

## **NAGSC Business Meeting**

**December 6, 2014**

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
627 Sunnyside Drive, Reno, Nevada

**Meeting Opens: Phil W** opened the meeting at 1:05 with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Reading: Service Manual, Chapter 1, "Introduction to General Service".

**Review Minutes:** Minutes of previous meeting (August 2, 2014) reviewed, Corrections: Chair Report will be added.

Motion made to Accept with correction:

1<sup>st</sup>: Yes

2<sup>nd</sup>: Yes

Vote: Approved

### **Treasurer's Report: Julie C**

Contributions from the North continue to be up from last year, by over \$3,000 (39%). For the first time in this panel, there have been contributions from all districts. We have a contribution from our Spanish speaking district 22. I was so overwhelmed when I opened the envelope. I attempted to translate what I could on the Contribution receipt, so that they would know how much it meant. Please thank your groups.

The budgeting process went very smoothly again this year with participation from all current officers and standing chairs. Due to the increased participation from groups, we will be able to continue to fund the standing committees as they reach out to the districts and groups, providing information on how to reach the still suffering alcoholics.

**Area Contribution:** The finance committee is unanimously recommending that NAGSC reimburse 1/3 of the costs for taxes and new accounting software.

Taxes: \$450 – NAGSC share is \$150.

Software: \$99+ – NAGSC share is \$33+

Rounding up = \$200

Roger made a motion to send a onetime payment of up to \$200 to the area to cover this expense.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Discussion:

Question asked of estimate of future costs as compared to this onetime cost

Future fees for software will likely be the same and occur about every 2 or 3 years, Tax preparation will occur yearly.

Vote was approved.

Julie continued:

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. The finance committee had our last meeting a couple of weeks ago. It has been a privilege to be both the treasurer for NAGSC and on the finance committee. I have grown tremendously.

## **Old Business**

None

## **Delegates Report: Sophie K**

My name is Sophie. I am alcoholic and grateful to be a member of the worldwide fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. For another few weeks I serve you as Area 42's Delegate to the General Service Conference. Welcome to all of you who are new to General Service. Be advised that something you hear or experience today might give you the bug and change your relationship with AA forever!

Our General Service Board last met in Rye, NY on the weekend of Nov. 1-2. Joel C., our Pacific Regional Trustee, shared his report with us delegates on a conference call the following week. Everything I heard was about how General Service and our General Service Office support our carrying the message locally and around the world. This is our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition at work. Here are some excerpts:

Our U.S. Trustee-at-Large, Bob W, reported on the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Service Meeting (WSM) that was held in Warsaw, Poland, October 12-16.

AA has grown considerably in Poland since the fall of the Iron Curtain, and the Polish General Service Structure has provided a great deal of country-to-country sponsorship in Eastern Europe. There were 61 delegates from 41 countries at the WSM, and the first-time attendees were Iran, the Czech Republic, Hong Kong, and Romania. Ali A., from Iran, who liked to joke that his initials were A.A., shared about the challenges of holding meetings in a country that bans alcohol and looks harshly on drinkers, whether they're actively drinking or not. In addition, the Iranian government views anonymous meetings unfavorably, as well. The name "Alcoholics Anonymous" is illegal in Iran, so the movement calls itself "Nameless Sobers."

There were workshops on singleness of purpose and on women in AA. Bob was encouraged to hear a very consistent message in terms of support for the 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition (*Each group has but one primary purpose...*). He also shared that in spite of the fact that there were many stories of the challenges that women face in gaining acceptance in AA in various countries, there was strong representation of women among the WSM delegates.

Joel said that Bob was moved to tears as he shared about the closing of the World Service Meeting. The Serenity Prayer was recited in 28 languages. Joel could see and feel the

profound impact this experience had on Bob, and Joel was grateful for the awareness that through Bob's big heart the delegates assembled in Poland got to feel the heartbeat of AA in the U.S.

Bob also shared about attending the anniversary of AA in Latvia held in Jelgava, Latvia, October 17-18. Although there has been an AA presence there for 26 years, and there was one member present at the anniversary celebration with 25 years of sobriety, most of those in attendance had between five and eight years of sobriety. There had been a founding member who had gotten things started years ago, but he had resisted rotation and finally had to be lovingly encouraged to allow others to take the reins. He ended up drinking again, and apparently the use of the Steps and the practice of the Traditions really hadn't taken hold until after he moved off the scene. Bob called it a powerful example of the bleeding deacon/elder statesman scenario in Tradition Two in the 12 and 12.

