

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

Date: August 6, 2022

Location: Zoom and The Village Church, 736 McCourry Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89451

Host: District 14

Agenda:

12:00pm District Committee Members & Committee Chairs

1pm-4pm General meeting

Zoom hosts: Dave H. and Billy O.

Lyle opened the meeting at 1:04 with the Serenity Prayer

Notice of recording by Lyle.

NAGSC Guidelines AA Preamble read by Mike.

Announcement of anniversaries.

Motion to approve June 2022 NAGSC minutes by Dan M., and Don D. seconded. No opposition.

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

We have \$25,522.61 in the checking account and \$1,553.95 in the certificate of deposit. We have had \$6,045.52 in contributions and \$6,036.10 in expenses for the year. The net income is \$9.42. The biggest expense was the equipment for the tech – a little over \$1,000. Please provide your information for mileage.

6:51 PM
08/05/22
Cash Basis

Northern Area General Service Committee
Profit & Loss
January through July 2022

	Jan - Jul 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4001 · 7th tradition	264.00
4002 · Contribution Income	5,781.52
Total Income	6,045.52
Gross Profit	6,045.52
Expense	
7004 · NAGSC Meetings	
Fuel Reimbursment	1,483.77
Rent	350.00
Total 7004 · NAGSC Meetings	1,833.77
8050 · Bank Service Charges	46.42
8054 · Office expenses	
Treasurer	193.68
8054 · Office expenses - Other	1,541.98
Total 8054 · Office expenses	1,735.66
8090 · Travel	
SPRING ASSEMBLY	2,420.25
Total 8090 · Travel	2,420.25
Total Expense	6,036.10
Net Ordinary Income	9.42
Net Income	9.42

7:38 PM
08/05/22
Cash Basis

Northern Area General Service Committee
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2022

	Jul 31, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · BofA checking #	25,522.61
1004 · Savings CD	1,553.95
Total Checking/Savings	27,076.56
Total Current Assets	27,076.56
TOTAL ASSETS	27,076.56
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	5,099.83
3200 · Retained Earnings	21,967.31
Net Income	9.42
Total Equity	27,076.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	27,076.56

Traditions Presentations

History of the Twelve Traditions (Joyce Y.):

From 1935 when AA was founded until the early 1940's, Bill was constantly seeking ways to make the fellowship more to more alcoholics and make it more effective in carrying the message.

On October 24, 1943, Bill and Lois set out on the first leg of an ambitious cross-country trip to visit the individual groups from Los Angeles, California to Denver, Colorado to Dallas, Texas to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to St. Louis, Missouri and back to New York City in New York.

They would be on the road for a full 3 months. Bill and Lois spent Christmas and New Year's with Bill's mother in San Diego, California. On January 22, 1944, the Wilsons returned home to their Bedford Hills, New York refuge. The 3-month tour of the Groups had been such a personal uplift for Bill and such a triumph in terms of the Fellowship, that what happened upon their return must have been a total surprise. Hardly had they returned home when Bill was plunged into a depression so deep that its effect on him was more debilitating than a physical assault. Bill was not unfamiliar with depression. He was chronically depressed as an adolescent, but this was virtually his first encounter with it as a sober, sane adult. His depression went on to last for roughly 11 years in all, until 1955, when Alcoholics Anonymous came of age and he was finally freed of them.

During those years, Bill would come down to the office many times and sit with his head in his hands and not even be able to communicate – just almost driven to weeping. It is probably not coincidental that these years of Bill's depression were also the years when he did the most exhausting and intense work for AA.

Much of his work at the office was to take care of correspondence which was now flooding the office since the publication of the Saturday Evening Post article. Many of the letters asked for assistance in forming new Groups or requested advice on various problems in the existing Groups. It was from having seen similar questions arise again and again that the idea of devising clear guidelines for the Groups evolved. This need had been discussed since 1943.

The basic ideas for the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous came directly out of the correspondence coming into the office. In late 1945, a good friend suggested that all this mass of experience might be codified into a set of principles which could offer tested solutions to all of our problems of living and working together and relating our Society to the world outside of AA dealing with matters of memberships, autonomy, singleness of purpose, non-endorsement, professionalism, public controversy and anonymity. During his writing, Bill would try out his ideas on others, polishing and refining according to the reactions of his listeners. He would talk endlessly about the project. It was not only uppermost in his mind – it was the *only thing* on his mind. Devising ways to make AA more effective, workable, and attractive, he whittled, honed, pushed, pulled, and molded. The process lasted for 15 years.

This set of principles was first known as Twelve Points to Assure Our Future (Pass It On, p. 306). It was a testament to Bill's genius that he thought to call them "Traditions." Had they been called "laws," "rules," "by-laws," or "regulations," they might never have been accepted by the membership. Bill knew his fellow alcoholic well; he knew that no self-respecting drunk, sober or otherwise, would willingly submit to a body of "laws." Under the title "Twelve Points to Assure our Future," they were first published in the April 1946 issue of the Grapevine.

It is commonly known that the Traditions evolved from Bill's personal experience, the experience of the Fellowship, and the mistakes made by other institutions and movements. It is *not* so well known that Bill did not use every experience related to him, nor did he always use the Group Conscience as his guide. He was selective, using *only* those experiences that went to the heart of AA problems.

Even though the "Twelve Points to Assure our Future" had been published, they still had not been accepted by the Fellowship. Between 1947 and 1950, while he was still coping with his depression, Bill sold the Traditions to the Groups whether his audience wanted to listen or not. He was in the curious position of persuading the Fellowship to take its' care and welfare out of his and Dr. Bob's hands. Bill would spend the next years trying to turn the Fellowship loose against the wishes of the very people who he was trying to free from himself.

Finally, on the last weekend in July 1950, the first International Conference was held in Cleveland, Ohio. The highlights of this occasion were twofold:

1. The confirmation of our Twelve Traditions; and
2. Dr. Bob's last appearance.

Saturday afternoon was reserved for the business of offering the Twelve Traditions, which had been reduced from the original "Twelve Points to Assure Our Future." Earlier in 1947, Earl T., the founder of the Chicago Group, turned up at Bill's home with the idea of shortening the Twelve Points. After a week of wrestling with the words, the men came up with a first draft. After several months of consultation and refining, the final draft of the Twelve Traditions was ready.

