

Secretary Minutes from August 11th 2012  
NAGSC Meeting Elko Nevada

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NAGSC Statement of Purpose: To facilitate interest in General Service work by encouraging involvement in service at all levels as follows:

- A. Provide information from the Area Committee to GSRs of action taken or pending on current events or proposed concepts that are being reviewed.
- B. Provide a forum for group or district problems / possible solutions.

**NAGSC Meeting:**

- NAGSC Chairperson Sophie K led us in the Serenity Prayer, .Tonya P. read the preamble. Chuck M. read short version of concept 12
- Mileage and sign-in sheets were passed.
- Introductions were followed by approval of the Minutes of meeting from June 10, 2011

Rich B. read Treasurers Report,

NAGSC TREASURER REPORT

January 4, 2012 to July 31, 2012

Starting balance	\$12,332.08
Total income and contributions	\$4,577.85
Total expenses	\$6,526.37
Ending Balance	\$10,383.56
Prudent Reserve	\$1,250.50
Notes: Income & Expenses from June to present.	
1. 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition (NAGSC)	\$291.30
2. Contribution	\$4286.55
3. Fuel Reimbursement	\$1,285.08
4. PRAASA	\$1,816.45

No 7<sup>th</sup> tradition was collected at the last NAGSC meeting. I'm expecting people to give double in Elko.

Thank you for letting be of service.

Rich B.

**Officer Reports:**

**Chairperson:** Sophie K. Thank you District 10A for hosting this NAGSC meeting and inviting us to make a General Service 12<sup>th</sup> Step call to Elko.

Welcome to Lisa and Ken from the RAA group in Winnemucca.

Since our June meeting in Genoa we were without a Grapevine Rep. Laura J. from Mammoth Lakes has made herself available to fill that service position.

Thank you Laura.

The Panel 61 rotation will not finish until Dec. 31, so don't fold your tent just yet! However, we will be having elections for new trusted servants at the December NAGSC meeting as well as at the Area Assembly in Tonopah on Sept. 7-9.

There are many ways to be involved, so just jump in.

One note regarding the Area Assembly: Please register as soon as you possibly can as that will help the registrar tally the number of eligible voters in the room. It is critical to have accurate information for the elections. The agenda states that the registration desk will be closed during the proceedings. If you come in while it is closed, you can sign in at the next break.

Thank you all for your service.

Sophie K.

**Treasurer:** Rich B no report

**Secretary:** Phil W. Hi to all of you, I'm really glad to be here in Elko. Life is good, I've been active in my home district C&T also doing those summer things I do that allow me to do the things I love to do. I really love my life which let's me do so many things with others. I love being in General Service to AA as we are the folks that carry the message of service to and from our groups and districts so as to help them to do their primary purpose. In the Traditions it states that a groups primary purpose is to carry it's message to the still suffering Alcoholic- and as a representative of the Gen Service Conference I'm able to communicate what is going on in certain areas of service and what is available to the local group or dist to maybe help that group or dist carry its message to suffering alcoholics. Its truly nice to be able to come out here as well as other places in the Northern area and meet with you and others who are interested in doing this thing called sobriety, I hope to see you all in Tonopah next month. Phil W.

**Area 42 Archivist:** Paul E. I am truly sorry that I am unable to make it to Elko. I have started to create a small display in Northern Nevada Inter-groups Central Office. This is a work in progress; I have put some district binders and some other interesting materials. I have also had some members bring in and donate some items that they had. I look forward to the added interest in this project to create some interest in Archives. If any GSR's have a group history or want to update their group's history please contacts me. As always I am looking for flyers and any other interesting A.A. materials form the past about your Group, District or the Area.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul E.

## **District Reports:**

**District 2:** No Report

**District 4:** No Report

**District 6:** In June, at the last NAGSC meeting everyone came to us in Genoa for the Founders Day Picnic. I would like to thank everyone who attended. I don't think that we had a larger turn out than last year but I do know that we held steady and had between 75-100 people in attendance throughout the day. We actually got out of there ahead of schedule and will adjust the time for next year's picnic to end a little earlier.

On July 22 District 6 held a question and answer desert potluck at the Alano club in Carson City. District 6 had 3 different speakers, Pete L. from Reno, Dan M. from Reno, and Chris S. from Gardnerville. The topics were, AA in the Digital Age—Do we even need Anonymity, The AA Traditions and the AA Rebel, and Sponsorship and the Excuses to Drink. The speakers would talk for 15 minutes, getting through all the topics. Then we opened it up to a question/answer from the audience directed at the speakers. The meeting started out with only a few showing but ended with 20 people. I was definitely happy with that for a first time project. Of course all the junk food was great to.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

Chris S.

Alt DCM district 6

**District 8:** No Report

**District 10A:** Dennis W. Hello Everyone, I'm Dennis, Alcoholic.

First of all I want to thank all the out of town guest for coming so far for this meeting. I also want to thank everyone for bringing food and setting up our skit for later.

Our annual campout in the Rubies was a great success; we had three wonderful speakers that presented their stories very well. It is always a pleasure to sit and be quiet, listen, and relate. Our stories differ but really are the same. If you weren't there you really missed a great time.

