

## **Secretary Minutes from June 1, 2013 NAGSC Meeting**

### **District 10B Hosted @ Humboldt General Hospital-- Winnemucca, NV.**

#### **NAGSC Meeting: 1:00 PM Sunday June 1, 2013**

Chairperson Phil W. opened this meeting with the Serenity Prayer;

Read Preamble from the NAGSC Guidelines also read from Chapter One of the AA General Service Manual;

Minutes were approved as recorded.

#### **Old Business:**

A motion was made and seconded for the NAGSC body present to vote on today's second reading of a guideline-changing proposal.

#### **Proposal to amend section 4.0 as follows:**

##### **4.1 F Northern Area Standing Committees**

**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, ANNYPAA 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)      Grapevine**

##### **1) The duties of the committee chairs include:**

- a) To create a standing committee with membership representing all of Northern Area, by inviting members throughout the Northern Area to participate on the committee;**
- b) To facilitate and support the General Service activities of the standing committee members, including participation from districts and local groups;**
- c) To conduct committee meetings at least three times per year;**
  - I) At the beginning of the rotation coordinate a training for committee members on how to support local members in their efforts to be active in the committee's work;; using AA Guidelines, Box 459, AAWS quarterly reports, and committee service material including kits, workbooks and newsletters;**
  - II) Keep standing committee members informed about committee-related issues in Districts, NAGSC, SAGSC and Area 42 as well as General Service Conference agenda items that relate to the committee;**
  - III) Invite Intergroup Chair of corresponding committee to at least one**

**NAGSC committee meeting per year for the purpose of fostering and maintaining communication between the standing committees of NAGSC and their counterparts in NNIG;**

**d) To organize committee members to present relevant agenda items at the NAGSC Pre-Conference Roundtables;**

**e) Attend each NAGSC meeting and Area 42 assembly with a report of the committees activities; f) In the spirit of cooperation be the conduit of communication between the districts, the standing committee chairs and their counter parts in NNIG to keep all informed on how AA's message of recovery and hope is being shared throughout Northern Nevada Area 42.**

*[Motion to accept the proposal passed with two opposed. Minority opinion was stated, there was concern expressed that this guideline section was believed to be rules being imposed on the Committees, no votes were changed]*

## **NAGSC Officer Reports:**

**NAGSC Treasurer: Julie C.:** NAGSC Treasurer:

	2013	2012
• Beginning Cash	11,796	13,149
• Contributions:	3,668	3,620
• Expenses:		
• NAGSC meetings	1,567	1,576
• Spring Assembly	1,843	2,110
• PRAASA	3,941	1,816
• Supplies	137	614
• Total Expenses	7,488	6,116
• Ending Cash	7,976	10,653

Notes: Cash is down \$2,677 from 5/31/2012 – primarily from additional PRAASA spending in 2013. Historically, from June 1 – December 31, the cash increases by approximately \$1,000.

**NAGSC Interim Secretary: Carol B. for Roxanne H.:**

Please turn in a copy of your reports, unless you have previously, or plan on e-mailing it to me next week. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**NAGSC Chairperson: Phil W.**

I am very grateful to be able to be here in Winnemucca. We really have had an exciting 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year. The NAGSC Round tables, PRAASA, and the Area 42 Assembly were a great way to start off the New Year and the new service rotation. I have been busy. So far I have been able to reach out to Northern NV. Inter group and attended the business meeting twice up in Reno I understand that some of our standing Committee Chairs have attended NNIG meeting and I am very happy that we are reaching out to our local intergroup we are in a position to help them and the Districts with lots of Information that can be used in so many ways. In General Service we do get to be the communication's link between the General Service Conference, The General Service Office, AAWS, Grapevine Inc., Our Area other Areas, Districts and Groups There is so much we can share that will help our Area and the Groups in our area to carry the Message of Hope to the still

suffering Alcoholic. At our Assembly It was suggested that we do an inventory of our area, I have been helping with the ad hoc committee on getting ready to do that in Sept. I'm very grateful to all of our members for the trust you have that allows me and others to serve in this body. This should be a really exciting summer of service. I hope we can all enjoy being of service in any way our Higher power sees fit. Enjoy your life. Thanks for allowing me to be of service in this capacity. Phil W.

