

**Panel 73 Area 42 Pre Conference Assembly Minutes**  
**March 31-April 2, 2023**  
**Held Via Zoom and at the Tonopah Convention Center**

**Friday March 31, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 6PM By Area 42 Chair, Lyle C.

Lyle C. Opens the meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Teresa S. Reads the GSR Preamble

Lyle C. Reads the Anonymity Statement

Minutes by Jen G. - Approved 3/21/23

**DCM Reports**

**District 1**

Louis P.

Hello, my name is Lou and I am an Alcoholic. I am currently serving as the DCM for District One. Our district consists of groups in Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City and Searchlight. 2 years ago when I became the District Treasurer, I told myself that is as far as I would go. I could never be DCM... God had other plans. District One is alive and well with 25 plus people live and on Zoom at our monthly business meetings. We are planning on 4 workshops this year. The first being a 4th step workshop in April and the second in June where we are partnering with the Area to do a Literature Workshop. Our Annual Picnic is well along in the planning stages. It will be at Broadbent Park in Boulder City on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>. Our website at [districtone-nv.org](http://districtone-nv.org) is being updated. Hopefully becoming a valuable resource for all our members. I attended PRAASA along with our Alternate DCM DaNella. What an inspiring experience. I was humbled by the dedication and passion for Alcoholics Anonymous I found there. Thank you for allowing me to be of service

**District 2.**

Debbie O.

My name is Debbie and I'm an alcoholic. I am also the incoming DCM for District 2. Thank you to Billy O. for being a great example and setting the stage for me. I'm excited to see how our brilliant and attractive GSRs are going to serve our District in 2023. We currently have 14 active GSRs, 4 being first-timers and one on the Policy and Admissions Area Conference Committee. We meet on the second Thursday of every month at the Central Office, and the first month I didn't lock the door properly. I say we are off to a good start. Our first task will be hosting drinks and coffee at the Spring Assembly in a few weeks. Why not? We don't know any better. We still have that new DCM/GSR smell. At our monthly meeting, we go over a Concept each month. I want to help my District and others interested in AA to know more about the Service Structure. I hope to bring some light to Dark Meetings in our District. I want people to be excited about service and know all the opportunities that are available. We are looking forward to hosting Workshops and participating in other Districts' events. We want to get people excited and involved in Service. Most likely with food, since that has proven to be the best tactic. I'm hoping to include Archives and the Grapevine and La Vina in what we do. I'm also really big on the Holidays, so maybe we'll do a cookie decorating party or something - maybe with District 22. Que piensas, compadres? Thank you for the opportunity to serve AA. I am grateful.

**District 3.**

Shane B. - Report Given on Zoom

**District 4**

Scott A.

I am grateful to be serving as the District 4 DCM for Panel 73. There has been a lot to learn and I am happy to say that the support from my service sponsor and other members of my district has made this a fun learning experience. Participation in our district meetings feels like it is getting better and we have several new people

who want to help bring the message of service to meetings that don't have representation. I look forward to seeing where this goes.

### **District 6.**

Kevin E.

District 6 encompasses all of Douglas County, Carson City, South Lake Tahoe, and surrounding communities. I am honored to serve as District 6 DCM and I have attended the Forum, PRAASA, NAGSC Roundtables and Group Business meetings in our District. I was asked to discuss AA service and the importance of the Home Group at an upcoming workshop. I would also like to thank all of our GSR's that work with the committees and help with the presentations at the roundtables. District 6 will host a Founder's Day potluck picnic and Speaker Meeting. This will not be on Founder's Day, but as soon as we book a new location. Our regular Date and location had already been booked for a funeral. We will find a place and send out a flyer with a date as soon as we know the new location. We'd love to see you there. District 6 holds meetings on the second Sunday of every even-numbered month at 1:15 p.m. Meetings are held at the Carson City Alano Club and are hybrid, as well. We will be introducing a new Zoom District Meeting every second Sunday of every odd-numbered month. There will not be reports, however there will be a platform for discussion on relevant District issues to better help inform our GSR's. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

### **District 7**

TayTay S.

Hi, I am TayTay and I am an Alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 7. I am so excited for the things going on in our district. Our District 7 Meeting continues to be a hybrid. We are now meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 2:30pm. Our first meeting at the new time will be April 16<sup>th</sup>. For information on the meeting location and online information, please see me. We recently were able to take our surplus and use it to help other districts in the area. It was a lot of fun to do and felt great. We also recently took our ADHOC Outreach committee and have created a Standing Outreach committee. We are truly committed to having all the groups and meetings in our district have their collective voice heard at the Area level. We have set up multiple workshops for 2023 and are excited to do them. Our first one is coming up soon. It will be May 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. Our District 7 Grapevine Liaison Marie is hosting it for us and has flyers for you and for your meetings. I can also send you a virtual version. We are in the planning for our Mount Charleston picnic as well. It will be August 20<sup>th</sup>. We are currently looking for volunteer and dynamic speakers. If you feel you would like to help, we would definitely appreciate it. I'm told to keep these short and sweet, so hopefully I succeeded in that. It is truly an honor to be of service to this district. Thank you all for helping me to stay sober one day at a time.

### **District 8**

Dorrie C.

Hi Everyone, from the Eastern Sierra District 8! We have had a slow last couple of months. Our new DCM has been stuck in Mono City for the last month by an avalanche that closed the only highway in or out. They've been getting supplies by helicopter! We were in the process of providing her with a new computer so she can fulfill her commitment, and it's in Bishop. Mammoth Lakes has been digging itself out, over and over again...same in June Lake. We haven't been this isolated in a very long time. The highway through Lone Pine was flooded and Cal-Trans closed that section of the road. We all had to hunker down and wait it out. Thank God for Zoom! So, between the floods, avalanches, and generally crazy weather it's been quite something. Our meetings are happening, some locations with buckets to catch the drips! Hopefully the weather will allow traveling to Tonopah, our contingency is looking forward to being there. See you soon!

### **District 9**

Jo C.

My name is Joanne C., and I am a grateful recovered alcoholic. My pronouns are She/her/hers. I have not found it necessary to take a drink since September 08, 2007, I am the DCM for District 9. District 9 has had three to five active groups; our secretary has resigned so we are in the process of finding a new secretary. District 9 is also actively trying to start a meeting on the strip. We are in a good financial situation.

Once we have more groups participating we will start thinking about having more events including meet and greets, and workshops. District 9 meets on the First Saturday of the month at 1:30 pm at the Central Office. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**District 10-A**

Lauri B. - Report Given on Zoom

**District 11**

Open - No Report Given

**District 12**

Cathy C. - Verbal Report Given

**District 13**

Matt A. - Verbal Report Given

**District 14**

Mike M.

Good morning, my name is Mike, I'm an alcoholic. I am so grateful to be a member of AA and Area 42. Since becoming DCM of District 14 in January I have been to business meetings, asked to share at meetings, conversed with more AA members than ever about agenda items and various topics related to helping the still suffering alcoholic. I thank God for my predecessor Terri who encouraged me to take on the Alt DCM position. This experience has enhanced my recovery, deepened my relationship with my Higher Power, my fellow alcoholics and the world around me. District 14 encompasses North Lake Tahoe, the west shore of Lake Tahoe, Truckee and the surrounding area. I'm still learning about all the groups in my district and plan to attend meetings at every location. What I have learned so far is that every group that has gone dark in our district, and there are a few, were without a GSR, which simply reaffirms the importance of every service commitment. I was able to attend the recent PRAASA event in LA. I went to workshops, roundtables, heard amazing speakers including our delegate Jake, spend time with my friend Terri who is now the Area 42 CPC chair, spent some valuable moments with Phil, our DCM trainer, although he is a bit of a rock star at these events so time with him was limited, lol. All these people and this experience has enabled me to bring back to my groups that our issues or "opportunities for growth" (thank you to almost everyone in AA for that) are common, that the post pandemic structure of aa will never be the same, lots of groups are dealing with zoom vs in person, should we have a coffee person so on and so forth. It was good to learn that there are currently some 6000 zoom meetings and that the coffee position may save someone's life. I look forward to learning more about my position and meeting all of you. Thank you for your service and allowing me to be a part of this amazing organization.

**District 15**

Lora C.

Hi everyone in Tonopah. Heather our Alt. DCM for district 15 is reading my report. I wasn't able to attend being my mother was in hospice and not doing well. Didn't feel right missing this precious time away from her. PRAASA was a fabulous experience for me. I met many Alcoholics from all over the pacific region. Made a few friends. I felt comfortable around my people. Learned so much...there was so much going on. Kept busy the entire time. Grateful to my district for funding me to attend. Look forward to San Francisco PRAASA assembly next year. Our district is growing. Several GSR's have been going to meetings in our district that do not have GSR's. Excited for our next business meeting to see more attendance and support. I'm grateful for all the help within our district, and appreciate all the love and support from GSR's. We have an Up and Coming event in July, Ice Cream Social. Still in the works putting it all together. Heather may know date..... Our district is still in need of support financially. Hopefully with district growth we will improve here. Several other districts in our area have offered to assist us with events. Hopefully we can get a workshop together soon. Miss you all. Love, Peace, and Gratitude, Lora C.

**District 16**

Andrea B. - Verbal Report Given

**District 17**

Linn C - Report Given

**District 18**

Open - No Report Given

**District 19**

Anne D.

Hello and happy Area 42 Panel 73 Pre Conference Assembly. My name is Anne and I am an alcoholic. I am honored to be serving as DCM for District 19 which is White Pine County. For those who are not familiar with White Pine County, our most populous town is Ely which is located about three hours east of Tonopah, four hours north east of Las Vegas, about six hours east of Reno, Carson City and three hours southeast of Elko. Nevada's famous Highway 50 begins or ends in Ely depending upon who you ask. We see visitors at our meetings from all over the world. This weekend I am delighted to let you know that we have three GSRs here in Tonopah. These three represent the three active groups that we have in District 19. Our next business meeting takes place on April 19 at 6 p.m. at the Shoshone Education Center in Ely. We are currently working with the tech committee to get it into better hybrid shape so we can be better at attending hybrid meetings as a group and so that you all can attend our meetings too if you would like. (Thank you to the tech committee.) All are welcome. The Corrections Committee reached out regarding a person who contacted them about an AA contact in Ely where he will be living when he is released from Indian Springs later this year. Our correction contact is on it. District 19 sent me to this year's Pacific Region AA Service Assembly in Los Angeles where I attended the panels, made new friends, connected with old friends and attended the DCM roundtable. Right now our district is in the process of planning the third annual CampNic which takes place at Ward Mountain the weekend of July 21-23. Flyers in English and Spanish are on the table. (Thank you again to translation for your help there.) The next District 19 business meeting takes place on April 19 at 6 p.m. at the Shoshone Education Center in Ely. We are currently working with the tech committee to get it into better hybrid shape to attend and host meetings virtually. (Thank you to the tech committee and all of you for your patience.) All are welcome. Information about District 19 is always available on our website [elyaa.org](http://elyaa.org). At the request of one of our younger members, we just created a QR code that can take you to the site. Looking forward to a great panel and a(nother) wonderful assembly. Yours in love and service, Annie D.

**District 20**

Barb P. - Verbal Report Given

**District 21**

Roy C.

Hello my name is Rodolfo (Roy) I am an alcoholic, this is the report of our activities, we have Visits to our groups two days a week, on Mondays we hold a traditions workshop to remember the importance of not breaking our traditions, on Wednesdays we inform them of our District and Area activities, and we also encourage them so that each group sends its GSR to represent them. We have a committee working on the 21st District General Service Local Forum Area 42 on May 7, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 1775 East Tropicana Ave Las Vegas Nevada: We have an H & I committee working and motivating our community so that more people join them in taking the message to the jails. We have a committee working on the 24th Hispanic AA Convention in the state of Nevada, Las Vegas, on August 11, 12 and 13, 2023 at Sam's Town Casino, 5111 Boulder Highway Las Vegas Nevada. We have a CPC committee working with the organizing committee of the Hispanic Convection United States and Canada headquartered in Pasco, Washington.

**District 22**

Carlos M.

Our district is made up of 13 groups. The last group to join our district was “Volver a Empezar” in Fernley that has a meeting on Fridays at the community center. The groups pay rent for their premises - between \$750 to \$1200 a month which sometimes makes it difficult to send contributions to the service bodies. We have been able to form a P.I committee and another for La Viña. On January 26 we had a training meeting with the northern area P.I coordinator, Don D. where he provided us with the copies of the P.I workbook. Since then we have been training the committee with two meetings a month and we have already made a presentation at the Union of Carpenters on March 7 and we are planning another one in April at the Catholic Church in Stead. The presentations include the information on what is A.A, who is an alcoholic and what A.A doesn't do as well as the distribution of the pamphlets and meeting schedules. On February 11 the group “Nuevo Día” in Sparks along with our La Viña committee had a writing workshop (many members wrote their stories) and received the report of the organizing committee of the 27th anniversary of la Viña - which will be celebrated the month of June in the city of Watsonville, Oregon Area 58. Members from Arizona, Las Vegas, California, and Oregon attended. It was motivating for us to hear from them about what they are doing so that La Viña continues to grow. As a district committee we have visited 7 of the 13 groups in our district. We also have a Traditions study meeting on the third Thursday of the month and the business meeting the first Thursday of the month at the Central Office.

#### **DCM Coordinator South**

Foxx -Verbal Report Given

#### **DCM Coordinator North**

Phil W. - Verbal Report Given

#### **GSR Trainer South**

Dano B.

Our first GSR training took place on January 8, in the inventory/ archive room of Las Vegas central office. I recall having had more personal space and breathing room- that one time I spent in a sardine can while stuck in a crowded elevator.... But we persevered. We were relocated to the main room to accommodate and connect with the zoomers. We had about 26 people in attendance. I started with the basics of the GSR on pages 7- 11 in the new service manual. We walked through the pamphlets while also going through a questionnaire. Meanwhile I have been trying to visit each district meeting, in hopes of making myself available to the DCMs GSRs for hands-on assistance or support. As of this writing I have visited D1, D5b, D7, D9, and D21. I hope to see the rest of you soon. I will continue to define what the GSR trainer role means to me. My goal being not only to inspire others- or enjoy their service commitments. But to excel at them as well. Thank you for letting me serve

#### **GSR Trainer North**

Pat S.

My name is Pat, and I am an alcoholic. I serve as GSR Trainer for the north (NAGSC). Other than responding to questions and requests for help from GSRs, the primary action taken so far was to chair the GSR Training session at our NAGSC meeting of March 18, held in Reno. Thanks to our Delegate, Jake, for discussing the role of the GSR at today's Assembly and at Group Meetings prior to this gathering. He was most informative. We also discussed how to register as a new GSR. We then discussed the overall role of a GSR as the Group's link with AA as a whole. I handed out copies of the Area's "GSR Survival Guide," which we will begin studying at our next NAGSC gathering, to be held in Battle Mountain June 3. Any GSRs from the northern area are welcome to contact me for any of this information and to get my contact information. I'm here to help. Thank you for letting me be of service.

#### **Accessibility/ Remote Communities South**

Joan R.