On a Saturday afternoon in July 1950 in Cleveland, Ohio, Bill presented the Twelve Traditions as points necessary for the unity of the Fellowship. After the presentation, Bill opened the floor for full discussion, but there was none. Bill then suggested AA should officially accept the Twelve Traditions for AA by a "standing vote." Everyone in the crowded room rose to their feet. Bill then said, "These Traditions are now adopted as part of our AA doctrine." Support for the Traditions was unanimous. From the first consideration of the Traditions in 1943 until this Convention in 1950, their sense was well understood and widely accepted.

When the business finished, it was time for the weekend's grand event: Dr. Bob's talk. His health had been steadily declining since his wife Anne's death the year before. He had been resting to save his strength for this special event. As the date drew near, Dr. Bob was terribly weakened on the day he was to leave for Cleveland and he was hardly able to sit up. It looked as if he might not be able to make it. He did make it, he did give his talk, and it was the last talk Dr. Bob ever gave!

About 3 months after the Convention, Bill had one more pressing item he needed to address and discuss with Dr. Bob. On Sunday, at the beginning of November, Bill traveled to Akron. Even though Dr. Bob was very ill, Bill realized he must press Dr. Bob for consent on his idea: a General Service Conference where AA could be fully turned over to the Fellowship. The movement's delegates could come to New York and see AA's world affairs for themselves. Bill suggested that AA could try this on a trial basis. If the trial was a failure, they could always discontinue it. The delegates could then decide whether AA really would take responsibility for conducting its own affairs or whether AA would not, thus making an AA movement decision rather than a decision made by Bill and Dr. Bob. Bill, with his extraordinary persuasiveness, explained to Dr. Bob that if the two of them did nothing, then their silence in later years would be interpreted as the men's approval of the "status quo."

Dr. Bob took time to reflect on this proposal. Well known for his desire to keep it simple, he finally looked up and said, "Bill, it has to be AA's decision, not ours. Let's call that Conference. It's fine with me." At last, Bill had his partner's consent.

A few hours later, Bill said good-bye to Dr. Bob. It was the last time Bill saw him alive. Dr. Bob died four days later on Thursday, November 16, 1950 at noon, and Bill set to work on the first trial General Service Conference, which was held in April 1951.

Tradition 1 (Sophie K., Panel 63 Delegate to the General Service Conference (2013-14)):

Because of the consequences, we are obedient to the unenforceable.

Join me in the Unity Declaration.

[Unity Declaration]

I'd like to thank Lyle for the opportunity to participate in this presentation. I also welcome those of you who are new to General Service.

Today I'm going to share a little about Tradition 1 through Bill Wilson's writings and examples from my personal experiences. I'll be quoting from AA Comes of Age, Language of the Heart, AA Today (a Grapevine book published in 1960), an excerpt from a letter as quoted in As Bill Sees It, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, and Our Great Responsibility, a selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference talks between 1951 and 1970. I won't be citing page numbers; if you're interested in them, please ask Lyle or Julie how to contact me.

Somewhere along my AA journey an awakening came over me: Where I had been thinking "my" recovery was about "me," I finally heard in my heart that it was about "us." I felt love and concern for you. I got it that we're all part of something greater than ourselves, that we work together to carry our message of recovery to one another and to the alcoholic who still suffers.

The long form of the first Tradition reads:

"Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. AA must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward" (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions).

"Take Tradition One," Bill said in Language of the Heart, "It says that AA's common welfare comes first. This really means that our personal ambitions will have to be set aside every time they conflict with the safety or the effectiveness of our Fellowship. It means that we must sometimes love our Society more than ourselves."

This played out for me when my Home Group began to return to the rooms in 2020. I thought about our 1st Tradition and asked myself, "Do we mask or not?" Common welfare?/Individual welfare? Thank goodness I wasn't in charge, or we would have had prolonged hypothetical discussions — hypothetical

because the county health department had already laid out the guidelines. After the county guidelines were lifted, individual members in the meeting rooms decided for themselves what would best serve their individual welfare — masking or not, or attending via zoom or in-person. In choosing initially to follow the county guidelines and then later opening it up to individual choice, we maintained our unity.

The Group's Higher Power was watching over us. There wasn't any big conflict on this one. But we alcoholics **do** get passionate about hot topics like serving only decaffeinated coffee or, formerly, not having smoking in our meetings.

When I was new to AA, members who smoked were free to do so in meetings. I immediately thought, "Well **this** has got to change!" I was pretty excited about it. I was told how the process worked to make any changes to the meeting format, so I went with that. When the time came for discussion, there was some back and forth, pro and con. Finally, one of the smokers, an old timer, said, "I'll be **damned** if anybody is going to tell me what I can and can't do! But I'm willing to leave the meeting and go into the other room when I want a cigarette. I think the other smokers will agree."

In Language of the Heart, Bill said, "Unity doesn't mean we can't or won't disagree. The principle of unity does ask us to sacrifice our personal ambitions and desires for the highest good for our groups, our areas, and for AA as a whole."

In AA Comes of Age, Bill wrote, "Pride and fear and anger — these are the prime enemies of our common welfare. True brotherhood, harmony, and love, fortified by clear insights and right practices are the only answers."

Bill shared about trouble becoming an asset in a 1958 talk at the General Service Conference (see As Bill Sees It, p. 82).

At the 63rd General Service Conference, when I was a first-year delegate, we debated the publication of a 75th Anniversary Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous, a reprint of the first edition. There was more than 2 hours of hot back and forth: "It's a novelty item! Should we be in the business of producing trinkets?" "It's a great tool for teaching sponsees the history of AA." "It's for promotion and for profit. It's against Traditions 7 and 10!" "We're getting away from our primary purpose!" The debate got so crazy that one delegate, when it was his turn at the microphone, said, "I'm going to use my two minutes for silence to bring the Higher Power back into this room!!" We all know how that debate finalized: the book was published.

When do unity troubles surface in Groups? When my pride, anger and fear take over. When I break someone's anonymity. When I gossip. If I 13th Step or engage in any other predatory behavior. When I refuse to practice the principle of rotation, etc.

In Our Great Responsibility, Bill wrote that "Without AA unity, there can be no recovery. That's a frank recognition of the situation. But as you look at the Traditions, one after another, you see that all of them are directly or indirectly related to this subject of the common welfare. You see this idea in great strength in the last Tradition, 'Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.' That, I think, is a spiritual statement of the idea of the common welfare."

