

**Fall Assembly 2024 Minutes
September 6-8
Tonopah Convention Center**

Friday September 6th 6:00-9:00

Lyle: (Chair) Lyle invites all to join him in the **Serenity Prayer**:

Welcome Area 42!!!! Lyle Alcoholic Area 42 Chair

A Moment of Silence, please “God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.”

Lyle reads the **Virtual instructions**:

We are going to record this assembly so that our secretary can capture the minutes and for archival purposes. For those of you on virtual, please change your name to include your service position for voting purposes. If you need help, please chat with the tech team. The chat will be limited to the tech team for now.

Lyle reads the **Anonymity Statement**:

There may be some here who are not familiar with our Tradition of personal anonymity at the public level: “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.”

Thus, we respectfully ask that AA speakers and AA members not be photographed, videotaped, or identified by full name on recordings and in published or broadcast reports of our meetings, including those reports on new media technologies such as the internet. The assurance of anonymity is essential in our efforts to help other problem drinkers who may wish to share our recovery program with us. And our Tradition of anonymity reminds us that “AA principles come before personalities.”

A further note about anonymity: out of respect for others, please do not take photographs during any of the meetings at the assembly. Also, be considerate when taking photographs around the conference venue. Take care that you do not capture images of AA members, family members and friends who did not give permission and who may not wish to appear in your pictures.

Please do not post recognizable photos of identifiable members on web sites accessible to the public, including unrestricted pages on social networking sites.

WELCOME: Lyle C. (Chair) Lyle introduces Tracy D. GSR from District 5B:

READER: Tracy D., (GSR – District 5B) reads the following:

Reading: **The GSR Preamble**.

The GSR Preamble – “We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize the ultimate authority is a loving God as he may express Himself in our Group Conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our group and A.A. as a whole.”

Lyle: (Chair) How many people are attending your first area assembly? Please be sure to attend the 8:00pm Orientation Roadmap Elections with Sophie K. Panel 63 past delegate. She has planned a wonderful workshop to help you become more comfortable with the important role and responsibility GSRs have in our conference structure, especially your role in electing the next panel of officers. Even if you have attended a GSR training in the past, please don't miss tonight's. Welcome everyone to the Fall Election Assembly.

LYLE C: I have the following announcements:

Election Assistance: We need help collecting ballots during the elections tomorrow. I am looking for volunteers from non-voting members. Who are non-voting members? First, Lisa and Jodie are handing out numbers for voting members. So, if you did not receive a number when you registered you are not considered a voting member for this assembly. Examples are: if you are the Alt GSR and your GSR is here; if you are the new GSR and the current GSR is here and if you are a district officer/chair besides DCM. If you believe you are a voting member and did not receive a number, please see our registrars, Lisa or Jodie.

Hosting: CACYPAA (Carson City Young People in AA) is hosting this assembly. They are the ones providing food throughout the weekend. They set-up the banquet tables and host the two AA meetings and the Saturday night speaker meeting. Let's let them know how much we appreciate their service. We will be passing a basket tomorrow to cover the costs for the food. The food is provided as a service, so please do put money in the basket if you eat.

Lyle: (Chair) – We will listen to the reports from our districts, area committees and officers for the remaining time in this session until 7:45 pm. Please keep your report to three minutes. If your report is longer than three minutes, please read your highlights for tonight – your entire report will be available to the body to read. Our tech team will show the time on the screen, when we reach the limit, please thank the speaker with a warm round of applause Thank you!!!

Secretary Report: Jen R. approval of minutes

DCM REPORTS

District 1 - Lou

Hello, my name is Lou and I am an Alcoholic. I am privileged to be serving as the DCM for District One. Our district consists of groups in Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City and Searchlight.

District One is doing well with 30+ people at our hybrid monthly business meetings. All our liaison positions are filled with each giving a monthly update on their committee's activities. Additionally, we invite a Committee or Area Service Representative to our meeting each month to share about what their committees do. We also have a volunteer give a report on the tradition and another on the concept of the month.

We've conducted 2 workshops with 2 more being planned this year. In November will be a Grapevine writing workshop. Our delegate Jake's story in the 80th anniversary edition of the Grapevine was written at one of those workshops a few years ago.

I attended my first Pacific Regional Forum in July. I gained valuable knowledge about GSO and the work they do carrying the message of AA. I am also proud of the job Area 42 did hosting the event. Thanks Phil and Rhonda for organizing it.

Our 26th Annual Fellowship Picnic will be at Broadbent Park in Boulder City on Saturday October 12th. There will be a Barbeque, Games, Face Painting, 50/50 Raffle, plus Live Music and an amazing speaker who you might know... her name is Libby. Flyers are on the table by the door, please take a few.

This is my last Assembly as DCM. It has been a privilege to serve the district I have grown up in and been a part of my entire sober life. District one will always be in my heart.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

District 2 - Debbie O.

Hello everyone, my name is DCM Deb and I'm an alcoholic. I am the DCM for district 2.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at our Center Office to discuss how we can better serve our district for the newcomer. We will be working on bringing 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 excited about the spirit of rotation with new GSRs coming in and we will be voting for the next DCM in the next couple months.

We are working on our last workshop for this year with excitement, hoping it might be another play. We will keep you informed.

I can't tell you the gratitude I have for this level of service and thank you for the opportunity to serve AA.

DCM DEB – District 2

District 3 - Shane B

Verbal report given

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 this is a fun learning experience. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm upstairs at the Triangle Club in room 3. We are also virtual for those that cannot attend in person. This has been a great help to have presentations from our chairs and others who have not been able to make it to the meeting physically. We have had some wonderful presentations from our Area Chairs and have at least one more on the horizon. It is wonderful to see the opportunities for service at many different levels. I am hopeful that this is inspiring others to be of maximum service to God and to our fellows. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, Scott A.

District 5B - Samantha G.

My name is Samantha and I am an alcoholic. District 5B is hard at work, planning our annual 5B picnic. Thank you to Mindy for taking on the task of heading the picnic committee. We have tickets for sale for \$5 you can see anyone in district 5B. Our annual picnic will be held on October 6th from 12- 3pm at Wayne Bunker park, picnic area A, fliers are available at the front. 5B is hosting drinks here at the assembly with all proceeds being contributed to District 21, District 9, and Central office. District 5B will be having our elections on November 9th at our

normal business meeting, at 1:15 at the KCB club. This will be my last assembly as DCM for 5B and I just wanted to thank everyone for helping, and guiding me along this journey. It has been an honor to serve this district in the capacity that I have been able to, and thank you to 5B for being the most amazing district I have ever been apart of. If you have any questions or need anything, please contact me at 916-849-6428 Thank you for letting me be of service.

District 6 - Kevin E.

My name is Kevin E., and I am honored to serve as the District 6 DCM. District 6 encompasses all of Douglas County, Carson City, South Lake Tahoe, and the surrounding communities. 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. Our next District meeting is on October 13. We held elections last district 6 meeting. It was successful filling positions of DCM, Alt DCM, along with Secretary and most of the committees chairs. We still need to fill Treasurer, CPC and Grapevine. Our district also had great attendance at the Pacific Regional Forum. I was able to attend the Forum representing District 6 as a volunteer in Las Vegas. I had the privilege of working with the Area 42 Archivist, Ronnie. He took me to the Central Office, where our Archives currently reside in the south. I was able to document where the Area 42 archives are stored and the layout of the room. Ronnie started giving me a tour, and it was so informative that I decided to start filming. There was a lot of valuable information, with explanations about area archive, storage and cataloging inventory. I saved the video to a Google Drive folder for any of our members to view. My email address is (kevineaks@gmail.com), and I will grant access for you to see the Area 42 archives. Additionally, there is another video on the archives display at the Pacific Regional Forum. Please see me, and I will give you access to Google Drive to view the presentations. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Kevin Eaks 530 318-4893

District 7 - Michael

District 7 has been very active over the last 6 months. Our annual Charleston Picnic was held on 7/21/24 and was a great success. We had 275 people in attendance, plus over 30 volunteers that made the event happen. A big shoutout to the Soberlicious Group for their participation in providing games and entertainment for the kids that attended. We would like to encourage other Groups in District 7 to get involved. We covered our expenses and made a contribution to Central Office.

We held a Workshop on 8/11/24 from 2-4 p.m. The workshop was a “Discussion of AA Pamphlets”. We had approximately 50 attendees and we had representatives from the Grapevine, H & I and Archives.

Our upcoming Workshop will be held on 10/19/24, from 1:00 – 4:00pm in Blue Diamond at the Four Square Church. The topic will be”Maximum Service – How being of service fulfills our primary purpose”.

We are looking forward to reaching out to as many meetings and groups in District 7 as possible before the end of the year!

Yours in loving service,
Michael Levinson
DCM, District 7
702-498-5229

District 8 - Laurie G.

Good afternoon. Dist 8 is recuperating from a well attended High Sierra campout. It decided to snow Friday and it was quite chilly all weekend in Mammoth but we had fun. We had great speakers and a good campfire, food and lots of fellowship with friends from all over. Over 2000 days of sobriety all together from the sobriety countdown the oldest 54 years down to the youngest with 4 days and she accepted the newcomer big book. We have a district service workshop in October focusing on leadership.

Thank you, Laurie G

District 9 - Jo C.

Verbal Report Given

District 10-A - Lauri B.

Verbal report given

District 10- B - Terry W.

Verbal report given

District 11 – N/A

No report given

District 12 - Jeff P.

No report given

District 13 - Matt A.

No report given

District 14 - Mike M.

Verbal report given

District 15 - Lora C.

Hi Lora C. Alcoholic District 15 DCM. District 15 is doing great! A few new GSR'S since our last meeting in Tonopah. Tommy C from Living Today Group, Julie H. from 12 steps away Group and Alt. GSR Evan from Taking it to the street Group. Welcome! District business meetings doing well. We meet 2nd Sunday of the month 9:45 AM at TIE club. Check us out 😊. Discussing plans to do district inventory....it's getting closer. We had our 4th annual Ice Cream SOCIAL. Event went well. Well attended....lots of unity, love and support made it a success. Thank you to all who came out to join us in this event. Great Speakers and of course sweet treats. Each year we learn how we can improve the process and event. Great Experience to show newcomer we are not a glue lot.

We will be co-hosting an Event with LVYPAA On Oct. 12th at TIE club....The annual Scavenger Hunt will include speaker meeting, costume contest and without a doubt FOOD! Not sure of cost as of yet TBA. This is my last Tonopah Assembly being DCM of District 15. Can't believe it's been 2 yrs of bliss gone by in this Service Commitment. My experience and love to learn has been priceless. Definitely took me out of my comfort zone and your love and support took me thru the fear. The thing which helped the most was knowing I wasn't alone and someone will correct you without a doubt 😊. I pray I leave the District better than when I started...that was my hope. For this alcoholic I need to be in some kind service so I'm growing and changing in my

sobriety. I love Area 42 and the members who make it all work for the next one to come In. We are never alone. The hand of AA is always there.

Grateful Loving Service

District 16 - Dave H.

Hello I am Dave I am an alcoholic.

District 16 has recently moved our business meeting to the Sparks Alano club after the previous venue informed us that to continue meeting there we would need to provide liability insurance. In December we hosted the annual Christmas affair successfully and in February we hosted the NNIG speaker meeting. I am grateful that we all have the privilege to be here sober and to be of service.

District 17 - Linn C.

Verbal report given

District 18- N/A

No report given

District 19 - Anne D.

Hello and welcome, everyone – especially to those of you who are new.

My name is Anne and I am an alcoholic and the DCM for District 19.

For those of you who might not be familiar with District 19 – we are a large district in the northeast part of Nevada. Our designated territory is about the same size as Connecticut. Our main town is called Ely and Ely is the most remote community in the contiguous United States. (Look it up.) We are four hours from Las Vegas. Three hours from Salt Lake City. Six hours from Carson City/Reno. And roughly two-and-one-half hours from Elko. The District serves four groups. All together those groups have about 40 people in them. Our small fellowship may be far, far away from our area's population centers but I can assure you that alcoholism and Alcoholics Anonymous are both alive and well. Thanks to you, the annual CampNic was wonderful. We had great fun, enjoyed locally sourced chorizo and submitted stories directly to the Grapevine from the writing workshop – so stay tuned.

Next Saturday District 19 will host the ExtraTraditionals Workshop at Kershaw-Ryan State Park. There are flyers on the table and on the District 19 website elyaa.org. On Nov. 9 we will host our annual Gratitude Dinner and you're all invited. Our District would like to extend our most sincere thanks to all those who help us stay active with and informed. Online access to meetings, H&I literature donations, frequent and informative emails, texts, phone calls and most especially – your personal contact and visits to our District have not only helped us carry our voice to AA as a whole but you have also been instrumental in helping us keep the doors open for the alcoholic who still suffers. Thank you for my life,

District 20 - Jay S.

Hello Area 42, and welcome back to Tonopah. My name is Jay S. and I am currently serving as your District 20 District Committee Member. We at district 20 have had an interesting year to say the least. However, we have trudged through, illness, misunderstandings, overbearing Bleeding Deacons, overwhelmed newcomers, and the always appreciated Elder Statesmen. I will let you decide which one is which. We had another very successful Serenity Campout at Eagle Lake. All who spent the weekend with us, walk away with full life bucket of Unity, Fellowship, Service and renewed energy for a power greater than ourselves. District 20 covers most of Lassen,

Plumas and Modoc counties just across the border in Northern California. Are remote locations and distance between fellowship can be challenging, both as a DCM and as a District. We at District 20 have been blessed with many people, both present and past, that have devoted a great deal of their time and love to Area 42 General Service. At any District Gathering you will find both past and present, Area Chairs, Alt-Chairs, Delegates, Alt Delegates, Multiple Northern area Committee chairs, and of course our up-and-coming GSR's and many meeting secretaries for all around the district. I would like to thank all of District 20 for allowing me to be of service to you and to your fellows. This General Service Adventure has been an unexpected and much appreciated eye-opening walk with you and my fellow worldwide AA brothers and sisters. There is something about General Service, something about this 3rd leg of service. That has opened my heart and my eyes to this world of sobriety. I would like to close with a couple of quotes. The real problem... I was walking through life asleep, dreaming I was awake. Everything I thought of I believed was real, and if you don't agree with me, you were wrong. The solution... I sought my soul, but my sole I could not see. I sought my God, but my God eluded me. I sought my brother and I found all three. Thank you....

District 21 - Roy C.

My name is Roy and I am an alcoholic, Today is my last report as DCM in this assembly and I want to thank each and every one of you who in some way contributed to my service, for me it has been an extraordinary experience the best within my services.

On November 14th we will have elections in our district to form the committees, H & I, LA VINA, CCP,CPC, FORO LOCAL.

Also today I have something very important to tell you, in 32 years of service to our district a female colleague has been elect to the DCM for the first time, her name is Alejandra J. She is currently serving as our district secretary ...

Serving in AA is great.

District 22 - Carlos M.