Joel has stories of his own to tell, too! He will be with us at the 2015 Pre-conference Assembly in Tonopah. If you'd like to request that Bob W., our Trustee at Large, come to our assembly to give a report please make that suggestion to our Area Chair, Phil W.

December Update from AA World Services:

The "Many Paths to Spirituality" (P-84) pamphlet has sold more than 68,000 copies to date – that's after two printings and approximately three months on sale. We expect to order a third printing fairly soon because the rate of sale is exceptionally high for a new pamphlet. The reason for such strong sales, we believe, is that there was a pent-up demand for a publication on this topic.

For the first nine months of the year total gross sales were \$14,345,500 which is \$1,870,000 over estimate for the year to date. This is primarily due to a large order (\$1.8 million) from a major outside purchaser prior to the implementation of the literature price increase. A.A. Comes of Age is now available as an e-book. The next e-book title will be As Bill Sees It.

CPC - The proposal for a presentation at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Physician Assistants was accepted, as was the proposal to present at the American Probation and Parole Association conference. Both of these proposal were submitted in response to invitations. Class A trustees will be giving the presentations.

Conference Agenda: submissions from Areas 07 and 51. Note: the final agenda will not be set until the end of January, 2015.

Area 07 (California Northern Interior) supports with substantial unanimity an agenda item at the 65<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference to: "Request the Trustees Committee on Literature begin developing literature which focuses on the alcoholic with mental health issues."

Please see me at the break if you would like background information on this agenda item.

Area 51 (North Carolina) unanimously approved: "That language be added to 'The A.A. Group' pamphlet that encourages groups to recognize their role in creating a safe A.A. meeting."

Please see me at the break if you would like background information on this agenda item.

News within Nevada Area 42: we will be hosting PRAASA 2018. We are still in the site selection phase and will give updates as we have news.

Today we will have a few elections and I feel the excitement in the room for the next rotation. Hang on to your service manuals, a new adventure is about to begin!

It has been a privilege to serve with you. Thank you my sobriety and for following wherever Service leads you next.

## **New Business**

2015 NAGSC Budget presented by Julie for review.

Discussion:

Should we make funding for GSRs to Praasa a budget line item as opposed to having the GSRs go through the special funding process?

Should we add a line item GSC fee expense?

John made a motion – Add \$750 as a line item for GSR funding to Praasa

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no further discussion

Vote – Motion is approved

Minority opinion:

One member is concerned that the budget should reflect that GSR funding should have a higher priority than officers and suggested we take the \$750 from officer funding rather than adding the \$750 to the overall budget.

Minority opinion did not change anyone's vote

Motion stands approved.

Samantha made a motion to add \$1250 line item for GSC Fee.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Discussion:

A member asked for an explanation of what the fee is for

Vote – Approved

Minority opinion:

One Member felt there is not room in the budget

Will minority opinion change anyone's vote? Yes

Revote – Motion stands as approved

Motion made to approve budget as amended

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved. No minority opinion. Motion to approve amended budget passes.

The 2015 approved budget will be posted on the area website: nevadaarea42.org, Area Member Info.

Carol, incoming NAGSC Chair introduced the new Standing Committee Chairs:

CPC – Cheryl E

Corrections – Mike L

Grapevine - Debbie S

Public Information – Lyle C

Special Needs – Roberta B

Treatment - Gary S

DCM coordinator – Chris S

Intergroup Liaison – Michael M

GSR Survival/Trainer – Ray G

A motion was made to accept to Standing Committee Chairs as presented:

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion

Vote – Motion was approved. No minority.

Rick B shared the value of his experience serving on a standing chair committee.

Suggest was made by Phil that during the break members seek out new committee chairs and become part of that committee as a way of serving the area.

## **Break**

Ray G shared a recent experience. While attempting to order La Vina subscriptions, he discovered that the order form was only available in Spanish. He began researching if there was an English version and finding that none existed he thought about beginning the process of suggesting this become a conference agenda item. This put him in touch with a person at the General Service Office who upon learning of this oversight simply fixed the problem by creating the English version of the form which will soon be available to all!

Election held for a NAGSC recording secretary:

Standing for position – Laura J

Vote approved Laura for the position.

