

## NAGSC Business Meeting

June 6, 2015

Sparks Christian Fellowship  
510 Greenbrae Drive, Sparks, NV 89431

**Meeting Opens: Carol B** opened the meeting at 1pm with the Serenity Prayer followed by a reading, by Amelita, Service Manual S48:

"The Delegate – The delegate has a demanding job, not only because a large amount of time and work are involved, but because it is the delegate's responsibility to serve the US/Canada Conference as a whole. As voting members of the Conference, delegates bring to its deliberations the experience and viewpoints of their own areas. Yet they are not representatives of their areas in the usual political sense; after hearing all points of view and becoming fully informed during Conference discussion, they vote in the best interests of A.A. as a whole."

**Review Minutes:** Minutes of previous meeting (March 14, 2015) reviewed, Corrections:

No Corrections: None

Motion to Accept: Made

1<sup>st</sup>: Yes

2<sup>nd</sup>: Yes

Vote: Yes

### Treasurer's Report: Tinna O

We have begun to reimburse Officers, Committee Chairs, DCM's, and GSR's for Area Assembly expenses; I expect 2 more requests for reimbursement.

Our checking account balance is \$7,691.92 on 5/30/15. Group Contributions for 2015 total \$4,605.00, down almost 13% from 2014.

We are still receiving quite a few contributions at the P.O. Box in Chester and Julie has been kind enough to forward them to me in Sparks, but please let the groups know there is a new address for contributions:

We are also receiving contributions with no group name or number or even a return address on them. Please ask the groups to identify who the contributions are from when writing the check or money order. Please feel free to contact me with any question you have.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving.

NAGSC Financial status is as follows:

	<u>Jan 1 - May 30, 15</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
4001 - 7th tradition	483.75
4002 - Contribution Income	<u>4,612.55</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>5,096.30</u>
<b>Gross</b>	5,096.30

## Profit

Expense	
<b>7004 · NAGSC Meetings</b>	
Fuel Reimbursement	442.35
Rent	200.00
<b>7004 · NAGSC Meetings - Other</b>	<u>96.78</u>
<b>Total 7004 · NAGSC Meetings</b>	739.13
<b>8000 · Standing Committee Expense</b>	
CPC Committee	<u>107.00</u>
<b>Total 8000 · Standing Committee Expense</b>	107.00
<b>8054 · Office expenses</b>	
Other	45.17
Treasurer	43.56
<b>8054 · Office expenses - Other</b>	<u>10.00</u>
<b>Total 8054 · Office expenses</b>	98.73
<b>8056 · Tax Preparation</b>	200.00
<b>8090 · Travel</b>	
FALL ASSEMBLY	0.00
PRAASA	
Committee Chairs	2,570.24
DCMs	50.00
GSR	200.00
Officers	<u>1,260.04</u>
<b>Total PRAASA</b>	4,080.28
<b>SPRING ASSEMBLY</b>	<u>2,083.52</u>
<b>Total 8090 · Travel</b>	6,163.80
<b>8500 · General Service Conference Fee</b>	<u>1,250.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>8,558.66</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-3,462.36</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-3,462.36</u></u>

Paul E, member of the finance committee, reminded standing chairs that there is money budgeted for workshops, travel expense or any expense needed to share your committee information within the Nagsc area.

## DCM Reports

### District 2, Mary D

District 2 continues to have good attendance at our monthly meetings (second Tuesday of the month, upstairs at the Reno Triangle Club). We have said good-bye to a couple of members and welcomed their rotated successor to the group. Also, alternate GSRs are in attendance! District 2 was honored to participate in the Unity Day event with attendance by several members. In addition to the program printing, our alt DCM, Cyndy gave a

presentation on one of the panels. She did an excellent job of sharing service sponsorship. Mary chaired the May 16<sup>th</sup> event. We were delighted with both the number of attendees and the enthusiastic reception. We will process the event with other committee members May 30<sup>th</sup> in Yerington; look for next year's event to be even better! In June, Cheryl, CPC chairman will be at our district meeting to discuss their committee with us. We look forward to the information sharing at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **District 4, Wayne H**

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the spring area Assembly. However I would like to thank my alternate Dru G. for going in my place. We are excited to see the attendance at the district meetings has been up lately. We had a good participation at the unity day event, it seemed well received and we are looking forward to the next one. We are making some progress on the meeting safety event headed up by Kathleen W. I will make sure it gets posted to the area calendar once details are finalized. I did want to mention one meeting in our district. It's called the M&M group. M&M stands for meeting and a movie. They watch a movie relevant to alcoholism/recovery then have a brief meeting afterward's where they discuss it. They meet at 6:30 P.M. The last Saturday of the month at the triangle club.