Our district is having a business meeting the first Thursday of the month and a study meeting the third Thursday of the month at Central Office in Reno;as a district we agreed to increase our contribution to Central Office for hosting the meetings from \$40 to \$150 a month to support it .

August 3 10 members of our district we attended in person the NAGSC meeting in Elko NV in that meeting the NAGSC treasurer gave us a report as a district we are really concern how our area is spending the money because we are spending way more than the income in contributions so I motivate the GSRS of my district to stay until Sunday when we going to approve the next year budget .

Our district wants to support the motion of a member of District 6 Area 42 , this motion is to get the text of the appendix D of AA comes of age located on pag 301 text of the Lasker Award to replace the existing abbreviated version of the Lasker Award located in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous on pag 571 .

Thanks Carlos C

Area Officers

DCM Coordinator South – John L.

My name is John Linss and I am an alcoholic. I'll keep this short in light of the elections. The DCM's in the southern region have been regularly participating in joint meetings that provide a

forum for shared experience as well as opportunities for coordination and collaboration. We have come together during SAGSC meetings, area assemblies, quick virtual check-ins during off months. Most of our districts have been actively fielding events both individually and with other Districts. I expect the Fall to be quite active. Preparations are being made for District elections to ensure rotation of various trusted servant positions as well as the DCM. Some Districts are making plans for District inventories. I am grateful for the many dedicated people that are contributing their time and efforts. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Any who are interested in getting involved, feel free to contact me at 770-630-9956 or at john.linss@gmail.com. Thank you! Respectfully submitted, John Linss SAGSC DCM Coordinator

DCM Coordinator North – Phil W.

Verbal report given

GSR Trainer South – Dano B.

Buenos Diaz and good afternoon.

My reports have entered the level of broken record status. Once again- I can honestly say that we are nearing completion of the GSR orientation manual. The committee has had our own health and personal issues. But we have persevered. The GSR training this weekend we will go through the traditions checklist and discuss how we can better use our knowledge and experience to help groups carry the message and be better prepared for the future assembly.

Thanks for letting me serve in this position.

GSR Trainer North – Pat S.

My name is Pat. I am an alcoholic and serve as the GSR Trainer from NAGSC.

What an honor it has been to serve in this position for almost two years, although my participation the last few months has been less than I wanted due to health issues.

My Counterpart from SAGSC, Dano, and a wonderful committee continue to work on revisin the GSR Training Manual. A separate report by Dano may be made at another time.

I have meet with NAGSC GSRs for an hour prior to the start of the business session of NAGSC meetings four times a year. Topics have ranged from how to make a GSR report to maintaining safety at meetings. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Accessibilities /Remote Communities South – Joan R.

Verbal report given

Accessibilities /Remote Communities North – Joe H.

Verbal report given

Cooperation with the Professional Community South – Chris H.

Hello Jennifer. This is Chris H from the S Area 42 CPC committee. I just heard about this outreach from you to the Area 42 members. Unfortunately, I did not receive the email when it was sent out on July 30th. Is the Budget Form just for the travel to the 2 Assemblies and PRAASA? Or is this request form used to request funds for the CPC committee for all of its efforts next year? I know I am late but as I said I did not receive the email when originally sent out - I checked my inbox for that time period and it is not there. I did send you an email to your .org address and have not received a response. Please advise. Thank you.

Cooperation with the Professional Community North – Terri M.

Hello everyone, my name is Terri, and I am a recovered alcoholic. I currently serve as your CPC (Cooperation with the professional chair) for the north. This will be my last report for the area, and it truly has been an amazing position. I loved it! No doubt about it! I hope the next CPC chair loves it as much as I have. Highlights were getting to be the Area Conference Committee chair for CPC agenda items. I had never done any ACC work before and what an experience. If you are new, ask someone what an ACC is (AREA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE) and get involved with ACC work. Another highlight, thanks to Chris our CPC chair from the south, she hooked me up with a contact from the National Guard. I brought 4 A.A. members to the base in Sparks NV. There were 104 attendees. Roughly 5 that I know of showed up to the new Veterans meeting in Reno that very night to check out A.A. It is an honor to serve you and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole and I look forward to stepping out of my comfort zone knowing I am right where I need to be and truly who is in charge! Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Terri

H&I South – Kim W. for Jerry.

My name is Kimberly and I'm an alcoholic. I am filling in for Jerry, our H&I liaison. We are committee members from the greater Las Vegas area. Our purpose is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholics who are confined in a hospital or institution. To get involved a member must have one year of continuous sobriety and attend two consecutive monthly business meetings. We meet the third Tuesday of every month for business meetings from 6 to 7 pm. Orientation is held in the same room from 5:30 to 5:50 pm, located at 1515 E. Tropicana Ave., Suite 710, Las Vegas, NV 89119. Contributions can be sent directly to 8370 East Flamingo Rd., A2 #405, Las Vegas, NV 89121. Make checks or money orders payable to Las Vegas Hospitals and Institutions. Our monthly minutes and treasury reports are included in the Silver Streak. Currently Las Vegas H&I takes 324 panels of Alcoholics Anonymous a month into facilities around Las Vegas and beyond. 60 of these panels are in jails and juvenile hall where residents seeking to stay sober behind the wall are given an opportunity to hear sober members of Alcoholics Anonymous share their experience, strength and hope. 264 of our panels are in hospitals, residential or detox facilities, and shelters. The people we serve are in their first few days of sobriety. Our members report great satisfaction by being able to carry our message the same way as Dr. Bob and Bil W. did. For many of those to whom we present our experience, strength and hope, our panels are their first contact with Alcoholics Anonymous.

Moving onto what we've been up to since the spring assembly. We had a workshop Saturday, June 29 from 3 to 5 pm at Central office that included an Ask-It-Basket, discussion on Bridging the Gap and a mock panel. On Sunday August 11 from 2 to 4 pm at Our Meeting Space, the AA Literature symposium, "The Pamphlets Come Alive", was presented by District 7 and (SERENITY) in the afternoon, and I had a table and our Chair, Yvonne, and our Co-Chair, Gretta represented H&I. The topic was reading our pamphlets to encourage members to hand out our pamphlets to our newcomers. The event had a great turnout. To wrap up 202, in November we will have our elections, effective January 2025. On Thanksgiving weekend, November 28th – December 1st, we will have our table at the 58th annual Las Vegas Round Up and ending the year with our table at the Service Festival, tentatively Sunday, December 8th at Central office. This concludes my report. Any questions? Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Kim W.

Corrections Facilities North – Bigg J.

Hello, my name is Bigg I am a recovered alcoholic I currently serve as the Northern Area Corrections chair, and my group the Vast Amount of Fun alternate GSR.

I'm tasked today with giving you my report. First I want to say thank you! Thank you area 42 for all of you that are involved with what I often call a life-saving program. This program transforms folks from a SEEMINGLY hopeless state of mind and body. Giving those folks a life they didn't even know existed. So I thank you...thank you for being on the firing line of life so others can have one. I want to thank Lyle....from day one you have had your hand out to help.

I want to thank Paul for appointing me as the corrections chair. I didn't want the position... I expressed that I didn't want it...and he still gave it to me. THANK YOU!!! I enjoyed it and learned from it. I'm in love with Alcoholics Anonymous. I want to thank Jake. I remember seeing Jake in 2018 for the first time. I remember saying to myself if this guy can fit in here....should be no reason I can't. He and others like him gave me hope.....hope that I wouldn't always be alone in a room full of people. I'm proud to have served on Panel 73 with Jake S, from Las Vegas Nevada. As far as corrections I have continued my efforts to get AA available online in prisons in Northern Nevada. Whether it be meetings or Alcoholics Anonymous literature downloaded on tablets, that has been my emphasis of action for the last 6 months. I was able to talk to the director of programs and she said discussion has been started and she hopes to obtain tablets soon. She was hoping we would circle back periodically. I also attended the workshop that Anna our Bridging the Gap /treatment chair put on in Sunny Susanville Ca. It was an enjoyable time and I appreciated the invite to present. Anna has been a great addition to Area 42 and I look forward to doing more work with her. Other than that I attended the forum in lovely Downtown Las Vegas and I would never be able to tell you all the highlights with the allotted time today. What I can say is it was a great experience. I always enjoy attending workshops and getting with other alcoholics that are in service. I would jump at the opportunity to do it again.

To wrap up this report.... When I called Jake 2 years ago. I told him that if I still felt alone in Tonopah a room full of people after this rotation....that I would be finished with General Service. That I had given it my everything to this point and that it wasn't for me.

I feel today READY to take on any position Area 42 is willing to let me do. Alcoholics Anonymous never needed to change it was I who needed to. I feel a host of friends growing around me. I came to Alcoholics Anonymous wanting to quit puking on people's shoes and not die a drunk in front of my kids. I stand here today with a purpose. All thanks to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and its structure and the preservation of it. And we preserve Alcoholics Anonymous by embracing the traditions. Again thank you!! Thanks to those for holding your hand out when I couldn't. I hope my hand is extended to the ones that feel alone today.

To those that haven't extended a hand....what are you waiting for? Are we all not here for the same? The sick and suffering alcoholic? Isn't that our primary purpose....our real reason for existence? I urge each of you....even you.... to not leave this assembly without talking and introducing yourself to other members that you are not familiar with. I believe this creates unity. Alcoholics Anonymous cannot get enough unity.

Thanks for letting me serve this will conclude my report.

Treatment Facilities/Bridging the Gap North – Anna L.

My name is Anna, I am an alcoholic and your Northern Area Treatment and Bridging the Gap Committee Chair. I am so excited to be here at the Fall Area Assembly in beautiful Tonopah, Nevada! To say it was a busy Spring and Summer is an understatement! Here are the highlights:

- I attended my first Pacific Regional Forum in Las Vegas in July. There were over 900 attendees! To be surrounded by that many people who love Alcoholics Anonymous and hear from past trustees and the General Service Office staff was an honor.
- Later in July, District 14 held their annual Jamboree in Truckee. We were invited to run a table for H & I along with Public Information. There was a lot of interest in Bridging the Gap and we had a handful of people sign up to be temporary contacts. Thank you District 14 for the invitation and opportunity to be of service!
- In August we held a workshop at the Susanville Fellowship in District 20 and it was a great success! We had our own committee members Ed L. and Terry N. along with Ed S. speak on Treatment, Becky O. from the Northern Nevada Intergroup spoke on Bridging the Gap, our Corrections Chair from the North, Bigg, spoke on Corrections, and our Central Office Office Manager Ronda, spoke on the AA Hotline and 12-step call list. And we had tacos! Lots of delicious tacos! The workshop was a wonderful collaboration between NAGSC and NNIG and I am so grateful to everyone who came all the way out to one of our remote communities to share their experience and provide valuable information about different service opportunities in our area. As this rotation comes to an end, I would like to say it has been an absolute pleasure and honor to have had the opportunity to be of service in this capacity. Thank you Ed and Terry for your service on the committee, and to the district committee chairs and members who attend our meetings and provide updates on what is happening in your districts. Participating in general service has expanded my fellowship and enhanced my sobriety and recovery in so many ways. I have learned so much and am forever grateful. Thank you for allowing me to be of service and to be a part of. I am delighted
Anna L.

Grapevine South – Heather L.

Grapevine has been busy "Carrying the Message" at picnics, panels, and other events throughout the year, including a few this summer. In June we celebrated Founders Day in Pahrump (so lovely in the park) w/ District 17, which included a writing workshop. I was able to enjoy Founders Day at Central Office as well. Grapevine had a table with some items next to the display case containing great grapevine historical pieces. Later in June, we had a blast at Grapevine's 80th Birthday Celebration with three speakers; the closing speaker, being none other than Jake, who shared his own story in the June issue! Then, in July we hosted a Grapevine event at the CampNic and set up a table at the Mt. Charleston Picnic. We had a table at the District 7 Workshop, "AA Literature Symposium" at Meeting Space on August 11th.

It has also been fun to try to see how Grapevine can be a valuable resource or tool when other groups are out sharing the AA message as well. I have had the privilege of working with CPC, Accessibilities, H&I, and the Young People groups in various ways. I look forward to attending the Quarterly Grapevine Area Char Workshop on September 19th to enhance my skill and knowledge further.

Latest News:

- [ASL Videos](#) on aagrapevine.org (YouTube Channel). This is such a valuable tool to our hearing impaired AA community. You can learn more by visiting the aagrapevine.org website or the videos are also featured on deafaa.org
- The Podcast is a huge hit! The YouTube channel is an amazing resource. Instagram is where people are finding us. I can't wait to share more about these tools and more at upcoming events.

Upcoming Calendar Items

- 09/22 - Newcomer Open House (CPC) - 11:00-2pm - We are excited to offer tools for newcomers!
- 10/06 - 5B Picnic at Wayne Bunker Park - We will have a small table.
- 10/12 - District 1 Picnic - We will have a small table.
- 10/26 - AA Accessibility Seniors Panel - We are excited to offer tools for seniors!
- 11/17 - District 1 will be hosting a Grapevine Writing Workshop at Central Office.
- 11/28/11/30 - Grapevine will set up for Roundup and have a fun activity in Bill and Bob's. Looking for volunteers!

Next Meeting will be on September 24th at 6m.

Meeting ID: 856 8901 3390 (passcode: 009776)

Reach out anytime

Grapevine North – Sue H.

Verbal report given

La Vinã Chair South—Leo M.

Verbal report given

La Vinã Chair North—Teresa B. Central Office

Verbal report given

Public Information South – Deborah B.

No report given

Public Information North – Don D.

My name is Don and I serve as your NAGSC Public Information Chair. I have been working with the new NNIG PI Chair to help out with anything I can as well as some local districts in whatever I can do to be of service for them. I attended the District 14 Jamboree in Truckee and was able to talk to a few people about PI. Also I was able to attend the Pacific Regional Forum which I wouldn't have enough time to scratch the surface of what I got to do in this report. I was able to attend one workshop on Safety & AA which was really informative as far as safety packets districts are using QR codes to give greater access to. I was able to speak with some folks from GSO about various Public Information topics including one item I may put forward as a General Service Conference Agenda item. I got to hear our Delegate Jake and see how so many of our Area 42 service folks worked so hard to help put on the best show in Vegas that weekend. It was just like PRAASA in how it lit the fire of my service heart. I am so grateful to have been there for my 1st Forum. Lastly, this fall I will be putting in another Zoom Workshop on Public Information for our Area. I will be doing this after the next chair has been appointed because I want to leave them with a sense of direction for presentations and workshops. I would strongly encourage anyone else to do this. Let's give the next chair of our standing committee the best chance to feel they have some direction. I will also be calling another ACC committee meeting for a wrap up for any questions or ideas to pass on to the next or other committees. I hope these ideas will encourage people to stay committed to the positions and help them feel that they have been handed off something not dropped in their lap. Thank you as always for the honor and privilege to serve the alcoholics here and the ones not yet born through my position.

In Grateful Service Don D

Intergroup Liaison North—Ed L.