Election held for 3 Finance Committee Members:

Standing for positions – Will L, Paul E, Samantha G

Vote approved all 3 for the positions.

Joyce Y spoke to the body asking for discussion & support for proposal mention by Sophie in Delegate's report, "Request the Trustees Committee on Literature begin developing literature which focuses on the alcoholic with mental health issues." Joyce asked that NAGSC send a similar letter of support as sent by Area 07 to the General Service Office.

Larry made a motion – that this body (NAGSC) send a letter to GSO supporting development of a pamphlet on the alcoholic with mental issues.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion:

For clarification, Sophie re-read from her report. "Area 07 (California Northern Interior) supports with substantial unanimity an agenda item at the 65<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference to: "Request the Trustees Committee on Literature begin developing literature which focuses on the alcoholic with mental health issues."

What would the letter say?

Is this something that should come from this body or better from districts or individuals?

Sophie proposed a simple letter stating our support.

Are we rushing this?

Vote - All in favor of sending letter as written by Sophie?

Vote – Motion was approved.

Minority opinion:

We are rushing to the assumption that the body approves of this.

This should go back to the groups.

This is an outside issue.

Does the minority opinion change anyone's vote? Yes

Revote – Motion passed, letter to be sent.

## **DCM Reports**

### **District 2, Roger H – Report given by Mary D**

New officers were elected and begin their two year term January 2015

DCM: Mary D, Alt DCM: Cyndy F, Secretary: Jonathan G, Treasurer: Steve W

The District hosted a Grapevine Writing Workshop on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Reno Triangle Club. About a dozen people attended and received great instruction from Area Grapevine Representative, Paul, who added AA history and celebration news from the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary to his presentation. We were also inspired after hearing past delegate, Joyce Y, share her story writing experience with all. She had copies of her published works and letters from the Grapevine office. The attendees then took pen to paper. After a reading of stories, we dried our eyes and hoped that the language of the heart expressed at the workshop is published in our magazine.

It is with great sadness and overwhelming gratitude that we say farewell to Roger H., our exiting DCM. Roger's steady guidance and gentle humor welcomed green GSRs and turned out trusted servants to their home groups and to our district and area. Thank you, Roger! We look forward to seeing you in meetings, assemblies and special events.

### **District 4, Kathleen W – Report Given By Wayne.**

Hello from District 4, being that I may have to leave early today due to work constraints, I've passed my report to our incoming DCM, Wayne to begin his journey as DC with NAGSC.

We've been busy this last quarter, many movements to accommodate groups have taken place, the Concepts and Beginners Workbook meetings have moved from the Triangle Club to Biggest Little Fellowship. The meetings at the Driars Club are now free from infestation of reported bed bugs, so their populations should reconvene for better populations to the meetings.

The big event city wide, the Gratitude Dinner, sell out was enjoyed by all who attended at the El Dorado Hotel Casino. Biggest Little Fellowship's Spaghetti Dinner this past November 23 was a moderate success. The upcoming New Year's Gala at Grand Sierra Resort to hopefully be a sellout attendance, tickets are \$45 for a seated steak dinner, speaker meeting, and dance after. Upcoming plans for the Central Office 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the March Cribbage and Corned Beef at the California Building at Idlewild Park is needing of volunteers to make this a success. Call Central Office for further details.

I want to thank all of the outgoing and incoming officers who helped me over the past 2 years of my tenure of District 4 DCM. I'm sure I'll occasionally see some of you as I settle back into regular life, of being District 4 Treasurer and Grapevine Rep.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

### **District 6, Chris S**

In Sept. District 6 started a Traditions workshop and this workshop lasted for 12 weeks. We studied one tradition a week and used the 12x12, The 12 Traditions illustrated pamphlet, and the AA traditions checklist. When the workshop started we had 35 people in attendance. As the weeks passed we worked our way down to 12. It was still a very good turnout at the

very end. The Carson Valley Gratitude dinner was once again a huge success and had between 5 to 6 hundred people in attendance. District 6 set up a table at the entrance with workshop topics, some AA pamphlets (like the AA group and 12 Traditions illustrated), and the AA Service manual. District 6 has elected every position at the District level except one. Our elections went well this rotation as they did at the last rotation. I have definitely been a part of an enthusiastic district. These last 2 years have definitely saved my life and been a blessing to my sobriety. I try to carry the message of what you people have given me in knowledge and sobriety and I can never seem to express as much as I have received. Thank you for allowing me to participate in my sobriety and I am looking forward to more as any good alcoholic always does.