### **District 6, John F**

District 6 is still meeting bi-monthly. We are gearing up for our Founders Day Picnic on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Genoa Park. The potluck will begin at 12noon with a speaker at 1:00 p.m. We will have an archives table hosted by Pat S. and our Grapevine rep will have a table as well. Family food and fun for all, so please join us. In other business, District 6 has appointed an ad hoc committee to review its current guidelines. District 6 is also hosting a tradition workshop in Gardnerville every Wednesday (except for the third Wed. of the month) at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome, please see me for more details.

### **District 8, Scott B**

District 8 is located in Eastern California and covers a relatively large, mostly rural geographic area. There are currently ten registered groups in the district. GSRs from four of these are regular attendees at the bi-monthly district business meetings which are fairly well attended. We are all looking forward to summer and there are a number of events planned throughout our area. On Saturday June 20, at Mill Pond Park in Bishop, the district will be holding its third annual Chili-Cook off where our current Area delegate Mike M will be presenting his conference report. There will be plenty of chili and pie and we will also be BBQing hot dogs and burgers. So if you can make it, you won't be disappointed. Following that, on the evening of Saturday July 25, the Bishop and High Sierra Groups will hold their regular joint summer White Elephant - Pot Luck dinner. This event will feature a raffle, white-elephant sale and speaker meeting. Our current PI chair Lyle C has graciously agreed to be the speaker that night and we are all looking forward to hearing him. The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual High Sierra Camp out will be held in Mammoth Lakes from August 21 through 23. This is a full weekend event with food and speakers running from Friday through Sunday. One well attended highlight is the Saturday night BBQ-Pot luck dinner, campfire and speaker meeting. Finally, the Mammoth Lakes Group hosts a Speaker Meeting the third Saturday of every month. This meeting is from 8-9 PM and the speaker talks for 45 minutes. The group is looking for AA members from out of the area that would like to speak. If anyone is interested in volunteering their experience strength and hope for an evening in the Sierra let me know and I will get you in touch with the speaker committee.

## **District 10a, Amelita T**

Good afternoon Northern Area, I am the newly elected DCM as of May 17. With me today is Dennis, Alt. GSR Carlin, District Treasurer, and Allen, GSR. I attended the Unity Day event in Reno as Elko Group GSR in May 6. Our District is in the process of organizing CPC & GSR training workshops in the Elko area. I checked with the GSRs in District 10A to make sure everyone is registered. All said they are, but none have received a Survival Kit yet. I will check with the Registrar in find out what's going on with that. It is an honor & privilege to be part of General Service.

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

District 10B has \_\_\_ GSR(s) in attendance today. I was contacted by two of the groups for guidance on allowing service animals into meetings. Both groups had told the member with the bonafide service animal to leave the meeting. Later both groups voted to allow it. I explained AA is not above the law and suggested they research ADA laws for service animals. I also have copies of the ADA document regarding service animals and will provide it at the next District meeting. We conducted a fun and informative workshop on the "12 Concepts" on April 25<sup>th</sup> and Joyce Y., Merl C., Sue and Gary were the presenters. Aside from the 4 presenters, 16 other people attended; 4 from Winnemucca and the other 10 from Fallon, Battle Mountain, the Reno-Sparks area, Minden-Gardnerville, and CA, as well as 2 AI-Anons. The workshop was interactive and lots of handouts were available. We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual chili cook-off to compliment the workshop with plenty of yummy food. At our last District meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>, myself and 2 visitors attended; no GSRs. I will be attending the groups and asking their thoughts on participating at District meetings. We will be coordinating with our delegate to come give his Conference report sometime this fall.