**Area Registrar: Jeannette B.**

As a reminder, I need all forms filled out to include your full name. We are not anonymous to one another. I have several forms that are not complete and need the following DCM's to see me today: 2, 4, 6, & 22. I'm happy to update your information provided it's complete. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Respectfully, Jeannette B

**Archivist: Pat S.**

Since our last meeting we have held one committee meeting attended by a half dozen AA members. We plan to meet again at 1 pm June 29 at my home in north Minden (just south of Carson City). It's a potluck. Our primary task will be to determine project goals for the year. I urge DCMs to appoint or have elected an Archivist for your District. There are actually a few meetings which have this position actively filled.

I have the binders for each district and will take them to our next NAGSC meeting in August. I would like for each DCM to take one of the two binders for each district, update the information, and get them back to me at the September Tonopah assembly. This could be a great project for your Archivist and committee. We would like to have one binder in the NAGSC sub-area and one at the Archives central office in Las Vegas. The types of projects envisioned include (but are not limited to) making audio interviews with long-timers who have 40 or more years sobriety, photographing our meeting halls/rooms; collecting memorabilia such as flyers, AA camp-out t-shirts, festival coffee mugs, etc. I have brought fliers about the June 29 meeting. On the back are directions to my house. In loving service, Pat S., NAGSC Archivist

**Area Treasurer: Carol B.**

I think most of you received the e-mail I sent out last month; if not, it was an update on the Area 42 checking account activity along with an explanation of "funds permitting" and how that relates to travel reimbursement to 12 area officers, two (2) appointed positions, and also to partial funding for the GSR's & DCM's. I ended the letter with a request for your groups' immediate consideration to please temporarily increase 7th tradition contributions to Area 42. The reason being; we are operating with a balance which is far less than we have in the past. I have this concern because checks written during the last two September assembly weekends have totaled over \$10,000 each year, and it would be counter-productive to not reimburse and partially fund as requested. Thank you for your groups' attention to this matter. Carol B.

**New Business:**

**Finance Committee:**

1. Request that the NAGSC body rescind their budget approval of sending \$1,250 to GSC to participate in Area 42's contribution for our Area 42 Delegate.
  - a. The Area Treasurer sent \$3,000 to GSC (General Service Conference) per the approved budget.
  - b. SAGSC sent \$3,500 to participate in contributing toward the Delegate.

c. GSC sent an email stating that the estimated funding for each delegate would be \$5,400. Therefore Area 42 has already contributed \$6,500 or more than requested by \$1,100.  
[A motion to send \$1,250.00 to Area 42 was unanimously passed].

2. Request group conscience on funding DCMs to the Assemblies for 2013.
  - a. During the Assembly the NAGSC finance committee had two meetings discussing the appropriate way to fund a DCM request for assistance.
  - b. The NAGSC finance committee requests that NAGSC assist DCMs with funding to the Area Assemblies. Currently the NAGSC guidelines do not mention funding DCMs.
  - c. After observing the concerns in the Blue Room, the NAGSC Finance Committee wanted to gain an informed group conscience from the NAGSC body.
  - d. Issues: Historically, it has been done before; funding is not specifically addressed in the NAGSC guidelines.

. [The Group Conscience was unanimous for partially funding DCMs in 2013 at the same level as the GSRs]

3. A Finance Committee Guideline Ad Hoc committee has been established to review the NAGSC guidelines – specifically as it pertains to funding.
  - a. Members are all of the Finance Committee plus two past trusted servants; Joyce Y and Don L.

Respectfully submitted by Julie C., NAGSC Treasurer

## DCM Reports:

**District 2 Roger H. Not present; sent report.** Enthusiasm remains high after the Tonopah Spring Meeting. District meetings have been well attended; discussions of the Concepts and GSC Agenda items have been lively. Our Treasurer has been very ill and hospitalized for some time, and has had to resign. A new Treasurer has been selected and is learning the duties. All groups have reported that attendance is good, finances are in order, and that there are no significant problems. One group has some members' texting during meetings, and this has caused some discussion, but is being handled smoothly. In service, Roger