NAGSC Intergroup Liaison Report for Fall assembly 2024

Hi everyone, my name is Ed and I am an alcoholic and present NAGS and NNIG Liaison. This is a tough report to give as I really loved this commitment. I hope someone will stand for it this weekend. Feel free to ask me any questions you might have. I never stand for a position usually someone had to step down and Julie cornered me. Just kidding Julie don't throw please. This rotation I am backing way as I have accepted the board Chairman position for Rural Nevada Counseling. This is what happens when God says you need to take what you know out into the community. I have been apart of this board for almost 4 years and consider this appointment an honor. N00000 | will not step completely away but will take some time to settle into this new commitment. This all being said Intergroup aka NNIG held their elections recently and our commitments last until January 15t .Thought you were done after this weekend ummmm no. This time helps to teach your replacement what the position entails. It is a good time to meet all the new NNIG chairs.

My biggest job during this rotation was to introduce N I G and NAGS chairs to each other some actually worked together this entire rotation. I hope whomever takes this commitment will continue with this p r o c e s s . Thank You For Allowing Me To Serve Ed L

Intergroup Liaison South - Amanda V.

Central Office

Please help keep the meeting schedule up to date. Contact Judy at Central Office for any changes to your meeting time/place or if you have a new meeting that needs to be added to the schedule. www.lvcentraloffice.org.

Currently, there are some shifts available in the office. Please contact Judy P. if you'd like to be of service.

If you are planning to have an AA-related event, workshop or need a new home for your AA meeting, please contact Central Office. The rent for the meeting room is 40% of the 7th Tradition collected.

Continue to send your upcoming event flyers to Central Office. Email: judyap@LVCentralOffice.org or the office number 702-780-4293.

Hotline: The Hotline is actively looking for volunteers. Please reach out to centralofficehotline@gmail.com or call the hotline at 702-598-1888 if you'd like to be of service.

Gratitude Ball: The Gratitude Ball will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at the Palace Station from 4-11 pm. This year, a package deal includes a hotel room, one Gratitude Ball ticket, \$50 in grand prize raffle tickets, and \$50 in raffle basket raffle tickets. This offer costs \$189 and there are 10 rooms available. Regular Gratitude Ball tickets are \$75 each. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.gratitudeball.com. Hotel rooms at a special price are also available! All proceeds from this event go to Central Office.

The **Las Vegas Roundup** (LVRU) will be held November 28-December 1 at the Plaza Hotel and Casino. Go to www.LVRoundup.com to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$55 until November 17. After that date, tickets will be \$65. Saturday night's entertainment will be Billy Nation, who is a

Billy Joel impersonator. More on this to follow. Committee meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month at the T.I.E Club at 1 pm.

We will be having our annual Service Festival on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at Central Office. Time is yet to be determined. We will be forming a planning committee this coming week, so if you are interested in helping organize this event, please reach out to me.

Board of Directors:

As August 7, 2024, Central Office is showing a \$5,578 loss. The office is doing a good job keeping expenditures within the approved budget for the year. Group Contributions and Meeting Room use are slightly ahead of the anticipated budgeted revenue for the year-to-date. However, General Contributions are significantly less than half of the anticipated budgeted revenue for the year-to-date. Currently, our overall cash flow has been sufficient to meet our monthly needs. We thank every individual and group that have made contributions, especially recurring monthly contributions.

Financials are available upon request.

Upcoming Dates & Events:

INTERGROUP MEETING

Intergroup meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at Central Office at 6 pm.

Thnextmeeting is on Monday, **September 9, 2024.**

For any further information on any of this report, you may email Amanda at sagscintergroupliason@nevadaarea42.org.

LVYPAA Liaison South—Michael L.

name is Sam, your new alcoholic General Service Liaison for LVYPAA.

LVYPAA, the Las Vegas Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous, have been at work since Fall Assembly. On October 12th we hosted our ever-popular annual Scavenger Hunt down Fremont at the world-famous TIE Club. Our cohosts were District 15, NACYPAA 4, SWACYPAA 11, and ASCYPAA 32. Our speaker was Darren B. from Tucson. We would like to thank District 15 once again for another successful Scavenger Hunt together.

On November 3rd, we held our annual elections. 15 Committee positions were filled. Many positions are still available. We are hosting a marathon meeting slot at the Las Vegas Round-Up, at The Plaza Hotel and Casino in DTLV, on November 30th at 1am.

Our next event, PuppYPAA, will be on December 21st at 1pm at Dog Fanciers Park, [5800 E. Flamingo Rd](#), Lv, Nv, 89122. This will be a family and dog-friendly event. The suggested donation is \$5, which includes pup cups. There will be a speaker TBD. Bring your dogs or share the dogs others.

Our plans for the upcoming year include bidding to bring NACYPAA 5 or SWACYPAA 12 conferences back to southern Nevada. We are also planning on placing token bids for WACYPAA and ICYPAA. LVYPAA meets the first Sunday of the month at Las Vegas Central Office at 1:30pm. Join us!

NACYPAA Liaison North—Dan M.

Verbal report given

SAGSC Translator/Interpreter—Dina (Deana) M.

Verbal report given

NAGSC Translator/Interpreter—Diana (Dee Anna) V.

Verbal report given

Area Translator/Interpreter—Tony S.

Good afternoon my fellow alcoholics, my name is Tony, and I am an alcoholic. First and foremost, I want to thank the past and present Translation and Interpretation Committee for making this Historical day possible. It is Historical for me because I started my service in Area 42 in 2006 as an Alternate GSR for the Rush Home Group in District 5B, I opened my mouth during a business meeting and nominated Dean S to be the GSR for the group and offered to show him how I did it in NY. Then the group thought it was a great Idea if I was his alternate so I could really show him. And there started my journey with Area 42. When I started coming here, I heard there was two Spanish Districts in Area 42. I recall opening my mouth at one of the assemblies telling Cheri N. how I used to translate to members of Area 49, SENY. Thus started my journey into translating at the area level. I started translating to one member, Gabriel from District 21. I committed myself to translate while I was here as an alternate GSR and then as a GSR. I then agreed to help get District 21 and 22 to come to our assemblies so they can feel part of our area. I didn't do this, you guys did. Since then, 4 years ago, we have formed a Translation and Interpretation Committee, with Guidelines, to conform with the Area guidelines. I want to thank the delegates and alternates that I have had the pleasure to work with such as Sophie, Rhonda, Jake, Mike, Julie, Phil, Joyce, Byron and anyone else I might have missed. I want to personally thank District 21 and 22 for allowing me to not be perfect and do the best I can. I have actually done everything I could to not miss an Assembly since 2006. In 2017 I had my intestines rupture and 3 months later in August, I had my 2nd butthole reconnected and still made it to Tonopah in September, a week after being discharged from the hospital. Last year my vehicles hood went into my windshield while driving to Tonopah. Myself and our GSR from the Fresh Start Virtual Group decided it would be her first ride in a U-Haul truck. We made it up there. And this year here I am still suffering from a major abdominal surgery that kept me in the hospital for 3 weeks. The reason I mention this is not for me, it is to let you know that the message I got when I first came into AA in 1993, was "You go to any lengths for your sobriety. If your butt falls off, you pick it up, go to a meeting, and we will sew it on for you." I firmly believe that when you go to any lengths for your sobriety, and do service, you will stay sober. With that I want to thank all of you, past, present and future GSR's, Committee Chairs, Delegate's, alternates and all AA members for keeping me sober One Day at A Time., Today I am grateful for what I have, not what I want because if I got what I deserved, I'd be dead. In Love and service,

Tony S, Translation and Interpretation Chair and grateful member of AA.

Technology Chair North—Michelle M.

Verbal report given

Technology Chair South—Stephanie C.

Verbal report Given

SAGSC Chair – Caroline J.

My name is Caroline and I am delighted to serve you as your Southern Area Chair. It's hard to believe this rotation is nearly over. Just as we start to get a handle on things, it's time for a rotation. I would be a fabulous Chair if I were rotating in, but alas, here we are. Since our last Area Assembly, we have held two SAGSC meetings—one in May and the other in July. In May,

we updated our Guidelines with minimal fuss, thanks to Sophie and the other members of the AdHoc committee. Our July Forum was a tremendous success. I highly recommend attending a Forum if you haven't done so yet. In July, another AdHoc committee, led by Leslie, conducted an impressive inventory. Our GSR Trainer guided the GSRs through the Traditions Checklist prior to the meeting. During our inventory, we addressed several important issues: Accessibility concerns, including who might be missing from our rooms and the effectiveness of communication between English and Spanish-speaking districts and members. How well SAGSC is honoring Tradition 5, attracting and retaining members, and communicating our efforts to support the fellowship. How we can better assist the GSRs and their groups. Strategies for increasing district and home group participation in standing committees, among other topics. Thank you to everyone who participated. It was heartwarming to see so many dedicated members still present at the end of the meeting. We accomplished significant work, and I am deeply grateful for your involvement. Thank you. Our Committees and Districts have been very active, with numerous picnics and workshops taking place. I am genuinely proud of all your efforts and it has been a pleasure to serve you. Our final SAGSC meeting of this rotation will be held on November 10th at the usual time and place. We will review our inventory and elect a new Chair and Secretary. Please come join us! Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve you. To quote Anne: "Thank you for my life." I love Alcoholics Anonymous, and I love you. Thank you.

Area Technology Chair—Jeffrey C.

No report given

Alternate Technology Chair – Ashley L.

Verbal report given

Web Servant—Glenn W.

Verbal report given

Archivist – Ronnie D.

Hello everyone, my name is Ronnie Dillion and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is December 10th, 1999. I am in the last year of a four- year term of service as your Archivist. The archives committee meets almost every Saturday at 9 to 11AM at Las Vegas Central Office. A group text is usually sent the prior Friday afternoon to confirm. Work completed by the committee can be collating, filing, placing loose files in binders, restoring binders, answering archives requests, collecting media to be framed, preparing displays for events and assemblies and preserving media in any passive method available or affordable. Archives did bring a display to the Pacific Regional Forum in July this year. The archives and hospitality room located over 400 feet away from the ballroom and on another floor. We had 147 signatures in the guest book in comparison to over 900 attendants to the Forum. Archives was able to meet with Are 72 Archivist Maryland and discuss her traveling display. Maryland hosts a monthly Zoom meeting for the Pacific Region and she helped me make contact with Archivists in Israel and Japan early in my term. Mitch from Area 9 was given one of the framed photos we made of Area 9 Spanish speaking members at PRAASA in 2017. We will be assisting Area 9 with some PRAASA audio files that we will make available to be digitized and returned. Kevin E. came to

the forum and was a huge help through the week end. Archives did attend the Grapevine workshop and the district workshop last month. With one exception we have also been making regular reports to Las Vegas Intergroup. Archives did bring up a number of framed Spanish speaking flyers and posters for you to see. Spanish speaking posters many times are hand drawn and I find them some of the most engaging art ever made in AA literature and graphic design. Please take the time to check out our display while at the assembly, this is your archives. The late Florence Mortenson was the secretary for the We Care Group in 1975 in Las Vegas. Florence had a son named Bobby who became a union carpenter he took me to my first AA meeting. I would have never known Florence existed had Kevin E. never donated the AA directory for the US and Canada dated 1975. Being an Archivist and trying my best allowed me to know that the hand of AA has always been there for me and you. It's been there and it is our responsibility to insure it remains for the next alcoholic. It has been my pleasure to serve as your archivist and it has taken far less of me than what it has given. One more day sober walking on the sunny side of the street. Thank you for listening.

Alternate Archivist – Debbie S.

My name is Debbie, I am an alcoholic, serving as your Area 42 Alternate Archivist and NAGSC Archivist. I have not had much going on this past summer to report on. I am in my last quarter of a 16-quarter commitment, yes, this is a 4-year commitment. This next 4-year commitment of Alternate Archivist will be coming in from the South, therefore the Archivist will be coming in from the North. Our Archivist will play the role of the NAGSC Archivist. Unless I become the Archivist in this next rotation, in December or January I will be turning your NAGSC archives totes over to the care of our next NAGSC Archivist. Highlights of my 4-years include...The first thing I did in this new position was receive the totes from my predecessor; it was highly suggested that I keep your archives inside my home, where the elements and pests will not ruin them. Included in the stuff was the workbook, in which I read. I kept my focus on encouraging Districts to put together binders, that are specific to their District and or create an Archivist position within their District; put together traveling displays for different events here in the North; put on a couple of presentations on Archives; received and filed a few items; served on the Area Conference Committee for Archives, where I discovered that I could look up some archived articles on the aa.org website; downloaded the Area 42 Assembly minutes, then uploaded them onto a flash drive for Archives; and kept in contact with our Archivist. It is important for the Tech Chair, Area Secretary, and the Archivists to plan on how the Area 42 Assembly minutes will be recorded and turned over to the Archives in Las Vegas. In closing...Recently, I was looking back, contemplating on, "Did I do enough?"; I attended the 2024 PRAASA, where I heard, "This is your position, make it your own". I believe this statement stands true in any position we are holding. Debbie S.

Area Secretary -Jen R.

Hi my name is Jen I am an alcoholic. It is my honor and privilege to serve as your area panel 73 Secretary. Thank you to everyone for getting your reports in on time. The minutes have been sent out prior to the deadline. These last two years have not been what I expected, they have been so much more and amazing. I was so nervous to be elected in this position, but with the support of this incredible panel I have grown and enjoyed this position. To our delegate Jake,(Yo, Yo, Yo), thank you for all your hard work and continuing to make general service fun. Thank you to all panel 73 for showing me how AA can show up and support each other in good times and bad. General service has given me the chance to understand so much of the AA legacy

and look forward to seeing what's next. I can't say thank you enough for this opportunity and for my life.

Alternate Secretary/ SACSC Secretary – Libby G.

Hi, my name is Libby, and I am your alcoholic Alternate Area 42 Secretary. This is the final assembly of the rotation and I am both happy to be handing over the position to some lucky person elected and sad to be stepping down. I have enjoyed the position a lot. It was a lot of work but working with such wonderful and dedicated service junkies made the time fly. I felt completely supported by my fellow officers. Being an Alternate Secretary and the SAGSC Secretary has kept me in the middle of what was going on and taught me a lot. I honed my typing and computer skills a lot, maybe not so much fun, but a good skill to have. It was the being of service that meant so much to me. On a personal note, my cancer has come back. I'm doing treatments and there's no reason I shouldn't have a full recovery. For that reason, I'm taking the next panel off to work on getting healthy again. I did talk to my sponsor about it and I have approval. This was a really hard decision for me. I love doing service for Area 42 and I love the people in service to Area 42. But sometimes I have to put taking care of myself physically first so I can serve better later.

It has been 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,
Libby

Communications Chair – Libby G.