## **District 12, Ed L**

District 12 continues to thrive we are constantly adding new GSR's and alternates. We had a great presentation about Special Needs and Remote Community's from Roberta B. If you haven't had this presentation yet we at District 12 will strongly advise it. We won't have any presentations in June as many people want to catch the speaker meeting at the Silver Springs Camp Out June 12, 13 & 14, 2015. In July we will have two presentations one from Mike L. on Corrections and another from Pat S. on Archives. These presentations are a great way to keep the flow of information going. Our GSR's are excited about all of the information they can share with their groups. This kind of activity keeps our numbers growing in the district. Our numbers at the District Birthday Speaker Meeting are starting to pick up finally. It has taken almost a year for people to get used to the second rather than the first Saturday of every month. Alcoholics don't like change and this meeting was the first Saturday for almost 30 years. I hope everyone has a healthy happy and safe summer.

## **District 14, Anne Y**

Things are good we have reached one dark group. They are very small and don't have the people to be a part of district. We will take information to them. Attendance is up with the start of summer. We have all but one position filled we need CPC/PI chair. The District 14 Jamboree will be August 9<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4pm at the Truckee Regional Park. Flyers will be out soon.

## **District 16, Catherine H**

One quarter of the way in to my service commitment as DCM I am finding that the more mistakes I make the more I learn, I have learned a lot. I took on the challenge of visiting all the groups in District 16 that I can during my service commitment for the district and believe I am halfway through. I am making the effort to visit a few groups per month. May 16 I attended my first Unity Day and was amazed by how much information I received at this event. To the best of my knowledge there were about 67 people in attendance. Andrea, District 16 alternate DCM, did a great job keeping our district informed, and was very active at this event. I just want to say thank you to Andrea. Knowing that I should never say no to anything asked of me in AA I have volunteered District 16 to put on a safety workshop for AA, With Kathleen the past DCM of district 2. I should know more about this event in a few weeks. I appreciate everyone's involvement in helping District 16 host the NAGSC meeting. I would like to thank Barbara M. for pushing me, just a little, to do this. I feel that any District wanting to host this meeting should go for it. As my predecessor Ed O. would tell me "delegate it all". I am very thankful that my friends here in District 16 helped put this event together, as well as the people from my home group "Caring and sharing" in Stead. All the food was donated, Northern Area is funding the rent of the room, and at this time not one penny came from the district's money. Thank you again district 16 for the donations. We just had Julie C. area 42 Alternate Committee Registrar and Lyle C PI Chair for Northern Area as our guest speakers at May's meeting. I thank you both for coming and sharing the knowledge at our District meeting. For the June district meeting Phil W., Area 42 Chair will be our guest. We have July still open if anybody would like to offer their time. In August Roberta the NAGSC special needs and Remote Community will be our guest. We did start an Ad Hoc committee to go over all the guidelines for an update. Hopefully within the next three months or so a full revised copy of our guidelines will be complete. This will be the start of our new binder for guidelines we must make due to the fact it has disappeared in the past three years or so. A copy of all the documents from my term are presently being put together and sent to the Archivist so this never happens again.

## **District 20, Larry B**

Groups reporting remain relatively stable in attendance but we are experiencing a significant decline in donations. We are continuing efforts to reach out to groups with which we have no contact. We emphasize the 3 "Cs", contact, communication, and cooperation. We visit non-participating groups, find interested members willing to act as group contact, then communicate AA news of interest, and offer our cooperation and support in furthering local efforts to reach still suffering alcoholics. This approach seems to bring positive results and we have contacts in areas we did not before. We also have committees preparing to provide various services (workshops, events etc.) to facilitate and support our outreach efforts. Most exciting are efforts by the CPC committee to list potential areas of need and the PI committee arranging public service announcements on the radio.

## **District 22, Henry B**

No Report

## **Chair, Liason & Officer Reports**

### **Chairperson, Carol B**

Welcome to the June NAGSC Meeting. This is the annual meeting which we host the delegate who has come to give us the highlights of the GSC which was held this year April 19th through the 25<sup>th</sup>. I just have one item for you to consider and bring back a group

conscience in August at that NAGSC meeting. We have been doing a round table format on the pre-conference agenda items at the northern area level for several years now. When we began doing this it was being done at the area assembly and SAGSC levels also, because it was discovered in short time that the TIE Club in the South, and also in the Tonopah Convention Center that there was not enough room to continue the roundtable format, so they now use the presentation from the podium format. We have continued because we have used venues; which allowed the opportunity to have breakout rooms available. My question is do you feel we should continue the separate presentations of the agenda items, or use the single one time presentation from the podium. The reason I am submitting this motion is because the secretarial recorded minutes of the SAGSC presentations which were taken on March 14<sup>th</sup> this year was very thorough in the coverage, where NAGSC took notes from several different people.

