

**SAGSC**  
**Southern Area General Service Committee**  
**November 12, 2023**

**OPEN WITH SERENITY PRAYER**  
**WELCOME NEW GSRs & DCMs**

**SAGSC REPORTS**

**SECRETARY REPORT: LIBBY**

Hi, my name is Libby, and I am your alcoholic SAGSC Secretary. That means I get to listen to everyone and take notes of what you said. And even better I get to type them up and distribute them to everyone. I also get to send email blasts and help keep your email boxes full of fascinating information. If you are a SAGSC officer, SAGSC DCM or SAGSC Standing Chair, I'm the one in charge of the rosters and keeping your contact info up to date. Speaking of that, if you are not getting emails from me, please reach out to me. It means something is wrong – probably a typo on my end.

As the Area Literature person, I have all the Area literature. I've learned a lot. I don't have anything else to report. It is an honor to serve SAGSC and if anyone has any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 9, 2023 MINUTES \_X\_ Approved \_\_\_\_ Not approved**

**GSR TRAINER: DANO**

Hello everyone and Buenos Dias. I'm an alcoholic and my name is Dano B. I am the southern area GSR trainer. We average about 10 new GSRs at our sessions. After we cover the basics of paperwork and group assistance. I always try to keep the sessions new and relevant. This session we will be focusing on how to conduct an informed group conscience, that helps hear all home group members views. It will be helpful with the upcoming spring roundtables. I will also be asking for suggestions on our overhauling the GSR survival guide handbook. I am always available to speak, assist, and guide any member or group that asks. My number is xxx-xxx-xxxx. Thank you for letting me serve

**DCM COORDINATOR: JOHN**

My name is John Linss and I am an alcoholic. The week before the fall service assembly in Tonopah, I was appointed by Caroline, the SAGSC Chair, and am honored to be completing the Area 42 – Panel 73 term for SAGSC DCM Coordinator for Foxx who has had to step down. It would be great if you could keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers. For those of you who aren't aware of the duties of the DCM Coordinator, it is an appointed position, and according to the guidelines, the duties are: Provides a link between the Area, DCMs, and Delegate by: Conducting meetings with SAGSC DCMs; Coordinating multi-District events such as workshops, picnics, etc.; conducting Traditions and Concepts education; being available to the DCMs to answer questions, attend District meetings, etc. As such I am available to support SAGSC DCMs in any way necessary. I have come to believe that the areas of greatest potential impact, involve multi-district events, workshops, and other activities. At the time of this report submission: Danella K. has agreed to serve as alternate DCMC and we are looking forward to working together to support the districts. I attended Tonopah where the DCMs and I had discussions related to the best approach for working together. I have attended district meetings and have had one or more meetings with each of the DCMs in SAGSC and they are all excited about the prospect of collaborating with their fellow DCMs on events and activities. We do have both thriving and struggling districts and those that are more fortunate are committed to helping those that need support to grow the activities and involvement in their districts. This allows all the districts to scale their efforts and better enable our trusted servants to help their groups reach the still suffering alcoholic. We are also trying to find ways to address the challenges for some districts that are posed by great distances and widespread constituencies. For example, District 19, centered in Ely, is 5.5 hours away from Vegas, District 17 is in Pahrump, and District 3 has groups in NE Vegas, downtown, halfway to Ely and Mesquite. In addition, if you look at a demographic map of Las Vegas, you will see there are significant areas in various districts that have significant Hispanic populations where there are sure to be suffering alcoholics. I also served on the planning committee, headed up by Amanda V., for the Intergroup/SAGSC Service Festival held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at which 8 of 10 active districts participated with imaginative presentations at their tables. They also completed for best decorated table. Our delegate Jake, and his appointed ad hoc committee, were the judges, and they selected District 6 as the winner. Congratulations to TayTay and her team! They were awarded with a trophy which they will have to bring back 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 carne asada with all the trimmings and it was a great hit! Thank you, also, to Dina and Tony for their translations and to Heather, our amazing Grapevine chair, and her team for operating the technology that folks to attend virtually. WE also met today and discussed the various opportunities and challenges. And finally, if anyone here is interested learning more about what we are doing or interested in volunteering to help, please reach out to me. My phone number is xxx-xxx-xxxx. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service!

## AREA OFFICER REPORTS:

### **DELEGATE: JAKE**

My name is Jake- I'm alcoholic. Absolutely grateful to be sober and to be here once again with my people! It is my honor and my privilege to be serving Area 42 as the panel 73 delegate to the general service conference. The 2024 general service conference will be held April 14-20 at the same location as last year, the New York Brooklyn Bridge Marriott hotel. The theme of the 2024 general service conference will be Connecting with love, unity, and service. The area 42 spring area assembly will be held in the same location as last year as well, the sobriety capital of the universe, beautiful downtown Tonopah NV, the week before the conference, April 5-7. I really, really hope to see all of you there. We set up the schedule this way to give our area as much time as we possibly could to discuss the items that will be on the general service conference agenda. The schedule right now is that we will get the agenda items and the background information on February 15, 2024. Like I said, the first day of the conference is April 14, 2024. That is less than 2 months. So if you have 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 get fully informed group consciences on agenda items. In an effort to have even more time to receive group consciences on our general service conference agenda items, we are going to try something new this year for the first time since I have been involved in the area 42 general service committee. Every year around the time of the October board weekend the area delegates receive a list of the proposed agenda items or (PAIs), because of course we love our acronyms, for the next general service conference. Historically area 42 has not put this full list out to everyone because of the fear that it would be confusing for GSRs and because we never know which of these items are actually going to make it to the conference agenda. This year a group GSR asked me for the list of PAIs and said his group wants to try to get a head start on discussing items that may be on the agenda. I was very impressed and inspired by this GSR and I thought it was a great idea. So at the risk of total confusion and complete anarchy in our general service committee we are going to try it as an area as well. So if you go to our area website which is [nevadaarea42.org](http://nevadaarea42.org) and go to our area member info section, which is the password protected part of our website, and put in the password. So get your pen and paper and write down the password which is ----- . When you go into this section at the top of the page the first thing you will see is "proposed items for the agenda of the 2024 General Service conference". Click on this banner and you are going to see 117 proposed agenda items for the 2024 general service conference. Now, please listen very carefully to this, we do not know which of these items will make it to the agenda and which ones will not. So what we are going to try to do is, I am telling everyone here today the list of PAIs is on the website, December 2nd I will be at the NAGs meeting and I will let them know. While I am there I will be getting together with our alternate delegate and our area chair and we will be choosing probably 5 to 10 items, or maybe more or maybe less, on the proposed agenda items list to put together a survey like the one we had last year to try and give us a couple extra months to get group consciences on some of the items that may be on the 2024 agenda. Now we will not have background information or summaries or the information we are used to seeing when looking at agenda items, but some items we will have some background information that we will be able to pass on. The last thing is you and your group are not limited to the items that will be on the survey. Any of the 117 items on the list you can discuss with your group and I can try to find background information on any item on the list of proposed agenda items. So that is a lot of information I just gave you, if you are new your eyes probably glazed over about half-way through, and you are thoroughly confused now. The bottom line is we are trying to get more time to discuss items with our groups. Is this idea going to work? I have absolutely no idea. I really hope it does work and I hope it leads to a more informed area and more informed groups. If it does that's great, and if it doesn't then maybe we won't do it again. Just remember if it does work it was all my brilliant idea. If it does not work, it was totally a southern GSRs fault. The next thing I'm going to tell you about is a "convenience" member survey that is available now on the [aa.org](http://aa.org) website and on the meeting guide app. So you might be saying Jake, if this survey is available now, and you are on the PI committee, why didn't you tell us about it? That is a very good question and has become a big point of contention for the public information conference committee. We asked why we were not informed that the survey was going up and we were told "This is a great question, because we usually do utilize the traditional service structure and delegates in engaging the fellowship, so one would naturally expect this. However, the purpose of the convenience sampling is to assess what would be surveying samples that are conveniently accessed, here through [aa.org](http://aa.org) or the meeting guide app, in contrast to the traditional structure, and paper and pencil method. If we used the delegates to get the word out, we would be designing a sample with a hybrid recruitment strategy involving both convenience and networking sampling. So it is better not to engage unless asked." Then in the same email we asked Is there any documentation that can be shared with the delegates and members to help them better understand what is going on with this new approach to the membership survey? The answer was "we have not created this but could." Then we were told there are going to be 2 phases of this survey. Phase one we make the survey available on the Meeting Guide app and web site – without asking for help with recruiting participants. This phase allows us to see in a general way who selects participation without being prompted by our trusted servants. Phase two we communicate with all Conference members (and PI chairs) via email blast, with a short informational email about the Convenience Sample Pilot Survey and encourage delegates and other conference members to share the link to the website version of the survey with other members. OK but I thought we were told we have no information written to share about the survey, but we could. So today I'm going to try very hard to not be negative about this and just get the information out the best I can with the information I have and that is. There is a survey on the [aa.org](http://aa.org) website and meeting guide app, check it out. The survey will only be available until November 26th and supposedly there will be some kind of email blast with more