Hi, my name is Libby and I'm an alcoholic. I am the chairperson for the Area Communication Committee. The Communications committee consists of the various area servants who are involved in our communications. The members are the Area Secretary, Jen; the NAGSC secretary, Mike; the SAGSC secretary, me; the newsletter editor, Laura; the webservant, Glen; Translation committee, Tony; past delegate Julie; and we invite the Technology chair. It has been my honor to work with these people. Our first order of business is to review the newsletter and the website for anonymity breaks. We've set up a cadence to do this, alternating quarterly throughout our two years of service. If anyone notices errors or anonymity breaks please reach out to any of us and we'll look into it. As we are a group of eager beavers, we have written up a Best Practices document so the next group that rotates in will have a clearer idea of what can make the committee work better. We have a google drive where we are storing all our documents and will hand this over to the next Communication Committee servants. It has 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, Libby

Registrar – Lisa I.

Verbal report given

Alternate Registrar – Jodie G.

Hello Area 42! My name is Jodie and I am an alcoholic. It is hard to believe this is the last Area Assembly as your Alternate Registrar! I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for letting me serve these last two years. I have enjoyed every minute! From registering new GSRs, tracking down group numbers, adding a few new groups and ordering and printing name badges and all that includes! Working with Lisa has been a blast and I have learned so much working beside her. The very best part of this position has been getting to know you! All of you. People

who love Alcoholics Anonymous like I do and give freely of your time to serve this amazing program that transforms lives. Greeting you, finding your nametag and ribbon, handing you your packet for the weekend and offering you a little sugar (candy) to see you through the event. It has been a highlight of my sobriety journey and I will not forget these amazing weekends spent in the Tonopah Convention Center!

Of course my term is not quite over so please reach out if you need me before the next rotation begins. I have Group Information Change forms here at my desk and I am always available by email at alternateregistrar@nevadaarea42.org. If you are considering standing for this super fun position I encourage you to do so. Besides what you see here the job entails ordering name badges, ribbons, sticker and pens. Printing name tags if requested by the Registrar and being here early on Friday to get this all together. It is nothing but fun I'm telling you! Again, I thank you for this opportunity and I also thank you for your service in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Treasurer Jason M

Hello, my name is Jason, and I am an alcoholic.

The following reports are available:

- Income & Expense as of 9/30/2024
- Balance Sheet as of 9/30/2024

Cash Position (As of 11/10/2024)

Savings	\$ 30,032.16
Checking	\$ 24,415.47
Total Cash	\$ 54,447.63

For the period ending September 30, 2024, our net income amounted to a negative <\$56,596.00> while the total expenses for the corresponding period reached \$104,354.11.. Voluntary Group contributions can be made payable to "Area 42" and mailed to: Area 42, PO Box 70171, Las Vegas, NV 89170-0171. To request a reimbursement, send an email to treasurer@nevadaarea42.org containing the following details: your Service Position/Committee, a brief description of the expenses, receipts, your mailing address, and the name of the payee for the check. If you're hesitant to provide your mailing address, please inform me, and we'll figure out an alternative. It's my pleasure to serve in this capacity and thank you for your cooperation!

Alternate Treasurer – Rich B.

No report given

Area Finance Chair – Laura J.

It has been a pleasure serving the Area as the Finance Committee chairperson. Mostly that pleasure has come from working with such dedicated people who are willing to dive into the financial aspects of our service group. These members give up their evenings and weekends to do what it seems almost no one else wants to do, that is to talk about the money. I personally have learned so much about the spiritual concepts that are the basis for financial matters just as those same principals are behind every other aspect of our General Service work.

Our committee has drafted a proposed budget for the year 2025. You have a copy in your packets, in both English and Spanish. Please try to review this before we do our presentation. If you have questions or concerns, come see myself, or Jason, Rich, Carol, Anne, Tanya, or Amanda and we will listen to what you have to say. We prefer to answer you questions before the presentation if at all possible. Our committee worked very hard to take some of the confusion over the budget request forms that was experienced last year. We hope our process was easier and we hope to improve upon this again next time. The last goal of our committee this year will be to focus on some much needed updates to the Area financial guidelines. More will be revealed on this. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve our Area as Chair of the oversight

committee for our community basket, “where money and spirituality mix.” Laura J Finance Committee Chair

Newsletter Editor – Laura J.

My last edition of the Newsletter will be published on October 31. I have greatly enjoyed this commitment. When I started with my first edition, I set a goal to make the Newsletter more relevant, a place our members would come to know as a source of information, links, and reminders. I was very happy that more members felt comfortable submitting articles, pictures, and flyers. I have also encouraged that all flyer submissions should be made in an English and a Spanish version as Area 42 continues to work towards language equity. I feel we have made a lot of progress towards these goals. I say “we” because this Newsletter belongs to everyone in the Area. If you haven’t done so yet, please consider submitting an article, or a picture or information on an event and become part of this vital element of our communication structure. After our next election, our new Area Chair will appoint another editor. If you are interested in this appointment, come see me and I can let you know what it entails. Then if you want to be considered you can be ready to speak with our next chair. The current Newsletter and all the archived editions can be found on the Area website. Please, download or print a copy of the current edition for reading and then share it with your group, your district, or your circle of AA friends. Thank you for this opportunity to grow and learn in service to our Area and AA as a whole. Laura J Newsletter Editor

NAGSC Secretary Mike L

Hello everyone my name is Mike and I am an alcoholic with the privilege of serving as the Panel 73 Northern Area General Service Committee Secretary.. It has given me great personal satisfaction to be able to be of service of communication to members serving the Northern Area. NAGSC meets four times a year at different locations allowing me to meet the alcoholics that I may only know through email that serve the area. The last meeting we held in August was hosted by NACYPA & District 10A in Elko. The warm welcome we received in Elko reminded me of my love for Nevada. As secretary when I listen and read the reports I am always in awe of the serving alcoholics passion that brings the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Our next meeting will be on December 6th the place to be announced. During this panel I have also served on the chair of the website ad-hoc committee, on the communications committee and as chair and co-chair of the Literature Area Conference Committee. I can’t express my gratitude enough to be of service to Area 42. My closing comment as NAGSC Secretary is to read your emails!!

NAGSC Chair Alt Delegate-Paul E.

Hello Area 42, I’m Paul alcoholic, the Panel 73 Area 42 Alternate Delegate & NAGSC Chairperson. It is wonderful to be here in beautiful downtown Tonopah and to see all of you here today. As Alternate Delegate this rotation I was tasked with coordinating our Area Conference Committees (ACC) and I would like to thank all of those that volunteered to participate on one of the committees. For me this was a great learning experience on the whole General Service Conference (GSC) and the agenda items. It has been my pleasure working with Jake, our Delegate during this year and three-quarters of rotation, but not done yet. I still have a quarter to go. I’m looking forward to working with our new Alternate Delegate elect and helping them with the transition for their rotation.

Being the NAGSC Chairperson we still have one meeting to go on December 7th, and I’m looking for a District to host that meeting. This will be a very important meeting as all of our

NAGSC standing committee chairs will be confirmed at that meeting. If you interested in one of those positions, please contact our newly elected Area 42 Alternate Chairperson as they will become the new NAGSC chairperson and one of their first duties will be to appoint all of the NAGSC standing committee chairpersons, that will be confirmed at that NAGSC meeting. As we wind down this rotation let all of us remember that the year is not over yet and help get everything ready to pass along the torch to the incoming person so that it will be an easy transition. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul

Alternate Chair – Jonelle W.

My name is Jonelle and I am an alcoholic. I have had the pleasure to serve as your Alternate Area Chair for this rotation. I have been included in all the prep work for the Assemblies, I have been allowed to lead the Area Committee meetings and Standing Committee Chair meetings, I was assigned to be a mentor for Area Conference Committees, I chaired the Area 42 Inventory Recommendations Ad-Hoc Committee and I got to call the table numbers for the banquet, which seemed to be a bunch more important than I thought it was. People stare you down if their table takes a while to be called. So please if I am reading this before the banquet... the time it takes for your table to be called is not personal. It is all the luck of the draw, or maybe just God's will. Whatever it is, it has absolutely nothing to do with you... or me!

I had the really cool opportunity to tour our General Service Office during my family visit back east and two weeks later, attend our Pacific Regional Forum. At GSO, I spent as much time as I could in the literature room. I was emotional seeing all the translated versions of our books. I took a bunch of pictures so that if ever I doubt that this program works, I can be gently reminded... not only does it work in English, but it also works in over 100 translated languages as well! I was also wanting to exert my defect of control and make the room a bit more organized. And the archives! Oh...my... goodness! I don't have enough time to talk about the archives! I felt this sense of pride when the staff got excited when we said we were from Las Vegas. Everyone we spoke to knew that Area 42 was hosting the Pacific Regional Forum. At the Forum, I recognized some of my new friends, whether in person or during a video involving the staff. I attended several informative breakout rooms and learned a new acronym for HALT. Humility, Acceptance, Love, and Tolerance.

I reflect after every service position I have been allowed to serve and ask myself some questions... These are the ones I will sit with after this rotation. Have I shown up? Did I live the words I have spoken? Have I asked for help and guidance? How big was my ego this time? Am I using just service work to keep me sober? Am I so busy in service that the rest of my life is avoided and suffering? How are my personal relationships? Do I speak just to be heard? My sponsor always says – Remember why you do what you do. If it is anything other than to keep this movement moving forward so that the next suffering alcoholic knows we are here, than please stop doing a dis-service. To the new GSR or anyone else who is new here, welcome. We need you! We have some work to do! For the past 30 years of my sobriety, life has happened and it continues to happen! As soon as this rotation began, I received a call, to once again, interview for my dream job. After two prior interviews with the institution, I got the position I have worked my entire professional career for. One of the the first things I said, once offered the job in January 2023 was... I need Friday, March 31st off. I did not tell them why but they rearranged my training so I could be at my first Assembly in my brand new service position.

To all of Panel 74, thank you in advance. Thank you for all you do and allowing me to do it

with you!

Area Chair – Lyle C.

Hello Everyone, Lyle Alcoholic with the honor and privilege to serve Area 42 as Area Chair P73. It has been such a gift to be a part of panel 73 with all of our trusted servants for the last two years. I've had so much help with planning for area assembly, and cooperation with you the body of area 42 from our Delegate Jake to the GSRs and AA members. I cannot thank Y'all enough for this privilege. It has been my honor. I love Y'all so much thank you.

BLUE ROOM MINUTES

Tony - Says a farewell message to area 42

Ad Hoc given description of their presentation for the weekend.

Jeffery- communication platform there will be a video presentation and non guideline change

Don - ACC Coordinator possible recommendation after doing research if it's needed.

Bigg - Proposal Page 301 AA Comes of age

Marita - Literature proposal Living Sober

Ann D. - Announced that Brown paper tickets will refund the ticket money.

Heather L. Grapevine is looking for submission.

Michelle M. How can we get people to stay and help clean up?

- Make it worth our while
- To be an example
- Budget and new business is on Sunday
- People that stay are who we want to be our leaders
- Volunteer list

Don - comments to take some time when are rolling out of a position to take some time write a two page letter to the new person. Leading them to succeed in their new roles.

SATURDAY Sept. 7 2024

Lyle invites all to join him in **the Serenity Prayer**:

A Moment of Silence, please

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.”

Lyle reads the Virtual instructions:

We are going to record this assembly so that our secretary can capture the minutes and for archival purposes. For those of you on virtual, please change your name to include your service position for voting purposes. If you need help, please chat with the tech team. The chat will be limited to the tech team for now. If there is more than one voting members of the virtual room chat with your vote.

Lyle C: Today we will start with our Delegate Jake S. report. Then Rhonda F. Panel 69 Delegate will do a Safety Presentation. It will be a busy day. CACYPAA

and District 5B have provided lots of coffee, water, drinks, and snacks. Remember these are self-supporting so if you eat or drink, please contribute to the basket. Tech Team please record. Tony come up please!!

Lyle reads the **Anonymity Statement**:

There may be some here who are not familiar with our Tradition of personal anonymity at the public level:

“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.”

Lyle introduces the reader for this session: Tony S. Area Translation/Interpretation Chair

READER: Tony S.: Area Translation/Interpretation Chair

APÉNDICE A: “EL LEGADO DE SERVICIO DE AA”, BILL W. (1951) Nuestro Duodécimo Paso —llevar el mensaje— es el servicio básico que presta la Comunidad de AA; éste es nuestro objetivo principal y la razón principal de nuestra existencia. Por lo tanto, AA es más que un conjunto de principios; es una sociedad de alcohólicos en acción. Debemos llevar el mensaje, de lo contrario, nosotros mismos podemos marchitarnos y aquellos a quienes no se les ha dado la verdad pueden morir. Por lo tanto, un servicio de AA es cualquier cosa que nos ayude a llegar a un compañero de sufrimiento, desde el Duodécimo Paso mismo hasta una llamada telefónica de diez centavos y una taza de café, y hasta la Oficina de Servicios Generales de AA para la acción nacional e internacional. La suma total de todos estos servicios es nuestro Tercer Legado de Servicio. Los servicios incluyen lugares de reunión, cooperación hospitalaria y oficinas intergrupales; significan folletos, libros y buena publicidad de casi todo tipo. Requieren comités, delegados, custodios y conferencias. Y, para no olvidarlo, necesitan contribuciones voluntarias de dinero desde dentro de la Comunidad.

APPENDIX A: “A.A.’S LEGACY OF SERVICE,” BILL W. (1951) Our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven’t been given the truth may die. Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer—ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.’s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service. Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation, and intergroup offices; they mean pamphlets, books, and good publicity of almost every description. They call for committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. And, not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions from within the Fellowship

Lyle C: Thank You Tony

As you may know this is an election assembly. Lisa I. our registrar and Jodie G, our Alt registrar have given number stickers on your badges for voting members and online people let the tech team know if you are a voting member. If you think you did not receive a sticker or you got one by mistake let Lisa or Jodie know.

Here is the definition of voting members from the Area 42 guidelines
Voting members:

DELEGATE REPORT- JAKE S.

