

## **NAGSC Business Meeting August 6, 2016**

Host: District 20  
1700 Sunkist Drive  
Susanville, CA 96230

**Meeting Opens: Carol B** opened the meeting at 1:10pm with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer - Reading: Gary - Concepts 5

**Review Minutes:** Minutes of previous meeting (June 4, 2016) reviewed,  
Motions to Accept as Written:

1<sup>st</sup>: Yes

2<sup>nd</sup>: Yes

Vote: Yes

### **Treasurer's Report: Will L**

Hi my name is Will currently serving as your treasure. We have a current balance of \$7,443.40 in the checking. We made deposits of \$1,730.31we have a cd with\$ 1,251.84. I have enjoyed this level of service even though it's only been part of a term I have learned a lot. Contributions are still a little down. I have been overpaying some of the mileage for past Nagsc meetings and am correction that on the mileage payment for this meetings. Please, let your groups know that Nagsc contributions are down.

Motions to Accept:

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2<sup>nd</sup>: Yes

Vote: Yes

### **Julie C gave a 1<sup>st</sup> reading, Finance Committee Guidelines Changes**

#### NORTHERN AREA GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE GUIDELINES:

Current:

Meetings

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Change:

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Current:

4.0 Officers

B. Treasurer

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Change:

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Current:

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Current:

5.0 Finance/Funding

5.1

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Current:

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Current:

D. The Grapevine Committee will be funded \$175.00 annually for the purpose of purchasing literature, for resale at area functions, and to display at service functions.

Change:

**Delete item D.** (This is now done through the budgeting process and money from sales of material is used to replenish merchandise)

Current:

5.7

E. Regional Forum

Change:

E. **Pacific** Regional Forum

Current:

5.8

B. The finance committee estimates the amount of funding available for the upcoming year based upon recent experience and anticipated contributions.

Change:

B. The finance committee estimates the amount of funding available for the upcoming year based upon ~~recent experience~~ **the past 2 years' budgets** and ~~anticipated~~ contributions.

#### NAGSC FINANCE COMMITTEE – APPROVED 2007

Current:

Structure:

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Change:

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Current:

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Finance Committee meetings and telephone conferences, preparing meeting agendas, and chairing the meetings. The Recording Secretary shall keep minutes of each meeting and a list of advisory actions taken by the Committee. Such records shall be made available to members of the NAGSC.

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Current:

4. Although substantial unanimity is sought and preferred, matters shall be decided upon by a simple majority vote.

Change:

4. ~~Although substantial unanimity is sought and preferred,~~ **All** matters shall be decided upon by a simple majority vote.

Current:

C. Duties:

1. Review budgets submitted by committee officers and chairs and the proposed NAGSC budget from the treasurer for the next calendar year. These budgets shall include itemized expenses and estimates for supplies needed to perform the duties of that office as stated in the Northern Area 42 General Service Committee (NAGSC) Guidelines, and expenses associated with conducting annually. Where applicable, such budgets shall include travel to Area Assemblies, PRAASA and the Pacific Regional Forum, and other travel to perform their duties as stated in the NAGSC Guidelines. The Treasurer shall provide historical information regarding past expenditures. It is understood that budgets are estimates based on current, as outlined in 5.1, information, and may be affected by price hikes and inflation. *(amended 8-1-10)*

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1. Review budgets submitted by committee officers and chairs and the proposed NAGSC budget from the treasurer for the next calendar year. These budgets shall include itemized expenses and estimates for supplies needed to perform the duties of that **service position** as stated in the ~~Northern Area 42 General Service Committee~~ **NAGSC** Guidelines, and expenses associated with conducting **their service position** annually. Where applicable, such budgets shall include travel to Area Assemblies, PRAASA, Pacific Regional Forum, and other travel to perform their duties as stated in the NAGSC Guidelines. The Treasurer shall provide historical information regarding past expenditures. It is understood that budgets are estimates based on ~~current~~ **the past 2 years' budgets and contributions**, as outlined in ~~5.18~~, and may be affected by price hikes and inflation. *(amended 8-1-10)*

Current:

4. At the December NAGSC Meeting on non-election years, present a review of the Finance Committee Guidelines and those portions of the NAGSC Guidelines which pertain to financial

matters, and make recommendations to the Committee for updates, revisions or clarification.

