

Northern Area General Service Conference (Northern Area General Service Conference) Business Meeting

Date: June 5th, 2021

Location: Zoom

Agenda:

12:00pm District Committee Members & Committee Chairs

1pm-4pm General meeting

Lyle opened the meeting at 1pm with the Serenity Prayer

Responsibility Reading on World Services: Read by Pat S.

Approval of March minutes and notice of recording.

Dan Moved. Pat seconded. No opposition.

Northern Area General Service Conference Treasurer (Anne Y.):

We have \$24,246.17 in the bank as of May 31, 2021. \$1554.28 in Certificate of Deposit, which rolls over in June. I did receive some checks this week. I will be depositing them by Saturday. I also will be sending a check to the Area in the amount of \$150 for taxes. I also will be cutting a check in the amount of \$479 for the treasurer's computer.

From Chat: The bank balance is \$24,246.17. The Certificate of Deposit is at \$1,554.28. The PO Box is Anne Y., 3250 Retail Dr., Ste. 120, PMB 30, Carson City, NV 89706. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Hybrid Committee Announcement

Scheduling a Zoom Meeting on the Area 42 Account

If you are a District Committee Member, Committee Chair or hold an Area Service Position you can use the Area 42 Zoom account to schedule a Zoom meeting for your service commitments.

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1. Title for your meeting
2. Date of your meeting
3. Time of your meeting
4. Is it a recurring meeting?
5. The password you would like to use

You will receive the following information to the email that requested the meeting.

- ❓ The link for your meeting
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NOTE: A Host Key is used for the specific meeting requested and can be used for that meeting (including recurring meetings at the same time). If a meeting is required at another date and time you must send another email as a request to have that meeting set up for that time and date.

Limited Officer Reports

Delegate (Julie C.): 4 committee recommendations wrong in ppt.

My name is Julie and I have the honor and privilege to serve as your delegate for Panel 71.

It is my hope that I will give you a brief overview of my experience at the 71st General Service Conference. My intention is to share what I saw, heard and felt. I will cover the items that Area 42 presented at the Southern and Northern roundtables and all the items we discussed at the Preconference Assembly. Please see the Area 42 Delegate's Report Back PowerPoint presentation. For those of you who would like the specifics of what happened with each agenda item from the Conference, please go to the Delegate's Corner on our Area 42 Webpage on our password protected section. Additionally, the Trustee, Conference and Staff reports are available to each of our Area Conference Committees (ACC). If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact either me or Jake S, Alternate Delegate.

In summary, the Conference was bold. We took action, but we did so thoughtfully, carefully and respectfully. Most committees moved forward on agenda items that have been discussed for the last few years. Big ticket items were: 4th edition of *Alcohólicos Anónimos*; 5th edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*; translation of 4th edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* into plain language; online groups will be able to list with GSO; we have a

new completely revamped service manual; all three Cooperation with the Professional Community items passed and many, many more. Please see the 71st GSC Quick Reference for all the recommendations that the Conference voted on.

Finally, I would like to say what an incredible honor it is to serve Area 42 and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. I watched as some items were passed unanimously, some items were passed after a moving minority opinion was given and that we trusted the committee process. I felt the devastation from those when the vote didn't go their way. Most items that the Conference Committees recommended passed with substantial unanimity by the entire Conference. What I experienced was that everyone at the Conference was there because of their love for Alcoholics Anonymous. And we all had A.A.'s best interest at heart. I felt love and hope for our future. I heard the Serenity Prayer in French, Spanish and English. I saw our own Marita get elected as our next U.S. Trustee-at-Large (TAL). I felt the love and respect for each other. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this absolute privilege.

Questions:

Pat B.: Pamphlet for Mental Health Professional – Did anyone on the committee ask these professionals how they would like to receive this information?

Julie: Yes, and they want it digitally.

Joyce Y: I am excited about new service manual. What will the cost be?

Julie: I don't know.

Phil W.: I am very happy that we are getting a plain language 4th Edition.

Don D.: Did they come to a resolution between the two preamble changes?