### **Secretary, Laura J**

Please sign in on the email list if you are *not* getting my emails or let me know if you need to be on a postal service mailing list. I am happy to accommodate you either way.

### **Registrar, Julie C**

DCMs: Please continue to send New Group Forms and Group Change Forms to me. I will forward onto Emily. You can text a picture of the form to me if you like. The DCM from District 20, Larry, has had good success at getting new contacts for groups when they are hesitant to become GSRs. At least that way GSO has a current contact for the group and the group will receive Box 459. GSRs: Please let us know if you don't get your packets. We will contact GSO to see what happened and most importantly to get your packets to you as soon as possible. Again, we are here to support you!

### **Area Chair, Phil W**

Hi I'm very happy to be given the opportunity to let you know what is going on in the area. We are in the planning time getting ready for our summer. I really like the workshops that have been going on both in the North and the South. I have been looking at our past Inventory and found some comments about how well the DCMs felt meeting with each other and how this has helped them with coordinating with each other as to how their Districts can work to inform the groups about what's going on. In the last Inventory feedback there were comments about trying this same type of meeting with the Standing Committee chairs and DCMs at our next assembly. I will arrange a time for those Chairs to meet in a room and talk with each other about what they are doing. Also we will be having Nancy H Trustee on the Grapevine committee as our guest. She will be helping with a review of our last Inventory. I think it will be nice to hear from you as to how you think we are doing with our General Service objectives in communication, Our Service Priorities, and other Questions that were discussed 2 years ago. We will have some discussions including a discussion on "ways to keep our rooms safe". In the most recent newsletter I asked for fun Ideas to enjoy each other's company Sat night for a few min before the banquet. Once again please call or write as I love to hear from everyone. I love to travel and would like to come and visit your district or group.

### **Area 42 Recording Secretary, Paul E**

Please, DCMs & Standing Chairs, email me copies of your Area Assembly reports prior to the Assembly date even if you make changes, I can add those later.

## Archivist, Pat S

Since our last NAGSC meeting, several districts have responded by providing material for their district archives binders with items ranging from photos for the "If Walls Could Talk" project, to old district business meeting minutes. Thank you, and please keep up the good work. An example of the importance of this centrally located file is one district (I won't say which one) could not find a copy of its guidelines. I checked, and found copies had never been placed in the Archives file. I sent a copy of guidelines from my own district and suggested they use it as a template and start from scratch. Fortunately, an old-timer came up with copies of much of that which was missing, so the recreation was a bit easier. I, of course, requested that when the new document is finished to please furnish a copy for Archives. Over the past year we've been asked to have displays or take part in panel discussions throughout the district. If you would like a presentation, please contact me. Looking to the future, we have a growing committee that is eager to update district binders, interview long timers, file the more-than-a-hundred speaker tapes that have been donated, and work on other projects. You can be a part of this committee. Just see me. On the horizon: displays at one district picnic and hopefully other events.

