

# SAGSC

## SOUTHERN AREA 42 GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

May 15, 2016 - Meeting Minutes

TIE CLUB - 329 N. 11th ST - LAS VEGAS, NV

Meeting opened by the SAGSC Chair Jonelle W. at 1:15 pm with a moment of silence followed with the serenity prayer.

Introduction of three new GSR's.

Jonelle explained that today's meeting was primarily to hear and give our delegate Mike M. ample time to give his report on the 66<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference that he attended in New York and that other reports would be given orally if time permitted, otherwise written reports should be given to our secretary to include into the forthcoming minutes for this meeting.

### **SAGSC SECRETARY: GLENN**

Glenn presented the minutes from our January 10, 2016 SAGSC meeting. A motion was made to approve as written. Seconded and approved by the SAGSC body with no corrections.

### **DELEGATE'S REPORT: MIKE**

#### **Stepping Stones:**

Bill and Lois moved into the home in April 1941. Couple years after they moved in, Bill built a small cottage on the property and Lois called it "Wit's End". Wit's End is where Bill did all of his writing.

The entire home has labels throughout the home written by Lois describing photos and gifts they've received over the years. Lois did this knowing the home was going to be a place people would want to see one day. The entire home looks as if they both just went to the store. It's just as Lois left the home when she passed.

#### **GSO:**

Tuesday went to GSO and went straight for the Archive room.

Saw Hand written notes from Bill W. The invitation list of people invited to the Rockefeller (2/8/1940) dinner and their receipts for donations. 400 people invited and 75 showed up – from this event the term "outside contributions" was formed. In the NV file, found a letter from the warden at the NV state prison requesting info on AA after hearing about it from the Warden at San Quinton in January 1944.

#### **Conference:**

Conference began in 1951 – April 2016 we had our 66th General Service Conference. The Conference is where the business of AA is done.

There are 134 people who attend and vote. 21 trustees, 4 Directors, 16 GSO staff members and 93 Delegates.

1195 New groups listed in 2015 – each group received a new GSR packet. AA.org received 12,794,044 visits – increase of 35%. Office welcomed a new General Manager – Greg T.

There are around 9 topics that are brought up on panel discussion from 2nd year delegates. Seems that every year the topics of Safety, Diversity and Singleness of purpose are brought up. When the panel is complete the entire Conference is open mic.

#### **Finance:**

65,741 listed groups. 26,500 or 40.3% of groups contribute to GSB. 74% of GSB expenses are paid with 7th tradition contributions. 26% is funded through literature sales, individual contribution and dip into the reserve fund. Group Contributions \$7,154,146, publishing \$4,203,763. GSB spent \$2,475,310 more than was brought in.

#### **Nevada Contributions:**

632 Groups \* 211 Groups Sent in Contributions \* 33.4% \*14,165 Members in Area 42.  
\$4,511 Individual Contributions \* \$1,000 memorial \* \$2,030.56 Special \* \$42,298.53.

**Grapevine:**

71,966 Monthly subscriptions, 5,233 online subscriptions 2015. (27% Decline) Nevada is up 68 subscriptions from last year. \$245,204 net income.

**LaVina:**

Has a new text service – sharing daily quotes, it's free. 10,350 subscriptions \$146,348 loss for 2015.  
Projected short fall for 2016 - \$152,060. 2017 - \$166,100. 2018 - \$175,300.

**International Convention:**

56,900 in attendance in Atlanta. \$5.9M in revenue and \$6.1M in expense for \$210K loss. 2020 Will be in Detroit and 2025 BC Vancouver.

**Agenda Items Discussed at Area**

**Literature Item - A:**

Plain Language Big Book  
Didn't leave Committee and took no action.

**Policy and Admissions – Item C:**

Conference observers from other fellowships sitting in on CSC. Didn't leave committee and took no action. When questioned – felt the conference was a closed business meeting.

**Finance – Item D:**

Discuss material from AAWS on Self Support.  
Committee brought no recommendations.

