

NAGSC Saturday June 3, 2023 Minutes
Lander County Court House & Administration Bldg.
50 NV-305 Battle Mountain, NV. 89820

1:00 pm

Meeting brought to order with the serenity prayer by Paul E NAGSC chair. In attendance jointly approximately 32 live and 25 online

NAGSC Secretary Mike L asked if there any corrections for the March minutes, there wasn't any. Then he asked for approval of the March minutes, it was moved and seconded passed unanimously.

Officer Reports

NAGSC Chair Alternate Area Alternate Delegate Report Paul E

Hi I'm Paul your NAGSC Chair / Area 42 Alternate Delegate, welcome to all of those that made the trip here to Battle Mountain and all of those that are attending online. Are there any new GSRs or members that are attending a NAGSC meeting for the first time? Please raise your hand. One of the main things we are going to do today is to hear from our Area 42 Delegate Jake on a little of what happened at the GSC. But first we will have all the reports from the DCMs and Standing Committee Chairs, so that we will know what is going on in the Northern Area. We do have one thing that I left off the agenda and that is an update on the Ad-Hoc committee for the NAGSC Standing Committee Chairs guidelines and I will squeeze that in. I don't want to take up too much time so let's get started. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Paul

NAGSC Treasurer and Area Alternate Treasurer Rich B read Area Treasury Report prepared by the Area Treasurer Jason Mc. Attached are the treasury document up to March 2023.

Jason M.
Area 42 Treasurer
2023 June NAGSC Meeting

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

The following reports are available:

- Income & Expense as of 04/30/2023 – See attached

- Balance Sheet as of 04/30/2023 – See attached

Cash Position (As of 5/15/2023)

Savings	\$	30,000.00
Checking	\$	80,164.37
Total Cash	\$	110,164.37

At the previous meeting, the Finance Committee made the decision to raise the savings account to \$30,000.00 in alignment with the Area Finance Guidelines, which emphasize the importance of maintaining a prudent reserve. During the next finance committee meeting, I will present the completed tax return and propose adjustments to the savings account in accordance with section 4.0 of the Area 42 General Service Assembly Finance Guidelines, which recommends setting the reserve at one-third of the previous year's expenses.

PRAASA travel expenses as of 4/30/2023 are \$17,840.73, the total amount budgeted was \$19,150.00.

Assembly travel expenses as of 4/30/2023 are \$ 15,164.76, total amount budgeted \$ 28,900.00 or \$ 14,450.00 per assembly.

Net Income was \$35,718.27 as of 4/30/2023. Total Expenses as of 4/30/2023 were \$53,355.02.

Now for some general housekeeping items:

Voluntary Group contributions can be made payable to “Area 42” and mailed to;

Area 42
PO Box 70171
Las Vegas, NV 89170-0171

To request a reimbursement, kindly send an email to treasurer@nevadaarea42.org containing the following details: your Service Position/Committee, a brief description of the expense, a breakdown of the 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.

I'll ensure that any group contributions with incorrect payee information are returned via mail. As a reminder, we now have a single treasury for the Area, with no SAGSC or NAGSC treasury. Therefore, all voluntary group contributions should be made payable to "Area 42".

It's my pleasure to serve in this capacity and thank you for your cooperation!

Rich took questions and comments.

Tina ask for clarification what the actual contributions were with the combining of North and South Treasuries. Rich suggested she email Jason.

Rich then explained how expenses to be submitted and how to make contributions

Carol B commented that the districts and groups be reminded because the expenses are being paid solely by the Area with less entities to contribute might to increase the contributions to the Area to make up the difference.

NAGSC Technology Chair Michelle M no written report submitted.

Area Newsletter Editor Laura J no written report submitted.

NAGSC Registrar Jodie G

My name is Jodie and I am an alcoholic and the Alternate Registrar for Area 42. I am so sorry I am unable to attend today. I want to encourage anyone to reach out to me if you need to update GSR information, need your group ID or anything else that I can help with so that GSO has your group's correct information. I look forward to seeing you all in August. Thank you so much for allowing me to be of service.

NAGSC Archivist Debbie S

Debbie alcoholic, serving as your NAGSC Archivist. It has been really quiet in the NAGSC world of Archives since the Area Assembly in April. I haven't had any type of requests. I am still receiving and filing the NNIG Bracer. I would take this opportunity to get my message of the year out to DCM 's and GSR's...get a three ring binder, as the year goes on; add your groups and district's flyers, business meeting minutes, new

group registration forms, etc. Save this stuff for your future members to enjoy or can reference back to. If your District doesn't have a District Archivist, there is just one more service position to consider. If your District has a District Archivist, I would love to hear from them. Thank you for entrusting me with your valuable information. Debbie

Area Chair Lyle C

Hello Northern Area and friends. It is good to see everyone. I wish I could be in Battle Mountain in person; however, I had surgery a couple weeks ago and I am not ready to travel. The Area 42 Fall Assembly is coming up September 8th – 10th. Our Delegate Jake S. will give a delegate's report back from the Conference with a PowerPoint presentation. Also, our US Trustee-at-Large Marita R. will have her Trustee's report. We will have a special guest, Ruth J., Past Pacific Region Trustee, give a history of Nevada Area 42. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Yours in Love and Service,
Lyle C Area 42 Chair
DCM Reports

NAGSC Standing Committee Ad-hock committee report Don D

Hello Northern Area Amazing Trusted Servants,

My name is Don and I am an alcoholic who is serving as chair for our Ad Hoc Committee looking into the Effectiveness of our NAGSC Standing Committees.

I want to first thank our committee members and others who have helped for all their work and participation. They all carry other roles within our service structure so I am surrounded by great examples of sacrifice in doing this.

We have primarily spent time gathering information through interviews with members of our Area and also a very enlightening poll created by our past delegate Julie C. Jake our current delegate helped to send out to other Areas so we could see what AA outside of our Area does. I would like to thank both of them immensely for that because I can get trapped in my own bubble and become very black and white when I do that. This helped me to remember that I really love my ideas but AA deserves better. The Committee has also through our discussions put together a document to present to the body for approval. This document could serve to possibly be a beginning, and I stress that as an operative term, to start to guide as to a conscience of the philosophy of our Northern Area pertaining to the committees. The members of the committee need a little more time to look at that and prepare it to bring to the body, so I anticipate it to be ready for the next NAGSC meeting. As always thank you for trusting me and

giving me the chance to grow in my understanding of the practical application of the Concepts and Traditions. Also in helping me to understand the spiritual significance of how we do what we do. Yours in Grateful Service, Don

District 02 DCM Debbie O given by David

My name is Debbie and I'm an alcoholic. I am also the DCM for District 2. Due to work conflict, I am sad I can't make it today.

District 2 is excited about our first "Home Group" workshop in September.

We meet on the second Thursday of every month at Central Office, with 14 active GSRs, we read a Concept and review GSR reports. We brainstorm on what more we can bring to our home group to help the new member.

This month's meeting will be held at a restaurant with outside seating enjoying the weather and great food from our tips and profit from hosting drinks and coffee at the Spring Assembly.

Our focus is helping others get interested in the Service Structure and as a District bring light to Dark Meetings. We want people to be excited about service and know all the opportunities available.

We are looking forward to hosting our First Workshop of 2023 and invite all committees to participate.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve AA. I am truly grateful.

Thank you, David, for stepping up for me and District 2.

It's a great day to be sober!

Debbie O.

DCM – District 2

District 04 DCM Scott A

This has been a busy and very informative beginning to my service as DCM. I have been attending things like the welcome meeting for NAGSC and the Ad Hoc Workshop committee.

We (I) volunteered us (District 4) to host the NAGSC roundtables and have been doing my best to get a venue figured out. I have somewhat hit a wall on that, but I am very grateful to have some amazing people in this district with me who are super supportive and helpful. I hope we will have more info on that next month, or sooner.

Speaking of next month... I will be in LA with Michelle for the PRAASA event. We are leaving on Thursday March 2nd for the LAX Mariot hotel where the assembly is being held. We are planning on leaving in the morning so hopefully I can attend this meeting virtually, but I may not be able to.

With so much going on, this can feel a bit overwhelming. I am glad to have such great people around me who remind me that it is not about what gets accomplished necessarily, but more about how we treat each other in the process.

Thank you all for your service

Scott

District 06 DCM Kevin E

Good Afternoon, my name is Kevin E and I currently have the privilege as serving as your District 6 DCM.

First of all I'd like to thank Jake for his hard work in representing Area 42 and giving us such a in depth report. District six meets every other Sunday even numbered months and is having a Potluck/Speaker meeting June 17 in Gardnerville at Aspen Park if you haven't seen the flyer you get a hold of me.

I'd also like to thank Minden Gardnerville Group for allowing me to participate in their agenda summaries and a workshop on the importance of the Home group. As DCM I am also fortunate having such an active alternate Dcm ,Don, in which jointly we hopefully cover all the needs for the district. We are involved with making a better district by attending meetings in our district and showing the support of how the district, Area and General Service work together. I'd also like to thank our GSR's for all their support and hard work. We wish to support their interest and participation in serving our district with funding outside their group support. This seems needed to inspire participation and are working on guidelines to help address those need. we would also like to thank Jen for her support within information on CACCYPAA as a liaison.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Kevin E

District 08 DCM Laurie G

Interim DCM Dorrie introduced Laurie as the new district 8 DCM

Hello, Dist. 8 is happy to get together again after a long and isolating, record breaking winter. A lot of meetings were cancelled but thank Goodness for zoom. Most of our meetings are hybrid now and not as well attended as we'd like but June Lake, Lee Vining and Mammoth meetings are getting their summer folks back now. We had a Dist. meeting in May and discussed some safety issues that were brought up in a business meeting. Bishop Boiled Owls had a spring fling picnic and June 25 th we are having a chili and pie contest & BBQ. Jake S will be giving an area report too it's at Izaak Walton park, Bishop, 11:00. August is the AA campout, always a wonderful experience, lot's of planning going on, contact person is Valerie H 8/11,12,13. The theme is , " this too shall pass" .

