

NAGSC Saturday June 1, 2024 Minutes
Carson Valley United Methodist Church 1375 Centerville Road
Gardnerville , NV 89410

Meeting was recorded but only as reference for secretary minutes

Paul opened the meeting with the serenity prayer at 1:00 pm

Paul welcomed everyone explained that this meeting we were giving reports and that Area 42 Delegate Jake S would be giving his report of the 74th General Service Conference that was in April 2024.

In attendance about 60 total in attendance 40 in person and 20 online

NAGSC Secretary Mike L asked for approval of March 2024 minutes motion was made, seconded and approved without opposition or corrections.

NAGSC Treasurer and Area Alternate Treasurer Rich B gave the area report attached at the end of minutes is the Statement of Financial Income and Expense January through April 2024 statement from Jason the area treasurer

Officer Reports

NAGSC Chair Alternate Area Alternate Delegate Report Paul E

Good afternoon I'm Paul your Area 42 Panel 73 Alternate Delegate / NAGSC Chairperson, welcome I'm glad you are all here. Is there anyone here for their first or second NAGSC meeting? We are going to get right into this today, I know you are all here to listen to our Area 42 Delegate Jake, but first we are going to hear everyone's reports. Rich our treasurer and the Area 42 Alternate treasure is not here, as his daughter is having baby. I do have copies of the financial statements up here and I'm going to pass around a clipboard for mileage. Please put your total round trip mileage minus 60 and on the line right under your name please put your mailing address and phone number. Rich will mail you a check. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul

NAGSC Tech Chair – Michelle M

Hi, my name is Michelle, and I am an alcoholic. In true AA two-year commitment form, I have finally mastered my position, and successfully implemented the 2 mic system! YAY!. I had a great time at area working closely with Jeffrey. We talked a lot about how to document what we do and how we do it. I'm very excited about creating guidelines for the NAGSC tech team as well, so in January, whoever takes this position will have a written starting point to make their own. Many thanks to all the people who have assisted the tech team, and as always - I am honored to assist online participants in having their voices heard, no matter where they are.

NAGSC Registrar Jodie G

My name is Jodie, I am an alcoholic and I am currently serving as the Area 42 Alternate Registrar, which makes me your Registrar! I have nothing to report today but I do want to remind you that if you have a new GSR or are a new GSR, I am here get you registered with GSO. I am also available to help with group numbers or to register new groups. If there is anything, I can do to help, please let me know. Thank you so much for allowing me to be of service.

Jodie G

NAGSC Archivist Debbie S

No written report submitted

Area Chair Lyle C

No written report submitted

District DCM Reports

District 02 DCM Debbie O

Hello everyone, my name is DCM Deb and I'm an alcoholic.

I am the DCM for district 2.

We still 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 Tom coming in as a new GSR for Dom the outgoing GSR of the Choices meeting.

We will keep all informed when we decide our next workshop, hoping to pair up with another district or maybe two.

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 04 DCM Scott A

District 4 DCM

Panel 73

1 June 2024

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 can not 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.

DCM District 4

District 06 DCM Kevin E

No report submitted

District 08 Laurie G

Spring has sprung, and picnics are happening in Bishop. June 23rd, is our annual Chili cook off/ dessert contest. 11:00-2:00. Jake is coming to fill us in on NAGSC & other good stuff. Boiled Owls group also had a picnic in April in Bishop and we are gearing up for the August campout with speakers, and birthday celebrations in Mammoth. Regular meetings are still well attended and we look forward to summer residents and campers to add to them! Thank you

District 10A DCM Laurie B

Hello Everyone,

JUNE REPORT DISTRICT 10A

District 10A has been going through changes in our Fellowships, a new location for recovery has been operating since last fall.

Club 164 at 2140 Idaho has alcoholics anonymous meetings and numerous other recovery meetings and is also a location to hold events.

We still have alcoholics anonymous meetings at 680 River Street and people are adjusting to the somewhat divide the new club's founding initiated.

God is in control!

We as a District held a St. Patrick's Day service pyramid potluck and education event. It was well received and everyone enjoyed the food and Fellowship.

We have a Founder's Day BBQ set for June 8th at 1:30pm by the Volleyball court in the City Park, all are invited!

We will have a small presentation on some history from Lois Wilson's point of view given by one of our member's.

Joe H is always really great about informing us of all the information he gathers from the meetings and conferences he attends and we want to say, "Thank you Joe for being one of the best examples of service we see!"

Thank you all for your service!

District 12 DCM Jeffery P

No written submitted

District 14 DCM Mike M

Greetings fellow travelers, My name is Mike and I am an alcoholic! As you hopefully known by now District 14 encompasses North Lake Tahoe, including Kings Beach, Tahoe City, Incline Village, Truckee, Sierraville, Loyalton, and Sierra City. We are a rich and hardly diverse community of alcoholics. I am happy to announce that a Spanish-Speaking meeting is starting at the Truckee Senior Center June 6th. That will be Thursdays at 5:30 pm located at 10040 Estates Dr. Truckee, Ca, 96161. Thank you Truckee Fellowship! We have a new group, Dawn Patrol Online has voted to become a registered member of Area 42. Our District 14 Jamboree is July 28 at the Truckee Regional Park, 11:30 to 4:30pm. Our Delegate Jake has agreed to come up from Vegas to partake in the festivities and be a guest speaker. I don't know how he is able to fit us in but we are super grateful that he is. District 14 is growing and doing well. I see lots of alcoholics helping one another in recovery and that is this alcoholics favorite thing to see. Thank you for your service.

Mike M

District 16 DCM Dave H

No written report submitted

District 20 DCM Jay

Hello everybody, my name is Jay, I am an Alcoholic, I am currently serving as your District 20 DCM. I would like to invite you all to our annual campout to be held August 16,17,18 on the beautiful shores of the second largest natural lake in the state of California. Eagle Lake is famous for its one of a kind Eagle Lake trout and the beautiful Osprey nests that are located within our campsite. The Lassen County youth camp is a very special location and allows us the beauty, the privacy and the spiritual recharge so very important to our growth. This campout is an adventure, with 12 miles

of dirt road separating us from pavement. unlimited campsites. Some dormitory cabin options, and lots of places to park an RV. (If you dare) Sorry no hook ups. We are right on the lake, with spectacular views of the mountains. I have brought a save the Date flyer with my phone number. Our Campout flyer will be available very soon. \$70.00 dollars will pay for the entire weekend, that includes food. Please consider joining us on the beautiful shore of Eagle Lake this summer.

District 22 DCM Carlos C

This is my report on activities as DCM of D22 on the month of May :

(Today I'm not able to attend are NAGSC MEETING in person because I'm participating as speaker on the RENVIPAA campout)

We continue to have our business meetings on the first Thursday of the month and the study meetings on the third Thursday of the month at Central Office.

We continue to hold information meetings at the Sun Valley Catholic Church on Tuesdays of each week with our district PI committee, also we did a presentation with the PI committee at Carson City Nueva Esperanza Group on May 10 with four main themes: What is AA? ,Who is an alcoholic?,What does AA not do ? and the 12 steps summarized in 5 basic points.

On May 5th we were at the XXII Local Hispanic forum of General Service organized by D21 in Las Vegas at the roundtable with the topic : Concepts with 3 questions:1- How are the concepts born?2-What is the importance of the concepts?3- Where are the concepts applied?

Thanks to the D21 for the hospitality they had a lot of food we did 3 meals in 8 hours :)

And a great attendance of the local members !

On June 8 we will have a special meeting to celebrate the 25 th anniversary of our district in the "grupo Acción "with a speaker from Watsonville Ca with the topic : "AA comes of Age".

On May 17 we participated for the first time in the Spring Festival with a meeting in Spanish, thank you to the organizing committee for including us as a Hispanic district in the programming and our district appreciate a lot the support from Central Office Rhonda help us to elaborate a card with a QR code with a list of all the meetings in Spanish .Grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Carlos C

DCM D22

Standing Committee Chair Reports

Accessibility and Remote Committee Chair Joe H

Hello,

This is more of a Request than a report. I'd like to find out if any District is using the services of Northern Nevada Intergroup or have their own committees for things like "American Sign Language", ADA issues, Sunshine Groups, etc. The list goes on & on.

