# SAGSC SOUTHERN AREA GENERAL SERVICE COMMITEE JANUARY 10, 2021

OPEN WITH SERENITY PRAYER & GSR PREAMBLE FROM THE RECORDING:
Begins at 1:15 on ZOOM.

Jake reads the GSR Preamble.

Welcome from Jen. To the Panel 71

First, are there Any new GSRs?

"My name is Hanlon with the Graduates, Keith and I'm with Noon in the Other Room in Pahrump, Leslie and I'm GSR with The High Awards group, Bob with the GVG Sunrise Group, John with Steps to Freedom, Leanne with LV One Step at a Time hiking group on Sundays, Will with the Early Birds, Diane with The Twisted Sisters, Joann GSR for Precisely How it Works Group"

I am excited to see so many new GSRs. Any new DCMs?

"Andre District 3, Marty District 1, Brad District 17, Jim District 19, Brooke District 7, Ashley District 5B"

# SECRETARY REPORT: CLAUDIA

Good afternoon, my name is Claudia, and I am an alcoholic and your Panel 71 SAGSC Secretary. First of all, I want to inform you that this ZOOM meeting is being recorded only onto my computer so that I can review the reports and fill in the minutes. I will then delete the recording. Next, I am looking forward to being of service to this group and hope to serve you well. I will also be audio recording this meeting only so that I can make sure that the minutes are thorough. Your anonymity is paramount, and all personal references will be kept out of the minutes and the recording will be deleted once the minutes are complete. I want to remind all of you who will be giving reports to get them to me in time to have them translated so that I can easily create our final minutes in both languages. I am a fast typist, but not fast enough to capture what you are saying from the "virtual podium" or real one when we get back together some day. Again, thank you for letting me be of service. Claudia B.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 8, 2020 MINUTES: Michael makes a motion, and it is seconded; Approved unanimously.

### **GSR TRAINER: GLENN**

Thanks for making me GSR Trainer for this panel.

Meeting opened at 12 pm with the Serenity Prayer. We had 19 New GSR's and alt GSR's. We opened with the Serenity Prayer and introduced them to the website, the GSR kit from GSO, The Service Manual and Lisa I., our Area 42 Chair, spoke about the upcoming Conference Committees. Thank you very much Lisa.

We also talked a little bit about the Area 42 GSR Survival Guide that can be found on the Area Website, the Area 42 composition which is inside the Survival Guide, and the SAGSC Guidelines and we closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

#### DCM COORDINATOR: LISA T.

Hi, I'm Lisa your new DCM Coordinator. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this position. I am told that there were 10 in attendance and that two of those people were Jake and Bryce, the past DCM Coordinator and I thank both of them. We did go over some things like where to go for the DCM Kit at aa.org and filling out the forms and general questions. Jake did speak about Area Conference Committees which I am very grateful for because he cleared up some stuff that I would have made very confusing. We did open with the Serenity Prayer and closed with the Responsibility declaration and I would like to thank everybody for letting me be of service.

SAGSC TREASURER: LIBBY

Hello, my name is Libby, and I am the Area 42 Alternate Treasurer which gave me the opportunity to be the SAGSC treasurer. As Alternate Area Treasurer my only job is to pray for the treasurer and Area 42 doesn't believe in anyone not having something to do. So here I am your SAGSC treasurer. Just to practice Rule 62 and keeping it light, here's a joke, what's the definition of an accountant? Someone who solves a problem you didn't know you had in a way you don't understand. Okay, sorry bad joke but hopefully I can keep it simple.

Okay, so here's what I have done so far. I can sign checks and have a debit card for the SAGSC checking and savings accounts. I have the key to the SAGSC post office box and have picked the checks and deposited them as of last Sunday, January 3rd. As of when I wrote this report, I am still working on getting the Quick Books downloaded to my computer so I can do the bookkeeping. That's the last big hurtle to having all the tools of my job. It is also the part that allows me to create receipts for contributions. As soon as I get Quick Books up and get those receipts out to the contributors. If it takes too long the first batch might be snail mail. I want to thank Sean for his patience with me while teaching me the duties of the SAGSC treasurer. We spent four hours together and there's still some to learn. I expect I'll have it down about 2 years from now.

I'm looking forward to serving with the everyone and feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve.

So, you should have all got in your packets two documents from me: the first is the Profit and Loss Statement for the last year. That is just basically income and expenses. We received \$18,008.94 and we spent \$5,420.47 with a net income of \$12,588.40. Yeah us! So just so you know, our checking account as of the last SAGSC meeting the balance was \$23,915.05. We have made over \$3,809.53 in deposits and we had one expense for \$75 for Quick Books. So, our ending balance as of last Monday was \$27,724.58. So, there you go. Savings is \$7,515.19 as of October and we made .18 in interest which gives us a grand total of \$7,515.38. Thank you. That was the hard part figuring out where we were and where we are now.