## **District 8, Laura J**

Currently we have 11 groups meeting in our district. 9 groups actively participate in General Service. We meet as a District on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the odd numbered months. We are well funded by the groups' contributions.

The current District 8 panel hosted its final workshop and it was a doosey! Thank you to all the people who helped put this together. The topic was AA History. We had a room full of archives displays, both from local members and from our Area Alt. Archivist, Pat, Paul had a display on Grapevine history, we had audio and video displays, and a wonderful display from a private collection of literature and artifacts from Joyce P, set up and cared for by Dave from Reno. We also had several presentations. It was a great afternoon of learning and fellowship and a wonderful way to round out our year.

At our last district meeting we held elections and have a new panel to serve the next two years. Scott B will be our new DCM, Karie B our alternate DCM, Cog M is our new treasurer and Rick B our recording secretary. Thank you to all who stood for positions and I look forward to helping the next committee in any way I can.

I want to thank my district for allowing me to serve as DCM for the past two years. I came to this position with a goal of improving communication and participation within the district. Evidence of meeting this goal is shown to me when I see new members and GSRs actively participating not only in the district meetings but within their own groups. Our District has grown stronger for our efforts.

This position was at times challenging, tiring, and time consuming. Service work is not always convenient and I am not a saint, but mostly I grew in all of the positive ways that comes from service work and like everything else I have done in AA, I found that when I approached this task with love and faith, fortified with 12 traditions, 12 steps, and 12 concepts I have walked away with much more than I could had ever thought of in my limited imagination. It is with this understanding of the great value of service work that I look forward continuing in AA general service in whatever way awaits me. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity I have received to be of service as an Area 42 DCM and I can't wait to see what lies ahead for me on the service branch of this amazing path called sobriety.

AA continues to be strong and active in the southern most district of the Northern part of Area 42 and will continue in the future!

## **District 10a, Debbie**

I am the new DCM, I am learning so much at this meeting. I want to introduce Allen, attending GSR, Paul - GSR, and Amelita - GSR. We had a gratitude dinner that turned out very well. We have been in the dark and I want to thank everyone who have reached out to help, I will be calling you.

## **District 10b, Samantha G**

District 10B has four registered Groups and one not registered yet. We hosted the Delegate's Report in October. Sophie not only gave her report of the Conference, she also showed wonderful PowerPoint presentations of the General Service Office.

Along with the Delegate's Report the Archives and Grapevine committees entertained us with trivia and games as well as their tremendous collections of our history and displays of Grapevine materials. We asked our NAGSC Chair to speak for the finale. We really felt a part of by being able to practice the spirit of Tradition 7 and fund the Delegate's hotel room and fuel for the Archives Committee and the speaker.

Since the Fall Assembly I've attended the NAGSC meetings and visited the most of the Groups within the District. The GSRs voted to change the meeting day and time back to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 10am since attendance actually decreased with the altered day/time. The GSRs are still debating whether to contribute the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition funds when the basket is passed during District meetings to the hosting Group or keep it.

We planned on having elections in November for DCM, alt. DCM and treasurer; however no one was willing to stand. One Group's GSR stepped down without a replacement and another Group's GSR is rotating out with no new candidate.

The workshops we are planning have been rescheduled due to weather. So the workshops on Concepts, "How to keep the rooms safe", and questions and answers of our 3rd Legacy are now planned for this spring.

I want to say that I'm a bit concerned that this District may go dark again. I was asked to step up as DCM until we found a willing nominee. I'm going back through the Traditions and Concepts and asking what God's will is.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

## **District 12, Roberta B**

My name is Roberta, I'm an Alcoholic. As this will be my last report as DCM of District 12 and I want to thank the officers and GSRs of the District for their support and participation during this rotation. As DCM and Alternate DCM, I have been privileged to attend four PRAASAs and two Forums. It has been a learning and rewarding time.

The new officers for the 2015-1016 rotation were elected at our September meeting and are:

DCM – Ed L., Alt. DCM- Rodger S., Secretary –Shelby \_\_, Alt. Secretary – Teresa \_\_.  
Speaker Coordinator- Mike H. A Treasurer has not yet been elected but Ed is working diligently on it and it looks like there will be a candidate by the end of the year. I'm happy to report that this is the first time we have had an Alternate other than DCM, and it is the

first time we have had a real Speaker Coordinator since John G. moved to California a few years ago.