Change:

4. At the **June** NAGSC Meeting on ~~non-election years~~ **the second year of rotation**, present a review of the Finance Committee Guidelines and those portions of the NAGSC Guidelines which pertain to financial matters, and make recommendations to the Committee for updates, revisions or clarification.

Current:

D. Replacement of Finance Committee Members: Members may be replaced due to request by the member or in case of non-performance of duties. Non-performance of duties is defined as failure to attend or participate in two (2) consecutive meetings, conference calls, or e-mail communications requesting input. Replacements shall be recommended by the Treasurer in concert with the NAGSC Chair and Secretary, and then elected by the Northern Area 42 General Service Committee. The Committee shall continue its duties until a replacement is elected. These elected positions shall be non-voting positions of the NAGSC and also non-funded except as needed to carry out the NAGSC Financial Committee meetings.

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#### **Remarks for clarification only:**

Pete: Isn't GSR trainer considered part of Nagsc committee?

Julie: That is described in our full guidelines but this reading only describes changes.

Samantha: paragraph F; should we change "special needs" for another phrase to coincide with what was discussed at the General Service conference as the new excepted title?

Julie: yes, perhaps.

Samantha: On 5.1, C will "Shall" be added?

Julie: Yes

Samantha: On the last page, bottom paragraph, do we need to add how to replace a member in the case of death?

Julie: That would have to be brought up in discussion after the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, today's remarks are for clarification only.

## **DCM Reports**

### **District 2, Mary D**

Summer attendance has been steady at District 2. Our meeting time changed to 6:30pm, still the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, upstairs at the Reno Triangle Club. Roberta was our special guest in June and Joyce in July, thank you both! We are looking forward to elections next week, August 8, 2016 at 6:30pm for the District Officers. With generous support from our groups we hope to have all GSRs and/or Alternate GSRs attend the Area Assembly in Tonopah this September. This fall we will schedule a PI presentation and look forward to supporting Northern Area special events. Guideline committee members are putting finishing touches on the District Guidelines for group consideration.

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

I am pleased to announce that I now have an alternate DCM. Sonny will be stepping into that role for the final portion of the term. We held district elections for the upcoming two year cycle this past Thursday. I am delighted that we have filled all the major offices for the next cycle. I would like to thank everyone that stepped up to fill these positions. I would especially like to thank Sonny, who will be taking over for me as the new DCM at the end of the year. We have started reading a concept at every district meeting, followed by a discussion on it as time allows. Our other "opportunity" we are starting is the formalization of District Guidelines. I am expecting this to take a while, but my goal is to get them completed by the end of my term at the end of the year. I would also like to thank all the dedicated people in my district for the great suggestions on how we can improve the district.

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

Hello everyone my name is Mike L, serving as Alternate DCM for district 6. Both John and I can't attend today's meeting. John can't be here because he is in Europe honeymooning, such problems to have, myself because of work obligations. Our next district meeting will be next Sunday when we will be holding our election for officer and committee chair positions for the upcoming rotation. We are in the process of updating our guidelines and we will be discussing that as well. District 6 is blessed to have a very active group of GSR's and should have a good number groups sending GSR's to the Election assembly in Tonopah in September.