The other piece of paper you got was the budget to actuals for last year. As of January 3, because I did not have a budget yet. Without boring you and going over every line. I am just going over the high points. We have budgeted that our income from last year would be \$12,971. What we actual got was \$18,008.94, so we made \$5,000 more than we expected to make. So, expenses, again I am not going over everything and if you have any questions please reach out to me. Total expenses from last year were budgeted was \$19.928 and what we actually spent was \$5,420, so I am sure that most of you understand that this was due to COVID-19. Bottom line is that had if we spent what was budgeted we would have been in the red \$6,957 and we were expected to spend more than what we were going to collect. What actually happened was that we collected a lot more money than what we spent, and we made a "profit" of \$12,588. That is my report. If you have any questions, you can reach me at sagsctreasurer@gmail.com. Thank you all for letting me be of service.

Question: "In your charges that should be a -75.00, right?" Answer: "Yes, it is. And next time I will put brackets around it."

Question: "We have a checking and savings account. What is our policy of transferring between them? Is that our prudent reserve?" Answer: "Yes, it is our prudent reserve. We don't touch that unless we don't have the funds in our regular checking account."

Question: "We have a surplus in our checking account, am I getting ahead of myself as to where some of that money may go like into our savings account or to other entities like GSO, New York or whatever?"

Answer: "Actually those types of questions would be answered by the finance committee. It is definitely a concern and I have only been in the job for 11 days. Soooo, I have not addressed all of that stuff yet."

Question: "I thought you knew what the protocols were. We have a surplus, thank you."

# **AREA OFFICER REPORTS:**

Jen thanked Rhonda for her service.

# **DELEGATE: JULIE**

My name is Julie, and I am an alcoholic and your Panel 71 Delegate.

Welcome to all the new GSRs, DCMs, Southern area officers, standing committee chairs, liaisons, area officers and past trusted servants. Congratulations and welcome to Panel 71! I am very much looking forward to serving with all of you.

Less than a month ago I found out that I have been assigned to the General Service Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community or CPC as we affectionately call it. As luck would have it, I have not had much experience serving with CPC. However, I am extremely excited to be on this committee. Especially during this challenging time; working with our "friends" will be vital to reaching the still suffering alcoholic.

I know that meeting via Zoom has been hard for many of us and some of us are not able, for whatever reason, to meet via Zoom. Please let's not forget to reach out to our friends that we haven't seen lately. Maybe we can remember back 10 months to our live meetings and reach out to those we don't see on Zoom.

With that said, I love how Jake is rolling out the new area conference committees and utilizing video conferencing. This will bring unity to our area. Thank you to all the chairs, officers and liaisons who have volunteered to chair these important new committees. I am so grateful to you all. It is my hope that you will see how becoming aware of issues have been brought before the Conference will enhance your service experience. It certainly has enriched my experience over the past two panels. Becoming actively involved in the conference process has helped me understand many hurtles that still exist in our ability to reach out our hands to our fellow sufferers.

I hope everyone will be able to attend the Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly (PRAASA) in March. We will be having the roundtables after and because they will be virtual, you will be able to attend either one or both or some combination. This will give us more time to prepare for our presentations and possibly incorporate ideas from PRAASA. I know it will be weird to do presentations virtually. Again, I'm grateful for your willingness to stretch during these challenging times.

# Some news from GSO:

There is a holiday issue of Box 459 on the aa.org website.

Living Sober is now an audio book.

Two Literature Holiday Special Offers: December 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021

- Spend a minimum total \$100 or more and receive a 15% overall discount.
- For each copy of *Our Great Responsibility* (B-70) ordered, you will receive a Free copy of *Alcoholics Anonymous* Facsimile First Printing of the First Edition (B-0)

GSO is delighted to announce the limited-edition publication of a new book *A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous: An Archival Journey.* From now until January 31, 2021, this book will be available for pre-order at a special early bird discount of \$1 off the list price of \$12. It will go on sale: *February 14, 2021 as a "A Valentine's Day Gift to the Fellowship"*. Originally developed as the souvenir book for the 2020 International Convention in Detroit, this colorful, gift-sized volume serves as both a lavishly illustrated tour through A.A.'s history and a lively celebration of our Fellowship.

On September 9, 2020 the AAWS launched a newly redesigned online contributions portal that is available to all groups and members.

Also, beginning September 9, 2020 AAWS has a new webstore for business-to-business (intergroups and central offices) and all other customers.

From a letter from the General Manager, Greg T. on October 7, 2020: there was a "\$1.5 million drawdown from the Reserve Fund by A.A. World Services Inc. to cover cash flow requirements in the 4th quarter of 2020".

# Some news from AA Grapevine:

2021 Carry the Message Project: 1) Give a gift subscription to someone you know; 2) Give a gift certificate to an alcoholic in need and 3) Give a gift certificate to someone you know. Go to aagrapevine.org.

Effective January 1, 2021 AA Grapevine and La Viña have price changes. The app has been replaced by an epub. The app will be discontinued on March 31st.

I want to thank Rhonda again for mentoring me and preparing me to try to step into her shoes. For those of you who are feeling overwhelmed and confused, you are not alone. As I have heard at the beginning of each rotation, when I finally know what I am doing it will be time to rotate. Please don't hesitate to ask for help. I don't think the phone is any lighter

when thinking about asking for help whether it be for recovery or service. But, just like in recovery, I know for me, I always get more by giving. Please ask, ask, ask.