## Cooperation with Professional Community, Cheryl E

Aloha All! I am sorry I cannot be there to give this report in person. Many thanks to Tinna, a CPC committee member for filling in. Here are the activities that CPC (NAGSC CPC and NNIG CPC) has been involved with since the last report in March 2015. **University of Nevada Medical School, Reno:** Joyce Y (NNIG CPC chair and NAGSC CPC co-chair) and I, along with other CPC committee members meet with Doctors and 4-5 third year medical students. We provide the students with some appropriate pamphlets and central office meeting schedules and a short presentation on CPC. The students get an assignment to attend a 12 step meeting and then they report back on their experience in about 6 weeks. We also attend the report backs. We meet with a new rotation of students every 6 weeks. This continues throughout the year. Since March 2015, we met on April 13<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, May 29<sup>th</sup>, and are scheduled to meet again on June 15<sup>th</sup>. **Center for Spiritual Living, Reno:** On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Joyce, Tom B., and I gave a presentation to about 20 prayer practitioners at the center. The practitioners wanted to learn more about the disease of alcoholism and the alcoholic personality to better help their members with drinking problems. We brought the AA literature rack and schedules for them. The practitioners were very engaged in the presentation and we had a lot of interaction with them. **Student Outreach Clinic, UNR, Reno:** Joyce and I met with Dan, first year medical student, on April 10<sup>th</sup>, at NNIG central office. The Student Outreach Clinic meets once every 3 weeks on a Saturday with students that are alcoholics, drug addicts, or have other addictions. They use a book called "Group Treatment for Substance Abuse". Dan was interested in knowing more about AA and how we might work together to help these students. Dan has us on a "call as needed" basis. We have not received any calls from him to date. **University of Nevada, Sanford Center for Aging, Reno:** The director of Senior Outreach Services invited CPC members to attend the education talk at the Laxalt Auditorium, Nelson Building of UNR, on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We brought an AA literature rack an hour before the talk and made ourselves available to answer questions and provide information on AA before and after the talk. This event allows us to network with other providers as well, and learn how we may reach the suffering alcoholic through their services. At this talk, we connected with Right At Home. This was the last education talk for the spring. They will resume again in the fall, and CPC will attend. **Right At Home, Reno:** Joyce and I met with the Client Care Coordinator. Right At Home provides in home care and assistance. Their care givers are seeing some clients with alcohol problems. They would like CPC to do a presentation to their care givers to help them help their clients. We will also have an Al-Anon member and a Sunshine Committee

member with us at this presentation which is to be scheduled later in June. **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), UNR, Reno:** The doctor from the Sanford Center for Aging, got Joyce and I in contact with the OLLI Curriculum Committee Chair, to discuss the possibility of CPC doing a presentation to be scheduled in their fall curriculum. We sent in an outline of a presentation. After the curriculum committee reviewed it, they turned it down. They want an educational talk on alcoholism with no ties to any institution, like AA. Putting together the outline was inspirational for Joyce and I, and we believe the presentation could be of value, so we will continue to pursue this through other channels. **Washoe County School District (WCSD), Reno:** The school district changed how it schedules folks to talk with employees and/or students. There is a more rigorous process now. The CPC committee has a member that is retired from the school district and will initiate the process in June and we will see where it leads. **District Meetings:** We would like to attend Northern Area district meetings and give a 10 minute overview on CPC. We are scheduled to do one at District 2 on June 10<sup>th</sup>. **CPC Presentation:** We continue to work on a basic presentation that can be used as a starting point for any CPC presentation. We are modifying the CPC presentation that GSO provided to accomplish this.

## **Public Information, Lyle C**

From the PI Workbook: "What is Public Information Work and Why Should A.A.s Do It? Public Information (P.I.) in Alcoholics Anonymous means carrying the message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic by informing the general public about the A.A. program." At the last NAGSC PI Committee meeting we decided that I should present a brief outline of the what and why of Public Information in AA. What are some of the needs of the community Where to find AA. Students - through schools and colleges, Seniors - assisted living and senior centers, Hearing impaired, Courts, probation and police stations, Healthcare - emergency rooms and clinics, Churches and other places of worship. How do we inform the public? Provide PSAs (public service announcements) to local radio and TV stations, List meetings in newspapers and local webpages, Provide meeting schedules to motels, Provide Big Books and 12x12s in libraries, Maintain literature racks in schools, ERs, police stations and doctor offices, Speak at non-AA meetings. We can provide an open forum meeting, perhaps coordinating with the Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) committee. We can invite professionals from the community and local AA members. Our hope is that AAs leave with an understanding of what the professional community is up against and the professional community leaves knowing what AA is and is not and knowing that they have an ally in us in the fight against alcoholism. The professionals become aware that everyone is welcome at open AA meetings. At the Northern Area level, I went to District 16's last meeting and briefly discussed the value of having a PI Committee. One of the members of District 16 seemed interested in providing information to the schools. One of the members of our committee, Julie, who is the PI Chair for District 20, is working with the largest local radio station to run 30 second PSAs and then provide the local hotline phone number.