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

It is great to be up here out of the heat and see you all again in Susanville for this NAGSC meeting. It seems that Districts 8 and 20 are similar in a couple of ways. They both cover large mostly rural geographic areas in California and both have a relatively small number of meetings compared to Reno or Las Vegas. My district, District 8 is located in Eastern California to the south. It runs about 100 miles between Lone Pine and the Nevada border. The main population centers in the district are Bishop and Mammoth Lakes and there are currently 10 groups. The newest group in the district is in Benton California and they are celebrating their 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a picnic today. The oldest group is the Bishop group that has been holding meetings at the same location for over 60 years. We held the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Chili - Cook off on June 25 and it was very well attended. Mike M traveled from Las Vegas to deliver his Delegate's report and Joyce Y traveled from Reno to give a General Service 101 presentation. We also had the District archive binders on display. Thanks to Pat S for providing copies of those. The bi-annual Bishop White Elephant auction/speaker meeting was held last Saturday July 30. This event was very enjoyable with plenty of food

and a great speaker. The 40<sup>th</sup> annual Mammoth Lakes campout is getting nearer. It will be held August 26 – 28 in Mammoth Lakes. This is a multi-day event but for those that can't commit that time one highlight not to be missed is the Saturday night pot-luck campfire, speaker meeting. All are welcome. At our last district business meeting in July, we conducted the second reading and voting on our district guideline revisions. All of the proposed revisions were accepted by a majority of the voting members present.

### **District 10a**

James reported the 20th Ruby campout was successful. The Gratitude dinner is coming up.

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

District 10B currently has no DCM. District 10B's DCM recently rotated out after 2 years of service. The district voted to discontinue holding district business meetings until another AA member stands for the DCM position. However, the monthly service study has been successful. So far we've been studying the Service Manual. Instead of a DCM facilitating all of the district functions and events, we're trying to promote leadership by having each group host, chair, and organize these tasks. We are continuing to hold workshops. In July we invited Debbie S., our NAGSC Grapevine chair, for a GV writing workshop with GV trivia and prizes purchased by the district. Thank you Debbie!! We included a chili cook-off and potluck. Even though the turnout was small, 2 members wrote stories and at least 1 will be submitting hers to the Grapevine. Also D10B is working on completing a GV Arbor Card!! We already have 3 items completed! We are planning a delegate's report by Phil, our NAGSC Chair, for this fall. We have also invited our NAGSC Archives chair to display AA archives and have AA trivia to make it a full day event.

### **District 12, Ed L**

Hi Everybody, I hope you are all having a safe and fun summer. I regret that I could not be here today but it was unavoidable. District 12 is doing well and thriving. We have chosen to invite one presenter every month to our business meeting. We invite any and all of our members to join us if they chose to. So far the attendance has been low but our GSR's have gained plenty of information to take back to their groups. We will have Mike L. from the Corrections at our August meeting. At the assembly in September we will have a short business meeting and pick out other presenters. This will allow us a chance to ask in person those people we would like to present. In other terms we will be able to brow beat them in person. Some dates to remember Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> Fernley is having their Annual Picnic it is at the In Town Park just off of Main Street on 95A. It starts at 11:00 am. Silver Springs has a Pot Luck Birthday Speaker meeting on the last Saturday of every month come on down, If you would like to be a speaker at this meeting please let me know we could use some fresh stories. The second Saturday of every month District 12 has a Birthday speaker meeting. We could use speakers for this meeting as well. The district has a speaker coordinator give me a call or email and I will put you in touch with him.

### **District 14, Anne Y**

No Report

### **District 16, Catherine H**

At our monthly business meeting in June we were privileged to have Paul E, Area 42 recording secretary and my service sponsor, give a presentation on the voting procedures for Area 42. This is something that really confused me in the beginning of service as a GSR.

