# SAGSC Southern Area General Service Committee November 12, 2023

# THE SESSION OPENS WITH THE PRAYER OF SERENITY WELCOME NEW GSRS AND MCDs

# **SAGSC SECRETARY - Libby**

Hi, my name is Libby, and I'm your alcoholic secretary at SAGSC. That means I can listen to everyone and take notes of what you said. Even better, I can write them down and distribute them to everyone. I can also send mass emails and help keep your email inboxes full of fascinating information. If you are a SAGSC officer, a SAGSC DCM, or a SAGSC standing committee coordinator, I am the one in charge of rostering and keeping your contact information up to date. Speaking of which, if you don't receive emails from me, please contact me. It means something is wrong, probably a typo on my part.

As an Area Literature person, I have all Area literature. I've learned a lot.

I have nothing more to report. It is an honor to serve SAGSC and if anyone has any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you for letting me serve,

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#### **RSG TRAINER: DATO**

Hello everyone and good morning. I am an alcoholic and my name is Dano B. I am the coach of RSGs in the southern zone. We average around 10 new GSRs in our sessions. Then we covered the basics of paperwork and group attendance. I always try to keep the sessions new and relevant. In these sessions we will focus on how to carry out an informed group consciousness, which helps to listen to the views of all members of the home group. It will come in handy with the upcoming spring roundtables. I will also ask for suggestions on our revision of the GSR Survival Guide manual. I am always available to talk, help, and guide any member or group who requests it. My number is xxx-xxx-xxxx. Thank you for letting me serve

#### MCD COORDINATOR: JOHN

My name is John Linss and I am an alcoholic. The week before the fall service assembly in Tonopah, Caroline appointed me SAGSC President and I am honored to complete the Area 42 – Panel 73 term as SAGSC's MCD Coordinator for Foxx, who had to resign. It would be great if you could have him and his family in your prayers and prayers. For those of you who are not familiar with the duties of the MCD Coordinator, it is a designated position and according to the guidelines, the functions are: It provides a link between the Area, the MCDs and the Delegate by:

- Conducting meetings with SAGSC DCMs.
- Coordinate multi-district events such as workshops, picnics, etc.
- Conduct education on traditions and concepts.
- Be available to DCMs to answer questions, attend District meetings, etc.

As such, I am available to support SAGSC DCMs in any way needed. I have come to believe that the areas of greatest potential impact involve multi-district events, workshops, and other activities. At the time of submission of this report:

- Danella K agreed to serve as an alternate CMCD and we look forward to working together to support the districts.
- I attended Tonopah where the DCMs and I had discussions related to the best approach to work together.
- I have attended district meetings and have had one or more meetings with each of the DCMs at SAGSC and they are all excited about the prospect of collaborating with their fellow DCMs on events and activities. We have thriving and struggling districts and the more fortunate ones are committed to helping those who need support to increase activities and engagement in their districts. This allows all districts to increase their efforts and better train our trusted servants to help their groups reach the alcoholic who is still suffering.
- We are also trying to find ways to address the challenges posed by large distances and widely spread constituencies for some districts. For example, Ely-centered District 19 is 5.5 hours from Las Vegas, District 17 is in Pahrump, and District 3

has clusters in NE Vegas, downtown, halfway between Ely and Mesquite. Also, if you look at a demographic map of Las Vegas, you'll see that there are major areas in several districts that have significant Hispanic populations where there are bound to be alcoholics suffering.

- I also served on the planning committee, headed by Amanda V., for the Intergroup/SAGSC Service Festival held on October 22, in which 8 out of 10 active districts participated with imaginative presentations at their tables. They also competed for the best decorated table. Our delegate Jake and his appointed ad hoc committee were the judges and selected District 7 as the winner. Congratulations to Tay Tay and his team! They were awarded a trophy that they will have to recover and defend next year. One of the highlights included District 21, who volunteered to cook for the festival. I heard things like "this is the best food I've ever had at an AA event." Leo and his team cooked roast beef with all the trimmings and it was a huge hit! Thank you also to Dina and Tony for their translations and to Heather, our amazing president of Grapevine, and her team for operating the technology that allowed people to attend virtually.
- We also met today and discussed the various opportunities and challenges.

  And finally, if anyone here is interested in learning more about what we're doing or volunteering to help, please reach out to me. My phone number is xxx-xxxx. Thank you for the opportunity to be helpful!

# **OFFICIAL AREA REPORTS**

#### **DELEGATE: JAKE**

My name is Jake, I'm an alcoholic. Absolutely grateful to be sober and to be here once again with my people! It is an honor and privilege to serve in Area 42 as a delegate to panel 73 at the General Service conference. The 2024 general service conference will be held April 14-20 at the same venue as last year, the Marriott hotel on New York's Brooklyn Bridge. The theme of the 2024 General Service Conference will be Connecting with Love, Unity, and Service. The Area 42 spring area assembly will also be held at the same location as last year, the sobriety capital of the universe, the beautiful center of Tonopah NV, the week before the conference, April 5-7. I really hope to see you all there. We set up the schedule this way to give our area as much time as possible to discuss the topics that will be on the agenda of the general service conference. The timeline now is that we will receive the agenda items and background information on February 15, 2024. As I said, the first day of the conference is April 14, 2024. That's less than 2 months. So if you've been in general service for a while, you may be aware of our fundamental systemic problem, in my opinion, of not having enough time for groups to discuss and gain fully informed group consciences on the agenda items. In an effort to have even more time to receive group awareness on the agenda items of our General Service conference, we are going to try something new this year for the first time since I participated in the Area 42 General Service Committee. Every year, around the weekend of the October meeting, area delegates receive a list of proposed agenda items (PAIs), because of course we love our acronyms, for the next general service conference. Historically, Area 42 has not released this comprehensive list to everyone for fear that it will be confusing for GSRs and because we never know which of these items will actually make it to the conference agenda. This year a group GSR asked me for the list of MYPs and said that his group wants to try to get ahead of the curve in discussing issues that may be on the agenda. I was very impressed and inspired by this GSR and thought it was a great idea. So, at the risk of total confusion and total anarchy in our General Service Committee, we're going to try that as an area as well. So if you go to our area website, which is nevadaarea42.org, and you go to our area member information section, which is the password-protected part of our website, and you enter the password. So grab a pen and paper and write down the password which is -----. When you enter this section at the top of the page, the first thing you'll see is "proposed articles for the 2024 General Service conference agenda." Click on this banner and you'll see 117 proposed agenda items for the 2024 General Service conference. Now, listen to this very carefully, we don't know which of these issues will be on the agenda and which won't. So what we're going to try to do is we're going to tell everyone here today that the list of MYPs is on the website. On December 2nd I will be at the NAG meeting and let you know. While I'm there, I'll meet with our alternate delegate and our area coordinator and we'll pick probably 5-10 items, or maybe more or maybe less, on the proposed agenda item list to put together a survey like we did. Last year we had to try to give ourselves a couple more months to raise group awareness about some of the issues that may be on the 2024 agenda. Now we won't have background information or summaries or the information that we're used to seeing when we look at agenda items, but some topics we will have background information that we can pass on. The last thing is that you and your group are not limited to the items that will be in the survey. Any of the 117 items on the list can be discussed with your group and I can try to find general