Districts near Sparks/Reno have access to the NNIG committees, but the more Remote ones may not & still have a need.

Example would be – Do you have any Senior Living Facilities in your District that doesn't get AA Literature or provide access to someone that may want to attend an AA meeting from there.

If anyone has any questions about these issues, please contact me at nagscaccessibility@nevadaarea42.org

I'm looking for directions to move in and make some

Cooperation with the Professional Community Terri M

Hello everyone, my name is Terri and I am a recovered alcoholic. I currently serve as your northern area CPC (cooperation with the professional community) chair. I have really enjoyed this position and have a few presentations lined up. On July 20th, I will take a panel of 3 AA members and 1 Alanon member into the Nevada National Guard early in the morning then head over to see Libby, our Alt Area Secretary and set up a table at the NAGSC Literature Festival. Thank you, Jake, for going to New York and thank you all for allowing me to be a part of general service.

Terri

NAGSC CPC

Corrections Chair Bigg J

Hello my name is Big I'm a recovered alcoholic and I am the Corrections chair for the North here is my report.

Since the assembly in the Spring I directed my attention back to trying to get online meetings alive in Northern correctional facilities. This has included contacting the Champlain's and the warden's by letter and by email.

I believe this would be a huge plus for alcoholics inside these facilities as well as the folks exiting. It would also be available to people who cannot get cleared for prisons. Staff at the prisons would not be taxed. And it's working really well in a lot of other areas.

I continue to attend the Corrections workshop that's weekly when my schedule permits. I've taken a lot of ideas from the folks and continue to ,learn.

This will conclude my report. Thank you

DCM Coordinator Phil W

Hi, I'm Phil. I'm in alcoholic currently serving as the DCM Coordinator for Northern area General services committee. We have meetings at NAGSC meetings where we talk amongst ourselves the DCM's and the Committee Chairs about things that are going on, and we share our experiences about those type of things, some of them are really good and some of them not that good, but we learn from each other through our shared experiences. I do want to say that as we move into the second half of the year this is the year that we will be having elections and changing positions and I want everybody to remember that it would be nice to try to think about a position you might want to try to do in the next rotation, GSR's maybe look at your DCM and see if that's a position you

might like, or maybe there's a position at your district that you might like to try out. DCM's as you rotate out of that position you might think about a Committee Chair position that you might like to try and talk to the person that is in that position so you understand what they are doing and how that might be something that you might be able to do. Anyway I'm really grateful to be here, I'm grateful everybody else is here and it's nice that Jake is going to give us a little synopsis of what his experience at the General Service Conference was. I hope to see everybody at the Pacific Regional forum July 12 through the 14th down in Las Vegas at the Westgate Hotel and Casino.

GSR Trainer Pat S

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

In the GSR session held earlier today, besides sharing what is happening with our groups, we discussed safety at AA meetings and events.

Although for health issues I have not been able to attend all of the GSR Training Manual re-write sessions, after several months we have completed the document and plan to submit it to the Area 42 Assembly. This turned into a much bigger than expected project, but it was well worth it. Our current manual is very outdated and has not been modified for more than a decade.

Thanks to my counterpart GSR Trainer for SAGSC, Dano, for his work at the last Area Assembly which, again for health reasons, I was unable to attend.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Pat S., NAGSC GSR Trainer

Grapevine Chair "Sober Sue" Sue H

I'm eternally grateful to say that last month we held a grapevine writing meeting at District 12 in Fallon. It was incredibly awesome and we shared some amazing stories with each other. Each person would also like to send their story in directly or through me as they wanted to continue writing after the close of our meeting. I want to thank specifically DEBBIE S for setting this up and for bringing pizza we had a marvelous time and the gratitude was beaming during the meeting and after. I'd also like to thank Dcm, Debbie for covering my grapevine commitment at the last assembly. There has been a lot of life going on that has been extremely challenging. And I won't be able to step up as Grapevine Chair next commitment due to the excessive amount of Friends and family passing on. we just got news a half an hour ago that another of our best friends passed away of a sudden heart attack. He was 52. I look forward to being able to have a commitment again once I am able to fulfill it to the best of my ability thank you for allowing me to be a service to you and to our area.

Sober Sue. NAGSC GV Alt chair

La Viña Chair Teresa B

Hi Teresa alcoholic, this is my report for my Committee , I sold 5 subscriptions this month of the magazine also I will order La Vina literature for a total of \$581 and they gave me a 20% off discount so I paid \$472. May 16 we will have La Viña writing workshop at the group Nueva Esperanza on Carson City. Thank you for letting me to be in service !

NNIG Liaison Ed L

Hi everyone my name is Ed and I am an alcoholic and the liaison for NAGSC and NNIG. This position is one that I will always love it has been an amazing journey so far. I have been able to connect many committee chairs in both groups together. This has allowed more of cohesiveness between both groups not to mention a farther reaching approach. NNIG tends to be a Reno, Carson City service type group. Many now are working out to NAGSC committee chairs and working in the outline areas. This is the sole purpose of the liaison position. I am working with Anna our Treatment and Bridging the Gap on her committee and with the committee chairs for NNIG. These 3 women are on fire and reaching out to the outline areas together. This means I

go to all of the NNIG NAGS and Treatment and Bridging functions. It has been a very rewarding position to be in.

If you would like the information of the NNIG chairs just let me know. I have made it a point to make sure that everyone involved is ok with sharing their information. Yours In Service Ed L

Public Information (PI) Don D

No written report submitted

Treatment/ Bridging the Gap Chair Anna L

Hello,

My name is Anna, I am an alcoholic and your NAGSC Treatment and Bridging the Gap Committee Chair. We all attended the Spring Area Assembly in April and had a wonderful time! At the Standing Committee Chairs meeting on Sunday, there was a discussion regarding having a regular Area Standing Committee Chair meeting on Zoom for the remainder of the rotation. Being the good service junkie that I am, I jumped on this opportunity and drafted an email that was sent out at the end of April. A handful of Chairs responded with interest and the first meeting was held on May 14th with 5 members. The next meeting is scheduled on Sunday, August 11th at 7pm. Please let me know if you are interested in participating.

We have a handful of business cards with a QR code on the front that links to the NNIG website and a QR code on the back that links to the Bridging the Gap Temporary Contact Request. A huge thank you to Ronda at Central Office for providing the business cards and Heather L., NNIG Bridging the Gap Chair, for providing the stickers with the QR code for the Temporary Contact Request! I would like to get these into the hands of the district Treatment and Bridging the Gap committees, so if you would like some cards, please see me after the meeting.

The Standing Committees have been invited to set up tables at the NAGSC Literature Festival on July 20th as well as at the District 14 Jamboree on July 28th and we are very excited to participate in both of these events.

We are in the process of planning an H & I workshop in District 20 that will involve Treatment, Bridging the Gap, and Corrections from the Northern Area and NNIG. It is tentatively scheduled for August 10th at the Susanville Fellowship Hall in, you guessed it.... Susanville! That's in California for those who don't know.

If you are interested in participating in taking AA meetings or Bridging the Gap presentations into treatment facilities or would like to be added to the temporary contact list to assist a newcomer to their first AA meeting, please see me after the meeting.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service and to be a part of. I am delighted 😊

Anna L.

