

NAGSC Business Meeting

March 12, 2016

District 4 – Host
South Reno United Methodist Church
200 De Spain Avenue
Reno, NV 89511

Meeting Opens: Carol B opened the meeting at 1:10pm with a moment of silence and then the Serenity Prayer followed by a reading, read by Paul E, GS manual, Chapter 10, page S72: In 1954 The board of Trustees established a Reserve Fund, whose principal purpose is to provide the financial resources necessary to continue the essential services of GSO and the Grapevine in the event of emergency or disaster. Currently, the fund is limited to no more than 1 year's combined operating expenses of AA World Services, Inc., the AA Grapevine Inc., and the General Fund of the General Service Board of AA Inc. If the Reserve Fund exceeds the 12 month upper limit, a 1 year period is allowed to review the Reserve Fund level, followed by a second year to formulate actions to adjust the Reserve Fund below 12 month operating expenses. In practice, however, the office, as well as the trustees' Finance Committee, continuously monitors the Reserve Fund balance, as well as the number of months of operating expenses, in an attempt to allow for orderly management of the Fellowship's financial affairs, keeping in mind our primary goal of carrying the message to the alcoholics who still suffer.

Review Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting (December 5, 2015) reviewed,

Corrections: None

Motion to Accept: Made

1st: Yes

2nd: Yes

Vote: Minutes accepted as written

Treasurer's Report: Will L

Hi my name is Will currently serving as your treasurer. We have a current balance of \$12,420.59 in the checking. We have a balance in a CD of \$1,251.84 we made deposits of \$1,189.86. We are doing ok for the start of a new year.

Corrections/Questions: None

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report: Made

1st: Yes

2nd: Yes

Vote: Treasurer's report approved.

Officer Reports

Chairperson, Carol B

DCM and Standing Chair reports will not be read at this meeting, please send those reports to the Laura to be included in the minutes. All scribes, please get the round table notes to Laura as soon as the meeting is finished.

Ray G stepped down as GSR trainer, Pete L will finish the panel commitment and will be at assembly.

Secretary, Laura J

I love being able to communicate through this commitment. Thank you for funding to Praasa, I will report on that spiritual and educational experience at assembly. Please note, when I send you emails they usually originate from another officer, Carol, Paul, Phil or Mike. If you have questions concerning the content of these email and only choose "reply" the question comes back to me, rather than the original author. I will try to include the email for return questions from now on but then you will need to put that address in the "TO" slot on the return email. Thank you.

Registrar, Julie C

I had the privilege of attending PRAASA (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) in Spokane. Besides attending the panels I attended two roundtables; the one for registrars and one on technology. Our fall assembly speaker, Brouck H (outgoing chair of the National AA technology Workshop) was moderating the technology roundtable and told me that he is going to follow-up with our General Service Office regarding the status of issues that Emily and I raised last year. As he cautioned me earlier, changes will take time including getting responses to our issues. Unfortunately the registrar roundtable was not well attended and since this is year two of our rotation, Emily and I had more answers than questions. It was still an opportunity to exchange contact information with other registrars. The panels were wonderful with a common theme of "are we welcoming to all". Some ideas I am bringing back to my home group are: Unity: When we have conflict we must keep talking – don't stop talking and walk away. We should never use the Big Book as a weapon, it is a tool. The last thing a newcomer needs to worry about is safety at a meeting. The collective group conscience is always better than our individual ideas. Rekindling our original enthusiasm for the steps, traditions and concepts. Are we taking AA for granted? When we put money in the basket, are we doing it out of habit or are we mindfully aware of putting money in with gratitude for what AA is and has done for us? Are we giving out of love? I sent out reports to all of the DCMs with the current information that the GSO database has for his or her district. If you can please review the reports and send Emily any corrections next week, she will try to get that entered before we run the assembly sign-in sheets. Please let me know if the reports have all the information you need. Are they readable? Useful? As always: DCMs: Please continue to send New Group Forms and Group Change Forms to me. I will forward to Emily. You can text a picture of the form to me if you like. 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.