District 12's Service Fair in October was very successful. We started off with a potluck and a short performance about rotation by the District 12 Players. There were five General Service presenters and Leslie, from NNIG made a very nice presentation and brought a ton of information from Central Office. Archives and Grapevine were also in attendance. I had very positive comments about the program. The purpose was to let those attending know what services the General Service Committees perform for AA.

It was unanimously voted that the December business meeting would be very short and we have invited Chris S., GSR Trainer, to do an orientation for new GSRs. After the meeting we will have a potluck and fellowship to welcome new officers and GSRs and say goodbye to those rotating out.

### **District 14, Lynn D**

1) District 14 hosted our Annual Jamboree on August 31<sup>st</sup> in Truckee, CA. with about 50 members attending. As part of our effort to encourage participation in General Service, we invited all committee chairs to come and discuss their roles in Area 42. Thanks to Lyle for representing the CPC committee and bringing literature and Samantha for participating as the PI Chair.

2) We also hosted our first District Speaker Meeting on Nov 1st with a potluck dessert in our effort to have more group interaction. Incline Group 1 hosted the event and invited three members from Kings Beach Fellowship to speak. We had about 40 people attend and hope to ride this wave of enthusiasm into next year.

3) Incline Group #1 is hosting a Holiday Potluck Dinner from 6:00-7:30 with an Alanon Speaker at 7:30 and AA Speaker at 8:00. Fliers are on the table.

4) The Kings Beach Golden Group held a Thanksgiving Day Alakathon from Midnight on November 26th through Midnight on November 26th.

5) We have elected our incoming officers for the next term. Everyone has the change forms and will send it to the Registrar accordingly.

Finally, thank you for letting me of service. It has been two years of personal growth for which I will be forever grateful.

### **District 16, Ed O**

No Report.

### **District 20, Larry**

The groups in the District remain stable with the seasonal fluctuations in membership common to our area. The most recent District meeting was poorly attended and little interest was shown for service at the district or regional area. Our donations were on the decline. In spite of some dedicated and dependable AA members I felt disheartened and frustrated. In desperation I really turned it over to my higher power. In the last several weeks there has been a renewed interest in service expressed and demonstrated from unexpected quarters. I resolve, again, to do the foot work and leave the results to God.

## **District 22, Bladimir A**

No Report.

### **Chair Reports**

#### **Cooperation with Professional Community, Lyle C**

I was able to attend a Northern Nevada Intergroup CPC business meeting last month in Reno. I meet their Committee members and listened to their activities. They are doing great work with the seniors and UNR. They are actively looking for more participation on their committee, as we are. I invited them to the PI/CPC workshop the next weekend.

I participated in the PI/CPC workshop at the Alano club in Sparks hosted by the Jaywalkers Group. A number of members came up to me after the workshop/mock panel, discussing some of the professionals in their community. In addition, some of the NNIG CPC members were there along with Don the PI Chair from Intergroup. Don and I had a chance to talk and exchange our information.

#### **Public Information, Samantha G**

District 12 invited us to give a PI presentation at their Service Fair in October and we played the PSAs as background until the presentations began. I was thrilled to see a lady had pulled her chair over in front of the laptop and was intently watching the PSAs.

The Jaywalkers Group in Sparks hosted a combined PI and CPC workshop in November. There were lots of good questions during the mock panel. As always, we had a blast. The Jaywalkers Group was formed only about one year ago which made the opportunity to offer this workshop even more special.

Here are some questions you may want to ask at your next District or home group meeting:

- How is this PI Committee serving my District or Group?
- How would I like to see this PI Committee serve the Northern Area?

Remember, if your District or Group would like a presentation or workshop even through the month of December PLEASE contact me and we'll be glad to come.

The PI Committee's job is to serve the Districts and Groups when needed (asked).

I'd like to take this time to thank the Northern Area General Service Committee for allowing me to be of service. Also thank you to all of the Districts that invited us during this rotation. It was an honor and a pleasure to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous in a fun and informative way.

#### **Grapevine, Paul E**

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Grapevine Chair for the Northern Area for the past 2 years, especially with this being the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grapevine.