**CPC-Item B:**

Considering Adding text regarding AA and Medication to the pamphlet "If you're a professional".  
A new section with the following text:  
"AA does not provide medical advice, all medical advice and treatment should come from a qualified health care professional. The suggestions provided in the pamphlet "the AA member-Medications and other drugs" may help AA member minimize the rise of relapse."

**CPC – Item C:**

Pamphlet "is there an Alcoholic in the work place"  
Bold text added:  
"AA can help organizations, corporations and businesses, regardless of size, contact men and women who have achieved sobriety and are willing to share their experiences freely with anyone who seeks help."

**GV-B:**

Consider the list of suggested GV book topics for 2017

- Stories by Atheist and Agnostic A.A. members (working title)  
A collection of stories by A.A. members who are atheist or agnostic, previously published in Grapevine magazine and/or AAGrapevine.org.
- Steps Four and Five (working title)  
Members tell helpful, hopeful stories about how they did Step Four and/or Step Five and how it changed their lives—from previously published stories in Grapevine magazine and/or AAGrapevine.org.

**R&C – Item A6**

Consider request to revise text in concept 11 essay regarding "male/female" distinctions in the 12 concepts. Passed.

### **Trustees – Item F**

Consider option presenting by the trustees committee on Nominating regarding the unexpected vacancy of Regional Trustee.

Decision – “if a vacancy for a Regional Trustee occurs prior to September 1 in the first year, then an election for a three year term would occur at the following General Service Conference for the effecting region.”

### **Treatment – Item A**

Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities- Remove Special Needs to Accessibilities.

Passed – The new name of the committee will be “Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities”.

### **Policy and Admission:**

Proposal for implementing a Google-for-Non-Profits account to carrying the message be developed & brought back to the 2017 Conference.

Implementing a Twitter account for carrying the message be brought back to the 2017 conference.

- Questions were asked and answered.

### **GSR SURVIVAL TRAINER: LISA**

There were 4 new GSRs attending the survival training.

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions were made

The following items were distributed:

- Agenda for SAGSC Meeting
- List of Area Officers and DCMs
- Questions for the new GSRs
- Area 42 Survival Guides
- GSR Preamble
- Group Change/New Group Forms

All the above items were reviewed.

General questions were answered.

The meeting was adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration.

### **DCM COORDINATOR: GLENN**

Hi everybody. At our spring assembly in Tonopah, SAGSC held it's first of two yearly meetings with our DCM counterparts and DCM Coordinator from the north on Sunday morning in the blue room at the convention center. It was very well attended with approximately 25 people in attendance and included short presentations from our alt Area Archives Chair Pat S. and our Area Newsletter Editor Anne K.

#### **Topics discussed were:**

Writing reports – protecting anonymity

Having District guidelines – Do we need them and how to write them

Creating district budgets

Ways to get others involved in the districts and keeping in touch with our groups

Transparency of our group's 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contribution

Thank you to all that came and participated. Our next meeting will be September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. 7am in the blue room at the Tonopah convention center.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Glenn W.

SAGSC DCM Coordinator

**SAGSC TREASURER REPORT: EDIE**

4:15 PM  
05/09/16  
Cash Basis

**SAGSC  
Profit & Loss  
January 1 through May 9, 2016**

	<u>Jan 1 - May 9, 16</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4002 - CONTRIBUTIONS INCOME	3,506.11
4004 - 7TH TRADITION	<u>236.01</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>3,742.12</u>
Gross Profit	3,742.12
Expense	
7000 - DELEGATE EXPENSES	1,200.00
7004 - SAGSC MEETING	
MEETING EXPENSES	127.83
RENT	<u>182.00</u>
<b>Total 7004 - SAGSC MEETING</b>	<u>309.83</u>
8000 - STANDING COMMITTEE EXPENSE	2,040.00
8054 - OFFICE EXPENSES	
SECRETARY EXPENSES	38.94
TREASURER EXPENSES	<u>69.46</u>
<b>Total 8054 - OFFICE EXPENSES</b>	<u>108.40</u>
8090 - TRAVEL	
DCMS ASSEMBLIES	75.00
GSRs ASSEMBLIES	1,150.00
OFFICERS ASSEMBLIES	250.00
PRAASA	<u>4,185.41</u>
<b>Total 8090 - TRAVEL</b>	<u>5,660.41</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>9,318.64</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-5,576.52
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
9000 - INTEREST INCOME	<u>0.50</u>
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>0.50</u>
Net Other Income	<u>0.50</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-5,576.02</u></u>