NAGSC Treatment & BTG Chair

NACYPA Liaison Dan M

No written report submitted

Linguistic Translator Diana V

No written report

Delegate's Report From the GSC 74th Conference

Thank you Mister chair. My name is Jake S- I'm alcoholic. Area 42 Panel 73 delegate serving on the Public Information Committee. The theme for the General Service conference this year was connecting with love, unity, and service. The theme for this report is, serving as the Area 42 panel 73 conference delegate, the hardest thing I've ever had to do. I want to start by saying thank you so much for being here today and thank you so much for your service to AA. This whole service structure is totally dependent upon an informed group conscience and without people like you willing to serve in this General Service committee that would be impossible. I will be doing the same thing I did last year for my reporting from the conference. That is today here, and June 1st in Gardnerville for NAGSC I will be giving my "just the facts reports". I want to share with you all of my experience of the conference, as well as the facts of what happened at the conference, but there is only so much time we have at these meetings. As well as the very important AA principle of the mind can only absorb what the butt can endure! So this report will be 90% what happened at the conference. I will give another report at the fall area assembly with a slideshow and the pictures and all of the fun stuff. One thing I learned at last year's conference was that every conference member gets a little care package of AAWS and Grapevine books. Luckily for me, we have two conference members from Area 42 at this year's conference. The US Trustee at large, our very own Marita R, was also there. About a month before the conference she was in Mexico at their general service conference. She wasn't feeling well and came home early. It was found she had a small heart attack. She was able to go to the Utah Area assembly as a test. She did well and was able to attend the general service conference. After, she had a procedure to fix a small hole in her heart and she is doing wonderful now. She is currently in Oklahoma at their Area assembly and she sends everybody her love. But, she gave me all of her books and we are going to give them all away here today. So everybody who got a button has a number on the back. We are going to pick random numbers to give these books away and we are going to give the first one away right now. See, that was fun! So here we go. Last year at the conference we started on

Saturday. The first thing we did was a full conference meet and greet. After that we had a remote communities meeting and then a 1728 meeting. 1728 means 12 X 12 X 12. 12 steps, 12 traditions and 12 concepts. When you times 12 x 12 x 12 you get 1728. Then we had a delegates only meeting where we made our projects I showed you last year as well as where I played fuzzy ball basketball. I have a crazy story about that this year so please do not miss the fall area assembly. Also at the 73rd General service conference last year we passed an advisory action that the full conference meets at least twice a year virtually. So this year before the conference started, we met virtually and had a remote communities meeting as well as a 1728 meeting. We also had a full conference discussion on the founders' writing. I heard it said that since we met virtually, we do not need the conference meet and greet because we were all able to meet each other through the virtual meetings before the conference. So all of Saturday was cut out of the conference this year and we started the conference Sunday at 9 AM with the welcome and the roll call. I think this was a mistake. Having virtual meetings as a conference I think is a really good idea. However, it is not the same as the face-to-face meet and greet we have at the conference. I thought it was a very important part of the 73rd General Service conference and I really hope we will consider bringing it back for the 75th. I can tell you one thing that did not change, and that was the overwhelming feeling of gratitude and responsibility that came over me when name was called in the roll call. They tell you to respond with here or present and once again this year I went with here. Next was the greeting from my fellow conference committee member and delegate conference chair Mary A. from area 14, an overview of our full conference manual, and a keynote address from our outgoing western Canada regional Trustee Irma V. Next was the mechanics of the conference. This is going through our "how the conference operates" and "summary of conference procedures". This is basically the Roberts rules and how things work at the conference. It is very important to know how these things all work as we will soon see. It talks about things like what needs 2/3 and what just needs a simple majority to pass. So the first motion of the conference was made here. And that motion was "if the plain language big book comes up for a vote, it would require 3/4 instead of a 2/3 majority to pass". This was discussed for a while. Then I got to do my first service job at the conference. So all of the voting at the conference is done with electronic voting machines called DOTS. The system is totally awesome and I wish that we could use it for our area assemblies. However, we do not test and start using the electronic voting until Wednesday. So any vote that happens before our voting machines are set up are counted by hand and that was my job, to be a vote counter. So we voted that this motion would be tabled until later in the week if it came up. Then déjà vu from last year another delegate made the suggestion that we do not do the oral area highlights. So if you don't know what that is every conference the first year delegates, which this year would be panel 74 delegates, give a two minute talk about their area highlights or what is going on in their area. The motion was to get rid of all of the area highlights to talk about other things affecting AA. This motion was recommitted back to the agenda committee. One thing that was not different this year was we got a big class on Roberts rules of order and how the conference operates. So when a motion is recommitted, that means it goes back to the appropriate conference

committee for discussion and a recommendation. Last year we had the exact same motion and we wasted three full sessions trying to decide if we would do it or not. So when we recommitted it back to the agenda committee, the conference chair made sure to ask "can you guys get together and make a decision quickly." The chair of the agenda committee said they could. So we moved on to our next session that was presentations and discussions on the theme "responsibility in service: when and how to give." In this session there were three speakers on safety throughout the structure, 1728 sponsorship, and overcoming barriers to participation. Then a conference member sharing session. It all went well and when it was over we got the word the agenda committee had their recommendation. So when a conference committee brings a recommendation to the floor that constitutes a motion and a second that goes straight into discussion and a vote. The agenda committee recommendation was that we would suspend all oral presentations of all area service highlights during the 74th General Service conference to allow for additional time on the agenda for general sharing and questions. So there was not a lot of discussion. We took the vote and the recommendation failed. This is the only vote I do not have vote totals for you because this is still when we were voting by hand and I was counting votes. I realized later that these were also the only motions that I did not vote on. So anyway, the motion failed and we will still hear all the panel 74 area highlights and it did not waste a large amount of time getting it done. Then it was time for our delegate lunch by region. We are in the Pacific region. Last year we talked about the 2026 Pacific Region forum being held in San Diego California. This year we talked about a request for a special forum by Oregon area 58. A special forum is a forum designed for remote, sparsely populated, or urban areas to serve AA members who would not normally be able to attend a regional forum. As well as when there is an expressed need based on culture, language, or geography. This special request by Area 58 is a request for the deaf community who communicate in sign language. The purpose is so that deaf members can communicate with our General Service boards and General Service conference structure their challenges and needs for inclusion in AA service and recovery, as well as to improve communication to meet the needs of our deaf membership. This event is planned to be held on a virtual platform. So from this delegate lunch our regional trustee will forward the request to the trustees International Convention and Regional Forums committee for consideration at the July board meeting. Then by mid-August the committee should hear their decision. These requests have to be made at least two years in advance. So if this does happen, it would probably be sometime in 2026. I will keep you all posted on this exciting event. After lunch we had the conference discussion on the founders writings where I heard much of the same things that were shared in our discussion at our area assembly. Next on the agenda was our conference joint committee meeting. A joint committee meeting is where the conference committee gets to meet with the trustees committee and the appointed committee members or ACM's of a committee. We had a virtual joint meeting where most of our questions were answered, but at this meeting we learned that we were going to discuss another new agenda item that was not on our agenda because our PI committee was not busy enough. So if you are new, that is a joke, the public information committee is extremely busy. We now lovingly refer

to PI as the committee that EDW forgot about! Anyway, we quickly go through the joint meeting, and we jump right into doing our committee work. We worked for about one hour and then it was time for everyone to meet back up in the main room for the General Service board report given by the interim chair of the board. As a result of the conference last year, the board agreed to go through an inventory process. This report was mostly a recap of that inventory. I think that this was a very important report. I'm going to share a bunch of numbers, and vote totals, and reports today and they will all be made available for everyone. For the board inventory there were 23 questions. An outside facilitator was asked to help with the inventory. Each trustee was given time to see all of the questions. Then on Friday, January 26, the full board met at GSO at 475 Riverside Dr. The board was split up into five breakout groups. Each group was assigned questions to review and to identify possible solutions and actionable steps. After lunch, each group reported back to the full board. There were a bunch of findings and solutions identified and I truly hope this inventory helps the board. In the conclusion of the report it says "following the resignation of the board chair the communication from the General Service board to the fellowship was ineffective. This was made worse because we failed to anticipate the nature and volume of communications from those not on the General Service board. Together this caused harm to our staff members, non-trustee directors, and delegates. On behalf of the General Service board I offer my sincerest apologies for the damage our poor communication has caused. The General Service board is committed to changing how we communicate, but we are going to need the General Service conference to be effective. The board was specifically asked if there has been consideration given to apologizing directly to the past board chair personally. At this time there is no plan for that to happen. So we shall see. We were done for the night and it was time for the opening dinner and AA meeting. Once again, this was an absolutely awesome experience. This dinner is open to all conference members and their plus ones as well as any past trustees. The dinner was great and we had the best dessert in the history of the world so you'll have to wait till the fall assembly to see that. Then we had five speakers. Three that spoke in English, one in Spanish, and one in French. It was absolutely wonderful, one of my favorite nights of the conference again. Every conference member signed up for a two hour slot to get a chance to read the draft of the plain language big book. My time slot was right after the banquet dinner and then we were done with day one of the week. The next day we met with our conference committees. We were scheduled to meet from 9 AM and until noon Monday and Tuesday. We knew that our committee would be very busy so we agreed, before the conference started, to meet an hour early each day and work through our lunch. We finished around 1:15 PM with a lot to still get to. Back to the main room we had two more regions area highlights. Then from 2:15 to 4:15 there was a general sharing "what's on your mind" session. Next, we had our workshop where we break out into groups. This year our topic was "connecting home groups to the conference throughout the year to better inform the group conscience". I have to say I was very very happy to hear that topic. That has been a big goal of mine for the past two years, by using surveys and talking about topics we don't even know for sure if they will be on the agenda or not, but just to try to keep the groups talking and engaged