Since the Area Assembly in September, I attended the Oasis Festival in Fallon on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, the Lake Tahoe Fall Festival on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, District 12's Service Fair in Fallon on Oct, 11<sup>th</sup>, District 10B's Delegate's report with Archives trivia and Grapevine games in Winnemucca on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, District 8's History of A.A. workshop in Bishop on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, the

47<sup>th</sup> annual Carson Valley A.A. gratitude dinner in Gardnerville on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, and put on a Grapevine story writing workshop hosted by District 2 at the Reno Triangle Club on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. I thoroughly enjoyed all of these events and had Grapevine information and merchandise there.

If you want to give a subscription away for the Holidays you can go to [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) and give 2 gift subscriptions for only \$42.00 until the end of the year, the gift subscriptions have to go to 2 different people and addresses

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

### **Corrections/Bridging the Gap, Debbie S**

My name is Debbie, your alcoholic, outgoing Corrections Chair. I have one informative fact to report. Men are needed to correspond with incarcerated men on hope and recovery. There are over 100 incarcerated men waiting for a male on the outside to correspond with on hope and recovery. Some of these men may not have meetings in their facility, correspondence with an outside aa male member may be the closest to an aa meeting they will get. I have plenty of forms for the outside male member to fill out and send to the General Service Office; at the General Service Office a random match is made to an incarcerated male in a different region.

On a personal note...This has been a wonderful experience. The Workbook and information from the General Service Office has been an awesome learning tool. Learning of the many opportunities to serve in the corrections committees. Invitations and presentations at workshops were very rewarding. I not only had information to share, but meeting the members whom are out there doing the work of taking meetings behind the walls has been a new humbling experience. Had it not been for this commitment and sharing with a recently released woman, our recovery books may not have reached the Churchill County Jail.

I have brought with me a few copies of the Winter Issue, "SHARING BEHIND THE WALLS", a prison newsletter, and again, forms for our male members to send to the General Service Office for the Corrections Correspondence Program.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

### **Special Needs/Remote Communities, Joyce P**

No Report.

### **Treatment Facilities, Kevin B**

No Report.

### **Intergroup Liaison, Mike L**

Hello everyone my name is Mike L I'm an alcoholic and I have been serving as NAGSC Liaison to NNIG. I can't express my gratitude enough for being able to serve these last two years as NNIG liaison communicating the important 12 step work that NNIG and NAGSC do. During this last rotation we have seen great progress of communication and co-operation between NNIG and NAGSC with noticeable participation especially of attendance of District workshops by NNIG committee chairs.

Since our last NAGSC meeting intergroup has had many successful events; successful Halloween party, monthly speaker meetings held at the Silver Legacy, sold out Gratitude Dinner at the El Dorado. The Fall Round Up was also well attended. There also is a upcoming News Eve Years Gala at the Grand Sierra for more information call Central Office.

The NNIG committee chairs continue to be very active and doing important 12 step work. The answering service is running smoothly but there is always a need for more volunteers and home groups can volunteer to take block of times. The Treatment chair says there is need for more volunteers to take meetings in the facilities. The pink Contributions have improved and literature is getting out. The CPC committee is very busy with many stakes in the fire and have been meeting again with the 3<sup>rd</sup> year UNR medical students. The Sunshine committee continues to be very busy. There is still need a need for a Bridging the Gap chair, which has remained unfilled since June. Enough is not said about the monthly newsletter that NNIG publishes monthly, the Bracer. The Bracer is full of announcements of Northern Nevada AA events and other AA information, the NNIG minutes and financials. You can also find some interesting articles. The Bracer Chair likes to remind the Bracer is only as good as the contributions in the way of articles and announcements from AA members can be submitted to [nnigbracer@gmail.com](mailto:nnigbracer@gmail.com). You can find the Bracer by going to [nnig.org](http://nnig.org) as well you find a well of information of Northern Nevada AA events and meeting schedules.

Mike M of Gardnerville has been appointed to the next liaison and I will work closely with him to make the rotation run smoothly. I know Mike is looking forward to serve. Again I can't express my gratitude to be allowed the serve as NNIG Liaison during this last panel.

### **Registrar, Jeanette B**

No Report.