My name is Jake- I'm an alcoholic. Well we made it here. The final Area assembly of panel 73. And what can I say? I want to start by saying welcome to everyone who is new here today. If this is your first area assembly, welcome to general service inside Alcoholics Anonymous. You are in for an amazing ride. My journey here started in 2007 and I will never be able to explain what this General Service committee has meant to me. When I showed up in the Tonopah convention center I had no idea what to expect, but I can tell you I was not happy about it. But when I began to hear all of the work that was being done through this committee, to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, I was absolutely blown away. I was sitting in a room full of people who took the responsibility statement very seriously and they were working hard every single day for Alcoholics Anonymous. AA saved their life and they were dedicated to making sure that when anyone anywhere reaches out for help, they wanted the hand of AA, always to be there. I am beyond grateful to have had the opportunity to be of service in this committee and I pray something that we did here made a difference to suffering alcoholics. We keep one drink, out of one drunk, for one day, and if you are an alcoholic like I am, I do not have to try and explain what a miracle that is. And I know that you are! So hopefully most of you heard or have read my report that I gave at the NAGS and SAGS meetings from the general service conference. The last two years I have done the same thing. That is the report I give when I come back from the conference I called the just the facts report. That is the report where I talk about everything that happened at the conference and how every vote went including the vote totals and how WE voted. This conference was the 74th general service conference and the theme was connecting with love, unity, and service. The general service conference is a very important part of AA. In Alcoholics Anonymous we pride ourselves on leaving decisions up to the group conscience. Through concepts 1 and 2 we want decisions to be made, and the final responsibility and final authority in AA to reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship. In the beginning Bill and Bob were the final authority, but they saw they wouldn't live forever and what would we do. The answer was the general service conference. The general service conference is the active voice and effective conscience of our whole society in all of our world affairs. When a question is asked at the conference, and a vote is taken with substantial unanimity that is the group conscience of AA. It is an absolutely beautiful system when it works correctly. But it only works if we have people like you, General Service representatives that show up to the assembly and to their district meetings and carry that group conscience. That's why GSR may be the most important job inside AA. Thank you very much to every GSR that served panel 73. This committee does not exist without you! The conference was held in Brooklyn, New York at the Brooklyn Marriott hotel April 14 through the 20th. This is a graffiti sign you see when you get to the top of the escalator. We have 93 delegates at the conference. This picture is of all the pacific region delegates. There are 15 areas in the pacific region. This picture is some displays and the books conference members bring for other members to sign. So this is a fun stuff report, but I do have some updates and some things I told you that you had to show up to this assembly to see and hear. My first update is about the internet web address alcoholicsanonymous.com. Our AA website is aa.org. For years someone was running a website alcoholicsanonymous.com. They were in no way affiliated with us. When you went to it it was a place trying to set you up to go to different treatment centers all over the country. Once you become a member of AA, you know

that is something that we would never do. As an AA member obviously you can see why this would be a big problem for us as a whole. For years we tried to get this website taken down with no luck. We even offered them money to buy it which we could never get done. This was a long process starting all the way back in the year 2000. I am very very happy to report that this is officially transferred to us now. If you go to alcoholicsanonymous.com it will redirect you to aa.org. The next update I have is regarding the plain language big book. This is another issue going on for a long time. I gave a lot of information about this in my just the facts report. In the end WE voted to not approve the book as it is, but WE were in the minority opinion and the book was approved at the general service conference with substantial unanimity. In my report I said that I would be writing a letter to the publishing department which I did. In my letter I said that I think that it would be much better and we could avoid a lot of problems if instead of having numbered steps, traditions, and concepts 1 through 12 we could do it in an essay style like the 12 and 12 or the service manual. My letter was read and responded to very quickly. I was told that the book was approved as is and to do what I was suggesting it would take a new proposed agenda item. There were also appeals filed by other conference members to stop the publication of the book. All of these letters and appeals were discussed at the July board weekend and in the end the decision that was made at the conference will be held up. The book is currently being worked on and the expected date for it to come out is November 1st. My next update has to do with our finances and our treasurer's report. We had \$10.84 million in 7th tradition contributions and \$6.76 million in publishing profits. Here is where I totally dropped the ball. That was our challenge number of \$6.43. This number is if every member made a contribution of \$6.43 we would be fully self-supporting by member contributions which is the goal. I had tried to set up the date of July 13 during the Pacific Region forum. Annie D made a beautiful flyer and then I did a bad job of getting the word out. I didn't even do it myself. So thank you very much to everyone who did do it. I am changing the date for myself to today, September 6 2024. Today I will be making a \$6.43 contribution to the General Service board and I invite all of you to join me. Now, just to be 100% clear this is totally voluntary. If you do not contribute \$6.43 no one will come and take your big book away, and hopefully this is just a fun way to bring awareness to trying to be fully self-supporting by voluntary member contributions. Also we have here the group number and it is \$157.28 per group to be fully self-supporting through member contributions. This chart shows our self support contributions since 2015. And here shows the growth of online contributions. We learned at last year's conference that it costs us much less to process online contributions than mail in contributions. This shows the type of contributions and I have another important update on this graph. On July 9th we received a communication from member services and our CFO that we had a problem where individual members were making contributions on behalf of their groups from their personal accounts, and these were being reported as individual contributions instead of group contributions. August 29th we were informed that the issue has now been resolved. So we now know that these numbers are not exactly all in the right category, but either way these next two graphs show another very important principle in AA. These are the contributions by dollar value. Here we can clearly see that AA self support is made up by a bunch of small contributions, not a few big ones. This is another way AA is not beholden to any big donors. This is another one of my favorite slides that shows what all these contributions buy us and all of the service work it makes possible. 192,715 emails 15,485 phone calls 31,168 literature orders. Totally amazing not to mention all the work it takes that our fellowship is in 3 languages and all the work that takes. So while I talk about that I will talk about the awesome work our area 42 translation and interpretation committee does. It is a huge job and they do amazing work. Another thing that costs money and one of my favorite

things was the AA archives. I also wanted to put this slide in to talk about the area 42 archives. Our area 42 archivists are coming to the end of their 4 year rotation in the area 42 archives. There has been an amazing amount of work done and if you are ever at the LV central office stop by and check it out. Next update is on the biggest AA party in the world, the 90 years of Alcoholics Anonymous international convention with the theme, Language of the heart, will be held July 3-6 in Vancouver British Columbia. The registration is now officially open. There is a ton of information on our website aa.org or alcoholicsanonymous.com so check it out. My next update is on the grapevine and la viña. The update I have is subscribed to the grapevine and or la viña. The grapevine and la viña do not accept contributions. The only way to support them is to subscribe to the magazine. But we also learned that the profit margin is even better on grapevine books than it is on the magazine. So go see our awesome grapevine chairs and go buy a grapevine book. They have an awesome selection back there. Thank you grapevine. Also in case you have not heard, we have smartphone apps now. These apps are totally amazing with all the stuff in the magazine and audio of all the articles. You can get all of this for the low low price of only \$2.99 a month. You can't afford not to subscribe to the grapevine app. So my update is I love the grapevine and la viña and if we want them to survive it is our responsibility to support them. And my last update is, the best dessert in the history of the universe! I told you about this in the just the facts report and I was serious. Apparently it is some kind of mousse. I don't know what that is, but it was the best thing I ever ate. So the just the fun stuff report starts as soon as I get to the airport. As soon as I walked in I got to see my first Karen in the wild. I walk up to the bag check place and there is the Karen yelling at all of the people behind the desk. She tells them she is going to call her lawyer, that she is going to sue them all, and by the time this is all over they will all be fired and she will own Jet blue. So I thought that these Karen people only existed on the internet but there she was live and in person. Thank God for AA. So after me and all my new friends going to New York got to watch this freak show it was time to get on the plane. I go sit in my seat then they tell me I have to move. Go to my new seat and they tell me I have to move again. Go to my new seat and they tell me I have to move again. This time I am afraid I am going to be the next Karen, but we made it through. So finally after moving seats 3 times we are off. This year I was really smart though because instead of packing all of my stuff on the plane I sent a big box ahead to the hotel. The box had all of my paperwork, all of my shoes, my buttons, my pajamas. So I get to the hotel and check in. I tell them I have a box here that I sent ahead, they tell me yes no problem we have it here go settle into your room and we will bring it up. They bring up not 1 box but 2 boxes. Both boxes are presents from awesome people in our area, but none of them were my box. I tell them I should have another box. The tracking number says it was delivered to the hotel. He tells me he will go check again. 2 hours later I call back down and they tell me they do not have my box. So some of you know, I have been a mailman for 25 years and I can tell you this is pretty much the worst case scenario that could happen. The post office says it is delivered. The hotel says they do not have it. So now I have one pair of socks and one pair of underwear that I wore on the plane. One pair of shoes that I wore on the plane. And none of my paperwork and notes from the round tables, the assembly, and all the meetings I had gone to. As well as all of my notes and my background information on the public information committee agenda. So needless to say I am freaking out. I called my Post Office and had them track where the package was scanned and it shows it was scanned right at the hotel. So now I'm pretty sure it is at the hotel somewhere. This is all going on around 10 in the morning. I wait until 9 o'clock at night. I go downstairs and I find a bellman. I hand him a \$20 bill and I tell him that I have a box that was delivered to this hotel and it's here somewhere. I described what the box looked like and he found it about 10 minutes later and thank god I can breathe again. My first 2

boxes are snacks and candy from past delegates in our area and thank you so much. I was very grateful for the love. First fun thing at the conference is the opening dinner. This is where we had the world's best dessert. Here are some more pictures from the dinner. Next fun thing we did was the international convention skit based on the Addams family. If you were lucky enough to be at the Pacific Region forum, you saw the southern area young people doing an awesome job with the same script. Just like the skit was one of the funnest things at the Pacific Region forum it was definitely one of the funnest things at the conference. The next fun thing is going to the desk and getting your goodie bag. Inside is your lanyard for the week and your dots system voting clicker. The voting clicker is totally awesome and I can pretty much guarantee you that you will be wishing that we had them here by the end of the day. On my lanyard here you will see the pi symbol on a piece of pie which was made by my awesome committee chair for the Public Information committee. Pie PI get it! Above that is my button for the best event in the history of the world, the 2024 Pacific region forum. The Pacific region forum in Las Vegas Nevada was a smashing huge success. Thank you so much to all of the amazing members who volunteered and made it such a beautiful event. Hopefully now you have heard we have our first class B or boozier chair of the general service board. I was able to meet him at the forum and he seems like an amazing beautiful AA soul. He has a tough job ahead of him and I wish him all of the luck in the world. I think we are very lucky to have him and he will be a great servant leader for AA. Without a doubt one of my favorite things about serving as the area 42 delegate is all of the amazing people I have been able to meet and serve with. I used to hear old rusted servants say oh yeah, I served with him or her. And I would think oh what you guys were in the military together or what. Now I can tell you I definitely get it. I am so grateful for all of the amazing people I have had the privilege to serve with. The next picture is of one of those people, my friend Kimbrough. We were in the same workshop together and we sat together in the main room one day. One thing you learn at the General Service conference is that you do not clap whenever something passes or fails. I never really thought of it before, but I do believe it is a very good idea. You may be happy that it passed, but the person sitting next to you may think it's a terrible idea. But sometimes you do get to clap. Kimbrough only has one arm and she uses these little plastic hands to clap. The next person is my friend Eric. We are both panel 73 delegates and have been serving in the same area positions simultaneously for the last eight years. Which means at every PRAASA we are together at the same round tables. He asks me if I want to go with him to eat during a dinner break. I said I would love to, where are we going? He says it's 20 minutes away, BBQ. I think it's awesome, 20 minute walk, BBQ, perfect. We take off walking for about 5 minutes and we get to a bus stop. Then we get on the bus and take a 20 minute bus ride into the middle of Brooklyn, New York. I say Eric do you know where we are going, but I don't even need to ask because I already know, he does not. So now I start to get nervous. Absolutely nothing to be nervous about, we ended up at the coolest barbecue place in the world, and I had the best barbecue food I have ever had in my life. I ordered ribs and they were sold out. So then I got these Asian ribs, which is something I never would've ordered and they were absolutely amazing. This is the tri-tip steak, cornbread, potato salad, and bacon. Not to mention the Mexican coke in the glass bottle. I'm telling you this food was unbelievable and here we are, the Brooklyn food posse wandering around the middle of New York. My next adventure came with my new friend Steve. His son is an FBI agent and works in Manhattan right on the other side of the Brooklyn bridge in the courthouse. We woke up early Thursday morning to walk across the Brooklyn Bridge into Manhattan to meet up with his son for coffee. When you walk out of the hotel and walk towards the bridge, the first intersection you get to you will see the statue of the finger pointing up. Almost every delegate I know has this picture in their report. This picture is

me and Steve at the entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge. I was thinking the bridge was going to be totally packed with people going there and on our way back. I was wrong. I was able to take these pictures where we were the only people on the bridge. Last year my picture of the subway pole at 42nd St. was my favorite. This year I absolutely love these pictures. If you look close, you can see the American flag on the top of the arches. The next picture is standing on the bridge looking towards Manhattan. The next picture is another one of my favorites. This is the courthouse that Steve's son works at. This next picture is going back the other way back towards Brooklyn. When we were walking back to Brooklyn, we were able to see this helicopter landing on a little pad out in the ocean. Another one of my favorite pictures that was very meaningful to me are these from the bridge of the statue of liberty. The welcome to Brooklyn inside the concrete is on the bridge coming back in. And this last picture of this adventure I wanted to share with you is this coffee cup. We went to meet Steve's son for coffee. We went to a Puerto Rican coffee shop in Manhattan. He asked me what I wanted, that it was on him, I told him to get me whatever he is getting. Every time I drink coffee I drink black coffee period. This was definitely not black coffee. This was some kind of mochaccino, frappuccino, espresso, lungo, pinkity drinkity and it was totally awesome. Once again something I never would've ordered by myself and I absolutely loved it. At this conference, everything seemed much busier. So this Thursday was the very first time of the trip I was able to get, you guessed it, Brooklyn Pizza. You cannot go to Brooklyn, New York and not get pizza. This year I was only able to get pizza one time from Norm's Pizza right down the street from the hotel and it was wonderful. The next adventure was the scheduled adventure for the delegates, and that was our trip to the historic home of Lois and Bill Wilson, stepping stones. This was an absolutely spiritual experience for me. The adventure begins by us all loading onto these buses. It is not that far away from the hotel but it takes about an hour to get there because of you know, New York traffic. Last year I told you the story about playing fuzzy ball basketball during the arts and crafts project we had at the delegate meeting. It was one of my favorite times at the conference last year. This year the same delegate brought a hacky sack and we played hacky sack on the conference floor during a break. We are on the same bus together. Bus number one. We takeoff driving for about 20 minutes and she starts to look really bad. She gets really pale white as a ghost, her eyes start rolling in the back of her head, her skin is clammy. We lay her down on the ground and try to get cool air on her. We end up having to drive the tour bus to the emergency room so she can be seen. It was a very scary situation. Luckily in the end, it was only dehydration and exhaustion and we were able to pick her up three hours later on our way back to the hotel. When we get to stepping stones, you are allowed to go off whichever way you like. Me and my friend Doug and his wife stayed together for the trip. The first place we went to was at Wits End. If you are not familiar with this, it is Bill's writing studio. A little building outside of the main house where he did his writing. This first picture is the outside of at Wits End. The next picture is me sitting at the same desk Bill Wilson sat at. This next picture is a little framed statement that sits on his desk and it reads. My workshop stands on a hill back of our home. Looking over the valley, I see the village community house where our local group meets. Beyond the circles of my horizon lies the one world of AA. I have to tell you when I read this I was overwhelmed. It was such a beautiful statement and it made me think about us today. Bill Wilson was such an important member of Alcoholics Anonymous. But so is every single person at this assembly today. Everyone can be important in saving someone's life. We absolutely need all of us. This next picture is a picture of the main house and the chimney with the cool circle and triangle on it. The tour guy told us the story of how it blew down and they had to find it once. They only let 40 people at a time inside the house. So how they do that is they give everybody a number when you go into the house.