Hi, my name is Joan, and I am serving as the Accessibilities Chair for Southern Area 42. Our committee meets on the fourth Monday of every month on Zoom. You can find our meeting details on the Events calendar on the Las Vegas Central Office website. All are welcome to attend. We are bringing the "Meetings To Go" committee

back to life. "Meetings To Go" is a group of AA members reaching out to other AA members in hospitals, nursing homes, and other long-term care facilities. We help Alcoholics stay connected to the fellowship during times when they may not be able to access a meeting. Volunteers can call the members in need, visit them in the facility in pairs, or even bring a meeting to a long-term care facility. Please take one of our flyers back to your home groups. The flyer has a QR code that will link you to our page on the Central Office Website. In addition, we are working on several other projects, including fulfilling a request from one Deaf member for ASL interpretation at his meeting. If you know any other Deaf or Hard of Hearing alcoholics who use ASL in the Southern Area, please let me or another committee member know. You can reach me at [joanrservice@gmail.com](mailto:joanrservice@gmail.com) for more information on our current projects or to ask for help in making your meeting event more accessible to others. We have items such as wheelchairs and walkers, as well as literature on DVD, in Large Print, or in Braille. Thank you for your time and attention, and I look forward to working with you to make AA welcoming and accessible to all.

### **Accessibility/ Remote Communities North**

Joe H. - Verbal Report Given

### **CPC PI South**

Chris H. -Verbal Report Given

### **CPC PI North**

Terri M.

Hello everyone. My name is Terri and I am an alcoholic and your CPC (Cooperation with the professional community) northern area 42 Chair. Since Jan 1<sup>st</sup> I have been just learning my new position like most of us. I recently had the honor of going to Los Angeles to our Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA). What an amazing experience and I was able to understand what my job is now in AA. I am the link to the professionals such as, doctors, lawyers, therapists, social workers, nurses and clergy folk. I was able to attend roundtable discussions that were just CPC related. There were well over 1000 people all coming together to make sure AA continues to grow and not self-destruct. I found out that I have resources I can give professional people to help them connect their clients/patients to AA if they have a drinking problem. Thank you all for allowing me to be of service. I am truly grateful for the experience.

### **H&I South**

Andrew H.

My name is Andrew, and I am an alcoholic. I am your H&I liaison from Southern Nevada. H&I is growing again. We are adding panels in new and existing treatment centers in southern Nevada. We are also getting back into institutions that were closed for quite a long time. Contributions are continuing to rise lately. Thanks to my fellows that contribute to the pink can. It allows us to carry the message to alcoholics who are not able to get out to a regular AA meeting. Either by panels or providing literature. If anyone is interested in sharing your experience, strength and hope - we meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Las Vegas central office at 6:00 pm. Thank you for letting me be of service.

### **Corrections Facilities North**

Bigg J. - Verbal Report Given

### **Treatment Facilities/ Bridging the Gap North**

Lonnie M. - Verbal Report Given

### **Grapevine South**

Heather L. - Verbal Report Given

### **Grapevine North**

Sue H. - Verbal Report Given

### **La Vina Chair South**

Leo M.

Hi my name is Leo M .... and I am an alcoholic and I am the chair of the La Viña committee. The report I am presenting to you today is about the activities we are doing with the 18 Hispanic groups in District 21. The committee visits a local group on a weekly basis informing them of the importance of maintaining the writing workshops and subscriptions to the magazine. We invite colleagues to share their experience in service to La Viña in the meetings planned to write stories for the magazine. We maintain a large inventory of literature printed by La Viña for sale to groups. We heard positive criticism and complaints about the service offered by La Viña with magazine deliveries and customer service via telephone: "NOT VERY GOOD", disagreeable to colleagues. The committee is in constant support of the 27th Anniversary of the Pacific Region La Viña organizing committee, promoting event registrations, t-shirt sales, voluntary contributions and reminding them that the anniversary will be held July 21, 22, and 23, 2023 in Wilsonville, Oregon. We are very grateful and encouraged to serve together with the AA community of Southern Nevada Area 42 "SAGSC". Fellow AA members, we thank you for allowing us to serve.

### **La Vina Chair North**

Teresa B. - No Report

### **PI South**

Robin R.

My name is Robin, I'm an Alcoholic and SAGSC Public Information Chair (PI). Earlier this year we were trying to wrap up some past projects, namely Targeting High Schools with information on Teenage Drinking. We have been unable to continue with this project due to staffing issues. However, we are going to identify 10 High Schools and start with them. CPC is conducting a workshop on April 13, 2013, from 10:00-1:30, titled HOW AA MEMBERS COOPERATE WITH PROFESSIONALS. A light lunch will be served PI will be there participating as well. Public Information will lead a Friends of Bill Meeting at the Mirage Hotel on the morning of April 24 to April 27 from 6:30AM to 7:15AM this request came from the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union. I am still looking for about 4 volunteers. Please contact me if you can help: [sarea42.pi.cpc@gmail.com](mailto:sarea42.pi.cpc@gmail.com). We continue to work with our community partners, and we have received a few referrals to events where literature can be offered. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS – For only two or three hours about one a month, please send me an email letting me know your availability: [sarea42.pi.cpc@gmail.com](mailto:sarea42.pi.cpc@gmail.com). Our committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at Central Office or on Zoom

### **PI North**

Don D.

Hello awesome Area 42 service folks. My name is Don Duncan and I am an alcoholic. I get to serve as the Northern Area Chairperson for Public Information. I got to help as co-chair of the Public Information Area Conference Committee with summarizing and presenting the 18 agenda items for this year's General Service Conference. Jake our Delegate will be serving on this committee when he heads to New York so it is super exciting to be working with him on how we can better reach members and potential members in and outside of the rooms. Also, how we can get the word out to non-AA folks in the world about where alcoholics can go when they are ready to find recovery. This is the very first part of my rotation and already I have gotten to work with mis compañeros y compañeras with their newly formed Public Information Committee. They have already begun making presentations and are doing an awesome job! I am also going to be working with the South Shore Group understanding what strides they are making at the lake in the way of PI/CPC and how I can provide resources for them. I will also be working closely with the Northern Nevada intergroup PI Chair to help as I can. I am excited about all the ways through pamphlets and other literature. How we can get information to anyone we can about who we are, what we do, what we don't do. I am also excited to see the ways the Conference and General Service Board agree on to help push our fellowship to new more innovative ways using the internet to connect with alcoholics we haven't reached yet. Later this year I am looking to hold a Public Information workshop in person in the North and on Zoom for the Area to help people better understand what Public

information committees do and how we can help to make 12<sup>th</sup> Step work possible for local districts and groups. Thank you as always for allowing me to be trusted with the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

#### **Intergroup Liaison South**

Amanda V.

#### **Intergroup Financials:**

Year End 2022 as of 12/30/22

#### **P&L:**

Total Income: **\$233,642.07**

Total Expenses: **\$216,590.06**

Net Income: **\$17,052.01**

#### **Balance Statement:**

Closing Balance as of 12/30/22: **\$177,990.51**

Year-to-Date (as of 2/28/23)

#### **P&L:**

Total Income: **\$ 36,049.92**

Total Expenses: **\$ 30,411.24**

Net Income: **\$ 5,638.68**

#### **Balance Statement:**

Closing Balance as of 2/28/23: **\$183,629.19**

Full financials are available upon request.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- The Founder's Day event will be held on June 10. More details to come!
- The Men's Night Out Banquet Dinner and Speaker Meeting will be on March 25th at 6:00 PM at the Tuscany Hotel Casino. The cost is \$50. It's an evening of fellowship and good food for men only. The speaker will be Dr. Jeff W. from Mission Viejo, CA.
- SLVRSTRK – Our new editor has added QR codes to make subscribing easier, and he is pushing to a more digital-friendly, user-friendly format. 30-Day Reflection, 30-Year Reflection, and any other exciting additions.

#### **Intergroup Liaison North**

Ed L.

Hi, everyone my name is Ed and I am an alcoholic and present Intergroup Liaison. I love this position as I have made a great deal of new friends. Right now my main focus is broadening communication between NAGS and Intergroup. Paul and I made it our first priority to make sure our Central office has all of the phone numbers for the north and south. It has been kinda fun to have answers to questions about who is on what committee in NAGS and vice versa. Being able to put chairs in communication with each other is one of the main focuses of this position. Passing information back and forth between the two groups really helps keep things going. Don D emphasized committee chairs going to each other's meetings and I did that on my last rotation. It really helps to know what each other is doing. Knowing past chairs' names and numbers helps the new chairs pick up where they left off. This type of information isn't available to Intergroup chairs. What also helps me in this position is that I am on the board of directors for Rural Nevada Counseling. The information I can pass on as to whom to contact at certain facilities in Northern Nevada is very helpful. All of this makes this position that much more rewarding. Yours In Service,

#### **NACYPAA Liaison North**

Dan M.

Hello, my name is Dan, and I am an alcoholic. Liaison for NACYPAA host in Reno. As you can see there are a few of us running around this weekend. We would love to get you registered for the conference on July 20th through 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Ramada hotel. The host committee is working hard to bring the second NACYPAA event; "The Keys to The Kingdom", to everyone in Area 42. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to anyone raising their hands. Thank you for allowing me to serve the Area 42



### **SAGSC Translator/ Interpreter**

Diana M.

My name is Diana, and I'm an alcoholic. And soon to be past Co-Chair of the Translation & Interpretation Committee. I had the opportunity to go to PRAASA and gained – like many here – new perspectives and ideas. In all my years of attending PRAASA, I have never seen such amazing participation from the Hispanic AA community. I'd like to think that it's because of committees like this one that are making a difference. Not too long ago I realized there was a need to elevate opportunities for a community that was struggling for representation. Alcoholics Anonymous has taught me that service is vital not only to help carry the message of AA, preserve our singleness of purpose, and our Traditions but to also ensure our unity by affording full participation of all our members. Today in Area 42, we can see the faces of our Latino brothers and sisters. And, more importantly, we finally get to hear their voices. Without your cooperation this could never have happened. So, if accolades should be given by anyone, they should be given by the Translation Committee to all of you. In the meantime, although I'm leaving this committee at the end of this Assembly and have no idea what adventure awaits me, I remain unchanged in my focus and will do what I do best – which is to serve and continue to love and protect a movement and the people that saved me and gave me back a life that I've promised to live with dignity and grace. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

### **NAGSC Translator/ Interpreter**

Diana V. - Verbal Report Given

### **Area Translator/ Interpreter**

Tony S.

Hello everyone, my name is Tony, a very grateful alcoholic. I am honored and privileged to serve as your area 42 Translation and Interpretation Chair. Welcome to all the new GSR's, DCM's and newly elected Delegate and Area 42 Committee. As I enter my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a 4-year commitment, I look back and reflect on how far this Committee has gone. Ten years ago, I started translating to 1 person, who knew some English, and to date we have \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanics here today. These past couple of years we have started translating more than just the committee reports with the help of Diana. Thank you, Diana. We just had our monthly meeting and Diana has announced that she is stepping down from the committee. With Lyle's help we have elected Dina as our new alternate chair and Lizette G. as our secretary. We also have some new volunteers on our committee. Keep in mind that some of them don't even speak Spanish. I am forever grateful for them. Please send all your reports to the secretary, Libby, who will then send them to Dina and myself for translation. We translate your reports to read them to the Hispanic members because it is easier to read your report then to simultaneously translate. Please speak slowly when you get to the microphone because the Spanish translation is longer than your report in English. If you wish to join our committee please feel free to see Dina or myself in the back of the room. Thank you for letting me be of service. Tony S

### **Technology Chair North**

Michelle M. - Verbal Report Given

### **Technology Chair South**

Ashley L. - Verbal Report Given

### **Area Technology Chair**

Jeffrey C. - Verbal Report Given

### **Web Servant**

Glenn W. - Verbal Report Given

### **Area Secretary**

Jen G

Hi. My name is Jen. I am the area 42 secretary. Well, they weren't lying when they told me it would be

March madness for this position. We have worked hard to get all the reports in and translated. Created assembly packets. I was able to attend PRAASA and found gratitude in my heart for general service again. I am nervous and excited all at the same time for this commitment. I want to say thank you to Diana and the translation team. To all of Panel 73 for their help while I felt as if I was gonna go crazy the last few weeks. Lyle, Paul, Lisa, Jake, Jonelle, and Rhonda - thank you. Thank you for all you have done. I owe everything to AA. Lyle C. Closes Meeting with the Responsibility Declaration

### **Blue Room Minutes**

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Opening by Jonelle

Introductions around the room

Explanation of Blue Room purpose and procedures – Jonelle

- Discussion Item 1 – Proposing an Area Inventory – Paul

At PRAASA Paul heard discussion about doing Area Inventory

Been about 10 years since we've done one

Some areas do inventories every 2 years and it part of their Guidelines

Collect questions & concerns and do an inventory

Opened for discussion

Are we serving our primary purpose?

Are reaching out to the alcoholic who is still suffering

Are we fulfilling what we are supposed to be doing?

Are we using our money wisely?

Suggestion to collect questions & concerns at SAGSC & NAGSC

Bring those to the fall assembly and vote on which ones to discussion

Between 4 and 10 questions – limit to small number of questions

After the inventory have to have resolution on any issues / must have action

Are we serving our community?

What can we do to get our message out there?

Are we doing the right things as a committee and as an Area?

GSR's aren't necessarily getting the message from the Area/GSO level to the homegroup

How can we help the GSRs not be overwhelmed & get them used to public speaking

Suggestion to create an Ad Hoc committee to do it

Include SAGSC & NAGSC in process

Can use Grapevine inventory info as well as other Areas

Suggestion to use AA Group pamphlet, DCM pamphlet & Traditions checklist

Limit questions – include groups, districts, SAGSC & NAGSC

Question: why would we do an inventory? Is it necessary to do an inventory

Lead by example and have Area go first then SAGSC, NAGSC and districts may follow

Spring 2014 has

- Discussion Item 2 – Translation – Diana

Confusion about who people should contact for translations

How to better coordinate the work between the Chair & Co-Chair

Asking people to use Nevada Area website contact for Translation [translator\\_interpreter@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:translator_interpreter@nevadaarea42.org)

Complaint the email address is too long – Webmaster said could be done

Reminder emails to include the translation email address

Reminder reports are supposed to go to Secretaries not translators

Area Secretary (Jenn) – she will forward and includes translation address to will get it

For District events or whatever they can reach out to translation directly

Translation group does a great job and work really hard

Diana's last assembly as translator

- Delegate Message – Jake  
Thank you everyone for being part of Area 42
- Discussion Item 3 – Agenda Item Summaries – Ed  
Recommending training to do summaries and presentations for people  
We could use Zoom to help  
GSRs don't know how to do the presentations – need to understand the why we are doing this  
It is an enlightening process – how does it affect the alcoholic not born yet  
Language seems very abstract  
Recommend a workshop to help train people  
At NAGSC could use the GSR training hour to help train people  
DCM can help train people as well  
Committee job to train the people doing summaries  
GSR trainings at Assembly can be used to train GSRs to do summaries  
There are existing instructions on Google Drives  
Ask service sponsors for help and learning how to do something is part of the process  
Practice over years makes it easier – learn from our mistakes over the years  
Add to inventory

Close with Responsibility Statement

### **Saturday April 1, 2023**

Lyle C. called meeting to order at 8:00 AM in Tonopah Convention Center, Area 42 Open with the Serenity Prayer  
Lyle C. reads the Anonymity Statement  
Diana M reads from the AA Service manual pg 40.

“Why do we need a Conference?