throughout the whole year. The questions we had were how are GSR's able to engage with the conference structure throughout the year? How do we make General Service work more accessible? And how are we using advancements in technology to distribute conference information at the Area, District, and Group level? Last year at the workshop I was able to talk about our awesome service festivals. This year I was able to share about our amazing Area conference committee process. Every person in the workshop was blown away when I shared our ACC process and how we handle conference agenda items and asked me a ton of questions. Talking about the advancements in technology our ACC Google Drives have become an amazing resource. There is no doubt in my mind our Area conference committees are leading to a more informed area. One area had a process similar to ours and every other area talked about trying to use some of these processes in their areas. This year I've been able to share our summarizer guidelines as well as our presenter guidelines. I absolutely believe our Area conference committees are extremely important and they will only ever be as good as the members that serve on them. We went to our dinner and then it was time for the main event of the evening, our finance report by our General Service board treasurer. This was definitely one of the most important things I was looking forward to at this year's conference. We have been talking a lot about finances. We all have received not one, but two letters coming from the General Service office manager regarding finances. First of all, we have a new audit company, and the auditor was present on the dias and spoke first which I thought was very good. The auditor reported all records and any information they asked for was made freely available for their inspection. The main thing they found was that our value of donated PSA airtime was not being recognized. This was our new agenda item in the PI committee we will talk about later. In 2022 it was \$33 million while in 2023 it was \$17 million. So just to say again to be clear I am going to read a lot of numbers and vote totals and a lot of information in this report and all of these reports and numbers I am talking about will be made available to everyone. We are also going to have more detailed information and a slideshow at our fall assembly as well. So for our seventh tradition we had \$10.84 million up 2.8% from \$10.55 million in 2022. Our operating expense was \$17.42 million up 9.9% from \$15.9 million in 2022. Our seventh tradition self-support covers 62% of our total operating expense. Our gross literature sales were \$14,641,118. Our gross profits on literature was \$6.76 million up 38.2% from \$4.89 million in 2022. So now here is the big number that we have not had for the last few years, which is a long story, but today we have. That is our cost of program services per individual. So if you have been here for a while, you know this as the challenge number that we had for years. If you are not familiar with this challenge number, basically this means that if every individual AA member would contribute this amount AA would be fully self-supporting by member contributions. So this year our magic number is \$6.43. So usually if it was \$6.12 we would contribute that amount on June 12. If it was \$7.20 we would contribute that on July 20. So now of course it is \$6.43 and the date conversion will not work. So this is what my genius mind has come up with. There are 30 days in June. So the challenge will be to contribute \$6.43 to the General Service board on July 13. And in case you haven't heard, the Pacific Region forum will be going on at that time. So let's do it! My big concern and the

question I had for the treasurer which I had been asked by multiple groups and members is the idea of us stretching out our vendors. Or of us not paying our bills on time. So my question was how many bills do we have over 30 days past due. The answer was zero. So then to reiterate, the question was are all of our bills paid? And again, I was assured the answer was yes, which was very encouraging to me. This session was scheduled from 6:45 to 8:30. Then after was the Western Canada area highlights from 8:30 to 8:45 because they only had two new panel 74 delegates. In the conference room there are three microphones. At 8:30 there was still at least 10 people standing at all three mics and the session was abruptly ended. This was definitely one of the most disappointing things of my conference this year. We already talked about the two letters. Money and finances are one of the biggest topics in AA right now. Not to mention one of the most important jobs of D delegate. I absolutely believe we should have kept this session going and pushed the area highlights back at least one hour and answered every question at the mic, but that did not happen and it was very disappointing to me. So now we are on to Tuesday and back to our committee work. One hour early and work through lunch, but this time that was not enough. The committee work has to be finished on Tuesday so the report can be written and translated to start the full conference work on Wednesday. We did not finish until after 4 PM. During this time I missed the AAWS board report and one of my favorite things from last year. I missed the AA international report and our very own Marita R. which was a total bummer. More area highlights, then our delegate only dinner. At this dinner, we elect our panel 75 Delegate Chair and alternate Chair. Whoever gets the alternate chair becomes the conference mailman. All of the regions put the names of their panel 74 delegates into a hat. One name from each region goes into another hat. First name is the delegate Chair, the second is the alternate. This year's delegate Chair was one of my good friends and serving on the PI committee Mary A. from Florida. When the name was picked this year, it was Karen C. another member from the public information committee which I thought was pretty cool. The alternate is Lisa G from the Pacific Region area 92. Then it was time for two more area highlights and then without a doubt, the funnest thing at this year's General Service conference. There was a skit play based on the Addams family about the 2025 international convention in Vancouver. It was directed by my last year's staff secretary Patrick C. and the actors were GSO staff members. It was an absolute blast and I've heard a rumor that it is going to be made available to the host committee of the 2024 Pacific Region forum and where is that again, oh yes July 12-14 at the Westgate. Don't miss it!. Now we are on Wednesday and it was my favorite day of the week because it was casual day! No suit, no tie, just my shorts and my hat. We started the day with the AA Grapevine board report given by Paz P. This report was given in Spanish and translated to us in English. Some of you may not know, but the AA Grapevine is very near and dear to my heart. My very first area service position was Grapevine chair and to this day is my favorite service position I ever had. The big news this year was the official launch of the new Grapevine and La Viña apps in September. Members can download both apps for free wherever they get apps from. Subscriptions are required to access the full stories and archives. Digital subscriptions, which include

the app and the website are priced at \$2.99 a month. In October 2023, AA Grapevine celebrated the two-year anniversary of its popular 30 minute podcast. The podcast has now had over 680,000 downloads and is available on our grapevine YouTube channel. The very first AA Grapevine issue was printed in June 1944. That means this June will be the 80th anniversary of the AA grapevine. I got home from the conference on Sunday. Monday, I opened an email from the grapevine saying that they were printing a story I wrote at a District 1 Grapevine writing workshop in 2018. They also said it will be printed in the June 2024 issue. Next was another regional lunch, where the topic was the most important event of the year. The Pacific Region forum. After lunch, it was time for a new trustees election. This year we have two trustees rotating off the board and two coming in, by the way next year, we will have six trustees rotating. This year we elected a new West Central Regional Trustee, Charles H. As well as a new western Canada regional Trustee Gail P. Our next report was our location plus report. I talked about this a lot last year. This committee is looking at should we move or should GSO stay in Manhattan. When I first heard of this, I thought of course we should move, Manhattan is one of the most expensive places in the world. Then I learned we get a really good price for our building. This was a five year process with an amazing amount of work going into it. The decision has been made. GSO will stay at [475 Riverside Dr.](#) in Manhattan for the next 10 years. We will pay \$25.46 per square foot. I have been assured this is a really good price anywhere. Also, like I reported last year we do not get the good rate because we are Alcoholics Anonymous. There are many nonprofits in the building. The big news is we will no longer occupy the eighth floor. Right now we have 4997 ft.² on the eighth floor that will all be moving to the 11th floor. Finally, it was time to get out our voting clickers and start our committee recommendations and considerations for the 74th General Service conference. There are 13 General Service committees. Just like there are 13 area conference committees in Area 42. The committee reports are chosen at random by the chair and the conference coordinator. The chairperson of the committee comes to the dais, reads the full report, and then we go back to the recommendations to vote. The lucky winner this year was cooperation with the professional community or CPC. This year the CPC committee had no committee recommendations. In our area, we discussed CPC item E consider a request to develop a pamphlet for the unhoused alcoholic. We had substantial unanimity that we did not want to develop the pamphlet. The committee agreed and took no action. That is a term you will hear a lot. It means the item was considered by the committee, they took no action and the agenda item is done now. The committee thought a pamphlet would not be an effective tool to carry the message to the unhoused community. The next committee was corrections. Their first recommendation was corrections Item A consider updated singleness of purpose text in the pamphlet a message to Corrections professionals. So this was our first vote. I shared this last year and I will share it again this year. I do not bring a laptop computer into the conference session. I use my phone and a pen and paper. When we vote, I write down the vote results and then I write down whether WE vote yes or WE vote no. This was one of the most meaningful things to me last year. I vote for us. I will never be able to put into words how grateful I am and what an honor it is to me to be put in this position for our area. So this vote was 123 yes 6 no

