

NAGSC Business Meeting

Date: August 5th, 2017

Location: John's Presbyterian Church

Address: 1070 W. Plumb Lane, Reno, NV. 89509

Meeting Opens: Chair Julie C opened the meeting at 1:04 pm with the Serenity Prayer

Samantha read from the Service Manual

Review Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting (June 3rd, 2017) reviewed, Corrections: None

Motions to Accept: Yes

1st: Yes

2nd: Yes

Vote: Yes

7th tradition collected: \$91.00

Treasurer's Report: Will L- Hi my name is Will currently serving as your treasure. We have a current balance of \$7,479.07 in the checking. We made deposits of \$2,648.49 we have a cd with\$ 1,252.54 we would like if your groups could give us email address so we can send your receipts to save NAGS a lot in postage. I will also bring receipt with me each time we meet before I mail them out. PLEASE have your groups send your donations to Will, Any questions contact Will. Thanks, Will L

Sue: Gives Presentation- Notes for Agenda Item Presentation

The following is my presentation of how a small group of AA members in Nevada made a difference in our AA Literature via a fully informed group conscience, proposal and Agenda Item.

1. In 2013 our Concept Study group was completely its 5th time thru the 12 Concepts and made a discovery in the AA Approved Literature.
2. A particular phrase made us question and ponder as to why it was in our literature. It just didn't make sense to us.
3. After much discussion we decided to research its background.
4. As we began our research it was clear that this didn't belong in the literature.
5. We formed a committee, with a Chairman and continued the gathering its background and history

6. A discovery was made in 1972, that a person in the publishing department, made a personal decision to change the wording in the AA Literature.
7. This went unnoticed until 1985. Which meant every printing from 1972 until 1985 had wording written by Bill W. in it that had been altered by a single AA member.
8. Once noticed in 1985 that the wording had been altered it was changed back to what Bill Wilson original wrote, however an Endnote was added with the one members opinion.
9. In 2013 when our Concept Study Group questioned the validity of the endnote we agreed to seek its removal.
- 10.10. We wrote a proposal to be sent to GSO for the General Service Conference. We used the following information in it:
 - a. Who it was from
 - b. The Proposal itself
 - c. The Endnote written in the literature
 - d. What the Endnote was referring to
 - e. Our Background, History and Findings
 - f. Our Conclusions and requested action
 - g. The History of our Action taken to date
11. In order to write our proposal we utilized many members assistance and guidance at the General Service Office from the Archives Department and Report and Charter Committee. We also worked closely with our Area 42 Past and Present Delegates and Past and Present NAGSC CHAIRS.
12. In early 2015 the proposal was completed and was presented to our District meeting for discussion and a fully informed group conscience. It received not only substantial unanimity, but 100% unanimous vote in favor of the removal of the Endnote.
13. Then in June of 2015 our proposal was presented at the Area 42 NAGSC meeting. After fantastic discussion, questions and answers the conclusion was exactly same as it was at the District Level.
14. From there the Proposal was submitted to the General Service Office in New York for the review in hopes it would be considered as an agenda item at the upcoming Conference in April 2016.
15. It was placed on the Agenda and was reviewed by the Report and Charter committee and the decision was made to remove the Endnote.
16. Now since the printing of the 2016-**2018** Service Manual there is no longer an endnote **attempting** to explain what **one** member thought Bill Wilson **must have meant** when he originally wrote the literature for us.