information coming out tomorrow about the survey, so we shall see. The last thing I will share is that I have never been happier or more excited to be a part of this general service committee as I am right now. Covid 19 was such a huge punch in the face and set back to our fellowship. Now I feel we are fully back to work doing what we do better than anyone or anything ever has, saving the lives of Alcoholics. I am definitely trying to take nothing for granted. We have been given the most amazing and beautiful gift to be able to live two lives in one lifetime, and to be uniquely useful in carrying the message of hope to suffering alcoholics. To be relieved of the bondage of self and to be able to be happy, joyous, and free and to have recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. The longer I stay sober the more I realize what a miracle it is that I am here today. What a miracle it is that I became a member of this fellowship and have been saved just like you. Now that we are here, I feel it is my responsibility to make sure it's here for the next person who walks in the door 130 pounds with black eyes sunken into the back of their head. And I believe this is exactly where we can do that. To keep our fellowship united by doing our part in making decisions that reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship. And the only way that is possible is to participate. To get involved. To have a GSR and be fully informed about decisions our fellowship is being asked to make. Does that mean that we all have to agree about everything we are going to do. No, decisions will be made that we disagree with. That is when we really get to prove that we trust and rely on the group conscience. That we are not always right about what the best way forward for AA is, 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 that they can't go on one more day. Who cannot imagine life with or without alcohol and we can save that person and see the light come on for them. In area 42 the way we are getting informed about the general service conference agenda items is through our area conference committees. What area conference committee are you currently serving on? If you have no idea what I am talking about then we desperately need you. We need everyone in this room. It is a very fun, easy, rewarding commitment. It is all done virtually. You will be part of a committee that will summarize and present agenda items to our area. I have a signup sheet right 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 him a chat and tell him you want in. Do it now! Please! We really do need you all. I want to say thank you all very much for being here today and thank you very much for your willingness to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you very much to all of our area officers, standing committee chairs GSRs and I especially want to say thank you today to all of our DCMs. DCM is a very time consuming, difficult, and important service position in our area. Thank you so much for all of your hard work keeping our districts going and our GSRs informed. Starting next year I plan to start sending out more informational emails and if you read it and say I already got this information from my DCM then don't get upset, instead go to your DCM and tell them thank you very much for your service. I have a challenge for all of you DCMs out there today. Our next SAGs meeting is January 14. 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 you to explain to them the whole AA service structure depends on them, that that is how important they are. I wish you good luck and I look forward to meeting our new GSRs in January. Alcoholics Anonymous saved my life and general service has become a huge part of my program of recovery. Thank you all very much for being here today. Thank you very much for saving my life! I love you all!

#### **ALT DELEGATE: PAUL**

Hi I'm Paul your Panel 73 Area 42 Alternate Delegate / NAGSC Chairperson. As Alternate Delegate one of my duties for the Area is to help form the Area Conference Committees also called ACC). These committees are to help the Area summarize the General Service Conference agenda items. We have been in a little bit of a lull but now is the time to start ramping up again to get ready for those agenda items that we should get in the middle of February. If you have signed up to be on one of those committees and have not been contacted yet don't worry you should hear from your committee chair soon. I do have a big list of people that I have assigned to different committees and they should be contacting you soon. And the Area Conference Committee Chairs, you will get that list in the next week of the new members on your committee. Also, as NAGSC Chair I'm planning a presentation at the December NAGSC meeting, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, on how to summarize agenda items and do the presentations for the roundtable meetings which is at NAGs, SAGs and the Area. This was a request from the body at the Spring Area assembly and should be helpful for the ACC members and everyone else. The agenda for that December NAGs meeting has been sent out by our Area Secretary, Jen. If you don't have it you can contact me at [NAGSChairperson@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:NAGSChairperson@nevadaarea42.org) and I will send you a copy of the agenda. You can go on the Area website and see the agenda. The one on the website does not have the zoom information. If you will contact me I will send you the zoom information. I would like everyone from SAGs to show up so they can see this because there was confusion on how to summarize and do presentations. And so we're going to address those items and I have two people who are going to do those presentations who are very well informed. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

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

My name is Lyle and I'm an alcoholic. Good to see everybody. Hello SAGSC and visitors. I just wanted to let you guys know that the Mizpah hotel and the Bellvada hotel are under new management again, and they have offered Area room rates deal, using a code when booking for those of you who want to stay there at either of those two hotels. Please use the code AREA 42 to book a reduced rate. If you have booked your room already, call them up and make sure they apply the rate for you. Those hotels will do that. They have limited amount of space for booked rooms. I booked all I could. The information is in the Newsletter. So if you don't remember the information go to the newsletter and you'll see it there. Another part is that we have been having more dogs come in the convention center. The convention center management has asked that only certified animals come in. And per Nevada Governor's

website, under the American Disabilities Act, that means service animal is defined as a dog that has been individually trained to work or perform tasks for individuals with disabilities. This does not include emotional support animals. Emotional support animals are not certified as service animals. Please don't bring them in. I appreciate your cooperation and your understanding. Thank you very much.