4:16 PM  
05/09/16  
Cash Basis

SAGSC  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of May 9, 2016

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	<u>May 9, 16</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1001 - WF CHECKING ACCT	-150.00
1003 - CHASE CHECKING ACCT	14,897.99
1005 - CHASE SAVINGS ACCT	15,010.59
Total Checking/Savings	<u>29,758.58</u>
Total Current Assets	29,758.58
Fixed Assets	
1600 - EQUIPMENT	64.73
Total Fixed Assets	<u>64.73</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>29,823.31</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
3000 - EQUITY	24,005.27
3200 - RETAINED EARNINGS	11,394.06
Net Income	<u>-5,576.02</u>
Total Equity	<u>29,823.31</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>29,823.31</u></b>

**AREA OFFICERS:**

**AREA CHAIR: PHIL**

Hi There I just wanted to Thank you all once again for how well you have continued to be so very accepting and unified in your love and tolerance of all who suffer from alcoholism. I would also like to thank the ad hoc committee that is working on some anonymity brakes on our web site. I do use the

Website and already some of the reports are being put back online, also the team has worked on providing the same reports on the Spanish version of the web site.

I did have a lot of fun at the last Assembly and really loved how you all were so interested in Bob W's presentations He worked for a few hrs. on writing out what he was going to say so we would be able to have written translation. Anyway I just want to say I love you all and look forward to seeing you soon Thanks for the opportunity to serve as Area 42 Chair Phil W.

**ALT. AREA CHAIR: JUSTIN**

Assist Phil in area assembly translation equipment  
Thanks to Jonelle, Glenn, Libby, Anne, Irene, Paul and Laura for help on ad hoc committee scrubbing anonymity breaks. Thanks for letting me be of service.

**REGISTRAR: EMILY**

I will not be at Sagsc as I will be traveling out of the country. I look forward to seeing you all in July.

**NEWSLETTER: ANNE**

Good morning and happy May 15.  
My name is Anne and I serve as the Area 42 Newsletter Editor for this service rotation. Thank you – as always for trusting me with this position. It is an honor.  
The Spring Area 42 was sent out on April 30. I hope you found it as fun and functional. It includes columns from the Area, NAGSC, SAGSC Chairs along with a list of events on the first three pages. Excerpts of the emails our Delegate sent from his trip to New York are on pages 4-5. It includes some great images too. On page 6, a Las Vegas-based past Class B trustee contributed a little something about the Third Tradition practices in her home group. Page 7 includes the two qualifying rounds of Jeopardy we participated in at the Spring Assembly in Tonopah. District meeting schedules are listed on page 8 along with lodging information on lodging in Tonopah. Seventh Tradition addresses are on page 5.

Communicating Area, District and Intergroup type events to the membership is something that we have been discussing at length over the past year. We all agree that we want to calendars as comprehensive as possible. I currently pull information from the website, service assembly and committee meeting notes that I take as you present your reports along with flyers I am emailed, handed or texted. I also pull information from other newsletters. I also look through meeting minutes to see what else might be out there. If you have an event you want highlighted, please, please, please send me as many details as you can. My official email address is [area\\_newsletter\\_editor@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:area_newsletter_editor@nevadaarea42.org).

The summer newsletter will come out on Aug. 10. The deadline will be July 20. Since it is an election year, I would like to build off of that theme. If you would like to contribute an article and have any other suggestions as far as content goes, please reach me. The fall newsletter is due out on Oct. 31.