A few of us attended NAGSC, Phil in person the rest on zoom, seemed well attended. I hope that after our picnics, more people will feel good again about socializing and going to meetings in person.

Thank you, Laurie

District 10A DCM Laurie B no written report submitted

District 12 DCM Cathy C

We have our monthly business meetings the 2nd Saturday of the month at 5p at Hepworth Methodist Church's Wolf Center in Fallon. This is followed by a delicious potluck and then our birthday-speaker meeting WITH cake! The New Frontier Treatment Center joins us for the speaker meeting. We are always looking for guest speakers from out of our district, so please let me know if you would like to talk to us especially if you are on a committee and would like to share with us about that. I've tried to be in touch with the Grapevine committee to host a workshop, but no one has contacted me- I started reaching out December 2022. I look forward to hearing from someone soon. As the relatively new DCM, I'm working on getting to all the meetings in the district including Hawthorn and Round Mountain. I made it to Fernley this week and heard a speaker who received her 40 year chip. I'm very blessed to be District 12's DCM and to give service. Thank you for letting me serve.

Cathy C.

District 14 DCM Mike M

I'm Mike, I'm an alcoholic.

District 14's Jamboree will be held on July 23rd from 11:30 to 5:00 pm at Truckee Regional Park, Lower Pavilion, down by the river. We are just getting our flyers out but we will have an Ala-non, Young person an AA speaker, games, music and a 50/50 Raffle. Bring something to throw on the barbie. And if you'd like to but not necessary, if your last name ends in A-H bring a desert, I-P a salad and O-Z a side dish. Should be a great day on the Truckee River. We will have more shade this year and bring a chair.

We will be starting up our by monthly speaker meetings probably in Kings Beach hopefully end of June or beginning of July. It's been a popular event in the past to come to beautiful Lake Tahoe and enjoy a speaker meeting. More will be revealed on that as well as various workshops we plan to have. So there are lots of things in the works and we are very hopeful for the continued success of all the fellowships of District 14. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Sincerely yours, Mike M

District 16 DCM Andrea B

Hello Members of Area 42 my name is Andrea, and I am an alcoholic from District 16 in Sparks Nevada,

District 16 reaches from east of Virginia Street US 395 north of I 80, East Fernley. north to the California border Sparks to Gerlach to the North. We have Seven General Service Representatives, and we have a hybrid District Committee meeting that meets on the third Tuesday of the month and 6 PM. We meet at 510 Greenbrae Boulevard in room 103 That is Boulevard, the Google will swear it's a "drive."

Terri M of Northern Area Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC chair) came to our district meeting and gave a fantastic presentation. Thank you, Terri. She also left an abundance of literature with us for our GSRs is to take back to their groups. The remainder of literature was shared in a literature rack at Social Services.

Don D will be coming to our District meeting August 18th to share with us about the Northern Area Committee of Public Information, PI for short.

We have several positions open in our district. I am happy to say in March we elected a District Secretary, Susan B. The Two Prior Months we had district members volunteer to record Our Minutes of Panel 73. Another gal has shown interest in the District's NNIG Liasson position, leaving our District's Grapevine and Archives position vacant.

We also Host an Annual Christmas Affair service panel event. A Food, Fun, and Fellowship; A Live, Laugh and Love. We are not alone and cannot keep it if we do not freely give what was given to us. That is the position We need filled ASAP (As Soon As Possible). I reached out to V.F.W. to rent their Hall and told them one of Our founders Bill W. was a Veteran of Foreign War. I only received what seems an automated response thus far.

From GSO, we have available for our GSR's to share with their Home Groups the GSO GUIDELINES on AA Members EMPLOYED in the Alcoholism Field also Finance and Others, to Help the groups carry Its "Message". Available on-line, TRULY!! BY-PASSES the TANGIBLE Head to the Heart Spirituality...

An Ad-hoc Committee was formed to Update Our District 16 Guideline's. A couple motions were passed one voting in a Technology Chair and One Voting Out the references to District members as "personnel" . SEVERAL outrageous items, including the USPS (United States Postal Service) had been accepted into District guidelines. The Ad-hoc consisted of One current GSR, One Former GSR (for 10yr) , One member of District 16 and myself as the chairperson/ tie breaker. The Ad-hoc worked together Fabulously. Their Three Signed Update Was Presented at our May 16, 2023, District 16 Committee meeting.

Three Sober Members of Alcoholics Anonymous were able to retrieve SOME of the "properties" purchased during the previous rotation. As District 16 Archivist for the previous rotation...

I see there is even More S\$\$\$. ..And THAT IS WHY... There ARE THINGS AA DOES - AND THINGS AA DOES NOT DO There was a great article in the Grapevine this month, It reads : " It's A Seat , Not A Throne " I Have More to say , But My Lord Says HOLD Sincerely, Andrea B District 16

District 20 DCM Barb P.

District 20 consists of 3 rural counties in Northeastern California: Lassen, Plumas and Modoc. District is currently working out all the campout details and I will get that

information distributed as soon as it is available. It will be at Eagle Lake this summer on Aug. 18, 19 and 20th. Please come join us. RV spaces, tent camping and cabins. Our District meeting was in Quincy and what a great job they did of hosting!! Lots of food and over 25 people in attendance. Great job!! Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

District 22 DCM Carlos C

We have been continuing in our district with study meetings on the third Thursday of each month at central office looking at the traditions and a review of the concepts, we are already in the fifth tradition and the fifth concept .

We continue to visit the groups as a district committee to introduce ourselves last month we were in South Lake Tahoe in the group “ una visión en el lago” and the Gruppo Latino the oldest group in our district with 37 years.

With the PI committee we went to the Hawk Health Clinic to ask for permission to the marketing department to leave our meeting schedule and pamphlets on the waiting room (we are still waiting for them to answer) , we went to The Little Flower Catholic Church to see if we can do a presentation there ,we left pamphlets and meeting schedules in a place where they do drug test on Wronde Street and in a laundry business on Wells Street. After 6 years we will have our Sierra Nevada regional congress in October will be host in Fernley and Reno with the motto “unity in service is a sign of our recovery “ of which I am part of the organizing committee along with other members from the district committee. Also at the Ala-no club in Carson City there is a meeting in Spanish on Tuesdays , i talked to the members of the meeting to register their meeting and to have a GSR .

As our co-founder Bill said in the book the language of the heart about the fifth tradition: a tremendous responsibility has fallen upon us , an obligation so great that is amounts to a sacred trust to hold fast to the primary spiritual purpose of AA : to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers from alcoholism.

Happy 24 hours

Carlos C
DCM d22

Standing Committee Chair Reports

Accessibility and Remote Committee Chair Joe

First report for this new assignment. This committee is very far reaching.

What I'll tell you is what I have been able to get started.

1 have reached out to all the DCMs in the North about volunteers, Not much feedback yet.

2. Zoom meeting with Joan from SAGSC (my counterpart)

3. Also attended a few Zoom meetings with Access/Remote Counterparts from different locations in US& Canada Area 93, I believe.

4. Contacted the Fallon Naval Air Station Human Resources (Substance Abuse) Folks about how AA can be of service. Left message, hopefully I'll get a callback.

5. Joan (SAGSC) and myself were talking about lack of info about Tonopah AA So, I reached out to some people that have AA friends down there. What I found was that there are 3 meetings a week in Round Mountain (Mining Town 55 miles north of Tonopah & 165 miles south of Battle Mountain. I called the guy (Chip) helping run the meetings and found that they no longer Affiliate with District 11 but are aligned with District 12. I made arrangements to attend a Sunday evening meeting. We talked about NAGSC and what we can do to help. I asked if he wanted me to contact NNIG & get those meetings listed. I took care of that. Chip also informed me that his friend in Tonopah is holding 3 meetings a week in the Tonopah Old Courthouse. He will get me the info to pass on to SAGSC. I got in touch with District 12 DCM (Cathy) and SAGSC Access/Remote Chair Joan to pass on this information. Lastly, I have asked Joyce P. (Past Delegate) to join this committee & help guide my way.

Thanks, Joe H. NAGSC ACC/Remote Chair

Cooperation with Professional Community- CPC Chair Terri M

Hello, my name is Terri and I'm an alcoholic and I also serve as your Northern Area CPC (Cooperation with the Professional) chair. I have been busy getting a committee together but as of now 5/16 it consists of me, yes little ole me! But I am working hard at getting the word out that I could use some help doing this committee work. I have done 1 district presentation and have 2 more on the books for the end of month. I have done 1 professional presentation online which was pretty awesome! I found there was misinformation at this presentation and was able to voice what is stated in our traditions, with love and kindness. I also attended the NNIG Northern NV intergroup presentation in Sparks this past month to see what NNIG is and isn't which I had no clue what it truly was. I ordered cardboard pamphlet holders to give to Dr's offices etc. Here is what they look like. I also had flyers made and business cards with our NNIG 24/7 hotline number with a QR code connecting people to the NNIG website. If any DCM would like me to come and give a CPC presentation for your district, please let me know.

