

Northern Area General Service Conference (NAGSC) Business Meeting

Date: December 3, 2022

Location: Zoom and Carson Valley United Methodist Church, 1375 Centerville Lane, Gardnerville, NV 89410

Host: District 6

Agenda:

12:00pm District Committee Members & Committee Chairs

1pm-4pm General meeting

Zoom hosts: Dave H. and Billy O.

Lyle opened the meeting with the notice of recording and Serenity Prayer.

Reading from the Service Manual by Daniel.

Announcement about Zoom Technology Committee and recital of anniversaries.

Motion to approve August 2022 NAGSC minutes by Don D. and seconded by Joyce Y. No opposition.

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

The bank balance is \$21,494.42 and the certificate of deposit is \$1,553.95. Please send checks in January to the Area 42 P.O. Box which combines NAGSC and SAGSC treasuries. Request for mileage.

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Cash Basis

Northern Area General Service Committee

Balance Sheet

As of November 30, 2022

	<u>Nov 30, 22</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · BofA checking #	21,494.42
1004 · Savings CD	1,553.95
Total Checking/Savings	<u>23,048.37</u>
Other Current Assets	
1100 · Undeposited Funds	204.98
Total Other Current Assets	<u>204.98</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>23,253.35</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>23,253.35</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	5,099.83
3200 · Retained Earnings	21,967.31
Net Income	-3,813.79
Total Equity	<u>23,253.35</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>23,253.35</u>

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Cash Basis

Northern Area General Service Committee

Profit & Loss

January through November 2022

	<u>Jan - Nov 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4001 · 7th tradition	408.00
4002 · Contribution Income	8,310.13
Total Income	<u>8,718.13</u>
Gross Profit	8,718.13
Expense	
7004 · NAGSC Meetings	
Fuel Reimbursement	2,309.77
Rent	350.00
7004 · NAGSC Meetings - Other	0.00
Total 7004 · NAGSC Meetings	<u>2,659.77</u>
8050 · Bank Service Charges	46.42
8054 · Office expenses	
Treasurer	193.68
8054 · Office expenses - Other	2,516.35
Total 8054 · Office expenses	<u>2,710.03</u>
8090 · Travel	
FALL ASSEMBLY	3,091.22
Forum	1,604.23
SPRING ASSEMBLY	2,420.25
Total 8090 · Travel	<u>7,115.70</u>
Total Expense	<u>12,531.92</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-3,813.79</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-3,813.79</u></u>

Delegate Report

I have the distinct pleasure, honor, privilege, and joy to be your Panel 71 Nevada Area 42 Delegate and incoming Past Delegate. I have postponed writing this report as it is my last one.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the membership survey we completed in October. There were two Groups in the Reno/Sparks area, four in Las Vegas and one virtual. A special thank you to our new Panel 73 incoming Delegate, Jake, for his help! Jake is also helping with distributing the final reports in English and Spanish from the 2022 General Service Conference. If you haven't already done so, please make sure you get a copy for your Groups.

Here are a couple of snippets from the General Service Office (What's New on aa.org):

With an Eye to the Future: General Service Office Staff Positions

The General Service Office is updating our file of applications from AA members who are interested in being considered for possible future openings for the position of General Service Office staff member. General Service Office staff people are members of AA who carry out

rotating assignments and correspond with AA members throughout the world on all aspects of recovery and service. Additionally, they represent the General Service Office at AA functions throughout the U.S. and Canada and provide the primary staff support for the General Service Board. Currently there are 11 staff members who cover a variety of assignments including: Public Information, Treatment/Accessibilities/Remote Communities, Literature, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Corrections, International and the General Service Conference.

Minimum qualifications include the following: a minimum of six years continuous sobriety; legally authorized to work in the U.S., a background in service at the Group and District and Area levels; business or professional experience; and excellent communication and organizational skills. Another consideration is a willingness to relocate to New York, if necessary. In addition, fluency in French and/or Spanish with excellent oral and written skills will be considered a plus for all candidates.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact: Director of Staff Services via email at directorstaffservices@aa.org or by postal mail at: Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

From Box 459, Fall Edition: This is available on aa.org under "What's New." Here are a few tidbits. The first article entitled "Saying 'You Belong Here': Indigenous Translations of A.A. Literature" discusses the ongoing challenge of reaching non-English-speaking alcoholics within North America. "There are many indigenous populations throughout North America for whom the Big Book, the Twelve Steps, and other materials have not been translated. In some cases, literature is not even available to these communities, many of which are in remote areas with few resources."

In addition, you can meet your new Trustees. We have two new Class A non-alcoholic Trustees and three new Class B alcoholic Trustees. These are five of the twenty-one Trustees that make up our General Service Board. Since we are members of the General Service structure, these are people with whom we service Alcoholics Anonymous. I love hearing who and why people want to serve on our General Service Board. One of the new Class B trustees is our own Pacific Region Trustee, Reilly K. Reilly is from Oregon. I have had the pleasure to serve on an ad hoc committee with Reilly. She is a kind, generous, and thoughtful person. She will be attending our Area assembly in April, where she will give her Trustee's report and be our Saturday night speaker. She is around 56 years sober.