When you come back out, you give them the number back. This is my number of course. Number 1. The next picture is one of the most amazing pictures of my whole trip. This is the actual kitchen table where Ebby came to talk to Bill that first time to tell him what he had found and that he was sober. This whole place is amazing, but this kitchen table gives me the chills. The house is a two-story house and you could easily give a two hour report just about all of the amazing things inside. My favorite was a letter from Dr. Carl Jung writing back to Bill. Apparently he didn't know what a huge influence he was on AA until we were around 30 years old. This next picture is upstairs at Lois's desk where she responded to letters and did writing for the Al anon family groups. The last picture is looking outside of the back over the valley. We were told there's a lot more trees now than there was before. My last adventure is with my favorite delegate, the person who took me out on the town and showed me how to ride the subway last year at the conference. This is my fellow PI committee member Jeannie the delegate for area 4 Arkansas. When you are at the Marriott in Brooklyn New York, you are only a five minute walk away from 182 Clinton Street. If you are not familiar with that, that is Lois Wilson's childhood home that Bill and Lois moved into to make ends meet while Bill was still drinking. This is where they were at when Bill sought treatment for the final time at Towns Hospital. By the way, it's about 3300 ft.² and is currently estimated to be worth about \$4.8 million. So a lot has changed since 1930. I was told the story about this next picture of this plant. Apparently people cut leaves or whatever off of this plant and are able to grow new ones and they are all over the world from this plant. I didn't touch it because I probably not only would have killed what I took, I would've killed the whole plant. After we got to see 182 Clinton St. we walked down to the Brooklyn Riverwalk, where you can see some awesome views of Manhattan. And then, after that, we walked back home and got to go to a super cool place called Sticky's which would be kind of like Canes and had some amazing chicken fingers. I told you about how the conference went long and we actually didn't even get to 10 of the floor actions that were proposed. That being the case we had to come back on Saturday morning to have our delegates say goodbye panel. This is where all of the panel 73 delegates have two minutes to say their goodbye to the conference. I was going to write something down to say but then I decided not to and share from the heart and just say whatever came to my mind. Unfortunately, we have not received the printed final report yet, but we do have the online version. When the printed final reports come out I will be sure to let everyone know. If you have not received the online version of the final conference report you can see it at aa.org or alcoholicsanonymous.com. I don't know exactly what I said in my two minutes, but for every delegate they give a little summary of what the delegate said in the final report. Mine says "Yo yo yo AA saved my life and General Service is a huge part of my program recovery." I have to tell you when I read that I smiled. This year there's a lot of sketches in the final report instead of pictures. Last year there was this picture of me in the final report which I thought was super cool. This year I am 99% sure that this is me. I know for a 99.9% fact I know who two of the delegates are in this picture. My last adventure was to get on the plane and come back to Las Vegas. This picture is out of the plane window looking at New York. These pictures are when we got into the sky looking over New York and this last picture is coming back into beautiful Area 42. I told you in my just the facts report serving as the Area 42 delegate has been one of the hardest things I've ever had to do in my life. This report is one of the hardest reports I ever had to write. I could talk for 10 hours about what being the area 42 delegate has meant to me and all of the lessons I have learned. I will just close with these last things. At both of the conferences I went to there were two big votes. The first one was last year on whether or not to censure the General Service board for the resignation of the class A chair of the general service board and how that was handled. This year was to approve or to not approve

the plain language big book as it is. We voted in the minority opinion on these issues and we lost. We spoke in the minority opinion and that was it. Does this mean we failed? Absolutely not. AA is the most beautiful thing I have ever been a part of and it is OK to be in the minority opinion. It has happened to me many times in my General service career. We have to make room for and listen closely to the minority opinion to be fully informed. Once the vote comes, and it passes with substantial unanimity, it is the group conscience. Once something becomes the group conscience I will support it as if I had chosen it. I am looking forward to the plain language big book coming out and I pray it is a big success and it saves somebody's life. It is easy to say you accept the group conscience when you agree with it. I think what really matters is how we act and what we do when we do not agree with it. I can accept that whatever the group conscience is, it is the right thing for Alcoholics Anonymous, always. Next thing I learned is that some delegates in some areas do not tell their area what their vote was on these or other issues. This became a topic of conversation with a group of delegates and I have to say I was shocked to hear that a delegate would not tell their area how they voted. I see my job as delegate to carry the group conscience of area 42 to the general service conference and then to report back to you what happened at the conference. That was my role serving as the area 42 delegate and I pray I did a good job for our area. And finally, at my very first PRAASA I learned the most important rule in General Service and that is that no work that we ever get done here will ever be as important as how we treat each other while we are here. The decisions that we make are never as important as how we come to those decisions. And the last thing I will say is thank you. Thank you for saving my life. Thank you for changing me into someone I can be proud of. Thank you for letting me be a part of this general service committee. This general service committee exists to get work doing the work the AA groups cannot do and saving peoples lives. Saving people's lives and working hard is what we do here and I pray that never changes. Alcoholics Anonymous saved my life and general service has become a huge part of my program of recovery. Thank you very much area 42, the greatest area in the history of the universe. I love you all!!!

SAFETY IN AA - RHONDA W.

When I was asked to share on the topic of safety in AA or predators in AA my first thought went to 13th steppers. What I discovered while reading the research was 13th stepping is only one element in a destructive thread that runs through AA. Some of the other problems we have been having involve illegal activity and bullying. Then we have some that are not so obvious like, indifference, language and lack of respect. I am going to start with predators, we call them "13th steppers" like it is some kind of cute - next-step-in-AA - sort of thing. The truth is they are predators. Predators in AA are members who take advantage of others in sexual, spiritual or financial ways. This is not just about the old timer trying to get the newcomer into bed, this also includes pressuring newcomers to go to church, join religious groups or attend seminars or self help programs that are not AA related. It also includes financial predators, preying on peoples weaknesses to get them to give you money, asking straight out for money or pressure to buy items like Avon, Amway or Mary Kay. These newcomers feel pressured into helping and even believe that if they don't purchase what is being sold or host a sales party in their home, they may be excluded from AA. Next let's address illegal activity,. AA cannot be viewed as a sanctuary from the laws of the society we live in. Illegal activity in AA is not protected by anonymity. We have all been in a home group where the treasurer has run off with the money, I have even run off with the money once. (I paid it back in full.) Most of the time we turn the other cheek. We rely on our higher power to work it out. A lot of the times the money is returned. Sometimes it is not. and we lose that member of AA. Your group has the right to file a

complaint with the police if that is what you decide. It is a theft and if it is a lot of money, you probably should. If people are selling drugs in your meeting, call the police. If people are harming others physically in your meeting, call the police. We also need to cooperate with the landlords of our meeting places. No smoking means no smoking. No loud music blaring, no trash left around the building. Look at it like it is your home. Would you allow that behavior in your home? Now we have bullying - a fairly new discussion in AA, but an issue that has been around for a long time. Bullying is something I have never personally looked at before now I went online and read a bunch of non AA related material about bullying in AA. Most of the blogs and remarks were from people who didn't like to be told what to do, (like the steps). After I weeded through the whiners I ran into a few that made me look at myself and my sponsorship tools. Do I demand that the women I sponsor do anything? Do I look down on them, talk down to them? Do I put them down or shame them for human behavior? And then, how do I act in meetings, am I holier than thou? Do I bully? Do I cross talk, or yell "Who are you" when someone forgets to identify themselves? Do I intimidate the newcomer? I once had a girl tell me she was afraid to ask me to sponsor her because she heard I was mean. Did I create that? There is a solution. In the new pamphlet, "Many Paths to Spirituality," it is says, "The Spirit of tolerance is strong in AA." And our treasured Big Book says, "Love and tolerance of others is our code." When do we set aside our tolerance and take action? There are some problems that ought not be tolerated: Sexual predation; verbal threats; physical altercations; an active drunk taking over a meeting; language; vulgarity; prejudicial slurs; anonymity violations; and non-alcoholics at closed meetings. We are not talking about general meeting disruptions, the drunk guy who puked in the hallway or the women who blurts out phrases every few minutes. We have all had to deal with the newcomer who hasn't quite got the protocol down. We are talking about extremely disruptive, illegal and dangerous behavior. Bruce D. wrote a paper for the Area 2 Convention in Alaska. In it he wrote a synopsis of safety in AA, using some of the traditions. I am going to relay his efforts here for us: Tradition 1: Unity- Do I treat our meeting place in a way that will let me and others continue to meet here? Tradition 2: We have trusted servants in our group (or we should have), use them. They are our guides. (Kinda) Tradition 3: Meetings should offer a sense of confidentiality for anyone who wishes to recover. I shouldn't have to worry that I am being tagged on a Facebook page at an AA meeting. Tradition 4: Group conscious Does my group talk about these issues? What safety guidelines have we discussed? Tradition 5: If my group is practicing Tradition 5 "having only the purpose of carrying the message" - there will be a less chance that it will become viewed as a dating service, a place to vent politics or religion, or a forum for dispensing folkloric medical advice. What it all basically boils down to is Concept 9: "Good Service Leadership is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees. (Short Form)." Well, we are all the trustees of the traditions. Our trustees cannot be everywhere so we must step up and help in our own home groups and with our own sponsees. Here are some of the suggestions from our 62nd General Service Workshop in 2012 "Safety in AA: Our common Welfare:" be on the lookout for newcomers, introduce them to healthy people.; be a great sponsor, talk with your sponsees about safety in AA; be aware of stalkers or predators, let your sponsees know that this is common; be an example of appropriate behavior. Most newcomers have no idea how to behave - sober. Seek legal help if need be. Keep your group and yourself healthy. Safety in meeting rooms needs to be taken seriously. I would like to close with this.: We are not trying to stir up a witch hunt here. The focus ought to be on healthy communication and the creation of safe environments.

ELECTIONS:

MODERATOR:

LYLE C: (Area Chair) Asks Lisa and Jeffrey: How many voting members are here in-person and online? Could the past delegates join us up front to assist in counting the votes. For members making themselves available to serve: you will have 2 minutes to introduce yourself. Introduce Pete L. Panel 43 Delegate: I have asked Pete to read the third legacy procedure, which can be found in your packets.

APPENDIX G: THIRD LEGACY PROCEDURE PURPOSE

A.A.'s Third Legacy Procedure is a special type of electoral procedure, used primarily for the election of delegates and regional and at-large trustees. It is considered to be unique to A.A., and at first glance, appears to introduce a strong element of chance into a matter that should depend solely on the judgment of the majority. In practice, however, it has proved highly successful in eliminating the influence of factions or parties that seem to thrive on most political scenes. The railroading of a candidate for election is made difficult, if not impossible, since voters have a wide selection of candidates to choose from. More importantly, a second-place candidate who may be extremely well qualified but without early popular support is encouraged to stay in the balloting rather than withdraw

PROCEDURE 1. The names of eligible candidates are posted on a board. All voting members (of the area or Conference body) cast written ballots, one choice to a ballot. The tally for each candidate is posted on the board. • The first candidate to receive two-thirds of the total vote is elected. 2. Withdrawals start after the second ballot. If any candidate has less than one-fifth of the total vote, his or her name is automatically withdrawn—except that the top two candidates must remain. (In case of ties for second place, the top candidate and all tied runners-up remain as candidates.) 3. After the third ballot, candidates with less than one-third of the total vote will be withdrawn automatically, except the two top candidates remain. (In case there are ties for second place, the top candidate and all tied runners-up remain as candidates.) 4. After the fourth ballot, if no candidate has two-thirds of the total vote, the candidate with the smallest total is automatically withdrawn, except that the top two candidates remain. In case there are ties for second place, the top candidate and all tied second-place candidates remain. • At this point, the chairperson asks for a motion, second, and a simple majority of hands on conducting a fifth and final ballot. • If this motion is defeated, balloting is over and the choice is made by lot—“going to the hat”—immediately. • If the motion carries, a fifth and final ballot is conducted. 5. If after the fifth ballot no election occurs, the chairperson announces that the choice will be made by lot (from the hat). At this point, the top two candidates remain. In case there are ties for first place, all tied first place candidates remain. In case there are no ties for first place, the top candidate and any tied second-place candidates remain. 6. Lots are then drawn by the teller, and the first one “out of the hat” is the delegate (or trustee or other officer).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PANEL 75 MEMBERS

AREA 42 TRUSTEE AT LARGE: RHONDA W.
DELEGATE: Lyle C.
ALT. DELEGATE: Lisa I.

AREA CHAIR: Jonnelle W.
ALT. CHAIR: Deb O.
TREASURER: Ann
ALT. TREASURER: Anne D.
SECRETARY: Ronnie D.
ALT. SECRETARY: Michelle M.
REGISTRAR: Jodie G.
ALT. REGISTRAR: Lou P.
ARCHIVIST: Rich B.
ALT. ARCHIVIST: Heather L.

AREA 42 TRANSLATION COMMITTEE GUIDELINES - proposed (first reading Spring 2024)

Reason for this proposal: The original Translation Committee guidelines were approved in spring, 2020, and need to be revised. This update more accurately reflects how the committee operates.

Black font = previously approved guidelines (Addendum 3, Area 42 Guidelines, 9/2022) Red font = changes proposed by the Translation Committee

I. Purpose

The Area 42 Translation Committee will be responsible for keeping open communications, written and oral, between the Spanish Linguistic Districts and Area 42.

A. The Translation Committee will coordinate and facilitate translation (written) and interpretation (oral) services. It will provide consecutive and simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation at Area Assemblies and pre-conference roundtables,

B. Depending on the availability of volunteer translators and/or interpreters and equipment, the Area 42 Translation Committee will:

1. Provide, upon request, consecutive and simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation at:
 - a. Area Committee meetings;
 - b. Area Standing Committee meetings;
 - c. NAGSC and SAGSC meetings.
2. Provide written translation of Area 42 Assembly minutes, conference agenda item summaries, the newsletter, updates to the website and such other documents, reports, minutes or emails as may be requested by the Delegate, Area 42 Secretary or NAGSC or SAGSC Secretaries in consultation with the Translation Committee;
3. Provide written translation of Area 42 officers', SAGSC and NAGSC DCMs', committee chairs' and liaisons' reports;

II. Membership Members and Meetings

The Translation Committee is to be a Committee which will consist of:

1. Chairperson
2. Alternate Chairperson
3. Committee members

A. Composition and Terms of Service - The Translation Committee will consist of a minimum of four members: three officers and at least one other member. The Chairperson and Alternate Chair must be bilingual English/Spanish and capable of

interpreting and translating.

1. The Chairperson will be appointed by the Area Chair.'
2. The Alternate Chair and Secretary will be elected from within the committee.
3. Translation Committee officers serve a four-year rotation. Rotation is strongly encouraged.
4. All Translation Committee members have one vote. In the case of an even number of committee members voting, the Chairperson does not vote.
5. All are welcome to serve on the Translation Committee.