and WE vote yes. The next corrections recommendation was on item C review the video "carrying the message behind these walls" for relevance and effectiveness. The committee recommended this video be discontinued. The vote was 121 Yes 10 no and we vote yes. The last recommendation for corrections was item D consider a request to develop a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic in AA. We discussed this in our area with substantial unanimity in favor of creating the pamphlet. There was a lot of discussion on this, someone made a motion to call the question. So when that happens, it means all discussion is over and we go straight to the vote. It requires a second which it got. There was still a lot of people in line, so first we voted on the motion to call the question which was 86 yes 41 No. We voted no and lost. I wanted everyone to get a chance to say what they needed to say but it didn't happen. So we vote on the motion. The vote is 86 yes 40 no, our area was very much in favor of this and we vote yes, the motion passes and the pamphlet will be developed. The next committee to report is trustees. So if you were here last year, you remember all of the excitement. This year I thought we would get through trustees in five minutes, and I was absolutely wrong again. So if you are new or not so new, this can be very confusing and I get it. So the way we vote for trustees works by us voting on a slate. Slate is a bit of a confusing term to me, but it just means a list of all of the names. So for the General Service board, we have seven class A or amateur trustees and usually 14 class B or boozier trustees. So we do not vote on each individual trustee we vote on the full slate. A few more things to note is that class A's serve six years class B's for 4 years, but they are all one year terms and voted on again every year at the conference. Also that the chair of the board has always been a class A trustee. I heard when we were still the foundation, we tried a class B chair of the board and he got drunk so we decided not to do that again. This year's slate we have 7 class A's as usual but 15 class B's. That is because this year we have put up a class B Trustee for chair of the General Service board. So as soon as we start discussions a motion from the floor. This delegate does not want to vote on the slate. She wants the vote to be on each individual trustee. The motion gets a second. There is some discussion on the dais and then the chair deems the motion to be out of order. We learned last year there is a mechanism for this to happen. If when the slate is voted on the recommendation fails, then we would go to voting on each individual name on the slate. Then another delegate gets up and says that he wants to appeal the chair's decision to deem the motion out of order. And here you thought Trustees would be boring this year! So after a bunch of trying to figure out what we are doing, it was decided that we would vote on the appeal of the chair's decision. The vote is 32 yes 93 no and we vote no. We voted no because if we want to vote on each individual name that can already happen. We just vote to not approve the slate. So that was a long discussion then another long discussion on the process the committee used this year. The committee asked to see the resumes of all the trustees, not just the new ones. Finally, it is time to vote on the slate of the General Service board. The vote is 102 yes 23 no we vote yes and the slate is approved. After all of this excitement, we got through trustees relatively quickly. But just then our first floor action of the conference. A floor action can be made by any member of the conference. When all of the committee work is done we will hear the floor actions. So the first one is to develop a pamphlet for the

unhoused alcoholic. This delegate is not happy the committee took no action on this item and wants to make a floor action so it has to be discussed by the full conference. The next vote in trustees is for the slate of officers of the general service board. The vote is 114 yes 11 no we vote yes and we officially have a class B chair of the General Service board. Next is the AAWS slate of directors the vote is 110 yes 12 no we vote yes. And the last slate is the AA Grapevine directors 116 yes 6 no and we vote yes. The last recommendation by the trustees committee is to change the committee's composition, scope, and procedures or CSP which really just means what it is they do. So in their CSP it currently reads that the committee reviews the resumes of all "newly nominated" trustees. Like I said, this committee asked for all resumes and wanted their CSP to change to say all resumes every year. The committee's argument for this is that they said in the service manual it says the conference committee does review all resumes. The argument against this was that these trustees have already been elected and there wouldn't be anything new since then except their service they are already performing on the board. I was torn on this issue, vote comes in 69 yes 55 no we vote yes but the motion fails. In the end, the vote was yes for us mostly because the committee asked for it, and I believe in the committee system. I also know that if another committee wants to ask for all resumes they may do so. Discussion on the minority opinion then someone who voted in the minority made a motion to reconsider the vote. This means someone who voted in the minority was swayed and wants to change their vote, it can be seconded by anyone. It only requires a simple majority to pass. Vote is 75 yes 47 no. We vote yes. This means we will vote on the original recommendation again. The second vote is 67 yes 53 no, the motion fails again and is dead. The next committee is Grapevine La Viña but first another floor action. This one is that proposed agenda items requesting censure or reorganization of the board have no submission deadline and be forwarded directly to the trustees conference committee. Back to Grapevine they only have one recommendation and that was Item C that we talked about at the SAGs round tables. Discuss the cost effectiveness of continuing to print La Viña. The committee made the recommendation that the AA grapevine board develop a five-year financial plan for La Viña with the goal to reduce shortfalls and increase revenue to be brought back to the 2025 conference committee on Grapevine and La Viña. We had a lot of discussion at the SAGs meeting on this topic. We heard a member share in Spanish that they got a La Viña magazine while sitting in jail and he believes that is why he is sober today. Then he had an article he wrote printed in La Viña. This was one of the most powerful things at the round tables for me. I can report today that a delegate at the conference speaking through an interpreter shared the exact same story. The committee chair shared they never made mention of eliminating La Viña in their committee. It was also reported for Grapevine and La Viña the profit margin on books is double the profit margin on magazines. So go see Heather and buy a Grapevine or La Viña book. Motion to call the question passes. Vote is 108 yes 18 no we vote yes. The second the grapevine report is over we get our next floor action. This one is on another item we discussed, and this one is to create a pamphlet for the Asian and Asian American. The committee considered this and took no action but now there is a floor action on it and the floodgates open. Another floor action that all memos between