Julie: "Men and women" changed to "people," and this will come out in the July Grapevine.

How do you feel about the changes in general? All thumbs up.

Ray C.: I am heartbroken at the direction of the language changes.

Joel B.: Will there be a copy of the conference outcomes?

Julie: I will provide some information in the chat, something will come out at some point, and will hopefully be able to bring it to Tonopah in the Fall. Look at the Delegate's corner on the webpage.

Sophie: What is a floor action and how does it come to be?

Julie: Like the action about the preamble, the committee decided to not move that forward out of committee. A delegate who was not in the committee then puts together a floor action to bring it to the Conference floor anyway. Essentially, the action bypasses the committee.

Joel B.: Do they bring non-alcoholic professionals into the committee meetings?

Julie: We have Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustees. We can call them in. We can call in staff, including digital staff.

Mike P.: Regarding the plain language version of the Big Book – will it be shorter?

Julie: It might be. The plain language 12 Traditions illustrated is shorter.

Ray C.: Regarding the 5th Edition of the Big Book: Are they looking for new story submissions?

Julie: Not yet. That's the only thing that will change.

Ray C.: I have some concerns about Veterans and would like to submit a story.

Joyce Y.: The 12 Traditions are 12 pages, but full pages. Would the pamphlet be half pages?

Julie: Yes, half pages.

Tony A.: Heartbroken about changes. Regarding the 4th Edition of the Spanish Big Book – Will they be looking for stories?

Julie: I will reach out about the 4th Edition of the Spanish and the 5th Edition of the English Big Books.

Registrar (Paul E.):

My main focus right now is setting up the pre-registration for the Area 42 Fall assembly. In the next couple of weeks, you will be receiving an email from our Area 42 secretary if you are an Area 42 officer, Northern Area General Service Conference or Southern Area General Service Conference officer or standing committee chair, or a District Committee Member. If you are a General Service Representative you should get this information forwarded to you from your District Committee Member. If you have not received this information by the end of June, please contact your District Committee Member or me at registrar@nevadaarea42.org. The link to the pre-registration will not be on the Area 42 web site per the guidelines. This is a good part for the reason for the proposal that will have a 2nd reading at the Area 42 Fall assembly. Everyone will need to register, regardless if you plan to attend in-person or virtually (on-line), you may register in-person at the Tonopah Convention Center when you arrive. But I am urging you to pre-register as this will be so helpful to the planning for our Area 42 Chair (Lisa), the Alternate Registrar (Jonelle), and me. So that we can have everything run as smooth as possible. This will also be the Area's first attempt at having the Area 42 assembly "hybrid" (virtual and in-person). So if you plan to attend virtually, you will need to pre-register. Pre-registration will close on August 23rd. If you haven't pre-registered by then, you will have to show up in-person and will be able to register and attend in-person. Once pre-registration closes and the Alternate Registrar and I review the list of pre-registrants, we will send out an individual email to each who has pre-registered to attend virtually with the "Zoom" login and password. As I

mentioned earlier, everyone must register even if you plan on being in the same room and logging in through one device. Once again, the more members that pre-register, the better and smoother our Area 42 Fall assembly will be. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Area 42 Fall assembly, whether it be in-person or virtually. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Break

U.S. Trustee-at-Large (Marita R.):

Thank you, Lyle for inviting me to be with you today. I would like to thank Area 42 for putting my name forward for this service position and Julie, our Delegate, for doing such an incredible job of presenting my résumé.

Please allow me a minute or two to explain what a Trustee is and what we do. As you already know, there are 21 volunteer Trustees who serve in an oversight and custodial function for AA. 7 of them are Non-alcoholic Trustees (Class A) who bring expertise from various fields, making it easier for us to have contact with professionals who may recommend AA to their clients. We also have attorney and financial experts to protect our Fellowship. There are 14 Alcoholic Trustees (Class B – “B”oozers). Four of which are General Service Trustees – usually members who bring a special skill such as publishing, technology, or any talent we may be looking for at the time. There are 6 Regional Trustees from the US and 2 from Canada who bring the regional flavor to the board discussions. Lastly, there are two Trustees-at-Large one from Canada and one from the US (me). All board members serve on several committees, travel to visit the Fellowship at Regional Forums, and attend at least quarterly board meeting. About half act as directors to our two corporate boards (AA World Services, Inc. and Grapevine, Inc.). In addition, the Trustee-at-Large also acts as a Delegate to the World Service Meeting and interacts with all the various AA service structures around the world.