Thank you for the honor to serve as your Delegate. Julie C

Robert had a question for Julie, two questions: Julie, on the Ad Hoc Committee for the SAGSC Guidelines, there was a question that I sent off to the regional response, whatever, back in late November and I have not received one and to the GSO that did not respond to me either. Julie suggested that they talk afterwards. Rhonda said that was why she sent all of their names in so that they would get the information. That is why she needed the rosters filled out. He should then start to receive information from them. Julie asked if there was a specific question that Robert did not received a response for. Did you want them to have your information as the H&I person. The regional response had to do with the 501©3 and how that could potentially affect the H&I committee. Those questions were generated from the SAGSC Ad Hoc Committee who wanted some answers related to that. He wanted to know what to do those answers. Julie said to contact her directly and she will see how to get those answers.

Another Question from Leslie (GSR) "Can you get those numbers for the draw down from GSO prudent reserve for operations?" "The amount for the last quarter was \$1.5 million. That was just for the last quarter. There was a drawdown of \$3 million prior to that. That was \$4.5 million total."

#### ALTERNATE DELEGATE: JAKE

My name is Jake- I'm alcoholic. I am extremely grateful to be serving as your panel 71 alternate area 42 delegate. If you are new to general service today welcome. The global pandemic of COVID-19 has taken its toll on every group in Alcoholics Anonymous and AA has a whole and the southern Area 42 general service committee is no exception. I really hope that you are inspired by something you hear here today. We just heard from Julie our area delegate. Basically my job is to shadow Julie and if for any reason she is not able to fulfill her commitment as area delegate I would step in. Our area delegate is our representative from Area 42 that attends the general service conference, which is normally held in New York, to carry Area 42's group conscience on general service conference agenda items. Area 42 is all of Nevada and a little sliver of California. Basically the position of delegate is to our area what being a GSR is to a group. The very first general service conference was held in 1951 and Bill Wilson later wrote that (The delegates listened to reports from the trustees as well as all of the services there was warm but cordial debate on many questions of AA policy and it was proved like never before that AA's tradition 2 was correct, that the group conscience could safely act as the sole authority and sure guidance for Alcoholics Anonymous.) If you are not familiar with the AA service structure in our service manual it is referred to as an upside down triangle. The triangle shows the groups of Alcoholics Anonymous at the very top of the organization while the trustees are at the very bottom. In concept one it tells us that the groups and the conscience of our whole fellowship hold ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world services. Also in concept 2 that the general service conference has complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the conference the actual voice and effective conscience for our whole society.

So the whole service structure in AA is completely dependent on the groups GSR's. In 2018 the conference committee on literature heard agenda item P " consider request to change the subtitle of the pamphlet GSR- general service representative (may be the most important job in AA"). The committee reviewed and agreed to forward the 2018 request for the subtitle change. If you read the background material for this request you'll see one staff member states in their experience they have found that at times there may be a lack of clear understanding of the general service representatives role and by potential GSR's and other group members. That she questioned whether the subtitle in the GSR pamphlet "may be the most important job in AA" is the best and most reflective way to communicate what the GSR's function and experience is in this role. Basically my whole sobriety the pamphlet says most important job in AA and I LIKE IT! Through the conference process though the proposal was heard and approved and now the GSR pamphlets subtitle is (your groups link to AA as a whole.) I have brought all of this up to illustrate two points the first one is that is if you are a group GSR and you are informing your group about the general service conference agenda items and bringing your groups collective conscience back to the area so the delegate is informed when she goes to the general service conference, if like the subtitle says "your groups link to AA as a whole" then you are performing the most important job in AA it's tomato tomato. Next is to illustrate if anyone ever wants to change anything or you want something to happen in AA that is done through our general service conference. You know about literature item P from 2018. But in about three weeks from now around February 1 or so we will get a list of all of the items that will be on the 2021 general service conference agenda. But who is it that will make the decisions on these 2021 agenda items. If we don't have GSR's representing groups then the decisions are not being made by the groups. If the group does not have an active GSR the decisions are not being made by the groups and our upside down triangle is broken. Also if we are not informed on the background information and what these items are saying and asking then we are not making an informed group conscience. In 2019 our then delegate and alternate rolled out the area 42 conference committees. If you are new this is

where it gets a little bit confusing. And that is another one of my jokes because when you are new everything is a little bit confusing and that's ok. We always say in two years from now you'll have it all figured out and then it'll be time to rotate out of your position and be of service somewhere else.