With love and service,

Terri

Corrections Chair Bigg J

My name is Bigg I am serving as the Northern Area corrections chair, I also serve as Alt GSR for my Home group Vast Amount of Fun located in downtown Minden Thursday evening and also online Friday morning and here is my report.

I attended assembly both virtual and live and enjoyed the experience mostly... and I look forward to when we are all together in Tonopah once again.

I came away from assembly with a lot of questions on Bridging the Gap program. The questions were generated from my experience at PRASSA and then at assembly. It seemed the Northern area had limited its usage of the program. That was based on former inmates informing me of their experiences on their exit from various Northern facilities.

I reached out to Pat B. and others to educate myself more on the program.

I've come away with some more knowledge on what Bridging the Gap requires to be a purposeful program for inmates. And what volunteers would have to do for it to be successful.

I've received two requests from General Service Office for contacts to be available for inmates exiting the prison that is located in Carson.

I've also reached out to a handful of DCMs and inquired if they had meetings going to their local facilities. I also inquired if they needed literature of any kind to bring in.

I've also been attending the weekly international corrections meeting when my schedule permits on the online format zoom. I've come away inspired from those meetings with ideas and hope to be able to try to implicate them in my service work.

I've contacted Joy W who runs the volunteer desk for Department of Corrections to inquire when the next training class to be cleared to enter prisons and at this time there are none on the horizon making it difficult to build a roster of volunteers.

I appreciate the chance to serve area 42 the best areait's so good we had to split it in two. I look forward to learning more about the Corrections positions it has been a pleasant pleasure thus far. This will conclude my report. Thank you once again.

Regards Bigg J

DCM Coordinator Phil W

Hi everybody I really don't have a report as the DCM committee chair coordinator, but I do have a report about the 2024 Pacific region forum. We now have save the date cards which I am giving out in this room and will be giving out to all of you at the assembly in September. I'm really happy that you're all here. Jake is over in the corner excited about the Pacific region for I'm coming to Las Vegas so let's all get ready for that. We will need a lot of volunteers, thank you very much for allowing me to be of service. Phil W

GSR Trainer Pat S

My name is Pat. I serve as your NAGSC GSR trainer.

GSRs and I met prior to this meeting today, and among other discussions, we began our review of the Area 42 GSR Survival Guide. Any GSRs who do not have a copy of this document: it can be downloaded from the Area 42 Website (nevadaarea42.org). It is listed under the "Manuals, Guides & Forms" tab. It was suggested at our next GSR training session that we have a mock GSR report. We will.

I will meet with GSRs at 12 Noon every NAGSC meeting. I am also available to speak with GSRs individually or to groups, especially those wanting to learn more about General Service and the vital role it plays in our individual survival. If interested, please contact me today and I will give you my contact information.

Remember: We must hang together or die separately.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Grapevine Chair "Sober Sue" Sue H

I've been working on organizing all of the Grapevine's magazines and books that I received from our former Grapevine Chair, so I'm familiar with them. The April Assembly was so much fun and sitting with Heather, the Chair for Grapevine, was delightful and informative.

I have a great desire to hold a Grapevine writing meeting however life has prevented me from holding it right now due to family life challenges. I will be doing to in the future as soon as possible.

Learning a lot about the Grapevine history has been a passion for me. I have looked into the possibility of being able to accept Credit Cards for payment during the Fall assembly. Heather has a great system for it but we have not set this up here in the North. I spoke to Paul (Alt Delegate) about this and he thought, Cash or Check would be acceptable. As a solution I am getting the ATM's info in the Tonopah area for the convenience of the persons attending the Assembly. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to Area 42.

God bless,

Sober Sue

La Viña Chair Teresa B

In February I was invited to the organizing committee to the 27th anniversary of - La Viña to be held in Oregon on July 21, 22 and 23 to give us information and so we had had a writing workshop they left me registrations and for voluntary contributions, t shirts and a box for the event to distribute to each group we received a lot or support

from the groups for which were grateful to be subscribed 20 members to La Viña magazine and we sent many stories we raised \$307 In voluntary contributions for that event and I sold 2 t-shirts On Friday July 21 I will coordinate one of the meetings at La Viña event in Oregon also I was asked to share on the topic "what is the purpose: of La Viña" I would like to ask for support from area 42 to buy literature and start holding raffles the suppose is to be self-supporting. I would also like to have your support with my expenses to attend the Oregon event Thanks Teresa B report was read by Carlos in English

NNIG Liaison Ed L

Hi everyone, my name is Ed and I am an alcoholic and current Liaison to Intergroup. I really like this position it challenges me to work with two groups of amazing people. Last month while on zoom from Minnesota I was able to help the CPC chair with information on Washoe County Schools. This happened because I ran into Joyce Y at the assembly and she put me in touch with Cheryl who had all of the training and presentation materials for student assemblies. Don D stressed the importance of going to at least one Intergroup meeting and introducing yourself to your counterpart. As they say two heads are better than one. The Men and Woman in the intergroup chair position are very active in the local community. When I met with the Treatment chair during my last rotation she had started meetings in 3 recovery centers days after covid restrictions were lifted. She also set up meetings at a very restricted homeless mental health facility in Reno. The bridging The Gap chair was able to set up presentations in New Frontier. At a board meeting with Rural Nevada Counseling the Executive Director asked if we could get BTG presentations into each of our transitional houses. The great thing about all of this is that we are opening back up and members are stepping up to and sharing the message once again. This coming Tuesday Intergroup will be having their elections. After the new list of chairs has been completed, I will send it out to all of our chairs. The ability to reach out and work with each other is a great benefit. Thank You Ed L

Public Information (PI) Don D

Hello Northern Area, Awesome Service Folks,

My name is Don D. and I am your alcoholic Northern Area Public Information Chair. I don't have too much to report at this time except to thank Jake, our awesome delegate for carrying our voice to the General Service Conference. I am looking forward to sitting down with my copy of the final report to take in all the happenings.

I am in contact with Andrea to present at District 16's business meeting in August or September. I would also like to ask if any other districts/groups would ever like me to come out to do a presentation I am more than happy to. I would love to help districts to get a start on setting up PI committees that could help get some of our message where

it may not be reaching yet. If any districts have media contacts or would like to reach out to get our Public Service Announcements on air let me know. Or we could also reach out to local news sources like paper to get meeting schedules or PSA on their websites if they choose to. It would be a privilege to help get any committees in the districts or groups to get these actions started.

I will also be holding a virtual workshop in the next couple of months to get the word out about public information which will be followed by a PI Committee meeting where other folks around the area can help me to help others in this area. It will also be a chance to talk about the Agenda items at the conference and the outcome of those.

Thank you as always for being a big part of my sobriety. Yours in grateful service.
Don D.

Treatment/ Bridging the Gap Chair Lonnie M no written report submitted.

NACYPA (RENVYPAA) Liaison Dan M no written report submitted.

Linguistic Translator Diana V

I am very enthusiastic to be the Linguistic for the North area 42 and willing to learn this new service with the help of my fellow members.

Delegate's Report Jake S

Thank you, Mister chairman. My name is Jake S - Alcoholic. Area 42 panel 73 serving on the public information committee. That is how I introduce myself at the General Service conference and I cannot put into words how grateful I am to have had the honor and the absolute privilege to be able to serve our area as delegate to the 73rd General Service conference. The General Service conference was held from Saturday, April 22 to Sunday, April 30, 2023. I arrived in New York City at 2:30 in the morning on Saturday. The first event we had was a meet and greet hospitality room for all of the Conference members and their guests. This is where we get to meet all of the rest of the delegates, trustees and staff members. All of the delegates and trustees had met four times virtually before the conference so I feel the meet and greet went very smoothly, and the familiarity we had with each other was very helpful. Also, at this meeting is where you get to pass out all of your toys and trinkets. Our trinket was a pin that looked like a poker chip and read 73rd General Service conference unity, recovery, service Area 42. It was really great to get to meet everybody in person and not to mention all of the cool things that we received from the other Conference members. The next thing we had on Saturday was our 1728 meeting. 1728 meetings stand for 12x12x12. So if you get out your calculator and put in 12x12x12 you will get 1728. This represents our 12 steps, our 12 traditions, and our 12 concepts. The meeting was awesome and we learned that every Friday there's a 1728 meeting at the General

Service Office. We also learned that most employees at the General Service Office are non-alcoholic, and these meetings are a way to bring our 36 principles into the workplace at GSO. I thought that was beautiful. The next thing was a remote communities meeting. Our area has a bunch of rural and remote communities. This meeting was very informative for me. I was happy to be able to report that our SAGS, NAGS, and area assemblies are all being held hybrid which is a very useful tool for our rural and remote communities, but what about when our members have bad or no Internet services. There are a lot of challenges with Rural and remote communities and I hope that our area can keep working on solutions to keep our rural and remote communities involved and connected to AA as a whole. The last thing on our schedule for Saturday night was our delegates only meeting. In this meeting our Delegate Chair put together an arts and crafts project for us. We broke the room into 12 random groups. When we got our group we got a bunch of foam balls, pipe cleaners, sticks, putty, and a glue gun. Our assignment was to put all of these things together and make a presentation on what the service structure means to us. When I first heard of this plan I have to admit I thought to myself what are we doing here? Of course I have not lost all of my contempt prior to investigation. But I must admit I think the whole project was very useful. In the end when we were all done, we worked as a group to explain what we made. I think it was a very fun project and helped us all to remember what we were doing there. That in AA we have to stay unified from the top of the triangle to the bottom or else most of us will surely die alone. I thought that all of the presentations were great and me and the Delegate from area 51 had a game of basketball with some of the fuzzy balls and a drinking glass on the table which ended up being very entertaining as well.