For the past two years I have served on the Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community. We have a new Fall 2022 Edition of the "About AA, a Newsletter for Professionals." In this edition, we discuss the meeting app and the media library on aa.org. Access to public service announcements are now a click away for any professional. Alcoholics Anonymous is aware that to reach professionals, we need digital tools. This newsletter is available on "What's New," as well.

Latest news: The 2024 Pacific Regional Forum will be held at the Westgate Resort in Las Vegas on July 12-14, 2024. Phil W., Panel 67 Past Delegate, is our "Welcome" Contact. The General Service Office and General Service Board plan the entire weekend. As host, we are responsible for welcoming our visitors. Over the next 18 months, Phil will be reaching out to you asking for volunteers. The purpose of the Forum is to bring the General Service Office and our Trustees and Delegates to us. This is not only for

General Service, but also for any and all AA members. Please invite your home Group members to attend. It is free except the room, so free for us in Las Vegas.

I sent off our bid application for the 2035 International Convention to be held in Las Vegas. I tried very hard to add more information, to call the convention center, to arrange the lights, and choreograph the stage. So, we have the support of our Area, both Las Vegas and Northern Nevada Intergroups. I asked our friends in the Pacific Region and several Areas agreed to support us, if we are chosen. Three cities will be chosen in the first round. Jake will hear if we are in the top three in the early part of next year. I certainly hope that the new Raiders' stadium and the proposed rail to Southern California tips us over the top.

I can't imagine what life will be like as I rotate. I have heard that there is a huge sense of loss when my emails become silent. No more crises to wade through. No more lessons to learn in public (whew!). But I am so grateful to all of you continuing in service in Panel 73. We are in good hands. I am excited to see where the Area Conference Committees evolve. I will be here, hopefully sitting in the back waiting quietly (we'll see about that!) for you to ask. Keeping my mouth shut will be my new lesson. When I came to you, I needed to find my voice and now I need to support you in finding yours.

Thank you all for your kindness, love and support. I am eternally grateful that you trusted me to carry our voice to the General Service Conference and that I was allowed the honor to serve you as your Delegate. Thank you to all the Panel 71 Officers, Chairs, District Committee Members, General Service Representatives, and committee members for your service over the last two years. It has been a challenging time for all of us and Nevada AA has stayed unified and active. It couldn't have happened without all of you. You have given so much to me. My life is richer and my heart is fuller. I love you all!

BUSINESS

Discussion of who is eligible to vote. 35 voting members.

Guideline Change Proposals

1. Create a NAGSC Technology Chair position: Second Reading / Vote – Debbie S.

NAGSC Guideline Change Proposal

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

Background: Intent-Purpose: During the shutdown from the pandemic starting in 2020, Area 42 replaced in-person meetings with virtual. As Nevada began opening up, the Assemblies, NAGSC meetings and SAGSC meetings changed to a hybrid format (in-person and virtual, combined).

At the March 2022 NAGSC meeting, a motion was made and approved by the NAGSC body for the Technology 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 meetings.

At the June 4th, 2022 NAGSC meeting, 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 made no real changes to the current Guidelines, only additions. Additions will be made 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):

A. – G. (No Change)

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. Technology Chair (amended ???)

I. (No change)

4.0 OFFICERS

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

A. Chairperson

1.-5. (No Change)

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

B.-E. (No Change)

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 Technology Chair. (~~amended 12-3-16~~)(amended ???)

1. The duties of the committee chairs include:

A. - K. (No Change)

L. Technology 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 ???)

Discussion

Cathy: Who would be responsible for set-up and take-down of technology equipment?

Debbie: Chairperson would be responsible for storing and transporting the equipment per the guidelines. Under the standing committee section, the Technology Chair would support the Officers, which would include the Chairperson.

Motion to create a Technology Chair and amend the guidelines. Passed unanimously.

2. La Viña Chairperson: First Reading/Clarification Only – Phil W.

The La Viña Ad Hoc Committee proposes the creation of two (2) La Viña committees complete with Chair positions, one in the North and one in the South. The purpose of this proposal is to bring La Viña into parity with NAGSC and SAGSC Grapevine committees. The La Viña committee chairs' duties would be the same as the Grapevine chairs and will be to represent La Viña at Area, SAGSC and NAGSC events. The La Viña Chairs should be fully funded, voting members of the Area committee. The newly formed NAGSC and SAGSC La Viña committees should be included in the Area budget process.

As our Area grows and matures, it is time to recognize the value, passion and efforts of those who have been carrying the La Viña message and give them parity with the Grapevine committees efforts. The area Ad Hoc committee is tasked with recommending ways to create parity. To achieve this, we are proposing to both NAGSC and SAGSC to create La Viña committees complete with Chair positions and that the Area 42, NAGSC, and SAGSC guidelines recognize the chair positions. Finally, that the new La Viña Committees and Chairs are financially supported by appropriate budgets.