Today you are going to hear reports from our southern Area 42 general service committee standing committee chairs. These committees do the boots on the ground work for specific services. For example CPC goes to events talks to lawyers and doctors. PI works with TV radio newspaper and informs the public about AA. Accessibilities helps people who have trouble getting to meetings. Grapevine is our international Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. These are just a few small examples of the committees and the work they do in their standing committees. In 2021 all of these committee chairs have also agreed to work on the area conference committee that corresponds with their standing committee. There are 13 conference committees and all of them will have agenda items to be heard at the 2021 general service conference. Around February 15 we will get all of the background information for all of the items on the 2021 general service conference agenda. These area conference committees will work together to take that background information and summarize it into a few sentences so we can create a document that has all of the agenda items and a short synopsis of what they are saying or asking. These committees will work together to make presentations for us to hear at the round tables as well as the pre-conference assembly in March. They will write a report about the items on their agenda which will also be heard at the area Assembly. Every GSR and every committee member will have access to all of the background information and all of these reports. And our area delegate will love to hear from you and your group on any of the items on the mc general service conference agenda. Hopefully through this process we will have a more informed area, our delegate will be more prepared for the general service conference and have a better idea of Area 42's group conscience. We are looking for volunteers to sit on all of these committees and help these committee chairs fulfill their work. If you would be willing to serve on one of these committees please contact me or send me your name phone number and email through the chat. Most importantly if you have no idea what I'm talking about then definitely sign up. We have spoken with all of the DCM's and they are going to help us to get members to sign up to be a part of the area conference committees. We are also really hoping that if you are a district Grapevine representative or PI representative or secretary treasurer any district or group service position that you will also participate in the area conference committee that corresponds with your service commitment as well. On behalf of Julie, Lisa, Lyle, Jen, and myself we want to thank you very much for your dedication to Alcoholics Anonymous and your willingness to participate in the general service structure. We all understand that this is inherently confusing and we are happy to hear from any of you anytime. I am going to put my phone number and email in the chat now. If you would like to participate in anyway with a Area Conference Committees you can send me a text or an email with your phone number and email or you can put it into the chat as well. Thank you all very much for being here today. Alcoholics Anonymous has saved my life and general service has become a huge part of my program of recovery. When we start discussing these general service conference agenda items and writing the reports we are all not going to agree on all of them. We are going to have differences of opinions sometime big ones. At my very first Pacific region Alcoholics Anonymous service assembly in the business meeting then Madeline P said no business that we get done here today will ever be as important as we treat each other. That has been one of the biggest lessons I have learned in all of general service. I hope to always carry that lesson with me and always remember the ultimate authority is a loving God as he may express himself through our group conscience. Love and tolerance is our code. Thank you very much for letting me be of service. I love you all Jake

#### ALTERNATE REGISTRAR: JONELL

Hi all... my name is Jonelle and I am an alcoholic. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to serve as your Alt. Area Registrar for this rotation. Paul, our Area Registrar, and I have decided that all new GSRs who need to submit their Group Change Forms and all new DCMs, who need to submit their DCM Change Form, contact Paul directly. Since we are not meeting face to face and we are doing everything electronically anyway, we may as well have one contact point. This may change in the future. His email is <a href="registrar@nevadaarea42.org">registrar@nevadaarea42.org</a>. If you are not familiar with the form... log on to our Area website... <a href="nevadaarea42.org">nevadaarea42.org</a>. Under "Manuals, Guides, and Forms"you will find the paperwork there. If you are unable to complete the form and email it to him, please send him your group's name, old GSRs contact info, and your contact info. If you don't know all that... send him as much as you can. This will allow him to register you with GSO, our General Service Office in NY, and hopefully get you a huge blue folder full of fun stuff!!! I believe some newer GSRs from last rotation has received them! Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at altarearegistrar@nevadaarea42.org. Thank you for all you do and allowing me to do it with you!

# **ARCHIVIST: RONNIE**

Hello everyone my name is Ronnie Dillion and I am an Alcoholic. My sobriety date is December 10, 1999. I am currently serving as the Area 42 Archivist. Jake S. has named me the Area Conference Committee Chair for Archives. I attended the Area Conference Committee training Zoom meeting on December 29, 2020 and I was amazed at the great job Julie

and the other Area officers presented this training session and I am excited to be part of the topic summarizations for the Delegate.

I spoke at length with the outgoing Archivist Lyle C. and I have decided to make the trip up to Reno to meet Lyle to collect the Four Bound Books and some other items for contributions to Archives here in Las Vegas Central office. I will be making this trip within 90 days and I am looking forward to it. I spoke with Gabe here in Las Vegas and I am to meet him this Wednesday to collect the keys to the Las Vegas Central Office and get things squared away with Leslie and begin my term.

I have reached out via email and by phone to Michelle Mirza at GSO and we will be getting all the up to date info from her regarding GSO guidelines and practices for an Area level Archives. I have spoken to Jonelle about contacting the incoming DCMs to ask if they have an Archives chair in their district and I would like to invite them and anyone interested to please contact myself or Debbie S. our Alternate Archivist with any questions or requests for an Archives table at their events.

Should anyone wish to contact me please understand I work 6 days a week and the best day to reach me is Sunday and Saturday afternoon. Thank you for allowing me to be your Archivist and I will do my upmost to fulfil my duties. This concludes my report, thanks.

