

NAGSC Saturday December 2 2023 Minutes

Location St. John's Presbyterian Church, 1070 West Plumb Lane, Reno, NV. 89509
1:00 pm

Meeting was recorded but only as reference for secretary minutes

Paul opened the meeting with the serenity prayer at 1:00 pm
In attendance about 30 in person with 12 online

Paul welcomed everyone and ask who was first time at a NAGSC meeting.

First time in attendance
Kacy alt GSR "For the Effect" Reno Triangle Club

Paul's opening remarks included that we are having second reading of two proposed guideline changes. Also he would be contacting all the Area Conference Committee chairs of the time table of this Conference agenda items. During the meeting there will be a presentation on how to summarize agenda items.

NAGSC Secretary Mike L asked for approval of June minutes motion was made, seconded and approved without opposition or corrections

NAGSC Treasurer and Area Alternate Treasurer Rich B read Jason Mc Area Treasury Report prepared by the Area Treasurer Jason Mc. Attached is the treasury documents up to March 2023.

Hello, my name is Jason, and I am an alcoholic.

The following reports are available:

- Income & Expense as of 10/31/2023 – See attached **(Due to date of NAGS Meeting)**
- Balance Sheet as of 10/31/2023 – See attached **(Due to date of NAGS Meeting)**

Cash Position (As of 11/30/2023)

Savings	\$ 30,021.54
Checking	\$ 73,305.63
Total Cash	\$ 103,327.17

For the period ending October 31st, 2023, our net income amounted to \$31,097.57 while the total expenses for the corresponding period reached \$91,467.37.

Kindly take note of my updated service email: jasonmarea42@gmail.com. While I'm accessible via this new email, I strongly recommend utilizing the official Area email, treasurer@nevadaarea42.org, for all communications. Using my Yahoo email might lead to potential oversight. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Voluntary Group contributions can be made payable to "Area 42" and mailed to;

Area 42
PO Box 70171
Las Vegas, NV 89170-0171

To request a reimbursement, send an email to treasurer@nevadaarea42.org containing the following details: your Service Position/Committee, a brief description of the expenses, receipts, your mailing address, and the name of the payee for the check. If you're hesitant to provide your mailing address, please inform me, and we'll figure out an alternative.

It's my pleasure to serve in this capacity and thank you for your cooperation!

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Therefore, all voluntary group contributions should be made payable to "Area42";. It is my pleasure to serve in this capacity and thank you for your cooperation!

Jason M.

Area 42 Treasurer

Rich reminded all the committee chairs and officers to complete their budgets requests and send them to Laura the finance chair.

Officer Reports

NAGSC Chair Alternate Area Alternate Delegate Report Paul E

Hi I'm Paul, your alcoholic NAGSC Chairperson and Panel 73 Area 42 Alternate Delegate, good afternoon and welcome. Do we have anyone that is here for their first NAGSC meeting, please raise your hand, thank you. I have copies of the 2 proposals that are second readings that we will be voting on today and the agenda, the treasurers financials, and some flyers of upcoming events. Today along with all of our reports we will have presentations on how to summarize agenda items and how to do presentations for the roundtable meetings at NAGSC, SAGSC, and Area 42 assembly. This is due to feedback for our last Spring pre-conference Area 42 assembly. Next week all of the ACC chairs for 2024 will be sent out a list of the new members on their committees, along with a request of a good date and time for a Zoom meeting around the first week of January. Area 78, which is Edmonton, Calgary, and the Northwest Territories of Canada is putting on 2 workshops tomorrow December 3rd, one on the Plain and Simple translation of the Big Book and the other one on Remote Communities. There are flyers up here for both of those. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul E.

NAGSC Tech Chair – Michelle M

Michelle made a verbal report but no written report was submitted

NAGSC Registrar Jodie G

.Hi, my name is Jodie and I am an alcoholic. I am also your Area 42 Alternate Registrar, which makes me your NAGSC Registrar. I have the super fun job of registering new GSRs, Alternate GSRs and new groups with the General Service Office. If you are a newly elected GSR or Alternate GSR, I have Group Change Forms here today and I would love to help get you registered! The most recent GSR I registered got an email from GSO welcoming her but also stated GSR Kits are on backorder at this time. The email also included a link to the Contents of General Service Kit List on aa.org where you can view and/or print the contents in pdf format.

I am excited to see our new website roll out hopefully before it is time to register for the Spring Area Assembly. Lisa, our Area Registrar and I have had a few issues with

Eventbrite and hope these will be resolved when registration is completed by using our new website.

As always, you can reach me by emailing me at alternateregistrar@area42.com.

Thank you so very much for allowing me to be of service.

NAGSC Archivist Debbie S

Debbie alcoholic, serving as your NAGSC Archivist.

Since our last NAGSC meeting in August I have been invited to set up a small display and a short presentation at District 2's Workshop on the Importance of a Home Group. A couple of questions arose out of that workshop...

Q. One Home Group member filled out a Group History questionnaire and turned it into Archives, why is there not one in their District Binder on display? A. Not saying that this is the absolute case, however, there are 2 sets of NAGSC binders. One set is stored with the Area Archives in Las Vegas and the other with NAGSC Archivist; in theory, these are supposed to mirror each other. It is possible that information is in one set and not the other. Q. Do I prefer digital or paper? A. For storage space, I personally like the idea of going digital. I don't like cloud storage without backup onto hard drive. Since COVID the Area Assembly minutes have been uploaded onto thumb drive and stored in Las Vegas, previously on a CD that was recorded at the assembly. I guess my personal concern, as someone that has seen the ever-changing methods of hard drive storage, as various types of tape to disks to flash drives would be not having a way to read it in the future. From the hard drive a person could print items for a traveling display. Q. Why are the NAGSC Archives stored at the home of the NAGSC Archivist and not at Central Office or a central location? A. I do not have the answer to this; however, this question prompted me to visit Central office and strike up a conversation with the office manager. Long story short, their archives was destroyed by mice in their storage unit...pretty scary, huh? I was advised to keep your archives inside my home away from pests and the elements. In the beginning of my rotation, the Area was in the process of moving Area Archives; I believe that a lot of what I have should go into the Area storage.