Archivist, Pat S

The position of AA Archivist is a four-year commitment, and I am now in my final year. I am currently Alternate Area Archivist, thus Archivist for NAGSC. The position rotates. The position of Area Archivist will be selected from the north. I hope somebody will make himself or herself available for this very rewarding service position. DCMs: please take note. Each District has an Archives binder. It is kept here in the north, with a copy in our Las

Vegas repository. You may have seen these binders at our Area meetings in Tonopah. Each district should keep these up to date by adding minutes, treasury reports, event flyers, photos, etc. This has not been happening. Archives stores these binders, but it is up to the districts to provide their content. I have with me today the NAGSC copies. Please pick up yours, update it, and return it in Tonopah in April. Although the committee is small it is busy. We have been asked to provide a display at the Reno Spring Festival April 8-10. My alternate, Dawn, will be helping there but we could use a few more folks to staff the table. I'm looking for volunteers. Our Archives inventory continues to grow. One of the more interesting items donated recently is a small folding table that was used at the inaugural meetings of three different Carson Valley groups. Dates and other information has been printed on its bottom. I plan to use it with a photo of the bottom side placed on top along with other Archives items. I attended one of the Archives roundtables held at PRAASA this past weekend and I must say the fire was re-lit. It is an exciting and rewarding position. On a personal note, I have resigned from a state political office I held the past year, as it was a conflict, which kept me away from some NAGSC activities. My priority is with my AA activities.

DCM Reports

District 2, Mary D

This quarter our district welcomed new GSRs to our meeting. We have 10-15 in attendance at our monthly meetings. The ad hoc committee continues to work on the guidelines and we hope to vote on the adoption in the next quarter. GSRs bring problems and solutions from the home group business meetings in their reports. As the other GSRs offer suggestions, the traditions are often where we find answers. Some groups are interested in group inventories and we processed the experience of those whose groups were successful. Groups have used pot lucks, pancake breakfasts and paneled workshops to enhance fellowship and home group membership. We are looking forward to Round Tables and the Area Assembly. Our district is able to offer financial assistance to members needing additional funding this year ~ out thanks to the generous contributions of AAs in our district.

District 4, Wayne H

District 6, John F

District 8, Scott B

District 8 is located in Eastern California, running north to south over 100 miles between the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the Nevada border. The main population centers in the district are Bishop and Mammoth Lakes and there are currently 10 groups. Our last district service event was a Secretary's Workshop held in Mammoth Lakes in November. Meanwhile, the Bishop and High Sierra groups held their bi-annual White Elephant Auction/Pot Luck/Speaker Meeting at the end of January which was well attended. The High Sierra Group which, is the largest group in Bishop is currently in the process of finding a new location for 12 of its meetings. Their meeting location has a serious mold problem and many members consider that location unhealthy. The doors are still open at 129 E Line St in Bishop, however this move is imminent. Schedules and websites will be updated with the

new location when that becomes available. The next general service event that we have in the planning stages is the 4th annual Chili Cook-off/Summer Kick-off/Delegate's Report that will be held in June at Mill Pond Park in Bishop. Hope to see you there!

District 10a, Amelita T

District 10b, Samantha G

District 10B meetings are hosted by a different Group each time and meet the 4th Sunday of odd months at 10 a.m. We have 1 GSR in attendance today. The January District meeting had 1 GSR and 1 visitor in attendance. We have only received 7th Tradition contributions from 2 groups in the last 2 quarters and cannot afford to fully support the DCM to NAGSC or Assembly meetings. The only Spanish speaking meetings in Winnemucca have closed. I asked to get in contact with the Spanish speaking meeting's chairperson to see if there's anything the District can do to help get Spanish speaking meetings start up again. Due to a heater issue, one group has had trouble keeping the rooms warm enough to have meetings. A GSR discussed an issue of the building owners' policy not wanting anyone else to have keys to open the doors. This was unfortunate when the only AA allowed a key was ill and could not attend. Our visitor discussed his concern that his Homegroup did not have representation at the District meeting. They were asked to take back to their groups whether a group not registered with GSO should give a report at District meetings even if they have no vote. We discussed having more District workshops and voted on a Grapevine writing workshop along with Archives trivia.

District 12, Ed L

District 12 continues to grow in numbers and participation we are getting new GSR's every month. For the first time in recent memory we have alternates for every position. John A. and I attended PRAASA and enjoyed every minute of it. We drove to and from so we had a great chance to discuss what we heard and who we met on the way home. Currently we are working on a date and time for a secretary workshop. GSR's are asking for a list of participants before we get too far along. To have three people show us to these events isn't fair to those who generously give of their time. We are all looking forward to the Round Tables some will be there for the first time. It is always so much fun to see how excited and involved a new GSR will get after going through the process of their first assembly. We will all have to leave by 4:30 p.m. on Saturday as our district business meeting and birthday speaker meeting was changed to the second Saturday to accommodate the new NAGS schedule. March has always been a busy month in AA and this March is no different.