District wise, things have slowed a great deal, changes in jobs and other obligations have taken their toll on service at the district level. It is time to rotate as we all know, and I am trying hard to get the some interest sparked into the service positions. PI, CPC, and H&I all need a jumpstart. Attempts to get into the jails have come to a screeching halt with all the red tape in Carson. I have not given up on it yet but another member just got fed up and quit trying. I pray that with some young blood and new faces in the District a new energy and commitment to this very important service will emerge. Food, controversy and Prayer are what the old timers that went before me suggest.

Thanks for giving me this time to share and as always it is a pleasure serving this wonderful District of 10A.Dennis W.

**District 12:** Debbie S. In the past couple of months we have had three groups dissolve...One in Yerington and two in Fallon. A member started a early risers meeting, Monday-Friday at 6:30am in Fallon. She has reported a good turnout

so far...As suggested, she will just have meetings for now, then if all is still well in six months, consider registering as a group. One of our groups in Fallon are feeling the financial pressure of carrying mandatory insurance at the Catholic Church...the GSR had reported there has been talk of possibly having to move. That group has been meeting there for so many years, the home group members are going to keep trudging along as long as they can. Austin Group participated in the Kingston Campout, which is part of District 11...The GSR reported a good turnout and fellowship from members of the North and South. Our Fernley GSR has relocated to the Elko area...He made sure to get a replacement and accompany him to a couple of District meetings. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oasis Festival in Fallon will be held December 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Flyers will be in Tonopah. We will hold our District elections at our regular District meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup>...Seems to be an interest in all positions! On a personal note...I'm looking forward to being of service somewhere in the Northern Area Committee. Thank you for allowing me to share our report. Deb S, DCM

**District 14:** Ron W. No Report

**District 16:** Bruce A. gave a short report, Christmas affair is going to be good

**District 20:** Julie C. We are having our district meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup>, so I am unable to attend NAGSC. Our agenda has been hijacked by an out of control fire about ½ mile from the campground. The fire is not scheduled to be contained until after our campout, so we need to discuss what our next steps are regarding our campout. This could be detrimental to the campout fund. I am extremely grateful that we maintain separate funds for the campout from our district funds, so there is no concern regarding the district's financial health. We don't have elections until after the fall assembly, so we will be discussing and encouraging people to stand for positions in Tonopah and the district. It has been a privilege and a pleasure serving as DCM for the past nearly two years. I hope I am able to show my appreciation to the members of my district. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. In Love and Service, Julie C ~ DCM, District 20

**District 22:** No report.

**GSR Survival Chair:** no report

**Finance Committee Report:** no report

**CPC Chair:** Tim W. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the NAGSC meeting this weekend but here is my CPC report: We conducted a conference call of the NAGSC CPC Committee members on August 8th included: SAGSC CPC Chair, NNIG CPC Chair, and CPC representatives for Districts 2 and 6. Each of us discussed recent CPC activities we have been doing, such as: Meeting with area Judges Hosting medical students at open AA meetings Making presentations to

students at high schools and nursing schools (we have a great presentation which can also be used for meetings with any professional as well) Doing joint presentations with Al-Anon to police stations Working with Project Homeless Connect to bring meetings into homeless shelters Hosting information tables at Veterans Services' health fairs Leaving literature at court houses and Parole/Probation offices The NNIG CPC Chair has continued to meet with the UNR medical students. The District 6 CPC Chair is drafting a letter to send to members of the medical society in the Carson City area. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. Tim W. Chair, NAGSC CPC Committee

**Corrections Chair:** Lyle C. District 20 (Kyle H and Emory B): I am sorry to miss the NAGSC meeting in Elko; I had a previously scheduled commitment. District 20 (Emory B):

The clearances have improved at CCC in Susanville and more people are going in.

The Federal Prison in Herlong continues to have active participation.

Plumas County jail is good. The women and men have meetings every week. Lassen County Jail is doing well with Men and women's meetings are still struggling with participation, but a woman has volunteered to coordinate. I am still not able to go into High Desert B yard in Susanville.

Inmates are still asking for CCS (Corrections Correspondence Service), so remember that we are always looking for people to write to inmates.

We still need Spanish speaking outside members for CCC and High Desert.

Some Spanish speaking members are trying to come from the Chico area (in Area 07 Central Northern Interior(California))

I have no updates on the other districts within NAGSC. No concerns or issues have been reported, so I assume they are doing the same as the last report .In Fellowship and Service, Lyle C. ~ Corrections and BTG Chair

**Area Webmaster:** no report

**Area 42 Newsletter Editor:** Pat S. My name is Pat S and it is a privilege to serve as your Area 42 newsletter editor. The current edition of the newsletter was "published" yesterday. I did get a few of those I emailed returned indicating the address had changed. Please, all DCMs forward copies to your GSRs. My term is nearing an end. There's one more newsletter to publish, and that comes out following our Elections Assembly in September. The position of newsletter editor is appointed by the Area Chair, so the next one will likely be from Southern Nevada. However, if you are interested in serving, be sure to let the new Chair know. It has been a privilege serving as your newsletter editor. I thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

Yours in Service, Pat S, Area 42 Newsletter Editor

**Grapevine Chair:** Grapevine Report – Laura J – Interim Chair

The Grapevine website continues to offer fun and important information and resources for the subscriber as well as for Grapevine and La Vina reps. I encourage all to visit this site at [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org)

The Grapevine now has 7 available Ebooks including the newest publication "Young & Sober", a collection of stories from members who recognized their alcoholism even though they only drank for a few years, which is also available in a print edition.