Sunday we had the official opening of the 73rd General Service conference at 9 AM. As we know we were without a chair for this conference so this year we used 4 co chairs to run the conference. We had Jimmy our interim chair and Trustee on the general service board, Francis our first vice chairperson and Trustee on the general service board, Bob our General Service office manager and Tammi our Delegate Chair. We had a welcome to the conference by co chair Jimmy D and we had an opening reading by the Delegate from area 87 and then we started our roll call for the 73rd general Service conference. This started with Bob our General Service Office manager asking for admission of our observers from Mexico, Peru, and Poland, and then we started the roll call. I had heard a lot about the roll call but I don't think there is anything anyone would have been able to say that would have prepared me for the gravity of this roll call. They read the names and they ask you to respond by standing up and saying either here or present, I decided to go with here, and when I sat back down the love and responsibility of our area washed over me. I honestly could not believe that I was really going to have the honor of representing Area 42, the greatest area in the history of the universe, at the General Service conference. Next we had our Keynote address by Trustee Francis G. This Keynote address made me cry for the second time of the morning. Francis' topic was the conference theme, AA's three Legacies our common solution. In it he quoted our co founders, he talked about the service manual, as well as the concepts and traditions checklists. He asked what principles guide our

conference? He asked questions in the concepts checklist on concept 3 and concept 9. When he got to the traditions checklist, he looked out at us and read from tradition one “am I, in my group, a healing, mending, integrating person? Or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members inventories? Since I have become delegate and with everything we have been through in the last four months, I have learned a lot about our members using social media on non-Conference approved methods. Are we using these with love and tolerance being our code? Are we healing and mending? Or are we divisive? The way I see it being divisive may be the dubious luxury of normal people, but for us alcoholics these things are poison. He explained that he did not make himself available for Regional trustee so he could lead. He made himself available so he could serve. It was absolutely beautiful.

The next thing we did was break out into round tables for roundtable discussions. In our breakout room the topic was practicing our 12 traditions across all group settings. We talked about what are some of the ways groups and districts in our areas foster awareness of practicing our 12 traditions across all group settings and how misinformation has been an obstacle in public information and CPC service. On misinformation, it was brought up how some members in AA say “oh you do not need to be involved in that General Service, our group does not need to participate, because that is all about politics.” The thought it brought up for me was the service festival. The service festival was an event that was put on in coordination with the southern area, the Intergroup, and H&I. We would have a big workshop where everyone that had a service position would come and give a five minute talk about what they do in that service position. New people could come and learn how they could get involved in these services. So let’s go! The next thing we did was lunch and delegate orientation by region. Our region is the Pacific region. I would say that we did our “orientation” in our virtual meetings. The pacific region meets every month virtually. The main topic we had in our lunch was international conventions and Regional Forums and how to get members involved. So we really need to work hard on this topic because the next Pacific region forum will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada July 12-14 at the Westgate, so please spread the word and don’t miss it. The next order of business was deciding where the 2026 Pacific region forum would be held. Area 8 which is San Diego brought a bid and a bunch of information. It looks like the 2026 Pacific Region forum will be held in San Diego but we will have to wait to see what happens. The next presentation we had was from what we call location plus. Location plus is a committee that has the objective to consider physical space needs required to effectively carry out the services requested by the AA Fellowship through GSO and the Grapevine offices. Location services studies have been conducted approximately every 10 years. All of the studies have been conducted using different methods. In some cases we have used an outside consultant other times using an ad hoc committee or management. Basically, we are trying to figure out if the General Service Office should stay in New York or if it should move to a different location. The committee is reviewing information and gave us a timeline with the decision to be made in 2025. So when I first heard about this I thought, this is ridiculous. The General Service Office is in Manhattan. That is one of the most expensive places in all of America. Of course we could do better

than that. Then I remembered a long time ago I had heard that we get a special deal which gives us a very good price for our 475 Riverside Dr. location. So I asked this question to our location plus committee. I was told at our 475 Riverside Dr. location we do get a very good rate. I was also assured that the special rate is not given to us just because we are Alcoholics Anonymous. The building is used for many nonprofits and the rate is a rate for nonprofit organizations. We learned that we are paying right around \$23-\$24 a square foot. So I am not in real estate, but I have been assured that this is a very good rate for anywhere in the country. Then it was time for us to go into breakout rooms and start our committee work at the conference. So I am on the public information committee and our first committee meeting is called a joint trustees and conference committee meeting. In the public information committee we also have what are called appointed committee members or ACM's. A ACM is an AA member who serves on a specific trustees committee because of his or her specific specialized knowledge in a particular field. On the PI committee we have a him and a her. Our first ACM is a member named Morgan who was a huge help to me through her work in a workshop called demystifying the comprehensive media plan. The next ACM is a big pain in the ass and I'm still not sure about him. Seriously though the other ACM is Kurt H. He is from our area, and when I found out Kurt was an ACM for the PI committee I had total faith in the way in which ACM's are chosen. I could not think of a better member in all of Alcoholics Anonymous to serve in this position. These trustees committees and appointed committee members are the ones doing the work for us all year long. The trustees committees are how the work actually gets done, and the appointed committee members deserve a lot of love and respect from our fellowship in my opinion. We had a productive joint meeting and there were not very many questions to ask these members because they had done a great job and made all of our work as easy as possible. This was our second joint meeting as we had had a virtual joint meeting before the conference also. We still had a few hours left before dinner so we decided to start our committee work early. The public information committee had a huge agenda for the 73rd General Service conference.

The next thing on the schedule was our opening dinner and AA meeting. I made it a point to always try to sit with people I did not know. At this dinner I ended up sitting with a few Canadian delegates, as well as the hosts for the guests of the conference members. The Canadian delegates spoke French, the guest hosts spoke Spanish, and we had a wonderful time all night. All of the dinners and lunches for the week were buffet style except for our Sunday night dinner. It was a sit down dinner, and all of the Conference members and guests were invited as well as past trustees and the appointed committee members. The meeting part of the night was five AA speakers. 2 delegates, a grapevine non-trustee director, a trustee, and a retired GSO staff member. It was absolutely one of the best meetings I had ever been to in my life. Two of the speakers spoke in Spanish and were translated and me and my table had an amazing time laughing and crying together. The next day was Monday and we started the day with more PI committee work. The committee work was scheduled from 9 AM until noon Monday and Tuesday with lunch from noon till 1:30. We knew our committee

was going to be very busy, so we agreed to meet an hour early every day and get our lunch and bring it back to the committee room and work through lunch as well.

Next thing on our agenda was our summary reports from the General Service board, the AAWS board, the AA Grapevine Board, and the world service meeting report. The first report was given by Jimmy D Southwest regional Trustee and interim board Chair. He reported in article 4 of the charter it states that the conference will replace the founders of AA who formally functioned as the guides and advisers to the General Service board and its related service corporations. All week long Jimmy was referring to the delegates as the guides and advisers. Article 10 of the charter states, the General Service board is the chief Service arm of the conference and is essentially custodial in its character. Except for decisions upon matters of policy, finance, or AA Tradition liable to seriously affect AA as a whole the General Service board has entire freedom of actions in the routine conduct of the policy and business affairs of the AA service corporations. In order for the General Service board to fulfill its responsibility and direct the execution of actions of the conference, the general service board receives all seventh tradition contributions from the fellowship. We will be talking more about this later in my report. The General Service board bylaws describe the board as an agency created and now designated by the fellowship of AA to maintain services for those seeking, through AA, the means for arresting the disease of alcoholism through the application of their own lives of the 12 steps which constitute the recovery program upon which the fellowship of AA is founded. Right! That is a mouthful. This is also our legally stated reason for existence, and the board is a legal entity. In the closing of his report, he said "it is with deep gratitude that as members of the General Service board, each trustee has been given a role in providing whatever is necessary to fulfill AA's primary purpose. In my conference experiences I have seen how we can discuss difficult subjects without being disagreeable. How we can listen as if we have no opinion. How each and every one of us who suffers from alcoholism certainly came to AA so we could get better, and then learned in short order that what AA needs is each of us to come to AA so AA gets better."