I would also like to extend a big 'THANKS' to everyone who helps with the newsletter. It takes a village.

So, thank you. Thank you. And thank you again for allowing me to serve as your newsletter editor.

Yours in love and service,  
Anne K.

**ARCHIVIST: RHONDA:**

Hello my name is Rhonda and I am an Alcoholic. I am your Current Area 42 Archivist.  
This has been a crazy year for me. I think I finally figured out my vision for Archives and now it is time for me to pass the torch...

This year we are looking forward to attending your events and gathering more of our local and State archives. We will also be working on the Area Binders for the last 4 years. Making sure that all of the records from Sagac, Nagsc and the Area Assemblies are all in clearly marked binders and easy to find for future reference.

Please keep all of your paperwork, create a binder of your position and all that you do. At the end of your term donate it to the archives!! We love paperwork, stories, pictures anything to help us remember our little part of history here in Nevada.

If all DCM.s would email the monthly events, meeting minutes and fliers to me, that would be great.

Thanks you for letting me be of service,  
And remember "Don't throw anything away"

Rhonda W.  
Area 42 Archivist

### **WEBSERVENT: LIBBY**

Hi, My name is Libby G. and I'm your alcoholic Area Web Servant. Usually my report is pretty dull. Updating the website with minutes, newsletters and events. This past several months has been hugely productive and exciting. It seems there was a concern about accidentally having people's last names on minutes on the website. Obviously something to be corrected as we don't want to break anyone's anonymity on the public level. The concern was brought up at the last assembly and almost immediately an ad hoc committee was created to deal with the problem. Overall pretty darn quick for AA. The group met via phone conference, I was actually on vacation in Virginia and was still able to attend.

We decided we needed to go through everything. We broke into teams of two people, one to read 1<sup>st</sup> time then a second set of eyes to do a second review. We're going through the Area Newsletters, Area minutes, SAGs minutes and NAGs minutes. So far Area minutes and Newsletter have been scrubbed and back in their proper location on the website. NAGS and SAGs minutes are still in process. If you need to find those minutes they are on the Members only page for now. Once I get the go ahead I'll move them back to their normal spots.

It's been a ton of work and everyone is doing an awesome job getting through them. Hopefully we'll be done soon and I can go back to handling the normal activities.

Thank you for letting me be of service,  
Libby G.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **ACCESSABILITIES (SPECIAL NEEDS): DARRYL**

Had a wonderful day in Mesquite, rain and all with our Delegate, area officers and other committee chairs for one of our better attended service workshops. Want to thank Jerry B., District 3 and the members from Mesquite for their wonderful reception, preparation and hospitality.

April as well we participated in a workshop at St Luke's also District 3 and the Intergroup Service Workshop at the T.I.E. Club thanks to all involved and your service.

Continuing our Tuesday night Deaf/ASL meeting at Foundation for Recovery, could always use more support, get the word out.

And finally, visited a lady Anna at St Rose de Lima, had a great talk. She will be moving to TLC a physical rehab facility. So plenty of opportunities for service. Talking about this experience, picked up

some more women volunteers, which we sorely need to take meetings and fellowship to women in hospitals and homebound.  
Thanks to those who serve.  
Darryl B.

**BRIDGE THE GAP: LENNY:**

No report submitted.

**H&I: MATT**

I'm a alcoholic my name is Matt.  
I've been sober sense August 31 of 1998. I'm the southern Nevada H@I chair.  
I would like to thank Jonelle for giving my H@I report and I would like to thank district 3 for allowing H@I to come to Mesquite and share. It was a great time.  
H@I is doing good. We have new panels and we are always looking for more volunteers. If anyone is interested in getting involved in H@I are meeting is the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at 15th and Charleston at central office.  
I would like to thank the individuals and groups that donated their time, energy and contributions. Without your help we wouldn't be able to take in the message of Alcoholic Anonymous to the next suffering alcoholic.  
Thank you for letting me serve.