History: For several years, dedicated individuals have been carrying the La Viña message to Area 42 with no support from the Area. They have put together story writing workshops. They have been bringing La Viña publications displays to our assemblies. And in general, carrying the La Viña message to the Area and beyond as they have also been active in promoting La Viña to the Pacific Region.

Discussion: None.

Ad-Hoc Committees

1. The Effectiveness of the NAGSC Standing Committees – Don D.

I was asked by Lyle to chair an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the effectiveness of our Northern Area Service Committees and how they interact with local district committees, SAGSC committees, other committees in the Pacific Region, and Area Conference Committees. We had a Zoom meeting on October 8 with Julie C., Ed L., Rich B., Joe H. and myself present. What came from our discussion was a need to clarify the scope of our discussions, lack of an understanding of roles of committee chairs, the need for more outreach to local Districts, what role does Intergroup play, how we are communicating with the Northern Nevada Intergroup about outlying areas outside of Reno and Carson City, and also acknowledging the discord some of this confusion is creating and its effect on the unity of our Northern Area. Some very helpful suggestions were brought forth by the committee members to help narrow our discussion so that we can begin to include some corresponding committee members from the Northern Nevada Intergroup. Then, we would bring the discussion to the body with some more specific recommendations of discussion items and possible changes for the body to consider. With elections and the rotations of service committees happening, the Ad Hoc Committee will meet again in January to continue this work. Thank you for always allowing me to serve.

2. Technology – Jeffrey C.

The following equipment was purchased for the bi-monthly NAGSC meetings, per recommendation and approved by the body. Additionally, a projector was approved and purchased, and a portable screen was donated. All this equipment is being handed off to the incoming NAGSC Technology Chair.

At larger venues with no speaker system, it is possible that the speaker in the projector will not be sufficient. In the event this is the case, we can utilize the speaker system that has been offered in this circumstance by District 16.

Equipment Purchased:

1. 2 Laptop computers ([Acer 14" Chromebook](#))
2. 1 USB Camera ([4K Webcam](#))
3. 2 Tripods
4. 2 USB Microphones ([Blue Yeti Nano Microphone](#))
5. 1 USB Extension Cable ([Cable Matters 10 ft.](#))
6. 1 Epson Projector and Portable Screen

Translation Committee (Diana S.):

I wanted to let you all know that our Area 42 has a very large Hispanic AA community. Maybe some of you are not aware of this but our Latinos have their own Central Offices, Intergroup Representatives, District Committee Members, and General Service Representatives. They have their own linguistic Districts – one up in the North and one right here in the South.

We have hundreds of Hispanic AA members who are attending meetings, doing service on the Group level, and on the District and Area level. And they all pertain to Area 42 just like ourselves.

I serve as the Area 42 Co-chair of the Translation and Interpretation Committee. This committee is providing the ability for our Hispanic colleagues to receive and approach information at the same time as our English-speaking members. Through viable communication we get to embrace our Latinos in all matters relating to AA.

This committee has three bilingual members, one member who is just learning Spanish, and two who only speak English. Yes, we do rely on our language ability to translate and edit but we also rely on computer generated translation which is making it possible for our Spanish-speaking and non-Spanish speaking members to become the translating superstars they are today. I am deeply grateful to have them working on this committee. But we can use more volunteers. I am happy to share our experience and resources with anyone interested.

I like to believe that my purpose as translator is to connect across differences and build a sense of camaraderie so that everyone feels an integral part of the group. As a member of AA, it's a blessed opportunity to exercise and share what this program has taught me; the values of respect, tolerance, and love as well as the study and practice of AA's principles which play such a vital role in perpetuating the life of AA "...so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unmasked and feel welcome" (from pg. 40, The A.A. Service Manual, 2021-2023 Edition).

If you would like more information and would like to volunteer for this Area committee, I can be reached via email at translator_interpreter@nevadaarea42.org. Our business meeting takes place once a month via Zoom the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 at the Zoom ID: ***** and Passcode: *****.

Discussion

Debbie S.: Do we need to be fluent to be on this committee?

Diana: No. You don't have to know Spanish at all. We send the information to our volunteers who use computer-generated translation. I edit the translation after that.

Translation Committee (Tony S.):

I am honored to be your Translation and Interpretation Committee Chair. First, I want to thank everyone in our committee for translating the reports. Just a quick reminder to send in your reports to the Secretary so she can forward it to us to be translated into English and then into Spanish.

I want to thank Lou and Dave for submitting fliers to be distributed to both the English and Spanish areas. Both fliers were approved by the Translation Committee and will be distributed in both the Northern and Southern areas. The fliers contained information on our Committee and how to volunteer.

I want to welcome our newest Committee member, Cynthia.

I want to again ask anyone that would like to work with us and help us get all reports translated in a timely manner, to please see Dina or Diana after the meeting. We need your cooperation to achieve our goals to include the Spanish Districts 21 and 22. You don't have to be bilingual to help us.

In Love and Service.

Election for Panel 73

NAGSC Secretary

Lyle asked about voting protocol to vote via hand versus secret ballot. Hand voting was supported by the majority. Secret written ballot could be done for those who prefer secret ballot.