Next was our AAWS board report. AAWS is one of the two affiliate corporations alongside the AA grapevine charged with the maintenance of active world services for the fellowship of AA. It was reported that the services of AAWS, in a general way, fall into 4 functions. We have archives responsible for keeping and preserving records. Our finance function ensures that seventh tradition contributions from the fellowship to the General Service board are utilized with the utmost prudence. Publishing which works to support the creation, distribution and editing of our conference approved literature and works to create solutions so that we can keep our message in print. And our service function which includes an array of activities designed to serve groups, members, professionals, international structures, and the public. So I am going to talk briefly about the treasury and our finances. In 2022 7th tradition contributions were \$10,548,525 which was 96% of the re-forecasted budget and more than the original budget. Out of all the contributions made only 23% were received online. As our friend Caroline says we get more bang for our buck with online contributions. Gross literature

sales were \$11,999,441 which was 109% of the re-forecasted budget and the highest gross literature sale since 2019 and our little buddy COVID-19. However the gross margin which is how much cash we actually get was \$4,894,113 91% of the re-forecasted budget but it was \$1,400,323 less than 2021. Now I think this is a very important point when we are talking about this money. There have been other considerations due to the rising cost of goods, and services and especially for us a big increase in the price and availability of paper. So in 2021 gross publishing profits were \$6.2 million. In 2022 even though we sold more our gross profits were \$4.8 million. Having a prudent reserve of \$10 million might have been 10-11-12 months a few years ago where in 2023 it might be 7-8 months operating cost. Now as far as money goes at the fall assembly we will have a bigger presentation and slide show and go into more detail on our finances. In the meantime if you have any questions we can work together to get any answers you are looking for. I understand that money is a big deal in our fellowship and questions and problems about money can lead to disunity. You can ask Jason I might not be the best person in the world to talk to about money but I do know that we cannot afford division and disunity. So let's go from something I don't know anything about, money, into something I do know about and that is the AA Grapevine. The Grapevine is our other affiliate corporation. The Grapevine is now a multimedia publisher of Grapevine and La Viña content. In addition to the magazines we also produce books in English and Spanish and other specialty items. Our selections include ebooks and audiobooks in both languages. We have our aagrapevine.org website with an integrated bookstore. We have a YouTube channel with videos in English, French, and Spanish. We have two Instagram accounts for both Grapevine and La Viña. We also have produced a podcast that has had over 350,000 downloads since September 2021 and is currently in the top 5% of podcasts in the world. The grapevine has been working for the past two years to place Grapevine and La Viña content onto tablets inside of correctional facilities. We have two new books in the works for 2023. The spring release will be an updated version of homegroup the heartbeat of AA with new stories, including stories about virtual groups that formed during the pandemic. The fall release will be a Spanish translation of the book prayer and meditation. Grapevine and La Viña have not been able to avoid the industry trend of declining subscriptions of periodicals. We have gone from 107,000 subscriptions in 2007 to 63,000 in 2020 which was a decrease of 41%. A little better than the industry average but still not great. La Viña also has had a 41% decrease from 10,900 in 2007 to 6,400 in 2020. It was reported we know the tremendous value the print version of our magazines have on carrying our message and carrying out our primary purpose. We also realize that print production alone has become unsustainable. We had to make the move to digital platforms to offset the magazine's decline. With this in mind, the Grapevine Board initiated the process of developing a smart phone app for both the Grapevine and La Viña. This app development is coming at a considerable cost. To help defray the cost the Grapevine Board has moved their scheduled planning meetings in March, June, and December to virtual meetings which will save an estimated \$50,000. The General Service board approved a \$500,000 draw down of the reserve fund and we are adjusting the percentage of our subscription liability fund from 69% to 34% which will allow us to free up \$670,488. The budget for 2023 with the cost

associated with the app development gave the Grapevine a deficit of 1,102,074. With the offsets of the \$500,000 from the reserve fund and the \$670,488 from the subscription liability fund brings the offset to \$1,170,488 and now there is a budgeted surplus of \$68,414 for 2023. So what does the grapevine need from the fellowship? The grapevine needs help spreading the word! We need everyone's help getting information out about the AA Grapevine and La Viña back to your groups and districts. The next report we heard was given by the US trustee at large area 42's very own Marita R. This of course, was my favorite report that was given all week long but I am admittedly totally biased, but it still was the best report. Her report was on the 27th world service meeting. The world service meeting or WSM is a meeting that is held every two years rotating between New York and another international structure. In October 2021 the trustees international committee made the difficult decision that due to our economic challenges and Covid restrictions we could not fund the meeting. The WSM delegates voted to have the meeting on a virtual platform. The theme, ironically, was carrying the message of AA in the digital age. They attended workshops and committee meetings and heard highlights from first year delegates. One of their first orders of business was to seat a Mongolian delegate for the first time ever. She went on to tell a bunch of beautiful stories and if you want to hear these stories then you will have to attend our fall area assembly. The one thing I will steal from her was something she heard in the meeting. A delegate said, sometimes we spend too much time polishing the lifeboat and not enough time putting the boat to work at sea. This statement hit me very hard and I hope to always remember it. To me, it meant let's not forget why we are here. Let's not forget why General Service committees exist. We are here to keep one drink out of one drunk for one more day. As Linda C. says, we are here to save lives. General service committees exist to work. And the work is what made me fall in love with AA and general service. I love you Marita! Thank you so much for all of your service to AA and thank you so much for all the help you have given me personally.

The next day was Tuesday and we started again with PI committee work. We started an hour early and worked through lunch again and we were able to finish all of our committee work and get our report together to share with the full conference. Next on the agenda was our field trip to GSO. This was the first time I had been out of the hotel for more than five minutes. It was also the first time in my life that I ever got to ride the subway. The conference was in Brooklyn and the General Service Office is in Manhattan. So we were given a metro card to get on the subway and off we went. Thank God we had 3 GSO staff members with us to help us navigate the subway and actually make it to the office. So all delegates to the conference were able to take a tour of GSO on Tuesday from 1 PM to 5 PM. But my lucky committee assignment to the public information committee put me into a special group. We have the Grapevine podcast and we are also developing an AAWS podcast. So the public information committees tour of GSO was followed around and will be a featured episode on the AAWS podcast when it comes out. Riding the subway and walking up to 475 Riverside Dr. was an absolute spiritual experience for me. I was so excited to ride the elevator and actually see AA headquarters. As soon as you get off the elevator the first thing

you see is the serenity prayer translated into 27 different languages, including braille. You walk through the door and see pictures of all the different General Service Office's throughout history. You see a map that Bill had with pins in it showing groups of that time. We walked in and saw the conference room and legal department. Then we went into Bob, the General Service Office managers office. In his office and all through the building there are beautiful views of the city and the river. Bob has a picture of the 1965 international convention signed by a bunch of members that attended. He shared with us what it was like to be the manager of the general Service Office and I thought it was quite remarkable. We moved through the offices meeting the publisher and then the offices of a bunch of our services such as international conventions, Regional Forums, Corrections, CPC, public information and Treatment and Accessibilities. It was really amazing to get to meet these people and have them share with us what it is like to do this work every day. For example, in the Corrections office, we saw a picture of a group that meets on death row. The staff member shared a poem with us that was written by a member on the inside. This was a very powerful experience for me. Next we went to member services where our area registrars work to keep our groups listed. Next we went to the grapevine and I met Janet B. I have sent about 100 emails and talked to Janet B many times when I was the Grapevine chair. It was really cool to get to put names to faces at our General Service Office. We got to see them putting together the June issue of the grapevine which is going to be a special issue for the 70th anniversary of the book 12 steps and 12 traditions. This was definitely one of my favorite parts of the tour. Next we got to go to the archives which was absolutely amazing for me. To see all of the amazing history of our fellowship, and to think about all of the amazing people that have come before us and all the people this program has saved. And then to think that we, our area, area 42 is a small but very important part of this great whole, a part of this worldwide fellowship, it was unbelievable. The next thing we had was a delegate only meeting and dinner. At this meeting, we elected a new Delegate Chair. Every region puts all of the Panel 73 delegates into a hat and picks one. Then those names go into another hat to pick the Delegate Chair. The next Delegate Chair is a member of the PI committee Mary from Florida. At this dinner another beautiful thing happened. Every region was sitting together, and every region was asked to work together to come up with two words to describe the conference so far. We talked for a while then the delegate for area 17 Hawaii said Ho'O Pono Pono. He told us that Ho'O Pono Pono is a Hawaiian word that means to come together and to heal. That was the end of the discussion for us. We all loved the word and the answer and so did the rest of the delegates. When we were leaving the dinner I told Tommy that not one Pacific Region Delegate will be giving a delegates report without having the word, Ho'O Pono Pono in it. So, after our first two sessions of Robert's rules of order classes. Now, what I didn't tell you was right at the beginning of the conference there was a motion to not do the area highlights and instead discuss 3 other topics. We discussed it for one full session, we re committed it back to the agenda committee, they brought it back as a committee recommendation, we voted on it and ultimately it failed. So after spending 2 full sessions discussing whether or not we would get rid of the area highlights and have a different discussion, and that failing, now on Tuesday night, we had to give the area highlights from every region. It all went

very smoothly and we were able to hear the area highlights from all the panel 73 delegates.

So Wednesday all of the committee work was done, and it was time for the conference to come together and get used to our voting clickers for the first time. The committee reports are given in random order that is chosen by the chair at each conference. All of the information I will be giving out and all of the results for every item that was voted on will be available on our website after June 3. Again if you have any questions before that please let me know. The first committee to give their report was the cooperation with the professional community or (CPC) committee. So how it works is the committee chair will read their full report then we go back and vote on any of the committee recommendations. So after hearing the full CPC committee report, the committee only had one recommendation for us to vote on. The committee recommended that the pamphlet AA in your community be approved with minor editorial changes. The vote was 128 yes, 3 no, there was no minority opinion, and WE voted yes. So my first vote was done and this was absolutely one of the most exciting, amazing things for me of the whole conference. After I voted, I wrote down on the paper WE vote yes. Area 42 votes yes. I started to tear up again. I could not believe how grateful and honored I was to be put in this position for our area. For the whole conference, I felt in my heart, we vote yes or we vote no and it was a beautiful experience for me. For our area, the only item we discussed for the CPC committee was item D. Consider retiring, the pamphlet A members eye view of AA. So like we talked about at our area assembly, we never know what items will come out of the committee. We never know exactly what we will be voting on. So the committee considered the request to retire the pamphlet, and took no action. This means we did not vote on the item, and that the pamphlet is not being retired. The committee believes it is a useful tool for carrying the message, however, they expressed support for removing the pamphlet from the designated CPC pamphlets. In our area we took a sense of everyone attending the assembly and it was about 55% to not retire it 45% to retire yet. So definitely not substantial unanimity and much closer to being split right down the middle. So that's where we are at for now. The next committee was Grapevine. The Grapevine committee also only had one recommendation. As a result of the equitable distribution of workload or (EDW) the Grapevine committee had Grapevine item D. Consider a request to provide all area alternate delegates the same conference materials as sitting delegates. We did not discuss this item as an area and I saw it, and didn't give much thought to it. Our alternate delegate and every member of Area 42 has access to all of the conference materials. Mostly this means all of the background information for all of the agenda items. Most of the other stuff on the delegate dashboard is things like hotel information and how many final reports to order for the area. Nothing that anyone would ever need or want to see. The committee recommended that the alternate delegates have the access. I saw absolutely no problem with that. The vote came and we voted yes. The motion passed 97 yes 33 no. Then the chair asked for any minority opinion. Some delegates got up shared about tough relationships with their alternate delegates. A delegate shared that they think this could take away areas' rights to be autonomous. Then someone said they believe this could lead to two headed leadership. If you have a problem with the delegate, then