What's at stake here?

What might a newcomer feel if they walked into a meeting room where bullies were tolerated? Or attended a business meeting that seethed with anger? In Language of the Heart, Bill's thought was, "We keenly realize that any fundamental disunity among us could instantly disillusion tens of thousands who would again turn their faces to the wall."

I wonder what could happen to the rest of us? In a 1949 letter, Bill wrote, "As sobriety means long life and happiness for the individual, so does unity mean exactly the same thing to our society as a whole. Unified we live; disunited we shall perish."

I would add that because of the great consequences, we are obedient to the unenforceable.

Bill wrote in Language of the Heart, "When, therefore, we AAs look to the future, we must always be asking ourselves if the *spirit* which now binds us together in our common cause will always be stronger than those personal ambitions and desires which tend to drive us apart. So long as the positive forces are greater, we cannot fail."

I ask myself: Will we continue to have loving discussions about changing language in Alcoholics Anonymous? Will passion for inclusivity continue to rub against passion for the traditional approach of "Don't change a thing, because it worked for me just as it is!"?

Again, Bill wrote in Language of the Heart: "So it seems clear that sound policy can only be made by rubbing the conservatives and promoters together. Their discussions, if free from personal ambitions and resentment can be depended upon to produce the right answers. For us, there is no other way."

Still from Language of the Heart, in an article titled "Twelve Suggested Points for AA Tradition" (April, 1946), Bill said, "Since personal calamity holds us in bondage no more, our most challenging concern has become the future of Alcoholics Anonymous; how to preserve among us AAs such a powerful unity that neither weakness of persons nor the strain and strife of these troubled times can harm our common cause. We know that Alcoholics Anonymous must continue to live. Else, save few exceptions, we and our fellow alcoholics throughout the world will surely resume the hopeless journey to oblivion."

Finally, in A.A. Today, Bill shared that "The AA Traditions are neither rules, regulations, nor laws. We obey them willingly because we ought to and because we want to. Perhaps the secret of their power lies in the fact that these life-giving communications spring out of living experience and are rooted in love." Those who would like to please join me in our Declaration of Unity.

This we owe to AA's future:
To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united.
For on AA unity depend our lives,
And the lives of those to come.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Traditions TWO (Julie C.):

My presentation is on the 2nd Tradition. It's the only Tradition whose long form is actually shorter than the short form.

The short form is "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern." The long form of this tradition is actually shorter than the short form, and is just the first sentence of the short form.

Tradition Two from the new pamphlet, *Experience Has Taught Us: An Introduction to Our Twelve Traditions*, which was recently approved by the 71st General Service Conference, reads:

Tradition Two: The only power and authority to be found in AA stems from the group conscience.

AA is both a democracy and, as AA co-founder Bill W. put it, "a benign anarchy" — a perfect combination for those of us who often rebelled against taking any orders. Among us, the spirit of collaboration is strong. Our leaders do not drive by mandate but instead lead by example. Where once we obstinately stood against everyone and everything, we come to recognize the wisdom of the group and to follow its guidance.

Here is an excerpt from the January 1948 Grapevine regarding the value of the Group Conscience:

We are coming to realize that each group, as well as each individual, is a special entity, not quite like any other. Though AA groups are basically the same, each group does have its own special atmosphere, its own peculiar state of development. We believe that every AA group has a conscience. It is the collective conscience of its own membership. Daily experience informs and instructs this conscience. The group begins to recognize its own defects of character and, one by one, these are removed or lessened. As this process continues, the group becomes better able to receive right direction for its own affairs. Trial and error produces group experience, and out of corrected experience comes custom. When a customary way of doing things is definitely proved to be best, then that custom forms into AA Tradition. The Greater Power is then working through a clear group conscience.

We humbly hope and believe that our growing AA Tradition will prove to be the will of God for us.

As I was researching for this presentation, I found a talk from a member of our Fellowship that discusses the value that we, in Alcoholics Anonymous, place on the minority opinion. That, as a movement, we believe listening to all views is the way we reach an informed group conscience.

What is an Informed Group Conscience?

The Group Conscience strives for unanimity (the state of being unanimous) through Group enlightenment, spirituality and adherence to our Steps, Traditions and Concepts. What is the best way to get there? The Group Conscience is the collective conscience of the Group membership, and this represents substantial unanimity on one issue before definitive action is taken. This is achieved by the Group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of AA's principles. To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind.

On sensitive issues, the Group works slowly, discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges. Placing principles before personalities, the membership is wary of dominant opinions. Its voice is heard when a well-informed Group arrives at a decision. The result rests on more than a "yes" or "no" count, precisely because it is the spiritual expression of the Group Conscience. The term "informed Group Conscience" implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the Group votes. *(Excerpted from a talk by Ottis D., 2005)*

And from our Service Manual, the following describes what we define as the minority opinion:

After each vote on a matter of policy, the side that did not prevail will always be given an opportunity to speak to their position. Occasionally, a well-reasoned minority opinion can result in another vote, reversing the first decision. Ideally, of course, that is the rare exception; any matter should be so thoroughly considered before a vote is taken that the Conference's original conclusion will stand.

As noted in Concept V regarding the minority opinion,

On many occasions the Conference has insisted on a continuing discussion even in certain cases when a two-thirds majority easily could have been obtained. Such a traditional voluntary practice is evidence of real prudence and courteous deference to minority views. Unless it has been absolutely unavoidable, the Conference has usually refused to take important decisions on anything less than a two-thirds vote.

During my experience as a Delegate, the message I have heard over and over is the concept to "Listen like you don't have an opinion." It is not easy to do. I usually have very strong ideas and would love to convince you that I am right. But, as Delegate, it has been a great learning opportunity to try my very best to listen like I don't have an opinion. Try it -- it is harder than it looks.

Here is a story that I heard that described an experience at a Conference where listening with an open mind and heart, people garnering the courage to speak their truth and the entire Conference listening and making an informed group conscience

which impacted the entire fellowship – to this day. The late Barry L, author of “Do You Think You’re Different” and “Living Sober” was a General Service Office staff member in 1973 and 1974 and tells of the story when the Conference had to decide if gay AA meetings could be so identified in AA directories. The mood of the floor was dead-set against the idea. Remember that homosexuality was still a felony and gay men and women were spoken of as deviants. In Barry’s 1985 World Conference talk in Montreal he recalls,

The discussion in 1974 went back and forth, back and forth for two days and two nights.