a conference committee and a trustees committee or a board be made available to all members of the conference. Next floor action that we reaffirm that La Viña continues to be published as a service to the fellowship. Next floor action that the grapevine board develops a plan for a more effective La Viña subscription fulfillment procedure. We had a lot of discussion on this topic at the conference and this has become a major problem. Next floor action all proposed agenda items submitted at 72nd 73rd and 74th General Service conference regarding the change to the preamble be grouped together and forwarded to the appropriate conference committee. So at this time we see we have way too much to get to and not enough time. Everyone has had two minutes at the mic. We vote to change it to 90 seconds or to 1 minute. We vote 1 minute and 1 minute wins. We move on to Finance. First recommendation is Finance item B review self-support packet. At the bottom of page 9 there is a question that says who manages GSO's share of your group contributions? That was changed to GSB of course and some other simplified language. Vote is 115 yes 4 no and we vote yes. Next recommendation was not on the agenda, and it was to recommend that the maximum annual contribution from an individual AA member to the General Service board be increased from \$5000 to \$7500. The last time this was raised was in 2018 so it has been six years. The vote is 95 yes 28 no we vote yes. There was a motion to reconsider this motion, but it failed. The next committee recommendation was that the General Service board hold one quarterly board weekend a year virtually when possible. The committee is respectful of the General Service board bylaws, concept three, and the right of decision of the General Service board chair. There was a lot of discussion on this topic. For me it sounded like a great idea in theory but after discussion I realized it wouldn't really work in practice. The vote was 18 yes 106 no and we vote no. The last committee recommendation was that the trustees emeriti of the General Service board be invited to the annual General Service conference and the General Service board weekends at their own expense. This is another very confusing item. Trustee emeriti is an honorary title. A trustee emeritus is a past trustee chair of the general service board. Currently there is funding available for them to attend the general service conference and the board weekends. They are asked to be available to help the current trustees. This is an extremely confusing question. I was going back and forth on whether or not we should do this at all. In the end I decided that if we are asking them they should be funded. If we said at their own expense, we would be saying please come but only come if you are an independently wealthy trustee emeriti that can afford it and it didn't seem right to me even though the whole thing was difficult to understand. In the end the vote comes 23 yes 101 no we vote no, but I think there will be more conversation on this issue so we shall see. The next committee to report out is Treatment and Accessibilities. The first recommendation was item D review progress report on the bridging the gap pamphlet. We got to see the new draft pamphlet and the committee recommended to approve it. The vote is 116 yes 10 no we vote yes. The next recommendation was that the flyer "where do I go from here?" F – 4 be updated with current inclusive language and information on how to find AA both in person and online. The committee requested that a progress report or draft flyer be brought back to the 2025 conference committee on Treatment and Accessibilities. The vote is 121 yes 5 no and we vote yes. Next we

move onto literature. The first committee recommendation in literature is that the pamphlets "It happened to Alice" P-39 and "What happened to Joe" P-38 be retired. The vote is 114 yes 11 no and we vote yes. The next recommendation is on Literature item C review the draft of the revised pamphlet "AA for the black and African-American alcoholic" retitled "Black in AA experience strength and hope". The committee recommended that the draft pamphlet be approved with minor editorial changes. The vote is 121 yes 3 no and we vote yes. Then we come to the main event of the proceedings. Literature item F. Review draft manuscript of the translation of the big book Alcoholics Anonymous into plain and simple language. This book project started in 2015 with a proposed agenda item. In 2016 we discussed it in our area and voted with substantial unanimity that we wanted it. That year it passed at the conference, and it has been being worked on since. The literature conference committee came in one day early and spent 10 hours reading the draft. If they recommend the book, meaning they think it is great and ready to go then it will come to the conference floor. I have to admit I was absolutely sure it would not be recommended for a vote at this year's conference. Shows you how much I know! It was recommended and all conference members had two hours to read the book as well. So this is Wednesday night and the discussion starts. A discussion that will last for the next 6 hours and into the next day. First thing we have to do is deal with the motion that was made on the first day of the conference. This motion that was made by my conference buddy by the way. Every year second year delegates get assigned a buddy that is a first year delegate. So we remember the motion that was made on the first day was for a supermajority 3/4 instead of the normal 2/3 majority for this book to pass. The first vote will be on this motion 61 yes 69 no. For this vote to pass a simple majority is all it needs. We vote yes and we lose. Next vote is to move the clock back to 90 seconds. 68 yes 58 no we vote yes and we are back to 90 seconds on the clock. The first motion to amend comes early in the discussion. So in the book in the Doctor's opinion the original text and the plain language text are both on the same page side by side. This motion proposes to do the same thing with Bill and Bob stories. I go back-and-forth on this and I am finally convinced by a member of the Literature committee that it will not work the way the motion maker is thinking it will. In the Doctor's opinion it works because it is short, but with a long text, it will not match up the same way. We vote on the amendment 16 yes 112 no we vote no. Also in the book it has the Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, next to those is a plain language translation of the steps. It has this for the traditions and concepts as well. One thing that the literature committee did before they sent it to the conference floor was take the translation of the steps out of chapter 5 and put those in the back of the book where the concepts and the traditions are. The next motion to amend comes and it is to take out the translation of the steps, traditions and the concepts. There is a very long discussion and I speak in favor of the motion. We vote on this motion 32 yes 97 no we vote yes, and we lose. Now it is time for the minority opinion on the amendment. I think most everyone who voted in the minority gets up to speak. When it is my turn I get very emotional and it is very hard to keep my composure. I say that I am not going to repeat everything that everyone else has already said, but I say I am very scared about the unity of Alcoholics Anonymous in those words. I say that the steps, traditions, and

concepts are as plain language as they get and we could say that in the book and use that for more education. As soon as I am finished speaking someone says that they would like to reconsider the vote. It is seconded and we vote. This time the vote is 55 yes 74 no. So 23 more people, but not enough to save the motion. Obviously we voted yes but it did not pass. So we are back in discussion of the original motion. During that discussion we hear that there was something like 81 sticking points within the conference committee, but they still recommended the book to the conference. We hear that those sticking points are going to be sent to publishing. I think someone knew this already and that's where the floor action about the memos came from, but I do not know that for sure to be true. Much more discussion, it is getting late when a motion comes in to recommit this whole project back to the literature committee. We decide we will go to bed and we will vote on that in the morning. Morning comes we vote first to move the clock back to one minute, 92 yes 29 no we vote yes and we are back to 1 minute on the clock. Now we will deal with the motion to push pause on this whole project and recommit this whole project back to the trustees literature committee. Vote is 35 yes 95 no we vote yes and we lose. More discussion, then a motion to call the question. The motion to call the question passes and we vote on the recommendation to approve the plain language big book the way it is. Vote is 91 yes 38 no and we vote no. Time for the minority opinion. One of my close friends says that the disunity that having these steps, traditions, and concepts could cause in our fellowship far outweighs the worth of having them in there the way they are. I did not make it to the microphone for this minority opinion because before it was my turn, there was another motion to reconsider the vote. So we vote on the motion. The vote is 58 yes 71 no we vote yes the motion does not pass and that officially ends it all. Now remember when I said that the theme of this report is serving as area 42 delegate, the hardest thing I've ever done. Our area voted yes to produce this book. We have had a lot of support for it in our area. It is very difficult for me to argue against it. Last year I absolutely believed the General Service board should be censured for the process used to get rid of the class A trustee chair of the General Service board. This year I am absolutely against having a list of one through twelve rewritten or translated steps, traditions and concepts and once again I am in the minority. Thank God for AA. I have sent a letter to the publishing department asking them to please consider not having the numbered steps, traditions and concepts and instead to please make it an essay like in the 12 and 12 and the service manual. Whatever happens I absolutely believe that the group conscience was heard on these issues. I didn't agree with them, but once it becomes the group conscience I will accept it. I will accept it in my heart as if I had chosen it and I will resolutely turn my thoughts to how I can be helpful. And that is what the AA way means to me! The next recommendation in the literature committee is item I review progress report on the video adaptation of the pamphlet "Too Young". The committee recommended to suspend this project. Vote was 117 Yes 10 no we vote yes. The next committee up is agenda, but before we get to that more floor actions. First one is specifically that the sticking points from the conference literature committee all be implemented before printing the plain language big book. Next one is that any founders' writings that come before the conference must have 3/4 super majority and after that discussion in the area. The next