“We may not need a general service conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth that brought us back to life. We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must ensure can never invade A.A. We need it to ensure A.A. against the government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing over integration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its service. We need it to ensure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to ensure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is.”

### **Delegate Report**

Jake S.

My name is Jake, I'm alcoholic and I cannot tell you how honored I am to be serving as the panel 73 delegate for Area 42. If you are new today you might not know this, but you are in delegate area number 42 and area 42 happens to be the best area in the history of the universe! Thank you all very much for your service to Alcoholics Anonymous and thank you very much for spending your weekend here, in the sobriety capital of the world, beautiful downtown Tonopah, Nevada. The first 3 months of the year are an extremely busy time in a general service committee. I know that you have been getting a ton of emails and the beginning of the year can be very overwhelming. So, thank you for your service to AA. This report is going to be a little different today. Usually at our spring area assembly we are all about the agenda items for the general service conference.

Usually that is the only topic I would be discussing here. Unfortunately, another topic has come up that I feel I must discuss today so I will do that first. On January 29, 2023, class A trustee and chair of the general service board Linda Chezam resigned her position as class A trustee and general service board chair at the request of the general service board. This was an unprecedented action that as far as I know has never happened to any trustee any time before. As a result of the actions that night another class B trustee Josh E resigned his position as well. At PRAASA (the pacific region AA service assembly) the delegates had two 2 hours round table discussions as well as a 1 hour delegate lunch and we didn't talk about anything else that whole weekend. On March 16 all of the delegates had a virtual meeting with all of the trustees. That meeting was cut off because one of the interpreters got sick. We had another meeting with the trustees this last Thursday, March 30th and discussion is still not over. We have scheduled another virtual meeting for April 13. As I see it, the purpose of these meetings is to find out what happened that night, what went wrong, and what were the underlying issues that actually led up to it. I have had a lot of discussions with current and past delegates and trustees and I take this issue very seriously. We have the April 13th meeting and the general service conference, and I will be reporting back to our area everything that happens. What I found out as a result of all of this is that there are groups on Facebook where AA members discuss things. I am not on Facebook, I have never seen any of these groups, and I don't know anything about them. I'm not here to tell you to throw your Facebook in the garbage can. What I am here to say is if you are in these groups please do not forget that love and tolerance are our code. Social media groups are what we make them. In 2008 when I was "elected" to be the GSR for my home group, and then found out that that meant I had to spend the whole weekend sitting in the Tonopah Convention Center with a bunch of AA nerds... well let's just say it made me bristle with antagonism. I cursed my home group out the whole 4 hour drive up here and I could not believe that they had done this to me. I sat down in this room and all of our standing committee chairs and DCMs started sharing and I was absolutely blown away. They started sharing about all of the amazing work and services that they were doing to help carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers in Area 42. I was not sitting in this room for 3 hours before I realized once again how wrong I was and that the people sitting in this room were doing more to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers than 90% of the people I had met in Alcoholics Anonymous up to this time. I absolutely fell in love with General Service, and I have been here ever since. If you are new to General Service today you may be asking: what does a delegate do? So, Alcoholics Anonymous is different from most other organizations in the world. Our service structure is based upon an upside down triangle where the groups of AA are at the very top. In Alcoholics Anonymous, we want every decision on AA policy to be made by all of the groups of AA. Once a year, there is a big weeklong meeting called the General Service Conference. That is where the decisions of Alcoholics Anonymous are made. Obviously, we cannot have a meeting with every single member of Alcoholics Anonymous at the conference. So, the 93 areas of Alcoholics Anonymous in the US and Canada all elect one delegate to represent their area at the General Service Conference. The delegate's responsibility is to carry the group conscience of their area to the General Service Conference in New York and to work for Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. That is my job and I take this job very, very seriously. If you are new here today, you are going to hear 5000 new acronyms, and you are probably going to be overwhelmed with way more information than you could ever learn in one day. And that is okay. Just like everything else in Alcoholics Anonymous we take General Service one day at a time. If you have a question or if you do not understand something please tell someone. What I do want to say is that COVID-19 was a huge punch in the face for Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole and this General Service committee. This meeting that we are having today would've been illegal to have two years ago. Now that we are back to being able to have meetings and our committees are able to actually do their service work I am very excited to get back to doing all of the amazing work that is done in a General Service committee. At this meeting we are going to hear from our standing committee chairs and DCMs, and they are going to tell us about all of the wonderful things they have done, and all the things they have planned in order to carry the message to suffering alcoholics this year. This is why I fell in love with General Service and Alcoholics Anonymous. Another fun and exciting thing you get to do when you are a part of a General Service committee is the reason why we are all here today. We are here to get educated on some of the items, and to build a group conscience for the agenda items of the 73 General Service Conference of AA that will be held in Brooklyn New York from April 22nd to April 29th. Every delegate is assigned to one of the 13 conference committees of the General Service Conference. I have been assigned to the Public Information committee. Members of Public Information committees convey AA information to the general public. Some of the ways they do this is by giving presentations about Alcoholics Anonymous to schools and organizations. By providing information about AA through Digital and print materials. By ensuring local media have

accurate information about AA through PSA's, anonymity protected Interviews, and press kits, and any other kind of public information. I have never served on the Public Information committee in our area, and I have to say that I am absolutely blown away by all of the amazing work that is done by Public Information committees. I am also very excited about the future of Public Information committees for AA as a whole: like our website, PSAs, and YouTube channel as well as our boots on the ground Public Information committees in southern and northern Area 42. Being on the Public Information Conference committee means I will be discussing, and have input into every single item on the PI committee agenda with our committee before the full sharing at the full conference that will start on Wednesday. This is like our area conference committees. Then when the full body of the Conference meets we will find out what agenda items came out of the other 12 committees. This is like our area assembly. So why are we all here today? And why do we do all of this work anyway? We are here to build the group conscience of area 42. We are here to take responsibility for our upside down triangle. I cannot tell you how important I feel this work is to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Not because of any individual decision we may or may not make, but for how we make those decisions. In my opinion the reason why this work is so important is because this is how we get to unity on decisions that need to be made in Alcoholics Anonymous. Our common welfare should come first, personal recovery depends upon AA unity. I heard this stuff somewhere before. I am currently serving as the Area 42 delegate, that is my service position, but really what I am and what I always will be is a hopeless alcoholic. I am a hopeless alcoholic whose life was saved by Alcoholics Anonymous. I became the delegate for our area by showing up here and volunteering to be of service for our area when I could. I am here because I want the person being born today who is going to need Alcoholics Anonymous to be able to get the life-saving message I was able to receive when I showed up here weighing 140 pounds with black eyes sunken into my head. Bill Wilson said unity is the most cherished quality our society has. He also said without unity the heart of AA will cease to beat. Our world arteries will no longer carry the life-giving Grace of God and his gift will be spent aimlessly. That sounds pretty damn important to me! Unity does not mean that we all change our minds and then we all agree on everything. Nor is unity served by setting aside our concerns and conforming to the majority opinion. When we need to make a decision, it is important to allow the group conscience to work. The one thing I am sure of is that unity does not mean that you must agree with me! I believe that we all have a responsibility to speak our minds and stand up for our convictions. I think we must not only listen to other people's views that don't agree with us, we must actively solicit and encourage them. Only then can an informed group conscience speak. Once it has been spoken, then we fully trust it is the right decision even if we do not agree with it. We support the group conscience as if we had chosen it. I think if we continue to realize how important unity is for our fellowship, we will be able to continue in our mission of saving lives and that is why I want to be here. In the last 15 years decisions have been made in this area and for Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole that I completely disagreed with. If you were at the NAGSC round tables you heard my story about the subtitle for the GSR pamphlet. I hated that item, I screamed about it, and the item still passed, and the subtitle was changed. I got hold of every pamphlet I could with the title "GSR maybe the most important job in AA". And then I accepted the group's conscience. When you look at the agenda for the 73rd General Service conference, and look at every item and every sub item, there are almost a total of 100 different agenda items on there. Out of the 100 agenda items only about 15 or 20 of them are "new" agenda items and even some of these are rewording and reconsidering of items we have already heard here before. The items that we discuss and have presentations on at the area round tables and today, at our area assembly, have been chosen by our area conference committees. Area conference committees are relatively new to our area, and I don't want to say much about them and steal Paul's thunder, but I do want to say I absolutely love the process we use for the area conference committees, and I believe it leads to a more informed area. Just like you, as a GSR, have to decide what items to talk about with your group, we have to decide what items to discuss here. Every year someone will be upset because the item they wanted to discuss doesn't make it on to the area agenda. Trust me, I know. It happened to me a hundred times. So, if you are new today please listen to this very important information. Area 42 has an agenda item survey that you will be receiving through your DCMs or standing committee chairs this weekend. This survey is another opportunity for you to share your group conscience on any items that were not discussed at the area round tables or today at the area assembly. I challenge you to please check it out. Look at the survey, look at the full agenda items list, and look at the background information. On our agenda tomorrow morning at 10 AM we have the "what's on your mind" panel. Please do not miss that. Tell us what you think about any agenda item or anything else of concern for our area. Please email, call, or text your DCM, any of our area officers, or me about any agenda item or anything else anytime. The last thing I will say about our survey is that we have to use the honor system. Please do not fill out 30 surveys because you are trying to get your favorite item to pass. If you do this we will catch you and we will take your big book away and kick you out of Alcoholics Anonymous forever. (that is a joke). Our agenda item survey is just one more tool that I will use in conjunction with the area round tables, the area assembly, the district

meetings, text messages, emails and phone calls, and me being at every area assembly we have had for the last 15 years. We are very lucky to have Molly A., a class A trustee, to share with us today. We are also very lucky to have our Pacific Region Trustee Reilly K here as well. These two will have much more information on AA as a whole for us. I am very grateful for their service and that they are able to be here to share with us. So, I am going to finish up my talk by trying to sum up what I said. And that is to say that any decision that we make here today or any business that we get done here is never going to be as important as how we make those decisions and how we treat each other while we make those decisions. When you have something to say please stand up and please say what you mean and when you do that, do not say it mean. How, they asked, can such a group of anarchist's function at all? How can they possibly place their common welfare first? What, in heaven's name, holds them together? We alcoholics see that we must work together and hang together, else most of us will finally die alone. I cannot tell you how grateful I am to be a part of this area - area 42, the greatest area in the history of the universe. Thank you all very much for being here today, thank you all very much for saving my life and being a huge part of my program of recovery. I love you all!

Lyle C. Introduces Molly O. Class A ( Non Alcoholic) Trustee - Molly Presents her report

Lyle C. Introduces Reilly K. Pacific Region Trustee, from Oregon - Reilly Presents her report and answers questions.

Lyle C. announce this session is over we will restart at 10:10 with Presentation **Agenda items Presentations**

### Lyle introduces ITEM 1

1. Tam G. GSR District 2

#### ◆ VII. Policy/Admissions – E: Review report of the GSB Ad-Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups in the U.S./Canada Service Structure.

As noted in the historical context for this agenda item, the pandemic brought with it the need for virtual meetings worldwide. There were challenges stemming from how to incorporate this new platform into the AA structure while still respecting our steps, traditions, and concepts. As a result, 2 advisory actions were established at the 71<sup>st</sup> GSO. One was to create an ad-hoc committee to explore participation of online groups in the US/Canada service structure. The committee began meeting in August of 2021. The progress report given at the 72<sup>nd</sup> conference chiefly noted that there was a need for input from delegates to better understand online group participation in the 93 areas throughout the US and Canada. A survey was sent to delegates, it was reviewed and analyzed. Additionally the committee found that many districts and areas had found a way to include participation of online groups and many proposed agenda items on the topic, both pro and con, continue to be received. The current report for the 73<sup>rd</sup> conference notes that as of December 2022, GSO database had 883 listings for virtual groups with 587 of them having a GSR listed. This was up significantly from the 595 virtual groups listed in April of 2022. There are currently 2 virtual districts in the GSO database. One in area 48 and one in area 70. (there may be others forming but currently those are the only two listed) Both districts have seen a steady increase in the number of groups joining them. The survey sent to delegates had a 76% return rate. A follow up survey was sent to seek clarification on one of the questions included in the survey. This is a sampling of some of the questions presented to the delegates:

- **In your area, are both the area and districts welcoming participation of online/virtual groups.** 97% said yes. 3% responded no. Comments ran the gamut from “we’re paying attention to inclusive actions so that online folks at the hybrid assembly are truly a part of the business” to one district that will not allow online/ virtual only groups to participate.
- **What discussions regarding participation of online/virtual groups in your area or districts have taken place.** Again, the responses were wide ranging - every area has been discussing and problem solving the issues, but the vast majority are looking to GSO for guidance and a unified decision.
- **Are you aware of virtual groups in your area that have chosen to not connect with general service structure either by choice or circumstance.** 54% said yes. Comments included confusion about being a registered group, to someone who had set up a virtual meeting but had never participated in general service. Once more, there was a call for some guidelines.
- The question that required follow up was about online groups having members from multiple districts or outside the area or from other countries. The initial response was 76% yes. The follow-up question was

broken down into 3 parts: **do online groups in an area have members from multiple districts** and this time the response was 98% yes. Many of the responses noted that membership in virtual groups seems to be independent of physical location. When asked about **members from outside the area** the response was 88% yes and **outside the country** 49% yes.

- One question asked about **participation at district meetings and assemblies**. Many areas, like area 42 provide hybrid assemblies and district meetings however there was at least one respondent who said all voting in their area had to be in person.
- Delegates were asked **if their area had invested in equipment for hybrid service events**. 52% said they had. Delegates were also asked about the cost to facilitate online groups in the area. Costs ranged from 1500 per year to 9600.
- Delegates were also asked **if there had been discussions about forming virtual districts or areas**. 99% reported no discussions on virtual districts and 61% had no discussions on virtual areas. Again the consensus of those who had discussed it was that there were many more questions than answers and they were looking to GSO and subcommittee for guidance.

An overview of the survey acknowledged the complexity of the issues. It was also noted that many of the challenges facing online groups are the same as those of brick & mortar groups – they are universal challenges for all AA groups. While there was a desire for guidance from GSO, there was also evidence that many areas have found viable solutions to issues. In addition to the survey, the ad hoc committee report provides information gathered from attending regional workshops as well as the international perspective from World Service Meeting. Highlights include:

- A perceived need for guidelines from GSO
- Concerns from members whose group meet online that “people on Zoom are not really there”
- Sharing nuts and bolts of how to set up and use formats such as online and hybrid meetings.
- Concerns about what happens as brick and mortar meetings start up again and the longevity of online/virtual meetings.
- Primary purpose remains the same no matter what kind of meeting, so maybe we should stop differentiating.
- Reaching alcoholics in remote areas – in one instance a vibrant online group led to a physical meeting and the development of an online district.
- An influx of young people through online groups
- Concerns about privacy and confidentiality
- Online meetings where people sleep or just socialize that don’t seem to be aa ● Concerns that online groups may erode personal contact or service activity.