Much of the agenda was wiped out. I remember one man saying, “I guess if this year you list the sex deviants, next year you’ll list the rapists AA groups.” A delightful woman from one of the northern States or maybe Canada, standing about three feet tall, came to the middle microphone and pulled it down to her face and said, “Where I come from, alcoholics are considered deviants.” The chairman astutely saw that the mood of the floor had changed and he asked if anyone wanted to call the question. The vote was cast and only two delegates voted against the gay and lesbian groups inclusion; it was almost unanimous, 129 votes to two.

The Tradition also mentions that our leaders are but trusted servants. What does it mean that our leaders are but trusted servants?

Here are a couple of quotes on leadership.

Bill W discussed leadership in the essay *Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need* from our Service Manual in Concept IX: “Our leaders do not drive by mandate, they lead by example.” In effect, we are saying to them, “Act for us, but don’t boss us.”

And from *The Twelve Traditions Illustrated*:

Then who’s in charge around here? AA is a spiritual movement, and so the “ultimate authority” is the spiritual concept of the “group conscience.” Its voice is heard when a well-informed group gathers to arrive at a decision. The result rests on more than arithmetic, a “yes” and “no” count. Minority ideas get thoughtful attention. What about that annoying character who’s always sure she’s right. If she’s wrong, then she will—if she remembers the First Tradition as well as the Second—go along with the decision of the group conscience.

So, to give you my own experience. I would like to describe what happened when my home group wanted to add another meeting. My town is small, population 2,000. We had a number of meetings with limited attendance, so we shut a few of them down. We often go long periods without newcomers sticking around. There was a period of growth for us about 15 years ago, with a few newcomers hanging around. One of the newcomers wanted to add another meeting. Since we recently shut down a couple of meetings due to lack of attendance as well as few members willing to do service

(sound familiar?), I was against adding another meeting. When we shut down the meetings, the attendance at the remaining meetings increased and our sense of connection within the Fellowship seemed to flourish. We had a Group Conscience, and I fought against the new meeting. The new meeting was voted in. I was not happy – I thought I knew best. I refused to attend the meeting. As time passed, I reluctantly began attending the meeting. Now our Tuesday afternoon meeting is the strongest meeting in town; it is where I meet the most newcomers and it was absolutely the right decision. I was wrong and am grateful that we have the new meeting.

Finally, I would like to talk about the Spirit of Rotation. Are you getting prepared to rotate. What does that mean? How are we preparing to rotate gracefully?

From *The AA Group* pamphlet: “Traditionally, rotation ensures that group tasks, like nearly everything else in AA, are passed around for all to share.

“Many groups have alternates to each trusted servant who can step into the service positions if needed.”

To step out of an AA office you love can be hard. It’s especially tough if you have been doing a good job, you honestly don’t see anyone else around willing, qualified, or with the time to do it, and your friends agree. But it can be a real step forward in growth — a step into the humility that is, for some people, the spiritual essence of anonymity.

Among other things, anonymity in the Fellowship means that we forgo personal prestige for any AA work we do to help alcoholics. And, in the spirit of Tradition Twelve, it ever reminds us “to place principles before personalities.”

Many outgoing service position holders find it rewarding to take time to share their experience with the incoming person. Rotation helps to bring us spiritual rewards far more enduring than any fame. With no AA “status” at stake, we needn’t compete for titles or praise — we have complete freedom to serve as we are needed.

Here are the questions from the *Tradition Two Checklist*:

From the Grapevine, November 1969

- Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
- Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
- Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
- Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
- Although I have been sober a few years, am I willing to serve my turn at AA chores?

☐ In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

Thank you, Lyle, for asking me to participate. I am grateful for the opportunity to present today.

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7th Tradition

BUSINESS

Guideline Change Proposal

Create a NAGSC Technology Chair position: First Reading (Debbie S.):

The objective for this proposal: To create a NAGSC Technical Chair position.

Background:

During the COVID-19 shutdown, Area 42 replaced in-person meetings with virtual. As Nevada began opening up, the NAGSC and SAGSC Assembly meetings changed to a hybrid format (in-person and virtual, combined).

At the March 2022 NAGSC, a motion was made and approved by the NAGSC body for the Technical Committee to spend up to \$1,500 from the NAGSC Treasury for needed technical equipment, to be self-supporting in performing the duties of virtual/hybrid NAGSC.

At the June 4th, 2022 NAGSC, an ad hoc committee was appointed by the NAGSC Chairperson to propose NAGSC Guideline changes to support the new technologies that Area 42 is using. The ad hoc committee members consist of Debbie S., Jeffrey C. and Paul E.

NAGSC Guideline Change Proposals:

We have only additions to the current Guidelines, shown in **red** font color.

3.0 VOTING MEMBERS AND PROCEDURES

3.1 The following shall be full voting members of Northern Area General Service Committee (NAGSC):

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H. The Chairperson of the following Standing Committees:

1. Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
2. Treatment Facilities
3. Correctional Facilities
4. Public Information (PI)
5. Liaison

6. Grapevine
7. D.C.M. Coordinator (amended 8-2-2014)
8. GSR Manual
9. Special Needs
10. **Technical Chair (amended [date])**

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4.0 OFFICERS

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4.2 The duties of the NAGSC officers in addition to attending Area Assemblies and NAGSC meetings will be as follows:

A. Chairperson

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6. **Responsible for storing and overseeing the transporting of hybrid/virtual equipment to NAGSC meetings. (amended [date])**

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F. The purpose of the NAGSC standing committees is to inform the membership about the committees' roles in carrying the A.A. message and to encourage members to participate in that general service work in their groups and districts. Additionally, standing committees serve as a resource for district, local YPAA(s) and Intergroup committees by sharing information from GSO and other areas through workshops and presentations. The standing committees include: Public Information (PI), Corrections/Bridging the Gap, Treatment Facilities /Bridging the Gap, Special Needs/Remote Communities, Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), ~~and Grapevine~~ **and Technical Chair. (amended 12-3-16)(amended [date])**

1. The duties of the committee chairs include:

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L. Technical Chair

1. **Assist NAGSC officers with technical support on NAGSC provided computer devices and equipment.**
2. **Provide the NAGSC Secretary with access to recordings of NAGSC meetings. (amended [date])**

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Billy - Grapevine and Technology Chair are two separate Chairs, right?