Mike L volunteered to act as Secretary. **Paul motioned to elect Mike and Lonnie seconded. Members voted by hand and motion passed.**

7th Tradition and Announcements

Paul sent around a sign-up for conference committee membership.

Julie let folks know that the PRAASA webpage for registration was not functioning, but the hotel registration was working on the webpage. Also, consider volunteering to be a part of PRAASA.

No break.

Joyce asked if there is an AA meeting near Dresslerville Colony.

District Committee Member Reports

District 2 (Billy O., not read):

We have been planning the Christmas Northern Nevada Intergroup speaker event for the past month. It will happen on December 10. We hope you all can come and be with us on that Saturday.

I wanted to let everyone know that this is my last NAGSC as District 2 District Committee Member. The new District Committee Member will be Debbie O. and I hope you all are as good to her as you have been to me.

Thank you for letting me be of service. It has been fun getting to know you all these last few years.

Your humble servant.

District 4 (Michelle M.):

The closing of this rotation has me nostalgic on all that District 4 has accomplished in the past two years. We were able to update the bylaws, which were last updated in May of 2001. We formed a Dark Meeting Committee, going out and visiting as many meetings as we could, with the message that every Group's voice is important. Through those efforts, we saw an increase of about ten General Service Representatives and even had the opportunity to facilitate matching General Service Representatives with Groups, instead of the other way around. The world possibly faced the greatest challenge of our lifetimes with the events of 2020. District 4 was able to maintain our positions and fulfill our responsibilities; we may even have had a couple of good days. We created a Workshop Committee and, through the hard work and efforts of that Committee, we held two workshops, both of which saw over 50 people each in attendance. I feel like this was something our Fellowship really needed after all the changes to our meeting routines that we went through (you know, because we love change). Get excited people, because there is a third workshop planned in February on sponsorship, so watch for that flyer.

What else was District 4 up to? I was honored to assist in a group inventory this year. Through that, I found out that our Biggest Little District is now worldwide. This is a completely online group, seeing membership from around the globe. They met the inventory challenge with love and tolerance, even through adversity. I must tell you, this group is setting standards for online AA, pulling shaky newcomers into breakout rooms, so they can have someone to talk to just like we would do at in person meetings.

Overall, of the 40 groups that are listed with the General Service Office, the actual number seems to be closer to 16 active groups, with some hanging on as meetings. We reached out to clubs and found one is seeing meetings drop from meeting daily to once a week, and with very low attendance at that. The District plans to attend their board meeting to see how we can help.

Some meetings are sharing General Service Representatives, pooling funds for one person to attend service events. Even though they don't get the votes, they get to be involved. A lot of the meetings we reached out to are no longer there, but I am positive we will see new meetings take their place based on the number of newcomers our groups are reporting. District 4 will be there to assist.

Most important, District 4 saw its own core Fellowship develop. These relationships have kept me sober when it seemed like maybe I was done here. This reminds me that I never know what part of the program is going to save my skin on any day, so I have to be involved in all of it. My District tells me how great I am at this, and the truth is that I am only great because of the love and support that I got from them. I am so proud of the work, growth, and commitment they have shown. Just like the post office: neither rain nor snow nor gloom of night keeps them from their appointed rounds.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

District 6 (Pat S.):

As District Committee Member for the host District for this meeting, I'd like to welcome all of you to Gardnerville and to District 6.

Our secretary, Liza P., had to resign early due to a family death that required her to be in her home country of Guam. Our prayers are with her. The next panel's secretary, Karen L., has graciously agreed to fill the void by starting her term a month early.

Our 55th annual Gratitude Dinner with more than 400 in attendance was a successful sell-out at the Catholic church next door to this building a few weeks ago.

I'd like to introduce our newly elected District Committee Member, Kevin E. and our newly elected Alternate District Committee Member, Don D.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as District 6 District Committee Member for the past two years. I may have fumbled along the way, but it was a great honor. I am humbled.

District 8 (Dorrie K.):

Everything's going along. We hosted a workshop on General Service October 29th in Mammoth. Erica P., Lisa I., Taylor R., and Dan M. were gracious enough to provide the panel on Zoom, share their experiences in general service, and how it has widened and deepened their sobriety. We had a pretty good turnout (maybe it was the pizza!) and a few may be testing the waters! I enjoyed it very much.

There was a Group effort to host a Gratitude Dinner in Bishop on November 12th. Three groups assembled, and we had a lovely dinner of around 45 or so people. It coincided with Bishop Group's monthly Speaker Meeting, and our speaker was Oscar who now lives in Ridgecrest. It was good to see him and his family again, and he has a powerful story to share. After dinner, we went around the room and shared what we are thankful for...top of MY list is sobriety!

We are starting our elections process for the District, as well as all of our meetings, so hopefully we will see some new faces!

Thank you for letting me serve. This has been quite an experience these last two years. Thank you all for helping me along the way! See you in Tonopah!

District 10a (Joe H.):

District 10A is doing okay. We are having most of our meeting times chaired, and folks are showing up.