one is that the AA grapevine board develop a five-year plan to reduce shortfalls and increase revenue for La Viña and Grapevine. So we are up to 10 floor actions now if you are keeping count. The first recommendation for the agenda committee is the conference theme for next year will be “working together, increasing trust.” The vote is 120 yes 3 no and we vote yes. I will also tell you the plan is the 2025 general service conference will take its inventory. So most of these topics we approve will be to pass on to the areas for discussion. So the presentation theme and topics will be delegating, it’s OK to ask for help. Closing the gap, how do we make the voice of every group count? And our financial responsibility in carrying the message. Vote is 119 yes 5 no and we vote yes. Like I said the next conference will be taking its inventory. So the next recommendation is a summary of that inventory have up to eight pages in the final conference report. The vote is 123 yes 4 no and we vote yes. And the last recommendation for the agenda committee is that a comprehensive summary of the inventory be developed. Vote is 108 yes 16 no and we vote yes. Now it is time for report and charter, but not before, you guessed it, more floor actions. The first is to reaffirm a 1975 advisory action that delegates emphasize group support in their reports and the effect inflation has on the contribution dollar. Next floor action is that delegates who require translation be provided with all documents, materials, and reports in their language. So this was a problem at this conference, as well as the overhead projector that shows the language of what we are voting on is only in English. The next floor action was that the plain language big book be retitled to “the plain language guide to AA’s 12 steps of recovery.” So now we are at 13 floor actions. The first recommendation in report and charter is in the section of the service manual “the typical area assembly and its activities” be amended to add a text reference in addition to the color reference to address readability. I guess this is really hard to read if you are colorblind. Vote is 124 yes 4 no we vote yes. Next is to rewrite the “boards custodial oversight” in the section “the boards operating corporations.” This basically just simplifies the section. The vote is 123 yes 6 no we vote yes. The next recommendation was to rearrange the order of chapters 8 through 12. This basically just moves GSO to the last chapter from the middle so everything will flow better together which makes sense to me. The vote is 123 yes 6 no we vote yes. And the last recommendation is that we do include all items that get a majority vote at the conference but not the 2/3. So apparently this is supposed to happen and sometimes it does and sometimes it does not, but it will happen now because the vote was 119 yes 3 no and we vote yes. The next committee to report is the best committee in the world public information. The first two recommendations were to retire the 30 second and 60 second versions of the PSA “since getting sober I have hope.” Also to retire the 15 second version of “we know how you feel.” Votes are 110 yes 8 no 117 yes 7 no and 119 yes 6 no we vote yes on all, all will be retired. Our next recommendation is on the new agenda item that was put on our agenda Sunday at the conference coming from our auditors. In addition to the work of local committees, the PI conference committee recommends that two public service announcements be distributed on broadcast media, tracked and evaluated at a cost of \$17,000 which would be in addition to the \$48,000 that is planned to be spent to track the value of donated airtime on PSA in 2024 for the audit requirement. The total

expenditure should not exceed \$65,000 and that the information gathered from the process be brought back to the 2025 conference committee on public information. Clear as mud right. This is another very confusing thing but basically, we have to report our donated airtime value. This campaign will place and track PSA's in the United States and Canada. The vote is 118 yes 8 no we vote yes. Our next recommendation is in regard to the young people's video project. This was my big push last year. I was very excited for our young members to make their own videos. We got zero new submissions this year. This year two GSO staff members came up with the idea to go to the young people's international convention and film interviews there. We produced two of them and played them at the conference and it was one of the most emotional things at the conference. One of the interviews was a 16-year-old girl and one delegate was overcome thinking that this could have been available when she came in. The recommendation was to use the budget for the project to produce the other 16 videos recorded at the young peoples international convention. Vote is 122 yes 4 no we vote yes. I hope to have these videos available to play for us at the fall area assembly. Next recommendations were on pamphlets. We had a revised version of the AA at a glance pamphlet as well as speaking at non AA meetings with the updated title speaking at meetings outside of AA. Votes are 121 yes 6 no and 121 yes 4 no we vote yes for both. Next was the flyer, a message to teenagers. The committee recommended that this flyer be retired. The vote was 92 yes 33 no and we vote yes. The next recommendation was that a social media policy be developed for all current and future social media channels and requested that a draft be brought back to the 2025 conference committee. This policy was to try and help decide what we can and cannot do when it comes to social media. We were informed that this work is currently happening at the board level. That this recommendation would not be helpful as we thought it would. So after discussion, the vote was 36 yes 90 no and we voted no. So more excitement for the conference committee's last recommendation of the night. We always say committees are not beholden to their agenda and they are allowed to discuss what they want. Since I have been delegate one of the biggest complaints I have heard is that the delegates do not get the minutes from the board weekends. That every region is getting information from their regional trustee. But they all have different experiences and they all serve on different committees. That the delegates should get the minutes from the board weekend so we are all getting the same information which apparently is the way it was. So the committee recommended that to better provide equality in availability and messaging starting with the July 2024 General Service board meeting that the unedited but anonymity protected minutes, including trustees committee reports in English, Spanish and French be provided to all conference members within three weeks following the quarterly board weekends. The minutes should retain their current format and scope. So like we said when a recommendation comes from a committee, it is already a motion and a second. So we will have this discussion on the conference floor. This is another thing I had to edit for time, but I do believe it was a very important discussion and I definitely learned a lot from this process. There was a lot of discussion and proposed amendments. In the end the recommendation failed with the vote 34 yes 90 no. Unfortunately here I need to report two more things that were heartbreaking and

embarrassing to me. First of all this discussion was about getting the board minutes. Getting minutes from the Board weekends so we can all be on the same page. That is what was discussed. This motion had nothing to do with the regional trustees and the information they share. Unfortunately, a regional trustee stands up and does not address the chair. She is looking back into the crowd and she starts berating people who have shared from her region and calls out at least 2 of the delegates by name and says, you are saying you don't get anything, didn't I just give you this, didn't I just give you that. In my opinion this had absolutely nothing to do with the conversation. Last year during the conference, a few people got heated and got carried away and said some things they regretted. Both times I saw it happen they quickly got up and made amends to the conference and I never mentioned it last year. This year I was waiting for this person to do the same, but it did not happen. This was one of the most disappointing things that I saw during my two years at the conference. The next thing is that before the public information committee report even started the conference chair informed everyone that the decision to approve the plain language big book had been leaked from the conference. This was about five hours after it had been approved. We all know that we are not supposed to talk about the conference votes until the conference is over. Not to mention that through floor actions things could still change. We knew at this time that we were low on time and we still had a lot to get to. After the plain language big book vote happened people started saying we need to take a break. We have to take a break. We need to take a break right now. We were not scheduled to take a break for 45 or 50 more minutes. The chair finally gives in and people go running out of the room with their phones. I assumed that a leak meant that it was online on the internet. I have not had that confirmed. Alcoholics Anonymous is not a society of rules and laws. All we have is the AA way and that is very important to me. I believe we owe it to the people who came before us to follow the rules and to honor our traditions. Our large T traditions and our small T traditions. These two incidents which happened within two hours of each other were very disappointing to me. I'm sad I have to report these things but I felt that I needed to. The last primary committee to report is policy and admissions, but not before a final round of floor actions. First is our new AA at glance flyer and the description of a closed meeting in it and the last floor action is that the explanation of the steps, traditions and concepts be removed from the plain language big book. Final count of floor actions is 15. So policy and admissions first recommendation was that the equitable distribution of workload or EDW process be adopted and implemented. This was another big topic with a lot of discussion. There was a motion made to recommit this back to the committee which failed 20 yes 106 no and we voted no. I think that the EDW process will take some work but it will be a good thing. After more discussion, call the question, which passes and we vote. The vote is 93 yes 35 no we vote yes and it passes. The next committee recommendation was that the proposed agenda item or PAI submission date be moved to no earlier than September 30. Another long discussion, another motion to call the question, and vote on the recommendation. The vote is 114 yes 12 no and we vote yes. The next committee is Archives and they have no recommendations. And the very last committee is the International Convention and Regional Forums committee. The first