The only way to every know what Bill W. did or did not mean would be to ask him.... Thank you for allowing me to share this amazing learning experience.
P.S. I have now become a Service Manual Junkie and started collecting every year of their printings. If you have any service manuals, that your sponsor made you buy, or it's taking up space on one of your AA designed book cases, I will gladly buy them from you. My goal is to collect every year since 1962.
P.S.S. You may notice that the newest service manual is 2016-2018 a two year manual. Each year since the early 70's the Service Manuals have all been a one year manual. This change is A. A. way of being consciousness with our 7th tradition and how our funds are being utilized. "Way to go AA".
P.S.S.S. If you would like to see the research on this Agenda item, I brought the notebook for your viewing at the break.
Thank you, Again. Sober Sue

Pete: PRAASA Co-Chair/Volunteer Coordinator (Scribed as heard): I am here to go over why going over topics is important in preparation for PRAASA 2018. Topics that happen at PRAASA will most likely be topics that make it to GSO NY. Presents Mock Items that you as a GSR would be interested in to discuss, that would possibly go to PRASSA, goes over topics and structure of who will be in charge of the topic, thus getting it to the correct committee. Goes over process of how topics get to your area to get to GSO in NY. Goes over right of decision in order to give everyone the right to share as the individual Alcoholic.

Topics of discussion

- 1. Delegates Expenses: \$1600.00 sent to NY :** Service Manual , \$50 (Expenses) in the manual states only \$1600.00 but in our area 42 we voted this term, to give additional funds in order to do our part to support our delegate. Goes into the uniformed and informed group conscience.
- 2. How a new pamphlet happens: New pamphlet Area 6 (San Francisco) came up with new pamphlet "Many Paths to Spirituality"**
- 3. Pamphlet on Sponsorship:** Very important that the message we remember that it stays our primary purpose, how to carry the message to the new comer. This pamphlet is a helpful tool in the care of carrying the message of spirituality and materialistic stuff mixes.

Opens up for Q &A:

Sue - asks question around the donations

Paul - Clarifies the how much an individual can donate in a years time as long as they are A.A.

Nancy - Has comments

Todd - has questions on principles

Patrick - has questions on readings in meetings about principles

Clint GSR from district 20: Presents on Agenda Items and topics and experience on practicing the mock conference topic in his group. How

wonderful the experience was in his group at the business meeting. He put it to his group. They came up with some great ideas, and finally came down to the topic/ Agenda item: **Discuss effective ways to attract newcomers to Alcoholics Anonymous especially in a small rural community**

Goes over Reason for topic, and experience ...big books in library, radio station plays the approved radio announcement, start a public info committee, etc. Wants to go over Unity need to take our service commitments seriously but we need to do it together, ask for help

Break out in groups of 4 to do topic discussion mock conference:

Break: 15 minutes

Julie hands it over for discussion to each presenter from each of the 4 break out groups.

- 1. Presenter Darrel: Topic: Summary of groups experience Reason/experience behind the why discussed**
- 2. Presenter Sam : Topic: Are we doing enough for the new comer Reason/experience behind the why discussed**
- 3. Presenter Heidi: Topic: Discuss some the issues when groups have multiple meetings and how that effects the autonomy of the group as a whole. Reason/experience behind why discussed**
- 4. Presenter Paul: Topic: (1) consider creating literature on our primary purpose. (2) Consider creating literature to the individual alcoholic contributions to the meeting. Reason/experience behind why discussed**

Chair Julie: Opens it up to NAGSC group for discussion is there any GSR's or DCM's who are ready to present from their groups on Topics for the fall Mock conference? People got up and read their existing forms submitted to Julie **"Area 42-Fall mock conference Topics"**

Julie opens for Q & A

Phil Delegate: Gives verbal report: thanks district 2 for hosting, goes over general service giving the "nevadaarea42 website" for help in making it easy to print things individual needs.

Chair Reports

Chairperson, Julie C- Agenda Topics:

Our Area Chair, Emily through conversations with Mike M and her sponsor, decided that we are going to have a mock PRAASA format. As most of you know we are hosting PRAASA in March in Sparks. Emily wants to use the fall assembly as a opportunity for us to become more prepared to host. We still need agenda topics. The deadline for your group's topic is August 25th, which doesn't give you much time nor much time for the presenters to prepare. We are going to ask the current Committee Chairs to present on the topics provided. For example: For Public Information either Sue H or her counterpart from the South will most likely present on PI topics; Paul, Will or Edie may be asked to present on 7th tradition topics and perhaps John F or Claudia could present on topics pertaining to the groups which may not fall within a "standing committee". For those of you who have not been to a PRAASA (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly), we will be having panels with 5-7 presenters who will present on each of the topics that your groups have provided us with. Then there will be time for the full assembly to go to the mic and share.