We had our Gratitude Dinner on November 19th at the Elko Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. About 75 hungry folks showed up. All were fed with plenty of leftovers.

We also elected a new District Committee Member, Laurie B., who will be taking over from me on Jan 1st. Unfortunately, she fell ill so, I will be extending my position until she can take over.

Our speaker was from Nampa, ID, named Terri-Lee. They had a really good message.

This is my last report as District Committee Member, and I want to thank you for allowing me to serve.

District 10b (Inactive).

District 12 (Debbie S. - Interim):

During this time of rotating in and out of our various positions, I found this paragraph in "The AA Group" pamphlet fitting:

Traditionally, rotation keeps AA members from becoming frozen in office. It also ensures that group tasks, like nearly everything else in AA, are passed around for all to share...

To step out of an AA office you love can be hard. If you have been doing a good job, if you honestly don't see anyone else around willing, qualified, or with the time to do it, and if your friends agree, it is especially tough. 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...

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.

p. 28 of https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/p-16_theaagroup.pdf

The second Saturday of November, we held our District 12 Business meeting where we voted in Cathy C. as our new incoming District Committee Member. District 12 will not be going dark!

District 14 (Terri M.):

District 14 covers North Lake Tahoe and Truckee.

It has been an honor to have served as District 14 District Committee Member for the past 3.25 years. I am confident my alternate District Committee Member, Mike M., will do a fabulous job facilitating our District meetings. We have started an activities committee and will soon be doing dessert speaker meetings and conduct workshops. Our Incline Group 1 is hosting a holiday party which will be next Thursday at 5:00 pm on Dec 8. It's at the Village Church which is located at 736 McCourry Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89451.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Much love.

District 16 (Pat B.):

The District 16 Officer elections for Panel 73 took place during our November meeting. Andrea B. was elected as the new District Committee Member and Dave H. is the Alternate District Committee Member. A new District Treasurer was also elected. Four officer positions remain vacant.

In August, the District hosted a workshop entitled "A.A. Beyond the Home Group." This was a cooperative event with Northern Nevada Intergroup. General Service presentation topics included "What Is General Service?", "Why Should My Home Group Be Interested?", and "How Do I Get Involved?" Intergroup presentations outlined the parts of the Intergroup service organization that cooperate in General Service functions.

The 35th annual District 16 Christmas Affair will take place on Saturday December 17th from Noon to 5PM. The Christmas Affair is the combination of a service event and a holiday party. There will be a panel presentation on this year's General Service Conference theme "A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service." There will be a speaker meeting. There will be a full-blown turkey dinner. There will be fun, fellowship, and a spectacular raffle. Family members are welcome. We will be at a new venue this year, the American Legion Hall in Sparks. There are flyers on the table. We hope to see many of you there.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Fellowship during the last two years!

District 18 (Inactive)**District 20 (Jodie G., made by John, Alternate District Committee Member):**

December 9th is the Christmas Party. It has been well-attended, we will have a live band, and it is open to all Fellowships. We want to bring people back together after COVID-19.

I have been doing service for many years. I will be the District Committee Member and will have to learn how to communicate with other Groups.

We will have workshops, and a camp-out every year, and the Christmas party. We are reaching out to every Fellowship of AA; they are all so different. It is so much fun. I love everyone here because everyone has the service bug.

District 22 (Luis):

District 22 has finally formed its new service committee. They will be in service for the next two years during panel 73. I would like to thank Carlos. The new committee will continue to meet at the Central Office in Reno, and the new times and days will be discussed by the new committee. I will continue to serve as a secretary for the next committee on District 22.

District 22 would like to thank you all for your welcoming attitude and the inclusivity that service has in our Area 42.

Chair Reports

Accessibilities/Remote Communities (Dan M.): Not present, no report.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (Jodie G.): Not present, no report.

Corrections/Bridging the Gap (Joe H.):

We are almost to the finish line on starting meetings in the Lovelock Correctional Facility. It seems like every time we get here, they move the goal line. Hopefully, I'll be meeting face to face with the Associate Warden soon to find additional rooms to have meetings. She needs a meeting in all three prison yards and wants them on the same day. This should be an adventure.

The other project, I've been working on is "The Nevada Youth Training Center" in Elko. We have four volunteers with all paperwork, fingerprints, etc. submitted and waiting for approval.

Both of these projects are Nevada state agencies that are slowed down due to understaffing. Hopefully, they will both be operational in a few months. It seems like I've been saying that for some time now. I wanted to get them going before I rotate out, but that won't happen. I'll assist the new NAGSC Corrections Chair with the completion of them if they want.

Thanks for allowing me to do this work.

Grapevine & La Viña (Elise F., read by Erica P.):

I do not have much to report for this quarter. One important note I wanted to pass along is that the Grapevine's 12 Steps and 12 Traditions book is turning 70 this year and the Grapevine is looking for submissions on how this book has changed your life and enriched your sobriety. They are also wondering what your favorite passages might be and why. Deadline for submission is December 15, 2022. Hope I get to read lots of stories from Area 42.