information on any item on the list of items on the proposed agenda. So that's a lot of information I just gave you, if you're new, your eyes probably get glassy halfway through, and now you're completely confused. The bottom line is that we are trying to get more time to discuss issues with our groups. Is this idea going to work? I don't have the slightest idea. I really hope it works and I hope it leads to a more informed area and more informed groups. If so, great, and if not, maybe we won't do it again. Just remember that if it works, it was my brilliant idea. If it doesn't work, it was entirely the fault of the southern GSRs. The next thing I'm going to tell you about is a member survey on "convenience" that's already available on the aa.org website and in the meeting guide app. So you might be saying Jake, if this survey is available now and you're on the IP committee, why didn't you tell us? That's a very good question and it's become a big talking point for the public information conference committee. We asked why they didn't inform us that the survey was going on and they said, "This is a great question, because we normally use the traditional service structure and delegates to engage the fellowship, so one would naturally expect this. However, the purpose of convenience sampling is to assess which survey samples would be conveniently accessible, here through aa.org or the meeting guide app, in contrast to the traditional structure and pen-andpaper method. If we were to use delegates to get the word out, we would be designing a sample with a hybrid recruitment strategy that would involve convenience sampling and networking. That's why it's best not to participate unless asked." Then in the same email we asked: Is there any documentation that can be shared with delegates and members to help them better understand what is happening with this new approach to membership survey? The answer was "we haven't created this, but we could." We were then told that there will be 2 phases of this survey. In the first phase, we make the survey available in the Meeting Guide app and on the website, without asking for help recruiting participants. This phase allows us to see in a general way who selects the participation without being told by our trusted servers. In the second phase, we communicated with all Conference members (and IP Chairs) via bulk email, with a short informational email about the Convenience Sample Pilot Survey and encouraged delegates and other conference members to share the link to the website version of the survey with other members. Okay, but I thought we'd been told we didn't have any written information to share about the survey, but we could. So today I'm going to try with all my might not to be negative about this and just get the information out as best I can with the information that I have and that's it. There is a survey on the aa.org website and meeting guide app, check it out. The survey will only be available until November 26 and supposedly tomorrow there will be some kind of mass emailing with more information about the survey, so we'll see. The last thing I'll share is that I've never been happier or more excited to be a part of this general service committee than I am now. Covid 19 was a huge blow to the face and a setback for our fellowship. Now I feel like we're completely back to work doing what we do better than anyone else and nothing has done: saving the lives of alcoholics. I'm definitely trying not to take anything for granted. We have been given the most amazing and beautiful gift: to be able to live two lives in one and be uniquely helpful in bringing the message of hope to suffering alcoholics. To be freed from the bondage of self and to be able to be happy, joyful and free and to recover from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. The longer I stay sober, the more I realize what a miracle it is to be here today. What a miracle it is that I became a member of this community and was saved like you. Now that we're here, I feel it's my responsibility to make sure I'm here for the next person who walks in the door weighing 130 pounds and with sunken black eyes on the back of my neck. And I think this is exactly where we can do it. To hold our fellowship together by doing our part in making decisions that reside in the collective consciousness of our entire fellowship. And the only possible way is to participate. To be involved. Have a GSR and be fully informed about the decisions our fellowship is asked to make. Does that mean we all have to agree on everything we're going to do? No, decisions will be made that we do not agree with. That's when we can really show that we trust and depend on group consciousness. That we're not always right about what the best path forward is for AA, but if we trust and rely on our committee systems and our group conscience we have a chance to survive another 100 years and be here for the next alcoholic who feels like I can't go on another day. Who can't imagine life with or without alcohol and we can save that person and see the light turn on for them. In Area 42, the way we inform ourselves about the agenda items of the General Service Conference is through our Area Conference Committees. Which area conference committee do you currently serve? If you have no idea what I'm talking about, then we desperately need you. We need everyone in this room. It's a very fun, easy, and rewarding engagement. Everything is done virtually. You will be part of a committee that will summarize and present agenda items to our area. I have a sign-up sheet here or you can call or email our alternate delegate Paul to get involved. That means you too, all my virtual friends. You see Paul up there. Send them a chat and let them know you want to participate. Do it now! Please! We really need you all. I want to thank you all for being here today and thank you so much for your willingness to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you very much to all of our Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, GSRs and

especially I want to thank all of our DCMs today. DCM is an important, difficult, and time-consuming service position in our area. Thank you so much for all your hard work to keep our districts up and running and our GSRs informed. Starting next year I plan to start sending more informational emails and if you read it and say I already received this information from my MCD, then don't get angry, instead go to your MCD and say thank you very much for your service. I have a challenge for all of you, MCD, today. Our next SAG meeting is January 14th. I want you and your district to go to a meeting in your district without a GSR and bring a new person here in January. I want them to explain to them that the whole structure of AA services depends on them, that that's how important they are. I wish you good luck and look forward to meeting our new GSRs in January. Alcoholics Anonymous saved my life and general services have become a big part of my recovery program. Thank you all so much for being here today. Thank you so much for saving my life! I love you all!

# **DELEGATE ALTERNO/COORDINATOR DEL NAGSC: PAUL**

Hi, I'm Paul, Area 42 Alternate Delegate of Panel 73 and NAGSC Coordinator. As an Alternate Delegate, one of my duties to the Area is to help form Area Conference Committees (ACCs). These committees are to help the Area summarize the agenda items for the General Service Conference. We've been in a bit of a lull, but now it's time to start accelerating again to prepare for the agenda items that we are due to receive from the United States.

mid-February. If you have signed up and haven't been contacted yet, don't worry, you should hear from your committee coordinator soon. In addition, as NAGSC Chair I am planning a presentation at the December NAGSC meeting on how to summarize agenda items and make presentations for roundtable meetings. This was a request from the body at the Spring Area assembly and should be helpful to ACC members. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul

#### **AREA CHAIRPERSON: LYLE**

My name is Lyle and I'm an alcoholic. I'm glad to see you all. Hello SAGSC and visitors. I just wanted to let you know that the Mizpah hotel and the Bellvada hotel are under new management again, and they have offered an Area room rate deal, using a code when booking for those of you who want to stay there at either of those two hotels. Use the code AREA 42 to book a reduced rate. If you have already booked your room, give them a call and make sure they apply the rate to you. Those hotels will. They have limited places for the reserved rooms. I booked as many as I could. The information is in the Bulletin. So if you don't remember the information, go to the newsletter and you'll see it there. Another part is that we've been having more dogs at the convention center. The management of the convention center has asked that only certified animals enter. And according to the Nevada governor's website, under the U.S. Disabilities Act, that means service animal is defined as a dog that has been individually trained to work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. This does not include emotional support animals. Emotional support animals are not certified as service animals. Please don't bring them. I appreciate your cooperation and understanding. Thanks a lot.

#### **REGIONAL FORUM CHAIR: RHONDA**

Hi everyone, my name is Rhonda and I am an alcoholic. I'm a 69 past delegate panel and I'm helping with the Forum coming to Las Vegas in 2024. I've got two sheets here. Finally, I made a spreadsheet of all the positions that are needed for the Forum. It seems that we need almost two hundred people. It's a lot. We also need translation and people to help spread the translation team and translate that kind of thing. So I'm going to send this. If you've already signed up to volunteer on the forum, you don't have to do it again. I've got your details. In January I'll confirm everyone's emails and phone numbers and put you in the positions. Thank you. If you want to sign up, my phone number is xxxxxx-xxxx. You send me a message with your email and I'll have your phone number and add you to the list. Also if you don't know what a forum is, go to AA.org and look at their International Forum page and I think there are a couple of really good videos there that will show you what a forum is.