**District 4 Kathleen W.** Apart from my recent quick hospital stay in early May, which my Alternate DCM took the meeting and held it this past month, District 4 is alive and well. Recent events are as follows: the Annypaa Campout held in Taylorsville California, July 26-27, the Cornerstone Campout at Stampede Reservoir in California, A new meeting at 2850 Wrondel, "Early Does It" @ 6:30- 7:30 am, Movie night at Triangle, recently shoed, "The Bill Wilson Story", and this past May 25th "You Kill Me". A Concepts Study is on its second time around at the Triangle Club, held both in the late morning 11:30 am -1pm Tuesdays, and every Thursday other than the first Thursday @ 7pm -8:30 pm. an announcement of the third session of this study will begin in September after Fall Assembly, an sign-up sheet will be available soon at the Triangle Club on the announcement bulletin board. I have attended about 5 meetings which I introduced myself as the District 4 DCM, inviting them to take part, I have left my recent notes from Prassa and Spring Assembly so if someone in those groups might see something that could spark an interest in participating. Thank you for letting me be of service Kathleen W. DCM District 4

**District 6: Chris S.** District 6 meets on the even months of the year. We meet at the Carson City Alano club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 1:15pm. Currently I am attending 2 Concept workshops on Tuesday of every week. The first one is in Reno in the mornings and has about 5-6 people in attendance. The second one is in Gardnerville and started after several people who were doing a Tradition study wanted to do the Concepts. We have 10-12 people involved in that one. I attended the Tradition workshop out in Silver Springs which was put on by District 12. The attendance surprised everyone and it was exciting to see such enthusiasm. Our 4 past Delegates did such a wonderful job that people are discussing it still today. The District 6 annual Founders Day picnic is coming up on June 16, 2013 at the Genoa Park from noon to 6pm. I have gotten in touch with Pete L and District 6 would like to have a Tradition workshop like Silver Springs. We are looking to have that in July on the first or last weekend.

**District 8: Laura J.** District 8 spans a length of Highway 395 in the Eastern Sierra of California, and includes meetings in Lone Pine, Independence, Big Pine, Bishop, Benton, Crowley Lake, Mammoth Lakes, June Lake and Bridgeport. My goal over the next 2 years of this commitment is to improve communication and participation from the groups at the district and area level. Currently we have 13 groups meeting in our district. Seven actively participate in District events and I am scheduling visits to reach out to the less active groups to encourage more participation. The May District meeting had the greatest number of members come to our meeting as I have ever seen. Together we created a calendar of district events to get us through to next winter. Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a gratitude picnic with games, BBQ, a chili cook off and Sophie will be there to give her Delegate's report. Along with our District Grapevine Rep, Melanie, we are having a Grapevine story writing workshop. We will have presentations from 2 members who have had stories published and we will hear from a current GV board member. Then attendees will write a story, read aloud for comments and we will be submitting the stories right that day! We will also be looking at how to submit artwork and photos. This will be on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> in Mammoth Lakes. We are also planning a movie night and another workshop in the fall on general service committee work. Our annual Campout will be held in Mammoth Lakes on August 23 – 25, the theme this year is "The Sunlight of the Spirit" and registrations are online at mammothlakesaa.com. As you can tell AA continues to be strong and active in the southern most district of the Northern part of Area 42 and I am thankful to be able to serve AA in this way. Laura

**District 10: Art F.** We currently hold our District meetings at the Elko Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm on the third Sunday of odd months. Penny our P & I is currently filling in for our H & I position. She got together with a few of our groups and got together donations of printed material for the Carlin Camp, and we have 3 volunteers that are working to get meetings into the camp. We held an auction of baked goods before the last district meeting, which raised about \$300.00 to assist our efforts for the annual camping trip, which is to be held July 26-28 at the Boy Scout camp in Lamoille. We are planning a Root-beer Social on the 8th of June to raise even more money for the camping trip. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**District 10B: Donnie F.** District 10B had a District meeting in the new Battle Mountain Clubhouse, which enjoyed a good turnout. We are planning on visiting the 10B groups listed with the General Service Office, to find out which groups are dark or dim. The Winnemucca Group, RAA has a Campout planned for June 21, 22, 13, 2013. Thank you, Donnie.