Debbie - Yes. That's correct.

Dan - Will this position be running the zoom meetings? Because that should be added in there.

Debbie – We thought that would be redundant if we included that because it already says they will be helping NAGSC with technical equipment. We can it later add or subtract. How does that work, Lyle?

Lyle – The committee is comfortable without adding the Zoom piece. Because the Area already says it, we didn't think that was necessary.

Pat S. – Clarification. It's the NAGSC Chair, not the Tech Chair, who transports the equipment. Is that correct?

Debbie – Yes, that's correct.

Guideline Change Vote

Lyle went through the voting members. Need 2/3 votes to pass a motion. 28 voting members in the room. 9 voters online. 37 total voters.

Finance: Second Reading and Vote (Phil W.):

Phil read the proposed changes attached.

Revised date.

Paul – 6.0 would become 5.0. You also said 5.0 would say “See Area Guidelines.” Doesn't that mean those would stay the same?

Phil – Yes. Let's leave them the same.

Erica – Paul looks great, like a wizard, and looks really fabulous in his outfit.

**Motion to approve the amendment to the guidelines – 35 voted to approve.
Passed. No minority opinion.**

Joyce – Clarification on voting members. If you're not in the room, you lose your vote.

Erica – What is the status of the motion in SAGSC?

Phil – Already passed.

Guideline Change Vote

Change NAGSC Guidelines Section 4.2, F-b: Second Reading and Vote (Pat B.):

Proposal to add to NAGSC Standing Committee Chair Guidelines. The gist is to allow an Area Chair to make contact with hospitals and institutions when there is no committee available in that District to do the work. See the attached powerpoint pdf with notes.

Erica asked for a redlined version of the proposed guidelines change. Then she asked for it to be shown larger. She's so needy.

Kathy – Why would I initiate contact if they already called me? I don't understand this motion.

Lyle – This is so a Chair can initiate contact with a facility.

Don D. – I love you, Pat. Concepts say that we should not duplicate efforts – two-headed authority. Historical context should follow the guidelines and we should not use COVID as precedent for changing the guidelines. In Douglas County, we have a small group in Gardnerville. We bring a meeting to the Douglas County Justice Center. We don't want different people to show up every week with a different way of doing it. We are trying to consolidate. We want consistency. Be very careful about adding workloads to people. We need to have cooperation between General Service and the local Intergroup. We are making a change without Corrections Chairs, etc. here. We need to be more organized. We need to look at the long game. Also, note that the Intergroup Committee Chairs are not represented here today, and we are proposing to make sweeping changes in AA that would affect them, but they are not here to vote on it, and do not even have the right to vote on this. Your experience in Area service is

more valuable than driving to Lovelock; we need you to teach the members to do that work. That is our legacy.

Phil W. – General Service is conduit of information between the Conference and the Groups. We try to teach Groups how to do their service. Every member has the right and authority to contact the prison to show up. Joe showed up as a member which is great, but that is not General Service. My sponsor didn't work the steps, I did. My group didn't teach me the traditions, I had to learn them. The members have to do the work and we just give them the direction, or else the message will get diluted.

Laura J. – It's hard right now, but we should not use this time to start making big changes in how we do our General Service work. I do not support this motion because it changes the way we do General Service. Thinking the volunteer work won't get done if we don't go in there and do it ourselves, we are denying local members the opportunity to do the work. Also, this does not make sense to send an individual in once to make contact, because if we don't have a local member contact to do the weekly work, then we won't be able to support the facility's needs for AA. You don't need a committee to start this, but it takes one member with the initiative to do the work---so do it.

Billy O. – I'm confused on what Northern Nevada Intergroup does and what General Service does. Confirm – Northern Nevada Intergroup is supposed to take these meetings in but is dropping the ball, and General Service is seeing that and thinks we need to pick that up. As I understand, and coming from an institution, Pat is passionate about this area of work and he wants to jump into it. It may not be the Area's area to jump into.

Joe H. – Corrections chair. I became involved with bringing meetings to facilities because Northern Nevada Intergroup had nobody to bring in meetings, and I was getting calls from them. Remote communities don't have these kinds of committees. District 10A has no committees. I drive long distances to do this work. Who takes care of more than the 50 miles diameter around Reno? I'm concerned about the places that don't have committees and need people. That's where I feel like I come in. I don't see this as overlapping with what the Northern Nevada Intergroup is doing. We are working with Northern Nevada Intergroup to determine who does what and where in Northern Nevada. I don't want to step on toes. I'm just making sure that there's a drunk in jail who has someone to talk to if they need it.

Pat S. – I support the motion. This is very NAGSC versus Northern Nevada Intergroup. Look to the Responsibility Statement. Want to see a committee of both groups come to a mutual agreement on this matter.

Pat B. – This did not arise strictly out of COVID. Districts would not form committees. Regarding duplication of effort, from the beginning, it's been the primary responsibility of the standing committee chair to encourage members to do their service in their Groups and their Districts. If you keep doing what you've been doing, you will get what you get. The committee's responsibility is to do the work, if they exist. General Service's job is to support them. But if there is no committee there, we don't want these facilities to fall through the cracks. The motion says "when necessary" to address doing this work only when there is no committee.

Lonnie M. – Doing 12 step work in a prison as a member of AA is personal, separate from General Service. Intergroup has a small circle. We don't need committees to go to a meeting.

Erica – Asked for a reading of the motion. [Pat read it.] Asked for reading of the context in the rest of the guidelines. Section 4.2F-b

Carol B. – We are tying their hands. They are expecting the Area to have to deal with Committees that don't exist. If a facility needs a person, we don't want to tie the hands of the those who do the work. If we elect them, and they are willing to serve, we want them to be able to do their job. No one is doing any training to help anyone understand how to do these jobs. It would be a shame if we tell people we can't help them because there is no one willing to help locally.

Motion to amend the guidelines. 13 voted for the motion. **Motion does not pass.**
No minority opinion.

Julie C. – There was a lot of passion and love in this conversation. I propose that our Chair create an ad hoc committee to come up with a solution to help us. Don D. seconded.

District Committee Member Reports

District 2 (Billy O.):

We are again growing in our District, as well as our District meetings. It seems as though the in-person meetings are coming back and many of them have either become hybrid, or they have split off into two meetings (in-person and Zoom). It is interesting to see the adjustments being made.