only talk to and deal with the alternate delegate. After hearing the minority opinions, a delegate wanted to change their vote. So they made a motion to reconsider the first vote. The motion was seconded and voted on. The motion to reconsider passed so we voted again. The second vote was 80 yes and 49 no. It would have taken 86 yes votes to make 2/3 so the motion failed this time. After a motion to reconsider happens, there is no minority opinion heard, and the motion is dead. So how did we vote the second time? We changed our vote to no. The delegate that talked about two headed leadership made me reconsider the vote. Last thing about this just to be clear, our alternate Delegate has access to everything on the Delegate dashboard. When I was the alternate Delegate I had access to everything. In Area 42, everyone has access to everything. In our area we talked about Grapevine item B about the Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts. We had a good discussion, and in the public information committee there is a question about making a AAWS Instagram account. So the discussion we had was very helpful for that as well. The next committee report was Treatment and Accessibilities. This committee also had 2 committee considerations. The first one was item A. The committee recommended that a revised pamphlet AA for the older Alcoholic never too late, be approved with minor edits and in a format that does not require folding. The vote was 120 yes, and 9 no. We voted yes. Next was item B the committee recommended that 22 interviews recorded to date as part of the military audio project be approved and to give GSO the latitude to distribute the interviews in various formats and platforms and that an updated report be provided to the 2024 conference committee. This vote was 118 yes 0 no. In our area we discussed item F. Carrying the message to Alcoholics with intellectual or information processing challenges, communication challenges, and diverse neurological abilities. There was a lot of discussion on this topic in the committee. They suggested that the trustees committee review accessibility related service material and consider updating it with new shared experience on the topic. That the AA Grapevine consider publishing an issue dedicated to these issues as well as those who sponsor them. And requested the trustees literature committee consider revising the pamphlet questions and answers on sponsorship to add language on working with Alcoholics with these issues. The next committee to report out was report and charter. The committee had 3 recommendations to vote on. The first was the committee recommended that the AA service manual not be printed in 2023, and that a new edition be published every two years beginning in 2024. The vote was 125 yes 5 no. We voted yes. Next the committee recommended that a full rewrite be conducted of chapters 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 to correct inaccuracies, and to better clarify the roles, responsibilities, and relationships between the General Service office, AA Grapevine, and AAWS inc. in the service manual and that the trustees literature committee forward these draft sections or a progress report to the 2024 conference committee. The vote was 118 yes 10 no and we voted yes. The last one was agenda Item B, the committee recommended that an anonymity protected conference final report be posted annually on aa.org beginning with the 2023 conference. The vote was 114 yes and 16 no and again we voted yes. As an area we discussed agenda item A2. Consider a request to rescind the 2018 advisory action concerning a footnote in the resolution concerning "register" and "groups". On this item, the committee took no action stating that the footnote

sufficiently clarifies the current terminologies for groups that list with the US/Canada service structure. However, the committee did suggest adding the following text from footnote 4 in the resolution “AAWS, neither monitors, nor oversees the activities or practices of any AA group. Groups are listed solely for purposes of accurate communications“. And that GSO provides clear and consistent language disclaimers on GSO digital platforms and informational materials to clarify that the purpose of listing groups at GSO is distinct from listing meetings on the meeting guide app. The next committee was Finance. Finance had 3 recommendations to vote on. The first was item A, the committee recommended that materials produced and maintained by AAWS the Grapevine and La Viña and GSO clarify that the General Service board is the entity which receives all voluntary AA contributions. The vote was 121 yes 3 no and we voted yes. This was a very informative topic for our area. In the past our area produced a document with all of the contribution addresses on it. On that document we wrote “make checks payable to GSO.” So I was assured that the checks were still able to be processed, but contributions in AA are made to the General Service board or GSB and the General Service Office or GSO performs the contribution processing. So please let your treasurers know this and if you have one of these old documents please get rid of it or fix it. The next one was item B the committee recommended that the suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the conference be increased from \$1800 to \$2200. The vote was 126 yes 4 no and we voted yes. For as long as I have been in service I believe our area has always given more than the suggested contribution so once again I do not think this will affect our area personally. The last recommendation was not an item on our agenda for the finance committee. The committee recommended that the trustees finance and budgetary committee develop additional ways to report quarterly, the fiscal performance of the AAWS, GSB, and GV boards throughout the year to the members of the General Service conference for the purposes of transparency and assisting in reporting to the fellowship. The vote was 126 yes and 4 no and we voted yes. I think this sounds like a great idea because money can lead to disunity and we cannot afford this in our fellowship. In our area we talked about finance item F. Again this item is on the finance committee agenda due to the EDW, and the item was, discuss new proposed agenda items regarding the book 12 steps and 12 traditions. We had a great discussion on this item at our assembly and on it goes. We are looking for feedback from the fellowship. What does your group want to do and see when it comes to the founder's words? So once again, ask them. We will continue to discuss this item. The next committee was Policy and Admissions. Policy and Admissions had 2 recommendations. The first one turned into another class on Robert’s rules and procedures. The item was policy and admissions item C. The committee recommended that the process for polling the General Service conference between meetings using virtual technology be approved. There is a lot of wording in this item, but it discussed video conferencing, meeting times and dates, quorum's, abstentions, and notifications. There were two amendments put forward that both failed. Then there was a motion to recommit the item back to the committee, and that failed as well. More discussion and then a vote to call the question. That vote passed so we voted on the original proposal. The vote was 92 yes 36 no so it passed and we voted yes. Once again, all of the information I have will be on our website after June 3

and if there is anything specifically you want to know about any item, please feel free to contact me. Next the committee recommended that to foster unity, trust, and transparency in the fellowship, the members of the General Service conference meet outside of the annual meeting for general sharing sessions at least two times per year utilizing virtual meeting technology. The General Service board chair and Delegate Chair will set the date and time as well as determine what issues currently face the fellowship to be chosen as topics. Once again, there were two motions for amendments. Both of the motions failed. We voted on the original motion 118 yes 12 no we voted yes. The conference used virtual technology to meet three times already this year and I think it is a very good thing for our fellowship and our conference. In our area we talked about Policy and Admissions item E, which was, review report of the GSB ad hoc committee on participation of online groups in the US/Canada service structure. The committee expressed appreciation for the report. The committee thinks an important next step is for delegates to find out more about the online groups in their areas. They requested that the ad hoc committee provide sample questions that could be used for this inquiry. The next committee report was corrections. Corrections had 2 recommendations. The first was in their committee, compositions, scope, and procedure or CSP they changed the word correspondence to communication in item 5. The vote was 130 yes 1 no we voted yes. The next item was Corrections item A which is one of the two corrections items we talked about in our area. The committee recommended adding to the pamphlet AA and correctional facilities the sentence, "like all AA members, persons in custody can benefit from sponsorship. For more information, please refer to the corrections kit and workbook or contact your local committee." The other Corrections item we talked about in our area was Corrections items C, discuss service piece "Safety and AA our common welfare" and its revisions. The committee concluded that the service piece is a necessary and useful tool. The committee suggested revisions for the next printing. So of course the question was asked what kind of revisions. The revisions they talked about were respecting rules of facilities, keeping out politics and religion, and trolls. Which all sounded good to me. The next committee report was trustees. So as I reported at our assembly and hopefully you saw in the emails January 29, 2023, the General Service board chair was asked to resign at the request of the board. Like I said at the assembly, this was an unprecedented action taken by the board and it led to some hurt feelings and disunity in our fellowship. So as I told you all of the committees read their full report, then we go back and vote on the recommendations. So before I read the recommendations, I am going to read you part of the report about this situation. The committee thoroughly discussed the General Service board's actions at the January 29, 2023 board planning and sharing session that led to the resignation of the board chair. The committee agreed that the board's failure to fully utilize the spiritual principles of Alcoholics Anonymous to address leadership problems were deeply concerning. The committee also agreed that failure to expedite communication to the fellowship of alcoholics anonymous about the board chair resignation, and lack of transparency regarding the boards decision resulted in widespread mistrust and disunity. After lengthy and prayerful discussion the committee took a vote to censure the general service board failing to achieve substantial unanimity. The committee met individually with each