What do we do in those pesky committee meetings? We take the items that passed as recommendations from the conference members and supervise the creation of the policy. Sometimes, we roll up our sleeves and create or edit literature; other times, we may review the finances or listen to what the office is doing on our behalf. We follow the recommendations for the year until we make a report to the Delegate’s committees on progress made or recommend that the project is ready to become agenda items for discussion by the Fellowship and voted on by the Conference.

So, what have I been doing? I have been on the job for about a month now. I hope to serve Alcoholics Anonymous for four one-year terms. I currently serve on three committees. In the time I have been on the Board, I have met with the Trustee Literature Committee and Trustee Corrections Committee once and the International Committee which meets bi-weekly to discuss how AA is growing overseas and how we may be of service to them. I have attended two full Board meetings, one of which approved this year’s Conference Actions and the other chose a new General Manager for our office. If you have been around awhile, you may remember Bob W., who spoke at our Area 42 Assembly and, previously had my service position. I think he will serve

our Fellowship well. I have also attended a Regional Forum for the Northeast Region and the North-South Connection. A forum, for new General Service Representatives, is when the staff of the General Service Office and Trustees visit the different Areas to give you a personal report on what the General Service Office has been doing and ask what more you need to make your service work more effective.

The North-South Connection was a Spanish-speaking meeting of over 300 AA members from all North and South American remote communities. I heard stories about trying to carry the message and starting a group in places like Tierra del Fuego (the southern tip of Argentina); Yellowknife, Canada; and, as a member called the location, "suburban" Fairbanks, Alaska. One woman told a story of living above the Arctic Circle who, weather permitting, takes a boat from her island to a large peninsula where she then can make radio contact to attend a meeting. The stories of AA members around our continent carrying the message under such extreme circumstances was moving. When I thought my heart was full enough to burst, another AA checked in: a loner in Antarctica who waits for the tourists to arrive with hopes of a member to share a few moments with during their visit. There is still so much work 12th step work to be done.

I also participate in a monthly meeting with the World Service Meeting Delegates from North and South America to discuss items such as how we can best use social media to bring AA to those who still need it, as well as other topics affecting this service body's efforts to carry the message, build a strong service structure, print literature, and create their own General Service Offices. There is also country to country sponsorship that takes place at this level easily understood by anyone who has sponsored another member or carried service into a dark district. This month, we heard a report from our Guatemalan brothers who are planning for us to meet there this October. It is a herculean task that they are performing with hopes that we can meet in person again. We have also begun planning a bigger North-South Connections hosted by the General Service Office zoom account so that we can offer it with translation into English. This will allow for more participation by the US remote communities as well. Julie will receive information for this December meeting.

I have taken more time than I should, but I wanted to share a part of this path you set my feet on. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Business:

Motion to General Service Conference

This requests that the General Service Conference consider developing a pamphlet on the Corrections Correspondence Service to include current and additional Fellowship sharing on the value of Corrections Correspondence Service participation.

Background

This motion was originated by a member of the Caring & Sharing Group in Stead, Nevada. The motion received unanimous approval by the Caring & Sharing Group. The

motion was then presented to the District 16 General Service Committee where the motion also received unanimous approval. The motion is now being presented for consideration by the Northern Area General Service Committee.

Sometimes upon incarceration, a still-suffering alcoholic develops a desire to stop drinking. In some cases the inmate may be confined in an institution that has no AA meetings, and sometimes no AA literature. If that suffering inmate contacts our General Service Office, one of the resources we can offer is the Corrections Correspondence Service.