We have a cycle completion coming up and all District positions will be open. One new item will come with the rotation. We now have an employee identification number (for taxes) for our District (that was a long time coming). We are also still attending dark Meetings, trying to encourage and educate Groups about General Service and explain representation to them.

Please join us at the Christmas Northern Nevada Intergroup Speaker Meeting, as District 2 will be the host.

We hold our District meetings the second Thursday of the month at 6:30PM, and it is a hybrid meeting. Hope to see you there as well.

Thank you for letting me serve.

District 4 (Michelle M. reported by Wayne H.):

District 4 is alive and well. We had a question where we wanted to look something up in the District Guidelines and found out the last time they were updated was 21 years ago. Needless to say, they needed some updating. We formed a small sub-committee and came up with a new and improved version that had its second reading on Thursday. It passed with just a few minor changes from the sub-committee's suggestions. So, now we have a shiny new set of Guidelines.

Other than that, things are going well. We have had good turnout at most of our recent District Meetings. We also have a Dark Meeting Committee trying to get unrepresented groups in the District involved in General Service or at least informed of what's going on. In October, we are planning on hosting (with the help of some other people in the surrounding Districts) a "what shape is your Triangle" Workshop tentatively scheduled for sometime in October.

District 6 (Pat S.):

Ding! District 6 meets the second Sunday of even numbered months at 1:15 p.m. at the Carson City Alano Club. Our August 14 Meeting will be hybrid. Then we'll decide whether to continue hybrid.

The August 14 Meeting will be devoted primarily to elections.

Yours in service.

District 8 (Dorrie K.):

District 8 is alive and well here in the Eastern Sierra! We held our Chili-Cookoff/Pie Contest in June, and it was a great success. Julie, Lyle, and Frankie came to visit and Julie gave her report to our attendees. The weather was great, food was yummy, and fellowship was awesome! We really appreciate their time and effort. We had a good turnout at our District Meeting in July. We are planning another event soon, a workshop on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information, once Tonopah is in the rearview mirror. We will be welcoming a new General Service Representative for the Mammoth Group, Paige will be finishing up Jacob's stint, and we will continue through the new rotation. That's it for now, looking forward to Assembly in Tonopah! See you then! Thanks.

District 10a (Joe H.):

Greetings. Not much to report.

Elko fellowship had a successful "Serenity in the Rubies" Campout last weekend. Around 50 people showed up.

There will be no District meeting this month, because too many District Officers were going to be absent.

We will meet in September to plan our "Gratitude Dinner" in November, and discuss upcoming elections for District officers.

District 10b (Inactive).

District 12 (Debbie S. - Interim):

We have some really good sobriety here in District 12. Daily meetings are being opened up by their committed Secretaries. Finding people to be in General Service as General Service Representatives and District Committee Members is an ongoing challenge. We are still having our second Saturday monthly business meeting, followed by a potluck, speaker and sobriety birthday celebrations.

New Frontier Treatment clients ventured out to the District Speaker meeting last month. It has been rumored that they will be attending some outside meetings until staff feels there is a threat of COVID-19 infections running through the facility. We had Yerington representation show up. Yerington members have an interest in knowing what is going on in Area 42, so I added them to our email list. Yerington is part of the dark District 18, by the boundary map, however has been active in District 12 in the past. In Love and Service.

District 14 (Terri M.):

District 14 is all of North Lake Tahoe and Truckee. I am ecstatic that we were able to host this NAGSC meeting. Welcome. Thank you, guys.

Our District held our first major gathering since pre-COVID-19. The Jamboree was a complete success! The music was outstanding along with three speakers, food, games, and a raffle. We estimated we had double the turnout than previous years. Thank you, *Dawn Patrol* in Truckee, for hosting such a lovely event!

All meetings report going strong. Zoom meetings in Truckee and Tahoe City still exist and have steady attendance.

At our last District meeting, we voted to start having our monthly speaker meetings/dessert potluck. You can go to our website www.norhtahoeaa.com for event updates along with all meeting information.

Thank you. With love and service.

District 16 (Pat B.):

Ding! Greetings, Fellow Members. Since we last met in June, I visited four District 16 Groups not currently represented in General Service. I am happy to report that we have had one new General Service Representative join our District Committee from the Jaywalkers Group. The other three Groups are pending. I am obtaining an email contact from each Group I visit and I conduct an email blast to Groups not currently represented on a regular basis reminding the Groups of the importance of participation in General Service.

The Cooperation with the Professional Community "Does Your Doctor Know?" initiative the District introduced in May is being received well by Fellowship members. This initiative provides Fellowship Members with an informational packet for medical professionals to assist doctors in their effort to connect problem drinkers with the AA Fellowship on a local basis. The kit is designed for Fellowship Members who have the appropriate relationship about drinking and alcoholism with their medical professionals and want to serve by carrying information about AA to their doctors so that doctors can, in turn, pass along the information about AA to their patients who may need it. We continue to receive and fulfill requests for the "Does Your Doctor Know?" information packets every month.

I am so very pleased that we have had a volunteer step up and fill the District's Christmas Affair Chair position. We have locked in a venue for this year's event. The date will be December 17th at the American Legion Hall.

Last, but certainly not least, the District is sponsoring a workshop two weeks from today entitled "A.A. Beyond The Home Group." This is a cooperative event with Northern Nevada Intergroup. General Service presentations will hope to answer the questions: "What Is General Service?" "Why Should My Home Group Be Interested?" and "How Do I Get Involved in General Service?" Intergroup presentations will outline the parts of the Intergroup service organization that perform General Service Committee functions in parts of Northern Nevada and the other local functions supported by Northern Nevada Intergroup. We are hopeful many members' "AA Windshields" will be widened, and that many imaginations will be fired. The event is

Saturday, August 20th from 10AM - Noon. There are flyers on the table with the other details. We are hopeful many of you can attend. If you can, please bring a small potluck food item to share; it would be appreciated. Our Intergroup Representative will share on the things that Intergroup does.

Respectfully submitted.

District 18 (Inactive)

District 20 (Jodie G.):

I just want to remind you all of our upcoming Serenity Campout at beautiful Eagle Lake. The campout will be held Friday, August 19th through Sunday, August 21st. The campground is located right next to the lake and has cabins, room for tents, and RVs. Separate bathrooms and showers are on site. Meals are included in the \$70 camping fee. There will be workshops on Saturday, and our Saturday night speaker is our very own Julie. If you would like more information, I have some here or they can be found on the Northern Nevada Intergroup website. Thank you so much for allowing me to serve.