I mentioned the Group History Form or Questionnaire. One of the projects of the Archivist is to make groups aware of the importance of having this tidbit of information on file. If your group is fairly new or if you are unsure of having a Group History on file with your district, please see me for the Questionnaire template. You could email me,

Area Alternate Archivist from the contact page of the nevadaarea42.org website for a scanned copy returned to you.

In closing, I would like to throw it out there that I am available to bring a small traveling display to your events and/or workshops. Keep me in mind going into the new

Area Delegate Jake S

My name is Jake- I'm alcoholic. Absolutely grateful to be sober and to be here once again with my people! It is my honor and my privilege to be serving Area 42 as the panel 73 delegate to the general service conference. The 2024 general service conference will be held April 14-20 at the same location as last year, the New York Brooklyn Bridge Marriott hotel. The theme of the 2024 general service conference will be Connecting with love, unity, and service. The area 42 spring area assembly will be held in the same location as last year as well, the sobriety capital of the universe, beautiful downtown Tonopah NV, the week before the conference, April 5-7. I really, really hope to see all of you there. We set up the schedule this way to give our area as much time as we possibly could to discuss the items that will be on the general service conference agenda. The schedule right now is that we will get the agenda items and the background information on February 15, 2024. Like I said, the first day of the conference is April 14, 2024. That is less than 2 months. So if you have been in general service for a while you may be aware of our fundamental, systemic problem, in my opinion, of not having enough time for groups to discuss and get fully informed group consciences on agenda items. In an effort to have even more time to receive group consciences on our general service conference agenda items, we are going to try something new this year for the first time since I have been involved in the area 42 general service committee. Every year around the time of the October board weekend the area delegates receive a list of the proposed agenda items or (PAIs), because of course we love our acronyms, for the next general service conference. Historically area 42 has not put this full list out to everyone because of the fear that it would be confusing for GSRs and because we never know which of these items are actually going to make it to the conference agenda. This year a group GSR asked me for the list of PAIs and said his group wants to try to get a head start on discussing items that may be on the agenda. I was very impressed and inspired by this GSR and I thought it was a great idea. So at the risk of total confusion and complete anarchy in our general service committee we are going to try it as an area as well. So if you go to our area website which is nevadaarea42.org and go to our area member info section, which is the password protected part of our website, and put in the password. So get your pen and paper and write down the password which is ----- . When you go into this section at the

top of the page the first thing you will see is “proposed items for the agenda of the 2024 General Service conference”. Click on this banner and you are going to see 117 proposed agenda items for the 2024 general service conference. Now, please listen very carefully to this, we do not know which of these items will make it to the agenda and which ones will not. So what we are going to try to do is, I am telling everyone here today the list of PAIs is on the website, December 2nd I will be at the NAGCs meeting and I will let them know. While I am there I will be getting together with our alternate delegate and our area chair and we will be choosing probably 5 to 10 items, or maybe more or maybe less, on the proposed agenda items list to put together a survey like the one we had last year to try and give us a couple extra months to get group consciences on some of the items that may be on the 2024 agenda. Now we will not have background information or summaries or the information we are used to seeing when looking at agenda items, but some items we will have some background information that we will be able to pass on. The last thing is you and your group are not limited to the items that will be on the survey. Any of the 117 items on the list you can discuss with your group and I can try to find background information on any item on the list of proposed agenda items. So that is a lot of information I just gave you, if you are new your eyes probably glazed over about half-way through, and you are thoroughly confused now. The bottom line is we are trying to get more time to discuss items with our groups. Is this idea going to work? I have absolutely no idea. I really hope it does work and I hope it leads to a more informed area and more informed groups. If it does that’s great, and if it doesn’t then maybe we won’t do it again. Just remember if it does work it was all my brilliant idea. If it does not work, it was totally a southern GSRs fault. The next thing I’m going to tell you about is a “convenience” member survey that is available now on the aa.org website and on the meeting guide app. So you might be saying Jake, if this survey is available now, and you are on the PI committee, why didn’t you tell us about it? That is a very good question and has become a big point of contention for the public information conference committee. We asked why we were not informed that the survey was going up and we were told “This is a great question, because we usually do utilize the traditional service structure and delegates in engaging the fellowship, so one would naturally expect this. However, the purpose of the convenience sampling is to assess what would be surveying samples that are conveniently accessed, here through aa.org or the meeting guide app, in contrast to the traditional structure, and paper and pencil method. If we used the delegates to get the word out, we would be designing a sample with a hybrid recruitment strategy involving both convenience and networking sampling. So it is better not to engage unless asked.” Then in the same email we asked Is there any documentation that can be shared with the delegates and members to help them better understand what is going on with this new approach to the membership survey? The answer was “we have not created this but could.” Then we were told there are going to be 2 phases of this survey. Phase one we make the survey available on the Meeting Guide app and web site – without asking for help with recruiting participants. This phase allows us to see in a general way who selects participation without being prompted by our trusted servants. Phase two we communicate with all Conference members (and PI chairs) via email blast, with a short