Today, we are going to break into four group and have four fabulous volunteers who are walk you through the process of getting your groups to provide agenda topics for the fall assembly. Since most of our GSRs and DCMs are new to your new positions, we thought it would be helpful for us to model what it might look like for you to go to your groups and get an agenda topic. Also we thought many of you may have some ideas and may like a small forum to try out your topics. With that said, lets' count off into groups of four.

Secretary, Monica S – Verbal report: Thank you everyone for your service, please as a reminder when sending reports, no personal info, such as emails, phone etc. Thank you again, love you all.

Registrar, Laura J- Hello Nagsc, I'm happy to be able to resume my role as your area registrar, my thanks to Jake, the Area 42 alternate registrar for stepping up when needed. Online registration for our fall assembly is available at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/area-42-fall-assembly-tickets-35612193028> Jake and I encourage everyone to use this online registration to speed up the lines at the onsite registration table in Tonopah. Advance numbers are also appreciated by those who are planning the food services. DCMs. If you have group changes that need to be made, I have the forms with me today. Yours in Service to AA, Laura J, Area 42 Registrar

Finance Committee Chair, Carol B- I hope everyone is enjoying the summer as best as possible this year. It's been pretty crazy with the fires and heat... All NAGSC members that are funded by NAGSC (Officers, Liaisons and Committee Chairs), are going to receive a Budget Request form this month. The deadline to return them shall be September 30th, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact me. The Finance Committee shall have a Conference Call in October to put the proposed 2018 NAGSC Budget together for you at the December NAGSC Meeting. In Loving Service, Carol B. NAGSC Finance Committee Chair

Archivist, Lyle C- Archives

Area 42 Archivist

As the Archivist I maintain and add to our Archives. Also, I am available to provide displays of our archives at your functions. I have already reserved my spot at the Lake Tahoe Fall Festival in October.

I'm adding to our archives by printing all the minutes, newsletters, and other important printed materials. My printer is smoking!!! I'm organizing the material into appropriate binders which are located in either the official archives held at the Las Vegas Central Office or in the north in my home office.

I'm also working on our panoramic PRAASA photos, taken by our delegate, Phil, to have ready for the Fall Assembly. I brought some samples here.

Yours in Service, Lyle C

Cooperation with Professional Community, Anne Y- No Report

Corrections Facilities, Samantha G- I am thrilled to be here today serving as your Northern Area Corrections chair! I have actually been doing some personal Step work around serving you on this committee. After 8 months in this position, I developed feelings and thoughts of shame that I wasn't doing a good enough job. After speaking with a past-delegate and my sponsor, I realized that my sobriety is greatly enhanced by making myself available to be with all of you who serve AA at the Area level. It was explained that I'm here to serve in whatever capacity you need and if I'm not being asked to do a lot yet, then that's just the way it is right now. Please let me know if you would like me to handle this position in a different way. Here's what else has been going on. A group in Winnemucca has been trying to get enough committed support from female AAs to start a meeting in a local correctional facility. District 6 has invited this committee to do a presentation on August 13. What does the Corrections Committee do? Our AA Guidelines state the purpose is to coordinate the work of the individual AA members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics behind the walls, and to set up means of smoothing the way from the facility to the larger AA community through pre-release contacts. AA's Corrections Committee Workbook states through a Corrections Committee working with corrections personnel, alcoholics are reached who might never otherwise find the AA program. An active Corrections Committee is a vital link to prisons and jails, providing professionals and other workers in correctional facilities with information about AA, literature, and guidelines for setting up AA groups on the inside. This committee is a clearinghouse for all corrections activities in the northern Area. The work is done at the local level by AA members. Corrections Committees can:

