if I can provide any materials.

Locally, I continue to encourage people to submit their experience, strength, and hope via the Grapevine website, which is a great resource! If you haven't had a chance to check it out, please do! Tons of information and links to resources can be found there!

August 26, 2022, we will be holding our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Virtual Campfire. A flyer is attached. This has become a really intimate, powerful way for alcoholics to get together and share stories. Hope to see you there. In love and service.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Chairperson (Lyle C.):**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I want to thank everyone for showing up to the Northern Area Roundtables and potluck. What an awesome job! Thank you for all the work you put in with each other for the agenda items. The agenda summarizing was a lot of work. Thank you to our presenters for wonderful presentations at both the Roundtables and the Assembly.

Our Delegate has been busy at the in-person General Service Conference, and as you have heard, it was a busy Conference. I look forward to hearing everyone's thoughts on it.

I'm very excited that the Northern Area General Service Conference has committed to in-person or hybrid meetings. However, are we excluding Districts without wifi/in? Are we excluding some either way? As your chair, I would like to continue discussing our options and our choices. If we open the door to one venue, are we closing the door to another? At the August meeting, please bring your ideas and willingness for a thoughtful conversation.

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

Thank you for all your service.

**Secretary (Erica P.):** No report.

#### **Archivist/Alternate Area Archivist (Debbie S.):**

I was invited to set up an archival display at the "Reno Spring Festival" on May 21<sup>st</sup>. My highlight and takeaway from being present with your Archives, was a remark made by an attendee and archive display visitor. He, among others, thanked for setting it up. He told me that we need to keep this stuff and display it, otherwise our younger members coming into the rooms may never know where it all started.

I was invited to set up a small outdoor display; share my experience, strength and hope with; and give a short presentation on some of Area 42's history to District 6. I will be taking my table, display items, and some notes to Genoa on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

While I was rooting around some of our archives, I found a past Delegate memoir written by Dan C. that I would like to share parts of (in paraphrase). In 1955, we first organized to get Nevada into the General Service, however the Delegate from Las Vegas got drunk on the way to the Conference and never made it.

Dan C. was 45 years old and 9 years sober when he served Area 42 as our first Delegate for Panel 7 to serve at the General Service Conference in 1957 and 1958. He was the Alternate to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate that

Nevada elected, but the 1<sup>st</sup> one from Nevada to get to the conference and actually serve, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate had a problem with flying on a plane. Dan's report of business conducted is included in his memoir. Dan's closing paragraph states, "The conference was wonderful...I was very impressed by the people there. The staff treated me royally. The New York office manager paid me my first-class airfare in cash at the meeting. General Service in Nevada gave me \$100 the first year for expenses and nothing the second. The first year, I gave my reports to individual groups in Las Vegas; the second year, I gave my report at a gathering that would now be called a post-conference assembly in Reno."

Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity and your invitations to display and present at your functions. This is one of the more fun and challenging positions in which I have had the honor to serve.

**Registrar (Paul E.):**

If there are any new General Service Representatives that have not sent in a change form to me, please fill one out and do so. I have some forms here with me today or you can go to [nevadaarea42.org](http://nevadaarea42.org) and in the "Manuals, Guides & Forms" section you can download a Group change form, fill it out (virtually or print it out and fill it out), and send it to me (via email or snail mail). I know that it states on the form that you can send it directly to the General Service Office, but it is better if you send it to me so that I can check it for errors. There have been a few that were sent in directly to the General Service Office in the past couple of months that were missing information, and I had to correct them. Also, if you are a new Group please fill out the form and send it to me. I do have some here in English and Spanish.

We currently have eight registered virtual groups in Area 42 (one of those is still pending). If there have been any District Committee Member changes or updates, please fill out the form and send it to me. They are also on the [nevadaarea42.org](http://nevadaarea42.org) website. If you have any questions, please come see me. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Webmaster (Mike L.):**

The Area website is located at [nevadaarea42.org](http://nevadaarea42.org). When used, it is a great resource for Area service in both English and Spanish and is continually updated. The site surprisingly receives about 50 hits, on average, daily. The most popular pages besides the landing page are the contact page, Delegate's Corner, followed by the secure information page. When we get closer to the Fall Election Assembly you will be able to register for the Assembly by following the link on the Assembly Information page.

I am very grateful that I am entrusted and allowed to serve the Area.

**Area 42 Chair (Lisa I.):**

The dates for the Assembly have been moved, and you will need to make sure that your hotel room reservations get moved as well. The Convention Center double booked and had to move us because of a wedding they are holding there that weekend. The dates we will be meeting in Tonopah for the Election Assembly will be September 23 - 25.

**Alternate Delegate (Jake S.):** No report.

**Newsletter (Alfredo M.):** No report.

**Finance Committee (Phil W.):**

The Treasurer and I went over the Quickbooks account, and it is reconciled correctly with the bank account. We had a virtual meeting of the members that could be there to look at the proposed guidelines change and accepted how it reads for now. Thank you.

## **BUSINESS**

Lyle: We have two guidelines change proposals. These are both first readings. No discussions, but clarifications on the readings will be considered. Full discussion will happen at the second reading in August.

### **Proposed Finance Guideline Change -- first reading (Phil W.):**

Statement: This is the NAGSC Guidelines change proposal. The proposed changes are in heavy print for additions with brackets around them, versus deletions with just a strikethrough. Object: Make recommendations to the NAGSC Guidelines to accommodate the consolidation of the NAGSC and SAGSC treasuries into one Area 42 treasury. Background intent and purpose: At the Fall 2021 Area 42 Assembly, the Area 42 members present approved the Area 42 Guidelines changes to consolidate three treasuries: NAGSC, SAGSC and Area 42 into one Area 42 treasury. This proposal brings the NAGSC Guidelines into conformity with those changes.

[Phil went through the Guidelines changes – see Attachment 1: EN\_1 Proposed Changes in NAGSC GL.pdf/ES\_1 NAGSC\_DIRECTRICES CAMBIOS PROPUESTOS.pdf]

### Discussion

Paul – “See Finance guidelines,” but Finance guidelines were deleted with this proposal.

Phil – The proposal says to “see *Area 42* Finance Guidelines.”

Laura – Section 2.6 of the Guidelines is also a change and was not read. Northern Area General Service Conference usually provides \$200 to host the District. That will change to the Area. So the Area will pay that and it will not otherwise change.

Phil read that change.

### **Proposed Guideline Change -- first reading (Pat B.):**

Regarding: Standing Committee Chair Guidelines

Motion: [Pat read through the Guidelines changes – see Attachment 1: EN\_2 NAGSC Guideline Motion June 4, 2022.pdf/ES\_2 NAGSC Guideline Motion June 4, 2022.pdf]

### Discussion

Laura – Where did this proposal come from? Was there an ad hoc committee, or does this come from a committee or a person?

Lyle – No. This comes from Pat, as a past standing committee chair.

## **Announcements**

District to volunteer to host August 6, 2022 meeting: Unknown.

Assembly September 23-25.

Lyle thanked Michelle for hard work, the Tech Team, Erica and Julie. Joyce thanked Lyle.

The Conference ended at 4:05pm with the Responsibility Declaration.