informational email about the Convenience Sample Pilot Survey and encourage delegates and other conference members to share the link to the website version of the survey with other members. OK but I thought we were told we have no information written to share about the survey, but we could. So today I'm going to try very hard to not be negative about this and just get the information out the best I can with the information I have and that is. There is a survey on the aa.org website and meeting guide app, check it out. The survey will only be available until November 26th and supposedly there will be some kind of email blast with more information coming out tomorrow about the survey, so we shall see. The last thing I will share is that I have never been happier or more excited to be a part of this general service committee as I am right now. Covid 19 was such a huge punch in the face and set back to our fellowship. Now I feel we are fully back to work doing what we do better than anyone or anything ever has, saving the lives of Alcoholics. I am definitely trying to take nothing for granted. We have been given the most amazing and beautiful gift to be able to live two lives in one lifetime, and to be uniquely useful in carrying the message of hope to suffering alcoholics. To be relieved of the bondage of self and to be able to be happy, joyous, and free and to have recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. The longer I stay sober the more I realize what a miracle it is that I am here today. What a miracle it is that I became a member of this fellowship and have been saved just like you. Now that we are here, I feel it is my responsibility to make sure it's here for the next person who walks in the door 130 pounds with black eyes sunken into the back of their head. And I believe this is exactly where we can do that. To keep our fellowship united by doing our part in making decisions that reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship. And the only way that is possible is to participate. To get involved. To have a GSR and be fully informed about decisions our fellowship is being asked to make. Does that mean that we all have to agree about everything we are going to do. No, decisions will be made that we disagree with. That is when we really get to prove that we trust and rely on the group conscience. That we are not always right about what the best way forward for AA is, but if we trust and rely on our committee systems and our group conscience we have a chance to survive another 100 years and be here for the next alcoholic who feels that they can't go on one more day. Who cannot imagine life with or without alcohol and we can save that person and see the light come on for them. In area 42 the way we are getting informed about the general service conference agenda items is through our area conference committees. What area conference committee are you currently serving on? If you have no idea what I am talking about then we desperately need you. We need everyone in this room. It is a very fun, easy, rewarding commitment. It is all done virtually. You will be part of a committee that will summarize and present agenda items to our area. I have a signup sheet right here or you can call or email our alternate delegate Paul to get involved. That means you too, all my virtual friends. You see Paul up there. Send him a chat and tell him you want in. Do it now! Please! We really do need you all. I want to say thank you all very much for being here today, and thank you very much for your willingness to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you very much to all of our area officers, standing committee chairs GSRs and I especially want to say thank you today to all of our DCMs. DCM is a very

time consuming, difficult, and important service position in our area. Thank you so much for all of your hard work keeping our districts going and our GSRs informed. Starting next year I plan to start sending out more informational emails and if you read it and say I already got this information from my DCM then don't get upset, instead go to your DCM and tell them thank you very much for your service. I have a challenge for all of you DCMs out there today. Our next SAGs meeting is January 14. I want you and your district to go to a meeting in your district without a GSR and bring a new person here in January. I want you to explain to them the whole AA service structure depends on them, that that is how important they are. I wish you good luck and I look forward to meeting our new GSRs in January. Alcoholics Anonymous 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 very much for saving my life! I love you all!

Area Chair Lyle C

The Mizpah Hotel and the Belvada Hotel are under new management (same owners) and have offered to give Area 42 a block room rate using a code when booking. For those of you who want to stay at either of these hotels, please use the code: Area42 to book at a reduced rate. If you have booked your room already, please give them a call to make sure you get the block rate.

We have more dogs coming into the convention center. The convention center management has asked that only certified service animals come in. Per Nevada's Governor's website: "Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, a service animal is defined as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability". This does not include emotional support animals. Since emotional support animals are not certified service animals, please do not bring them into the convention center. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Lyle C. Area 42 Chair P73

District DCM reports

District 02 DCM Debbie O

My name is DCM Deb for District 2 and I'm an alcoholic.

We meet on the second Thursday of every month at Central Office, with 14 active GSRs, we read a Concept and review GSR reports. We brainstorm on what more we can bring to our home group to help the new member.

District 2 hosted our first workshop "The Importance of a Homegroup" back in September at the First Congregational Church 627 Sunnyside Drive in Reno. We had some committee members join us sharing

the importance of their committee and how we can help. We had an emotional share from Teresa our LaVina chair, who explained how she was hospitalized for 3 years and the only connection to AA was through LaVina and she promised when released she would get involved and now she's on the committee. She also talked about how the Grapevine kept LaVina going through funding, and she will be forever grateful. District 2 is hosting the NNIG December Speaker Meeting which is held the second Saturday of the month at the Silver Legacy, which is next Saturday. The theme is "Whoville" and we hope you can join us, there will be raffle baskets, TV, bike, SPA and of course the WHO's and don't forget the Grinch! Doors open at 6:30, please spread the word. We will be hosting another workshop in February on Safety in AA. Keeping the fire going with the GSRs sometime is a little bit of a struggle, but when we do get together, I love the excitement and enthusiasm our GSR's bring to our district meetings, focusing on awareness of District 2, not only for the newcomers, but for all AA.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve AA. I am truly grateful.

It's a great day to be sober!

Debbie O.
DCM – District 2

District 04 DCM Scott A

I am grateful to be serving as the District 4 DCM for Panel 73. There has been a lot to learn and this is a fun learning experience.

Participation in our district meetings feels like it is getting better and we have several new people who want to help bring the message of service to meetings that don't have representation. I look forward to seeing where this goes.

I have started reaching out to some of the area chairs and have been setting up presentations at our district meetings. We have had several presentations from our standing committee chairs and one from our NNIG bridging the gap chair. It has been very informative and I hope to continue this trend in the next year. I look forward to what we will learn from these wonderful people

District 06 DCM Kevin E

My name is Kevin E and I currently have the privilege of serving as your District 6 DCM. District 6 meets every other Sunday even numbered months

At our last business meeting we agreed to lengthen the time for the business meeting. This would allow us to have a Q&A at the end of the meeting and allow presentations time so the presenters weren't cut off short.

We are also proposing the new year budget to be reviewed and decided on for the upcoming Fiscal year.