**INTERGROUP:**

In April, Jack F. reported, Central Office took in 343 Information calls, the Hotline received 2,486 information calls. Central Office received 72 Twelve-Step calls, while the Hotline received 299.  
The Web Site experienced an average of 172 visits per day, and a monthly total of 5172 visits.  
Treasurer Don H. reported:  
Total Income \$12,457.89; Literature \$18,141.99; Literature Expense \$67.54; Intergroup checkbook balance \$8,023.07; Bank Balances: Genera Account \$15,734.57, less Committee Totals \$10,252.72: Total Central Office \$5,482.85: Prudent Reserve Account \$15,544.83; Literature Account \$18,074.45; Total Bank Accounts \$40,293.01.  
Intergroup Web site is in process of upgrading web page engine, improvements are expected in speed, and search capabilities, especially in the ability to search via zip code, day, time, location specific, maps of surrounding area, etc., also improvements in locating activities by various groups.  
As of this report we still need an Alt-Intergroup Liaison.  
Annual Service festival was held Sunday April 17, 2016, at the Tie Club from 1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. Thank You to all participants for a successful festival. Participants included members of Intergroup, SAGSC, and general membership. We had a good turnout and 7th Tradition covered almost 50% of total cost.  
District 5B held 12 Concepts workshop on May 14, 2016 at the KCB Club.  
Founders Day being celebrated on Sat June 4, 7:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. \$5.00, Breakfast and Lunch being served \$5.00.  
At your Service:  
John C./SAGSC-Intergroup Liaison

**GRAPEVINE: JAKE**

My name is Jake I'm alcoholic. I have the privilege of serving as the southern area 42 grapevine chair.

We are extremely busy today with Mike's delegate report so I'm going to keep this very short and sweet.

The grapevine committee meets the last Friday of every month at 6 PM at the central office. If you cannot make it to the committee meeting that does not mean you cannot be a grapevine rep. Thank you very much to all of the groups and districts that have asked us to come share with them. As always if you would like the Grapevine committee to come to your group or event please just let us know. I told you last time about the grow your grapevine activity that we are doing for 2016. If you do not know about it please check it out it AAGrapevine.org or see me for a card. The update I have is that you can do this all online now you do not have to mail anything in.

The most important thing I need to report today is the Grapevine workshop that will be held this Saturday, May 21st at the triangle club in the big room. Please, please, please come to this workshop. We will have food! Bring your iPhone or laptop if you would like, but you do not need to bring anything we will have everything available for you. Please come check out all the things that Grapevine is doing this Saturday May 21st triangle club.  
Thank you very much.

**PI / CPC: CHERIE**

No report submitted.

**DCM REPORTS:**

**DISTRICT 1: CLAUDIA**

Hi, my name is Claudia and I am an alcoholic. I am also the DCM for District 1.

First, we are planning our District One picnic which will take place at the beginning of October. We will be holding a Workshop in August at the GVG. In November we will also be having another one.

For our Archives folks, we have donated a binder that was found at Grace Church where we hold our Bolder Basic Group meetings that was dated 1994 and included forms from the Assembly Elections and a welcome letter to the GSR. Also, we now have an H&I rep for our district and look forward to his report.

We agreed at the last meeting that our district will be forming an Arbor Card team and our Secretary, Joan, will be leading that team. In terms of the hotline, our District will continue to handle calls on the first Monday of each month from 8:00pm until 8:00am. Finally, we are still in the process of writing our guidelines.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

**DISTRICT 3: JERRY**

In attendance are Steve Mck GSR Graduates Group, Dave M GSR Mesquite AA Group, Rabecca F GSR How it Works Group.

District remains financial solvent thanks to the generous contributions from the district 3 groups. District 3 and Mesquite AA Group held it's service event on May 7th in Mesquite. A special thanks to the following participants. Delegate Mike, SAGSC Chair Jonelle, Accessabitites Chair Darryl, Bridging the Gap Chair Lennie, H&I Chair Matt, Grapevine Chair Jake, CPC Chair Cherie. The food and fellowship were terrific. There were a lot of questions for the presenters and literature. It was well displayed and received.