A lot of questions were asked and answered that I had at the start of my GSR commitment so that we are better prepared for the elections at Area 42's assembly this coming September. During July's meeting Pat B, the NNIG Bridging the Gap representative asked if he could give a presentation to build a contact list. I do believe everyone who wanted to be involved added their name to the list before they left the meeting. December 10, 2016 will be District's 16's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas affair. Please, everyone, keep this date open as I know you will not be at another meeting for Northern Area General Service, and so you will be able to attend. It will be at the Masonic Lodge on Pyramid Way, please set that date aside and come have some sober fun! Stacy P, the Christmas Affair Chair is already gearing up for this annual event. Next Saturday, August 13, 2016, District 16 will be hosting the NNIG speaker meeting. Sue R, the Alternate GSR for the Pyramid Way group was elected as the Chair for this project. It seems like there will be a lot of raffle prizes after the speaker meeting. I was informed that a woman whom I admire so much will be our speaker. She is the current Northern Area 42 General Service Committee Chair and the Alternate Delegate to Area 42, Carol B. If you happen to be in Reno and would like to hear her story, it will be at the Silver Legacy at 7PM.

### **District 20, Larry B**

District 20 has experienced a certain stasis, partially due to members on vacation or otherwise occupied in the activities of a life made possible by the recovery afforded by the AA program. Sometimes I wonder if the busy lives we lead in recovery contributes to the many vacant service positions at district level. Business is still getting accomplished by a dedicated and dependable few. The campout has been revived and the committee projects a success. I have visited several groups through inadvertent necessity with good results; several members expressed interest in serving on District Committees, and several have contacted me for information. But the stasis persists: vacancies in service positions continue and district membership, with local fluctuation, seems static overall. In this interest the District PI Chair, Julie C, has formed a committee to look at the effectiveness of our efforts to provide information to the still suffering alcoholic. The first order of business will be to determine need and assess resources. And so it goes in District 20: progress in God's time – may we have the wisdom and the patience to be a part of it

### **District 22, Henry B**

No Report

### **Standing Chair Reports**

#### **Cooperation with Professional Community, Cheryl E**

Here are the activities that CPC (NAGSC CPC and NNIG PI/CPC) have been involved with since the last report in June 2016. University of Nevada Medical School, Reno: Joyce Y. (NNIG CPC chair and NAGSC CPC co-chair) and Cheryl, along with other CPC committee members meet with a doctor 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 the doctor 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 the beginning of June, we met on June 6<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, and July 29<sup>th</sup>. Washoe County School District (WCSD), Reno: We are working with some counselors at the Washoe County School District to create a presentation on alcoholism and AA geared for high school students during a health class. Joyce, Tom, and Cheryl met on June 10<sup>th</sup>, did a mock presentation on June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, and July 25<sup>th</sup>. Next



time we meet we will hold a mock presentation for committee members. We will review feedback before going back to the school district to do a mock presentation with the counselors. Victim Impact Program: Joyce, Joanne, and Cheryl went to a Victim Impact Panel on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Douglas County Courthouse in Stateline, NV. In Douglas County, folks that get a DUI must attend a Victim Impact Panel as part of their requirements. There were four folks on the panel. There are four folks on the panel, one of them in recovery from our committee. The next Victim Impact Panel will be August 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the East Fork Justice Court in Minden, NV. 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. 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/PI to ensure the sessions will continue and that the message will be consistent. The committee is currently doing mock presentations to prepare to begin presenting these sessions at Bristlecone Treatment Center starting in Oct. Volunteers Of America Restart Mental Health Division: Joyce and Cheryl met with case managers at Restart on July 26<sup>th</sup>. We went to gather information about what their needs were so we could determine if AA would and could fill their needs and if so, what committee would do this. Restart is an 8am to 5pm facility for clients that are chronically homeless and have mental health issues and need assistance. The facility is locked to the public. One must be a client to get in. They would like to have AA info for their rack in the sitting area and for case managers to give out. The pamphlets they would like are: AA schedules; Info on AA; Is AA For Me?; A Newcomer Asks...; AA and Medications; Serving Alcoholics with Special Needs; Problems Other Than Alcohol, Sponsorship; and old AA Grapevines. We agreed to provide 12 of each of these to start. Joyce picked up the literature Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> and delivered it to Restart. Joyce and Cheryl will work with the H&I committee members to see if this service falls under their responsibility rather than PI/CPC. We also discussed with them the possibility for H&I to bring an AA meeting into the "open" resource center on the Volunteers Of America side. District Meetings: We are attending Northern Area district meetings to give a 10 minute overview on CPC/PI. We be going to District 12 (Fallon) business meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup>. CPC Committee Meetings: We had a committee meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> at the First Congregational Church (Sunnyside) in the annex building in Reno from 2-3:30. We had 6 and 8 folks in attendance. Our next committee meeting will be August 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Public Information, Lyle C**