I was also able to participate in the workshop for PI and CPC. At this workshop they discussed the importance of our participation and choosing a committee to work with in the upcoming agenda rotation. Not only did I learn that we are liaison between the general service conference and the groups but how to also assist our delegate and his rotation. Working in general service allows us not only to inform the group and participate in caring the conscience of the groups to our area assembly. Learning that our participation is the vetting for pamphlets, literature, and changes to Alcoholics Anonymous. This is where we keep A.A. up-to-date with the fellowship and how important that we get information documented so that it does not come from our own opinions but rather our unity as a whole. Being a small part, (a member of general service.) Serving a large whole (Alcoholics Anonymous worldwide)

Kevin E

District 08 DCM Laurie G

Hi, Our District 8 is doing well, we have meetings up and down 395 from Bridgeport to Lone Pine.

A few meetings went dark in Mammoth and Crowley, maybe due to zoom but I'm not sure. There is a lot of hybrid meetings. Last Saturday the Bishop groups hosted a gratitude dinner and it was very well attended with food, sharing gratitude and a guest speaker from Los Angeles. Our district is looking for a new secretary, we meet every other first Sunday of the month. We are also communicating with a new web master to help clear up our web pages and make them easier to navigate. As the DCM I am reaching out to our GSR's to see what our needs are. I forgot to mention we had a P. I. workshop first week of November with two presenters from Reno. 15 people were in attendance. We are currently talking about a new P. I. group for the south County, Phil is the P. I. rep. for the north county.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Laurie

District 10A DCM Laurie B

District 10A has been fairly quiet.

The club 164 vote for Elko group to possibly move to 2140 Idaho st did not pass. So Elko is currently trying to sustain two meeting halls.

We are hoping this opens the opportunity for more access to recovery meetings for all who need recovery.

Club 164 is open to any 12 step recovery not just alcoholics anonymous.

The annual District Gratitude Dinner was held on November 18, 2023 it was a packed house, Dennis W from Kingman, AZ came and shared his Experience, Strength and Hope.

Food and fellowship was abundant.

Our next District meeting is January 21, 2024.

Lauri B

District 12 DCM Cathy C

District 12 business meetings are on the 2nd Saturday of each month in Fallon at the Wolf Center at the Methodist Church, corner of Esmeralda and Stillwater at 5pm. 6pm is our potluck and 7pm is our birthday speaker meeting. This year we have had wonderful speakers from all over Nevada, especially several of our Area chairs. We look forward to having more of them in the upcoming months. Our meetings cover a wide area- Fernley, Silver Springs, Yerington, Hawthorne, and Fallon. We recently started a new meeting at NAS Fallon and we are looking at getting one started in Lovelock soon as well. I have been able to attend all meetings, except Yerington, which is on my schedule for December so far this year. We are planning on a Grapevine Workshop May 2024 and hope all of you will come and join us for this event. YPIAA visited us in October and we are excited to get young people together in our district too.

Thank you for letting me serve. Cathy C

District 14 DCM Mike M

Good afternoon NAGSC members,

District 14 which encompasses North Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Sierra Valley and the surrounding area is doing well, at least I pray that all the members of AA in the Sierras and everywhere are finding the recovery they seek. We have enjoyed presentations from Bridging The Gap, CPC and have had a couple 4th Step workshops. Its amazing for me to watch, on a district level groups passing the baton from one GSR to another

as well as other trusted servant positions. On the district level we welcomed in a new treasurer and secretary and thank Karen D and Marla G for there years of commitment to District 14.

I'm am ending my first year of being DCM at District 14 and while I haven't done much I had a momentary thought that my life is so busy that I don't have time for this DCM stuff. Then I quickly realized that if it weren't for AA I would be busy being dead or in prison so my next year I am dedicating myself to doing more to make a positive impact with this position I am so grateful for. Love and blessings to you all.....Mike M

District 16 DCM Dave H

Andrea stepped down and has been very recently stepped in as the new DCM for the district so Dave hasn't been able to submit a written reported.

District 20 DCM Barb P.

District 20 consists of 3 rural counties in Northeastern California: Lassen, Plumas and Modoc. District is currently working out all the campout details and I will get that information distributed as soon as it is available. It will be at Eagle Lake this summer on Aug. 18, 19 and 20th. Please come join us. RV spaces, tent camping and cabins. Our District meeting was in Quincy and what a great job they did of hosting!! Lots of food and over 25 people in attendance. Great job!! Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

District 22 DCM Carlos C

The month of July has been one of the busiest month for me doing service. We visited as a district committee five of our groups. The Grupo Nueva Luz asked me to do 2 study meetings, one about the first Tradicion and one about the step six. We have also been visiting with the committee of our 14th congreso de la Sierra Nevada 3 groups To inform and motivate them to attend our event the first weekend in October. I also participated as a speaker in two meetings, the topics were "Alcoholics Anonymous and its members through time " and " A deeper insight into a higher power " .

Our business meeting is the first Thursday of the month in Central Office and our study meeting the third Thursday of the month this month was about the seventh tradition and seventh concept.

Happy 24 hours!
Carlos C
DCM D22

Don D and Julie C gave a presentation on how to summarize GSC agenda items and how to do presentations on the agenda items. The following of three summarization that Don's of presentation. Thank you Don and Julie.

Hello Everyone,

My name is Don and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to have been asked by Paul to present on my experience with the summarization of General Conference Agenda Items.

I would like to relate some basic points first to set the "stage" as you will for how the whole process takes place so that it is a better picture for everyone to understand how the timeline of summarizing works. Already I know our Alternate Delegate Paul has been asking for volunteers to sit on various Conference Committees. I will be using the committee I sit on, Public Information, as an example for this presentation. So in January those of us chairing the various committees will have a "meet and greet" introduction Zoom meeting where we will be able to say hello to each committee members as well as answer any preliminary questions about what we will be doing. At that time we can begin to see how many people will be on our committee so we can think about how to split up the work as no one person is responsible for too much of the summarizing.

Sometime generally in mid-February we will begin to receive the background information on the agenda items that have been selected for each committee for the conference that takes place in May. The background info is put into the Google Drive under the committee they belong to and are easy to find once you are given access to the drive. Area Conference Committees deadlines are more geared toward our area and we generally have 2 weeks to complete the summaries. The end of February is kind of a way to think about that.