**District 12: Alt. DCM Ed L.** Many of you may not know this but we are one of the larger districts in Nevada. Our district spans from Fernley in the north to Hawthorne in the south, east to Austin and north to Lovelock. We struggled at the beginning of the year with attendance but we are proud to say that has changed recently. On May 11, 2013 we held a Traditions Workshop at Hillyard Hall in Silver Springs. The attendance was a big success. Those who came participated in pot luck and enjoyed the skit put on by members of district 12 and members from other districts as well, next we hit Broadway. The presentation given by the four past delegates gave us an invaluable look at the inner workings of AA. There is a rumor that another district is going to hold another workshop in the near future. Our next workshop will be a Secretary workshop sometime in July at the Wolfe Center in Fallon. Thanks to Winnemucca for inviting us to your great town and hosting this event.

**District 14: Lynn D.** 1) We had 100% attendance by the GSR's at the April Area Assembly. Enthusiasm breeds enthusiasm so for that I am grateful. 2) We have a district website at <http://www.laketahoearea-alcoholicsanonymous.com/> 3) Our Annual District 14 Jamboree will be held at the Truckee Regional Park, August 25<sup>th</sup>. At our last district meeting we had a spirited discussion on how to encourage member's participation in General Service. Several ideas were having the speaker focus on service in AA, a play or skit, a puppet show and district members wearing badges that say "Ask me what is General Service?" or the something along those lines. We will be working with the Jamboree chair on this endeavor. We are encouraging discussion at our district meetings rather than just giving reports. I believe that has really helped all the officers to become invested in district issues not just in their position. It is also teaching us love and tolerance... Thanks, Lynn

**District 16: Ed O.** My Home group is the Back Room Group in Golden Valley. District 16 covers Golden Valley, Hungry Valley, Lockwood, Sparks, Stead, Sun Valley & Sutcliff. Our district

meetings average 8 GSR's or their alternates. We meet every third Tuesday at the Sparks Christian Church at 510 Greenbrae St. in Room 204A. The District 16 sponsored Mother's Day May retreat at Lake Tahoe was a success. I'm looking forward to a PI Workshop/fun and activities day sometime in August with Samantha and some of the other local districts. Thank You, Ed

*District 20: Kyle H* .Not present; No report

*District 22: Bladimir A.* Not present; No report.

## **Standing Committee Chair Reports:**

### **Finance Committee Report:**

#### **CPC Chair: Lyle C.**

The CPC Committee had two conference call meetings. Voted for a Co-Chair, Joyce Y and Secretary, Rick B. We reviewed the guidelines and workbook and are setting some goals for the Committee. I have emailed a letter from the Committee to Northern Area DCM's asking for their assistance in helping us find how many districts and groups have CPC Committees. Also, do any districts or groups need or want help from your NAGSC CPC Committee. We are planning a CPC workshop when the time is right.

The Committee has a great group of people already, but would love representation from the North Central area (10a, 10b or 12).

### **Public Information: Samantha G.**

#### **Corrections Chair: Deb S.**

Feats accomplished were: A female pre-release contact request was matched with a female on the outside and a couple of requests for a "Bridging the Gap" was filed by volunteers in the area of release. Thank you DCM's and Intergroup chairs whom helped coordinate! I have found that where there is a need, there are members willing to jump in. With that being said, I am looking to put a contact list of volunteers together for Corrections and Bridging the Gap work. I am looking for volunteers to be there when a request is made, help in coordinating with inside the facilities, and those with a passion to take a meeting inside facilities. Please see me with your contact info before going home. DCM's please announce at your business meeting the need for volunteers in each District. I would be happy to attend your business or special meeting to talk on Corrections/BTG and answer any questions. Thank you, Debbie S.

#### **Grapevine Chair: Paul E.**

I had the privilege of sitting at the Grapevine table at the Pre-conference Assembly in Tonopah. I say this because I have been going to the Area Assemblies for many years and I had never met so many members that I had not talked to before; this defiantly got me outside my own little bubble. Laura the District 8 DCM and Melanie the District 8 Grapevine rep. are putting on a Grapevine Workshop on how to write an article and get it published in the Grapevine. They will also have Pat S. our current Alt. Archivist there; both Laura and Pat have had articles / pictures published in the Grapevine. The date is Saturday, July 13, 10am - 2pm in Mammoth Lakes, unfortunately I will be unable to attend due to a previous commitment.