#### **ARCHIVISTA: RONNIE**

Hi, my name is Ronnie Dillion and I am an Alcoholic. My sobriety date is December 10, 1999. I am currently serving you as your SAGSC/Are 42 Archivist in my third year of a four-year term. The archives committee meets most Saturdays at the Central Office from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. If you would like to attend a committee meeting, please text me the Friday before to make sure I will be there. My number is xxx-xxxx. Please send me the message before 8PM. Last month I participated in the SAGSC service festival that was held here at the Central Office. District 19 did a fantastic job with the food. Archives has

been starting a new shelf for NAGSC and SAGSC in the archives room. Caroline started an archive for Ruth J's material by date. Ruth J has been a prolific contributor to our Archives for several years. I am also creating an archive for Julian R. who contributed to the archives after his passing. Marita gave us many books from Julian R.'s personal collection. I recently spoke with Joel B. of the Round Up committee about our Thanksgiving expo. We usually have good attendance and several signatures in the guest book, so please visit our tables at the Round Up. If you would like to contribute any group history, MCD folders, or Area 42 officer folders, please place them in folders preferably with page savers available at any Office Depot, or even Target. We get a lot of them just stuffed into a manila folder and that's really unfortunate. We've spent literally hundreds of hours archiving your contributions. The archives are our fellowship's attempt to preserve our history and give an accurate account of our time and our main purpose. Serving in the position of Archivist has been the hardest thing I've ever done in AA. It has kept me away from a bar stool and given my life a reason to stay sober one day at a time. Thank you for listening.

#### **REGISTRAR: LISA**

Hi Lisa, alcoholic. Hello Zoomers. I am your Secretary. I came early today to speak to District 1, you'll hear this again. If you have a new group GSR or formed a new group, you need to register with the Head Office and G.S.O.

If you signed up with one or the other, you're not registered with both. If you want to be in the Meeting App, you register at the Head Office. If you want to stay connected to G.S.O. in New York and get the stuff Jake was talking about, you have to sign up through me at Area 42. There are online forms. There are online forms. If you haven't registered yet, I recommend that the new GSRs, who were presented come to see me or go to the website, there is a part that says Guidelines and Forms. Under forms there is a New Group Information form. What I really need is the name of your group, your name and information and an email and we'll connect them. We'll get you all that. I have the most fun job because when I'm in Tonopah, I get to see everyone come in. I learn all their names and see their beautiful faces. MCDs if they want to know the meetings in their district, who's active, who's inactive. I can email them a list. If you ask me here today, great, but it's better that you send it to me by email. That way, when I'm sitting in front of my computer, I'll be able to get everything ready. That's it for me. Thank you to our team up here. It's still a challenge, we're new to this so have a bit of patience.

# **TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR: PAM**

My name is Pam and I'm an alcoholic. I'm your Technical Training Coordinator for the South Area, obviously. I'm also a GSR for the Sunday Sobriety Group and we're in District 7. This is my first official report. First, let me introduce you to the Area 42 Task Force. There are four of us. There are four of us. First we have Jeffrey, he's our Area 42 Technical Coordinator. You probably saw him on stage in Tonopah. Next to him was Ashley, our

Alternate Technical Coordinator of Area 42. There's Michelle, the technical coordinator of the North Area. And I, Pam for the South Area. What we do is support the Assemblies, NAGs and SAG meetings in all the technical things. That is, laptops, microphones, projectors, cameras, speakers and the operation of the virtual platform, which is currently zoom. We also support workshops and anything else you have in mind for us. At the Fall 2023 assembly, Jeffrey, of course, genius brain of connecting all of these things. 9 laptops, 4 projectors, 7 microphones, 5 cameras, miles of cables, sticks to the schedule of speakers and presentations that are shown and also pays attention to who raises their hand at the zoom and makes everything go well. I also like to recognize the interpreters, what work they have. It's very hard work and their only equipment is a headset and we plug them in. It takes a people. We also have some little gremlin that run from one side to the other, they are called technical chairs, they lift, they climb stairs, they pull the cables... it's a production. I would also like to thank the people who support me. Stephanie is my official coordinator. Today he's at an NFL game. Luckily DCM Mr. Clive B offered to help me today. James, I don't know where you went but thank you all for putting it all together and thank you so much for your understanding.

#### TRANSLATION: TONY

My name is Tony, and I have the privilege of serving as your Translation and Interpretation Area President. We meet on Zoom on the third Monday of every month, starting last month. We take care of translating your reports, among other things, into English and then into Spanish. In fact, we have volunteers who don't even speak Spanish, translating reports. I am deeply honored to be helped. Our committee revised our Guidelines to make sure we are serving the Spanish community, to the best of our ability. We will review all changes and present them to the Assembly in the spring, for

approval. This is my third year of my 4-year commitment and hopefully by the end of next year, I'll have it right. If you think you may need a compromise, feel free to see Dina in the back of the room. As you may or may not know, we also do translations during assembly. Many of you may not know that simultaneous translations are much more difficult than you realize. Your 1 sentence can be 2 sentences in Spanish, so we ask that you speak slowly so we can keep up with you. This is so that the Spanish community can receive the same message as you. Last but not least, if you are asked to read a report, we would like the report to be sent to the secretary at least 2 weeks prior to the assembly, NAGSC, or SAGSC meetings. We need time to translate all the reports. In love and service.

#### **AREA 42 TREASURER - JASON**

Hi, my name is Jason and I'm an alcoholic. I have the following reports at my disposal:

- Income and Expenses as of 31/10/2023 See attached.
- Balance sheet as of 31/10/2023 See attached.

Cash position (as of 31/10/2023)
Savings \$30,021.54
Checking Account \$73,024.69

Total Cash \$103,046.23

For the period ended October 31, 2023, our net income was \$31,097.57, while total expenses for the corresponding period were \$91,467.37. Please take note of my updated service email: xxxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com. Although I can be reached through this new email, I highly recommend using the Area's official email, treasurer@nevadaarea42.org, for all communications. Using my Yahoo email could lead to potential oversights. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Voluntary Group contributions may be made payable to "Area 42" and mailed to: Area 42, PO Box 70171, Las Vegas, NV 89170-0171. To request a refund, please send an email to treasurer@nevadaarea42.org with the following information: your position/service committee, a brief description of expenses, receipts, your mailing address, and the name of the payee of the check. If you are unsure about providing your mailing address, please let me know and we will find an alternative. It is a pleasure for me to take up this position and I thank you for your cooperation.

WEBSERVANT: GLENN - Sin informe

# **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE COORDINATORS**

#### **ACCESSIBILITIES: JOAN**

Hi, I'm Joan, the Chair of Accessibility for the South Area, overseeing our growing "Meetings to Go" subcommittee. We recently recruited 19 new volunteers at the Festival of Service at the Central Office. Our mission is to bring AA meetings to those attending nursing homes, group homes, and rehabilitation hospitals. If you would like to join our volunteers or know someone who needs this service, please contact me xxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com or after our meetings. To better support our remote communities, Diana M. and Heather L. have taken significant steps. Diana has established strong connections with District 21 and the Spanish Intergroup, recruiting bilingual volunteers and developing a phonetically written script in Spanish for Central Office volunteers. It has also coordinated with the Las Vegas Spanish Intergroup to include Meetings To Go information on its website. Heather has compiled a resource page to help us educate ourselves about the Native American community in Nevada. Please note that the Trustees' Literature Committee is seeking story submissions from Native American and Native American AA members through December 31, 2023. For more details, please email me at the address above. Interested in participating in Accessibilities? Our next meeting will be held on November 27, 2023 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Use the meeting ID: xxxx xxxxx xxxxx password: xxxxxxxxxx.