Why do we summarize the agenda items? These are some guidelines that are given out every year to everyone on the committee to help the process. Some of the reasons it gives are:

1. To create a document that is easier for groups and GSRs to review.
2. GSRs can bring the list of summarized items to a business meeting and let their groups know that all background information is available upon request if they need more information beyond that the full background information is available to the GSRs and members on www.nevadaarea42.org. When we talk about a "Group Sharing Session" that is where that conscience can be obtained.
3. Most of us do not have the time to review hundreds of pages of background. Providing a summarized document will allow greater participation for our area in the conference process.

Also, we want to have those done at the end of February because PRAASA is at the beginning of March and then we have them prepared for the North and South Roundtables in March. The Area, NAGSC, and SAGSC Chairs, Delegate and Alternate Delegate will select which ones will be presented on at those meetings. This relates to the summaries being done so that they have the information to think about those decisions.

Now about the summaries specifically, so the summaries are a paragraph or 2 that consolidate the most important parts of the background information about that specific agenda topic. Last year for the Public Information Committee we had 18 items with 218 pages of background information so obviously not everyone can read that. We had 6 committee members so each one summarized 3 topics each which made it much more manageable.

One thing I always try to think about is as the summarizers guidelines say “our job is to summarize the information; your job does not include expressing opinions or interpreting the information. Just the facts, please.” My responsibility to AA is to give you the information from the background. It is not to try to get you to vote a certain way. If I truly have faith in the 2nd Tradition I will do my best to inform it so it can work and I can step out of the way. I also can do what Bill says about “practicing a genuine humility” in my 12th Step work by giving the fellowship the facts. A wise man once said I really love my opinion but AA deserves better. The groups, presenters and other servants will use our summaries so it is important to set them up for success in their jobs as best we can by giving the information as best we can.

Second. We will never be able to give them all the information. It just won't happen. Just like sponsorship I believe my higher power guides me to do this process so long as I do what's asked of me and reach out for help when needed. ASK FOR HELP! It is the essence of what we teach the newcomer as far the steps and if you have never done this before please be kind to yourself and not expect you are going to do it perfectly.

3 words that are very important in looking for in the individual agenda topics are Review, Discuss, or Consider

Reviewing means we have already started a process so the conference may just want a report about the progress of that process.

Discuss means we are opening up discussions to maybe take action on something or discussing the actions that are happening on an agenda topic that was previously presented

Consider generally is considering taking an action on a need of the fellowship

The summarizations pages are already set up for the committees in the goggle drive which makes it very easy to input the information into and have 3 sections

1) The Agenda Item (provided by the General Service Conference)

- 2) The Historical Context: Why is it on the Agenda? (this is for your short summary)
- 3) What does the Delegate Need to Know? (The Delegate will complete)

Some of the things to look for in the background information is Why is this an agenda item? Did a specific area, district or group request this? What issue or problem is the item addressing?

Sometimes an agenda item may reference a previous conference's decision and be wanting to take action that relates to that. So it's important to include the previous conference action in a short way to relate it to

When a committee member goes through the background information one thing to be aware of is that some of the information is not the most current. So if you go through and try to find the latest reports from the Trustee Committee it helps to cut out some of the background information. Also the latest of their meetings may include information from previous meetings so it is just being repeated.

Sometimes also included in background info are a section of questions especially in the agenda topics that are "Discuss" These questions are intended to stir discussion about how any future action may be most helpful to the fellowship or if the action is truly necessary. It is also very helpful to start discussion in home groups and service assemblies to gather the group conscience.

Many times a phrase or sentence will be underlined in bold that reports what the committee decided so that is an easy way to decide what is important to read and include in the summary. Reading those whole paragraph the phrase is in can tell the summarizer what the committee is going to do or has done and what information lead that decision. Also highlighted wording can indicate wording that has been changed in a pamphlet or book that already exists.

This is just a start as far as writing these summaries. I really found that working through my fear about doing them began at just getting on the bus and doing the work. Sounds familiar huh? I am here for anyone as much as I can be who may have questions and what's even cooler is there are others who have much more experience. Utilize your past delegates! They may seem like intimidating AA yodas but they want to be helpful!

Thank you for all y'all do and what I get to do Don D

My name is Julie, and I had the privilege of serving as the Nevada, Area 42 Panel 71 Delegate. I sat on the Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community. Thank you, Paul, for asking me to talk about how to do a presentation on the agenda items at the roundtables or assembly.

As many of you know every spring, the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous meets to consider and vote on matters that affect A.A. as a whole. These items are known as Agenda Items. In our Area, A.A. groups are invited to give their input their group conscience on these Agenda Items via their General Service Representative (GSR), who in turn, informs our elected Delegate to the Conference. Our Delegate, Jake, wants to hear from all the groups within Area 42. In recent years we have formulated committees to give more of us an opportunity to get involved in the process. Anyone and everyone is encouraged to join what we call "area conference committees". These committees are responsible for studying, summarizing and presenting the agenda items to our area, at both our Northern and Southern roundtables in March and the Spring Pre-Conference assembly in April in Tonopah.

- How many of you have been to a roundtable either at a NAGSC or SAGSC or attended a Pre-Conference Spring Assembly?
- How many of you know what a conference agenda item is?
- How many of you know what your responsibility as a GSR is?

The reason I ask is that for those of you considering volunteering to do a presentation, it would be helpful to understand the purpose for the presentations. Before volunteering to do a presentation make sure you are clear on what the GSR needs to hear to bring back to their groups and what Jake wants to hear to have a sense of our area for the General Service Conference.

To become a presenter, please sign up with Paul, who is not just the Northern Area Chair, but also our Alternate Delegate. He will randomly assign volunteers to the area conference committees which will meet virtually, concentrating only on their committee's agenda items. All of the preparation work for our area is done within these vital committees.