The report references “shared experiences” throughout. It notes that while Conference-Approved literature needs to go through the Conference process to be updated, service material has fulfilled the important role of providing shared experience to groups and members when there is a need for timely sharing of information. There are currently many resources available on aa.org, the group handbook and in service kits that have information related to online groups. However helpful this information is, it is the committee's determination that more shared experience needs to be gathered from online groups so that it can be integrated into the current service pieces. The committee notes that sharing from one group to another...one GSR to another...one DCM to another and one district to another will do a great deal to fulfill the need. Online intergroup of AA as well as the Technology in AA forum are also additional resources. The committee is also looking to collect shared experiences from districts and areas, like ours, who are holding assemblies or other events in a hybrid format. What considerations went into the decision? What have been the challenges? Has it led to greater participation? Costs associated with this? While this was touched upon in the survey more sharing on this would be helpful. The committee concludes with the notion that while there are still more questions than answers at this time, the shape of the question continues to evolve. It is apparent that many conversations are happening at the district and group level and that there are still many voices that need to be heard.

#### **Feedback on the Item**

- Online group with a GSR for 3 years with a lot of input. They did not receive the survey? ● In the forward section there was a sentence taken out during the reprint. Fundamentally though the difference between an electronically meeting and the home group around the corner is only one of format. Will this be added into the fifth edition or will it be discussed. ● How to get to the other 46%

- Are we reaching more people? Are we being more inclusive?
- Zoom is important to connect to people out of the state. Zoom meeting doing service in different states or if there is a person with immune disorder they can be involved in AA

Jake S. This is just a review. Jake would like to hear all groups input on this item. There was no sense of the assembly.

## ITEM 2

Don D. (Public Information Chair, NAGSC)

### ◆ VIII. Public Information – A: Review the 2023 - Public Information

#### **Comprehensive Media Plan.**

My name is Don, and I am an alcoholic. I serve as the Northern Area Public Information Chair. I have been asked to present Public Information Item A for the General Service Conference Review the Comprehensive Media Plan. Throughout the CMP the committee entrusted to build this plan stressed the absolute importance of adhering to the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous as we consider actions to be taken.

The committee expressed support for the vision and architecture and reported that this version of the CMP brings a practical and implementable plan into vision and consider the following suggestions

- Continue to focus on standardizing a unified style in messaging in how we speak to the public As we continue to make our message available in traditional and new formats and channels, it is always important to remain true to who we are and what we do. Staying consistent with our principles and identity is critical to clearly communicating our message of hope and recovery from alcoholism, regardless of the format or channel through which we communicate. They further discussed that our success in future communications and sharing of content would require that we find solutions that can balance our Conference mandated Governance with the current culture's:

- Affinity for social media
- Desire for more concise, engaging, and frequent communications
- Preference for mobile app-like experiences

This plan is forward thinking in realizing “Media has been a key outreach tool for Alcoholics Anonymous since our earliest days. Still, over the last few decades, the media and technology landscape has evolved far beyond what our founders would have imagined. Balancing our traditions with the ways we utilize technology is of critical importance. That being said, “attraction rather than promotion” cannot be an excuse for failing to carry the message online. It is our responsibility to adapt to new technologies and hold ourselves to the highest standards as a Fellowship. What sets us apart from a typical business is that our success is measured in lives saved rather than profit. The still sick and suffering alcoholic (our “target audience”) is seeking our message online, and an online visibility strategy is needed to ensure people are able to find us. Any online visibility strategy is based on digital marketing principles and tools. We are using marketing not to sell anything but to carry our message. Our ability to carry the message requires our corporations to learn and ascribe to digital marketing best practices and hold our online presence to the highest possible standards.

The committee in an effort to distinguish our purpose in digital landscaping but by using the language of that format asked.

What is branding when it comes to AA?

A brand is easily identifiable marks, messaging, and imagery that conveys its identity to its target audience. It should be very closely tied to the communication strategy and voice of the brand. A brand voice is a uniformity in the selection of words, the attitude, and values of the brand while addressing the target audience or others. It is how a brand conveys its brand personality to the external audience.

Key Message: There Is a Solution

Value Proposition: What Is the Problem A.A. Addresses?

- Need for recovery from alcoholism.
- Dependence on alcohol and wreckage of life

Regular communication about our lifesaving content is vitally important in today’s colossus of communication. We seek to make our public service announcements more available to the suffering alcoholic by making them available wherever people consume information. We can also make our content more shareable to support recovering Alcoholics who already carry the message of hope and recovery. A



focused effort is underway to develop content that is more readily available across multiple formats for our fellowship to share while staying well within our spiritual principles. Including utilizing Instagram, LinkedIn, as well as studying paid placement of PSAs on streaming platforms. We have also been consistently utilizing Google Analytics to see how Alcoholics Anonymous can appear ahead of other sponsored ads for say treatment centers when certain keywords or phrases identifiable to our program are used such as the 12 Steps. When we talk about our identity to those not familiar with the things we know to be true but the public, alcoholic or non-alcoholic doesn't, our Literature and Pamphlets are a key representation of our fellowship; if they are perceived to be outdated, irrelevant, and even ridiculous, we are perceived to be those things as well. Pamphlets might easily be someone's first impression of our fellowship, and we must stop undermining our credibility by offering outdated materials. Keeping our materials updated, appealing, and available in a mobile-friendly digital format is critical to improving public perception of A.A. Storytelling is an integral part of A.A.'s history; how the message of sobriety and hope is carried to the members, potential members, and the people they affect is the basis of this plan. Key Tenets Developed for Technology/Communications Strategy

- Our goal is to get the still suffering alcoholic to local resources that can provide immediate help
- Our content needs to be inclusive and accessible to all we serve
- We need to be present where our audiences are searching for our messages
- Our message needs to resonate with each of our core audiences in voice and tone
- We must identify and address any unnecessary internal obstacles to be more responsive and agile

Ongoing Concerns:

- Lack of consistency in appearance between old and new materials.
- Materials do not work together visually, which sends an unclear message.
- The wording/written content of some pamphlets is being updated as needed, but the covers/artwork is not, leading to materials looking outdated, despite being current, which decreases their odds of being read and credible.
- Poor image/design quality: images across the assets are often quite poor—clip art, old-fashioned looking, stock photos, and many that do not add any visual value that aligns with the corresponding message AAWS is trying to put forth.
- Young people are unable to access or identify with our lifesaving message because the materials being presented to them appear to be outdated to the point of ridiculousness.
- The A.A. name and identity marks are used by many other entities, which is confusing to key audiences, and, most importantly—to the still-suffering alcoholic. Review of the website and its intended goals is one of the aspects of this committee. AAWS launched the new aa.org website in late 2021. The goal of the new website was to make the site more accessible, responsive, usable, and modern.

All features of our website are typically available in English, Spanish, and French for audiences in the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico. One core purpose of AA.org is to help users connect with AA and find meetings in their local area. The new AA.org does not provide AA meeting information; instead, it links to the local sources of this information. See the Find AA page for how we present the information: <https://www.aa.org/find-aa>. This is one of the most used and frequently complained about features on aa.org. Several years ago, we conducted a focus group with local entities, and they were overwhelmingly opposed to adding meeting finder functionality to aa.org. The commonly held belief was that people looking for meetings were a primary source of online traffic and general exposure for local entities and the services they provide for their local communities. Providing accurate meeting information is one of the main responsibilities of local A.A. intergroups, central offices, areas, districts, and answering services. These entities are also local and better equipped to connect individuals with A.A. resources in their local area, and many have 24-hour phone coverage to provide assistance at any hour. Grapevine and La Viña Websites—Our way to story tell in the most current ways. As of December 2022, A.A. Grapevine maintains two websites: one Grapevine site that includes the current magazine, archives, store, and other features and one parallel La Viña site for Spanish-speaking members. This is an avenue that has allowed us to utilize social media platforms in a more current and engaging way. Also, Grapevine and AAWS continue to work to create contracts with vendors who supply tablets in correctional facilities in the United

States. The plan is to continue to enlarge the number of vendors we have contracts with and increase the range of items of A.A. literature available. The current number of tablets managed is approximately 317,000, but it will soon increase to more than 400,000 throughout the United States There is no way to include all the things that this plan includes in 7 minutes, but it is an exciting time for how we are opening new frontiers to find the solution AA is offering in all of the ways we communicate Traditional and new endeavors.

#### **Feedback on this Item**

- Had a hard time reaching the hotline suggested zoom meeting; there was no internet where they lived. Is there a way to reach out to remote areas that do not have internet? Can the hotline have a local phone number?
- Tablets are these the tablets that are in Jail? Yes, that is the correct way to get literature. These tablets are carrying the message into corrections.
- How do we get AA from a covered Wagon and get it working like a train? How do we merge all the platforms?
- Why need to get this more digital for the young people in AA.

This is just a discussion. No sense of the assembly taken

Lyle Announces that the basket will be passed for the seventh tradition

#### ITEM 3

Jeffrey C. (Area Technology Chair)

#### **◆ III. Corrections – A: Consider a request to include content in existing A.A. literature on sponsorship of persons in custody by outside members of the Fellowship.**

#### **Consider a request to include content in existing A.A. literature on sponsorship of persons in custody by outside members of the Fellowship.**

This was a motion made by the International Corrections Meeting in Alcoholics Anonymous that content regarding sponsorship of persons in custody by outside members of the fellowship be added to existing AA literature.

The item addresses the lack of information in AA literature regarding sponsorship of persons in custody by outside members of the fellowship. It mentions that persons in custody and corrections professionals have requested outside sponsorship and how AA literature does not contain shared experience or guidance on this topic.

The background information contains the guidance of the Trustee's Corrections Committee and the shared experience gathered from the fellowship itself. The background information also contains a list of potential Conference Approved Literature and a list of Service Material where this content could be added.

By adding this content to the AA literature it is felt that this will offer the guidance from the Conference and the shared experience from the fellowship on establishing sponsorship relationships with persons in custody to provide answers and encouragement not only to persons in custody, but also to outside members who are willing to serve as sponsors.

#### **Feedback on this Item**

- If there was a pamphlet that had both to the sponsor and to the inmate. Maybe double sided with stories in the pamphlet.
- Whatever we can do to get the message to the inmate should done
- To consider sharing our experience. If it is considered then we will decide which experiences will be shared.
- 46% of inmates that find a program do not reoffend.
- There is an educational level that we need to break down the work to the inmates ● It's important to carry the message in so the inmate knows he has some to go when they get out
- Provide tools and information to help us do what we need to do to reach the inmates. We are just bringing the message to the suffering alcoholic.
- It would be an access to bring or donate big books.

#### ITEM 4

Dan M. NACYPAA Liaison

◆ **XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums – D: Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.**

My name is Dan M alcoholic. I am the chair for Area International Conference Committee/ Regional Forums. I am to give a report on how we can as an Area generate better attendance from new members to the forum. I have looked over the background information. It looks like there's a lot of questionnaires conducted after each forum. There are a lot of good ideas and suggestions on how to do this. Here are few to get us all thinking about how Area 42 can generate better attendees.

- One good suggestion would have Area officers, DCM's and GSR's were to start announcing the upcoming forum in their meetings. Also, if they were to include their experience with the forum in shares at their local meetings.
- Another idea would be to have save the date card made to be passed out too members of Alcoholics Anonymous (business cards, Flyers, etcetera)
- Finding a way to include the young people in Alcoholics Anonymous has anyone from the regional forum committee tried to show up to ypaa conferences in the area the forum is going to be in? Or even asked if (ICYPAA) would be willing to have a panel or the regional trustee speak on the forum and what it is.

In looking over the questionnaire it looks like they have had some pickup in numbers as far as new attendees  
Question 5 Please indicate whether this was your first Forum:

Yes 72 (56.2%) No 48 (37.5%) 2022 PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM – (September 16-18, 2022)

In looking over the three other questionnaires for the US and Canada there are higher first-time attendees then return attendees. However, in Canada it looks to be about the same amount first and return attendees. So the question I have for our Area is seeing as we will be hosting the Forum next year how can we draw new members as well as getting return members to come to Nevada's Forum? Seeing as we have limited time to talk about this, I would invite anyone who has been to a Regional Forum to share their experience with us for a few minutes. Also bring any ideas you may have to Phil or to me so we can start putting them into action over the next year. **Feedback on this Item**

- GSO brings what they do at GSO to your home town.
- Events, service food
- The more volunteer you have the more attendance you have
- Telling stories about what we love about the forums will interest more people. Share own experience with why we love them

## Reports

### **District 5B**

Samantha G.

Good Afternoon, my name is Samantha, and I am an Alcoholic. I am your new DCM for District 5b. On December 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 District 5b held our elections, and I am pleased to announce that all of our members stood up to be of Service!! We behold our monthly service manual step study every third Saturday of the month 10am on Zoom. Meeting ID: 911 603 2610 and Passcode: Service, we would love you to come and join us. Our monthly district meeting is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, and has recently moved to KCB 5717 W Alexander Rd at 1:15pm, starting May 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be having our first Workshop on April 15<sup>th</sup>, at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 8901 Del Webb Blvd, starting at 2:00pm This is my first month at DCM so I will make this short and sweet. I am honored to be a part of district 5b, area 42, and am looking forward to having the opportunity to serve you for the next 2 years.

### **LVYPAA Liaison South**

Samantha G.

Hello, my name is Samantha and I am alcoholic, and the current General Service Liaison for LVYPAA . LVYPAA meets the first Sunday of every month at 1:30 at Central office 1515 E Tropicana Ave. In February we had our annual dance, date auction and spaghetti dinner co hosted by District 13, and FLAGYPAA, with an amazing turn out. Our next event will be a Day at the Park event on April 8th at Sunset Park. The meeting starts at 1pm and we'll have a speaker

from NACYPAA 2 (Nevada Area Conference of Young People in AA). It's a \$10 suggested donation. We'll have a dessert auction, egg hunt, water balloons, sack racing, and other activities! I have flyers available. We recently voted to establish and register a LVYPAA meeting to be hosted at The Meeting Space on Fridays at 7pm. As we get this rolling, we'll soon have our own GSR! We'll be a tradition-based meeting to bring awareness of LVYPAA but also encourage others to deep dive into traditions and what they mean in AA. LVYPAA is traveling to Reno on the 25th, NACYPAA 2 is having a Leprechaun Games event. We are always looking for events to co host, or events to attend, so please reach out to me if you have anything you would like LVYPAA to be involved with. If you have any additional questions please feel free to reach out to me or at LVYPAAchair@nevadaarea42.org . Thank you for letting me be of service

### **North DCM Corridator**

Phil W.

As the coordinator of DCM's and committee chairs it's my position to help and promote communication between the DCM's in the north and the Committee Chairs in the North. We had a meeting at the round tables just a couple weeks ago, and our main focus was how can we better serve the groups in our part of the area? I did ask a question of the chairs as to whether or not; they had received workbooks and kits. Most of our chairs had not received a workbook or a kit yet. I asked them if they would please get a hold of the General Service Office via our AA.org website. By going to the contact page and finding the appropriate committee desk and asking them if they could please send a Workbook and Kit out our way to the chair. We also talked about the DCM's starting workshops and making it clear that we wanted group members as well as GSR's to always show up at workshops. The workshops that could be put on by the DCM's would include requesting two or three Committee Chairs to come to a district and put on presentations, showing the members material that is available to help the groups do the sole purpose of groups, and that is to carry the message that the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous work. We also heard from our District 22 that they've been working on putting together a couple committees, including a Public Information committee that has already done some. Public Information work in the community. District 6 also gave us a little report of a group in Lake Tahoe area putting together a Committee to talk to the professionals so the work of AA is going on and being done by groups in the Northern area and we really are working towards helping more groups do their sole purpose.