We are still seeking interest for a new DCM for the 2017/2018 period.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry B

DCM District 3

**DISTRICT 5B: BRYCE**

No report submitted.

**DISTRICT 7: BUD report given by: Lisa**

Hi everyone, Lisa Grateful Alcoholic.

I am District 7's Alt DCM, Bud is sorry he could not make it here today.

Since our last SAGSC meeting, as you are aware, we attended the pre-conference assembly in Tonopah.

District 7 had a great turnout with approximately 22 members in attendance.

We also had our first service event of the year on April 16th. The theme was, Came To Believe, with a fun skit by the, Not a Glum Lot Players, good speakers & wonderful food.

Our next event will be on June 18 at Serenity Club from 11-1. Not to give too much away, the skit will be Snow White & the Seven Character Defects.

Sounds like fun.

Our Picnic Committee has met a few times they are getting everything planned out for our annual picnic come August 21 at FoxTails Picnic grounds on Mt. Charleston. Watch for flyers & tickets coming soon.

It is an honor & privilege to serve as your Alt DCM

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**DISTRICT 9: JOHN**

Hi everybody, my name is John Foster and the DCM for District nine.

District nine has \$1743 in our treasury. District 9 will be hosting a 12 step study at Central Office June 18th from 2 PM to 4 PM. There will be free food and we hope for your attendance.

Yours in service,

John F.

**DISTRICT 11: DEBRAH**

No report submitted.

**DISTRICT 13: ALISON**

District 13 is doing great! Since we last met in Tonopah, we have elected an Intergroup Rep and a Hotline Rep. We also have 3 new GSR's! •

We are still hosting the monthly speaker meeting that is held on the second Tuesday of each month @ 6:30p. Our next speaker is Lennie, who will be sharing her experience, strength, and hope with us on Tuesday June 14th at 6:30pm.

Our Grapevine Writing Workshop is this Saturday, May 21st from 2p-330p. We will have a platform for members to brainstorm and submit their stories to The Grapevine Magazine, and we will also be filling out an Arbor Card as a team.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison S.

District 13 DCM

**DISTRICT 15: RANDY**

Hi I'm an alcoholic, names Randy, District 15 DCM  
The district is doing well. Having some decent participation in District.  
We have a Prehistory of AA workshop with District 5b on June 18th as well as AA Grapevine writing workshop in September as well as a possible H&I workshop in November date TBD.  
Thank you for letting me be of service.  
Randy R.

**DISTRICT 17: JAMES**

No report submitted.

**DISTRICT 19: DAMON**

No report submitted.

**DISTRICT 21: GABRIEL**

Report from district 21 area 42.  
We have 16 groups. Nueva Vida, Rio De Luz, El Arca, Libertad, Trasmitelo, Liberacion, Fe Y Esperanza, Lleganos A Creer, Fenix, Paraiso, Renacimiento Y Unidad, Trabajando Con Los Demas, Union, Los Rebeldes, 10de Junio.  
We hold district meetings every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Our committees are working CPC, H&I, Forum, Corrections, Archives and Public Information. Thank you for letting us host the assembly in Tonopah, April 2016

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

FOR THOSE INTERESTED/VOTED IN MINORITY OPINION AT AREA ASSEMBLY IN  
APRIL - BRIEF MEETING FOLLOWING RE: AREA GUIDELINE CHANGE & STANDING COMMITTEE  
CHAIRS BEING PART OF THE AREA COMMITTEE

**GOOD & WELFARE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

THANK YOU DISTRICT 1 FOR HOSTING... DISTRICT\_15\_\_WILL HOST FOR JULY  
SAGSC – JULY 10, 2016 TIE CLUB @ 1:15PM GSR TRAINING @ 12:15PM  
AREA ASSEMBLY – SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2016 TONOPAH, NV

**CLOSE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE.**

Respectfully submitted by: Glenn W.  
SAGSC recording secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_