La Vina celebrated a 16 year anniversary on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

AAGrapevine.org is now formatted for use on mobile devices (smart phones and tablets).

The 2013 AAGrapevine wall calendar is now available and can be ordered by a form in the print magazine or through the website.

The fellowship is invited to submit photos for the 2014 calendar at [aagrapevine.org/photocontest](http://aagrapevine.org/photocontest). If you are a Grapevine or La Vina representative for your group, you are invited to register online so that you will be sent materials and information helpful for this commitment. You can also join a chat room online to communicate with other reps.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

**Public Information: Carri C** Hi Carri Alcoholic,

Grateful to be sober and to be of service, the Public Information Committee is still standing strong in our goal to get area 42's public libraries stocked with the Big Books, 12x12's and living sober. Thanks to all the districts who are participating in the wonderful service. Remember that the Public Information committee is still available to come to your group or district and give a presentation on what Public Information is all about and how you and your group can carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Please contact myself or one of the committee members. PUT US TO WORK !!! Thank you for allowing me to be of service Carri C.

**Registrar: Jeannette B** MY apologies to everyone for not being present today. I have been working on a data base to present to each district at the fall assembly. This data will give you attendance numbers for each assembly going back to 2008. I hope this data will be helpful in giving each district some baseline information. You can use this historical data, along with the spreadsheets Michelle B. Is preparing for distribution, to see what groups could use some support or possible outreach. You will also be able to see by viewing the active group numbers with who is participating during the assembly in hopes that all active groups have a participating GSR. Our estimated active group totals per district are as follows:

District: Number of active groups:

Dist: 2--14    Dist: 4--27    Dist: 6--35    Dist: 8    --8    Dist: 10A--3  
Dist: 10B--2    Dist: 12--19    Dist: 14--11    Dist: 16--16    Dist: 20--24    Dist: 22—  
10 Please be sure and review your handouts from the last assembly against

the updated copy you will receive in the Fall and let either Michelle or myself know if there are any discrepancies' in order that we can correct any error: If you would like me to attend your district business meeting please send me an email or call me. I would be happy to be of service.

I will be looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Assembly.

Respectfully, Jeannette B.

### **Accessibilities/Special Needs:**

**Treatment Facilities:** Bruce A. gave a report and said that fewer folks were going to Treatment committee meetings because of summer vacations and he would have something in new business

**Inter-group Liaison Report:** Roger H. Gave a nice report NNIG is in great shape

**ANNYPAA Liaison:** no report

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Treatment Chair made a one time non precedent setting request to be reimbursed \$200 for big books to be given to new people in Treatment Facilities. After some loving discussion a vote was taken ending in a tie, we then pulled out a hat and a young man from Elko drew the answer from the hat, we all agreed that it was the way it should be decided. Treatment committee will be reimbursed for Big Books up to \$200.

Phil W. made a proposal

### **Proposal**

Have NAGSC as a trial Change its meeting days to the first Saturday of the month's that meetings are held for the next 4 meetings (1 year)

### **Background**

The current guidelines 2.1 say NAGSC will be held the first Sunday of the months Feb, June, August, and Dec. unless otherwise decided. In the past some distant attendees have talked about the inability get home on Sunday night at a decent time to rest up for a early Monday morning work day. This will also allow the hosting district to maybe be able to use buildings which are not be available for our meeting on Sunday (churches)

**Cost** There would be no cost associated with suggested change and might even save some money if we can find a less expensive place for our Feb. meeting

### **Proposed Suggestion**

For the next 4 meetings NAGSC will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the meeting months Dec. The Feb meeting will be near the end of the month June and August after which if the body wants to we could make a more informed decision as to making a guidelines change to 2.1

This passed with a vote of 15 for and 1 agentst no minority opinion was given

Phil W. then asked the Chair to form a ad-hoc committee to work on guidelines concerning standing committees their work and funding.

We closed the meeting with Responsibility Statement

*The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket was passed and we received \$94*

### **AA Related Announcements**

- ✓ September 7-9 2012 Area 42 Assembly Tonopah NV
- ✓ September 14-16 2012 Pacific Regional Forum-Fairbanks Alaska

Area 42 Website	<a href="http://nevadaarea42.org">http://nevadaarea42.org</a>
ANNYPAA Website	<a href="http://annypaa.org/Welcome.html">http://annypaa.org/Welcome.html</a>
Reno Central office	<a href="http://www.nnig.org">http://www.nnig.org</a>

## **NEXT NAGSC MEETING**

### **Dist 12.Siver Springs**

### **December 1st 2012**

THANK YOU all for your participation and attendance at these meetings

Respectfully Submitted: Phil W

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