Break for lunch

Meeting started at 1:15 with the Serenity Prayer

Lyle C Opens the meeting

### **Item 5**

Betty S. and Jason M.

**Finance item F. "Discuss proposed agenda items related to changes to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions approved by 2021 General Service Conference."** The Following information is from this year's background material for Finance agenda item F. It is arranged in the following sections.

**I. An excerpt from the October 29, 2022 trustees' Literature Committee report II.**

**Time Line which is extracted pieces from Background item 2.**

**The only information that has been added in addition to this year's background is the summary page from the 2021 General Service Conference background material for Literature which can be found in the green text. The text in red is for clarification purposes and general information that was discovered in the research of this agenda item.**

**Excerpt from the October 29, 2022 trustees' Literature Committee report:** trustees' Literature Committee reviewed proposed agenda items related to the changes approved by the 2021 General Service Conference to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and noted the importance and interest of the Advisory Action to the Fellowship. Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions PAIs. **(DO NOT READ! Suggestion for the Presenter, the following bolded black text should be the main discussion point after the presentation, specifically the underlined section, please call this to the attention of the body in your own words before reading it if you'd like).** The trustees' Literature committee agreed to forward to the 2023 Conference Literature Committee all proposed agenda items related to the changes in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as one

**grouped item with the suggestion that the Conference Literature Committee consider forwarding the item to the general service areas for wider discussion looking toward setting a policy on how and whether to edit A.A. founder's words in our current literature. The agenda item would be discussed by the Fellowship during the 2023-2024 Conference year and considered by the Conference Committee on Literature at the 2024 General Service Conference.** 2021 General Service Conference Advisory Actions [https://www.aa.org/m-39-advisory- actions](https://www.aa.org/m-39-advisory-actions) pp101

1. A revision be made to page 117 in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, replacing the phrase “opposite sex” with the word “partner” as follows, and that a footnote be added to provide context to the change as it relates to inclusivity:

The text on page 117 which currently reads:

"Nearly every sound human being, experiences at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a mate of the opposite sex with whom the fullest possible union can be made – spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical. This mighty urge is the root of great human accomplishments, a creative energy that deeply influences our lives. God fashioned us that way. ..." Be revised to read: "Nearly every sound human being experiences at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a partner with whom the fullest possible union can be made – spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical. This mighty urge is the root of great human accomplishments, a creative energy that deeply influences our lives. God fashioned us that way. ..."

2. The sentence which includes the phrase “lustful enough to rape” in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter “Step Six” of the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, be revised to refer to the Seven Deadly Sins without specific mention of examples that are severe in nature as follows, and that a footnote be added to provide context as to the basis for the change:

The text on page 66 which currently reads: "No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health." Be revised to read: "No one wants to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony."

#### **I. Timeline**

##### **2002**

**Conference Advisory Action** - The text in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, written by Bill Wilson, remains as is, recognizing the Fellowship’s feeling that Bill’s writings be retained as originally published.

**Committee Considerations** - Taking into consideration previous Conference Advisory Actions addressing the historical context of Bill Wilson’s writings, the committee requested that the trustees’ Literature Committee consider adding a statement to the Foreword of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions explaining the historical context of Bill’s writings and report back to the 2003 Conference Literature Committee.

**Trustees’ Literature Committee Reports** - The committee discussed the request from the 2002 Conference Literature Committee that the committee consider adding a statement to the Foreword of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions explaining the historical context of Bill W. 's writings and agreed to take no action. The committee secretary will forward a report on this request from Tom J., Acting Publications Director, to the 2003 Conference Literature Committee for their information.

The committee discussed a suggestion to add the Twelve Concepts (short form) to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and took no action.

##### **2003**

**Conference Advisory Action** - A draft Introduction to be added to the front matter of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions be developed by the General Service Office’s Publications Department and reviewed by the trustees’ Literature Committee and brought back to the 2004 Conference Literature Committee for their consideration.

Note: The purpose of adding an Introduction would be to explain the language in Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and would include the following information:

- Time and era of publication
- Language as a reflection of the time period

Reference to the 2002 Conference Advisory Action: “It was unanimously recommended that the text in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, written by Bill Wilson remain as is recognizing the Fellowship’s feeling that Bill’s writings be retained as originally published.” This Introduction is to create a unified response to questions regarding specific language, idioms, and historical figures or events from A.A. members,

newcomers and non-alcoholics. **Trustees' Literature Committee Reports** - In response to a 2003 General Service Conference Advisory Action, the committee reviewed a preliminary draft of the introduction to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions developed by the Publications Department. The committee made some suggestions

and requested that a revised draft be presented to the committee at the November 2003 meeting. The committee reviewed the draft Introduction to be added to the front matter of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and agreed to forward to the 2004 Conference Committee on Literature for consideration.

#### **2004**

**Committee Considerations** - After lengthy discussion, the committee requested that the Publications Department rewrite the draft introduction to be added to the front matter of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, as recommended by the 2003 General Service Conference, taking into consideration suggestions from the committee, and present it to the 2005 Conference Literature Committee following review by the trustees' Literature Committee.

**Trustees' Literature Committee Reports** - The committee discussed the 2004 Conference Literature Committee Additional Consideration "that the Publications Department rewrite the draft introduction to be added to the front matter of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, as recommended by the 2003 General Service Conference, taking into consideration suggestions from the committee, and present it to the 2005 Conference Literature Committee following review by the trustees' Literature Committee." The committee requested that the Publications Department rewrite the draft introduction taking into consideration the suggestions from the Conference Committee on Literature. The committee reviewed the draft introduction to be added to the front matter of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions presented by Chris C., Publications Director. The committee requested Chris to revise the final paragraph maintaining the spirit of the sentiments expressed. The revised introduction will be considered by the committee at the January 2005 meeting.

#### **Feedback on this Item**

- Conference has stated that in the past we will not change the literature, but we can change our mind. We made a decision to change the literature to be more inclusive to same sex relationship and people who have been affected by sexual violence. If we go back it will shut the door and become less inclusive.
- Baffled we ever changed Bill words
- Bill encouraged change to fix it as he said.
- Bill states to grow or die. It's not for us, it's for the newcomer coming in.
- Conversation we can bring to our groups to change the founder's words. Discuss the freedom to change the policy in the next couple of years

Basket is being passed

Jonelle W.

#### **Feedback from roundtables North and South**

For this section we will have the secretaries from the South and North read the feedback from their respective roundtables. The presenters who gave the presentations on conference agenda topics chosen by our delegate, Jake, will join the secretaries near the stage. We will then open the floor for feedback from your groups. Afterwards, Jake may ask for a sense of the assembly.

#### **Feedback South Roundtable**

Libby G

#### **● II. Cooperation with the Professional Community – D: Consider retiring the pamphlet "A member's-Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous."**

**Summary:** The committee discussed the pamphlet "A Member's-Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous" and noted some concerns on the relevancy and usefulness of this pamphlet as a C.P.C. tool to communicate to professionals about AA. The committee noted that some of the text could be offensive to those of varying abilities and may lead to an appearance of AA aligning with a specific religious doctrine, such as "*this coming*

*Sunday in the churches of many of us, there will be read the portion of the Gospel of Matthew which recounts the time when John the Baptist was languishing in the prison of Herod".* The CPC Committee has retired 5 pamphlets since 1963. It is part of the process of AA to review AA literature from time to time to determine usefulness and relevancy.

- Considering editing instead of retiring the pamphlet - although we usually resist editing individual's writings
- Pamphlets are for professionals not AA members, consideration about varying abilities to comprehend is not a reason to retire as it is for professionals
- We need to be careful how we approach people outside AA, especially professionals like lawyers, doctors, judges, etc.; there is reference in our literature about women being good for getting coffee – we need to not come across that way
- Page 5 in the pamphlet explains what it is about – one person's viewpoint, use for CPC work
- It would be best if we worked on changing the general viewpoint that AA is a Christian organization, less Christian references would be good – that's why some professionals aren't referring people to us, Professionals don't want pamphlets
- Question – can it go to anybody not just professionals – Answer Yes, CPC/PI area committees use it for professionals
- Literature to professionals – doesn't have a lot of info – professionals reading this would think we were affiliated with Christianity, we don't want to narrow the understanding of what AA is
- Pamphlet not speaking for the whole of AA, remember it's a spiritual program; 13 stepping can include finances and religion, it is also about safety – pamphlet mentions Christianity several times
- CPC has retired certain pamphlets before, we should leave it up to CPC to retire or not, conference approved so should be conference retired, individual didn't use it in their CPC work but it might work in certain locations (non-urban), can be retired from CPC kit • Wasn't offended by Christian reference since it was an individual's opinion, felt the pamphlet was more valuable than offensive
- When AA started it was Christian & Jewish mostly, it has changed a lot over the years, reference to St. John the Baptist over the top, nothing about Buddhism, Hinduism, or Muslim; need to focus on being clear on what we do and don't do

#### **Feedback from the Assembly**

- Group feedback is the words just better communication
- Group believes the pamphlet should be retired
- We are a spiritual organization not religious
- Group doesn't want to change open to adding to it, but no change
- Professional community has reached out to of for pamphlets so they are important • Should be left in CPC hands
- Group thought it did more good than Harm

#### **• V. Grapevine/La Viña – B: Review progress report on the Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts.**

**Summary:** In 2022 the committee recommended that the AA Grapevine Board implement an Instagram account and requested that a report on the Instagram account be brought back to the Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña. That report included the following items and analytics; History, goals, types of posts, new magazine releases, GV and LV book information, new books, GV and LV websites, podcasts, short member story videos, AAWS website relaunch,

- Publishing on paper has tanked, everything is going digital, people spend 3 hours or more on their smartphones not on paper publications
- Concerns about social media and anonymity, what's the difference between various social medias and how they handle anonymity, like zoom and Facebook? • Instagram is anonymity protected – no comments are allowed, there is a vetting process - we have an outside vendor (Constant Contact), they review content before it goes on Instagram – no faces and no comments
- For La Vina someone manages our account
- AA tried to get a Facebook account years ago but they would allow comments so we didn't

get it, liking a page is different from joining a page

- Print vs. digital – young people will be using digital formats, we need to reach them, pamphlets are not doing it, we need to stay with the times, be relevant

#### **Feedback from the Assembly**

- Group is for the instagram account
- Group is for reviewing the progress report for more feedback

#### **◆ VIII. Public Information – M (3): Discuss Public Information pamphlets/ materials: Review progress report on revision to the flyer “A Message to Teenagers.”**

**Summary:** The committee discussed the 2021 advisory action, “That the trustees’ Public Information Committee revise the flyer ‘A Message to Teenagers’ to better reflect carrying the A.A. message to young people.” The chair led a discussion to reach a consensus from the trustees’ Public Information Committee on suggestions on how this flyer messaging can be more effectively delivered. There is a much-continued discussion concerning what format be it digital or paper to present this in, the content of messaging, and a discussion about illustrative direction that will probably need more time to be worked on. The Staff secretary has been unable to focus attention on this pamphlet update due to the other significant Public Information projects that are in progress. This pamphlet update will be worked on and a draft pamphlet or progress report can be provided to the July 2023 meeting of the trustees’ PI Committee.

- Very upset there isn’t progress on this pamphlet, alcoholics are coming in younger and younger, 414,000 have been diagnosed with Alcoholic Use Disorder, this pamphlet is NOT reaching young people, young people are dying, get a QR code, there are other options available - our kids are dying, we need to act
- 25 years ago as a PI chairperson this pamphlet was used in schools, it was reaching kids and their parents, revising to be current is good, saving one kid makes a difference – it needs to go to schools
- Teenagers won’t read it, they use QR codes or Tik-Tok, she does work in AA so her kids can have AA, never heard the message when she was a kid, the kids now scroll – this is how we reach them, they should be part of our heart
- AA needs to stay hip in all its materials, needs to stay current, find ways to provide literature where people can look at it in private, got 3 pamphlets when she was new and she took them home to look at them in private
- Started drinking at 8 years old and got sober in his 30’s – only got AA info when he was in trouble, ask young people in AA to spearhead this effort, need to use Anime, have teenagers design it, trying to hit audience without involving the audience • AA needs to get with the times, needs to be palatable, a lot of anti-AA on Tik-Tok, maybe need some PI, consider audio books, need more current ways to reach them • Got sober at 52 years old, drank for 44 years, doing well now because of AA, never looked for information, in his 13 years of sobriety he doesn’t see a lot of focus on young people, even more young people with problems with drugs and alcohol, we need to be united to help our kids by bringing info to the schools and hospitals and maybe juvenile detentions

#### **Feedback from the Assembly**

- Looking for effective ways to revise it, upset over precedence over it, stayed since 19 years old, looked for people not pamphlets, didn’t have young people stuff then • Grew up in comic book days – has dyslexia – would only look at pictures, not interested in books, people are who he goes to, encouraging this to go forward
- Young people should be handling the pamphlet
- Revisit the pamphlet add to and update passionate about it
- Would to see would ever updates is needed to reach the young people
- Review it and make it more relevant
- Why have we stopped update the pamphlet to help the teenagers
- Young people understood the question. Need more question to be answered • Group would like to see it digitized

#### **◆ VIII. Public Information – N: Review progress report on the request to create a new form of**



## communication to address anonymity on social media

**Summary:** In February 2020 the trustee's Public Information committee report discussed a request to create a new form of communication specifically addressing the use of social media and anonymity. The committee agreed to forward this request to the 2020 Conference Committee on Public Information.

Preliminary information the PI Committee gathered included: Shared experience from the Fellowship on how AA members adhere to anonymity traditions on various social media platforms; suggested safety and etiquette while using social media; and anonymity on video meeting platforms. They noted that AA literature such as "Understanding Anonymity" includes guidelines on the Internet but is dated and does not accurately reflect the current technology of the fellowship's experience. Updated material is needed and a video service piece might be explored. The committee requested the trustee's PI Committee continue these discussions and that a progress report or draft proposal be brought back to the 2021 conference Committee on Public Information.

The committee reviewed a progress report from the staff secretary on the development of an online survey of the Fellowship to explore their perspectives on anonymity-based Traditions and social media. They agreed to continue discussions and requested that the staff secretary provide a progress report on the survey to the January 2021 meeting. After reviewing potential questions, in November of 2021 "Anonymity on Social Media Survey- A request for Feedback from AA members" was created and given to the PI Chair and vice Chair. It was not ready and could not be completed by the January 2022 meeting. The Conference committee on PI requests the trustee's PIC and staff secretary focus on distributing the survey to all age demographics, particularly the young population, and obtain the results. A progress report is planned to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on PI. The trustee's committee responded to this request by tabling and sending the survey in 2022. They believe the survey needs to be updated due to the informal tone. They also did not want this to go out at the same time as the Member survey. In January 2023 the staff secretary reported they had been unable to focus on the survey due to other significant PI projects in progress. Next progress report will be in July 2023.