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

Hi everybody, my name is Rhonda and I'm an alcoholic. I am panel 69 past delegate and I'm helping with the Forum that's coming to Las Vegas in 2024. I have two sheets here. I finally made a spreadsheet of all the positions that are needed for the Forum. It looks like it is almost two hundred people that we need. It's a lot. We also need translation and people that will help hand out the translation equipment and translate kind of stuff. So I'm going to send these around. If you have already signed up to volunteer at the forum, you don't have to sign up again. I have your information. In January I'll be confirming everybody's emails and phone numbers and stuff and putting you in positions. Thanks. If you want to sign up my phone number is xxx-xxx-xxxx. You text me your email address and I'll have your phone number and I'll 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 cool videos on there that will show you what a forum is.

#### **ARCHIVIST: RONNIE**

Hello, my name is Ronnie Dillion and I am an Alcoholic. My sobriety date is December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1999. I am currently serving you as your SAGSC/Area 42 Archivist in my third year of a four-year term. The archives committee meets most Saturdays at Central Office 9 to 11 am. 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-xxx-xxxx. Please text before 8PM. Last month I did participate in the SAGSC service festival that was held here at 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 a file for Ruth J's material by date. Ruth J has been a prolific contributor to our Archives for several years. I am also building a file for Julian R. who contributed to archives after his passing. Marita gave us many books from Julian R's personal collection. I recently spoke to Joel B. from the Round Up committee about our display this Thanksgiving. Usually, we have good attendance and several guest book signatures so please visit our tables at the Round Up. Should you wish to contribute any group histories, DCM binders, or area 42 officer binders, please place them in binders preferably with page protectors readily available at any Office Depot, or even Target. We receive so many just crammed into a manila folder and that is really unfortunate. We have spent literally hundreds of hours putting your contributions into binders. Archives is our fellowships attempt to preserve our history and give an accurate account of our time and our prime purpose. Serving in the position of Archivist has been the most difficult thing I have ever done in AA. It has kept me off 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. Hi Zoomers. I am your Registrar. I came earlier today to speak to District 1, you guys will be hearing this again. If you have a new group GSR or formed a new group, you get to register with Central Office and GSO. If you registered with one or the other you aren't registered with both. If you want to be on the Meeting App, you register at Central Office. If you want to be connected with GSO in New York and get the stuff that Jake was talking about you want to register through me with Area 42. There are forms on-line. If you haven't already signed up, I recommend that new GSRs, who introduced yourself come see me or go to the website, there's a part that says Guidelines and Forms. Under forms there a New Group Information form. What I really need is your group name, your name and info and an email and we'll get you guys connected. We'll get that stuff for you. I have the fun-est job because when I'm in Tonopah, I get to see everyone come in. I get to learn all your names and see your beautiful faces. DCMs if you want to know the meetings in your district, who is active, who is inactive. I can email you a list. If you ask me here today that's great but it's better if you email it to me. So when I'm sitting in front of my computer I can get it all done. That's all for me. Thanks to our team up here. It's still a challenge, we're new to this so have some patience.

#### **TECHNOLOGY CHAIR: PAM**

My name is Pam and I am an alcoholic. I'm your Southern Area Technical Chair In-Training, obviously. I am also a GSR for Sunday Sobriety Group and we are in District 7. Here is my first official report. Firstly, let me introduce you to the Technical Team for Area 42. There are four of us. First we have Jeffrey, he is our Area 42 Technical Chair. You probably saw him on the stage at Tonopah. Next to him was Ashley our Alternate Technical Chair Area 42. There's Michelle, the Northern Area technical chair. And myself, Pam for the Southern Area. What we do is, we support the Assemblies, NAGs and SAGs meetings all thing technical. That's laptops, microphones, projectors, cameras, speakers and running the virtual platform, which is currently zoom. We also support workshops and any other things you might keep us in mind for. At the fall assembly 2023, Jeffrey, of course, mastermind genius of hooking up all this stuff. 9 laptops, 4 projectors, 7 microphones, 5 cameras, miles of cables, stick to the schedule of speakers and presentations being displayed and also pay attention to who is raising their hands on zoom and make it all come together. I also like to recognize the interpreters, what a job they have. It's a lot of hard work and their only equipment are headphones and we hook them up. It takes a village. We also have little gremlin guys running around called hands-on technical chairs, lifting, climbing ladders, pulling

cords, it's a production. Also I would like to thank the village behind me. Stephanie is my official coordinator. She's at a NFL game today. Luckily DCM Mr. Clive B. offered to help me today. James, I don't know where you went but thank you all for pulling it all together and thank you so much for your understanding.

**TRANSLATION: TONY**

Good afternoon, everybody. MY name is Tony and I'm an alcoholic. I'm privileged to serve as your Area Translation and Interpretation person. We now meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, as of last month. We changed it to make it convenient for our volunteers. We are responsible for translating your reports amongst other things. It's English and then into Spanish. We actually have volunteers who don't ever speak Spanish who are translating reports. I am so grateful for all they do. They have done an amazing job. One of them is on Zoom with me, Sophie and a couple over there. Thank you guys, really. We are honored to have them assisting us. Our committee went over our guidelines to make sure we are serving the Spanish community to the best of our ability. We will be going over the final changes this month and presenting to the Assembly in the Spring for your approval. It will be the first reading. The is my third year of my four-year commitment, which really lasted thirteen years. Hopefully by the end of next year I'll definitely have this correct. If you need a commitment please don't feel free to see Dina in the back of the room. You may not know but we also do translation during the Assembly and during NAGSC, so it's hard to do simultaneous translation. It's harder than you think. As I mentioned earlier, one sentence could be two sentences in Spanish. We ask that you please speak slowly so we can keep up with you. The SAGSC has been pretty good about it. And Tonopah, I don't know. A lot of people just speak fast no matter what. That's just the way it is. This is the Spanish community can get the same message you are getting. Last, but not least, we are required to read a report we would like the report sent to the secretary at least two weeks before the assembly. On a NAGSC or SAGSC meetings we need time to translate all reports. As a matter of fact, we have Dina there and I'm here, I just translated a report we received today and sent it to Dina. What we do is the reports once they are done, we give them to District 21 in case we missed something during simultaneous translation. Also, any committee members, if you need us to go to your committee to try to explain something, by all means we will try to do the best we can since there are only two of us who speak Spanish. And also again, last but not least. Thank you District 21 for the last-minute hosting of food for the Service Assembly. They graciously came out and the food was awesome. Thank you District 21 for being part of us. I think we reached out goal of the past years was to get you guys involved with us and be involved with you. I think we finally did it. Thank you so much.

**AREA 42 TREASURER: JASON**

Hello, my name is Jason, and I am an alcoholic. The following reports are available:

- Income & Expense as of 10/31/2023 – See attached
- Balance Sheet as of 10/31/2023 – See attached

**Cash Position (As of 10/31/2023)**

<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$ 30,021.54</b>
<b>Checking</b>	<b>\$ 73,024.69</b>
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$ 103,046.23</b>

For the period ending October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, our net income amounted to \$31,097.57 while the total expenses for the corresponding period reached \$91,467.37. Kindly take note of my updated service email: [jasonmarea42@gmail.com](mailto:jasonmarea42@gmail.com). While I'm accessible via this new email, I strongly recommend utilizing the official Area email, [treasurer@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:treasurer@nevadaarea42.org), for all communications. Using my Yahoo email might lead to potential oversight. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Voluntary Group contributions can be made payable to "Area 42" and mailed to: Area 42, PO Box 70171, Las Vegas, NV 89170-0171. To request a reimbursement, send an email to [treasurer@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:treasurer@nevadaarea42.org) containing the following details: your Service Position/Committee, a brief description of the expenses, receipts, your mailing address, and the name of the payee for the check. If you're hesitant to provide your mailing address, please inform me, and we'll figure out an alternative. It's my pleasure to serve in this capacity and thank you for your cooperation!