# **NEWSLETTER EDITOR: ALFREDO**

Hello everyone, my name is Alfredo and I am an alcoholic and I am honored to be your new Area 42 Newsletter Editor. Yeah, happy dance. Being of service has always been a big part of my sobriety and I hope to do a very satisfactory or adequate job. Congratulations to all of our new Area 42 trusted servants, alternates, DCMs, GSRs, and wishing you all a happy, safe, sane, sober New Year. The next edition coming out is February 23 and I need content. Any DCMs out there that are planning anything please give me that information. I also need something from Julie, our new delegate, and Jake. And also DCMS, you may want to update the page that has all of the information with your district meetings. Any information that you can get me at <a href="mailto:area">area</a> newsletter <a href="mailto:editor@nevadaarea42.org">editor@nevadaarea42.org</a>.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Question: "What is the deadline for the February issue?"

Answer: "February 14."

Question: "Remind you that you need to send it to translator ahead of time for translation."

# AREA CHAIR: LISA I

(Not a planned report) Congratulations to those who are serving in new positions or are new to general service. I hope that you find what I found here which is a whole new way to be of service and fill your heart up with recovery. There will be a virtual Area Assembly this spring and we will hold on for the hope that we will meet in person in the Fall. I look forward to seeing all of your guys there. I am also excited about the Area Conference Committees. The last two years, the last panel was when we started with this and hope we get smoother with the process and am excited to be on a new conference committee, PI. That's all, thank you.

# AREA SECRETARY: ANNE D

(Not a planned report) Welcome to the new GSRs. When we start to understand all this stuff then you have to start worrying about yourself. It takes a minute and it is worth it. General Service has given me a way of getting in touch with lots of things and character defects. Also, some assets too. I love serving and am excited to be serving on this panel and I'd like to say congratulations to Julie. I am excited to have the CPC/PI action from the delegate to the area. It spills down from what the delegate is serving on. Thank you Rhonda for the last two years and I know that it is going to continue to be. Thank you to my committee and I am always available at secretary@nevadaarea42.org.

# ALTERNATE CHAIR/NAGSC CHAIR: LYLE C

(Not a planned report) Hello everybody, my name is Lyle and I am an alcoholic. Good to be here. What we have been doing, I have a meeting, with the DCMs this coming week to go over the information that Jake has been telling us about. We will also be having the orientation for GSRs and DCMs on January 30 and I have invited the people here to come if they would like and I will be sending out a flyer which will be coming out this week and something other than that is that Julie just turned 35 years sober. It's great to see everyone here and thank you.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:**

#### **GRAPEVINE: JASON M**

Hello, my name is Jason and I'm an alcoholic and the incoming SAGSC Grapevine Chair. I look forward to severing with you all this rotation. So far, I have obtained keys to the Committee room at Central Office and plan to meet the new office manager soon to discuss the protocol for Grapevine Literature sales. I also plan to hopefully meet our past Grapevine chair to go through everything we currently have in the committee room.

New GSRs please reach out to me to get your groups Grapevine Rep registered, you can email me at <a href="mailto:sagscgrapevine@nevadaarea42.org">sagscgrapevine@nevadaarea42.org</a>. The Grapevine Committee meets at Central office the last Friday of the month at 6pm. I will also setup a zoom invite for anyone who needs to attend virtually due to the global pandemic. Once I get the Zoom setup, I will send it out the link and password.

As for what is happening with the Grapevine, this month's featured section is "Oldtimers". Also, they have replaced the Grapevine App with the "ePub". Some of the features, which can be found at aagrapevine.org, include;

- 24/7 access: Readable on all computers, laptops, tablets, and smartphones.
- A downloadable audio file of each issue so you can listen to every story, every month.
- Downloadable PDF of each issue for offline reading access.
- Archive access to all 2020 issues.
- E-mail notification when a new issue is ready with a link to the site

Subscription prices range from \$1.99 for 1 month, \$19.99 for 1 year, \$35.00 for 2 years, and \$47.97 for 3 years. Finally, the Grapevine Daily quote for January 10, 2021,

"We organize our principles merely so that they can be better understood, and we continue so to organize our services that AA's life-blood can be transfused into those who must otherwise die. That is the all-in-all of AA's 'organization.' There can never be any more than thiAA Co-Founder, Bill W., July 1960, From: "Let's Keep It Simple...' But How?", The Language of the Heart

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

# CPC: (COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY): ROBIN

Hello all, my name is Robin I am an alcoholic. I am the incoming Chair of CPC, as such I will be giving the report of the CPC Committee. All in-person events have been either cancelled or postponed, however, we have continued to participate on Zoom calls with our Community Partners.

We completed our inventory of brochures, racks etc at our new Central Office location

We are participating in the North America AA CPC group which meets quarterly. In addition, we have been able to view other area workshops via Zoom. Recently we participated in Western New York Area 50, General Service meeting specifically Cooperation with the Professional Community.

We recently held elections and we have 3 new Chairs, PI Chair John H: Cynthia H. Accessibilities Chair: and me Robin R Chair CPC. Our Secretary position has been filled by Nina J.We are continuing to look for Co-Chairs, for PI, Accessibilities & CPC.