- Seen a lot of people breaking anonymity online, posting showing people in meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> A stands for Anonymity, very upset when it's broken, lots of breaks – they aren't the best examples of AA, Anonymity is important, when anonymity is broken it gives away power – leaving a bad taste in people's mouths, on-line is a cesspool
- Program started in 1935 things have changed a lot since then, trying to make it inclusive, everyone knew when I was out there, only I should break my own anonymity, need to reach out to make it inclusive – people are dying, young people are dying – we need to start now
- This topic is already addressed, press covers anonymity, issue is to let everyone know about anonymity including social media (the web) – we need to educate people on what the web is
- How we communicate must change, can't be a secret society, look at pamphlet Anonymity, need to have people feeling safe, service sponsor might help, need to address anonymity before getting into social media
- In the beginning being alcoholic was equal with being sinful and secret, original anonymity is about people going out making AA look like it doesn't work (famous people), suggest 12th tradition – people don't know what press means and the internet, the internet is its own thing, we have no vision of the future, radio doesn't exist to speak of, need to give them pictures, they live with pictures, need to pump brakes, no graduations – no reward, AA is a process
- Always telling people what they can't do, need to know the reason why, what's my intention? Ego smashing, need to explain why we are anonymous, a stigma still exists – example of family member rather having a brain tumor than alcoholism, always careful about how I post and what I post for lots of reasons
- Refer to 11th tradition – long form, none are rules, we can disregard and sign our own death warrant, responsibility to follow traditions, 2nd tradition & 10th tradition – controversial, have policy in place, personal sacrifice – our lives depend on it • Celebration of recovery, us vs them, how do we bring them into our fold, watched people screw up , important to celebrate and be anonymous, I can chose to respect my own anonymity must respect others anonymity
- Individual breaking this tradition by celebrating online for 17 years, will not celebrate online this

year

- Need to create ways to create/engage to get more feedback from AA members, bring back to actual wording
- Active on Facebook in multiple groups not all are AA, each group has its own purpose, started my own groups, there are settings in Facebook for anonymity – you can set what's on it, need to know what you're doing, separate his AA life that way
- Read long form of Tradition 11, says it all, we do not praise ourselves publicly, there is a need for more definition of each word i.e. press, praise, etc., it would be helpful to define them
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#### **Feedback from the Assembly**

- Group looking for guidelines on want to post and not to posted would be helpful
- Be more helpful showing them how is anonymity is broken
- Pamphlet with guidelines and sponsorship on anonymity
- Tradition 11 pamphlet

#### **◆ VI. Literature – F: It should be: Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American."**

**Summary:** This item originated as a Floor Action from Area 79 in October 2020 for a revision/update of this pamphlet (P-21 in the General Service catalog). Since that time, work has continued through the various committees, culminating in a working group composed of Native A.A. 's from Canada and the U.S.A.

(including Hawaii). The latest step in this process is a forward from the trustee's Literature Committee to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature for a progress report on the update (January 28, 2023).

- This is the first time that we have people involved who it is written about, getting out of touch – above is about a new way of doing thing, rename pamphlet
- Canada is known as First Nation, there are 228 tribes in Alaska, Hawaii isn't considered, attended Red Road meetings – they do their own thing, they are a different culture, we assume we know what they need, we can't make a pamphlet for all the tribes, white man is considered poison and toxic, their meetings are based on 12 steps but have their own interpretations influenced by their culture, we should only try to help them with their structure
- Individual is Mayan, agrees the pamphlet needs to be updated, we got to update to share our hope and experience, need to respect other languages, don't obsolete it – revise it, we are friends and that means there will be some pain, we are AA – don't forget
- Delegate from BC/Yukon got lots of complaints from her area – says it was very racist i.e. using the term Eskimo, the conference voted in 2021 to revise it

#### **Feedback from the Assembly**

- Group said leave it alone

- Group shared they would like review it and make sure it's helpful

### **Feedback Roundtables North - Mike**

#### **◆ III. Corrections – C: Discuss service piece, “Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare” (SMF-209) and its revisions.**

- AA is not safe for some communities and need to look at the broader AA membership not just what your home looks like
- the new 2022 Safety in AA flyer F-211 is less inclusive of the LGBTQ community than the 2021 2021 F-209 flyer

#### **Feedback from the Assembly**

- Want to change it back
- Not a flyer it's a safety piece

#### **◆ VI. Literature – O: Discuss cost effective media options that welcome young people to A.A. as an alternative to revising the ‘Too Young?’**

- Young people aren't reading books or pamphlets AA needs get with the times how it shares the AA program.
- Suggestions to use different platforms such as Tik-Tok and apps  
AA message could be watered down by the proliferation of non AA apps **Feedback from the Assembly**
- No feedback

#### **◆ VIII. Public Information – L: Discuss feasibility research on paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms.**

- FCC does not require that broadcasters provide free PSA time anymore. ● Use of paid PSA's is no different than spending money on pamphlets, books, video, and audio recordings.
- Get with the times.
- PSAs can be geared to social media outlets.
- Paid PSA can be more targeted such as what media outlets are used, frequencies and time slots

#### **Feedback from the Assembly**

- No feedback

#### **◆ IX. Report & Charter – A (2): *The A.A. Service Manual, 2023 --2025 Edition*: Consider the request to rescind the 2018 Advisory Action concerning a footnote in the resolution concerning “register” and “Groups.”**

This is reference to a 2018 advisory action that added the footnote to. Appendix L: Resolution Authorization The General Conference page 123 of the 2021-2023 “The AA Service Manual” “Bill uses the term “Registered.” A.A.W.S. neither monitors nor oversees the activities or practices of any A.A. group. Groups are listed solely for purposes of accurate communications.” 2. Consider the request to rescind the 2018 Advisory Action concerning a footnote in the resolution concerning “register” and “Groups.”

The request is to rescind the 2018 advisory action to clarify who would vote when the time comes to change the steps and traditions and article 12 of the conference charter. Feedback:

- The feedback is more about questions than comments.
- Confused what is the difference between registered and listed group or groups that aren't active.
- Removal of the footnote would allow fuller discussion of the difference of registered group and listed meetings.
- Is agenda item more about semantics?
- We need to discuss this more and ask more questions.

#### **Feedback from the Assembly**

- Directories are for listing the group

◆ **X. Treatment and Accessibilities – F: Discuss carrying the message to alcoholics with intellectual or information processing challenges, communication challenges and diverse neurological abilities.**

- Need literature that addresses members with learning disabilities.
- Need literature that addresses members with learning disabilities sponsor a gentleman on audio all literature.

**Feedback from the Assembly**

- Need information to help with people on the spectrum
- Humble in difference we can't see and be welcoming
- Need more than a pamphlet
- Anything to be more inclusive

• Jakes takes a census of Cooperation with the Professional Community: Consider retiring the pamphlet "A Member's Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous - Outcome was to not retire the pamphlet

- Paul E. Purposes to do a area inventory
    - Are we fulfilling are area duties
    - It's been 10 years since we done a inventory
- Outcome we will do a ad hoc committee to do the inventory

**Area Conference Committee Reports**

**Agenda: Pat S.**

Due to time conflicts, our Agenda committee consisted of just four: Dan B., Anne Y., Ashleigh H. and myself. Past Delegate Sophie K. was our invaluable advisor. We met by Zoom February 25.

This is a summary and condensation of the seven Agenda items. No action was needed by our committee.

**Agenda Item A:**

Themes for 2024 General Service Conference

There are no less than 46 suggested themes, so we felt it best not to review this Agenda Item in the short period of the time we had.

**Agenda Item B:**

Discussion of topics for the 2024 Conference.

There are 57 suggested topics. This year's, by the way, will be "AA's Three Legacies — Our Common Solution."

**Agenda Item C:**

Workshop topic ideas for 2024 General Service Conference.

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Like items A & B, there are many suggestions to consider: 74 in all. This year's is "Practicing our 12 Traditions Across All Group Settings."

**Agenda Item D:**

General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

The General Service Conference Committee forwarded this to the Agenda Committee in January. It's a day-by-day fill-in-the-blanks survey form for all Conference members. The Conference is being asked for a distribution process.

**Agenda Item E:**

Progress report on Conference improvement

This item covers suggested ways to improve the Conference, including having the delegates' visits to GSO and a luncheon on the same day, and more efficient sharing sessions at workshops. Other items up for review include mainstreaming coffee stations and breakout rooms.

Agenda Item F:

Review Delegate Chairs quarterly communications feedback

One Delegate felt the chairs were not openly informing and discussing their committee work. But when there was talk, the person felt he/she was part of the process.

And was grateful.

Agenda Item G:

Review a report and draft plan for a future Conference inventory

The General Service committee recommended a status report be created based on the 2013-2015 Inventory.

Delegates have felt overwhelmed by the background material, but streamlining is an ongoing process. It is also recommended all Conference committee background be made available simultaneously in English, French and Spanish.

**Archives: Debbie S.**

Debbie, alcoholic, serving as the Area Conference Committee Chair on Archives.

This year there were not any conference Agenda Items for the Archive committee.

I have not, as of today, been in contact with the Area Conference Committee members.

**Corrections: Andrew H,**

My name is Andrew and I am an alcoholic. I am your Area 42 corrections committee

chair. I am grateful to be here and glad you are all here. In spite of my defects of

technology we were able to have a productive meeting of a few hours on the 25th

of February. We had 6 members in attendance .We were given 3 items on our agenda.

Item A -Consider request to include content in existing AA literature on sponsorship of persons in custody by outside members of the Fellowship.

Item B- review contents and format of Correction Kit and workbook

Item c -Discuss service piece, "Safety and AA: Our Common Welfare and its revisions.

Item A was summarized by Jeffry and item C was summarized by Bigg. We reviewed

We reviewed the corrections kit and workbook . We found a lot of language in the

workbook vague or that seem to be different from other AA literature. May need some

further review in the committee members opinion.

**CPC: Terri M.**

Hello everyone, my name is Terri and I am an alcoholic. I am the northern area 42 CPC (Cooperation with the

Professional Community) chair, and I also have the privilege of being the ACC (Area Conference Committee) CPC chair. I

first want to say, if you are new to general service and all of this CPC, ACC, GSR, DCM stuff is going over your head, you

are for sure NOT alone. My goal is to make this report as "inviting" and enticing as possible to get all you jazzed and

interested in area conference committee work. With that I want to tell you what the Area Conference Committee on CPC did this past month, FONDLY CALLED MARCH MADNESS! At the beginning of March, we are given the agenda topics (there were 5) and all the background material for those items. As a committee which consisted of myself, Julie C (Past Delegate), Anne K, and Susan E. We got together a total of 3 times on Zoom. First off, I was so lucky to have Julie C who is rich in knowledge in CPC committee work, and Anne K who also has had a lot of experience summarizing agenda items. Susan and I have never done this type of service work before so it was so nice to have these ladies on board to guide us. One agenda item did not need summarizing so that left 4 items to summarize which we all picked one to do. CPC Item A =Review progress report on A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page.

In 2018, the Conference Committee passed an Advisory Action item to create a LinkedIn page that would provide current and relevant content to professionals in accordance with A.A. principles and Traditions.CPC Item B= Review suggested revisions for the draft pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community."

In 2020, General Service Conference Committee on C.P.C. looked into updating the style and language in the pamphlet including digital links and space for local information.CPC Item C=Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlets for the mental health professionals.

Do you all know what "outward" facing pamphlets mean? Outward facing pamphlets implies that we are seeking to educate the non-alcoholic. In this case what information can we provide to the mental health folks that will make them more comfortable sending patients our way. Inward facing would be before example, the pamphlet on sponsorship. This was my item I summarized! First one! CPC Item D=Consider retiring the pamphlet "A Member's-Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous."This item was by far the juiciest! This topic is the most controversial because so many people really like this pamphlet and do not want to see it retired. This also was the topic Jake our delegate picked to discuss at the SAGSC roundtable discussion. Susan E was so very kind to present it at the southern area round tables. Thank you so much for summarizing this topic and presenting it! For someone who has never presented, you did awesome! You became vulnerable and I truly commend you for your service! I believe this is how we grow in AA. Do scary stuff! Get out of our comfort zone! Thank you, Susan, again! CPC Item E= Review contents and format of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook. We did not do any summarizing on this agenda topic. But the CPC workbook and Kit are outdated, (MY OPINION) 2018 was the last time they were updated. All and All working on this committee was eye-opening and soul enlightening. I was blessed to work with these ladies. Julie who was an amazing advisor, mentor and Anne who shined with her knowledge and experience. Thank you to our area officers, Jake ,Paul and Lyle, our area chair who were always present for my often repetitive, possibly annoying questions.

Speaking of questions, I am available for any questions you have on what we did as a committee, what is a committee, and any other concerns you may have. Please ask, get involved! My experience doing this type of service work went something like this, "I was soon to be catapulted into what I like to call the fourth dimension of existence. I was to know happiness, peace, and usefulness, in a way of life that is incredibly more wonderful as time passes!THIS HAS BEEN MY EXPERIENCE! Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

#### **Finance: Rich B.**

The committee met twice in February. (Via Zoom)

Once to determine which committee members would summarize the different items and to explain the process of summarization. The second time was to review the summarizations and edit them as needed. Also to pick out the newcomer to present the Item chosen to the Area Assembly.

It was the wisdom of the decision makers, to put in the finance items:

Because we knew Jake wanted this item put forward and we like controversy, the committee recommended to put forward "Item F" to the Assembly for review. Besides, all the other items were boring.

#### **Grapevine/ LaVina:Heather L.**

Hello, Heather L, alcoholic. I was the Grapevine Area Conference Committee Chair, and this is

my report.

I emailed and texted out an introduction and invitation on February 13th. This was an invite to our first meeting on February 18th, via zoom. It was sent to ten people and five responded, with only three able to attend the meeting. We divided up the Grapevine Items to be summarized, with myself summarizing Item B and Sue H. summarizing Item D. We ended up not needing to summarize Item C. I reached out to Jake and Jonelle for a little clarification on the summarization process, and they responded with such kindness. There was background information provided in the shared folder which was helpful. I created a shared Google doc to put the summarized items in so that we would all have access to them. When they were submitted to Paul and Jake on February 24th.

#### **Literature: Mike L.**

My name is Mike L. I am an alcoholic. I have been serving as the Literature Area Conference Committee chair and Libby G serving as co-chair this year. Our committee has 13 contributing members from both North and South. Because of a delay we didn't receive the background information until Tuesday before the summaries were due on the following Saturday. Area 42 is full of people who love Alcoholics Anonymous and general service. We got the job done with every one of the 15 Item summaries submitted on time. We communicated by email text messages, and everyone stepped up and did their part and I would like special thank you to Ruth J for her counsel. What a wonderful group of drunks this has been on this committee who love Alcoholics Anonymous. Every day I am more grateful to be able to serve.

#### **Conventions/ Regional Forums: Dan M.**

My name is Dan M alcoholic. I am the chair for Area International Conference Committee/ Regional Forums. I am to give a report on how we can as Area generate better attendance from new members to the forum. I have looked over the background information. It looks like there's a lot of questionnaires conducted after each forum. There are a lot of good ideas and suggestions on how to do this. Here are few to get us all thinking about how Area 42 can generate better attendees.

- One good suggestion would have Area officers, DCM's and GSR's where to start announcing the upcoming forum in their meetings. Also, if they were to include their experience with the forum in shares at their local meetings.
- Another idea would be to have save the date card made to be passed out too members of Alcoholics Anonymous (business cards, Flyers, etcetera)
- Finding a way to include the young people in Alcoholics Anonymous has anyone from the regional forum committee tried to show up to ypa conferences in the area the forum is going to be in? Or even asked if (ICYPAA) would be willing to have a panel or the regional trustee speak on the forum and what it is.