District 14, Anne Y

District 14 is doing well. We are getting a great response to our Quarterly Speaker Meetings. We have been averaging 100 people. Or next one is Saturday April 30th 7pm at the Biltmore in Crystal Bay. The Jamboree will be held at the Truckee Regional Park on August 7th. The issue that we are having is getting support from our groups. They are tight on money so they are not contributing. We are looking at getting rid of the answering service and having everything go thru NNIG in Reno.

District 16, Catherine H

On January 10, 2016 District 16 joined Districts 2 & 4 on a Grapevine writing workshop at the Alano Club in Sparks. I have been informed that this workshop was well attended with a count of 21 participants. I wrote my story and won the raffle prize again. Sorry. The cost of the room was totally funded by the 7th tradition collection. Debbie S, Grapevine chair for Nagsc was a great facilitator at this event and I wish to say thank you to Debbie. In February, Joyce Y, was gracious enough to come back to the district meeting to explain how to take an informed group conscience. During the course of this meeting I was informed that I still need work on the procedures of an informed group conscience. Thank you Joyce Y for your time and experience with this matter. At this particular meeting we discussed as a district hosting the NNIG speaker meeting at the Silver Legacy. Due to the fact that Joyce did such a great job explaining a fully informed group conscience this idea has been tabled until we are more informed. District 16 was able to fully fund me to PRAASA in Spokane Washington. I would like to thank the entire District for this opportunity. I was able to spend some of this time with a couple of GSRs from the District. I found myself at both of the DCM training workshops and got a lot of information from the 2nd night. On a personal note, I took my better half, Mike D, with me to his 1st PRAASA, on the car ride home he shared with me that he wished he would have taken notes, the whole experience was very interesting and informative.

District 20, Larry B

A brief summary of District 20 report might well read, "the usual"; Members and meetings come and go, donations rise and fall, controversy ebbs and flows, events are planned and occur with varying degrees of success. What is exciting to me, at this moment, is the numerous problems and challenges that occur within the district. One group, for example, discovered that one meeting secretary was using literature that was non-conference approved but had little relation to AA and was inappropriate and offensive in most environments. What followed was what ignited a positive glow for the benefits of the program. First several members contacted me to discuss the issue and related principals, traditions and concepts. Group members then met and decided on a course of action. Problem was resolved with little fanfare or drama. Not all challenges that arise are addressed as well or with such dispatch, but the process I see becoming accepted practice is cause for celebration: (1) Recognize the problem, (2) Review pertinent information, and (3) Resolve by applying AA principles. Are we not truly blessed?