I took this from the Public Information Workbook under the section on "Forming a P.I. Committee. Once you decide to form a P.I. committee, it is a good idea to identify exactly what your needs are and set goals and how many people you have available to get the job done. In some instances, the first task for a committee is to inform the A.A. members in your area about the need to communicate with the public. Sometimes you need to correct misconceptions about whether A.A.s should be going out to non-A.A.s. A few P.I. committees have reported resistance from members who fear they will be doing "promotion" by letting professionals and the public know about A.A. Have the members read and become familiar with the P.I. Workbook so that they have a clear understanding of ways the A.A. message is carried to the public, and of the Traditions and A.A. experience in this area." I have been calling district PI chairs to find out what we can do to support their public information efforts. I know that districts 6, 8 and 20 have PI committees. If your district or group needs help in forming a PI committee or your PI committee would like to share your experience strength and hope, please contact me. Also, I am available to come to your districts. Unfortunately I have been very busy with family obligations, but still

would love to come to your districts. The NAGSC Public Information Committee is available to come to your districts.

Lyle added: On the way to this meeting I was contacted by the hotline number and was able to speak with a mother about her concerns with her "wayward son". I have been a wayward son myself and appreciated being able to speak with her about AA and to be able to carry the message through the hotline.

## **Grapevine, Debbie S**

The "Grow your Grapevine" promotion is still open. This promotion runs from March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017. The area with the greatest number of arbor cards will be featured in a magazine section during 2017. All arbor cards will be entered into a drawing. Five winners will receive a selection of Grapevine books and other items. I have copied Area results from [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org). Top of the list is Ontario Western Area 86 with 138 cards. There are a surprising amount of Areas with no participation, while we, Area 42, have submitted 11. The August issue of the Grapevine issue is out, featuring the stories from last year's "Subscription Challenge" promotion winner, Missouri. The 2017 wall and pocket calendars are now available to order from [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org). I have ordered 10 pocket calendars that will be available for sale at the Area Assembly for \$6.00. Closer to home, events I have on my calendar, for Northern Area include...July 30th we had a grapevine story writing workshop in Winnemucca. We all wrote a story, sold some Grapevine items, played some AA trivia games and had some chili. On a personal note, I had a good time. I am looking forward to the campouts this month. August 19-21 I will have a Grapevine display set up at Camp Connary in the Lake Almador/Susanville area. August 26-28 I will have a display set up at the Shady Rest camp ground in the Mammoth Lakes/Bishop area. September 9-11 I will be set-up at the Area Assembly in Tonopah. October 22nd I will have a Grapevine display at the Oasis Festival in Fallon. November 18th I will have a display set up at the Carson Gratitude dinner.

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

Hello everyone my name is Mike L again I am an alcoholic serving now putting on my NAGSC Corrections Facilities chair hat. The committee's activity has been quiet these summer months but I do have some important information to share. The biggest news I received from the General Service office is the new corrections video called "A New Freedom". The 30 minute available for viewing from [aa.org](http://aa.org) in both English and Spanish [http://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/a-new-freedom](http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/a-new-freedom). This new video is a powerful and emotional compilation of a diverse group of incarcerated AA members giving their stories in a "...general way what it was like, what happen, what it is like now. ". It highlights the real need for meetings in the correctional facilities. At the end the video is there information on how to contact AA about the AA correspondence service and pre-release information to make contact with the AA community upon release. I myself am very grateful to have been corresponding with an AA member who incarcerated on the Nevada Lockwood facility. The member is very eager to get the AA message and he shares it with his fellow inmates. If would like me to come to your district or group and are in interested and about hearing about how the message can be brought to the correctional facilities through the AA correction correspondence service or AA meetings please contact me. One update on the ongoing effort to get meetings at the Washoe County Parr Blvd facility is looking to have meetings on Wednesday Night and is looking for volunteers, Michelle M the NNIG corrections chair can be contacted through central office.