In looking over the questionnaire it looks like they have had some pickup in numbers as far as new attendees

Question 5 Please indicate whether this was your first Forum:

Yes 72 (56.2%) No 48 (37.5%) 2022 PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM – (September 16-18, 2022)

In looking over the three other questionnaire for the US and Canada there is higher first-time attendees then return attendees. However, in Canada it looks to be the about the same amount first and return attendees. So the question I have for our Area is seeing as we will be hosting the Forum next year how can we draw new members as well as getting return members to come to Nevada's Forum? Seeing as we have limited time to talk about this, I would invite anyone who has been to a Regional Forum to share their experience with us for a few minutes. Also bring any ideas you may have to Phil or to me so we can start putting them into action over the next year.

#### **Policy & Admissions : Phil W.**

I am Phil and I am an Alcoholic. I had policy and admissions. I had 8 people and 3 dropped out right away. The 5 of us split 3 topics in which you got to hear the review of the report with the GSB ad hoc committee on participation of online groups in US and Canada.

**PI: Robin R.**

Hello, my name is Robin. I am an alcoholic and SAGSC Public Information (PI) Chair. Our Agenda Topic is: Public Information – N – “Review the progress report on the request to create a new form of communication to address anonymity on social media”.

In February 2020 the trustee’s Public Information committee reviewed a request to create a new form of communication for the use of social media and anonymity. The committee agreed to forward this request to the 2020 Conference Committee on Public Information.

Preliminary information gathered included: Shared experiences, from the Fellowship on how AA members adhere to anonymity on social media or video platforms. AA literature has a guideline “Understanding Anonymity” include guidelines on the internet, but it is dated and does not accurately reflect the current technology of the fellowship’s experience. Updated material is needed and a video service piece might be explored.

The conference PI committee continued discussions and requested a progress report or draft proposal be brought back to the 2021 conference Committee on Public Information. The committee reviewed the progress from the staff secretary on the development of an online survey of the Fellowship to explore their perspective on anonymity based Traditions on social media.

A request for a survey “Anonymity on a Social Media- A request for Feedback from AA Members” was created and given to PI Chair and Vice Chair however it could not be completed by January 2022. A progress report was due to be presented at the 2023 Conference Committee on PI. However, trustees feel the survey needs to be updated due to the informal tone and focus on all age demographics particularly the young population. The staff secretary reported that they have been unable to focus on the survey due to significant PI projects in process.

**Report and Charter: Ed L.**

This agenda item is very lengthy but the main reason for this discussion is a clarification. In 1955 Bill W wrote in the section AS IT IS UNDERSTOOD” That neither the twelve traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous nor the warranties of article 12 of the conference charter shall ever be changed if and when the time comes. Except by a vote of ¾s of the registered groups world wide. There would be at least a six month time frame for the groups to respond.

The main focus of this resolution was to discern between listed and registered groups. A footnote was to be added the AAWs only list groups solely for the purpose of accurate communications.

What all of really comes down to is that a meetings on the meeting app are just that a meeting and are not necessarily registered. So who can vote on a very important issue? Who’s votes would be counted listed or registered or both?

The proposal in this item is to remove the footnote and to have



further discussion on the subject as to what votes would count. Bear in mind Bill wrote registered groups in the original draft in 1955. Much discussion needs to be made as to how do we allow every AA member a vote. Like many agenda items this topic will be around for quite a while. Right now the question is to remove the footnote and discuss a different wording as it is somewhat confusing.  
Thank You For Allowing Me To Be Of Service

#### **Treatment and Accessibilities: Lonne M.**

I received the agenda items and set up a zoom meeting. We divided up the agenda items. Everyone summarized their agenda item and e-mailed it directly to Paul. One of the agenda items was picked to be presented at the NAGSC round tables. The item was summarized by Joan, so I asked her to do the presentation, and she did a great job. I want to thank everyone on the committee for all your hard work, especially, getting the summaries to Paul in a couple of days. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

#### **Treasure Report**

Jason M

- Income & Expense as of 02/28/2023 – See attached
- Balance Sheet as of 02/28/2023 – See attached

#### **Cash Position (As of 3/22/2023)**

**Savings - 10,114.76**

**Checking - 124,766.59**

**Total Cash - 134,881.35**

The NAGSC treasury totaling \$20,978.74 and the SAGSC treasury totaling \$49,937.79 for a cumulative total of \$70,916.53 have been transferred to the Area bank account. The SAGSC transfer is reflected in the Income & Expense report. Since the NAGSC account was deposited in March it is not reflected in the financial statements however it is included in the above stated cash position. It has been a fast start to this new service rotation, and I am happy to be serving along with the rest of our new elected Area committee members. So far, I have been busy updating the chart of accounts in QuickBooks, writing and depositing checks, reconciling bank statements, working with the tax accountant, and performing other various duties per the Finance Guidelines that I will not bore you with. Going forward, the Income & Expense and Balance Sheet reports will be available at all SAGSC and NAGSC meetings. These reports will be available "as of" the most recent prior month. For example, at the May SAGSC meeting, the reports will be available "as of 04/30/2023". This is because the Area treasury has moved to the calendar year as opposed to a fiscal year. If any Area 42 member ever has any questions about the Area finances, please email me at [treasurer@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:treasurer@nevadaarea42.org); transparency of our finances is one of my many jobs.

Now for some general housekeeping items:

Voluntary Group contributions can be made payable to "Area 42" and mailed to; Area 42, PO Box 70171, Las Vegas, NV 89170-0171

Please email any reimbursement requests to [treasurer@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:treasurer@nevadaarea42.org) and include the following information: Service Position / Committee, brief description of the reimbursement, the receipts, a breakdown totaling the receipts, a mailing address, and who to make the check payable to. For anyone who is not comfortable sharing their mailing address, let me know and we can make other arrangements. I will continue to mail back group contributions that have the incorrect "Pay to the order of" information. Friendly reminder, the Area has moved to one treasury, there is no longer a SAGSC or NAGSC treasury. All voluntary group contributions should be made to "Area 42".

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

#### **Alternate Delegate Report**

Paul E.

Hi I'm Paul, your alcoholic Panel 73 Area 42 Alternate Delegate & NAGSC Chair, welcome to all of the new attendees and those who are returning. I would like to give thanks to those that have stepped up and served on the Area Conference Committees (ACC), this is a huge task for our Area and with all of the members that have participated it makes it go along much smoother. This was / is the busiest time of the year for those committees, but the job is not over. I hope you stick with the committee throughout this rotation. There will be a little work after the conference for each of your committees, to look at what happened there as to what your committee thought. Also, I would like to thank all of those on the translation committee, as there was lots and lots of translation work that had to be done for ACC summaries, NAGSC roundtable, SAGSC roundtable, and Area 42 assembly presentations. This does not take into account all of the other translations that have to be done for all of the different reports, minutes, and agendas for the assembly, and a special thanks to Diana M. as a cornerstone to this committee, much love. I have 3 North America Alternate Delegates (NAAD) meetings so far this year. There is one virtually on zoom the first day of every month (there is one April 1<sup>st</sup>), I'm going to try and squeeze in a little time for that here. This has been very informative hearing how other Areas do their work. At PRAASA (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) all 15 Alternate Delegates for the Pacific Region meet twice in roundtable meetings, there we discussed a few different topics and one of those that came up was an Area inventory. Some of the other Areas do an inventory every 2 years. It is part of every rotation. Other Areas are like us and haven't done one for some time, it has been about 10 years since we have done one. To me 2 years sounds like a lot, but 10 years seems like a long time in between. Now for my NAGSC Chair report. We had an informal NAGSC meet Panel 73 on January 29<sup>th</sup>. It happened to snow that morning so in-person attendance was low, but it was made up by the virtual attendance. Wow, how things have changed in just the past couple of years. A few years ago this would have just been very low attendance, but now with the ability to have hybrid meetings it opens a whole new world. Our next meeting, the first official NAGSC meeting, was the roundtable meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>. I picked up Jake from the airport and he was able to attend. This was well attended both in person (about 50) and virtually (about 25) and we heard presentations of 5 GSC (General Service Conference) agenda items, 3 of the presenters were in person and 2 were done virtually from members in the South. I believe this is one more way to connect our Area, there were also some members from the South attending the meeting. This allowed them to see and hear the presentations from NAGSC. I also attended the SAGSC roundtable meeting via zoom, so I could hear their presentations. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul

Lyle C. Announces next Assembly will be Sept 8-10.

Lyle C. Closes the meeting

### **Sunday April 2, 2023**

#### **Lyle C. Opens up the meeting with the Serenity Prayer**

#### **Ad hoc Committee Reports:**

- The ad hoc committee to bring the 2035 International Convention to Las Vegas dissolved because the delegate submitted a proposal to GSO.
- Waiving of the assembly fee ad hoc committee resulted in a three year trial of waiving assembly fees so the ad hoc committee was disbanded. Turned over to Finance Committee
- The La Viña ad hoc committee to create a La Viña committee for Area 42 ended – we have a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of a proposed guideline this morning.
- A new Ad hoc committee was created to review our website. Mike L is the chair and will now give his report.

Mike L. Ad Hoc committee website update

- Survey only filled out 50%. We need to know what the area wants from the website.
- Need the area input on what they want
- Need to update some security update

#### **Guidelines Change Proposal: Creation of La Viña Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Vote Phil W.**

The La Viña Ad Hoc Committee proposes the creation of two (2) La Viña committees complete with Chair positions, one in the North and one in the South. The purpose of this proposal is to bring La Viña into parity with NAGSC and SAGSC Grapevine committees. The La Viña committee chairs' duties would be the same as the Grapevine chairs and will be to represent La Viña at Area, SAGSC and NAGSC events. The La Viña Chairs should be fully funded, voting members of the area committee. The newly formed NAGSC and SAGSC La Viña committees should be included in the Area budget process. As our Area grows and matures it is time to recognize the value, passion and efforts of those who have been

carrying the La Viña message and give them parity with the Grapevine committees efforts. The area Ad Hoc committee is tasked with recommending ways to create parity. To achieve this, we are proposing to both NAGSC and SAGSC to create La Viña committees complete with Chair positions and that the Area 42, NAGSC and SAGSC guidelines recognize the chair positions. Finally, the new La Viña Committees and Chairs are financially supported by appropriate budgets. History: For several years dedicated individuals have been carrying the La Viña message to Area 42 with no support from the Area. They have put together story writing workshops. They have been bringing La Viña publications displays to our assemblies. And in general, carrying the La Viña message to the Area and beyond as they have also been active in promoting La Viña to the Pacific Region.

Vote- Passed

## **Reports**

### **Newsletter Editor**

Laura J.

Thank you to Lyle and Area 42 for asking me to be the Newsletter Editor for Panel 73. I am having a lot of fun with this one. As happens with each position I undertake, I am learning new skills, learning more about General Service, more about Area 42, and more about myself. I am especially grateful to be learning more about the translation process. The task of translating every item that Area 42 distributes into English and Spanish is a tall order that even a few years ago, we fell far short of achieving. Now, a dedicated team works diligently and continuously all year round to be sure we are distributing our written information in formats that all Area 42 members can read in their own language. The Newsletter is no exception. It is my goal to be sure that each edition is produced in both languages with parity and continuity. The formatting can be challenging because the written word of any paragraph is always longer in Spanish than in English. I want to especially thank Tony, Diana and all of the translation team for their hard work. A special thank you to Diana for taking the time to teach me some of the basics of Spanish grammar, punctuation, and how gender plays a role in the language. It is all very interesting and I am learning a lot. The winter edition of the Newsletter, my first, was recently published, emailed out to the body and can be found on the Area 42 website. I am carrying on the work that was started by my predecessor, Alfredo, to make the Newsletter more user friendly for viewing on a device. It still looks nice as a printed piece and I encourage GSRs to print at least one copy and leave it at your meeting rooms. It is a good overview of what Area 42 is currently engaged in and the articles allow our officers to reach out with personal messages to our members, much like Bill Wilson did through his Grapevine articles. The Newsletter carries on the tradition of one alcoholic talking to another! It is also my hope to have the Newsletter become better known as a resource for information by incorporating useful information and providing easy to use links for our other service entities. As an example, in the Spring issue, due out April 30<sup>th</sup>, I will be providing information and links that will direct you to websites about the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia. Specifically, I will be linking you to information on the border crossing issues that some members may have and instructions on how you might resolve those issues now while you have time. Check it out in our next issue! If you have an article to submit, now is the time to get those to me. The deadline for submissions for the Spring edition is April 20. DCMs and other event organizers, please get me any flyers that you want included in the next edition. Thank you again for this opportunity to grow and learn in service to our Area and AA as a whole.

### **Finance Committee Chair**

Laura J.

The Panel 73 Area 42 Finance Committee met for our first meeting on February 11 by Zoom and again this morning on a hybrid platform. The members of our committee are; myself, as the immediate past treasurer and Chair; Jason our current treasurer; Rich, our alternate treasurer, and we currently have three members at large, Elise from the North; Ralph and Robert from the South. We have a vacant seat to fill for a member at large from the North. The three seated members at large will rotate out at the end of this year. We will be holding elections for new members at our fall assembly. If you are interested in standing for this position, please ask any of our FC members for details of what the position requires. The main purpose of the Finance Committee is to provide support for our Area treasurer and alternate treasurer and to provide guidance to any member with a question about the Area finances. This is especially important during this rotation because we are adjusting to operating our finances from one treasury rather than three. Ultimately our new system will simplify the finances of Area 42 but right now we are figuring out a lot of processes as they develop. We appreciate everyone's patience during the transition. Jason and Rich are meeting this challenge with

dedicated ingenuity and problem solving skills. The Finance Committee is here to support them in any way we can. One issue identified at this morning's meeting is that Area 42 will need to increase our prudent reserve to reflect the increase in operating expenses in the combined treasury and budget. I will provide an update on this at the next Assembly. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve our Area as the oversight committee for our community basket, "where money and spirituality mix."

Laura J

Area 42 Finance Committee Chair

### **Registrar**

Lisa I.

This is my first assembly serving as your registrar. I am sure hoping that it has all been a great success and that everyone received a warm welcome when they arrived. Being your registrar has been a lot of fun so far. I have really enjoyed getting to know you all and learning more about your groups and such. If you aren't sure that you have been updated in the system, I can check that for you. If you are a new GSR and haven't registered yet please come to see me to get the forms so that I may add you to the Fellowship Connect. Our co-registrar Jodie also has access for those of you that see her in the north. So much love to you all. Updates from the assembly... We have had \_\_\_150\_ register online. 62\_\_\_in person. \_\_\_40\_\_\_ Virtual attendance. We have \_\_\_212\_\_ registered on site. registered.

252 Voting members. \_\_\_\_\_ guests

Thank you all for attending.