You have heard today how to summarize the agenda items, now I am going to discuss how to do a presentation. The purpose of the agenda

item presentations is to provide an informational presentation for everyone in Area 42 to hear and take back to their respective groups for feedback.

The role of the presenters, keeping in mind that we are asking our presenters to be impartial, is to be the channel for the information; your job does not include expressing opinions or interpreting the information.Â

You are being asked to study and summarize the confidential background information and to formulate a presentation that will last no longer than 7 minutes.Â As you develop your presentation, you are not limited to the background information, please consider the following resources:

- Fellow Area Conference Committee members
- Background and resources on the Area 42 Google drive and the password protected portion of nevadaarea42.org
- GSO (212) 870-3400 www.aa.org and/or www.aagrapevine.org; email the GSO committee secretary
- Service Sponsor
- Past Delegates from Area 42
- Presentations from PRAASA

We ask that you write out your presentation. It is easier to catch opinions or slanted views with a written presentation. Also, in consideration of our Spanish speaking members, we ask that all presentations are translated prior to the presentation.

When choosing what to include in the presentation, first review the confidential background information. Some items may have lots of background and others may be sparse. Sometimes the background is clearly slanted in one way or the other. The request may include emotional reasoning. Try to remove the emotions from your presentation or identify the views of those of the submitter. Remember that your main audience is GSRs, some of whom are new. Only include information that will be helpful for the GSRs to take back to their

groups. An item could include years of background information and it may take time to decipher what is necessary. It may be beneficial to reach out to your service sponsor or past delegates for help if there is significant background.

Please keep in mind that Jake has asked that we bring back how the group feels, questions and concerns, rather than a specific yes or no vote. When Jake is at the conference, he will be listening to feedback from all of North America. To help him decide what he believes is best for A.A. as a whole, we should give him your group's informed group conscience not just a yes or no. Specific comments are more helpful to our delegates. One thought is to include questions for the GSRs to consider or bring to their groups to consider. This is why it is so important to not take sides and to present both sides of any question. Our focus is to help our groups have a fully informed group conscience.

Ideas to include in the presentation:

- Brief history (don't spend too much time on the history)
- Which committee
- How the agenda item originated " which area, group, person
- What the GSR can ask their home group
- Who could be impacted

Things to be careful of:

- Personal opinions
- Only one sided view
- Assuming people already know
- Acronyms " Our alphabet soup " spell out everything

I gave a presentation on an agenda item which asked if we wanted to create a new pamphlet for mental health professionals. The background provided included a letter from Area 11 Connecticut requesting that we create a new pamphlet geared toward the mental health professional, some thoughts about what the pamphlet could include, the history of AA

Cooperation with the Professional Community with mental health professionals. There wasn't much information. So, I decided to reach out to two mental health professionals in Area 42 to find out their experience. Both agreed that mental health professionals knew that AA existed, but had some inaccurate or incomplete ideas about who and what we are. They both supported the pamphlet. I wanted to include differing ideas. I reached out to the general service office and spoke with two mental health professionals who sit on our boards; a non-trustee director (alcoholic) and a class A Trustee (non alcoholic). Both agreed to the premise that there was misinformation but didn't feel a pamphlet was the right solution. AA members are the only ones who love our pamphlets. I was able to give my presentation without taking a side on the question. We had lots of loving discussion and the GSRs were able to go to their groups and ask questions. If you are considering volunteering to be a presenter, first let me say "Thank you!" I find the more I participate in our area conference committees, the more connected I feel to Alcoholics Anonymous.

Standing Committee Chair Reports

Accessibility and Remote Committee Chair Joe H

1. 9/19- Met with Naval Air Station Chaplin, Frank W. & Russ from Fallon fellowship to discuss starting a meeting on the Naval Base. We made introductions and had a very productive meeting. Frank, Russ & the Chaplin worked out the details for a weekly meeting that has been ongoing & getting bigger each week.

2. I attended a Intergroup presentation over in Winnemucca on 10/21. During the meeting ,I brought to the attention of the NNIG Committee that they have No Accessibilities/Remote Communities position in their committee structure. If they want to continue to reach out in the Rural areas ,that having someone as a contact would be very helpful. I understand from Rob that they are discussing creating a new position.
3. I have a few presentations scheduled in the near future. District 16 & District 12 are working out the details for when we can do this. I'll also be scheduling a Workshop for district 10A. I'll try to arrange one for District 10B also.

That is all for now .

Thanks

Joe H.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Terri M

Hello. My name is Terri and I am an alcoholic. I am your CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) chair of Northern Nevada and parts of Eastern California.

It has been a very busy few months. I have been working with our Public Information Chair, Don D and attending workshops, the most recent being on 11/19 online where Jake our delegate opened the event, and spoke about his experience with the General Service Conference Committee on Public Information and General Service Conference Agenda Items. In October I went to 2 events, 1 being at District 20 all the way in Alturas! I rode in the car with Julie C, past delegate and Lyle our Chair and it was EPIC! really good people! Before that I was invited to Crowley Lake by Phil W our past delegate and gave a CPC presentation to their district. It was absolutely amazing, saw some fall colors, took some cool pics. I am really enjoying this position. I am blessed beyond words to be able to experience service doing something zi completely enjoy. Carrying the AA message to the professional community so they in turn can reach the suffering alcoholic. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Corrections Chair Bigg J

Hello my name is Bigg and currently stand as area 42 Northern Corrections Chair. It is an honor to serve. What do I have to report on? Well I have had the opportunity to do some service work and attended District 2 workshop and presented briefly on corrections. I was also asked by Carlos from District 22 to come out and do a presentation on corrections and we discussed traditions as well.

I also sent out a letter trying to generate interest in a corrections committee and we have set a date in December to meet for the first time. If you would like to join I have a sign up sheet.

My first year as Corrections chair has been a great experience . I have a few goals for this final year of my two year term. One of them is to get online meetings more readily available for inmates that are incarcerated. To get the ball rolling.