**WEBSERVANT: GLENN – No report**

**STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:**

**ACCESSIBILITIES: JOAN**

Hello, my name is Joan I am an alcoholic. I'm the Accessibilities Chair for the Southern Area. I oversee our growing Meeting To Go sub-committee. We recently enlisted nineteen new volunteers at the Service Festival at Central Office. Our mission is to bring AA

meetings to those in Nursing homes, group homes, and rehabs. If you would like to join our volunteers or know someone in need of this service, reach out to me, xxxxxxxx@gmail.com or after our meeting. To better support our remote communities, Diana M. and Heather L. have taken significant steps. Diana has established strong communications with District 21 and the Spanish Intergroup, recruiting bi-lingual volunteers and developing a phonetically written Spanish script for English speaking Central Office volunteers. She also coordinated with Las Vegas Spanish Intergroup to include Meetings To Go information on their website. Heather has compiled a resource page to help us educate ourselves on the Native American community in Nevada. Please note that the Trustees literature committee is seeking stories submission from indigenous and Native American AA members until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023. For more details email me at the address above and I'll send you the link to the webform. If interested in participating in Accessibilities, our next meeting will be hold on November 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7pm on zoom. Use the meeting ID xxxxxxxxxxxx password: xxxxxxxx. Thank you so much for letting me be of service.

#### **CPC (COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY): CHRIS**

CPC participated in the Service Festival. Many people stopped by our table & showed real interest in learning more about the history & mission of CPC & about the upcoming events CPC is attending. Seven people offered to volunteer but so far no one has responded to our outreach after the festival. Upcoming events include: CPC will conduct an informative presentation to the Nevada Army National Guard. Introductions to A.A. & Al-Anon will be made by respective members of the 2 fellowships. A panel of 6 members from A.A., Young People's A.A. & Al-Anon will share about their struggles with 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 3pm - 5pm Pacific Time. PI & CPC committee chairs from the north & south of AREA42 will share as well as a member of The Clergy. All are welcome to attend. Zoom info is as follows: Zoom ID: xxxx xxx xxxxxx Password: xxxxxxx

CPC will participate in this year's Roundup at the Tropicana. Stop by our table at Bill & Bob's Cafe to say hello & learn more about CPC & how we are spreading the word about A.A.'s program to Professional Communities. CPC will represent GSO at the 2023 National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference, November 28 - 30. Time slots are still available to help spread the word about A.A. to the Healthcare community. Contact Chris H for more information at: [Sarea42.PI.CPC@gmail.com](mailto:Sarea42.PI.CPC@gmail.com). CPC conducts its monthly meeting virtually via Zoom, the 2nd Monday of each month from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm. Please join us! Zoom ID: xxxxxxxxxxxx - Passcode: xxxxxxx. Yours in service, Chris H, CPC chair

#### **GRAPEVINE: HEATHER**

*Hi, I'm Heather your alcoholic SAGSC Grapevine chair. Happy Birthday Grapevine!* Let's help celebrate Grapevine's 80th by sharing why you love this publication. Tell how a story touched you. What does grapevine mean to you? Send something, even something brief, to [aagrapevine.org/contribute](http://aagrapevine.org/contribute)

*Due by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.* The Grapevine Team has been busy since our last meeting.

- August 12th - We coordinated w/ District 5B for their Sponsorship Workshop and shared materials and literature. It was great!
- September 8-10 - We loved being at Area 42 Assembly in Tonopah with our LaVina and Central Office friends! We sold more books at this event than any other so far!
- October 8 - We were at the District 5B Picnic @ Wayne Bunker Park from noon-3pm
- October 22nd - We were excited to be a part of the Area 42 Service Festival! We did not win the table decorating contest, but our grape theme was pretty stellar! And the trivia game(s) were fun even with a somewhat noisy and busy atmosphere (can't really complain about it being really busy - so happy to see so many turn out!)

Upcoming Events!

- November 23-26 - Las Vegas Roundup! Grapevine will have tables set up from Thursday afternoon until Sunday morning in Bill and Bob's. There will be a variety of literature and specialty items. Great place to get your holiday gifts. There will also be a trivia (paper and pencil) contest - for a prize - on Saturday afternoon. And drop off your "Happy Birthday Grapevine" paragraph or essay (I can submit it for you) and pick up a free vintage grapevine issue just for participating!

\*DCMs - I am sure many Grapevine positions will be rotating (or starting). Please reach out if you would like me to attend your December or January business meeting. I/Heather will make myself available to explain what a Grapevine Rep, at a district or group level, does.

\*The new Grapevine App became available in September 2023. IT IS AWESOME! \*Great podcasts (75+) can be found by going to [aagrapevine.org/podcast](http://aagrapevine.org/podcast). \*Look for grapevine magazine on Instagram too! \*\*The Grapevine Committee meets via zoom the last Tuesday of each month. Anybody who is a Grapevine Rep or interested in participating/volunteering at an upcoming Grapevine table should attend. Meeting ID: xxx xxx xxxx Heather L. - xxx-xxx-xxxx - [xxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com) - *This is a fun committee!*

#### **LA VIÑA: LEO**

I am Leo and I am an alcoholic. First of all, I want to apologize to the committee, I always carry our report but we never turn it in to

be translated. As we came for service, District 21, we found out that, for some reason, La Vina was there but not at the full force. We have been putting time in helping out the groups to understand the importance for La Vina. In the way we were informing I find out that I was informing myself on how important it is. That's how I've been learning. We do have 18 groups in District 21 and not all of them have active GSRs. I would say around 17, not all of them are there at once. Now Mesquite has a new group that came out and asked for help. We are assuming they will have a GSR. What we do during the week is, we help and team up with District 21 visiting all the groups. Roy, the DCM, comes out we share the importance of our service and then La Vina will have participation and every Wednesday when we go to the groups, they let us conduct a raffle. From there we are collecting our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. We also are making workshops. The 13<sup>th</sup> of October we had one at the Group Working with Others. Which we came out of with twelve stories. Then in the month of October we had nine subscriptions to the yearly La Vina subscriptions. Also, the Pacific Region has a committee that works with La Vina Guidelines for the anniversary. They alternate the meetings around the Pacific region, California, Oregon, just all the Pacific Region area. On the 21<sup>st</sup> we were at Bakersfield. The came up with an idea to have all the meetings from January 13<sup>th</sup>. They found a central place, which is Nevada, for all other states like Arizona and surrounding areas. From now on Las Vegas and Reno will be conducting the meeting for the La Vina anniversary guidelines. That's a lot of learning there. The groups are always giving out chances to conduct raffles. The 18<sup>th</sup> of October we were at the group Transmisilo. We came up with \$69. Subscriptions plus literature. Then December 1<sup>st</sup>, we are going to have our next workshop, a writing workshop at grupo Phoenix at 9pm. We always bring food. Then, yesterday part of the committee went to Salt Lake Utah, to select the emblem and the logo of the 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, which will be held in Salt Lake City Utah next year. Sometime in July. An Area came up with the logo was from Area 06 San Jose, California. That's pretty much it. All these activities are not just by me. We have a committee, and we have all the groups that support us. It's a totally new learning experience and now with you guys in the Area, it's like a bonus, three times learning and I'm very, very grateful for all your help. Thank you.