District 22 (Luis):

District 22 is working regularly, with business meetings every 1st Thursday of each month and study sessions every 3rd Thursday of every month at the Central Office building.

Our previous District Committee Member, Tony A., had to step down from the position, and as the alternate District Committee Member, I had to take the responsibility for our District.

District 22 is hosting the XXIII Hispanic AA convention for Public Information for the Spanish speaking community on August 12-14 at the Peppermill.

District 22 continues to serve the Hispanic community through Public Information spots and answering phone calls to those needing AA.

Thank you for allowing me to do service.

Chair Reports

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

Cooperation with the Professional Community (Jodie G.):

Since being elected, I have been reaching out to others who hold my same position or similar position. I am reading the workbook and am excited about an event I have been

invited to attend in SAGSC to see how they are doing things there! I am looking for people to join my Committee. If you know anyone, please send them in my direction. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Corrections/Bridging the Gap (Joe H.):

1. Met with New Northern Nevada Intergroup Corrections Chair via phone call (2 meetings). We discussed Areas of Responsibility, Lakes Crossing Recruitment, etc. I sent her all the Corrections contacts I have for Districts 2, 4, & 16. We will work together in the near future to establish a set of guidelines for the division of areas of responsibility.
2. I sent an email to the Associate Warden at Lovelock Correctional Facility and have yet to get any response (4 weeks) about getting the meeting started that was approved prior to COVID-19.
3. I was informed by an Elko fellowship member that the Nevada Youth Training Center was interested in having AA meetings in their East Elko Facility. I made contact with the Drug/Alcohol Counselor at the Facility. We met and discussed what they are looking for. I took copies of their Legal requirements (Forms) with me and found some volunteers. Unfortunately, after 5 weeks, none of the volunteers filled out the paperwork. I spoke to another member of the Elko fellowship who retired from that facility after working there for 20 years. He is willing to volunteer, so he and I will submit paperwork for background checks and fingerprinting. Hopefully, once we get the meeting started, other volunteers will step up.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Grapevine & La Viña (Elise F.):

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 3rd 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.

Please feel free to reach out if I can assist you. In love and service.

Public Information (Rich B.): No report.

I will volunteer to be a part of the ad hoc guidelines committee if Don will work with me.
[Don fist-pumped.]

Treatment/Bridging the Gap (Ed L.):

I have been in touch with a few treatment facilities in the Northern Nevada Area the past few months. My counterparts at Intergroup have been very busy in the Reno and Carson City area as well. I attended by Zoom the treatment and corrections meeting for the Bishop and Mammoth Lakes area last month (thank you, Phil, for the invite). Phil brought up a very good point and something we in NAGSC might want to work on. Intergroup has a tendency to work within a 50- to maybe 75-mile radius. Like Dan M. brought up, we need to start meeting and reaching out to our siblings to the North, South and East. I have been fortunate enough to work with Joe, our Corrections Chair, who has kept me in the loop for the eastern part of our Area. Being invited to the Bishop/Mammoth Lakes meeting gave me insight to the frustrations SAGSC has.

With the time I have left, I hope to work with all of our Area and build communication throughout the entire Area. This will give the next Chair some solid ground to work with. As Don D. has been pointing out, we need to work closely with Intergroup as well as NAGSC, keeping them aware of the Area and not just the Reno and Carson City areas.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

District Committee Member Coordinator (Lonnie M.):

This building was where I learned about sobriety and General Service. This room was my home group for 35 years. It brings me a lot of memories.

The District Committee Members from NAGSC and SAGSC are working on a recommendation to be presented at the next Area Assembly regarding the agenda at the next Roundtables.

Thank you for letting me serve.

General Service Representative Survival Manual/Trainer (Jay S.): No report, but thank you to the General Service Representatives.

Northern Nevada Intergroup Liaison (Don D.):

Always grateful for the chance to serve AA. I am most grateful to report that since our last NAGSC meeting we held elections, which filled almost every service committee position except for Public Information and Archives. We rotated many positions to people who have never served at that level. They are carrying an enthusiasm that is lighting my fire for continued service. They are obtaining Service Sponsors and learning about the Traditions and Concepts. They are acting accordingly and being examples of the miracle of Service. Northern Nevada Intergroup is carrying meetings into a lot of the

Reno area treatment centers to newcomers. Other treatment centers are getting Bridging the Gap presentations, so that when folks leave the safety net of treatment, the bigger blanket of AA is there waiting for them.

Northern Nevada Intergroup events are forming for the rest of the year like the annual Halloween party, for which we need volunteers. It will be October 29th. The Gratitude Dinner is also coming together for November 12th with plenty of tickets still left. This year's New Year's Eve event will take on new life, to be more accessible to everyone. In years' past, with the ticket prices rising, we saw it become less accessible to some Members. The Events Chair has proposed to keep costs down so the Newcomer can come see what community and fun in sobriety can look like on a holiday so closely associated with drinking.

On another note: for Public Information, the Northern Nevada Intergroup approved an expenditure to place paid radio ads on eight stations that cover a large number of musical genres. It was done using a one-time bequeathment to get the name of AA out to those who may have never heard of it or those looking for the solution. The announcements are using the ones the General Service Office provides with local contact information at the end. I have already heard from a few Members who have heard the radio commercials.

As far as financial solvency, we have seen individual contributions deeply dive this year. The past two months have been losses for Northern Nevada Intergroup, but we are hovering around breaking even for the year thus far. I know all the Groups are doing what they can, but please look at contributions to ensure we stay solvent at Northern Nevada Intergroup.

Lastly, it has been an interesting time in my life of growth. The Service I get to do for you and AA has reminded me of my purpose today -- our purpose and mine, as well as reigniting my fire that I have a place here and a life worth living. I love you Joe and Pat. Thank you for what I get to do.

Yours in living and grateful service.

Reno Nevada Young People in AA (RENVYPAA) (Natasha) and **Northern Area Conference of Young People in AA (NACYPA)** (Sharlee):

RENVYPAA disbanded and is holding the NACYPA elections on August 7 at the Triangle Club at noon.

NACYPA is having elections tomorrow at noon at Triangle Club for host committee. We would love to see as much participation from the Area as possible.

Finance Chair (Phil W.): No report.

Ad-hoc Tech Committee (Jeffery C.): No report.