I've begun to draft a letter that I have prepared for the wardens and hope to be able to begin getting online meetings available.

I feel Northern Nevada inmates would behoove immensely from this service. And it would not require as much of a background check and clearance that it currently requires to enter facilities.

I also attended a portion of the correction workshop online.

You know you folks are used to me being a bit long windedbut today I'm going to keep it short. If your group or district would like me to do a corrections presentation or you would like info.If you would like to be a part of starting a committee please reach outplease,,,,Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Last thing I'll say today is this.....I appreciate you coming out today and being of service to Alcoholics Anonymous. The 12th tradition says anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions. The spiritual foundation of all 12....meaning all12 traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous I ask me to give up personal ambition for the common good. Today we join together in this principle. I for one didn't come here for that.... I came here to quit puking on my shoes.

Thank you

DCM Coordinator Phil W

Hi to all of you it's nice to be here in Reno for the December NAGSC Meeting at our last assembly, we had a meeting of the District Committee Members in which we discussed creating a method of communication between the DCM's so if things came up, they could talk to each other and get each other's experience and help with things that might come up. I was really excited about this and I believe that that method of communication is now working. We also discussed a District in Las Vegas that was requesting help from other districts in starting up their meetings again. This seemed to start talks of including that district in the surrounding districts special events . Throughout this last couple of

months, it has been my impression that the districts have been having workshops and inviting the committee chairs to help inform group members of methods of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. As we move into the new year, which will be the second year of this rotation, I really feel that we have a strong foundation of helping the groups, do their purpose of carrying this message of to all who would like to hear it.

GSR Trainer Pat S

My name is Pat ... I am an alcoholic and I humbly serve as your NAGSC GSR Trainer.

Dano B (my counterpart in SAGSC) and I, with the help of several other trusted servants, are in the process of updating the "GSR Survival Guide." We found that it was last revised in 2010 (13 years ago) and portions just no longer applied to us. For example, in a review of the Area 42 structure it states there are separate treasuries for the north (us) and the south. Not so today. We hope to present this at the next Area Assembly in April, but we are finding it is a slower process than anticipated. In the meantime I urge GSRs to download and utilize the present manual. You can find it at the Area Website (nevadaarea42.org). On the main page click on "manuals, guidelines and forms)" then click on either the short form or long form of the GSR Survival Guide.

I'd like to remind all of the GSRs that I am available to help with whatever questions or problems you might have, as, of course, is your DCM. My Area email address is: nagscgrrsurvivalmanualnorth@nevadaarea42.org.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Grapevine Chair "Sober Sue" Sue H

Sue was present gave a verbal report but no written report submitted

La Viña Chair Teresa B

Teresa was present gave a verbal report but no written report submitted

NNIG Liaison Ed L

Hi Everyone my name is Ed and I am an alcoholic and present NAGSC NNIG Liaison. It has been somewhat of a busy few months all of which has produced some great results. I was asked to join up with Anna L to help out on the Treatment and Bridging The Gap committee. Between Anna and Tammie and Heather in NNIG they have made huge strides in carrying the message. You see by working with NNIG committee chairs you gain a tremendous amount of help.

Something I would like to bring up is a tip both Lyle and Julie gave me when I was a DCM. In order to make your business meetings interesting invite a committee chair to the meeting. The information your GSR's will get is invaluable. I will warn you that you may lose a GSR or two as they may join a committee and abandon their GSR position.

By following the groundwork Don D started on his last rotation and being able to work with him still there is now great communication going on between both NAGS and NNIG. All of this means that we are reaching the still suffering Alcoholic and a greater rate.

Much still needs to be done in reaching out to our Brother and Sisters to the North, South and East. Many districts have and do feel abandoned and have started their own NNAGS type of committees. Holding meetings in places other than Reno is necessary. With the adoption of zoom meetings we have the ability to reach out but meetings in person in the outlining areas is a must.

One last thing if you are a committee chair DCM or GSR it has always been suggested that you attend a Intergroup meeting especially at the beginning of your rotation. Meet the chairperson working on the same committee and combine efforts. I make the same suggestion to the NNIG chairs. The Intergroup meeting is the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Sparks ALANO Club at Rock and Prater, it is also available on zoom.

Yours In Service Ed Loughrey

Public Information (PI) Don D

My name is Don and I serve as your NAGSC Public Information Chair. I have been continuing to work with the NNIG PI Chair to help out with anything I can as well

as some local districts in whatever I can do to be of service for them. I was able to take part in a PI/CPC workshop entitled "We are Not a Secret Society" for our Area on November 19th on Zoom. We had 4 panelists from North and South discussing their experiences with these AA services. We had 28 people attend and it was an awesome experience as far as hearing different perspectives on how to talk to Professionals and utilize other avenues to let people know about AA. It was very exciting to see the people from all over Nevada come together as one for that.

I wanted to share about the upcoming Area Conference Committees and say that it is one of many things that helps me to see the ripple effect of good that extends far beyond my home group in regards to AA services General Service provides. I know it won't be for everyone but for me it is incredibly interesting to see how AA is reaching out to let the alcoholic who does not know there is an answer for their drinking that we are here with a chair for them. Through these agenda items the groups can help the Trustees to chart new paths to utilizing new ways to reach alcoholics. I can remember how small my world became in my drinking at the end where it was me, a bottle of cheap vodka, & a bunch of resentments and nothing else. It was so sad and miserable but today my world including the world of AA is bigger than just me and my home group partly because of my participation with the Conference Agenda item. So I invite you to try it out at least once and see for yourself and learn from the people on your committee how much AA is out there. I will be holding the 1st "meet and greet" for the Public Information Conference Committee January 7th at 3pm on Zoom so if you are interested I invite you to come hang with us that day.

Thanks for a life worth living,
Don D

Because Lonnie needed to step down as Treatment/ Bridging the Gap Chair Paul appointed Anna as chair to the committee. Paul ask the body to confirm her appointment. The body confirmed the appointment unanimously.