Our monthly meetings are held on Zoom the second Monday of each month, tomorrow at 4:30. Zoom ID 889 0735 7523. Password: Serenity.

In gratitude, Robin R

#### PI: (PUBLIC INFORMATION): JOHN

Hello, my name is John and I am an alcoholic. I am with the SAGSC PI Committee. So, my report. The Urgent Care center outreach has begun, and I am keeping a database on paper. All of the locations have been passed out and 19 pamphlet holders have been placed out in the Southern Valley and we still have 12 pamphlet holder that have to be placed which we will try to get to the North of the valley. Our current large literature racks include 9 locations and four of those treatment centers have been refilled. Racks at the NV mental hospitals have been taken down because of COVID. The LV Rescue Mission one is missing, and I have talked to the guys there and they don't know. The middle school is closed.

I have made sure when we refill the literature racks that it includes a row of Spanish language literature. I have to refill Crossroads and believe that they still have a Spanish rack. I need to get something there. At the next PI/CPC meeting,

tomorrow at 4:00, I am going to bring up whether we want to inquire with the sober clubs if they want the PI committee to fill their literature racks. We have lots of literature and we can put them to good use seeing that those places are still open. If you are into a heated debate, come to the PI/CPC. Media inquiries: the RV Journal is working on a story on recovery during COVID and has reached out to AA for comment. I will be speaking to him and we will discuss things and told him I could not participate in him involving new people in AA. News 13 also made an inquiry about a teenage death and we said that if any middles school or sports group wants someone from AA to speak to their students on alcoholism or AA to contact him at his email address.

# **ACCESSIBILITIES: CYNTHIA**

Caroline said that Cynthia asked her to share her contact information.

#### **COMMITTEE LIAISONS:**

# H&I: (HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS): ROBERT

My report includes hospitals and treatment center panels. Currently we have six listed that we are serving and there was an email sent to our Hospital person for updates. We are servicing five facilities; Crossroads treatment center, LV Rescue Mission which is a ZOOM meeting, Salvation Army Women, WestCare detox and WestCare women. All institution panels, jails and prisons, are still shut down. We have NO plans to do an information workshop. After our meeting in January we will see if that is something that we can do effectively. We had our H&I committee elections in November. All positions are filled. Our new Chairperson for the H&I Committee for 2021/22 is Loretta S. Information to offer donations or to contact us is listed in the Silver Streak. Our tr4easurer asks that if you send in donations, please include the group name, number, amount, signature and email to receive a receipt. We also have an email lasvegashandi@yahoo.com.

#### LAS VEGAS INTERGROUP: CAROLINE

Good afternoon, SAGSC!

Welcome to everyone who is new and returning. If you don't know what's going on, you're in the right place. Almost everyone is in new positions.

My name is Caroline, and I am your alcoholic Intergroup Liaison. It is my job to carry the service messages between Intergroup and General Service. I report to you about what is happening in Intergroup and I report to Intergroup about what is happening in General Service. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you.

Hopefully, each District has completed its elections and appointments. I would like to speak with everyone who is a District Intergroup Liaison. We can work together to make each other's jobs easier and fun! I will put my phone number in the chat. Please text me as soon as possible. Intergroup meets tomorrow at 6 pm via zoom 845 2256 3005 Password: 509081. I will post it in the chat.

Since Intergroup meets tomorrow, I will send Claudia an updated report on Tuesday to send out to all of you.

At the December 14th Intergroup meeting, it was announced that some in-office hotline shifts were available. I'm sure those have changed by now. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at www.LVCentralOffice.org

The Treasurer reported that Central Office had a net gain of over \$8,000 in November.

Leslie D. retired at the end of December and Judy P. is our new Central Office manager.

The Board of Directors elected two new members: Claudia B (3 year term) and Ralph W (1 year term).

The office has a new AV system to facilitate zoom and hybrid meetings. Meeting space is available.

The Silver Streak (the Intergroup newsletter) is always looking for articles. There is a link on the Central Office website.

Founders' Day Committee had its first meeting on January 4th.

The End of the Month Speaker meeting returns on January 31st at Central Office and via zoom. More information tomorrow!

Again, thank you for letting me be of service.

Leslie D has been our Office Manager and took our Central Office through a very difficult period. Thank you Leslie for your service. You are an amazing woman in sobriety. I am very grateful for all of what you have done. Here is a bit from either Leslie or our new Office Manager.

Leslie: Being officer manager has bee4n very rewarding. I had a very good teacher, Jack Fisher. He was my service sponsor and my confidant, and he taught me the ropes. It was a very rewarding experience. Thank you.

Judy P: Hi, everyone, my name is Judy, and I am excited and really feel blessed to be a part of this and I am learning as we go. Thank you Leslie, it is going to be very tough filling your shoes. I am looking forward to it, thank you. Central office is open 8-4, Monday through Friday.