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

Due to health considerations, I have not been as active as I would like. That being said, I visited District 2 and the After Shifters group in June. I will be attending the District 20 business meeting in October. Today I set a date with District 4 and opened negotiations with District 8. In the meantime, I will be contacting the remaining Districts to schedule a visit before the end of this rotation. 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 investigate your service commitment for the next rotation.

## **Treatment Facilities, Gary S**

Well, my commitment as your treatment chair is quickly coming to an end, I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as treatment chair for the last two years. I would like to extend a special thank you to all of you who have stepped up to make the BTG aspect of my duties a great success. But as my commitment nears an end and my counterpart in NNIG who was very active and made my transition into this position very smooth is also rotating out. I couldn't help but wonder where things as far as treatment and especially the BTG aspect of my duties would head, but as we have all had to accept that we can't worry about things that are really out of control, and we turn things over, I have come to realize that God has things well in hands. The NNIG elections have been held and the new NNIG treatment chair seems to be very motivated and ready to hit the ground running and is working with the outgoing chair, Joel B, to keep things running without a hiccup. My biggest concern was what would happen to the area of BTG, as when I began my commitment things appeared to be almost stagnant and non-existent. But I believe my concerns have been answered, whereas the position of NNIG BTG chair has been empty for the last two years but it has at long last been filled. At this time I would like to introduce the new NNIG BTG chair, Pat B. He comes to us from Area 06 in California and was active there in BTG. He brings with him not only a new energy and attitude but also experience in the area of BTG, something I was severely lacking when Carol B fingered me for this position. Over all I believe that whoever steps in as my successor as the Northern Area Treatment Chair will have some great support and motivated people to work with as he or she begins their journey into their commitment.

## **Intergroup Liaison, Michael ML**

Diane B, treasurer reported that we are in a deficit situation of \$4844.06 from our year to date goal. It appears that event revenues are down including speaker meeting attendance. We had elections in June and all positions have been filled including new members of the steering committee. The central office is running smoothly. Last month there were 11 twelve step calls, 63 business calls, 102 volunteer hours, 12 retail calls, and 33 AA event calls. A total of 180 calls into the central office last in June.

## **GSR Survival Manual/Trainer, Pete L**

I have not been asked to do any trainings since the last Nagsc meeting. I will be doing a presentation at Area Assembly. I am available for trainings through mid-November then I will be relocating to Arizona through the winter. I will be back in this area for Christmas and available then for trainings through late December. I have GSR training manuals in English and Spanish here if you want to take back to your groups.

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

The DCMs and Standing Chairs met just before this meeting. We discussed elections in assembly in the fall. We encouraged DCMs to have Pete do a training for the newly elected GSRs before their 1<sup>st</sup> assembly. Pat, NNIG Bridging the Gap Chair, gave a presentation and has a sign-up sheet to help with the BTG committee. Pete L updated us on PRAASA 2018.

## **Officer's Reports**

### **Nagsc Secretary, Laura J**

If you are not receiving Email from Nagsc, please give me your address before we leave. Remember that you may give out personal email addresses and phone numbers during your oral report but these items will be removed before the minutes are posted on the Area website.