Treatment/ Bridging the Gap Chair Anna L

Hello,

My name is Anna, I am an alcoholic and your current Northern Area General Service Treatment and Bridging the Gap Committee Chair. I have been serving in this position since September, and like any good alcoholic, I have grandiose ideas of what I hope to accomplish by the end of this rotation.

As a new committee chair and fairly new member of general service, I have much to learn. There are currently three of us on the committee. Myself, from District 20; Terry N., from District 6 (who is also their Treatment Committee chair); and Ed L., from District 12 (who is also our NNIG Liaison, and a past Treatment and Bridging the Gap Committee Chair). In an effort to learn what is currently happening in the Northern Area and where we may be of service, I have reached out to each DCM to introduce myself and begin to build relationships. Unfortunately, I have only connected with a few of the DCMs so far. Ed L. attended the November District 4 meeting where he was able to provide helpful information and answer questions about Treatment and Bridging the Gap services. If you would like to have one of us attend your district meeting, please let us know and we would be happy to arrange it. It would be wonderful to have representation from each of the districts on our committee. If you are a Treatment and/or Bridging the Gap committee chair for your district, and are interested in joining our committee, or know someone from your district who would be, please reach out to one of us. There is also a sign-up sheet on the announcements table.

I also reached out to the NNIG Bridging the Gap Chair, Heather L., and NNIG Treatment Chair, Tammie A., and as we like to say in AA, "they are on fire!" You may have seen one of them or a member of their committees at your district meeting, as they are also reaching out to provide information and support. The NNIG Bridging the Gap Committee hosted a workshop in October that was phenomenal and full of valuable information. It also offered an opportunity to collaborate with other NNIG committee chairs for Treatment, Corrections, and the Sunshine Committee, all of which fall under the Hospitals and Institutions umbrella. NNIG has lots of meetings and Bridging the Gap presentations going into treatment centers and institutions, and our intention is to work together and have as many meetings and presentations going into treatment facilities across the northern area as possible.

In November, I received an email from a member of the Bridging the Gap Committee from Coastal Northern California Area 6, with a contact card for a person who was returning from treatment and had requested Bridging the Gap services in our area, coincidentally, in a town where I regularly attend meetings. The person was contacted and met at the meeting the following evening. I was ecstatic! We reached a still suffering alcoholic and got them to their first AA meeting!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service and to be a part of. I am delighted.

Anna L.
NAGSC Treatment & BTG Chair

NACYPA Liaison Dan M

Dan gave a verbal report but no written report was submitted

Linguistic Translator Diana V

No written report submitted

Old Business

2nd Reading: NAGSC Guideline Change Proposal (Meeting Date) presented by Mike L

Background:

For several years now NAGSC has not met on the last Saturday of February. The first meeting of the year the NAGSC meeting provides forum prior to the Pre-Conference Assembly to review the General Service Conference agenda items, see 2.2 (AKA roundtable meeting). This has typically taken place in the middle of March, pending the timing of receiving the GSC agenda items.

Current:

2.0 MEETINGS

2.1 Meetings will be held the last Saturday of February, and the first Saturday of the following months: June, August, and December unless otherwise decided upon by the NAGSC. Every effort should be made to include all cities of Northern Area. (amended 12-7-13)

2.2 Provide forum prior to the Pre-Conference Assembly to review the General Service Conference agenda items.

Change Proposed: (Underlined)

2.0 Meetings

2.1 Meetings will be held approximately the 3rd Saturday of March with the NAGSC chair having the ability to determine the date pending the receipt of General Service Conference (GSC) agenda items, and the first Saturday of the following months: June, August, and December unless otherwise decided upon by the NAGSC. Every effort should be made to include all cities of Northern Area. (amended 12-7-13)

2.2 Provide forum prior to the Pre-Conference Assembly to review the General Service Conference agenda items (AKA roundtable meeting).

Discussion:

Paul clarified proposal to change guidelines to actual practice.

The motion was made and seconded with one dissension. Paul asked for minority opinion. The minority opinion sated that the change was not necessary. Paul asked if anyone wanted to change their vote because after hearing the minority; no one wanted to change their vote motion passed.

Mike L read this proposal

2nd Reading: NAGSC Guideline Change Proposal (Meeting Funding)

Background:

The amount of \$200.00 was set in 12-3-16 and carried over in 8-6-22 when the Area 42, NAGSC, and SAGSC treasuries were combined. It has become harder to find meeting facilities to fit our needs at that amount, as many of them have raised their fees for renting facilities. As some District can't afford the new rate increases as NAGSC we would like to have "every effort should be made to include all cities of Northern Area". (See 2.1)

Current:

2.0 Meetings

2.6 Area 42 will provide funding up to \$200.00 to assist the hosting district with the rent of the facility only. (amended 12-3-16; 8-6-22)

Change Proposed: (Underlined)

2.0 Meetings

2.6 Area 42 will provide funding up to \$300.00 to assist the hosting district with the rent of the facility only. (amended 12-3-16; 8-6-22)

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Discussion:

Concerns; that proposed \$300 was not enough, budget is tight and we can't afford it, we need facilities that good wifi. A friendly amendment was made to increase the amount to \$400 by Michele M. A sense of the room was taken and the vote about 50 50 to increase the proposed \$300 to \$400. The friendly amendment was then withdrawn by Michelle M. The motion was made to except the guideline change as originally written. The vote was taken with substantial majority accepting the proposal. Paul asked for minority opinion there was two; one believed we should have a better informed group conscious and one felt the amount of \$300 was not enough. Paul asked if anyone wanted to change there vote after hearing minority opinions with none expressing to change their vote, motion passed

Paul asked for a district volunteer district to host he next NAGSC meeting on March 16, 2024 which will be a agenda roundtable meeting with none volunteering at this time Paul said the location and host district will bw announced

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 closing with the responsibility statement.