#### **PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION): DEBORAH**

My name is Deborah, I am an alcoholic and your Public Information Chair. The Clark Co. Library Administrator informed me their libraries have literature, including the Big Book, 12 & 12, in hardcopies and digital form. Currently working on re-filling literature racks at Crossroads of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas Rescue Mission, West Care's Community Involvement Center and their omen & Children Campus. We want to ensure those that want to find AA are able to. The PI & CPC Working Group out of the East Bay meets monthly via Zoom. This is another resource for our committees to engage with PI & CPC members across the United States and other countries. Second Saturday of the month, 9-10am, Zoom ID xxx xxx xxxx PW: . For additional information contact: [picpceastbay@gmail.com](mailto:picpceastbay@gmail.com). PI hasn't yet spent any money from the 2023 budget. I will reach out to past Chair, Robin R. to verify any outstanding expenses. I will also look into obtaining a banner with the words Public Information for us to use at events. We already have one that has Alcoholics Anonymous that we can continue to share with CPC. If anyone knows a friendly company they've used recently, I would appreciate their contact information. Northern & Southern Area PI/CPC are hosting a virtual workshop next Sunday, We Are Not A Secret Society! Via Zoom. Come learn more on what we do it to be friendly with our friends in the professional community and the public. There will also be a panel to discuss how we can reach the still suffering alcoholic. All are welcome. November 19, 2023, 3-5pm, Zoom ID: xxx xxx xxxx PW: xxxxx.

#### **COMMITTEE LIAISONS**

##### **H&I (HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS): ANDREW**

My name is Andrew and I am an alcoholic. I will be brief. H&I is doing well. We are continuing to receive steady contributions. Thank you all who contribute to the pink can. It allows us to bring the message to those who cannot get out to an AA meeting. We are actively trying to reach out to new facilities and institutions that don't have an H&I panels. Also we have a brand new webpage that will allow our facilities coordinators to order literature ahead of our monthly business meeting which will help time constraints for the meeting after. It's going to be an awesome thing. It will also make it easier for our inventory and our accounting. As soon as I get all the particulars. I'll send everyone the info for the website. We have a monthly business meeting at 6pm, every third Tuesday of the month at Central Office. All are welcome. We also have an orientation for people new to H&I who want to carry the message at 5pm before the business meeting. Anyone interested in H&I, I am available at any time for more info. Thank you

##### **LAS VEGAS INTERGROUP LIAISON: AMANDA**

###### **Central Office**

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

- **Hotline:** The Hotline is actively looking for volunteers. Please reach out to [centralofficehotline@gmail.com](mailto:centralofficehotline@gmail.com) or call the hotline at 702-598-1888 if you'd like to be of service.
- **Gratitude Ball:** The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Gratitude Ball, which was held on October 7<sup>th</sup> at Palace Station, was a sold-out success! Sobriety and recovery were celebrated, and a good time was had by all!
- **Service Festival:** The return of the Service Festival was a success! It was held on Sunday, Oct. 22 at Central Office. We had an excellent representation from almost all the Districts in our Southern Area. 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 play. A GIGANTIC THANK YOU to all who participated in making this event a success. I believe this event is vital to spreading the word and the fun that service has to offer. Service has truly been a game-changer for my own recovery, and I look forward to sharing that with folks again next year!

**Board of Directors:** The BOD bi-monthly meetings have been continuing regularly with nothing new to report. Financials are available upon request.

#### **Upcoming Dates & Events:**

**INTERGROUP MEETING** - Intergroup meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Central Office at 6 pm. The next meeting is on **Nov 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/> for more information.

**SPRING AREA ASSEMBLY** - The next Area Spring Assembly will be held on **April 5-7, 2024** in Tonopah, NV.

**2024 AA PACIFIC REGION FORUM** - The next Pacific Regional AA Forum will be held in Las Vegas at the Westgate Resort on **July 12-14, 2024**. Registration is free and will be updated with additional information at <https://www.aa.org/regional-and-local-forums>

**2025 AA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** - Every 5 years the International Convention happens, and this next one will be in Vancouver, BC, Canada on **July 2-6, 2025**. See <https://www.aa.org/international-convention> for more information.

#### **LVYPAA LIAISON: MIKE**

My name is Mike and I'm an alcoholic. Greeting members of Southern Area. LVYPAA, the Las Vegas Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous has been hard at work in service since the fall assembly. On September 23<sup>rd</sup> we had Breakfast Before Personalities event at the Triangle Club. Our event featured a sumptuous all you can eat breakfast courtesy of our very own Courtney J. After which we held a powerful three speaker panel focusing on service and experience. On October 1<sup>st</sup> we held our annual elections, where our steering committee and many other positions were filled. On October 22<sup>th</sup> five members of our committee attended the Service Festival at Central Office and performed for the body a lively Concepts Play. On October 28<sup>th</sup> we held our ever popular annual scavenger hunt at the world famous TIE club. This years festivity kicked off with YPAA sobriety countdown, followed by a speaker meeting, grilled food, scavenger hunt down Fremont Street, a Truck or Treat, judging of the contestants hauls, a 50-50 raffle, a costume contest, and a dance party. The event was graciously co-hosted by District 15 as well as YPAA and WAYPAA host committee from across Nevada, Arizona, Utah and California. Attendees came from as far as Austin, Texas for the event. All monies from our share of proceeds went to benefit the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nevada Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous host committee in Elko, Nevada. We look forward to working with District 15 again in the future. On October 5<sup>th</sup> at our monthly committee meeting we voted to co-host and provide a speaker for NACYPAA 3 hosts committee white elephant gift exchange in Elco to be held on December 16<sup>th</sup>. We are currently working on an as yet to be determined event for December. It looks like it is going to be a bingo event probably on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. More details on that as they become available. Our year long commitment to provide a monthly H&I panel to Las Vegas Rescue Mission will be completed in December. Additionally we intend to bring the YPAA Yuma kickball tournament trophy back to Las Vegas from San Diego on January 6<sup>th</sup> of next year. LVYPAA meets every first Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm here at Central Office. Come join us, positions are open. All are welcome. That's it for my report. If you want my telephone number it is xxx-xxx-xxxx. Thank you for letting me be of service.