Please let me know if you need anything else and thank you for your service. Joan Robinson (she/her)President of Area 42 South Accessibilities, xxxxxxxxx@gmail.com, xxx-xxxx

# CCP (COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY): CHRIS (Report read by Amanda)

CPC participated in the Festival of Service. A lot of people passed by our table and table. showed real interest in learning more about history and history. CPC's Mission & about upcoming events The PCC attends. Seven people volunteered, but so far no one has responded to our post-festival outreach. Upcoming events include: CPC will be making an informational presentation to the Nevada Army National Guard. Introductions to A.A. & Al-Anon will be formed by the respective members of the 2 fellowships. A panel of 6 members from A.A., A.A. Youth Association & Al-Anon will share about his struggles with alcoholism and alcoholism. overcoming the stigmas that prevent many from recovering. CPC will participate in an AREA42 PI/CPC virtual workshop on Sunday, November 19, 2023 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time. PI and The chairmen of the PCC committees in the north and north of the country. South of AREA42 will share and be a member of The Clergy. All are welcome to attend. Zoom information is as follows: Zoom ID: xxx-xxx-xxxx Password: xxxxxx CPC will participate in this year's Roundup at the Tropicana. Stop by our table at Bill & Bob's Café to say hello and visit. Learn more about CPC and how we're spreading the word about A.A.'s Program for Professional Communities CPC will represent G.S.O. at the 2023 National Healthcare Coalition Preparation Conference, November 28-30. There are still times available to help spread the word about BRITISH AUTOMOBILE CLUB. to the healthcare community. Contact Chris H for more information at: Sarea42.PI.CPC@gmail.com CPC holds its monthly meeting virtually via Zoom, on the second Monday of each month from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Please join us! Zoom ID: xxx xxxx xxxx xxxx Passcode: xxxxx. Yours in service, Chris H., CPC Coordinator

#### **GRAPEVINE: HEATHER**

**Happy Birthday Grapevine, you're the best!** Let's help celebrate Grapevine's 80th anniversary by sharing why you love this one

publication. Tell how you were moved by a story. What does the vine mean to you? Send something, even something brief, to aagrapevine.org/contribute. Due before December 15. The Grapevine team has been busy!

- August 12: We coordinated with District 5B for their sponsorship workshop and shared materials and literature. It was great!
- September 8-10: We loved being at the Area 42 Assembly in Tonopah with our friends from LaVina and the Central Office! We sold more books at this event than at any other so far!
- Oct. 8: We were at the District 5B picnic at Wayne Bunker Park from noon to 3 p.m.
- October 22: We were excited to be a part of the Area 42 Festival of Service! We didn't win the table decorating contest, but our grape theme was pretty stellar! And the trivia games were fun even with a somewhat noisy and busy environment (I really can't fault that it's very busy, I'm so glad to see so many attending!).

  Upcoming Events!
- November 23-26: Las Vegas Recap! Grapevine will have tables set up Thursday afternoon through Sunday morning at Bill and Bob's. There will be a variety of literature and specialized articles. Great place to get your holiday gifts. There will also be a trivia contest to win a prize on Saturday afternoon. And leave your "Happy Birthday Grapevine" paragraph or essay (I can send it for you) and get a free vintage issue of Grapevine just for participating!
- \*MCD: I'm sure a lot of Grapevine positions will rotate (or start). Please contact us if you would like to attend your December or January business meeting. Heather/I will be available to explain what a Grapevine representative does, at the district or group level.
- \*The new Grapevine app became available in September 2023. IT'S AWESOME! \*You can find great podcasts (75+) by visiting aagrapevine.org/podcast \*Also look for Grava magazine on Instagram! \*\*The Grapevine Committee meets via zoom on the last Tuesday of each month. Anyone who is a Grapevine representative or is interested in participating or volunteering at an upcoming Grapevine table should attend. Meeting ID: xxx xxx xxxx Heather L. xxx-xxx-xxxx, xxxxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com, This is a fun committee!

#### THE VINEYARD: LEO

I'm a Leo and I'm an alcoholic. First of all, I would like to apologise to the committee, I always bring our report, but we never hand it over for translation. When we came to serve District 21, we learned that, for some reason, La Viña was there, but not in full force. We have been dedicating time to helping groups understand the importance of La Viña. In the way we were reporting, I realize I was informing myself about how important it is. That's how I've been learning. We have 18 groups in District 21 and not all of them have active GSRs. I'd say around 17, not everyone is there at once. Now Mesquite has a new

group that came out and asked for help. We're assuming they'll have a GSR. What we do during the week is help and team up with District 21 by visiting all the groups. Roy, the DCM, goes out, we share the importance of our service and then La Viña will participate and every Wednesday when we go to the groups, they let us do a raffle. From there we pick up our 7th tradition. We are also doing workshops. On October 13th we had one in the Working with Others Group. From which we came out with twelve stories. Then, in the month of October, we had nine subscriptions to the annual subscriptions of La Viña. In addition, the Pacific Region has a committee that works with La Viña's Guidelines for the anniversary. They alternate meetings around the Pacific region, California, Oregon, the entire area of the Pacific Region. On the 21st we were in Bakersfield. They came up with the idea of having all the meetings starting on January 13th. They found a central place, which is Nevada, for all the other states like Arizona and surrounding areas. From now on, Las Vegas and Reno will hold the meeting for La Viña's anniversary guidelines. That's a lot of learning there. Groups are always giving opportunities to hold raffles. On October 18th we were in the Transmisilo group. We came up with \$69. Subscriptions plus literature. Then, on December 1st, we're going to have our next workshop, a writing workshop at Grupo Phoenix at 9 p.m. We always bring food. Then, yesterday, part of the committee traveled to Salt Lake, Utah, to select the emblem and logo of the 28th Anniversary, which will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah next year. Sometime in July. One area that came up with the logo was from Area 06 in San Jose, California. That's all. All these activities are not just mine. We have a committee, and we have all the groups that support us. It's a totally new learning experience and now with you in the Area, it's like a bonus, three times learning and I'm very, very grateful for all your help. Thank you.

#### IP PUBLIC INFORMATION: DEBORAH

My name is Deborah, I'm an alcoholic and your public information chair. Clark Co. Library Manager

He informed me that his libraries have literature, including the Big Book, 12 and 12, in hard copies and in digital format. I'm currently working on refilling the literature shelves at Crossroads of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas. Rescue Mission, West Care's Community Engagement Center, and its Women and Friends group. Children's Facilities. We want to make sure that those who want to find AA can do so. The PI & The CPC East Bay Working Group meets monthly via Zoom. This is another resource for our committees to interact with PI & PCC members in the U.S. and other countries. Second Saturday of the month, 9-10 a.m., Zoom ID:

xxx xxx xxxx PW: xxx For additional information contact: picpceastbay@gmail.com

# **COMMITTEE LINKS**

#### **HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS: ANDREW**

My name is Andrew and I'm an alcoholic. I'll be brief. H&I is doing well. We continue to receive constant contributions. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the pink tin. It allows us to get the message out to those who can't make it to an AA meeting. We're actively trying to reach out to new facilities and institutions that don't have HeI panels. We also have a new website that will allow our institution coordinators to order literature prior to our monthly business meeting, which will help with time constraints for the meeting after. It's going to be an awesome thing. It will also facilitate our inventory and our bookkeeping. As soon as I have all the details, I will send everyone the information for the website. We have a monthly business meeting at 6pm, every third Tuesday of the month at the Head Office. All are welcome. We also have an orientation for people new to HeI who want to get the message across, at 5 p.m., before the work meeting. Anyone interested in HeI, I am available at any time for more information. Thank you all