B. Meetings - The Translation Committee meets monthly. Meetings of the Translation Committee are open to all.

III. OFFICERS

A. Chairperson

1. Facilitates carrying out the purpose of the Translation Committee;
2. Attends and conducts the meetings of the Translation Committee;
3. Interprets at Area Assemblies and pre-conference roundtables;
4. Prepares and submits quarterly reports to NAGSC/SAGSC meetings;
5. Secures translation and interpretation resources for Area Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings;
6. Oversees the preparation of the annual Translation Committee budget and brings forward requests for budget revisions as needed;
7. Gives Translation Committee reports and presents motions at Area Assemblies;
8. Relays all requests for written translation to the volunteer translators. Note: the Translation Committee fulfills requests received from the Delegate, the Area Secretary and the NAGSC and SAGSC secretaries only;
9. Facilitates repair of equipment as needed;
10. Serves on the Area Communications Committee.

B. Alternate Chairperson

1. Attends and participates at Translation Committee meetings;
2. Conducts Translation Committee meetings in the absence of the Chairperson;
3. Interprets at Area Assemblies and pre-conference roundtables;
4. Schedules equipment use requests for Area events (Assemblies, Area Committee Meetings and pre-conference roundtables);
5. Sets up, tests, and oversees equipment operation at all Area Assemblies and, upon request, at Area Committee Meetings;
6. Works with interpreters at Area Assemblies and resolves any immediate needs that may come up during work time (e.g., people talking to them while they are working, where they will be set up, equipment problems etc.);
7. Inventories equipment after each assembly;

C. Secretary

1. Attends and participates at Translation Committee meetings;
2. Takes minutes of all Translation Committee meetings. Sends the minutes to the Translation Committee Chair and Translation Committee members prior to the next meeting;

3. Prepares Translation Committee agenda by communicating with Translation Committee Chair and other Translation Committee members prior to the Translation Committee meeting;
4. Gives the Area Archivist all Translation Committee meeting minutes at the end of the rotation;
- D. Depending upon the availability of equipment and interpreters, the Translation Committee Chairperson and Alt. Chairperson (or other bi-lingual person) should be present at all Area Assemblies and pre-conference roundtables to interpret. There must always be at least two interpreters present.

Responsibilities of the Translation Committee

The translation committee will be responsible

for:

- C. Keeping open communications with Area 42 and the Spanish Linguistic Community.
- D. The translation of documents.
- E. Providing translators during Assemblies.
- F. Providing a budget for expenses; materials, translation equipment, printing and other expenses
- G. Conducting two or more meetings annually.
- H. Presenting a semi-annual report at Area Assemblies.

IV. EQUIPMENT

POLICIES

- A. The Northern and Southern Area Chairs will store their own equipment and be responsible for transporting the equipment to area assemblies.
- B. The cost of any repair or replacement of the equipment as the result of damage at an Area or NAGSC/SAGSC event will be the responsibility of the Area.

These proposed guidelines will become effective immediately upon adoption.

1 Will require a change to the Area Chairperson's duties in the Delegate Area 42 General Service Assembly Guidelines

Area Translation Committee: proposal to change Delegate Area 42 Guidelines

FIRST READING
Spring Assembly,
2024

Area 42 Guidelines – Area Officer Duties (section 1.4)

Background: This proposed change is to align the Area Chairperson's duties with the revised Translation Committee Guidelines - if they are approved by the body.

1.

4. Area Officer Duties:

A. Duties of the Chairperson:

- 1) through 9) as-is ADD: 10) Appoint the Area 42 Translation Committee Chairperson This change will become effective upon adoption of the revised Translation Committee Guidelines.

No Discussion

Translation Guidelines change - PASSED

Area 42 Guidelines Change Proposal re: Inconsistency with Area 42 and SAGSC

Guidelines First Reading - Sofie

In the course of revising the SAGSC guidelines the ad hoc committee found an inconsistency between the Area Guidelines and current practices at SAGSC.

The proposal:

As described in the duties of the alternate chairperson and duties of the alternate delegate, amend Area Guidelines items 1.48(6) and 1.4D(2): "Appoint a Grapevine Representative from NAGSC or SAGSC as appropriate" to read "Appoint a Grapevine Chairperson from NAGSC as appropriate." Respectfully submitted by the SAGSC Guidelines ad hoc committee on updating the guidelines.

ADHOC WILL BE APPOINTED

Non-guideline Proposal to Create Area Conference Committee (ACC) Coordinator Position

The Area Conference Committee (ACC) Coordinator Ad-hoc Committee reviewed the idea of creating an ACC Coordinator position.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

Prior to the implementation of Area Conference Committees in Nevada Area **42**, the pre-conference preparation was less formal. The Area 42 guidelines task the alternate delegate with "coordinating all agenda item preparations and arrangements necessary for the NAGSC/SAGSC and Area 42 assembly pre-conference assembly." Historically, each delegate and alternate delegate prepared differently. Typically, a small group of experienced members of general service reviewed the background and wrote the summaries. Each delegate used different criteria for deciding which items would be presented.

Some examples of how different delegates chose the items to be presented:

Asking districts to make recommendations without the benefit of the entire background - just using the summaries

- Asking members to make recommendations

Alternate delegate chose the items Delegate chose the items

The NAGSC/SAGSC Chairs then chose the presenters for the roundtables and the alternate delegate chose the presenters for the assembly. Sometimes, past delegates presented and sometimes first-timers presented. There wasn't any follow-up after the preconference assembly by the body. Just the General Service Conference report backs given by the delegate.

The committee interviewed the current delegate and two immediate past delegates for their experience with the new ACCs.

The following are some of the reasons for the proposal.

Benefit of the Area Conference Committees:

Allow more people to be involved in the process of preparing the delegate for the General Service Conference (GSC)

Inform GSRS, DCMs and groups on the GSC and their responsibility to participate in a fully informed group conscience as part of the preparation of our delegate

Volunteers representing both the north and south support area unity

Become more informed on the policies impacting the future of Alcoholics

Anonymous

- Show everyone that one day they could be a delegate

1 Delegate Area 42 General Service Assembly

Guidelines

Non-guideline Proposal to Create Area Conference Committee (ACC) Coordinator
Position

NON-GUIDELINE PROPOSAL:

Recommended by the ACC Coordinator Ad-hoc Committee

1. Create Area Conference Committee Coordinator position
 - a. Panel 75 on a trial basis
 - b. Funded voting member
2. Position would encourage standing committee chairs to participate on the ACCS, so that they **will** see the value the policies that are being decided at the GSC will bring to the standing committees
3. Provide training and support to members serving on the committees throughout the year
4. Serve with the alternate delegate and alternate area chair to sign-up volunteers, continuously inform the committees throughout the year about timelines, maintain current rosters, coordinate workshops at least 4 times annually and support and mentor the ACC chairs
5. Appointed by the Delegate and reside in the opposite side of the state from the alt delegate

Consider a proposed guideline change (first reading Spring 2026) to add new position into the rotation **on** an on-going basis.

Discussion

- This is the job of the alternate delegate
- Question this being a fully funded position
- We can ask for assistance to members who have experience
- Propose an Ad hoc to look into this more
- Good idea
- Funding is not needed for a committee already established

ACC COORDINATOR COMMITTEE; REJECTED

ACC REPORTS

AGENDA- NO REPORT

ARCHIVES- RONNIE D.

Hello everyone, my name is Ronnie Dillion and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is December 10th,1999. I am in the last year of a four- year term of service as your Archivist.

The archives committee meets almost every Saturday at 9 to 11AM at Las Vegas Central Office. A group text is usually sent the prior Friday afternoon to confirm. Work completed by the committee can be collating, filing, placing loose files in binders, restoring binders, answering archives requests, collecting media to be framed, preparing displays for events and assemblies and preserving media in any passive method available or affordable.

Archives did bring a display to the Pacific Regional Forum in July this year. The archives and hospitality room located over 400 feet away from the ballroom and on another floor. We had 147 signatures in the guest book in comparison to over 900 attendants to the Forum. Archives was able to meet with Are 72 Archivist Maryland and discuss her traveling display. Maryland hosts a monthly Zoom meeting for the Pacific Region and she helped me make contact with Archivists in Israel and Japan early in my term. Mitch from Area 9 was given one of the framed photos we made of Area 9 Spanish speaking members at PRAASA in 2017. We will be assisting Area 9 with some PRAASA audio files that we will make available to be digitized and returned. Kevin E. came to the forum and was a huge help through the weekend.

Archives did attend the Grapevine workshop and the district workshop last month. With one exception we have also been making regular reports to Las Vegas Intergroup.

Archives did bring up a number of framed Spanish speaking flyers and posters for you to see. Spanish speaking posters many times are hand drawn and I find them some of the most engaging art ever made in AA literature and graphic design. Please take the time to check out our display while at the assembly, this is your archives.

The late Florence Mortenson was the secretary for the We Care Group in 1975 in Las Vegas. Florence had a son named Bobby who became a union carpenter he took me to my first AA meeting. I would have never known Florence existed had Kevin E. never donated the AA directory for the US and Canada dated 1975. Being an Archivist and trying my best allowed me to know that the hand of AA has always been there for me and you. It's been there and it is our responsibility to insure it remains for the next alcoholic.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your archivist and it has taken far less of me than what it has given. One more day sober walking on the sunny side of the street. Thank you for listening.

CORRECTIONS- BIGG

My name is Bigg I'm a recovered I currently serve as Northern Area 42 Corrections Chair. and this year I was tasked with being the area conference committee chair for corrections.

We had a small committee of myself, Stephanie J, and Jerry T. Jefferey C also helped with summarizing. Lyle was our adviser.

I was also honored to present one of the items we summarized at the area assembly last Spring. We had 3 items to summarize and we were able to do that fairly easily. Easily, I say because I had summarized the previous year and it was simplified for us this year through that experience. Jake schooled me the prior year....and I'll just let you in on a little secret. If you know how to copy and paste.... summarizing isn't all that difficult. I'm here for anyone with questions on how we summarized our items. It's quite simple when you get right down to it.

I was also asked to give my take on how to improve the process. I believe there was an adhoc committee put together specifically to address this question.

But I will keep my answer short here. I believe the more informed we are about things in Alcoholics Anonymous the more effective we can be. My job as a member of Alcoholics Anonymous at step ten is to grow in understanding and effectiveness....to remember that it's not an overnight matter....to continue for a lifetime.

I heard someone at PRASSA say we don't teach in AA.... he said that would mean we know something.

But the literature says we do....

Bill Wilson stated that "Sobriety, freedom from alcohol through the teaching and practice of the 12 steps, is the SOLE purpose of an AA group. That is exactly what we do....teach and practice.

So it's our fellowship and our responsibility to preserve it. There will be people coming that don't know how to summarize agenda items. They won't feel they are worthy of being on a committee. It's up to us to guide them through this process the same way we were guided through the steps. With clear-cut directions patience and tolerance.

It is also our responsibility to ask questions ...part of becoming more effective. As I look around the room here I'll notice several people who have received a call from me asking how to approach a certain task or item. So asking questions is a great way to improve this process.

I said I'd keep it short....so I'll sign out now and conclude this report on the Area Conference Committee process.

CPC-ANN D.

Verbal report given

FINANCE- CAROL B.

Verbal report given

GRAPEVINE-SUE H.

No report given

LITERATURE: LIBBY G.

Hi, my name is Libby and I'm an alcoholic. I am the chairperson for the Literature ACC Committee. Literature always has a lot of agenda items. This year we had 16 topics. The majority had to do with reviewing drafts of various pamphlets. Reviewing various Big Book editions (Spanish – 4 th and English – 5 th and Plain Language Big Book). Other items were to review the Literature Committee workbook. Getting an update on the video animation for the the Twelve Concepts Illustrated. Discussing media costs for “Too Young” pamphlet. Lastly, to look at the proposal for Twelve Step and Twelve Traditions study guides. Out of all these potential topics the Delegate selected:

- Consider a request that the words “Donation” and “Contribution” be swapped under Warrantee One the “The Twelve Concepts Illustrated” pamphlet. This didn't generate any discussion. Our team worked together really well and learned a lot about the Agenda Item process. It has been 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.

INT'L CONVENTION/ REGIONAL FORUMS: ALFREDO M.

No report given

POLICY AND ADMISSIONS- CAROL H.

Good afternoon, area 42, all those out in zoom land and in person. My name is Carol and I am an alcoholic. I'm so grateful and excited to be here at the assembly. I always get such a boost in my recovery whenever I attend an AA function because of the energy within the fellowship. The gratitude and selflessness is just overwhelming. If you're new to Tonopah: welcome! I hope you find the warmth of camaraderie and love that I find in these AA gatherings. Always remember: you are never alone! I'm here today to share the experience of our committee and as the chairperson for Policy and Admission. As Committee Chair on Policy and Admissions, we, as a group pretty much worked separate. I mainly communicated via email, and text. I expressed to the committee members that I would be there

for them if they ever needed any help whatsoever. Although I most likely knew less than they did at the initial onset. I delegated agenda items to the group alphabetically, as I felt this was the best random way to get it going. I was not available until 4 days after the agenda items were distributed to the chairs, so we kind of had to hustle to catch up. We were 5 members with 5 agenda items, and along the way, one member was over committed in other various AA service areas so I picked up her agenda item. I also helped another member with her report, but that was my job as chair. To be there for them in any way possible. It was, at first, a bit overwhelming, as I felt as if I were in Congress reading a bill submitted to the legislature. As a member of AA that has not been in the loop of agenda items as much as I would have liked, I felt that the background material was a bit dry and felt a bit convoluted at parts. Some items had up to 50 pages of printed material to review. It was a bit challenging, to say the least. That being said, if you can believe this, I actually appreciated the experience and knowledge that I gained from being a part of the Area Conference Committee, on Policy and Admissions, as Chair. I say that now, but I might not have a month ago amongst the scattered papers all over my study. I have such gratitude and appreciation for all my committee members. I think we did pretty darn well! As a result of being on this year's committee, I felt a deep desire to attend this year's Area Assembly. I would not usually be attending if I were not a GSR, but the want in me to follow these agenda items forward gave me the desire to attend the assembly in person. I am just one of those people that can't really focus on zoom. I need the in person experience to get the message. But that's just me. As a result, my gracious, supportive District, District One, gave me the opportunity with funding to attend today. Their heartfelt support for me to attend was just another selfless act of this incredible, life altering program, Thank you all for letting me be of service.

PUBLIC INFORMATION - DON D.

My name is Don and I served as the Public Information Area Conference Chair for this year. We had an amazing year that was very fluid due to the participation from our committee members throughout the process. We had 5 active participating members and 2 presenters. We had 15 agenda items, many of which were reviewing progress on previous items and 2 presentations. We met a couple of times previous to receiving the items then we were able to distribute the workload very evenly throughout the committee. I am extremely grateful for how proactive my committee members were and the collective experience we had to be able to get them done. Thank you for the work you put in and helping our area to be better informed on what is happening in AA as a whole.