## **Grapevine, Debbie S**

Hello, my name is Debbie, your Northern Area Grapevine Chair. Currently AA Grapevine is conducting a subscription challenge. It is a state, province and territory-wide challenge to increase new Grapevine and La Vina subscriptions in 2015. Any new, paid subscription between January 26 thru December 20, 2015, including Grapevine or La Vina in print, Grapevine Digital, and redeemed subscription Gift Certificates qualifies. The prize is a special section in a 2016 issue of Grapevine or La Vina featuring members' stories from the state, province or territory with the greatest percentage growth in new subscriptions. On the subject of supporting AA Grapevine, Grapevine strives to be self-supporting through the

sales of Grapevine items and subscriptions. Ways you can support the Grapevine, to name a few, would be to Renew, subscribe, give a gift, and submit your story or art. I had the privilege of setting up a display table at the Area Spring Assembly. I most enjoyed talking to the many members in service. A variety of Grapevine items and a few subscriptions were bought by you. On my calendar, I have the Oasis Festival in Fallon. I am setting up a display table, much like the one at the Assembly, on October 17th. This being my only calendar event, my calendar is wide open for me to visit your district or event. I can set up a display table, we can plan a Grapevine Story Writing Workshop, a Workshop or district visit to generate interest in becoming a local Grapevine Rep., or whatever your idea or interest is, as I am your Grapevine Chair. In closing, I have in my possession some Grapevine and La Vina subscription forms.

### **Corrections/Bridging the Gap, Mike L**

Hello my name is Mike L I am an alcoholic serving as the NAGSC Corrections Committee Chair. Our committee has actually grown by 3 additional members since we last met They will help by being part of correction panels one in July for district 16 and the other at the district 12 meeting in August. NNIG held their annual elections this month and yesterday I was able to contact the new corrections chair to continue the positive cooperation that we had with previous chair. If any of you like the like the corrections committee to visit your districts please contact me my contact information is the roster. This is an abbreviated version of my report and thank so much letting me serve.

### **Special Needs/ Remote Communities, Roberta B**

In January I sent a short survey to all the DCMs and Committee Chairs to determine the needs of the Northern Area so the committee can focus its efforts on the areas with the most special needs or that may need support because of the remoteness of the community. The first week I got 4 replies, so hoped for a good return, but unfortunately only 7 groups out of 438 groups in the Northern Area responded. I spoke with the Special Needs desk at GSO and learned that GSO sent out a special needs survey and received less than a dozen replies. I e-mailed all of those who agreed to help with this committee to get a group conscious as to where they would like to concentrate. To date I have not received any replies. I attended the May business meeting of District 12 with information about special needs, specifically service animals and handicap access and will be visiting District 16 in August. If you would like me to attend your District meeting or your group's business meeting, please let me know. I learned today that District 12 has already made use of the Special Needs information from their business meeting.

### **Treatment Facilities, Gary S**

I know everyone is ready to take a break and get on to hearing from Mike and his adventures in New York so I will keep this short. As your treatment chair one of my most important responsibilities is to handle the BTG requests I receive from other areas around the pacific region and AAWS in New York. I need your help! In our responsibility statement we state "when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there" and in that respect WE as a body of concerned alcoholics are lacking!! Most of the BTG requests I receive are for alcoholics returning or relocating to the Reno or Sparks area. These requests don't present much of a problem. The requests I receive for those relocating to the outlying areas of northern Nevada are another story. We as a body have allowed several of those requesting our help to slip between the cracks! I NEED your Help! I need a list of people in the outlying dist that I can contact when I receive a BTG request for someone coming to your areas! I am asking ALL DCMs and GSRs to help me gather names and phone numbers of those willing to help those returning to our area find meetings

and fellowship when they get home. PLEASE, help me to not allow any more returning alcoholics fall between the cracks!! You can find my contact information on the area roster or get with me on the break or after the meeting.