Although I am stepping out of this role at the end of the year, I will continue to encourage people to submit their experience, strength and hope via the Grapevine at every meeting I go to! It has been such an honor to serve as your Area 42 Grapevine Representative during this panel.

Public Information (Rich B.):

Happy Holidays. I am humbled to have served as Northern Area as the Area's Public Information Committee Chair. Thank you for all of you who helped me over the last 18 months. (Especially, Kevin E. and Joyce P.) Thank you for allowing me to serve at the Northern Area level.

Treatment/Bridging the Gap (Ed L., not read):

This report is more of a thank you for all the help and support I have received this rotation. First, thank you, Lyle, for having the faith in me to take on this position. Thank you, Ed S., for walking me through everything at the beginning and for being such a good friend. Joe, you have taught me how fine the line between treatment and corrections really is and for being a great friend. Don D., thank you for reminding all of us that we have another group of members who can be a great asset to us and our positions. I can't express how helpful it has been working with Tammy and Heather from Intergroup and the strides we have made after COVID. Phil, thank you for inviting Joe and I to your treatment and corrections meeting and bringing to light the need for all of us to reach out past Reno. Erica, thank you for always being on top of things and the amazing job you have done in translation.

Paul is still looking for a Treatment and Bridging the Gap chair, and I will work with whoever takes this position so that the transition is smooth. I am really looking forward to my new NAGSC position because Don D. did an amazing job. The change will be seamless. In closing, I pray everyone has a great Holiday season and the best years.

Yours In Love and Service

District Committee Member Coordinator (Lonnie M.):

I attended District 22 business meeting. They were planning a party to celebrate an anniversary for a meeting that was celebrating 3 years. They were going to have food and dance. It was in November. They also expressed concern about lack of literature in Spanish.

In late November we had a zoom meeting with all the District Committee Members in area 42 to discuss the transition to the incoming new District Committee Members and General Service Representatives. We talked about ideas that would help the new District Committee Members and General Service Representatives, remembering that in most cases this the first time that a General Service Representative has ever been in general service.

I want to thank Northern Area 42 for allowing me to be the District Committee Member coordinator for this rotation.

General Service Representative Survival Manual/Trainer (Jay S.): Not present, no report.

Northern Nevada Intergroup Liaison (Don D.):

The Northern Nevada Intergroup Liaison meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Sparks Alano Club in a hybrid format. Intergroup is financially solvent and thanks to the Groups of Northern Nevada for their contributions. The Pink Can currently is within a more prudent position returning it to its Pre COVID levels now that more literature is going out.

The past few months have seen a flurry of activity as meetings are now being taken into many of the Treatment Centers in Reno once again along with some meetings into Parr Boulevard jail.

Also, the Northern Nevada Intergroup main event sponsors have been successful in making the events more cost-inclusive to members as well as asking more groups to participate in helping the events take place. Northern Nevada Intergroup is also planning to hold Tradition/Service workshops in the four separate locations of Reno, Carson City, Winnemucca, and Susanville. These workshops will take place throughout the 2023 year.

It has been exciting to watch corresponding committee Chairs from NAGSC talk to and offer support to the Northern Nevada Intergroup Chairs, as well as getting to have our Delegate, Julie C., on Zoom speaking to the body. From a Service Committee perspective, I can say that has been one of the biggest highlights of my time as Liaison. Thank you to those who have made the effort to go to the Northern Nevada Intergroup and reach out. I am grateful when I see these two bodies interact on that level. It is what the Unity statement encompasses to me: that the welfare and future of AA belongs to the unity we represent at all levels.

I want to thank Lyle and this body for allowing me to do this for the past rotation. I deeply care about these two entities and believe that they are vital parts of the enthusiasm I carry to others about service. I could only wish I could put into a little box and hand off to the newcomer some of the pieces of this experience I've had. I could only wish to help others understand that a drunk like me gets to have an incredible life worth living because this service is a part of my life today. I can only hope I have shown this to you, my fellow servants, by trying my best while learning from what I didn't do so well so I can pass that to the next trusted servant who takes my place. As I will never even pay back the interest, let alone the principal, on what the Twelve Steps have done for me, I won't ever be able to adequately

describe what I receive from you people and this experience except to raise my hand to say I will serve the NAGSC for as long as I am available.

Thank you always for allowing me to serve AA.

Reno Nevada Young People in AA (RENVYPAA) (Natasha) and Northern Area Conference of Young People in AA (NACYPAA) (Sharlee) (read by Erica P.):

NACYPAA 2 is going strong and having events each month. Our next event is December 17th for our Ugly Sweater Bingo and Charades Pretty Dessert Bake Auction at the Veterans of Foreign War in Verdi from 5 to 10pm and speaker at 7pm. We will have two amazing speakers – one YPAA and one mainstream. This event is meant to bridge the gap between mainstream AA and YPAA. Please come.

Finance Chair (Phil W.):

I want to report that we really did not do any more business. I also want to say that, as of January 1, the Northern Area will not deal with its own finances. All the finances will be being taken care of by Area 42. The Northern Area will still need financing, but that will be done through Area 42, so Home Groups should remember that the Northern Area does need money, and that money will come from the Area. Please remember this when you and your Group are putting together your distribution list. The Area's address will always be the same and can be found on our website and in our newsletter. That address is Nevada Area 42, PO Box 70171, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89170-0171.