### **Alternate Registrar**

Jodie

Hello everyone. My name is Jodie, and I am an alcoholic. I am so excited to be currently serving as the Alternate Registrar and to be here in Tonopah with you all. I remember when I started coming to the Area Assemblies and how fun it was when the person greeting me remembered my name! I hope I can be that person! It may take me awhile, but I plan on learning your name and I look forward to greeting you for the next two years! I attended PRAASA earlier this month. It was so much fun to do it in person again! Lisa and I got to attend a Roundtable for Registrars together. There we heard about many problems and solutions and even about the problems some of the solutions created! It was a lot of information! Getting ready for the Assembly has been fun. Ordering ribbons and counting badge holders and such. As of the writing of this report, Lisa and I are planning on meeting Friday morning to put everything together and I am hoping it will go smoothly. I have been granted access to Fellowship Connection, which in the past was only for the Registrar and not the Alternate. This means I can also help you register as a GSR, find your group number, or change other information for your group. I am still learning but I would love to help in any way I can so please just ask. Again, I am just so happy and grateful to be of service and I thank you all for this opportunity.

### **Alternate Area Chair**

Jonelle W.

My name is Jonelle, and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to be serving you as your Alternate Area Chair. So, what does that mean? It means I am here to make sure Lyle is doing his job and to watch him very closely in case I have to do it for him! I do not serve as SAGSC Chair (which this position holds if I hadn't already held it several years ago). What I do get to do is facilitate the Area Committee Meeting (ACM) on Friday evening in the Blue Room and the Standing Committee Chairs meeting on Sunday morning, and whatever else Lyle has asked me to do. I am thankful that Lyle has included me in all the Assembly preparations and decisions. He says he has valued my input, strong opinions and objections. I am not sure if I truly believe him, however, he still talks to me, so that's good. Thank you for sending me to PRAASA. I absolutely loved the panels and roundtable discussions I attended and the people I met and spent time with. I expanded my tribe at PRAASA. We have a pretty passionate and involved group of Chairs and Alternate Chairs in the Pacific Region who are continuing to support each other. So again, thank you for that! For all who are new here, welcome! We need you! I have never looked at what I get to do in service as being comfortable, it's not. But I urge you, open your mouths! Say some stuff that leaves you feeling awkward! And then blame your home group for making you say it! And then... revel in the fact that you just walked through fear and were granted courage you never knew you needed!!! I'm driven to do what I get to do here because I have a sense of duty. It's my calling. I have something deep within me, which I choose to call God, that flicks me and softly whispers, let's go! Could I stay sober without doing this type of work... possibly, but I

haven't really tried, so I'll stick with what I know. Thank you for all you do and allowing me to do it with you

### **Archivist**

Ronnie D.

Area 42/SAGSC Archivist Report for the Area 42 Spring Assembly March 31 to April 2, 2023. Hello everyone, my name is Ronnie D and I am an Alcoholic. My sobriety date is December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1999. I am currently serving as your Area 42/SAGSC Archivist in the third year of a 4-year term. The archives committee meets almost every Saturday from 9:15 to 11:15 AM at Central Office in Las Vegas. Our committee is: Gaynell, Caroline, Heather, Mark B., John S., and Myself. Since our last assembly last fall, Archives provided a display at the Las Vegas Round Up at the Tropicana Hotel. We had over 200 signatures in the guest book. We were able to answer questions about the history of AA in the Las Vegas Area as well as AA's origins. The general service conference had no task for Archives for the second year in a row. Mike Lees asked me to summarize item E from the area conference committee. I was given 4 days to complete my assignment and was able to do so. The last 6 months we have been able to collate several thousand audio tapes into bins marked, out of area, area 42, Pacific Region, PRAASA, AA History, and our stuff. Our stuff is local to Las Vegas and Southern Nevada. Caroline was a huge help. As an ex-archivist for Area 42, Caroline has been a great mentor and I am grateful for the time and effort she has put into our Committee. The next few months we will be building more shelf space, buying new functional file cabinets and a fireproof safe/cabinet for the archives room. Archives will be at the Tri State round up in Laughlin, May 18-21 of this year. April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10-11AM Las Vegas Central Office we have been asked to give a talk and display on AA history and the Grapevine for a District 5B workshop. Should you have an interest in Archives or need anything please contact me by email at [dillionronnie00@gmail.com](mailto:dillionronnie00@gmail.com). This concludes my report. Thank you for listening.

### **Alternate Area Archivist**

Debbie S.

Debbie, alcoholic, serving as your Area Alternate Archivist. That would also make me the NAGSC Archivist. This being a 4-year commitment, I will be serving another 2 years with you all, old and new in General Service. Since the 2022 Area 42 Fall Assembly I have had a couple requests to set up an Archive display. On October 2, 2022, I set up a display at a District 4 Workshop on the Three Legacies; February 25, 2023, I set up a display at a District 4 Workshop on Sponsorship. While at the District 4 Workshops I displayed their District binder that we have. I would today encourage all DCM's to start a binder containing your District meeting minutes, event flyers, photos, etc. Turn that binder into Archives for safekeeping and future displays.

### **Alternate Area Secretary/ SAGSC Secretary**

Libby G.

Hi, my name is Libby, and I am your alcoholic Alternate Area 42 Secretary which gave me the opportunity to be the SAGSC Secretary. As Alternate Area Secretary, my greatest duty is to pray for our Area Secretary, Jennifer's, health and sanity every day. My other major task is to manage the Area's literature supply and bring it to Tonopah twice a year. I'm also planning on having a literature workshop sometime before the next Assembly. It will be either hybrid or on-line so everyone in the Area can attend. If you have anything in particular you think should be covered let me know. Look for more exciting information to follow. I did get the opportunity to go to PRAASA in LA. It was a great experience. I have been to PRAASA before, and as always it recharges my service batteries. I met a lot of wonderful people and learned a wealth of information about service and AA. I'm so very grateful that Area 42 affords me the chance to go. The other role I get the joy of having is the SAGSC secretary. In this job I pray for our SAGSC Chair, Caroline. I experienced my first SAGSC meeting and got the excitement of learning my new job in 7 days, as our first meeting was on January 9th. In a week I requested all the officers, DCMs and Standing Chairs in the South to send me reports – and I got all but 3! Great job by everyone. Next I send out the various reports to the SAGSC DCMs and Standing Chairs for distribution before the meeting. Then I recorded the meeting to fill in gaps where I didn't have a report or it was a general discussion. After the meeting it is all about communication; minutes and whatever else needs to be written, or updated and sent to everyone. The other major component of the SAGSC secretary's job is keeping our rosters updated. So if you are a SAGSC officer, SAGSC DCM or SAGSC Standing Chair and you are not getting emails from me it probably means I have a typo in your email address. Please reach out to me. As a secretary in Area 42, I am assigned, I mean I volunteered, to be on the Literature committee. This year Mike L. is the chair and next year I get to chair. I know I'm a little broken because I really enjoy learning about different aspects of AA by reading the agenda items and their background. It always gives me new perspectives about what's going on with AA. I love it.

There's always something new to learn. It is an honor to serve the Area and if anyone has any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me. Thank you for letting me be of service, Communications Chair

### **Communications Committee Chair**

Libby G.

Hi, my name is Libby, and I am your alcoholic Communications Committee Chairperson. It came as a little bit of a surprise to find myself on the committee, never mind its chairperson. Somehow, I missed the detail about secretaries being part of the committee. Next time I have to read the small print. Our committee consists of the Alternate Area Secretary - me, the NAGSC Secretary - Mike; the Newsletter editor - Laura; the webmaster - Glenn; Julie our most recent past delegate; Area Secretary - Jen; and our bi-lingual member - Tony. You will notice our little group consists of the people lucky enough to be your secretaries and other scribe-type people. I'm lucky to be among such service junkies. Our general purpose is to assist the trusted servants of Area 42 with any questions or situations arising concerning communications. The communications can be related to the internet, PI support, bulk email, etc. Specifically, we review the website and newsletters and other Area 42 communications. We meet at least twice a year. We report to the assembly what we are doing, hence this exciting and stimulating report. With the cooperation of you all we try to maintain a calendar of events to be shared on the website and in our newsletters. We are to offer guidance regarding public facing or internal communication needs by any member of Area 42. I'm not entirely sure what that last item means but I'm sure we'll figure it out by the time the committee members meet over the next two years. As to what we are actually doing - we met once in January, and we are feeling our way on what we are to do. Some of our discussions revolved around assisting the new webmaster with his questions about posting things on the Area website in terms of what is appropriate and what is not and where it goes. We discussed best practices in terms of reviewing material to go on the website. We also considered the definition of anonymity in regards to the website. It is an honor to serve the Area and if anyone has any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me or any member of the communication committee. Thank you for letting me be of service,

### **SAGSC Chair**

Caroline

My name is Caroline, and I am delighted to serve the Southern Area as its chair. I am not the boss of anyone – I merely facilitate the SAGSC meetings – mostly by making coffee, bringing fruit, and following up on the doughnuts. I don't even want to think of what would become of me if we didn't have coffee or doughnuts at our meeting! We had a great meeting in January with a new crew of GSRs and DCMs, along with participants celebrating over 268 years of sobriety since our November meeting. Foxx and Dano conducted well-attended pre-meeting training with the DCMs and GSRs. All Districts, except District 11, were represented. La Viña is now a Southern Area Standing Committee (welcome!), and we had the first reading for the establishment of the SAGSC Technology Chair. In March, SAGSC hosted a Roundtable discussion of 5 topics, with some great presenters and commentators. My favorite session was Public Information M3 - Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials: Review progress report on revision to the flyer "A Message to Teenagers", and Samantha's response to the report. Kids are in trouble and need our immediate attention. Our meetings are hybrid and we have the same zoom link for all of our meetings. Everyone in our Area receives invitations to our meetings. Our next meeting is May 21st. Please come and join us! We will have plenty of coffee and doughnuts!

### **South Accessibilities Chair**

Joan R.

Hi, my name is Joan, and I am serving as the Accessibilities Chair for Southern Area 42. Our committee meets on the fourth Monday of every month on Zoom. You can find our meeting details on the Events calendar on the Las Vegas Central Office website. All are welcome to attend. We are bringing the "Meetings To Go" committee back to life. "Meetings To Go" is a group of AA members reaching out to other AA members in hospitals, nursing homes, and other long-term care facilities. We help Alcoholics stay connected to the fellowship during times when they may not be able to access a meeting. Volunteers can call the members in need, visit them in the facility in pairs, or even bring a meeting to a long-term care facility. Please take one of our flyers back to your home groups. The flyer has a QR code that will link you to our page on the Central Office Website. In addition, we are working on several other projects, including fulfilling a request from one Deaf member for ASL interpretation at his meeting. If you know any other Deaf or Hard of Hearing alcoholics who use ASL in the Southern Area, please let me or another committee member know. You can reach me at joanrservice@gmail.com for more information on our current projects or to ask for help in making your

meeting event more accessible to others. We have items such as wheelchairs and walkers, as well as literature on DVD, in Large Print, or in Braille. Thank you for your time and attention, and I look forward to working with you to make A welcoming and accessible to all.

### **LaVina Chair South**

Leo M.

Hi my name is Leo M .... and I am an alcoholic and I am the chair of the La Viña committee. The report I am presenting to you today is about the activities we are doing with the 18 Hispanic groups in District 21.

- The committee visits a local group on a weekly basis informing them of the importance of maintaining the writing workshops and subscriptions to the magazine.
- We invite colleagues to share their experience in service to La Viña in the meetings planned to write stories for the magazine.
- We maintain a large inventory of literature printed by La Viña for sale to groups.
- We heard positive criticism and complaints about the service offered by La Viña with magazine deliveries and customer service via telephone: "NOT VERY GOOD", disagreeable to colleagues.
- The committee is in constant support of the 27th Anniversary of the Pacific Region La Viña organizing committee, promoting event registrations, t-shirt sales, voluntary contributions and reminding them that the anniversary will be held July 21, 22, and 23, 2023 in Wilsonville, Oregon.
- We are very grateful and encouraged to serve together with the AA community of Southern Nevada Area 42 "SAGSC". Fellow AA members, we thank you for allowing us to serve.

### **Diana M.**

Give a final and emotional statement on her position.

### **NAGSC Secretary**

Mike L.

My name is Mike LI am an alcoholic serving as the NAGSC secretary. For this rotation I was planning on backing off and I think God laughed at me because I'm finding myself in the thick of things more than ever. NAGSC had its first meeting and Agenda Roundtables in the north in Reno. We were all brand new in our new service positions and we pulled off a really well attended meeting with about 50 in attendance in person and 25 on Zoom from all over Nevada - including our delegate Jake who came in person from Las Vegas - all going to any lengths to serve. It does help that we allowed ourselves to be bribed with a "potluck" at NAGSC. I was also privileged to attend PRAASA in Los Angeles. PRAASA is such a spiritual experience meeting so many wonderful people who are all serving Alcoholics Anonymous. As NAGSC secretary I attended the secretary roundtable, we are all from different backgrounds but all so similar. I have been learning how to do things that were always done for me which is giving me a greater respect for others that served before me. You never know what you might experience at PRAASA... in search of food I took my first UBER ride. I am so grateful for Alcoholics Anonymous; I love Area 42 and thank you for letting me be of service.

### **Area Chair**

Lyle C.

My most important responsibility is to prepare for the Area assembly by getting speakers, arranging for food, coffee, and creating the agenda so that we can prepare our Delegate, Jake, for the General Service Conference. I would like to thank all the officers and committee members for your help. I didn't do this by myself. The Area officers and I have had a couple virtual meetings to prepare for the assembly. I have found the planning meetings to be very helpful and thank them for giving up time to help plan this assembly. Area 42 Alt. Chair Jonelle W. has been my rock. She has been extremely supportive especially with all the challenges we have had around the banquet. Thank you Jonelle! Thank you for sending me and many of us from Area 42 to PRASSA in Los Angeles, California. It was so wonderful to see so many trusted servants together again. Area 42 had 77 members and took a group photo. I felt it was a very good service event with an excellent agenda. The food, well, not so much. I attended the Chair roundtables both nights. Technology was the hot topic especially with hybrid assemblies. It was good to see Area 42 far in front of some areas and at least one area had no interest in providing a virtual platform. I brought up translation and interpretation as a topic and had some good input from other areas. Some areas are using "DEEPL" solutions at \$600/year to translate from English to

Spanish. The software is teachable to AA language and is used for translation, not interpretation. It allows multiple logins and then sends through a Spanish interpreter for final review.

### **What's On Your Mind**

- I Attended many assemblies, this was one of the best.
- How many people read the pamphlet before we vote? Vote responsibility
- 12/12 was not written by Bill W.
- We like to see more Census of the assembly
- Why do we separate meetings from zoom meetings? Why have people online called zoomers?
- Wellness check needs to be done. Do an inventory.
- Thank you all for your service
- Primary purpose is to help and put our differences aside
- Unity with zoom. Disservice to take away online
- GSR share their experience on how they bring the message back
- We all have a voice weather voting member or not

### **Any New Business**

Can we create a flow chart of the duties to help DCM's with a picture.- We can do that!

### **Ask it Basket**

- My understanding is any AA can speak here, but we need to hear from GSR first if we are on a time crunch?

Answer: GSR needs to have information to take to their group.

- What's an App?

Answer :There's a meeting app and a grapevine app

- Why is people's personal information in the packet?

Answer: Allows us to reach out to one another

- Why does the pass delegate hold a position when other people who want a position don't have one?

Answer: Guideline says a past delegate can't not hold a position. If you are able to be Of service.

- Why in the finance guidelines say GSO accepts contributions from foundation when there is no way to prove they are AA members.

Answer: no answer

- What is a service sponsor?

Answer: Help us to figure out what your role is in your position

Lyle C. closes the meeting

Fall Assembly will be September 8-10