# LAS VEGAS INTERGROUP LIAISON: AMANDA

**Head Office** 

- · Please help us keep the meeting schedule up to date. Please contact Judy at the Head Office for any changes to your meeting time/location or if you have a new meeting that needs to be added to the schedule. www.lvcentraloffice.org.
- · Currently, there are open hotline shifts available in the office. Please contact Judy P. for specific days and time slots.
- · If you are planning to have an AA-related event or workshop or need a new home for your AA meeting, please contact the Central Office. The rent of the meeting room is 40% of the 7th Tradition collected.
- · Please continue to send flyers for your upcoming events to the Head Office. Email: xxxxxx@LVCentralOffice.org or office number 702-780-4293.

- · Hotline: The hotline is actively seeking volunteers. Contact centralofficehotline@gmail.com or call the hotline at 702-598-1888 if you would like to be helpful.
- · Gratitude Ball: The 48th Annual Gratitude Ball, held on October 7 at Palace Station, was a sold-out hit! Sobriety and recovery were celebrated, and everyone had a great time!
- · Festival of Service: The return of the Festival of Service was a success! It was held on Sunday, October 22 at the Central Office. We had excellent representation from almost every district in our southern zone. Even District 19 participated via Zoom! We heard from great speakers, District 19 cooked amazing food, and District 7 won the table decorating contest. A big thank you to Grapevine for providing fun trivia and LVYPAA for a riveting and comedic piece of work. A GIGANTIC THANK YOU to everyone who participated in making this event a success. I think this event is vital to getting the word out and the fun the service has to offer. The service has truly been a game-changer for my own recovery, and I look forward to sharing it with people again next year!

Board of Directors: Bi-monthly Board meetings have continued regularly with nothing new to report. Financial data is available upon request.

Upcoming dates and events:

INTERGROUP MEETING

Intergroup meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Central Office at 6 pm. The next meeting is November 13, 2023. 2024 PRAASA - SAN FRANCISCO

The next Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) will be held March 1-3, 2024, in San Francisco. Check out https://praasa.org/ to learn more.

ASSEMBLING THE DOCK AREA

The next Spring Area Assembly will be held April 5-7, 2024 in Tonopah, NV.

AA PACIFIC REGION FORUM 2024

The next Pacific AA Regional Forum will be held in Las Vegas at the Westgate Resort from July 12-14, 2017.

2024. Registration is free and will be updated with additional information at

https://www.aa.org/regional-and-local-forums 2025 AA

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION The International Convention

is held every 5 years, and the next one will be in Vancouver,

BC, Canada, from July 2-6, 2025. See

https://www.aa.org/international-convention for more

information. For more information on this report, you can

email Amanda at sagscintergroupliaison@nevadaarea42.org.

#### LVYPAA: MIKE

My name is Mike and I'm an alcoholic. I greet the members of the South Area. LVYPAA, Las Vegas Youth in Alcoholics Anonymous has been hard at work in the service since the fall assembly. On September 23rd we had the Breakfast Before Personalities event at the Triangle Club. Our event featured a scumptous all-you-can-eat breakfast courtesy of our very own Courtney J. After which a powerful panel of three speakers was held, focusing on service and expertise. On October 1, we held our annual elections, in which the positions of the steering committee and many others were filled. On October 22, five members of our committee attended the Service Festival at the Central Office and performed a lively play about concepts. On October 28th we held our popular annual scavenger hunt at the world-famous TIE club. This year's festivities kicked off with a YPAA sobriety countdown, followed by a speakers' meeting, grilled food, a scavenger hunt down Fremont Street, a Truck or Treat, a jury of contestants' loot, a 50-50 raffle, a costume contest and a dance party. The event was cohosted by District 15 and the YPAA and WAYPAA host committees from Nevada, Arizona, Utah and California. Attendees came from Austin, Texas. All of the money from our share of the proceeds went to benefit the 3rd Nevada Area Conference of Youth in Alcoholics Anonymous host committee in Elko, Nevada. We look forward to working with District 15 again in the future. On October 5th at our monthly committee meeting we voted to co-host and provide a speaker for NACYPAA's 3rd White Elephant Gift Exchange Committee in Elco to be held on December 16th. We are currently working on a yet-to-bedetermined event for December. It looks like it's going to be a bingo event probably on December 23rd. More details on this when available. Our one-year commitment to provide a monthly H&I dashboard to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission will be completed in December. In addition, we intend to bring the Yuma YPAA kickball tournament trophy back to Las Vegas from

San Diego on January 6 of next year. LVYPAA meets every first Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. here at the Central Office. Come and join us, positions are open. All are welcome. That's it for my report. If you want, my phone number is xxx-xxx-xxxx. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

# **MCD REPORTS:**

#### **DISTRICT 1: LOU**

Hi, my name is Lou and I'm an alcoholic. I have the privilege of serving as MCD for District One. Our district consists of groups in Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City, and Searchlight. In District 1, there are 111 groups enrolled with the General Service Board. So even though we have good participation, there is room for improvement. Christine, one of our GSRs, has been visiting meetings to encourage more groups to participate. Our annual fellowship picnic was held on October 14th in Boulder City. There was a great turnout with amazing volunteers who helped make it a success. Dick H., the founder of the Searchlight Group and former delegate was our speaker. The sobriety countdown totaled more than 1200 years! The winner of our 50/50 raffle was celebrating 7 years of sobriety that day. She was the recipient of the Newcomer's Big Book at the picnic exactly 7 years ago. Yay, another win for AA. I met the MCD who organized the first picnic in 1998, so this was the 25th annual. The District will hold another workshop right here at the Central Office on December 10th. There are flyers on the table... Please take one. We're calling it a GSR Roundup. Anyone interested in being a better GSR or becoming one, or if they're not even sure what a GSR is will get answers from our awesome panel of Jake, Libby, and Dano. And most importantly, food will be served. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

#### Distrito 3: Shen

Hi everyone, Shane Alcoholic, I'm the MCD for District 3. We really enjoyed the festival of service. It was fun to see all the tables and interact with people who are already in service and meet people who are looking to get involved in service. We still have our district meeting on the first Sunday of every other month, the Sunday before SAGSC meetings. We met last Sunday the 5th and discussed our upcoming outreach to groups in our District; ranging from Las Vegas to Pioche, Alamo, and Mesquite. We also have a new Alternate GSR for the Sharing & Caring group, Eric. Thanks a lot.