#### **DCM REPORTS:**

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

Hello, my name is Lou and I am an Alcoholic. I am privileged to be serving as the DCM for District One. Our district consists of groups in Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City and Searchlight. There are 111 groups listed with the General Service Board in District 1. So even though we have good participation, there is room for improvement. Christine one of our GSR's has been visiting meetings to encourage more groups to get involved. Our annual fellowship picnic was held October 14<sup>th</sup> in Boulder City. It was well attended with amazing volunteers helping to make it a success. Dick H., the founder of the Searchlight Group and past delegate was our speaker. The sobriety countdown totaled over 1200 years! The winner of our 50/50 raffle was celebrating 7 years of sobriety that day. She was the recipient of the Newcomer Big Book at the picnic exactly 7 years ago. Yay, another win for AA. I met the DCM who



organized the first picnic in 1998, so this was the 25<sup>th</sup> annual. The District will be conducting another workshop right here at Central Office on December 10<sup>th</sup>. There are flyers on the table... please take one. We are calling it a GSR Roundup. Anyone interested in being a better GSR or becoming one, or if you aren't even sure what a GSR is you'll get answers from our awesome panel of Jake, Libby and Dano. Most importantly, food will be served. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

### **DISTRICT 3: SHANE**

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

### **DISTRICT 5B: SAMANTHA**

Good afternoon, my name is Samantha, I am the DCM for district 5B and I am an Alcoholic!! Our district is currently working on attending all dark meetings within our district and have split the clubs up amongst the active members of District 5B. In August we have our quarterly Workshop which will be held on August 12th from 1-3 pm at St. Andrews Lutheran Church. The workshop will be on sponsorship, and we have a great lineup of speakers. We have officially started working on our annual district 5B picnic which will be held on October 8th at Bunker Park, tickets and fliers will be available soon. Our monthly district meeting is held the 2nd Saturday of the month, KCB 5717 W Alexander Rd at 1:15pm. If you have any questions, or need any information please reach out to me, my number is xxx-xxx-xxxx. Thank you so much for letting me be of service.

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

Good afternoon, my name is TayTay and I am an alcoholic. I am sorry I was not able to attend today. I had a little emergency but was able to find the best person to speak for me. I am your District 7 DCM. With the first year of this term coming to an end, I'm super excited to see what next year brings. We participated in the Service Festival, which was a lot of fun. Our District also won the decorating contest which was even more fun. I'm definitely looking forward to next year when we defend our title. I'm looking forward to PRAASA in San Francisco next year and the Spring Assembly in Tonopah. Our webservant, Theresa, has been working hard keeping our new and improved website updated and has been doing an incredible job. Check it out and let us know what you think. We have an ad hoc committee working on our bylaws. They needed a post pandemic update. It has been a really good experience. And we all know them really well now. 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. Thanks for representing our Area so well. Thank you for letting me be of service.

### **DISTRICT 9: JOANNE (Read by Jacob)**

Hi! My name is Jake and I'm an Alcoholic. I'm filling in for Joanne for District 9. Our district is currently reaching out to other groups and districts to try to get more participation. We had a really good turnout this last month. We had about eight or nine people at our District meeting which is unheard of, it's awesome. We are currently planning a workshop / BBQ in the beginning of spring. If anyone has any ideas so if anyone has any ideas for it please reach out. We could really use the support. Besides that, that's pretty much it. Nothing too crazy.

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

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

Dina, I'm an alcoholic and I'm the GSR for Back to Basics. We're building District 13. We have a new DCM, Bruce and the Alternate is Matt. They have their reasons why they are not here. We meet the third Sunday at the Triangle Club. We meet at 3pm. We have had a lot of good participation. We are going to be working on workshops and how to help these groups who don't have GSRs. There are some groups that don't want to have GSRs. That's what we are trying to do, reach the groups. Hopefully next time they will be here. I'm going to keep it short and I'm going to translate it, now.

### **DISTRICT 15: LORA**

Hello Area 42 AA family...lots and lots of love...whole bunches. Tonopah was rewarding as usual... Able to have some fun with our District GSR'S. I believe a total of 6 or 7 attended...was terrific. District 15 will be hosting the next assembly and since i'm not sure what all is expected I'm hoping to see if we can find another district to help out. District 15 is doing well. District business meeting area was well attended. Thank you to John DCM Coordinator for taking your time out of your day to attend our business meeting. was appreciated. Also the Service event at Central Office was very nice. We had fun decorating our table and enjoyed the event. Thank you to all who put in your hard work to have the event. Fun to see all the decorating of the other tables. Speakers were awesome. We had our Halloween event mixed with LVYPAA'S Scavenger Hunt Event. Well attended and had a fabulous time with the Dance, Costume Contest, Trunk or Treat and Much More. We had AAMembers from 30 yrs + to 4 days attend. Many newcomers

attended also was able to show them we have FUN in recovery. We are not a Glum Lot. Those of you who didn't attend missed out!!! Hope to see you next year. 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 a few speakers for this event so I'm on the lookout. Also another Alkathon New Year's Eve Noon {12p.m.} time to New Year's Day Noon {12 p.m.} time. Will be Again looking for a few speakers. Flyer's are available hopefully by this area meeting today. Grateful for my Life to today and love General Service. Peace, Love and Happiness - Lora

#### **DISTRICT 17: LINN**

The season is upon us now. What is facing us in the future is the holidays. We have to remember this year the most important part of the holidays, because without this we wouldn't have sobriety and with this I can face any holiday no matter what it is. Anyways, now that I'm getting all choked up. We're also having an Alcothon from Christmas day noon to the day following Christmas, noon. Also on New Years Eve day and New Years Day, from noon to noon. That's basically all I have. With that I just want to wish you a happy holidays and I'll see you next year if I don't see you at a meeting.

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

Hello, from District 19. Welcome to all who are new to General Service. I'd like to report that we have all three of group's GSRs in attendance along with our Intergroup representatives and another special guest who is general service curious. In general we are doing all that we can to maintain our own identity, participate in Area 42 and SAGSC activities online and in person where possible. We face a lot of challenges here since a lot of the folks in our fellowship don't realize there is more to AA than individual meetings. We are diligently working on that and can always use your support and guidance. Thank you for the opportunity to have a table set up at this year's Service Festival. All of the images on the stand and the toys etc. represented pieces parts of District 19. And for the record no elk were harmed in the harvesting of the half rack that was on our table. They fall off the bucks every year naturally. Not sure if you all were aware of it or not, but we were the QR code up front. Our experience was watching the room like a television show. We hope that future Thank you to Greg, Judy and Jake for your wonderful talks. We really enjoyed your talks. I hope all in attendance had a chance to get by our table to grab some flyers in both Spanish and English for the Dec 9 workshop and the July 19-21 CampNic. Registration is open. If you want to learn more about District 19, we have a website: [elyaa.org](http://elyaa.org). Thank you for my life, Anne

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

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **AREA AD HOC INVENTORY COMMITTEE UPDATE - LIBBY**

Libby, alcoholic. I did not prepare a report. The Area Inventory phase 1 is complete. We did the inventory at the last area assembly. The results were published in the Area Newsletter, that came out a few weeks ago. My part with it is now done and those of us who were working on it are done. Those who know Jonelle, she is going to be working on Phase 2, which is to take those results and see if there are any actions that should be taken out of them. I suspect next hear from her at the next assembly. That is all. Thank you.