Please make your checks payable to Area 42 Treasury.

Officer Reports

NAGSC Chair (Lyle C.):

I feel so honored to serve as the NAGSC chair. I want to thank you all for your support and love through the last two years in Panel 71. All of NAGSC's District Committee Members helped so much with providing meeting halls and great food, with District 22 always stepping up with awesome tamales. I certainly believe we are coming back stronger than ever after the shutdown. The Northern Area is leading the way with the hybrid meetings making it possible for more availability to anyone to attend NAGSC meetings. A special thank you to Julie C., Area 42 Delegate, for always showing up for service.

Welcome to everyone on Panel 73. Thank you for allowing me to continue in general service as your Panel 73 incoming Area 42 Chair, I look forward to serving with our new panel.

Thank you all for your service.

NAGSC Secretary (Erica P.):

This has been a heck of a commitment since the last meeting. Updating the guidelines and all the inputting and translating the reports from the past Delegates was a lot of work! Thanks for y'all's patience with me these past few months. And thank you, Jim, for standing in for me today. This has been a rotation full of growth for me. I was really excited to come back to Area 42, and I jumped right in and it hurt! Thank you for voting me in and allowing me to get to know you all. It was amazing to be at the Gratitude Dinner a few weeks ago and know a lot of the folks who were in attendance because of General Service. It was also great to get to speak on a panel with Dan M., Lisa I., and Taylor R. about my experience with General Service.

Because of a communication error at the Area Assembly, I did not put my name in for some of the positions I thought I would have (and I did put in for one I didn't want!). I'll be without a position for the next rotation, I suppose. I would be lying if I didn't say it was a bit bittersweet. I have a feeling I will not be leaving you all alone.

I will get to support my partner Debbie in her adventure of being a DCM. I'll still be around. I may take the time to rewrite the guidelines and propose to do away with NAGSC and SAGSC so that we can have one cohesive Area 42. We'll see. I may join the YPAA committee to bring NACYPAA to Reno. I may raise my hand to get more sponsees. Or maybe I'll do some volunteer legal aid in my community. I definitely need to talk to my sponsor and my partner.

Thank you for letting me serve you for 2 years and act like I was the boss. I love you all.

NAGSC Registrar (Paul E.):

This will be my last official report as registrar. Although my term is not over until December 31st, it has been an honor and privilege for me to serve the Area. Please let me know if you have any changes in District Committee Members and General Service Representatives, even if they do not officially take over until January 1st. I have forms here that you can fill out or go to the nevadaarea42.org website, download the form, and send it to me at registrar@nevadaarea42.org. If you have any changes after the first of the year, you can send them to the same email address and they will get to the new Area 42 Registrar. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

NAGSC Archivist (Debbie S.):

This being a four-year term service position, I look forward to serving, in this capacity, with all of you through 2024. Some of you are rotating out of a position and into another, while some of you are new to General Service. To those of you who are new, keep in mind that your workshop flyers, District meeting minutes, etc. are valuable! That is your history! Start or add to your own Archive binders. I have, in the Area 42 NAGSC storage, binders for each of your Districts. Those binders contain material that those before you have entrusted the Archives to store for future reference and enjoyment. I am available to help with your archives, receive your archives for storage, and bring an archive display to your District events. This past two years, I have taken displays to four District events and one to the Reno Spring Festival. Thanks again for your continued trust with your Archives.

Area Treasurer (Laura J.):

I want to reiterate that, starting January 1st, we are combining our Area treasuries into one. I will be rolling into the Area Finance Chair position, so I will still be around. We are still funding our NAGSC members and Standing Chairs, so just be sure to send your money to the Area rather than the Northern Area. I encourage your Groups to meet and discuss the pie chart (page 13 of https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F-3_selfsupport_0422.pdf). See if you have excess funds in your chart and whether you want to change how you divvy the funds. If you used to contribute to the Area and NAGSC, I encourage you to continue that, but now you will only need to send your money to Area 42.

Webmaster (Mike L.):

This is my last report as the Area Webservant. I have been serving the Area as the Area Webservant for the last four years. General service allowed me to stay in the middle of the herd. I have been honored and privileged to serve as an important conduit of communication of General Service for Area 42. The

Webservant is an appointed position by the Delegate, and I was originally pulled out of the hat of five contenders. Jake, our new panel 73 delegate, is finalizing his choice for the next Webservant and I am excited to help the next Webservant for a smooth transition.

I have also served as the Area Website Ad Hoc Committee Chair. Our website is old technology and needs to be updated. First, we were going to put out a survey. We need you to answer it so we know what the Area expects from our website. Thanks, Erica, for setting the bar so high. Thank you for letting me serve.

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

Alternate Delegate (Jake S., read by Erica P.):

I am extremely grateful to be serving as the Area 42 Alternate Delegate. Serving as the Alternate Delegate for the past two years was the most educational service position I have ever had. I learned so much about Alcoholics Anonymous and how the conference makes decisions for AA.