# **DISTRICT 5B: SAMANTHA**

Good afternoon, my name is Samantha, I am the MCD of District 5B and I am an alcoholic!! Our district is still working to attend all meetings within our district and has divided clubs among active District 5B members. In August we had our quarterly workshop which was sponsored and we had a great turnout. On October 8th we had our annual picnic, which was also a great turnout, thank you to everyone who helped with the food and volunteered at the picnic, and a special thank you to Betty S. for stepping up and chairing the ad hoc for the picnic. Our monthly district meeting is held on the 2nd Saturday of the month, KCB 5717 W Alexander Rd at 1:15 p.m. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact me, my number is xxx-xxx-xxxx. Thank you so much for letting me serve. Samantha G., District 5b DCM, xxx-xxx-xxxx, xxxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com

#### **DISTRICT 7: TAYTAY (Report read by John L.)**

Good afternoon, my name is TayTay and I am an alcoholic. I'm sorry I couldn't make it today. I had a small emergency but was able to find the best person to speak for me. I'm your District 7 MCD. With the first year of this term coming to an end, I'm super excited to see what the coming year brings. We participated in the Festival of Service, which was a lot of fun. Our District also won the decorating contest, which was even more fun. I'm looking forward to next year to defend our title. I look forward to PRAASA in San Francisco next year and the Spring Assembly in Tonopah. Our webservant, Theresa, has been hard at work keeping our new and improved website up to date and has been doing an amazing job. See for yourself and let us know what you think. We have an ad hoc committee working on our bylaws. They needed an update after the pandemic. It's been a really good experience. And now we all know them very well. I don't really have much to report. This year is coming to an end, but I appreciate this committee and wish I could have been there today. Thank you for representing our Area so well. Thank you for letting me be of service.

# **DISTRICT 9: JOANNE (Report read by Jacob)**

Hello! My name is Jake and I'm an alcoholic. I'm filling in for Joanne in District 9. Our district is reaching out to other groups and districts to try to get more participation. We had a very good turnout last month. We had about eight or nine people at our District meeting which is unheard of, it's awesome. We are planning a workshop/BBQ in early spring. If anyone has any ideas about this, please contact us. We could use support. Other than that, that's it. Nothing to write home about.

#### **DISTRICT 11: No Report**

#### DISTRICT 13: BRUCE (Report read by Dina)

I'm an alcoholic and I'm the RSG of Back to Basics. We're building District 13. We have a new MCD, Bruce, and the Alternate is Matt. They have their reasons why they are not here. We met on the third Sunday at the Triangle Club. We meet at 3pm. We've had a lot of good turnout. We're going to work on workshops and how to help these groups that don't have GSRs. There are some groups that don't want to have GSRs. That's what we're trying to do, reach out to groups. Let's hope they'll be here next time. I'm going to be brief and I'm going to translate it, now.

#### **TOPIC 15: LORA**

Hello Area 42 AA family... Lots and lots of love... whole bunches. Tonapah was rewarding as usual... I was able to have fun with our District GSRs. I think a total of 6 or 7 attended... It was great. District 15 will be hosting the next assembly and since I'm not sure about everything that's expected I'm looking forward to seeing if we can find another district to help. District 15 is doing well. The district's business meeting was well attended. Thank you to John MCD Coordinator for taking time out of his day to attend our business meeting. It was appreciated. Also the Service event at the Head Office was very enjoyable. We had fun decorating our table and enjoyed the event. Thank you to everyone who put in their hard work to have the event. It was fun to see all the decoration on the other tables. The speakers were amazing. We had our Halloween event mixed in with LVYPAA's Scavenger Hunt Event. Well attended and had a fabulous time with the prom, costume contest, Trunk or Treat and so much more. We had 30+ AAMembers within 4 days of attending. Many newcomers attended also able to show them that we

We have fun in recovery. We are not a Glom lot. Those who didn't attend missed out. We would love to have your support and show unity. District 15 is hosting an Alkathon from Noon {12p.m.} on Christmas Eve to Noon {12p.m.} on Christmas Day, pot luck and food that has been donated will be provided. I need some speakers for this event so I'm on the lookout. Also another Alkathon on New Year's Eve Noon {12 p.m.} time to New Year's Day Noon {12 p.m.} time. We will be looking again for some speakers. Flyer's are hopefully available for this area meeting today. Grateful for my life to this day and love General Services. Peace, Love and Happiness.

# **DISTRICT 17: LYNN**

The season is here. What awaits us in the future is the holidays. We have to remember this year the most important thing about the holidays, because without this we would not have sobriety and with this I can face any party whatever it is. Anyway, now that I'm freaking out. We will also do an alkoton from Christmas Day at noon until the day after Christmas at noon. Also on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, from noon to noon. That's basically all I have. With this I just want to wish you a happy holiday season and see you next year if I don't see you at a meeting.

#### **DISTRICT 19: ANNE**

Hello, from District 19. Welcome to everyone who is new to General Services. I would like to report that we have the three GSRs of the group present along with our Intergroup representatives and another special guest who is curious about general services. Overall, we are doing our best to maintain our own identity, participate in Area 42 and SAGSC activities online and in person when possible. We face many challenges here, as many people in our fellowship do not realize that AA is more than one-on-one meetings. We are working diligently on that and can always count on your support and guidance. Thank you for the opportunity to have a table set at this year's Festival of Service. All the pictures on the booth and the toys etc depicted pieces from District 19. And for the record, no moose was harmed in the collection of the half shelf that was on our table. They drop money every year naturally. I'm not sure if you all knew it or not, but we were the QR code from the beginning. Our experience was to see the room as if it were a TV show. We look forward to that future. Thank you to Greg,

Judy and Jake for their wonderful talks. We really enjoyed his talks. I hope all attendees had the opportunity to stop by our table to pick up some handouts in Spanish and English for the workshop on December 9th and the CampNic on July 19th to 21st. Registration is open. If you want to know more about District 19, we have a website: elyaa.org. Thank you for my life, Ana

#### **DISTRICT 21: ROY**

Roy, MCD District 21 alcoholic. I don't have a report, but I have a question. We are working with the District 21 Guidelines and I want to know if anyone here in Area 42 knows or has information of the date when District 21 opened. Thank you. **PREVIOUS CASES** 

# AREA AD HOC INVENTORY COMMITTEE UPDATE - LIBBY

Libby, an alcoholic. I didn't prepare a report. Phase 1 of the Area Inventory has been completed. We took inventory at the last area convention. The results were published in the Area Bulletin, which came out a few weeks ago. My part with it is already done and those of us who were working on it are done. Those who know Jonelle, she's going to work on Phase 2, which is taking those results and seeing if there's any action that needs to be taken from them. I suspect the next time I hear from her will be at the next assembly. That's all. Thank you.

#### AD HOC COMMITTEES OF THE WEB SITE OF THE AREA - LOU

Good afternoon, my name is Lou and I'm an alcoholic. At the September Area Assembly, I gave a presentation of what the new Area 42 website could look like. Overwhelmingly positive feedback was received, and the committee moved forward with the update. We received an overwhelmingly positive response and the committee moved forward with the update. A suggestion was made to change the color of the theme to blue, which we studied and decided to go ahead. At the time, I said the new website would be finished in January, but we're ahead of ourselves. One tap of the switch and you're up and running. It's just a matter of familiarizing our employee with the backend so they can add documents, events, and any other necessary tasks. One addition we are planning to implement is the ability to process Area Assembly registration directly on the website, thus eliminating the need for Eventbrite. Two other improvements, the acceptance of online contributions and the addition of landing pages for standing committees that we think require changes to the Guidelines to go through the process necessary to make them a reality. Thank you for allowing me to be of help.