### **Intergroup Liaison, Michael M**

Intergroup elections were held on 6-2-15 most of the positions were filled with the exception of the sunshine committee, and bridging the gap chair positions. We also voted on switching the New Year's Eve Gala to The New Year's Day Gala. The body felt that it was in the best interest of the fellowship to switch the days. The cost difference from New Year's Eve and New Year's Day is substantial and the options for the venues were increased. There was discussion about having it at the Atlantis. And just a shameless plug for awesome district 6, our Founder Days Picnic will be held at Genoa Park 6-14-15 @12pm and our own Denny H will be our guest speaker

### **GSR Survival Manual/Trainer, Ray G**

I so enjoyed my experience at PRAASA and then our spring assembly in Tonopah. Most of that enjoyment was meeting new GSRs and gleaning their excitement to serve. I have made a life changing decision in the past month, took a 6 day silent retreat, ending yesterday. What that means is I will have only 2 commitments in my life right now: Chairperson of our Tahoe Fall Festival, September 25, 26 & 27 and this service position as Chair helping GSRs with their new energy. So much freedom has me looking forward to setting up trainings and workshops. I am communicating with 3 DCMs right now and invite all the Districts in NAGSC to call me. I am providing registration forms and flyers for our District 6 founders Day event next Sunday, June 14 at Genoa Park.

### **DCM Standing Committee Facilitator, Chris S**

Since the last NAGSC meeting everything has been really quite. There have been no requests for help or concerns, which means that everyone must be falling into their positions with ease. Hopefully that means that the past DCM's and Chairs have, for a better word, sponsored the new trusted servants into the new positions. Today's discussion at the meeting revolved around communication. 1. Do we pass on all information concerning workshops, District, NAGSC, Area 42 activities? Every piece of information will always be important to someone. What about Delegate reports, financial reports, Area 42, NAGSC, District minutes. 2 Do the DCM's have discussion with GSR's at the district meetings to have an email list of their home group members so they can pass on information? Do the DCM's go to meetings in their district and see if the information is being posted. As DCM that is one of the things I looked at when I went to meetings. 3 If any part of our chain of communication stops working we aren't getting through to all our members and we stop being all inclusive. What if that one person who doesn't get the information, is the one that we create the excitement in, and they become our next Delegate.

### **Mike M, Delegate's Report:**

#### **Tour of New York AA History**

- 38 Livingston St. Bill and Lois's home from 1926 – 1929
- 182 Clinton St. Bill and Lois's apartment from 1930 – 1936
- 30 Rockefeller Plaza where Bill met Rockefeller in 1937
- Roosevelt Hotel Manhattan where the GSC met for 35 years
- Calvary Episcopal Church where Bill attended Oxford Group meetings from 1934 to 1936 – Sam S.
- Towns Hospital where Bill was treated by Dr. S.

- Tuesday – Entire Conference visited GSO office, spent most of my time in Grapevine / La Vina and Archives.

Conference opened on Sunday April 19, 2015 – Crown Plaza NYC

**AAWS – AA World Services** Responsible for oversight of the GSO Office, Group Services, printing and distributing of literature. Met seven times since the last (64<sup>th</sup>) Conference. GSO has 81 employees. 1,387 new groups listed were listed in 2014. Web site gets 30,000 hits per day and reach 40,000 a few times. Web site gets revamped every three years – new one launched June 3, 2015. Website a great way for members to learn about the fellowship, literature and finding a meeting near you. 54% of literature sales are on online. GSO received 2,213 visitors in 2014 and archives received 1480 request for information. Doug R. retired in December 2014 – he joined the General Service office since 1995. Doug visited Area 42 in spring 2014 as our speaker and guest. Phyllis is retiring in October 2015 – this was her last conference.

**Grapevine** Approx 74,000 monthly print subscriptions. 5,262 online subscriptions.

La Vina has 10,379 by monthly subscriptions and that's an increase of 234 from 2013. NV

Grape Vines (April 2015 – 654) (April 2014 - 673) Decrease 19

CA Grapevines (April 2015 - 6542) (April 2014 - 6542) Decrease 71

Had 43,598 unique visitors in 2014 to the website. Visitors visit an average of 2.19 pages on aagrapevine.org each month.

Grapevine had an annual profit of \$325,828!

2002 – (\$11,797) Negative

2003 – 2005 small profit

2006 - (\$48,878) Negative

2010 - Record low (\$399,037)

2011 - Profit \$22,848

2012 - \$257,003

2013 - \$315,205

2014 - \$325,827

La Vina had an income of \$59,447 and expense of \$132,026 (\$72,579).

Next year La Viña celebrates 20 years – Discussion with LV editor about ways to get a subscription. Grape Vine and La Vina to move to the 11<sup>th</sup> floor office space after a remodel is finished later in 2015.