I especially want to thank our current Area Delegate, Julie, for all her hard work and all the help she has given me personally over the past two years.

I love Alcoholics Anonymous! I am 100% sure that without AA I would be dead by now - or at least certainly wished I were dead. I never wanted to get sober. I came to AA because I was in trouble.

Once I heard what your program of recovery was all about, I thought it was a joke and was 100% sure that it would never work for me. Thank God I was beaten into a state of reasonableness. I stayed around just long enough to take some direction and become a member of this Fellowship.

I was extremely lucky to become a member of a Home Group that put me into service immediately. "We need someone to clean up the room for the next 30 days. Jake will do it!" "We need someone to chair the meeting. Jake will do it!" "We need someone to be the General Service Representative for the next two years. Jake will do it!"

When I figured out that being the General Service Representative for my Home Group meant that two times a year I had to spend an entire weekend sitting in the Tonopah Convention Center with a bunch of AA nerds – well, let's just say that it made me bristle with antagonism. I cussed out my Home Group during the whole three-hour drive to Tonopah. I wasn't sitting in the Tonopah Convention Center for more than two hours before I realized that these people – these nerds - were doing more to help the alcoholic who still suffered than 90% of the people I had met up to this time.

A lot of people here who have been in service for a while have heard this story before. But today, I realize the reason why I was so impressed with what was going on there was because of the work that was being done. The Area Chair called up the Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair who reported: We went here, we went there, we had a table here, and we are working on this... Thank you. They called up the Hospitals and Institutions liaison who would report: We are taking meetings here, we are taking meetings there, we are working on getting meetings into here, we are looking for volunteers to go there... Thank you. They called up the District Committee Members who shared: We are doing this, we are doing that, we have a workshop on this date, we are looking for a liaison to do that.

It was the work. The work of Alcoholics Anonymous. The work of a General Service Committee. Making sure that when anyone, anywhere who reached out for help that the hand of AA always would be there.

I love Alcoholics Anonymous. One of the biggest reasons why is that I don't have to explain to anyone in this room what it's like to be a slave to alcohol, to be a hopeless alcoholic. To have to do what alcohol says and when it says to do it. And with all the pitiful and incomprehensible demoralization that comes along with that.

COVID-19 was a huge kick in the nuts to AA. Not only was it impossible for most all our committees to do their work, but it also became literally illegal. A good thing that came out of this episode was that we all became online virtual meeting experts. Now that things are open again, I really hope we can get back to doing all of the amazing work that this committee is known for.

And at the same time not forgetting all the great lessons we learned during the lockdowns about using these virtual platforms to bring the North and South together in committees, and to discuss and summarize General Service Conference agenda items.

At the Fall Area Assembly, I was honored and privileged to be elected as the panel 73 Area 42 Delegate. I will be attending the General Service Conference for the next two years and doing everything in my power to carry the Group Conscience of Area 42 to the Conference.

Someone asked me how I was going to vote on any item that comes up on the agenda. I told them I am going to carry the Group Conscience of the Area to the Conference, and they told me that that was a political answer. I just want to make it clear that I absolutely do not believe that this is a political answer. I would never disregard the Area 42 Group Conscience to vote on any agenda item for myself. I feel it is a sacred responsibility for me to hear from as many Groups as possible on as many items as possible and to bring that Group Conscience of Area 42 to the General Service conference and that it is never "as Jake sees it." And I pray that I can do that for the next two years.

Alcoholics Anonymous has saved my life and General Service has become a huge part of my program of recovery. Thank you all very much for being here today, thank you all very much for saving my life. I am so excited, and I am looking forward to the next two years of service together in Area 42. The best Area in the world!!

Thank you all very much- I love you all!!

Newsletter (Alfredo): No report.

Announcements

Pacific Region of the AA Service Assembly (PRAASA): March 3, 4, & 5.
Area Assembly in Tonopah will be March 31, April 1 & 2.

Paul E., Incoming Panel 73 Alternate Delegate and NAGSC Chair appointed new standing committee chairs and requests confirmation

- Accessibilities/Remote Communities: Joe H.
- Cooperation with the Professional Community: Terry M.
- Correction Facilities: Bigg J.
- General Service Representative Trainer: Pat S.
- Grapevine Chair: Sober Sue H.

- Northern Nevada Intergroup Liaison: Ed L.
- Public Information: Don D.
- Technology: Michelle M.
- Treatment/Bridging the Gap: Lonnie M.
- District Committee Member Coordinator: Phil W.

Area 42, Panel 73 Chairs voted in unanimously.

Diana V. volunteered to be the linguistic translator. NACYPAA liaison still to be determined.

Paul asked for a volunteer to host the NAGSC Roundtable meeting in March 2023. District 4 volunteered.

Near the end of January, Paul plans to hold an unofficial meeting to welcome new General Service Representatives, District Committee Members, Officers, and Standing Committee Chairs.

The Conference ended with the Responsibility Declaration.