### **GSR Survival Manual/Trainer, Chris S**

I have really enjoyed this service position over the last 2 years. To see the excitement take place and the light come on is always a gift I never get tired of seeing. That gift takes place in me every time a new rotation comes around. I would like to say that I am extremely busy in this position but it is an honest program. I think that as we near the end of the year it may pick up a little. On Dec. 13 I will be going to District 12 and doing a 15 minute share on the duties of a GSR. I will also be there for the incoming GSR Survival trainer when needed in the beginning. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

### **DCM Standing Committee Facilitator, Lonnie M**

No Report.

## **Officer's Reports**

### **Chairperson, Phil W**

Hi to all of you, I'm very happy we all made it here today. I'm also kind of sad that this rotation is coming to an end. I have had a wonderful time during these two years. I truly love the folks in Northern NV. I have watched the Northern Area come together in a lot of ways. I hope that in the future we continue to work together building strong ties with all our

neighbors as we carry the message of service to our fellowship and the surrounding community.

In the past couple of months I was able to attend 3 Districts workshops, I was also able to attend a NNIG meeting Last week Laura and I were able to go to a meeting in downtown San Diego and I can say that where every we go AA is alive. Just today I received the updated Spanish Version of our guidelines from our friend Lee W. who has done a lot of Translating into Spanish for us. I believe that as the years come and go AA will continue to be and I hope it continues to grow. As long as we continue to live our new way of living in love and tolerance. I will still be at our NAGSC get togethers, I will just have a new commitment. I'm truly looking forward to seeing you all at all of our functions and really am excited about seeing you at our Spring Assembly.

### **Treasurer, Julie C**

Gave Report at start of meeting. Added a comment noting that in the current report on contributions from groups all districts are represented. This is the first time in her rotation that this has happened.

### **Secretary, Roxann H**

Not present but thanked the body for letting her be of service.

### **Archivist, Pat S**

I'm happy to report I have an alternate Archivist: Dawn M. from Reno. She's very interested in history and has already been a great help.

Archives Displays, talks, or panels in 2014 included:

- Festivals in Reno in April & August
- District binders to Area display at Tonopah in March/September
- Display at New Beginnings (Tahoe) anniversary in May
- Display in Mammoth campout in August
- Display at Oasis Festival in Fallon in September
- Display in Bishop in November
- Display at Festival in Tahoe in October
- Speak (including Archives plug) in Fallon in October
- Panel in Winnemucca in October
- Display at Carson Valley Gratitude Dinner/November

I also attended and learned and shared about Archives at PRAASA in San Diego in March and the Forum in Boise, Idaho in July.

At the last committee meeting at my home in Minden, it was decided to hold our next Archives meeting in January in Reno, hopefully at the Triangle Club.

We are continuing several projects, including interviewing long-time AA members within the NAGSC boundaries, updating district binders, collecting photos of AA meeting halls, and collecting group histories.

The position of Archivist is unusual in that it is a 4-year commitment. I am now at the half-way point of my term and anxiously await the next two years.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

## **Area 42 Treasurer, Carol B**

The latest information I have on the Area Treasury is; the Finance Committee was able to acquire through a site by the name of Tech Soup, an upgraded 2015 version of Quickbooks for all three Area 42 Treasurers for a grand total of \$99.00. techsoup.com is a supplier to non-profits of a verity of software at greatly discounted prices. If we were to order 3 upgrades from Quickbooks it would have been very expensive, well over three times this amount per year, and this version should last a couple years before a needed upgrade.

For Area 42 financials see the "Area Member info" link on the nevadaarea42.org website.

If you would like a copy of your group's total contributions to Area 42 please just send me an e-mail request with the full listed name of your group to [areatreasurer42@gmail.com](mailto:areatreasurer42@gmail.com) or you can also send the request through the website at the contact page link and click on Area Treasurer.

It has been a pleasure, a honor and quite a learning/growing experience while serving you in the Area Treasurer position for the last two years and I want to thank my Higher Power along with the many of you who were there for the help and needed support throughout this last service panel.

In Loving Service

### **Next Meeting:**

Agenda Items Round Tables

Date – Saturday, February 28, 2015 - Place & Time TBA

### **Important dates**

GSR/DCM and Standing Committee Chair Orientation

January 11, 2015 – 1 – 3pm

Reno Triangle Club, 635 S. Wells Avenue

Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA)

March 6 – 8, 2015 – Layton, Utah

Area 42 Assembly – March 27 – 29, 2015 in Tonopah Nevada

**Meeting closed at 4:05pm with the Responsibility Statement**

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