The Corrections Correspondence Service allows an AA member who is not confined in a correctional facility to share recovery experience, strength, and hope with an alcoholic who is confined through written correspondence. This service is coordinated through the Corrections Desk at the General Service Office. The service is made possible by Fellowship members who volunteer to be Corrections Correspondents.

The Corrections Correspondence Service was established by Conference Advisory Action in 1971. Forty-nine years later, Corrections Correspondence is still referred to as "A Very Rewarding, But Rarely Mentioned Form Of 12th Step Work."

When an incarcerated alcoholic requests this service, an "outside" Corrections Correspondent can serve as a vital link to the AA program of recovery.

The staff on the AA Corrections Desk continually describes the Corrections Correspondence Service as "one of our most valuable efforts."¹

In an average year during the 2010 - 2019 period, the General Service Office Corrections Desk connected 1,439 inmate alcoholics who requested this service with "outside" AA Corrections Correspondents. 73% of inmates requesting the service were male.²

There is an ongoing shortage of Fellowship volunteers (particularly men) to serve as corrections correspondents.³ When a shortage of volunteers occurs, inmates requesting an outside correspondent are put on a waiting list until additional volunteers are enrolled in the service. Sometimes inmates wait for up to six months to be connected to an outside correspondent due to this shortage of volunteers.

The General Service Office Corrections Desk sends out pleas to the Fellowship for additional Corrections Correspondence Service volunteers on a regular basis (see attachment 1 [there is no attachment 1]). Usually in the July edition, the *Grapevine* publishes an article, usually entitled "Male Call," announcing the need for additional male Corrections Correspondent volunteers (see attachment 2 [there is no attachment

1 Final Conference Reports 2011 - 2020

2 Final Conference Reports 2011 - 2020

3 Final Conference Reports 2011 - 2020

2]). The Corrections Desk also sends an annual letter to Delegates asking them to announce the need for additional Corrections Correspondence Service volunteers.

There has never been a pamphlet on the Corrections Correspondence Service.

Service Material publication F-26 (see attachment 3 [there is no attachment 3]) serves as the application used to volunteer for Corrections Correspondence Service and provides some information on Corrections Correspondence Service.

Fellowship members who have served as Corrections Correspondents have found this form of 12th Step service to be very rewarding. Fellowship sharing on the value of Corrections Correspondence Service participation can be found in a variety of AA publications such as *Box 459*, the *Grapevine*, and the Corrections Desk publication *Sharing From Behind The Walls*.

It is anticipated that more Fellowship members would volunteer for this service if current and additional Fellowship sharing on why participation is "most rewarding" could be consolidated into a pamphlet on the Corrections Correspondence Service.

Additional participation by new Corrections Correspondence Service volunteers would allow the "hand of AA to be there" when a still suffering alcoholic behind the bars "reaches out for help," instead of being placed on a waiting list.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat B., Northern Nevada Area 42 Corrections Committee Chair

Questions:

Joel B.: Is this correspondence service mentioned in the corrections pamphlet?

Pat B.: No, there is no pamphlet on this. That's why we need this.

Joel B.: And to be a correspondent, is there a background check?

Pat B.: No, there is not. And no tuberculosis test.

Ray C.: Does the motion need to be updated to remove the word "inmate"?

Pat B.: I believe that language would be updated before this gets to the conference.

Joyce Y: With the Conference Committee looking at it, you could ask your Delegate to talk to the Committee to make sure they discuss it.

Erica P.: Would Pat be willing to amend the motion to make it more consistent with the General Service Conference?

Pat B.: You would have to vote on it so that it could be brought up in the minority opinion.

Sense of the Conference

26 in favor

4 opposed

Don D. said that this is brought up in four other pamphlets and whether we need to duplicate the information.

2nd Sense of the Conference:

Ed S.: As a corrections correspondent, I've run into the situation where I don't have enough information and so I'm for this motion.

19 in favor

8 opposed

Post-COVID Opening of Northern Area General Service Conference and the Area Conference

Next Northern Area General Service Conference meeting in August. Should we have a hybrid meeting? Do we have a District who would be available to host?