**Finance:** Group Contributions \$6,898,068

Cost for services \$9,725,210 (\$ 2,827,142)

Publication / Literature Sales \$16,872,200

Cost \$12,668,437 - Profit \$4,203,763

65,000 groups and 41% contribute – someone putting in \$1 in 1945 is equal to \$13 today.

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Big Book** Sold 177,888 in 2014, around 3500 in 2015. Gross profit of \$1,888,880 - \$904,032 for shipping. Reorder error of 125K books – Total net profit at of 4/17/15 \$161,696.

**Finance – Increase \$3-5K:** Members talked about putting emphasis on group's participation in 7<sup>th</sup> tradition and services available to them. Around \$400K per year is coming from individual contributions – around 27 people have met the max \$3K per year and no one sent more than \$3K in 2014. – Failed.

**Grapevine – discuss ways to increase subscriptions:** The committee encouraged the support and purchase of Subscription Gift Certificates by local service committees, groups and members as a way to carry the A.A. message. These subscriptions would be used to provide magazines to people in correctional facilities, treatment centers, nursing homes, and other facilities or locations. This work would be accomplished at the local area level. Not brought on the floor.

**Literature – Mental Health** 3<sup>rd</sup> conference this has been discussed. Lot of discussion about who this is for and why. Talk about depression but this isn't who this is aimed for.

Class A came to the mic and mentioned this is not to teach AA's about mental illness, it's to teach those with mental illness about AA. Passed

**Literature - AA for the Woman:** This has been talked about for a couple of Conferences. Committee suggested adding stories about women in the military and single mothers. Passed.

**Agenda E: Discuss report on the conference Agenda process for the Trustees committee on the General Service conference:** The Committee supported the concept under consideration by the Trustees committee on the GSB to make Trustees Committee background available to the delegate chairperson of their corresponding conference committee and the quarterly board weekend prior to the general service conference. The committee noted that this would increase the effectiveness of the delegate Chairpersons participation in the Trustees committee meeting. Didn't make the Conference Floor.

**Report & Charter: Consider request to add testing reactivating district or groups to the section "Simulation interest in General Service on page S23:** Frequently, there is a need within as Area to attempt to reactivate district or groups that have become inactive or are unrepresented. Areas encourage participation in general service in many ways, especially by direct outreach to groups by district. Area officers to provide info about service events and opportunities to carry the message beyond the group level. Sometimes there is district to district sponsorship in which an active district shares its experience and suggestions to "Jump Start" activity among groups within the inactive neighboring districts.

**Literature C: Consider updating the pamphlet "AA & the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic":** Fair amount of discussion about this topic, particularly about including stories from "Transgendered and non-gender conforming" members, especially regarding being a newcomer and sponsorship. Passed.

**Grapevine B: Review Business Plan.** The committee discussed ways to increase organization-wide support for Grapevine and La Viña and suggested that:

1. Areas champion and embrace Grapevine/La Viña as the International Journals of A.A. through consistent narrative support in all relevant presentations, reports, announcements, newsletters and letters.
2. All A.A. entities be offered the opportunity to include a GV/LV link (with or without images) on local/area websites.
3. All areas participate in AAGV Inc.'s 2015 Subscription Challenge.

Did not reach the floor.

**Corrections A: Discuss the corrections Correspondence Service (CCS):** The committee discussed the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) and requested that the trustees' Committee on Corrections consider reviewing the effectiveness of the criteria used for linking alcoholics behind the walls with outside volunteers. One specific concern is the distance requirement for correspondents participating in the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.). Did not reach the floor.

**Literature – Item E: Consider producing a book combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions for the Twelve Concepts for World Service.** Didn't reach the conference floor – committee decided to take to action. Cost to set up \$10-50K. Failed.

**NAGSC Old Business** None Discussed

**NAGSC New Business** None Discussed

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Collected: \$150.57**

**Important Dates:**

Fall Area Assembly – September 11 – 13, 2015

**Next NAGSC Meeting: Saturday, August 1, 2015**

3 districts offered to host the August NAGSC meeting: District 8 – In June Lake, California; District 10 – Elko, Nevada; District 10 – Winnemucca; The body voted to meet in:

District 8, June Lake Community Center, 90 W. Granite Ave, June Lake, CA 93529

**Motion made to adjourn - 3:40pm****Close with the Responsibility Statement**

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