- inform **how** AA members start meetings in jails and prisons

- conduct workshops or mock panels for AA members on **how to** introduce Alcoholics Anonymous to those who work in the corrections or criminal justice field
- work with AA members on **how to** organize panels to speak to local, state, federal prisons, jails and detention centers, or students attending corrections/criminal justice training academies
- inform local groups and districts **how** Pink Cans provide AA literature to inmates
- provide samples of meeting formats and letters to wardens or prison administrators
- provide samples of program plans for a correctional institution
- Inform AA members of the literature available for carrying the message into jails and prisons
Corrections Correspondence Service allows inmates to correspond with outside AAs on an individual basis. Your Corrections Committee can:
 - offer suggested guidelines to help when writing to members inside the walls
 - inform AA members **how to** set up pre-release contacts (Bridging the Gap)
 - provide samples of letters

If your District or Group would like a presentation or workshop we'd be glad to come. I'd like to thank the Northern Area General Service Committee for allowing me to be of service. It is an honor and a privilege to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in a fun and informative way. Committee members: Samantha G. (Winnemucca D10B) Please let me know if you are already taking meetings into correctional facilities or are interested in participating on the Corrections Committee.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha G., Northern Area 42 Corrections Chair

Public Information, Sue H –Gave presentation, no report

Treatment Facilities/Bridging the Gap, Pat B- The treatment facility community continues to confirm that one purpose of A.A. presence at these facilities should be the correction of "misconceptions" about A.A. held by treatment clients. I recently arranged a meeting with the management of the Reno based CrossRoads treatment facility in cooperation with the Northern Nevada Intergroup Treatment Chair. The CrossRoads personnel related that misconceptions about A.A. do prevent clients from following up their treatment with A.A. participation. One major misconception is that clients using doctor prescribed medication are not welcome to become A.A. members. Our opportunity with A.A. "presence" at treatment facilities is to be informative about A.A. through the use of Conference Approved vehicles such as the DVD "Hope" and literature in conjunction with sharing our experience, strength, and hope. To accommodate the growth of the Bridging The Gap service in the greater Reno, Sparks, Carson City area, the

position of Contact Coordinator has been created and filled for the BTG Committee operating within the Northern Nevada Intergroup structure, specifically the N.N.I.G. Hospitals and Institutions Committee. BTG presentations to more Treatment Facilities is leading to more BTG Temporary Contact requests from clients. The need to connect these client requests with BTG Temporary Contact volunteers to facilitate getting the clients to their first A.A. meeting once leaving treatment will now be handled by the Contact Coordinator position within the greater Reno, Sparks, and Carson City communities. On July 6th the inaugural BTG client presentation was made at treatment facility Bristlecone in Reno. BTG is being presented at this facility in cooperation with the four weekly "Orientation To A.A." presentation series developed and currently being presented by a committee from Northern Nevada Intergroup. The BTG client presentation at Bristlecone is delivered every five weeks at the conclusion of the orientation series. Bridging The Gap treatment client presentations continue to be delivered on a regular schedule to CrossRoad's Men's and Women's facilities in Reno, Renown Behavioral Health Services in Reno, West Hills in Reno, Bristlecone in Reno, and Carson Behavioral Health Services in Carson City. Presentations are delivered on an as requested basis at the Nevada Department of Health & Human Services, and Westcare in the Reno area. We have had an ongoing pending opportunity to implement BTG at the request of the New Frontier treatment facility in Fallon. I will be participating on the District 12 monthly meeting on August 12 to present the opportunity of the formation of a BTG Committee in District 12 to facilitate the BTG service request we have received from the New Frontier treatment facility. In order to adequately accommodate Clients leaving treatment with a BTG Temporary Contact, we need BTG Temporary Contacts throughout the entire Northern Area. I am attempting to carry this message through my participation in District Meetings and facilitate GSR ability to carry the request for additional BTG Temporary Contact volunteers back to their Groups. And so, I am available to participate in District Meetings where I have not yet had the opportunity. In the meantime, for those DCM's who want it, I have assembled packets of BTG information that may help you generate some BTG Temporary Contact volunteers in your Districts so we can fill the voids. Respectfully submitted, Pat B. NAGSC Treatment / Bridging The Gap Chair