REPORT AND CHARTER- AMANDA V.

Verbal report given

TREATMENT AND ASSESSIBILITIES- ANNA L.

My name is Anna, I am an alcoholic, and the Alt. Chair for the Treatment & Accessibilities Area Conference Committee. There were nine agenda items for the Treatment and Accessibilities Committee to summarize, two of which were already summarized. The Chair summarized three of the remaining agenda items, and the Alt. Chair summarized four. None of the Treatment and Accessibilities agenda items were selected for the Area Assembly. Unfortunately, there was some frustration and a sense of lack of communication among our committee. Certainly, there are circumstances beyond our control, such as when we receive the background information, but we would like to make a few suggestions for future rotations: 1. Increase the support ahead of time

to ensure that the ACCs are prepared for each step in the process. For example, the Alt. Delegate could send out an information package that includes documents such as the Nevada Area 42 Calendar, an ACC Panel Chairs List, Guidelines for Agenda Topic Summarizers, and Guidelines for Agenda Topic Presenters; or at least an email with links to the documents and a reminder to review them. 2. Hold a workshop for the ACC Chairs & Alt. Chairs in January to create a collaborative environment where Chairs and Alt. Chairs have an opportunity to ask questions and share experiences from previous rotations. 3. Do not rely solely on email to contact committee members. If they do not respond to an email, follow up with a phone call; or try starting with phone calls. I would also like to briefly mention the Treatment & Accessibilities Agenda Item A – Review Progress Report on Military Outreach Project. In 2017, the trustees' formed a subcommittee to develop service material and additional resources for the professional military community, Veterans, and active duty A.A. members. There are currently three interviews with military professionals about their experience with A.A. on aa.org that can be utilized as a resource. I have listened to them, and they are very inspiring! Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions regarding the Treatment and Accessibilities ACC or any of the agenda items we summarized. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Respectfully submitted,
Anna Lawson Alt. Chair, Treatment & Accessibilities ACC

TRUSTEES-JODIE G.

Hello, my name is Jodie and I am an alcoholic. I served as the Area Conference Committee Chair on Trustees. I was given a small list of committee members in December and was encouraged to reach out to them to verify if they were still interested in serving. I had one response, from my Lisa, co-chair but was not worried as we had plenty of time before we were given topics if we were to have any as the previous year we did not. In February I received an email with two topics in the Google Drive. I reached out to my committee but with no response so I got to work. I summarized both topics and sent them off to meet the deadline that was just a few days from the time I received them. Unfortunately, later I received an email from Lisa wanting to help. I had not been diligent in reaching out and double checking to see if I still had willing participants to help share the load. I regret this and I will do better in the future if I am to chair an Area Conference Committee again. In the past I have summarized topics as an individual and as part of a committee. I must say being a part of a committee during Covid was very fulfilling. It was so nice to be a part of a group of Alcoholics Anonymous members from the north and the south, people I would not be meeting with in any other way for many months. I believe the committees are beneficial and I am willing to be a part of them moving forward. I am grateful to have been of service. Jodie G.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH

Lyle reads the Virtual instructions:

We are going to record this assembly so that our secretary can capture the minutes and for archival purposes. For those of you on virtual, please change your name to include your service position for voting purposes. If you need help, please chat with the tech team. The chat will be limited to the tech team for now.

Lyle invites all to join in the Serenity Prayer

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.”

Welcome – Lyle (Chair)

Bigg Presents.

Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) Submission Form for the General Service Conference (GSC)

All submissions should be received on or before September 30, 2024, 11:59 pm.

Submissions that are received after this deadline will **be** considered for the 2026 General Service Conference.

Warm Greetings from the Conference Assignment at the GSO!

Thank you for taking the time to consider proposing a policy level idea that might be useful for the good of A.A. within our US/Canada service structure.

This is an exciting opportunity for your group's voice to be heard.

All parts of our Fellowship - group meetings, committees, offices, Conferences, and group jobs share one common purpose: to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

In accordance with our Twelve Traditions, we need a system of communication for finding out how A.A. as a whole feels about its world affairs, and how it wants to operate. The General Service Conference serves as the group conscience for A.A. in the U.S. and Canada.

The resources mentioned below are available in English, Spanish, and French, on the GSO website, www.aa.org. It is all done in the spirit of Love and Service.

Participation in the GSC Process is a year-round cooperative effort. The Conference meets for six days a year, yet the 135 or so Conference members are active in Conference affairs throughout the year. Every A.A. group shares its experience with other groups through its area delegate to the Conference.

Does my PAI rise to the policy level?

For A.A. to run its own affairs, each A.A. group needs to make its voice heard on overall A.A. policies. Proposals are important to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous such as policy decisions or request for changes to Conference-approved literature, and items that might require the collective conscience of the Fellowship. To understand about proposed agenda item submissions in general, please visit the section, "Sources of Agenda Items" in the A.A. Service Manual on page 42.

Who participates in PAI submissions?

AA Groups, Districts and Areas: To contact your local GSR, District, or Area Committee or Delegate, please visit the link to "List of General Service Conference Area Websites." These local A.A. trusted servants strive to help you develop PAIs and discuss Conference Background materials and help the delegate prepare for the GSC.

Individual A.A. members: Individual A.A. members can participate in the Conference Process by submitting a PAI. All submissions should **be** received on or before September 30, 2024, 11:59 pm. Submissions that are received after this deadline will **be** considered **for** the 2026 General Service Conference.

Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.

1) Sharing on Participation? Thanks to contributions from A.A. members across the U.S. and Canada here is sampling of resources from GSO that include sharing about participating in the Conference Process:

Read: "A.A. Service Manual," "Circles of Love and Service," and "The A.A. Group."

Watch Video: "Your General Service Office (GSO), the Grapevine and the General Service Structure, **Listen:** "Twelve Traditions Long Form"

When is the PAI Deadline for the 75th GSC?

All submissions should be received on or before September 30, 2024, 11:59 pm.

Submissions that are received after this deadline will be considered for the 2026 General Service Conference.

What happens after a PAI is submitted? Your submission will be forwarded to the trustees' Committee or Board for discussion. Following the October General Service Board meeting, the committee secretary will contact you to let *you* know the outcome of the committee's deliberations.

General Service Conference (GSC) Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form - Marita

(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.

The the Living Sober booklet be updated to reflect the new tips available for staying sober in the post pandemic world.

(2) What problem does this proposed item address?

The Living Sober booklet is one our most popular booklets given to our newcomers. it has not been updated for many years. For example, our pamphlet addresses neurodivergent members who may need additional ways to assist them which could be included.

New members now have access to our materials on various media platforms, through virtual meetings and groups as well as traditional methods. It is important to include how to locate us on You Tube, Instagram, etc.

(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).

Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom *you* would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.

The item was discussed at our Area Assembly in September, 2024 and passed by substantial unanimity.

(4) Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:

The 73rd GSC Final Conference Report reports that the Living Sober booklet is sold more than any other. It outsells the Service Manual Three to one.

The 74th GSC manual Publishing Dept report lists Living Sober as the third most distributed ebook (after Alcoholics Anonymous and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions).

Living Sober is the thrie most sold audiobook {following Alcoholics Anonymous and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions).

(5) What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?

New members will have more experience available to them in their early days of sobriety and feel better supported between meetings whether reahing out for help by mobile, internet, in person, or by

booklet. (6) **Provide a primary contact for the submission.** Jake S.,

General Service Conference (G.S.C.) Proposed Agenda Item

Submission Form - Bigg

Annual deadline for submissions for a General Service Conference is September 15.*

What types of proposals, suggestions or ideas rise to the level of needing a General Service Conference "action" or "decision"?

Proposals that are important to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous, policy decisions or requests for changes to Conference-approved literature and items that might require the collective conscience of the Fellowship. The trustees, corporate directors and staff bring together years of experience in A.A. service in making decisions about the appropriate process or disposition of proposed Conference agenda items. Warranty Six reminds us "that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never *perform* any acts of government..." *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* (page VI).

The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service states on page 42 that:

The Conference considers matters of policy for A.A. as a whole, and there are tried-and-true procedures for placing an item on the agenda in the most effective way possible. For suggestions that do not concern overall policy, there are procedures to ensure they are routed to the most appropriate part of the service structure.

The final agenda for any Conference consists of items suggested by:

- Individual A.A. members
- Groups
- Delegates
- Trustees
- Area assemblies
- Area committee members
- Directors and staff members of A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine

GSRS may have ideas for an agenda item, including some brought to them by group members. Experience suggests that they may want to discuss them first with their groups, then at district or area meetings. A district or an area can then forward it to the staff member at G.S.O. who is currently serving as Conference coordinator.

The following is from a process overview document "FAQs on Group Conscience Consideration for Proposed Conference Agenda Items."

Q. What happens when a proposed Conference agenda item arrives at the Conference Coordinator's desk?

A. The Conference Coordinator acknowledges receipt of the proposed agenda item and lets the sender know which of the following options is most appropriate and, if necessary, an explanation of why and how the proposed agenda item is being directed. Some of the possible routes are:

1. Forwarding to a Trustees' Committee via a G.S.O. Staff Member or Department Head.
2. Forwarding to G.S.O.'s Publications Director or Group Services Staff person.
3. Forwarding to A.A. World Services, Inc.
4. Forwarding to Chair of the General Service Board.
5. Forwarding to the A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board/AA Grapevine Publisher.

Q. What happens when it is unclear what committee should address a proposed item or where an item should be routed?

A. When it is unclear where a proposed item belongs, it is most frequently forwarded to the trustees' Committee on the Conference for direction.

If a proposed agenda item does not rise to the level of a Conference action the topic could be programmed during the Conference in a different way like a presentation/discussion or workshop.

This overview is general and includes many but not necessarily all the possible routes a proposed agenda item follows in the trustee, G.S.O. and Grapevine review process. There is no "one size fits all" procedure and, on a case-by-case basis over time, there may occasionally be inconsistencies.

(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.

This motion is to get the text of Appendix D of Alcoholics Anonymous Comes Of Age located on page 301. "Text of The Lasker Award" to Replace the existing abbreviated version of the same lasker award that is located in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous on page 571.

(2) What problem does this proposed item address?

Currently we don't see a problem. The text in Comes of Age is more explicit and details the program so beautifully. That's why we feel it could be more effective.

(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).

Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.

The Vast Amount of Fun District 6 Area 42 all voted unanimously to make this motion after one member brought the motion at their monthly business meeting in June of 2024.

(4) Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:

NOTHING would be changed in our recovery message. We feel the whole award is way more explicit and adds detail. The writing is exquisite. There is plenty of room for the whole lasker award without adding pages to the book. With the 5th edition soon to be printed we feel this is an opportune time for the whole award to be added to our basic text without adding essentially any printing cost. The page is already there. Let's fill it up.

(5) What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?

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"The American Public Health Association presents a Lasker Award for 1951 to Alcoholics Anonymous in recognition of its unique and highly successful approach to that age-old public health and social problem, alcoholism. Since its founding sixteen years ago, Alcoholics Anonymous has brought recovery to more than 120,000 chronic drinkers formerly thought hopeless. Today this world fellowship of 4,000 groups, resident in 38 countries, is rehabilitating 25,000 additional persons yearly. In emphasizing alcoholism as an illness, the social stigma associated with this condition is being blotted out. Alcoholics Anonymous works upon the novel principle that a recovered alcoholic can reach and treat a fellow sufferer as no one else can. In so doing, the recovered alcoholic maintains his own sobriety; the man he treats soon becomes a physician to the next new applicant, thus creating an ever expanding chain reaction of liberation, with patients welded together by bonds of common suffering, common understanding, and stimulating action in a great cause. This is not a reform movement, nor is it operated by professionals who are concerned with the problem. It is financed by voluntary contributions of its members, all of whom remain anonymous. There are no dues, no paid therapists, no paid professional workers. It enjoys the good will and often the warm endorsement of many medical and scientific groups-no mean achievement in itself for any organization run entirely by laymen. Historians may one

day point to Alcoholics Anonymous as a society which did far more than achieve a considerable measure of success with alcoholism and its stigma; they may recognize Alcoholics Anonymous to have been a great venture in social pioneering which forged a new instrument for social action; a new therapy based on the kinship of common suffering; one having a vast potential for the myriad other ills mankind."

The above text is the award in its entirety we would like longer the more explicit version version to replace the existing verbiage on page 571

(6) Provide a primary contact for the submission.

Bigg J currently serves as group alternate GSR and Area 42 Corrections Chair.

(7) Final comments:

Please consider this motion as a way to provide the more explicit and detailed version of the Lasker Award. The current page 571 of Alcoholics Anonymous would certainly fit the whole text of the lasker award. And since we are coming out with a new 5th edition it's a great time to add. Also we would be paying next to nothing in additional cost. It's one way to be more effective Submit completed forms to the GSO Staff Member [on the Conference Desk](#):

EMAIL: Conference@aa.org

DISCUSSION

- Consideration for recommendation to add a footnote with current updated information
- Consider gender language
- Will this get done by the time the 5 th edition will be released
- GSO stated this is a good to bring this up

PASSED

Ad Hoc for Communications Platform

I was asked to chair the Ad Hoc Committee tasked with the following:

Find a platform or application to increase effective communication and inspire collaboration with simplicity and ease throughout Area 42 while maintaining unity.

After extension research, using multiple platforms, and reaching out to areas on the east coast and within the Pacific region we have come to the following proposal.

Non-Guideline Change Proposal

It is our recommendation that Area 42 offer the peer to peer communication application of SLACK utilizing the non profit discount, which would make it free for the pro account up to 250 users. This application would be a communication tool for those inspired to use it for any communications within the service structure, for notices, file sharing, events, updates, and committee work. This would not replace email but be offered as an option to an increased means of connecting. Our suggestion would be to have this as an option on a trial basis for one year at the start of the new panel. We feel this should fall under the purview of the Tech Committee in collaboration with the Communications Committee.

DISCUSSION

- The is a effective great idea
- Motion to move forward - not seconded
- Goes up to 250 after 85% off per person
- This is a additional tool to use, not replacing anything
- How many groups? 1311 groups in total. 582 active groups, 22 virtual and 423 inactive

- First year will it be everyone? The tech team will approve who gets invited.
- Will everyone be able to invite people?
- After 30 days member goes inactive. The member comes back it a new active member.
- Look into discord
- Registrar will control the members as they rotate in and out of position.

COMMUNICATION PLATFORM: PASSED

2025 BUDGET: Rich – Alt Treasurer

- 2025 Nevada Area 42 Budget

After a lengthy and loving discussion a Budget was approved by the body.

Attached to this email is the 2025 approved budget.

New Business:

Jen G. Proposes an ad hoc committee to review the guidelines. To see if there are grammatical errors, updates including position. Recommendation will be brought if needed to be.

Lyle will look into this.

Whats on your mind- We ran out of time

Ask it Basket- We ran out of time

Lyle C Closes

I am responsible when anyone anywhere reaches out for help. I want the hand of AA to be there.

And for that I am responsible.