current general service board trustee to hear their vision for the future of Alcoholics Anonymous, assessment of the current state of the board, and what actions can be taken to improve communication. The committee agreed the board must improve communication with the fellowship, including listening to the fellowship. The committee suggested that the board utilize an externally facilitated process to make organizational improvements. The committee requested that the general service board find time and space to continue to develop spiritual practices in harmony with the AA principles of reflection, accountability, and healing. The committee encourages the board to continue their work on reviewing and clarifying the board's code of conduct, whistleblower policies, and confidentiality policies to provide a clear path to remedy any possible problems within the general service board. OK now at this time of the conference, we already know there is a floor action coming to censure the board as well. So we come to the first recommendation of the trustees committee. The committee recommended the slate of trustees of the general service board be elected. The slate is just all of the names of the trustees. So the slate for the general service board is supposed to be 7 non-alcoholic class A Trustees and 14 class B or boozier Trustees. The slate put forward is 6 class A trustees, leaving the board chair open until a new chair can be found and making Mike L the interim board chair. So the discussion starts. Then the discussion goes on for two hours. Delegates are sharing how the decisions on January 29 affected them and their area. Then the question is asked what happens if we vote to not approve this slate. We were informed if we vote and we do not approve the slate, then instead of voting for the slate, we would then go through each name and vote yes or no for each name on the slate. So 2 hours later, it is time for dinner. The chair asks everyone to remember their place in line because it's time to go eat. We go eat dinner, come back, and the discussion goes on for another hour and 45 minutes until every single person has had a chance to say what they want to say and there is no one left at the microphones. The discussion is all over the place and from the board did absolutely nothing wrong to how many board members do we have to keep to be legal in the state of New York. Now it is time to vote. The vote is 107 yes to approve the slate 25 no. The next vote was the slate for the AAWS board. The vote was 107 yes 23 no and the vote took about five minutes. Next was the slate for the AA Grapevine Board. The vote was 114 yes 19 no and again the whole thing took about five minutes. The next committee to report out is literature but if you think we are done with trustees and slates and board actions, we are not. So the literature committee brought forward 3 recommendations. The first was, the committee recommended that the revised draft of the existing version of the pamphlet, the 12 traditions illustrated be approved. The vote was 122 yes 6 no and we voted yes. The next item the committee brought forward was literature item O which was one of the items we talked about in our area. The committee recommended that the print version of the pamphlet "too young" be retired, and that the content be repurposed as an animation video at an estimated cost no higher than \$70,000. The committee requested that a progress report or a rough cut of the video be brought back to the 2024 conference committee. There was a lot of discussion on this. There was talk of AA needing a working group of young people. Questions if the pamphlet would still be available as a PDF on our website. There was an amendment to change no higher than \$70,000 to approximate

cost of \$70,000 that was voted on and failed. In the end we voted on the original recommendation and it passed 104 yes 26 no, and we voted yes. The last recommendation was that the work on the draft pamphlet based on AA's three legacies be ceased. The committee noted that the material gathered would be more useful as service material rather than a pamphlet. The vote was 109 yes 14 no and we voted yes. In our area we talked about literature item F, review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet AA for the Native North American. The first person I met at the conference I did not already know was an appointed committee member on the Trustees literature committee working on this pamphlet. The conference committee reviewed a progress report regarding the update. The committee discussed efforts to distribute a call for stories to the widest possible Native North American population in the US and Canada. The committee noted with appreciation the efforts made by the trustees literature committee to ensure that the members of the working group that participated on the pamphlet represented the community reflected in the pamphlet. The committee requested that a draft pamphlet or progress report be brought back to the 2024 conference committee. The next committee was Agenda. This committee was very fun for me. So the first committee recommendation was to approve a theme for the 2024 General Service conference. The vote was 128 yes and 1 no, so if you are like me, you start looking around now trying to figure out who the one person is that votes no every time. But seriously it was approved and for the 74th General Service conference in 2024 the theme will be connecting with love, unity, and service. Next was presentation topics. The vote was 126 yes, 3 no. The presentation topics will be responsibility in service, safety throughout the structure, 1728 sponsorship, and overcoming barriers to participation. This is 100% the one I am most interested in. Participation in the service structure or non-participation is one of the most important topics in AA in my opinion. Next was Workshop topics the vote was 125 yes 2 no. The workshop topic will be connecting home groups to the conference throughout the year to better inform the groups conscience. I love the theme, I love the presentation and workshop topics and I hope our area will embrace them and run with them. The last item in the agenda committee was, the committee recommended that the General Service conference conduct a thorough inventory of itself during the 2025 conference. The vote was 99 yes 32 no so the motion passed and we voted yes. The next committee to report out is the best committee of course because it is my committee. Public information. The PI committee had a huge agenda and I want to say thank you to our committee chair and our committee secretary, and all of the members of the committee. It was a great experience, working in the committee system of the conference. Out of all the items on the PI Agenda we only put forward 2 recommendations to vote on. The first was, the committee recommended that the AA membership pamphlet be updated to reflect the findings of the 2022 AA membership survey with small editorial changes. The vote was 120 yes and 9 no. I want to thank all of the groups in Area 42 that participated in the 2022 membership survey. There will also be a dynamic webpage to go along with the survey pamphlet. The webpage will have a bunch of cool features and you will be able to print anything you would like. Next was, the committee recommended that the AAWS board prepare sufficient periodic analytics reporting on our current communication platforms. So this is to

replace a 2004 advisory action which is outdated and no longer serves as the basis of our communication channel reporting. Basically the 2004 advisory action said we had to provide analytics on just the website. Now there is much more to be reported and we are trying to figure it all out. In our area we also talked about item A, the comprehensive media plan. This is what smart people call a living document and will be updated every year. It is very important to the PI committee. I have a four hour long workshop called demystifying the comprehensive media plan, which was very helpful for me and if anybody would like to listen to it please let me know. We also talked about item L, discuss feasibility of paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms. The committee noted that paid placement is an important new addition for our PSA's. The committee requested that the trustees committee consider several vendors and develop a plan detailing target audiences, analytics, and cost. Also that a report be brought back to the 2024 conference committee. The next item we talked about in our area was item N, review progress report on the request to create a new form of communication to address anonymity on social media. The committee requested that the trustees committee develop a survey to administer to all age demographics, particularly young people with the goal of obtaining results that will inform decisions on any future new form of communication. The last item we discussed for public information was item M3 progress report on revision to the flyer "a message to teenagers". So I thought that when I got to the conference, I was going to get a bunch of new information and new materials. I thought as a committee we were going to see all of these pamphlets and videos and new information and I was wrong. So I am very sad to report to this body that there is no new update to the flyer a message to teenagers. But there still is a flyer a message to teenagers and a lot of other literature targeted for young people. Our committee appreciated all of the digital work that is going on right now and we believe it is very important. But we also believe flyers and pamphlets like a message to teenagers that you can take to a school or a workshop or a facility are also very important. We also noted that we would like the message to teenagers flyer to have a QR code that would link to our social media channels or our YouTube channel. So the work continues. The next committee report was the archives committee. The archives committee had no recommendations to vote on, but they noted in their report the sharing on digital archives section in the archives workbook has some outdated information, and should be refreshed with new stories from local archivists. And our last committee report was international conventions and Regional Forums. This committee had 2 recommendations. The first one sucked. The committee recommended that Phoenix, Indianapolis and New Orleans be considered as possible sites for the 2035 international convention and not Las Vegas. So as Lyle reported at our spring assembly, our past delegate, Julie C. submitted everything for Las Vegas to be considered. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority was contacted by GSO and they said that they could not guarantee the stadium for us that far out, and that was the end of our bid. Anyway, the vote was 130 yes and our friend with the 1 no of course. So the 100 year anniversary of AA will be in one of those 3 cities. Next was that up to 21 non-AA speakers be invited to attend the 2025 international convention at AA's expense. The vote was 127 yes 4 no and we voted yes. That was the end of the

committee work but the work was not over because we had 10 floor actions that were proposed during the week.

The first floor action was starting in 2024 voting for trustee elections may utilize paper or electronic ballots. So the problem was the voting machine only has 10 options. Some regions, like ours, have more than 10 candidates. So you cannot use the voting machines, but this motion is trying to give the option of paper or electronic voting when possible. So, as soon as the floor motion was made there was more learning and more process for me. As soon as the motion was read, somebody went straight to the microphone and made a motion to decline to hear. So this means if there is a motion to decline to hear and it is seconded, then we have a vote to decline to hear the motion at all. So the motion to decline to hear is made and seconded. We take a vote and the vote is 98 yes 32 no so the motion to decline to hear passes, and this means the motion is dead with no minority opinion. We voted no, so we voted to hear the floor action and we lost. The second floor action was, the 2016 conference advisory action stating General Service conference delegates be provided a copy of the final approved annual General Service Office and AA Grapevine budgets with the pre-conference material for all future conferences to be reconfirmed. The second the floor motion is done being read in comes the motion to decline to hear and it is seconded. We voted and the vote is 91 yes 39 no once again, we voted no and we lost, the motion was dead. The third floor action was, that the 73rd General Service conference censure the General Service board due to poor communication to the fellowship regarding the resignation of the former chair of the General Service board, and for the process that was followed regarding the acceptance of her resignation. Motion to decline, second, the vote is 76 yes 55 no, we vote no this time the motion to decline to hear fails so we will hear the floor action. The discussion starts out very similar to the conversation we had during the approval of the slate. Then an amendment is proposed to change the word censure to reprimand in private. We voted on the amendment 28 yes 102 no, we voted no, the motion fails and we continue with the original motion to censure. One of the things that came up in the slate discussion where the trustees committee considered censure, it was said they discussed the definition of censure as meaning a vote of no confidence in the board. The maker of this floor action asked the committee if they had considered any other definition of censure, because he believed censure does not mean a vote of no confidence. So for this one I am going to read to you the exact floor action we heard, that the 73rd General Service conference censure the General Service board due to poor communication to the Fellowship regarding the resignation of the former chair of the General Service board and for the process that was followed regarding the acceptance of her resignation. From the dictionary, a motion to censure is a motion expressing a strong opinion of disapproval that could be debated by the assembly and adopted by a majority vote. It is a reprimand aimed at reformation of the person and prevention of further offending acts. It serves only as a condemnation and has no direct effect on the validity of the work done. From Robert's rules of order chapter 15, members can be censured for misconduct at meetings, violating confidentiality, moral misconduct outside the meeting, absenteeism, bribery, fraud, lying, disloyalty, working against the organization, conspiracy, or violating other