recommendation is that an anonymity protected photograph of the flag ceremony be taken at the 2025 international convention the vote is 124 yes 0 no we vote yes. And if you have been paying attention, this is the very first unanimous decision of the whole conference. I don't know who it is who decides to vote against everything but I have a feeling it is probably the same few people, but again I do not know for sure. Next the committee recommended that an encrypted, delayed, anonymity protected Internet video of the 2025 international convention opening flag ceremony be approved and that the video be placed on appropriate communication channels, vote is 122 yes 1 no and we vote yes and our buddy is back from the bathroom. Next the committee recommended providing five options for closing for the big meetings at the international convention, the serenity prayer, responsibility statement, declaration of unity, third step prayer, or seventh step prayer. So this was a question and floor action from the last conference. The options have been the serenity prayer, the responsibility statement, or the Lord's prayer. Last year's floor action was to take out the Lord's Prayer, but we did not get to it. So this year the committee has added three new options and taken out the Lord's prayer. So how it works is whoever chairs the meeting would have their choice of any of the options on this list. So the first motion to amend is to put the Lord's prayer back in, a lot of discussion. One Delegate reads a Canada law stating that it may be illegal to say a religious prayer in a large gathering in Canada. Motion to call the question passes, we vote on the amendment, 41 yes 83 no we vote yes. Next comes a motion to amend to add a moment of silence. Vote is 106 yes 19 no we vote yes, the amendment passes so now there are six options for closing the big meetings at the international convention. Now we vote on the original motion with the amendment, vote is 115 yes 11 no we vote yes. Next the committee recommends that anonymity protected video footage with highlights from the 2025 international convention be produced for maintaining archival footage of the convention, as well as for sharing the spirit and enthusiasm of the 2025 international convention. The vote is 121 yes 4 no we vote yes. And the last committee recommendation of the 74th General Service conference is the committee recommended that a delayed, anonymity protected, digital access standalone product offering of the three big meetings be created. Vote is 117 yes 5 no and we vote yes. In our area at the northern roundtables we talked about item C discuss a report concerning virtual programming for the 2025 international convention. This item is in the committee's consideration, it is not dead, and is still being discussed for the 2025 international convention. The conference committee gave some suggestions and sent it back to the trustees International Convention Regional Forums trustees committee. So now we are done with the committee work. It is about 10 PM on Friday night. We are informed we have a hard stop at 11:59 PM. The translators cannot work any longer than 11:59 PM. Which basically means there is no way we will hear all of the 15 floor actions that have been proposed, but we get started. I told you about what I learned last year, and that is the good old motion to decline to hear. So every floor action read someone will always come to the mic and make a motion to decline to hear. If that motion passes, the floor action is dead. So our first floor action is a pamphlet for the unhoused alcoholic, motion to decline to hear and a second. The vote is 90 yes 39 no we vote yes. The motion passes and the floor action is dead. That is

one down in about five minutes and maybe we will make it. Next floor action is that proposed agenda items requesting censure or re-organization of the board have no deadline and go straight to the conference committee on trustees. Motion to decline to hear and second vote is 71 yes 53 no we vote no on this one the motion fails and we will hear this floor action. So when I first heard this floor action I thought it sounded like a really good idea and the more we talked about it the more it did not make sense and the more I thought that it wouldn't really work in practice. There was a motion to amend saying that the proposed agenda item would have to be approved by at least on full area. I thought that this was a very good suggestion. That is the way that I was always taught and the way we traditionally have handled PAI's in our area. But it does not have to be that way. It can be just one pissed off member sitting in his underwear at midnight submitting them and I do think that we should discourage that. There is a vote on the amendment, vote is 69 yes 50 no we vote yes in the majority, but it is not enough to pass. Now we vote on the original floor action 40 yes 87 no we vote no. We vote no on this mostly because of the discussion and the logistics of how agenda items work. So now time for number three and that is a pamphlet for the Asian and Asian American alcoholic. Motion to decline to hear and second. The vote is 69 yes 60 no we vote yes and are totally shocked that this motion to decline to hear does not pass. We discussed this in our area and we were highly against it. The committee discussed this and took no action. But now we are going to hear discussion on it. There is a lot of discussion and then a motion to call the question that passes. Vote on the floor action vote is 79 yes 50 no we vote no motion fails. Now time for the minority opinion. During minority opinion someone makes a motion to reconsider the vote. Vote is 84 yes 40 no we vote no and lose and discussion is back open. A bunch more discussion then comes a motion to amend to add Pacific islander to the title. Vote is 42 yes 84 no we vote no, it fails. Next is a motion to recommit this back to the committee 51 yes 79 no we vote no. Much more discussion, motion to call the question passes, we vote on the floor action again this time 99 yes 27 no we vote no, however this time it passes and the Asian pamphlet will be produced. The next floor action is about making all memos between conference committees and trustees committees or boards be made available to all conference members. The original motion maker stands up and says that he wants to withdraw his floor action. It is decided the fastest way to dispense with it is to just do the motion to decline to hear. We do the motion to decline to hear it 119 yes 7 no we vote yes and the floor action is dead. We start discussion of the fifth floor action around 11:50 PM. The floor action is to reaffirm that the La Viña continues to be published by AA Grapevine and supported by the General Service board as a service to the Fellowship. Motion to decline to hear is seconded the vote comes it is 71 yes 58 no we vote no so the motion is not dead. Now it is 11:55 PM and motion is made to take floor actions number 5 through 15 and forward them all to the appropriate trustees committees.

After Jake's report the meeting Paul asked for any questions for Jake , there was no questions. Paul stated there was no old business. Then asked for any new business, there was none The next NAGSC meeting will be August 3,2024 in Elko, the location to be announced hosted by district 10A. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 with the responsibility statement

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Statement of Financial Income and Expense
 January through April 2024

	Unclassified	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4001 · 7th Tradition	523.95	523.95
4010 · Group Contributions	8,836.63	8,836.63
4011 · Individual Contributions	193.91	193.91
4020 · Assembly Income		
Banquet Tickets	4,678.36	4,678.36
Coffee & Food	1,246.05	1,246.05
Total 4020 · Assembly Income	5,924.41	5,924.41
Total Income	15,478.90	15,478.90
Gross Profit	15,478.90	15,478.90
Expense		
5000 · Nagsc / Sagsc Meetings		
Fuel Reimbursement	1,347.00	1,347.00
Rent	290.80	290.80
Supplies	284.77	284.77
Total 5000 · Nagsc / Sagsc Meetings	1,922.57	1,922.57
5500 · Standing Committes		
Coop. w/Prof Community	2,658.89	2,658.89
GSR Trainer	18.37	18.37
La Vina	515.45	515.45
Public Information	431.60	431.60
Total 5500 · Standing Committes	3,624.31	3,624.31
6000 · Assembly Expense		
Assembly Packets	4,994.06	4,994.06
Banquet Costs	4,368.00	4,368.00
Coffee & Food	1,389.96	1,389.96
Rent	1,317.50	1,317.50
Speaker	380.66	380.66
Translation Services	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 6000 · Assembly Expense	13,450.18	13,450.18
6230 · Licenses and Permits	126.74	126.74
7000 · Travel		
7001 · Assemblies		
Area Officers	5,571.77	5,571.77
DCMS	511.94	511.94
Finance Committee	682.80	682.80
GSRs / ALT GSRs	3,618.89	3,618.89
SAGSC / NAGSC Officers	476.45	476.45
Standing Chairs	3,105.12	3,105.12
Translators_Interpreters	500.00	500.00
Total 7001 · Assemblies	14,466.97	14,466.97
7002 · Delegate Expenses	383.96	383.96

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	Unclassified	TOTAL
7003 · PRAASA		
NAGSC / SAGSC Officers	1,874.51	1,874.51
Officers	8,750.29	8,750.29
Standing Chairs	7,592.45	7,592.45
Total 7003 · PRAASA	18,217.25	18,217.25
7008 · Delegate Conference	500.00	500.00
Total 7000 · Travel	33,568.18	33,568.18
8500 · General Service Conference ...	8,600.00	8,600.00
9000 · Office Expenses		
Area Archivist	1,699.99	1,699.99
Area Registrar	161.30	161.30
Area Treasurer	64.67	64.67
Forum	540.70	540.70
Website	2,279.54	2,279.54
Total 9000 · Office Expenses	4,746.20	4,746.20
Total Expense	66,038.18	66,038.18
Net Ordinary Income	-50,559.28	-50,559.28
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
7010 · Interest Income	1.33	1.33
Total Other Income	1.33	1.33
Net Other Income	1.33	1.33
Net Income	-50,557.95	-50,557.95