### **Alt Registrar, Julie C**

Our Area Registrar, Emily C., has sent out the link to preregister for the assembly. For any new GSRs that will be attending the assembly in the fall, there are two ways to register. You may either register early online or on site when you arrive. There will be two lines, one for preregistered and one for on-site. The online preregistration is new and we are still working out the kinks, but I believe the last assembly went much smoother than it has in the past. Hopefully it will be even better this time. It's that time of the panel for new GSRs to be listed with our General Service Office. As you have your elections, please complete the group change forms and send to me. I will review and forward onto Emily. I know that the form says you can mail or email directly to GSO, but sometimes they make mistakes so if you send them to me we can review and ask any questions if there is confusion. In the past we have had GSRs not receive any information because GSO didn't know to ask for clarification and mistakes were made. Please know we are here to help streamline the process of listing new GSRs and DCMs with GSO. As always: DCMs: Please continue to send New Group Forms and Group Change Forms to either Emily or me. You can text a picture of the form if you like. Link to Group change form: [http://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/e\\_infchan.pdf](http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/e_infchan.pdf) [http://www.aa.org/assets/es\\_ES/s\\_infchan.pdf](http://www.aa.org/assets/es_ES/s_infchan.pdf) 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**

It has been my pleasure to serve you as Area 42 Alternate Archivist, thus NAGSC Archivist, for the past almost four years. My term is about to end. During my time in this position our Northern Nevada Archives has grown substantially in size. We don't have a storage facility, so, unfortunately, it has been and currently resides in my garage. With the help of many of you, we've been able to take archives displays to several dozen group meetings, district meetings and functions including one camp-out and several outdoor Founder's Day events. I have also been able to make presentations to various groups. As I indicated, this is a four-year term. Archivist and Alternate Archivist rotate between the north and the south, therefore at the September Area 42 Elections Assembly an Archivist will be chosen from the north. He or she will also serve as archivist for NAGSC. I hope somebody here will make himself or herself available. As for any Area office position, all duly elected DCMs, DCMCs, and area officers, past or present who have served a full term are eligible. The duties, as outlined in our Area Guidelines, are to catalog and maintain all archival material and to

provide displays of archival material at Area functions. Beyond that, can expand your work as you see fit, as I did by creating binders for photos of meeting halls, photos from Area events, and much more. I will assist in the transition.

## **Area Chair, Phil W**

I'm very grateful to be able to be here. I've been very busy this spring and the start of summer as I do landscaping in Mammoth and we only have a few months to get a lot done. I have also been working on our next Assembly, there is a lot to get ready. It will be an election assembly and as such we do that business before we do any other business. We will have some presentations and fellowship on Friday evening and some other special things planned. I have to say I thought that having Bob W at our last assembly was a very good way to get the message out as to what goes on all around the world and what AA is doing with our contributions. I do want to say I see that some of our districts and committees have been very active in doing the primary purpose of AA. I personally love taking meetings to jails and doing other things to carry our message of hope to other folks, I also love being there when someone whom I have not meet yet shows up at a meeting so I can be a greeter again. One more thing that I think about is our purpose in General Service. This body is put together to do communication between AA as a whole and the fellowship and also to do things that single groups and small areas can't do, such as publishing uniform literature and public information resources, publishing our international magazine, the Grapevine but also helping to bring light to dark areas and helping to start groups among other things. We are privileged to current information that others haven't heard yet. I'm talking now of the great financial need that has been an ongoing situation at the General Service Office. We seem to be using about 2 million dollars out of the general fund each year more than we are able to bring in through contributions and literature sales. We need to be discussing ways of dealing with our financial short comings. One of the things I think that we can be doing is to work at stimulating interest in General Service because as we grow General Service and communication, so the Fellowship will grow and with that growth comes answers to many questions. With new blood comes new ideas and new ways of doing the thing we have been doing for a while now, 'Carrying the message of Hope to the still suffering Alcoholic.' Once again, I would love to visit any of our district events and love getting around our Area. Call or write me any time, I like to talk to you and am looking forward to seeing you all in September at our Assembly.

## **Old Business**

Carol gave a report concerning some confusion surrounding a section of the guidelines change 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at the Spring Assembly.