Accessibilities / Remote Communities, Mary D- Accessibilities committee report: August 5, 2017. Since our June meeting, the Accessibilities committee has met with District 8 and District 12. Our conversations stayed with service animals, the ADA guidelines, and the AA guidelines for Accessibilities. District 8 requested and received information on young people in AA; an outreach member from SWACYPA is a resource. Pamphlets and info on Native American AA members will arrive from GSO soon. We look forward to meeting with District 20 in August and connecting with Winnemucca and Elko before the snow falls. District 6 and 14, let's meet soon! In service, Mary

Accessibilities and Special Needs refers to a diverse population and their needs. Please let me know how we may serve your group.

Intergroup Liaison, Chris S- No Report

GSR Survival Manual/Trainer, Carol B- It has been a HOT August this year. I know some of the folks in the valleys have headed up to Tahoe as often as possible these last few weeks, making it nice and crowded up there. I have enjoyed my few GSR Training presentations this summer, I truly enjoyed the drive to the District 14 District Meeting last month, it was a pleasure to meet the members there and the weather was perfect that day. I am unable to attend this DCM/Chair meeting, so to hopefully line up some districts for presentations, I shall send out an e-mail to the DCM's. I'm truly looking forward to meeting with the Northern Area GSRs to support and assist in any way that I can be of service. Thank you for allowing me to continue serving. Carol B.

DCM Standing Committee Facilitator, John F- No Report

Paul Area Treasurer: Gives Verbal Report: Thank you everyone for your service

RNVYPAA, Anthony M- No Report

DCM Reports

District 2, Joel B-

- 1.) We are considering a liaison to Northern Nevada Intergroup
- 2.) We are electing a new treasurer this month.
- 3.) We are in the process of getting a tax identification number and opening a two-signature checking account
- 4.) We have established a new P.O. Box for our district
Thanks for the opportunity to be of service

District 4, Darrell S- Since my last report I have visited a couple of groups. I am currently in the process of registering one of the groups. I will be attending the business meeting for that group this week. District four continues to do well. There was approximately ten people in attendance at our last meeting.. We were happy see Tom B, our alternate DCM, returning after a couple months recuperating from an accident. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Darrell S.

DCM District 4

District 6, Michael L- Hello everyone my name is Mike L I have the privilege serving as the District 6 DCM. District 6 encompasses Douglas County Carson City, South Lake Tahoe, and east to Stage Coach in Lyon County. We on Sundays of even numbered months, meeting next Sunday at the Carson City Alano Club at 1:15 These unusually hot days of summer months have been quiet. Sunday with our continued hope of have all the standing the chair Samantha is visiting to make a presentation on corrections. I have had a request have a district

sponsored secretary meeting workshop and I hope to have a discussion about having a safety in AA workshop as well. When the dates and places have been firmed up we will the word out through the Area Calendar and flyers.