District 22, Henry B

Chair, Liaison Reports

Cooperation with Professional Community, Cheryl E

NNIG CPC/PI: At the Nov. 2nd Northern Nevada Intergroup (NNIG) business meeting, a motion was made that NNIG CPC will temporarily assume NNIG PI responsibilities. It was unanimously accepted. The NNIG PI position had been open for a year. Therefore, NNIG will be CPC/PI with Joyce Y. as the chairperson until the new rotation in June 2016 when elections are held. This will mean that NAGSC CPC and NAGSC PI will be working as a team with NNIG CPC/PI, which has already been taking place. 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 Dr. D. 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 from Dr. D. 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 the last report in September, we met on Oct. 19th, Nov. 16th, Nov. 30th, Jan. 12th, Feb. 22nd, Mar. 7th, and will meet again on Apr. 11th and Apr. 25th. Washoe County School District (WCSD), Reno: Joyce, Tom B., and I gave a presentation on Dec. 10th to the Washoe County School District Project Review Committee requesting to make presentations to students in health classes. We received an approval letter on Dec. 22nd. Joyce, Tom, and I met with Katherine of the WCSD Counseling Department on Feb. 17th to begin creating a lesson plan for our 45 minute presentation to high school students during health classes. Joyce, Tom, and I met on Feb. 26th to create an outline of the presentation using the lesson plan format from Washoe County. Tom sent a copy of the outline to them to review to ensure we are on the right path. We will meet with Katherine and her staff after Spring break after Apr. 4th. We have a couple member/teachers who will help us with the development of this presentation. UNR National Judicial College: Joyce had been in contact with Crystal N. from UNR Judicial College. Judges attending the judicial school for a week from all over the country would be attending the Almost Heaven meeting at 5pm on Oct. 27th at the Triangle Club. Joyce and I attended Almost Heaven business meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13th, to let them know there would be ~26 judges at their meeting on the 27th. Several CPC committee members and other AA members attended the Almost Heaven meeting that night to support the group. We followed up with the Program Attorney, Irene H. at the Judicial College in Feb. to see if CPC can get on their curriculum on a regular basis. Irene indicated there were only 2 other courses that might be applicable to us, one in May and one in Sept. She will get back with us if appropriate. Otherwise, we will hear from them again in October when they have the next week of judicial school where the judges will attend an AA meeting. Lotus Radio: We were forwarded a request from Central Ofc to contact Laurie at the Spanish Speaking radio station, Lotus Radio, located at 6990 E. Plumb, Reno, NV. On short notice, we were not able to get Spanish speaking volunteers for this request. They wanted us to participate in a live radio broadcast on Dec. 7th for an hour on alcoholism and AA. Joyce, Tom, and I attended this. Laurie wants this to be a monthly program. Joyce contacted Henry B., DCM of the Spanish speaking district 22. Henry said he would work with his district to provide volunteers. District 22 has been providing volunteers for this service since then. Victim Impact Program: Joyce, Sue, and Sally met with Linda, the Victim Impact Program manager for Douglas County on Jan. 22nd in Carson City. Linda gave the okay for Sue to be on the panel on Feb. 9th at the Douglas County Courthouse in Stateline, NV. Folks that get a DUI must attend a Victim Impact Panel as part of their requirements. There were three folks on the panel. Linda, representing a victim of a drunk driver; a fireman representing a first responder to impaired driving, and Sue representing a person in recovery. Joyce, Merl, and I attended this panel to understand what takes place. The panel will take place about 6 times per year and will alternate between Stateline and Minden/Gardnerville. They would like us to participate on the panel. The next panel will be April 21st at 3:00pm on the East Fork Justice Court in Minden. Orientation to AA Sessions: Joyce and several other members have been working on an overview of the Orientation to AA Sessions for the past couple years. The purpose of these sessions is to help folks new to AA and court ordered folks to understand AA meetings and the language of AA and how and why we do what we do. There will be 6 sessions. The court will require their court ordered folks to attend these 6 sessions. Bristlecone Treatment center in Reno has also asked to have these sessions be presented to their treatment patients when they are ready. These are NOT AA meetings. These sessions are a service to help folks learn about AA. There will be facilitators of these sessions. They will need to be "trained" to facilitate to provide consistency. These orientation sessions will be maintained by CPC to ensure the sessions will continue and that the message will be consistent.

Members of the CPC committee have been attending "mock" presentations to provide feedback to the folks who created them. There is an opportunity to sit in on these 6 sessions at the Reno Spring Festival on April 9th at the Nugget. The Spring Festival committee have agreed to provide a room next to the marathon meetings. The first two sessions will be from 10-12, and the last 4 from 2-6. All members are welcome to come and to see what this service will provide and give feedback. There will also be table space in the hospitality room for information and questions on these sessions. These sessions will also be presented during the SWACYCAA conference at the Nugget June 3-5. Details of time to be determined. District Meetings: We are attending Northern Area district meetings to give a 10 minute overview on CPC/PI. We attended District 16 (Sparks) business meeting on Nov. 17th. We participated in a 2 hour workshop with Archives and Grapevine hosted by District 6 (Carson City) on January 24th. We will be going to District 12, Fallon, this summer. CPC Committee Meetings: We held a committee meetings on Oct. 11th, Feb. 21st, and Mar. 20th at the First Congregational Church (Sunnyside) in the annex building in Reno from 2-3:30. Our next committee meeting will be Apr. 24th, same place, same time.

Public Information, Lyle C

Like all of A.A., the primary purpose of members involved with public information service is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Working together, members of local Public Information Committees share A.A. information with the general public, including the media. I would like to thank NAGSC for allowing me to attend PRAASA this year. I received so much from the experience. Like from participating in the PI roundtable with other like-minded people. Some ideas are: Building a committee and outreach: Who are getting to do PI work at the group, district and area levels? Are we just giving out commitments or are we finding the committed? It is better to get the willing to serve than filling positions just to fill them. Outreach is a never ending challenge. As always, I am interested in having representation from all districts from the North. DCMs, is there anyone in your district who is doing PI or possibly interested in doing PI? Please have them contact me. Training & Working with Intergroup: Using the Public Information Workbook and the Guidelines from GSO is invaluable. Joyce Y is the new Northern Nevada Intergroup PI Chair. Joyce and I will be available to help your groups and districts provide Public Information this year.