Officer Reports

Area 42 Delegate (Julie C.):

Hi everyone! I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve you and for your trust.

I was able to attend the first ever NACYPAA (Nevada Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) in June in Las Vegas. It was a wonderful success! I am grateful to have been able to serve a short time on the Advisory Committee. I will say they did an amazing job, and there was lots of love and support from YPAAs near and far! I don't want to spoil Natasha's report (and surprise). I look forward to supporting this Conference next year and years to follow.

Jake and I met and prepared for our meetings with the Area Conference Committee chairs. You should be hearing from us very soon. We are hoping to schedule either a conference or video call with the Chairs to go over the Trustee, Conference and Staff reports for your Committees. These reports will appear in the final report that, hopefully, I will have for our Fall Assembly.

Here are some highlights from your General Service Office.

- ❓ The latest press release was outreach that "LGBTQ+ individuals find help and hope in Alcoholics Anonymous" where LGBTQ+ members share their stories of recovery and finding support and acceptance in A.A. meetings.

In English: [month's press release](#)

In Spanish: [En la nota de prensa de este mes](#)

- ❓ 2022 AA Pacific Regional Forum – In-person event - Free from the General Service Office - September 16 - 18, 2022 Marriott Downtown at City Creek, Salt Lake City
- ❓ Notice of a printing error in English-language editions of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions – the long form of Tradition Eight was repeated under Tradition Nine.

❓ **STORY SOLICITATION**

Fifth Edition of the Big Book *Alcoholics Anonymous*

Deadline for submissions: October 31, 2022

Online submission:

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/5th_EditionBB_EN.pdf

Fourth Edition of the Big Book *Alcohólicos Anónimos*

Deadline for submissions: December 15, 2022

Email: 4LGHistorias@aa.org

Next year's General Service Conference, with its 2023 theme focuses on our basic principles: "AA's Three Legacies – Our Common Solution."

I attended the La Vina 26th Anniversary in Las Vegas last month. Our friends in Las Vegas worked extremely hard and put on a wonderful event. They had two Trustees, Paz P., a General Service Trustee and our very own Marita R., the US Trustee-at-Large. They also had Karina, the La Vina editor. There were presentations Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday morning, they recorded some audio stories. The next La Vina anniversary will be in Oregon! I was able to fully participate with an interpreter and using our translation equipment. There is something magical about being included. I was in more selfies that weekend than the entire rest of the year. One of the interpreters is the Chair of the 7th Hispanic Women's workshop in San Diego on Dec 3rd. I have a flyer for anyone interested, and there will be interpretation. There was strong participation from Hispanic women, and I could feel their appreciation for our Area's support of the new pamphlet for Hispanic women.

Remember, District Committee Members: these next few months are my final months as Delegate, and I look forward to attending your Districts, especially if you want a Delegate's report.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Please have a wonderful rest of your summer and remember to be kind. I hope to see you at the upcoming Pacific Regional Forum in Salt Lake City. If you haven't been to a Forum, please consider attending. I love you all.

NAGSC Chair (Lyle C.):

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

The next Assembly is a voting Assembly.

Thank you, District 14, for hosting.

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

I was able to attend the July SAGSC meeting in Las Vegas, in person, the Spanish Forum and my friend Joan M.'s celebration of life. Joan was a long-term member of AA and of District 20 my home District. Joan served as Area 42 Delegate and was very helpful to me in service work. Also, Area 42 lost Ray G., who had over 53 years of

sobriety and served the Northern Area in many positions with love and respect. I will miss both.

Today we are having presentations on reaching the still-suffering alcoholic in these changing times. As a reminder to you and myself, I should follow the agreement we have with this church, as well as County, State and Federal ordinances, whether I personally agree with them or not. We are the leaders in Alcoholics Anonymous and should set the best example.

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 all for your service.

NAGSC Archivist (Debbie S.):

Since our last NAGSC meeting in June, as I mentioned, I was invited to take a small display, speak on my recovery, my General Service experiences, and give a presentation on some Area 42 history to the District 6 Founders Day picnic at the beautiful Mormon Station Park in Genoa. That did happen on June 12th. I took a photo of my display to add to the Archives. Not much more to report other than I am still collecting and filing your archive material. I will be in this 4-year service position through December of 2024. Thank you for trusting me with your NAGSC archived material.

NAGSC Registrar (Paul E.):

I hope you're all doing well. I am preparing to register for our Fall Election Assembly happening September 23-25, 2022. You should receive the link and information by next weekend. There will also be a link on our Area 42 website: nevadaarea42.org.

This is a time when many Groups have changes. Any Group that has had a change or is going to do so soon, please send me the information. There are forms on our Area 42 website, nevadaarea42.org, in the "Forms, Guidelines, and Manuals" section. I know it says on the form that you can send it directly to the General Service Office, but rather send it to me at registrar@nevadaarea42.org. It seems that when the forms are submitted to the General Service Office, information is missing or the General Service Office does not enter all the information. Therefore, please send them to me so we can get it right from the start. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

NAGSC Secretary (Erica P.): Thank you for getting your reports in on time. Thanks to the Translation Committee because District 22 will read these materials. I believe that having that material makes it easier for the Spanish community to participate. I haven't been here long, but I've seen an uptick in participation from that community, and I believe it's due to the work that the Translation Committee is doing.

Area Treasurer (Laura J.): No report.

Webmaster (Mike L.): No report.

Area 42 Chair (Lisa I.): No report.

Alternate Delegate (Jake S.): No report.

Tech Ad-hoc Committee (Jeffery C.): No report.

Newsletter (Alfredo):

The email address for all your comments, flyers or articles is: area_newsletter_editor@nevadaarea42.org.

The summer newsletter will be out next week, and the deadline for the next edition is October 10th, 2022.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Announcements

Announcements: Pacific Regional Forum in Salt Lake City, Utah September 16-18.

Area 42 Election Assembly in Tonopah, Nevada September 23-25. Reserve your room.

Have a resume if you plan to stand for any positions.

No District volunteered to host December 3rd 2022 NAGSC meeting.

Fernley is holding their annual picnic tomorrow. Starts at 11 and ends at 4.

Thanks to Terry for hosting. Thanks to Dave and Billy for Technology Support. Thanks to Erica, Dave, and the Translation Committee for the work they do.

The Conference ended at 4:18pm with the Responsibility Declaration.