##### **AREA WEBSITE AD HOC COMMITTEE – LOU**

Good afternoon, my name is Lou and I am an alcoholic. At the Area Assembly in September, I did a presentation of what the new Area 42 website could look like. Overwhelming positive feedback was received, and the committee went ahead with the upgrade. One suggestion was made to change the theme color to blue which we looked at and decided to go with it. At that time, I said the new site would be finished by January but go figure we are ahead of schedule. A flip of the switch and it will be live. It's just a matter of making our web servant familiar with the backend so he can add documents, events and any other tasks needed. One addition we are planning on implementing is the ability to process the Area Assembly registration directly on the website, thereby eliminating the need for Eventbrite. Two other improvements, accepting contributions online and adding landing pages for the standing committees we think require Guideline changes so they will go through the necessary process to make them happen. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

##### **SAGSC GUIDELINE AD HOC COMMITTEE – SOFIE**

Good afternoon. My name is Sophie. I am an alcoholic, and I serve you as Area 42's Panel 63 past delegate. I also serve you as the chairperson of this SAGSC Guidelines Update ad hoc committee. First, 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 that is helpful to you who are new to general service in Area 42. In June of this year Caroline J., your SAGSC Chairperson, formed a five-person ad hoc committee of 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 more logically and deleting all mention of funding as we no longer have a SAGSC treasury. Based on our review of the NAGSC and Area guidelines, we also fleshed out the current categories of voting members, trusted servants' duties, and standing committees. It is the job of an ad hoc committee to make recommendations based on its findings. The document on colored paper is the committee's recommendation. Making a change to the SAGSC guidelines requires two readings of a proposal. 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 colored paper. This will not be the usual line-by-line "bold font additions and red font strike-outs" first reading. We hope you will have had time to review the current SAGSC guidelines so the proposed version will make more sense. If you haven't had time, please take some time before the second reading to compare the two documents. Lou P. will read through the committee's recommendation – the "new" guidelines. Questions at this first reading will be for clarification only. Discussion of the document will be at the second reading at the January, 2024 SAGSC meeting. Thank you Lou, Diana, Libby and Don for months of persistent, painstaking, and patient work on behalf of Southern Area 42. Thank you for allowing us to be of service. Here's Lou. (SAGSC Guidelines – First Reading are at the end of this document.)

#### CLARIFYING Questions / Comments:

- DCM Coordinator –
  - not matching Area Guidelines for job description
  - Question about funding
- Who will appoint within committee if there is no committee members
- Need to amend to Substantial Unanimity instead of simple majority when passing Guideline amendments.
- Question about bi-lingual – unclear what the question was – Sophie following up with Dina.
- Area Conference Committee – not officially part of area activities
- Chairperson appoints translation chair – Unclear what this was – Sophie following up with Tony
- Liaisons don't say not funded
- Table of Contents
- Confusion on Page 3 Section 2.a.ii – since this was taken directly from the Area Guidelines and is not needed in SAGAC guidelines because the meetings are clarified in Section 2.a.iii
- Voting Members has a spelling error Page 4 Section 3.j – should be alternate not aternate

#### SAGSC AD HOC INVENTORY – LESLIE

My name is Leslie and I'm an alcoholic At our last SAGSC meeting it was decided by the body to do a SAGSC inventory. Our SAGSC chairperson, Caroline, appointed me, as the chair of the Inventory Ad Hoc committee. IN which we have two DCMs, one GSR, and recently we added a bi-lingual English - Spanish AA member on the committee making five. Our first on-line meeting was August 27<sup>th</sup>, in which we discussed ways to gather inventory questions from the fellowship. We asked the SAGSC secretary, Libby, to email all Southern Area DCMs, and ask them to have their GSRs ask their groups to submit inventory questions through their GSRs to our committee via email. WE allowed thirty days for the responses. Unfortunately, no response were sent in. Our second attempt to get questions was to place a basket at the Service Festival so attendees could provide questions anonymously This approach was successful. We received twelve questions. So far in addition to this we have also received two questions via email. Today the basket is here for members to submit questions to the committee or you can email or text your questions to our committee secretary. The email is [xxxxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com) or you may text your question to her phone number which is xxx-xxx-xxxx. We have a target date of performing the inventory of May 2024. So you have plenty of time to get the word out to your groups. To get questions to submit to our committee and that's what I have so far. Any questions? Thank you very much.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

None

#### CLOSING:

**Celebrating 273 years of sobriety birthdays since the last meeting.**

**Thank you District 21 for hosting - The next host will be District 1 on January 14<sup>th</sup> .**

#### **CLOSE WITH RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION**

#### **SAGSC:**

In person at Las Vegas Central Office, 1515 E. Tropicana, Suite 710, Las Vegas, NV 89119  
Zoom ID: xxx xxx xxxxx Passcode: xxxxx

**SAGSC GUIDELINES – FIRST READING**

**Southern 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 Southern Area 42 General Service Committee (SAGSC) is to help carry out the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous and to help facilitate General Service work in Southern Area 42 by providing:
  - i. A forum for Groups and Districts to share their experience, strength, and hope through service with each other,
  - ii. Information from the Area 42 Committee, General Service Office (GSO), AA Grapevine/La Viña, AAWS and the General Service Board (GSB), to all Southern Area 42 groups through their General Service Representatives (GSRs),
  - iii. Any other assistance needed by those in General Service in Southern Area 42.
- b. These Guidelines are to 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 guidelines or of direct assembly or SAGSC action, the latest edition of the AA Service Manual should be referenced.

**2. SAGSC MEETINGS**

- a. General SAGSC meetings:
  - i. The SAGSC Chairperson is responsible for arranging and conducting the general SAGSC meetings.
  - ii. Occur at least three (3) times a year or as needed (per Area Guidelines).
  - iii. Are usually held on the second Sunday at 1:15pm of the following months:
    - 1. January,
    - 2. May (exception: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday),
    - 3. July,
    - 4. November,
    - 5. Alternative dates will be decided in advance by group conscience.
  - iv. Location to be decided and arranged by the SAGSC Chairperson.
  - v. The Chairperson arranges meeting times for the following:
    - 1. The GSR trainer,
    - 2. The DCM coordinator.
- b. Pre-Conference Roundtable meetings:
  - i. Are to be held prior to the Spring Pre-Conference Assembly to review the General Service Conference agenda items.
  - ii. The date and time will be determined together by the appropriate Area officer and the SAGSC Chairperson.

- iii. Location to be decided and arranged by the SAGSC Chairperson.
- iv. The Pre-Conference Roundtable meeting is an Area activity and no SAGSC business will be conducted.

### **3. VOTING MEMBERS**

- a. Area Delegate or Alternate Area Delegate,
- b. Area Chairperson or Alternate Area Chairperson (and SAGSC elected Chairperson if applicable),
- c. Area Treasurer or Alternate Area Treasurer,
- d. Area Secretary or Alternate Area Secretary (and SAGSC elected Secretary if applicable),
- e. Area Registrar or Alternate Area Registrar,
- f. Area Archivist or Alternate Area Archivist,
- g. Area Newsletter Editor if from the South,
- h. Area Web Servant if from the South,
- i. Area Translation and interpretation Chair if from the South,
- j. SAGSC Standing Committee Chairs or co-chair/alternate:
  - i. Accessibilities,
  - ii. Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC),
  - iii. Grapevine,
  - iv. La Vina,
  - v. Public Information (PI).
- k. Southern Area Liaisons:
  - i. Hospitals & Institutions (H&I),
  - ii. Las Vegas Intergroup,
  - iii. Las Vegas Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (LVYPAA).
- l. Appointed SAGSC Positions:
  - i. GSR Trainer,
  - ii. DCM Coordinator,
  - iii. Technology Chair
- m. SAGSC DCMs or Alternate SAGSC DCMs or designated representatives.
- n. SAGSC GSRs or their alternates or designated representatives.
- o. Only voting members will be allowed to present motions to the SAGSC body.
- p. All business will be decided by simple majority.
- q. A quorum shall be the number of all voting members present.