values that an organization holds dear. So this is one of the hardest reports I have ever had to write in Alcoholics Anonymous. A lot of people have a lot of different views and opinions on this and I felt no matter what the vote was, or no matter what happened at the General Service conference someone was going to be upset. I first heard about the board Chair's resignation by a member in our area. He called me and said what is going on with the board? So I said what? He said he heard the board fired the chair because there was \$2 million missing from the general fund and she found out about it, when she confronted the treasurer they fired her. So I said are you high? That's ridiculous. It is impossible that any of those things are true. We operate in the state of New York and money cannot just disappear. Then I found out that the board chair was in fact asked to resign. I happened to be going to a lunch with our US trustee at large the same week. I asked her what the hell is going on with the General Service board? And she said Jake I suggest you stand firmly in the middle until you have more information. Next was PRAASA. The delegates had two 2 hour round tables and a one hour lunch and this is the only thing we talked about the whole weekend. Here I need to make an amends to anyone I talked to about this situation personally. At the January 29 board weekend when this all happened I thought that the Delegate Chair's were in the room. They were not in the room. So at PRAASA the only person that was actually in the room that day said there was a lot of confusion. She said that the General Service board resembled a seventh grade school yard. Soon after PRAASA the delegates requested to have a meeting with the board at the conference. Instead of that happening a virtual meeting was scheduled with the General Service board and all of the delegates. The first virtual meeting with the board was cut short because the French interpreter fell ill. So we scheduled another virtual meeting. In the end I attended three virtual meetings with the General Service board and one virtual meeting with the former board chair about this situation before the General Service conference. During these 4 meetings, I did receive a lot more information. So back to our floor action and the vote to censure the General Service board. The discussion went on for one hour and 15 minutes. Then the vote happened and it was 25 yes to censure the board 104 no, and we voted yes that we should censure the General Service board and we lost. I did vote yes to approve the general service board slate however I believed that this floor motion was very well written and I believed that we should censure the general service board. I believe that the motion to censure was saying we believe that the process used in accepting the board chair's resignation was not in keeping with AA principles, and I believed that that was true. In AA General Service, one of the most important principles that I live by is how we do something is always, always going to be more important than what we actually do. At the meeting with the former board chair she said that she was doing well. She said she was not coming back and that she did not want to come back. She said she wanted AA to get back to doing what it does best, saving lives! During the trustees report and approval of the General Service board slate the conference talked for 3 hours and 45 minutes about this situation. During this floor action to censure the board we talked for another hour and 15 minutes. There was a motion to call the question that the chair denied and he let every single person say everything they wanted to say and waited till there was not one more person at the microphones before we voted. I thought a censure of the board

was in order. Mostly because of the process that was followed in accepting the board chair's resignation on January 29. From the information I received on the agenda that night the conversation was supposed to be about board oversight. Then the conversation turned to problems people were having with the board chair. From what I understand a few trustees knew this was going to happen, but only a few trustees knew that this conversation was going to happen while most others did not. I think this probably put those trustees in an uncomfortable position. When the conversation about the board chair did start, apparently she had made the comment more than once, if you don't like me, if you don't want me here I will quit. As the conversation went on, she said her heart was beating fast and she needed to get out of the room. It was also reported she was asked to leave the room by another trustee while the board continued their discussion about her. She left and went to her room. The board went to dinner and came back to discuss the board chair. The decision was made to accept her resignation based on her saying, if you don't like me, I will quit. A resignation letter was typed up and brought to her room, and she said I am not signing this. The trustee who brought the letter to her says he thought that meant she was coming back down to continue the discussion. Instead she took the paper from him, and added the words "at the request of the board" she is resigning. She says that she thought the board had voted to remove her when actually they had not. Because of this situation, another board member, Josh E. resigned his position. He says because of what he experienced January 29 and the board's lack of willingness to pause, reflect, and inventory before continuing to act that he was no longer able to serve the board. He said he was unable to resolve within his heart, the lack of notification, process or due diligence, and the lack of willingness to apply a slower more deliberate process to deeply impactful decisions. Based on what I told you I felt censure was in order. I also feel that at the 73rd General Service conference, during the five hours we spent discussing this, we needed every second of that discussion. I absolutely feel that the group conscience was heard on this issue, and even though I voted the other way, I fully accept the group conscience of the conference. Some delegates talked about people trying to sway their vote. I want to report I never had anything remotely like that happen to me. Some delegates said past delegates and trustees should not be commenting on this situation. I 100% disagree with that. I think past delegates and trustees are people who actually understand how all of this works and I think any member should always be free to comment on anything in AA they choose to and that nobody should be afraid of that. I pray now that we can do what Linda said, and that is get back to doing what we do best saving lives. I also pray that we all learned a big lesson through this process and we always remember that what we do is never going to be as important as how we do it, and how we treat each other while we do it. The next floor action was in regards to the board's confidentiality policy. Over the process of the resignation of the board chair there was a lot of talk about the board's code of conduct and code of confidentiality policies. We were informed the board already has a committee looking at these documents. There was a motion to decline to hear and it passed 94 yes 38 no we voted no and lost and the motion to decline to hear did pass. The next floor action was asking the General Service board to do an inventory. I thought this was a wonderful idea. There of course was the motion to decline to hear. The motion was voted on and

the vote was 79 yes 52 no we voted no and the motion to decline failed, so we will hear the floor action, but the majority of the conference voted not to hear it. Mind you at this time it is getting very late at night and I'm sure that some people are thinking about getting done for the night. There was a lot of discussion on this floor action with 2 board members getting up and speaking against the motion. The vote came down and it was 74 yes 51 no we voted yes, so now a majority of the conference says the board should do an inventory, but not 2/3 so the motion fails. Now we hear the minority opinions. A delegate from the pacific region shared with tears in his eyes worried about going back to his area and telling them after all we have been through we cannot get the board to do an inventory. I shared in the minority opinion also, but then a board member that was on the stage at the time came down off the stage to the floor and made a beautiful plea for the board to do an inventory. Another board member did the same. There was a motion to reconsider the vote that passed. We voted again and this time the motion passed 118 yes 14 no, we of course voted yes and I was very happy to see this pass after being reconsidered. The next floor action was to create an ad hoc committee on communication. The maker of the floor action found out this process has already begun. So she yielded her time for us to hear about that, and then the motion to decline to hear past 110 yes 19 no. The ninth floor action of the night was about the process of how we elect the Delegate Chair. Basically the same thing happened with the floor action being withdrawn by the motion maker. It was decided we still needed to do the motion to decline to hear and it passed 119 yes 10 no. The next floor action was made by a GSO staff member. It was recommended that the delegates and all conference members be asked to sign a code of conduct which guides how we work together. When I first heard this motion I thought it was ridiculous. I thought we have a code of conduct and it is called love and tolerance. I thought that love and tolerance should be our code of conduct from the top of the triangle to the bottom of the service structure. When I showed up at the conference I was thinking we needed to get rid of the board's code of conduct, not make more. So there was a motion to decline to hear and it was 84 yes 48 no so the motion to decline to hear failed and we are going to discuss it. As we discussed it, my opinion changed a little. We learned we are going to have at least two meetings online with the board. I thought having guidelines of communication, transparency, mutual respect, and especially guidelines on social media might be a good thing and could not hurt. But at the same time I thought love and tolerance also covered those things. In the end, I thought our 36 principles of AA are our code of conduct. We voted and the vote was 28 yes 102 no we voted no, and the motion failed. The next floor action was, the general service board develop supplemental reporting focused on the actual cost of various services we provide. The motion to decline to hear comes 102 yes 29 no we voted no, the motion to decline to hear passes and the motion is dead. The last floor action for the 73rd General Service conference was that the options for closing the big meetings at the international conventions be the serenity prayer or the responsibility statement. Motion to decline to hear 80 yes 50 no so the motion to decline to hear fails. I voted against this because this item was dealt with in the International conventions and Regional Forums committee. They reported they discussed an updated report on the method of closing the big meetings at the International convention which summarized the survey data,

indicating that there was not an overwhelming desire by the fellowship to change the current practice. The committee believed that we should keep with the current practice of closing the big meetings where the chair has the choice of closing the meeting with either the lords prayer, the serenity prayer, or the responsibility statement. After more discussion, there was a motion to recommit this motion back to the International conventions and Regional Forums committee. The vote was 88 yes 40 no so the motion passed and this will be talked about again at the 2024 General Service conference in the international conventions and regional Forums committee again.

Paul thanked Jake for his report and if there was any questions for Jake

Erica asked about safety service piece Jake clarified the present piece would still be continued to be used with three recommendations be added to the present service piece respecting rules of facilities, discourage discussion of religion and politics, and be mindful of trolls at meetings

Andrea when electronic voting had begun at conference answer was 2018

No new business was brought up or submitted

Paul asked for a volunteer district to host the next NAGSC meeting August 5, 2023 there was none Paul stated he send out a email out requesting a volunteer host for the meeting giving time for districts to discuss with themselves.

Meeting closed with the "Responsibility Statement" at about 3:50