With the Assembly only around the corner we the district 6 members are finalizing their arrangements to attend the first area mock conference. Along with me and everyone else we are all a little confused. Great opportunity for all to learn and serve. Thank you letting me serve

District 8, Peggy H- No Report

District 10a, Ema E- Hi everyone my name is Ema grateful addict alcoholic and I am the the DCM for District 10-A its a honor and privilege to be a part in this amazing journey 😊 and serving as a DCM District. I would like to start out my report with a big Thank you to Phil for coming out to our Serenity At The Ruby's campout was on July 21 to 23 and sharing his experience with us and also pass announcement about how important safety is in all our groups it was a great campout Thank you. And our district meeting was on July 15 2:30 our discussion was mostly about the disruptive behaviors and how important it is to work together as a group and communication. We also dicuss the importance of making commitments and finishing them. We Apso discuss about the difference between close AA Meetings and Open AA Meetings that was a tough topic. With being said I greatly appreciate everyone's input in our district. Our Yearly Thanksgiving Dinner coming up in on Saturday Nov 11. And we are looking for a speaker that evening. Thank you and grateful to be of service. 🍷 Ema DCM District 10A.

District 10b, Samantha G (contact only)

District 12, Cate S-(Alt Lisa)- Verbal report

District 14, Mark P- District 14, DCM Report

District 14 primarily covers the North Shore of Lake Tahoe including Incline Village and Crystal Bay on the Nevada side and Tahoe City and Kings Beach on the California side. Also Truckee and up north to Sierraville and all in between. We meet every odd numbered month on the 3rd Monday at 6pm at the Community House in Kings Beach, CA.

Since my last report we have had a bit of upheaval and turnover in our district but all in all we are doing pretty well. We have received enough donations to meet our expenses including travel expenses for me for PRAASA and the Spring assembly. Recently we have had turnover with phone coordinators and web managers but we seem to still keep those services going. We have been trying to fill the Archivist role for quite some time now but having trouble filling that position. As far as Group representation we are doing OK. Tahoe City is still trying to fill service positions and we don't have a GSR from up North Sieraville but all the other groups seem to be participating well.

The last two district meetings we have had the honor of having Pat B. give a presentation on BTG in May (quite a few yellow cards have now been filled out within our groups) and Carol B gave us a GSR orientation in July. Our district members have been quite pleased with the presentations and we hope to get more Area officers up to the lake.

We still have our quarterly speaker meetings and they are going strong. Usually hosted by an AA group within the district or a group of AA's not affiliated with a specific group. It has gone well and remains self supporting and our speakers have been great.

Our next speaker meeting is actually an annual get together going back at least 15 years. It's the Dist. 14 annual Jamboree at the Regional Park in Truckee down on the river. This potluck bbq is a family event with an Al-Anon speaker and an AA speaker and is one of the highlights of the year for us on the Northshore and Truckee. I think we may have gotten something in the Bracer about this years event which takes place tomorrow starting at 11:30 am and the speakers start at 1pm. Speakers this year are Anne D from Truckee sharing her Al-Anon experience and Charlotte from Placerville will be our AA speaker. Everyone is invited. Go to the regional park in Truckee and look for the signs.

that is all,

thank you

Mark P

District 16, Nancy W- Verbal report

District 20, Heidi R- Hello from Lassen, Plumas, and Modoc Counties also known as District 20! We have all but one position filled on our current panel. We are still seeking someone to serve as Public Information Chair. Our Outreach Committee led by Larry B. has gotten to several meetings that are not currently represented with GSR's including Adin, Spaulding and Quincy with more to come this summer. We appreciate his leadership in this effort. We had a wonderful Secretary's Workshop and Potluck last month with Chris S. and John F. as our wonderful trainers. We had close to 30 people from the District and I heard many positive comments during and after. We are also hoping to have another workshop in the fall with Samantha G. and Pat B. as our leads. We need to coordinate schedules. All in all, there are still good things happening in District 20 which is all tied to making connection with others and a Power Greater than ourselves. In Loving Service, Heidi R., District 20 DCM

District 22, Luis C- No Report

Next Meeting: December 2nd

Hosted By District 22 Our Spanish Linguistic District

Address: Alano Club Of Sparks Nv

[1640 Prater Way, Sparks, NV 89431](#)

Closes at 4:10 pm with the Responsibility Statement