# AD HOC COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS SAGSC - SOFIE

Good afternoon. My name is Sophie. I am an alcoholic and serve you as a former delegate to Area 42 Panel 63. I also serve as chair of this ad hoc SAGSC Guidelines Update committee. I also serve as chair of this ad hoc SAGSC Guidelines Update committee. First of all, what are guidelines? One definition is "information intended to advise people on how something should be done." Another is "a statement or other indication of policy or procedure by which to determine a course of action." I hope it will be useful to those of you who are new to Area 42 general services. In June of this year, Caroline J., your President of the SAGSC, formed an ad hoc committee of five people formed by Lou. P., Diana M., Libby G., Don D. and me. We were asked to update the SAGSC guidelines. We were also asked to identify and address inconsistencies and gaps between the SAGSC and NAGSC guidelines and the SAGSC and Area guidelines. Our project included organizing the SAGSC guidelines in a more logical way and removing any mention of funding, since we no longer have a SAGSC treasury. Based on our review of NAGSC and Area guidelines, we also developed the current categories of voting members, duties of trusted servants, and standing committees. The job of an ad hoc committee is to make recommendations based on its findings. The document on colored paper is the committee's recommendation.

To make changes to the SAGSC guidelines, two readings of the proposal are required. This is the first reading. To make it easier to read, you have been given the current version on white paper and the proposed version on coloured paper. This is not the usual first line-by-line reading "added in bold and crossed out in red". We hope you've had time to revise the current SAGSC guidelines to make the proposed version make more sense. If you haven't had time, take a moment before the second reading to compare the two documents. Lou P. will read the committee's recommendation: the "new" guidelines. The questions asked at this first reading will only serve to clarify doubts. The document will be discussed at the second reading at the SAGSC meeting in January 2024. Thank you Lou, Diana, Libby and Don for months of persistent,

meticulous and patient work on behalf of Area 42 South. Thank you for allowing us to be of service. Here's Lou. (The SAGSC Guidelines - First Reading are at the end of this document.)

# **CLARIFIER Questions/Comments:**

- MCD Coordinator -
- o Does not match the Area Guidelines for the job description o Question about funding
- Who will appoint within the committee if there are no committee members
- Need to amend to Substantial Unanimity instead of Simple Majority when approving amendments to the Guidelines.
- Question about bi-lingual it's not clear what the question was Sophie is still with Dina.
- Area Conference Committee not officially part of the area's activities
- The president appoints the chair of translation it's not clear what it is Sophie will consult with Tony. Links don't say unfunded Table of Contents
- Confusion on page 3 Section 2.a.ii as this was taken directly from the Area Guidelines and is not required in the SAGAC guidelines because the meetings are clarified in Section 2.a.iii
- Voting Members Have a Spelling Error Page 4 Section 3.j must be alternate, not alternate

# **SAGSC Inventory: LESLIE**

My name is Leslie and I am an alcoholic. At our last SAGSC meeting, the agency decided to take inventory of SAGSC. Our SAGSC President, Caroline, appointed me as Chair of the Ad Hoc Inventory Committee. It will consist of 3 DCMs and we have recently added a bilingual (English/Spanish) AA member to the committee, bringing the total to 5. Our first online meeting was on August 27th where we discussed ways to collect questions about the Community inventory. We asked SAGSC Secretary Libby to send an email to all DCMs in the South Area. We want DCMs to ask their GSRs and ultimately their Groups to submit inventory questions through their GSRs to our Committee via email. We gave a period of 30 days to receive responses.

Unfortunately, no replies were sent. Our second attempt to receive questions was to place a basket at the Festival of Service so that attendees could submit questions anonymously. This approach was successful, we received 12 questions. And we have also received 2 questions via email. Today the basket is here for the last time for members to submit questions to the committee or you can email the Committee Secretary at: xxxxxxxxxxxxx@GMAIL.COM Please email your questions by November 24th, because we will have our Committee meeting that weekend.

# **NEW ISSUES**

No Report

Celebrating 273 years of sobriety since the last meeting.

THANK YOU DISTRICT 21 FOR ORGANIZING.... The next host will be District 1.

LOG OUT WITH THE STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

#### **SAGSC DATES:**

In person at Las Vegas Head Office, 1515 E. Tropicana, Suite 710, Las Vegas, NV 89119 Zoom ID: 876 2363 7945 Passcode: sagsc

# **SAGSC GUIDELINES – First Reading**

# South Area 42 General Service Committee (SAGSC) Guidelines Ad Hoc Recommendation First Reading 11/12/2023

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# 1. PURPOSE

- a. The purpose of the South Area 42 General Service Committee (SAGSC) is to help carry out the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous and to help facilitate the work of General Services in South Area 42 by providing:
  - i. A forum for Groups and Districts to share their experience, strength, and hope through service to one another.
  - ii. Information from the Area 42 Committee, the General Service Office (G.S.O.), A.A. Grapevine/La Viña, AAWS, and the General Service Board (GSB), to all South Area 42 groups through their General Service Representatives (GSR), iii. Any other assistance needed by the

General Services of the South Area 42.

- b. These guidelines should be used in conjunction with:
  - i. The AA Service Manual,
  - ii. The Twelve Concepts for World Service,
  - iii. The Area 42 General Service Committee Guidelines,

iv. In the absence of a specific reference in these guides or of a direct assembly action or SAGSC, reference should be made to the latest edition of the AA Service Manual.

#### 2. SAGSC MEETINGS

- a. SAGSC General Meetings:
  - a. The SAGSC Coordinator is responsible for organizing and conducting SAGSC general meetings.
  - b. Occur at least three (3) times a year or as needed (per Area Guidelines).
  - c. They are usually held on the second Sunday at 1:15 a.m. in the following months:
    - 1. January
    - 2. May (exception: 3rd Sunday),
    - 3. July
    - 4. November
    - 5. Alternative dates will be decided in advance by the group consciousness.
  - d. The location will be decided and arranged by the SAGSC Coordinator.
  - e. The Coordinator organizes meeting times for the following:
    - 1. The GSR trainer,
    - 2. The MCD coordinator.
- b. Pre-Conference Roundtable Meetings:
  - a. They will be held prior to the Spring Pre-Conference Assembly to review the agenda items for the General Service Conference.
  - b. The date and time will be determined jointly by the appropriate Area Officer and the SAGSC Coordinator.
  - c. The location will be decided and arranged by the SAGSC Coordinator.
  - d. The Pre-Conference Roundtable meeting is an Area activity and no SAGSC business will take place.

#### 3. VOTING MEMBERS

- a. The following shall be full voting members with one vote each on the Southern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC):
  - i. Area Delegate or Alternate Area Delegate,
  - ii. Area Coordinator or Alternate Area Coordinator (and Elected SAGSC Coordinator, if applicable),
  - iii. Area Treasurer or Alternate Area Treasurer, iv. Area Secretary or Alternate Area Secretary (and SAGSC Secretary-elect, if applicable), v. Area Registrar or Alternate Area Registrar,
  - vi. Area Archivist or Alternate Area Archivist,
  - vii. Area Bulletin Editor if you are from the South,
  - viii. Area Web Server if you are from the South, ix. Area Translation and Interpreting Coordinator if you are from the South.
  - x. Coordinators or Co-Coordinators/alternates of the SAGSC Standing Committee:
    - 1. Accessibility
    - 2. Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC),
    - 3. Grapevine
    - 4. The Vineyard,
    - 5. Public Information (IP). xi. Southern Area Links:
    - 1. Hospitals and Institutions (H&I),
    - 2. Las Vegas Intergroup,
    - 3. Las Vegas Youth in Alcoholics Anonymous (LVYPAA).
  - xiii. Positions appointed by the SAGSC:
    - 1. RSG Coach,
    - 2. MCD Coordinator,
    - 3. Technology Coordinator.