Grapevine, Debbie S

Corrections/Bridging the Gap, Mike L

I'm sorry I am not at the meeting and participating in the agenda round tables. My job necessitates that I be there. My focus in the beginning of my second year as the Corrections Chair is to continue making myself available to districts and groups to bring how AA members can bring the message to incarcerated alcoholics. Though it has been quiet these winter months. Spring should see more interest by districts and groups. I am very grateful I was able to attend PRAASA in Spokane. At which I went to the corrections roundtable discussion. The message I got from the roundtable is "...don't leave before the miracle happens". That is so true an example of that I am glad to report the Washoe county jail at Parr Blvd began training of initial set of 12 volunteers has begun to hold meetings. The work to hold meetings at Parr Blvd has been years in the making. At Lockwood state prison I am still waiting to hear from the warden, I haven't given up hope!!!! I really enjoy making myself available to

serve. My contact information is on the roster and if your group or district would like the corrections committee to visit please contact me.

Special Needs/ Remote Communities, Roberta B

I had a request from the SWACYPAA Committee to provide them with information for their conference in June. I did some research and at their December meeting provided them with several names of ASL Interpreters in the area and approximate prices for those who would be available during their conference dates. I also provided information regarding configuration of the room(s) setup to allow for wheelchairs. I had a request from the Cornerstone Clubhouse regarding dimensions for wheelchair access to the bathroom. I am happy to report they took immediate action and Kathleen W. advises meetings at Cornerstone are wheelchair accessible. The last couple of months have been relatively quiet because of uncertain weather, but I did return to District 12 in January with information I did not have when I visited the first time. As soon as the weather is more certain, I will be contacting the rest of the Districts to visit their business meetings. I am also available to visit any group business meeting. I will be rotating out in December so if anyone is interested in this committee for the next rotation and would like to join me at any meetings in the coming months, let me know. It is not too early to think about your service commitment for the next rotation.

Treatment Facilities, Gary S

This has been a busy couple of months. I'm happy to report that there has been a marked increase in BTG requests from people coming out of treatment centers and returning or locating to the northern Nevada area, and with thanks to those members of the northern area who have stepped up giving their time and effort to make those locating to our area welcome, we have been very successful in reaching out to, connecting with and bringing them into our fellowship. I was privileged to attend PRAASA again this year. AS always, AREA 42 was well represented by the northern and southern areas, as well as our Spanish speaking Districts. The presenters this year were well prepared and informative. I felt the topics were varied as to appeal to all in attendance. Although the forecast for the Spokane area was for rain the entire weekend, the rain held off for the most part so between the presentations and roundtables, those who wished were able to enjoy the beautiful and historic sites the area had to offer. I am already looking forward to next year's PRAASA in Sacramento and the short two hour drive as opposed to the 12 hour drive to Spokane. The most exciting news I have to report is that after a near five year absence of men's A.A. meetings into the Washoe County jail, we should soon be able to resume regularly scheduled A.A. meetings for those incarcerated at the jail. Thanks to the efforts of our Northern Nevada Intergroup corrections chair, A.A. members were invited to attend an orientation for those wanting to volunteer at the jail. Again the A.A. community was well represented, 14 out of approximately 40 people in attendance were A.A. members.

Intergroup Liaison, Michael M

GSR Survival Manual/Trainer

DCM Standing Committee Facilitator, Chris S

NAGSC Old Business None

NAGSC New Business

Ray G stepped down as GSR trainer, Pete L will finish the panel commitment and will be at assembly.

Agenda Items to be presented at Area Assembly:

Conference Committee: II. Cooperation with the Professional Community- Item B

Conference Committee: V. Grapevine— Item B

Conference Committee: IX. Report & Charter — Item A 6

Conference Committee: X. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities— Item A

Conference Committee: XI. Trustees – Item F

Carol asked for 2 volunteers to present at assembly.

7th Tradition Collected: \$130.00.

Important Dates:

Spring Assembly: April 1 – 3, 2016, Tonopah, NV

Nagsc Meeting – Saturday, June 4, 2016 (Delegate's Report) Sparks at Nugget

SWCYPAA Convention: June 3 – 5, 2016, Nugget, Sparks, NV

(Southwest Conference Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous)

Pacific Region Forum: September 30 – October 2, 2016, Hawaii

Next NAGSC Meeting: Saturday, March 12, 2016 1pm

Delegate's Report
Nugget

Carol closed the meeting at 3:50pm with the Responsibility Statement.