LVYPAA: (LAS VEGAS YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS): ANNA

Mike: Anna could not be here today. I will read her report:

LVYPAA is in the process of planning our virtual Valentine's event which will be held on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – more details soon! Stay up to date on everything LVYPAA is doing on our new website <a href="https://www.lvypaa.org">www.lvypaa.org</a>

Our committee meetings are still on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. Currently they are happening both on Zoom and in-person at Central Office. If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, you can email LVYPAA at lvypaa.nv@gmail.com or txt/call Anna P. at 443-986-4704

#### TRANSLATION: TONY OR DIANA

Hello, my name is Tony, and I am an alcoholic. First, I want to thank the outgoing committee and welcome the incoming committee. Happy New Year to all of you.

The translation committee consist of myself as Chairperson, Diana M as the alt, and 2 volunteers, Dina and Mayra. We translate all your reports from English into English and then English into Spanish. We ask that DCM's and Committee Chairs send your reports to the secretary at least 2 weeks before we meet for either a SAGSC meeting or an Assembly meeting. We need the time to edit and correct all reports before they are made official. We could use more volunteers to help us out since we took in the task of translating everything. I know I couldn't and probably wouldn't have done it without the help of Diana, Dina and Mayra. Please make our jobs easier by sending reports in early. Again, I want to congratulate the incoming committee and I am so looking forward to working with all of you.

In Love and Service, Tony S.

# **DCM REPORTS:**

#### **DISTRICT 1: MARTY**

My name is Marty and I'm an alcoholic and the new DCM for district 1. My sobriety date is June 7th, 1990 and my home group is the Boulder Basic group in the remote community of Boulder City. We had our last business meeting for 2020 on ZOOM on the 13th of December. With the cancellation of our fall picnic and the area assemblies going virtual we were left in a strong financial position. We held our Panel 71 elections which were graciously led by Marita R. The majority of positions were filled, and I am grateful to those who have made themselves available for service. I look forward to continued spiritual growth through general service.

Yours in love and service,

#### **DISTRICT 3: ANDRE**

I would like to thank district 3 for the opportunity to be of service. I have General Service experience which includes GSR, Corrections Chair and H&I Chair, Intergroup Liaison. I plan on getting the groups in the district more involved in AA service, through workshops, exchange meetings etc. I look for support from the members of the district.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**DISTRICT 5B: ASHLEY** 

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 District 5b held our Elections. I am pleased to announce that all of our members stood up to be of Service!! We filled almost every position & our members voted me in as our new DCM for district 5b. I would like to say congratulations to all members in general service that took a new position or are staying to be of service. We had our first zoom district meeting Yesterday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:15pm. We had 17 people in attendance, the meeting and it went very well, we discussed our next workshop and voted on a date. Everyone is excited for their new positions and we are off to a good start. This is my first month DCM so I will make this short and sweet. I am honored to be a part of district 5b, area 42, and am looking forward to having the opportunity to serve you for the next 2 years.

# **DISTRICT 7: BROOKE**

Hello, my name is Brooke B, and I am an alcoholic. I am honored to be the newly elected DCM of District 7. Our alt DCM is Robert. We held our elections at the November 2020 district meeting. Congratulations to everyone who stood for positions. We still have a few that have not been filled if anyone is interested. In December we had our Christmas meeting. This month we will be discussing future service events and our upcoming picnic. District 7 is still being held exclusively on Zoom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month at 6:30 pm. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

# **DISTRICT 9:**

Ronnie: My name is Ronnie and I thought John H. was going to do it.

John H.: I cannot do it. I have received three emails about a District 9 meeting. I will plan a meeting on ZOOM to find out who our new DCM is going to be. I am part of PI and men's meeting and have business dealing and have a lot on my plate. I will get with Pam and we will work together to hold a meeting and next time there will be a DCM.

**DISTRICT 11**: Nobody present from District 11

**DISTRICT 13:** Nobody present from District 13

### **DISTRICT 15: THERESA**

Hi, I am Heather and filling in for Theresa. She is trying to get ahold of all of the GSRs. She is going to try to set up a meeting and talk to Diane and see if we can group with another district.

# **DISTRICT 17: BRAD**

Hello Everyone! My name is Brad, and I am an Alcoholic. I am the incoming DCM for District 17 which stretches from Tecopa to Pahrump and all the way up North to Beatty. I am excited and honored to be able to serve.

The district has been and is currently hosting its monthly meetings on Zoom. The meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30. Attendance is down at the district meetings since we have not been meeting in person, but we still have about 10 members in attendance.

At the last district meeting we voted to continue to hold the district meetings on Zoom for the next four months at which time we will reevaluate. The NITOR group in Pahrump has graciously offered a space for us to rent once in person meetings resume.

Many of the groups are meeting online and there are a few meetings that meet in person with restrictions.

The District elections were held in December and nearly all positions were filled. We are currently discussing ideas for workshops and events for the upcoming year. A couple ideas we are contemplating is a Service workshop and a Traditions workshop.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and serving with you over the next couple of years. If I can be helpful to any of you in anyway please feel free to reach out.

Yours in Love and Service,

Brad L.