I do know of at least 1 Grapevine meeting in the Reno / Sparks area, which is the Positive Acceptance Group that meets at 1240 E. 9th St West Hills Hospital, 9:30AM Sundays, a Grapevine meeting is where they read an article from the Grapevine and then have a discussion. This meeting could use some support. If you know of any other Grapevine meetings please let me know. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

#### **GSR Survival Training: Chris S.**

Since the last NAGSC meeting I have had 1 District ask about a workshop. I was already traveling that weekend and was unable to attend their District meeting. My contact email is

eminutes@gmail.com and I am still waiting to be of service. I am the DCM for District 6. If you would like to have GSR Survival training in the Districts that border 6 I would be willing to come over during the week for an evening presentation. For those districts further out, if you would like to invite GSR's from other districts that would help with multiple trips to the same area of the state. Remember we are talking about ride sharing and saving money lately. But if that doesn't work I am still willing to come and see you. Chris S.

**DCM Chair Coordinator: Lonnie M.**

No Report

**Intergroup Liaison: Mike L.**

NNIG service committees have been very active with actual committees with chairs, alternate chairs, and additional committee members. CPC, Bridging the Gap, Treatment facilities and corrections committees are working together to get out the AA message to the alcoholic as well as the courts, the professionals, and the institutions. The Sunshine Committee is continuing the work Ed P started, the answering service keep the phones manned 24/7, as well. This Tuesday June 4th Intergroup will be holding its yearly elections to rotate its service positions. This yearly rotation can be challenging for our standing committees to work with intergroup committees but it is also an opportunity for increased effort to work closer with intergroup. Intergroup is holding its own financially. Contributions are down but there have been increased literature sales. A full financial report is available in the Bracer which can be found at nnig.org. The NNIG website is being updated and improved regularly. A full schedule of all the meetings in Northern Nevada and eastern California is available on the NNIG website. Please visit the website and check for accuracy of the meeting schedules. If you see a discrepancy please contact the webmaster to make corrections. NNIG does a lot of important AA service work. My goal as liaison is to see more co-operation between NAGSC and NNIG to better carry the message. If you have any questions about NNIG please contact me. My contact information can be found on the roster Thank you for letting me serve

**Special Needs/Remote Comm. Carri C.**

I'm serving as your Special Needs, Accessibility and Remote Communities Chair with the help of the committee Carol B. Last month I was invited to District 8's district meeting and gave a presentation on what the committee is all about and how we can help our groups, members and meeting halls to be more accessible to those with special needs. I have been reading the material and basically this committee is all about the 12th step carrying the message who is still suffering. Asking ourselves; are we looking out for our elders? Are we bringing a meeting to those who are stuck in the home do to some illness or accident? These are just few questions we can ask ourselves. Please, if you would like for the committee to come to your district and talk about this wonderful service please contact me or carol and we will be more than happy to come and talk to your group or district

**Treatment Facilities: Kevin B.**

I am working to make connections at NNIG and their treatment committee. Debbie S. from BTG will forward the cross over folks from treatment centers for me to manage. I am looking for the DCMs to let me know how to help them with the treatment centers in their districts. I will be working on forming the committee to be in compliance with the newly approved NAGSC guidelines. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Namaste - Kevin B.

**ANNYPAA Liaison: No report**

**Delegate Report: Sophie K.**

There is no written report from Sophie. The Advisory Actions taken at the April 2013 GSC are available at nevadaarea42.org in the Delegate Page link. Please contact Sophie (Area Roster) for any future Delegate report requests you may have.

This concluded the NAGSC Business Meeting ~ Adjourned at  
3:45

### **AA Related Announcements**

August 4, 2013	NAGSC Meeting, District 8, CA
September 6 – 8, 2013	Area 42 Assembly – Tonopah, NV
March 7-9, 2014	PRAASA - San Diego, CA

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 District 8**

**August 4, 2013 ~ Standing Chairs at Noon ~ NAGSC Meeting  
at 1:00**

**Map to District 8 Hosted NAGSC Meeting  
THANK YOU all for your participation and attendance at these meetings**

**Respectfully Submitted:  
Carol B**

Revised by Ad Hoc Communications Committee for Anonymity Breaks in 2016.