- xiv. SAGSC DCMs or SAGSC alternate DCMs or designated representatives, xiv. SAGSC GSRs or their alternates or designated representatives.
- b. Only voting members may submit motions to the SAGSC bureau.
- c. All matters shall be decided by a simple majority.
- d. The quorum shall be the number of all members present with the right to vote.

#### 4. DUTIES OF SAGSC OFFICERS

- a. Coordinators:
  - 1. Attends and conducts SAGSC meetings,
  - 2. attends Area 42 conventions,
  - 3. Prepares the agendas for SAGSC meetings,
  - 4. Makes all the logistical arrangements necessary to hold SAGSC meetings,
  - 5. Appoints the SAGSC GSR Instructor,
  - 6. Appoints SAGSC's MCD Coordinator,
  - 7. Appoints SAGSC Technology Coordinator,
  - 8. Appoints the SAGSC Grapevine Coordinator (Pending changes to Area Guides),
  - 9. Appoints Coordinator of SAGSC La Viña (pending changes in the Area Guidelines),
  - 10. Creates ad hoc committees at the request of SAGSC,
  - 11. She is responsible for the maintenance, storage, and transportation of translation equipment to SAGSC and Area Assemblies.
  - 12. Provides assistance as requested.

#### b. Secretary

- 1. Attend SAGSC meetings,
- 2. attends Area 42 conventions,
- 3. Keeps minutes of all SAGSC meetings,
- 4. Maintains current SAGSC rosters,
- 5. Submits documents for translation into Spanish,
- 6. Distributes the minutes of each meeting to SAGSC Officers, SAGSC DCMs, SAGSC Committee Coordinators, and Area Officers within 30 days of each meeting.
- 7. Publishes and distributes the agendas of regularly scheduled SAGSC meetings,
- 8. Has custody of all current minutes of all expert groups of all SAGSC meetings,
- 9. Sends minutes and documents to the Area 42 web server to be stored on the Area 42, 10 website. Send signed copies of all relevant minutes and documents to the Area Archives at the end of the rotation.
- 11. Forward relevant emails related to specific SAGSC events to SAGSC Officers, SAGSC MCDs, SAGSC Committee Coordinators, and Area Officers.
- 12. He is a member of the Area Communications Committee.

# 5. ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF SOUTHERN AREA OFFICERS

- a. Please refer to the Area 42 Guidelines for the duties of Area Officers, their alternates, and Area Designated Committee Coordinators.
- b. Additional duties of the Secretary or the Alternate Secretary (whoever, elected by the South):
  - a. Conduct the SAGSC meeting in the absence of the Coordinator.
  - b. Take minutes in the absence of the Secretary of the SAGSC.

#### 6. DUTIES OF SAGSC APPOINTEES:

- a. RSG Coach:
  - a. Attend SAGSC meetings,
  - b. attends Area 42 conventions,

- c. Conducts orientations and trainings prior to SAGSC meetings to familiarize GSRs with our Area's service structure and GSR duties.
- d. Review the literature and documents with GSRs, such as the Group Change Form, SAGSC and Area Guidelines and other relevant documents.
- e. You are available to answer any questions about GSR, attend District meetings, etc.,
- f. Update the GSR Survival Manual and send the document to the SAGSC secretariat for distribution.

#### b. MCD Coordinator:

- a. Attend SAGSC meetings,
- b. attends Area 42 conventions,
- c. Conducts orientations and trainings prior to SAGSC meetings to familiarize DCMs with our Area's service structure and MCD duties.
- d. Is available to answer any MCD questions, attend District meetings, etc. c. SAGSC Technology Coordinator:
- a. Attend SAGSC meetings,
- b. Provides technical support in the planning and facilitation of SAGSC meetings, including:
  - 1. Use of virtual communication platforms,
  - 2. Technical assistance with headquarters equipment.
- c. Assists SAGSC Officers with technical support with SAGSC or computer devices provided by the Area.

#### 7. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. The purpose of the SAGSC Standing Committees is to: a . Inform SAGSC members of the role of committees in conveying A.A.'s message. Encourage SAGSC members to participate in General Service work in their groups, districts, and with the public beyond the community.
  - c.Serve as a resource for districts, local YPAAs, and intergroup committees by sharing information from G.S.O. and other service entities.
- b. SAGSC's standing committees include:
  - a. Accessibilities / Carrying the Twelve Steps,
  - b. Cooperation with the Professional Community (CCP),
  - c. Grapevine
  - d. The Vineyard,
  - e. Public Information (IP).

and. The Coordinators of the standing committees are elected by the members of the committee.

(Grapevine Coordinator pending change in Area Guides) C. Among the

#### functions of the Committee Coordinators are:

- a. Invite SAGSC members to participate in the work of the committee,
- b. Support General Service, District, and Group activities,
- c. Schedule and conduct regular committee meetings,
- d. Keeping the permanent members of the committee informed about matters related to the committee through:
  - 1. AA Directors,
  - 2. BOX 4-5-9,
  - 3. AAWS Quarterly Report,
  - 4. Committee service materials (workbooks, kits, and newsletters), 5. Agenda items for the General Service Conference.
- e. Assist and provide periodic reports to the various service entities, as appropriate:
  - 1. SAGSC,
  - 2. Area 42.
- f. Assume the role of Coordinator and/or Co-Coordinator of the Area Conference Committee:
  - 1. Coordinate the activities of the Area Conference Committee as requested.
- g. Be the conduit of communication between the standing committee and the districts, as requested.

#### 8. ELECTORAL PROCEDURES

- a. Elected Officials:
  - to. The SAGSC Coordinator shall be the Area 42 Alternate Coordinator or the Area 42 Alternate Delegate, unless they have already served in this position:
    - 1. If they have already served a 2-year term or refuse to serve, SAGSC shall elect from among its voting members.
- b. The Secretary of the SAGSC shall be the Alternate Secretary of Area 42 unless he or she has already served in this position:
  - 1. If they have already served a 2-year term or refuse to serve, SAGSC shall elect from among its voting members.
  - b. Election process (if warranted):
  - a. A candidate may express a desire to make himself or herself available or
  - b. A candidate can be nominated from the plenary, and can accept or reject the nomination.
  - c. The SAGSC Coordinator will provide candidates with the opportunity to share their service experience.
  - d. The election is by show of hands with a simple majority to elect.
- b. In the event that a SAGSC Trusted Server is no longer able to serve in his or her position:
  - a. The SAGSC Coordinator will be appointed by the Area Coordinator for the remainder of the rotation.
  - b. The SAGSC Secretary will be appointed by the SAGSC Coordinator for the remainder of the rotation.
  - c. SAGSC-appointed positions will be reappointed by the SAGSC Coordinator for the remainder of the rotation.

#### 7. FINANCING

to. Check out the Area 42 Finance guides.

#### 8. MODIFICATION OF THE GUIDELINES

- a. Modification Procedure:
- to. Any proposal to modify these guidelines will be presented at two (2) consecutive meetings of the SAGSC body.
  - 1. The first reading is for clarification only.
  - 2. The second reading is for discussion and voting.
- b. The adoption of the amendment shall be recorded by a simple majority of the members present at the second reading.
- c. The date of entry into force shall be included in the amendment at the time of its adoption.
- d. The Secretary of SAGSC will circulate the amended Guidelines at the next meeting of SAGSC following their adoption.
- b. Amendments
  - to. These guidelines were adopted on

xx/xx/xxxx.