### **1. Area 42 Guidelines recognized Area Chairs before 2014 revision**

#### 2.0 Area Committee

- 2.3 C, The duties of the Committee Chairs shall be as defined by their respective Committee guidelines and /or the NAGSC or the SAGSC guidelines.

### **2. Area 42 Guidelines removed section 2.3 C. in 2014, therefore no Committee chair recognition.**

### **3. Proposal to add Committee Chairs and Liaisons to 2.1 Membership C.** was voted down on April 3, 2016.

### **4. There was confusion during discussion on this item, it was discussed**

and voted on twice and failed both times.

**5. Some members were disturbed over the results and confusion over the proposal.**

A committee of members feeling their positions are not valued by the assembly body was formed, and they have taken a group conscience to redress this personal grievance. This shall be addressed at the September assembly.

**6. All the members on the 5 area rosters have been considered voting area committee members for several years,**

and are therefore recognized

in all discussions which take place during the two annual committee meetings.

**7. Carol B opinion.** Area 42 Guidelines should reflect the respect, approval and support of the area assembly, by including these trusted servants. Isn't this the "Meat & Potatoes of AA"? The 21 General Service Trustees serve on 13 committees, which cover these various aspects of service (along with items covering conference responsibilities). When the GSC convenes each spring, 135 conference members divide themselves into these committees. Among their duties is to do the business of editing and updating the documentation of our various committee's Workbooks and Kits, carrying the worldwide message of Alcohol Anonymous.

**Lyle also gave a report on this subject:**

I believe Wayne H best described how this all started: "This started as a way to address a "confused" vote at the assembly." Wayne polled the GSRs at one of his district meetings and they didn't feel fully informed. It was not a fully informed group conscience at the assembly that we are now trying to rectify. There have been multiple meetings in both the north and south to address what has been perceived as an exclusion of the standing committee chairs from the area committee. The feelings ranged from confusion, frustration, anger and hurt. At the June DCM/Chairs pre NAGSC meeting a group of members proposed a non-guideline change to add standing committee chairs to the area committee. I took a sense of the body as to whether we should present the non-guideline proposal or have an open discussion after the elections. The general consensus was to have a discussion only at the assembly, but wait to present a guideline change proposal. There were no opposing votes, however there were a number of abstentions due to confusion. Some did not feel the discussion was complete. Unfortunately, we ran out of time. Our Area Chair, Phil, said that standing committee chairs will be included in the blue room. However, we did not discuss that this will be his last assembly as area chair and if we place principles before personalities the next area chair may not include the standing committee chairs in the blue room, specifically as we are not in the area guidelines. I recalled something that happened to me during a different panel with different personalities. In 2012 I was asked to get off of an Area conference call because as Corrections Chair for NAGSC I was not part of the Area Committee. Then in the spring of 2015 our Area Guidelines were officially changed to exclude standing committee chairs from the composition of the area committee. In the spring of 2016 Carol attempted to restore standing committee chairs to the area committee. But the change was voted down. Referring back to the concepts, it was suggested to read Concept IV, which is the right of participation. Concept Four reads in part: "*The "Right of Participation" is therefore a corrective of ultimate authority because it mitigates its harshness or misuse. It also encourages us who serve A.A. to accept the necessary disciplines that our several tasks require. We can do this when we are sure that we belong,*

*when the fact of our "participation" assures us that we are truly the "trusted servants" described in A.A.'s Tradition Two."*

### **New Business**

None Discussed

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: Collected \$97.00.**

**Next Nagsc Meeting: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

Carol asked for volunteer districts to host.

District 6 & 12 volunteered. Description of each district facility was given, a vote taken, District 12 was voted as the location.

District 12 December Meeting Location:

Silver Springs Senior Center  
2945 Ft. Churchill Street  
Silver Springs, NV. 89429

**Close at 3pm with the Responsibility Statement**