# DISTRICT 19: JIM C.

I'm Jim and I am a grateful alcoholic. I just stepped into the DCM position. We held elections and we have a district secretary and district treasurer and DCM. Super excited to be a DCM. Have meetings every night of the week except for Tuesday. We are going to have a speaker meeting on the fourth Saturday of every month at one of our meetings. I believe that Rhonda is going to be our first one. I do not have a lot to report. We are search for GSRs. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**DISTRICT 21: FRANCISCO** Not In Attendance

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **GUIDELINES ADHOC: Ronnie**

My name is Ronnie and I am an alcoholic. I wanted to thank Jake for allowing me to be on the AdHoc Guidelines committee. People on the committee were Jake, myself, Robert, Caroline, Laura PI/CPC chair, and Alan. We got together on Tuesday night from 6:00pm until we got tired. We have a first draft available and it will be rolled out at the May SAGSC meeting. It concerns funding, addresses who has a voice and a vote, talks about SAGSC PRAASA funding for Officers and Committee Chairs. We did a really good job. Caroline was a great secretary and could type fast. Everyone did a great job. Put in input of what should be changed. He saw eye to eye with Alan for the first time in eighteen years. Jake put it all in perspective. Very few temper tantrums. Look forward to getting a vote on the first draft.

# FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR: SEAN (SECOND READING 2021 BUDGET)

Sean alcoholic. Shared the screen with the budget. (attached to minutes) Second reading of the 2021 preliminary budget. Contribution income was based on our 2020 contributions. We increased that by 10%. 7th tradition was 650. That was assuming that w3e would be having in-person meetings. Our savings account transfer/income had nothing to budget. Our 2021 projected budgeted income is \$14,210. Our savings account income is less than a dollar, but we put a dollar. That is the total income for SAGSC for 2021. Delegate expense was brought forward from last year as \$1500. I do believe that the delegate will be participati9ng via Zoom, but I will leave this. Meeting supplies we budgeted \$400 for doughnuts, rent is \$525 (based on per head basis) and we probably won't use these funds. Standing committee expenses were based on the requests received by the finance committee. Total was \$5,270. Tax \$150, minimal bank fees, office expense for secretary/treasurer for meetings, PO Box from 118 to 134. Other expenses are also for copies. Not sure if meeting in person, but officers are still budgeted, and numbers are there. Funding for GSRs and officer to PRAASA are based on live meetings. Meetings on ZOOM would lead to expenses being a lot less. Total expenses for 2021 would be \$24,364. Total income at \$14,210 would lead to a negative income of \$10,153. We are a non-profit and it is normal for a budget to be in the negative. Travel is higher than it will really spend.

Questions? Motion to pass. Yes. Second. Yes. Passed unanimously.

Question: "Do travel expenses include DCM and GSR Trainer?" "Yes"

Question: "Modify budget for computer." "Request from Finance Committee."

Question: "GSR Assembly budget for \$75 is that new?" "That is after GSR goes to group, district then to SAGSC for funds and then they can go to the Area for \$50. It is not new."

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

# **NEW COMMITTEES GUIDELINES CHANGES**

Alan V. to present new business to SAGSC.

Proposal to establish Treatment Standing Committee and a Corrections standing Committee. Please contact Alan V. for any additional info.

The reports by H&I Committee come to SAGSC provide info re: AA panels and literature that the volunteers take into facilities. There is no connection to GSO NY for Treatments and Corrections. This leaves info gap. NAGSC has had both in place for years. H&I Report is just a curtesy. Each committee chair has name given to NY so that they receive updates. From a personal standpoint, I was the corrections chair H&I and I registered with GSO in New York and since nobody else has update this I still receive important information from them. It would get us lined up with the rest of the world. It's something that is recognized in the South. H&I is not recognized by the GSO.

Question: "Was that a motion?" "It is a proposal." "Is there a proposal, if it is a first reading it would be placed as a changed to the guidelines."

Answer: "I guess it's a first reading."

Answer: "First reading would be guidelines and the change."

Answer: "There would be addition to existing standing committees."

Answer: "H&I has to be fully informed. There needs to be unity. How we do this is more important what we do. We step on each other's toes. We don't do this to harm H&I. Do they want to be part of these committees or go on their own? They went into their own 501©3. It could be a mess."

Agreement to look into creating a committee.

LIBBY IS TALKING ABOIUT BUDGET. Based on the budget that will be approved we are offering officers and committee chairs to PRAASA, but it is virtual, and we are paying 7000 for travel. It would be great to send

everyone to PRAASA. This would be for the finance committee to allot the funds to GSRs, ALT GSRs and DCM to pay for them. Then they will send by email to Claudia B. for distribution list that these funds will be available.

PRAASA: (PACIFIC REGION AA SERVICE ASSEMBLY) HELD REMOTELY MARCH 5-7

NAGSC ROUNDTABLES: HELD REMOTELY MARCH 13 SAGSC ROUNDTABLES: HELD REMOTELY MARCH 14

SPRING PRE-CONFERENCE AREA ASSEMBLY: HELD REMOTLEY MARCH 26-28

FALL AREA ASSEMBLY: SEPTEMBER 10-12

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR PRAASA.

Marita made a motion to close

**CLOSE WITH RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION** 

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