### **4. DUTIES of SAGSC OFFICERS**

- a. Chairperson:
  - i. Attends and conducts SAGSC meetings,
  - ii. Attends Area 42 Assemblies,
  - iii. Prepares SAGSC meeting agendas,
  - iv. Makes all logistical arrangements necessary to hold SAGSC meetings,
  - v. Appoints SAGSC GSR Trainer,
  - vi. Appoints SAGSC DCM Coordinator,
  - vii. Appoints SAGSC Technology Chair,
  - viii. Appoints SAGSC Grapevine Chair (Pending Area Guidelines changes),
  - ix. Appoints SAGSC La Viña Chair (Pending Area Guidelines changes),
  - x. Creates Ad Hoc committees as requested by the SAGSC body,
  - xi. Is responsible for maintaining, storing, and transporting translation equipment to SAGSC and Area Assemblies,
  - xii. Provides assistance as requested.
- b. Secretary
  - i. Attends SAGSC meetings,
  - ii. Attends Area 42 Assemblies,
  - iii. Keeps minutes of all the SAGSC meetings,
  - iv. Maintains the current SAGSC rosters,
  - v. Submits documents for translation into Spanish,
  - vi. Distributes minutes from each meeting to SAGSC Officers, SAGSC DCMs, SAGSC Committee Chairs and Area Officers within 30 days of each meeting,
  - vii. Publishes and distributes regularly scheduled SAGSC meeting agendas,
  - viii. Has custody of all current panel records of all SAGSC meetings,
  - ix. Submits minutes and documents to the Area 42 Web Servant to be stored on the Area 42 website,

- x. Submits signed copies of all minutes and relevant documents to the Area Archives at the end of the rotation,
- xi. Forwards relevant emails relating to SAGSC specific events to SAGSC Officers, SAGSC DCMs, SAGSC Committee Chairs and Area Officers,
- xii. Serves on the Area Communications Committee.

**5. ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF AREA OFFICERS FROM THE SOUTH**

- a. Refer to Area 42 Guidelines for duties of Area officers, their alternates and Area-appointed committee chairs.
- b. Additional duties of the Registrar or Alternate Registrar (whoever is elected from the South):
  - i. Conduct the SAGSC meeting in the absence of the Chairperson,
  - ii. Take minutes in the absence of the SAGSC Secretary.

**6. DUTIES OF SAGSC APPOINTED POSITIONS:**

- a. GSR Trainer:
  - i. Attends SAGSC meetings,
  - ii. Attends Area 42 Assemblies,
  - iii. Conducts orientations and training prior to SAGSC meetings to familiarize GSRs with our Area's service structure and the GSR's duties,
  - iv. Reviews literature and documents with the GSRs such as the Group Change Form, SAGSC and Area Guidelines and other relevant documents,
  - v. Is available to answer any GSR questions, attend District meetings, etc.,
  - vi. Updates the GSR Survival Manual and sends the document to the SAGSC secretary for distribution.
- b. DCM Coordinator:
  - i. Attends SAGSC meetings,
  - ii. Attends Area 42 Assemblies,
  - iii. Conducts orientations and training prior to SAGSC meetings to familiarize DCMs with our Area's service structure and the DCM's duties,
  - iv. Is available to answer any DCM questions, attend District meetings, etc.
- c. SAGSC Technology Chair:
  - i. Attends SAGSC meetings,
  - ii. Provides technical support in planning and facilitating SAGSC meetings including:
    - 1. Use of virtual communication platforms,
    - 2. Technical assistance with venue equipment.
  - iii. Assists SAGSC officers with technical support with SAGSC or Area-provided computer devices.

**7. STANDING COMMITTEES**

- a. The purpose of the SAGSC standing committees is to:
  - i. Inform the SAGSC membership about the committees' roles in carrying the A.A. message,
  - ii. Encourage SAGSC members to participate in General Service work in their groups, districts and with the public beyond the fellowship,
  - iii. Serve as a resource for districts, local YPAA(s) and intergroup committees by sharing information from GSO and other service entities.
- b. The SAGSC standing committees include:
  - i. Accessibilities / Meetings to Go,
  - ii. Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC),
  - iii. Grapevine,
  - iv. La Viña,
  - v. Public Information (PI).
- c. Standing Committee Chairs are elected by the members of the committee. (Grapevine Chair pending Area guidelines change)
- d. Duties of the Committee Chairs include:
  - i. Invite SAGSC members to participate in committee work,
  - ii. Support General Service, district and group activities,
  - iii. Schedule and conduct regular committee meetings,
  - iv. Keep standing committee members informed about committee related issues via:
    - 1. AA Guidelines,
    - 2. Box 459,
    - 3. AAWS Quarterly Report,
    - 4. Committee service materials (workbooks, kits & newsletters),

5. General Service Conference Agenda items.
- v. Attend and provide regular reporting to various service entities as appropriate:
  1. SAGSC,
  2. Area 42.
- vi. Assume role of chair and/or co-chair of the Area Conference Committee:
  1. Coordinate Area Conference Committee activities as requested.
  2. Be the conduit of communication between the standing committee and the districts as requested.

## **8. ELECTION PROCEDURES**

- a. Elected Positions:
  - i. SAGSC Chairperson:
    1. Will be either the Alternate Area 42 Chairperson or the Alternate Area 42 Delegate unless they have already served in this position,
    2. If they have already served a 2-year term or declined to serve, SAGSC will elect from among its voting membership.
  - ii. SAGSC Secretary:
    1. Will be the Alternate Area 42 Secretary unless they have already served in this position,
    2. If they have already served a 2-year term or declined to serve, SAGSC will elect from among its voting membership.
- b. Election Process (if warranted):
  - i. A candidate can state their desire to make themselves available or
  - ii. A candidate can be nominated from the floor, and they may accept or decline the nomination.
  - iii. The SAGSC Chairperson will provide an opportunity for the candidates to share their service experience.
  - iv. The election is by show of hands with a simple majority to elect.
- c. In the event a SAGSC Trusted Servant can no longer serve in their position:
  - i. A SAGSC Chairperson will be appointed by the Area Chairperson for the remainder of the rotation.
  - ii. A SAGSC Secretary will be appointed by the SAGSC Chairperson for the remainder of the rotation.
  - iii. Appointed SAGSC positions will be re-appointed by the SAGSC Chairperson for the remainder of the rotation.

## **9. FUNDING - See Area 42 Finance Guidelines.**

## **10. AMENDING THE SAGSC GUIDELINES**

- a. Amending Procedure:
  - i. Any proposed amendment to these guidelines shall 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 vote.
  - ii. A simple majority of members present at the second meeting shall constitute adoption of the amendment.
  - iii. The effective date will be included in the amendment at adoption.
  - iv. The SAGSC Secretary will distribute the amended Guidelines at the next SAGSC meeting following adoption.
- b. Amendments
  - i. Effective dates to be listed below.
  - ii. These Guidelines were adopted xx/xx/xxxx