Amber S.: If we try to do a hybrid, would we do that with every District that hosts? Like, if we go to Mammoth, would it still be hybrid?

Lyle C.: We don't know if this will continue hybrid and don't want to make a decision now.

Joyce Y.: Let's just talk about this next August meeting. Let's be hybrid for the next meeting.

Pat S.: Same as Joyce.

Jeff McC.: This would be practice as we get ready for the hybrid assembly. It's just for this one meeting. We can work on translations, too.

Dan M.: Get close to the microphone.

Billy O.: District 2 would like to host the hybrid meeting.

Amber S.: District 4 would like to host the hybrid meeting.

Carol: Consider whether the meeting will be indoor or outdoor and make sure that we know what the rules are for the facility.

Joel B.: Districts 2, 4, & 16 have hosted together. I would be happy to help find a location.

Tony A.: District 22 could host and they can make 250 beef tamales.

Pat S.: District 6 was in line to host the Area, and not Northern Area General Service Conference.

Paul E.: Wants to know if District 22 has space and internet.

Lyle asked if folks are in favor of a hybrid meeting? And having 2, 4 & 22 host?

19 in favor. Unanimous.

Area Chair (Lisa I.):

We have met twice since our last Assembly with the Registrars, Delegate and Alternate Delegate, and Committee Chairs along with the Hybrid Committee Chair and Translation Chair to prepare for creating the Assembly in hybrid for the fall. It sounds like we are prepared and looking forward to having a new experience in our Assembly.

I can't wait to see you all in Tonopah!!! September 10-12th. Don't forget to book your rooms. Sharing rooms and rides can help to keep costs down for your Group. Paul mentioned registration. Please remember to register online so that we can get a good idea of how many people are attending. It really does matter for us to properly prepare for packets and the banquet.

Grateful to serve as your Area 42 chair. Peace and Love.

Announcements:

1. Serenity in the Sierras Campout, Camp Richardson July 15th-18th, 2021 (in-person)
(Flyer attached)
2. Lake Tahoe Fall Festival, Harvey's Resort Lake Tahoe, Oct. 1st-3rd, 2021 (in-person) More information TBA
3. South Shore Group is fully open for meetings 7 days a week. (Masks required)
Meetings are 7 days a week, 7am, 8:30am, 2pm, and 6:30pm. (except Sundays 7am, 9:00am 2pm, and 6:00pm)

District Committee Member Reports (emailed in)

District 2 (Nick K.):

(from Billy) We are meeting regularly. We started meeting in person at Bartley Ranch. We are starting a new Concept and Tradition study on Thursdays at 6:30pm. We are looking forward to working with District 4 to host Northern Area General Service Conference. We are going to get out there and get involved this year.

District 4 (Amber S.):

District 4 has had regular Business meetings, still by Zoom, on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. We see an increase in participation and it is so appreciated.

We have many who have never been General Service Representatives participating and excited to fulfill the requirements of the General Service Representative position.

We know and understand the map better and are in the process of creating a plan to travel to all the meetings that are held in District 4. I have a plan.

We have eager and willing trusted servants, and it is such a pleasure to serve with them.

We are looking forward to going hybrid and trying to figure out what that will look like, starting in July. The intent, though, is to make sure that everyone is comfortable and is able to attend in any form, including digitally, so that we can continue to encourage participation.

Our Summer Newsletter went out and, in an edited form for cost saving and function, is super useful.

We acquired our Archives and are beginning the process of updating the District 4 Guidelines and hopefully creating new service positions for people to hold.

It is a super exciting time for District 4 and the future looks bright and full of the satisfaction service brings.

I personally would like to thank all the trusted servants in District 4 for all their service and positive attitudes--it is just such a pleasure to serve with them all.

With warmest regards.

My name is Amber, and I am an alcoholic and the District 4 District Committee Member or District Committee Member. A very

brief overview about how I got here...I went to my first PRAASA in 2018 and made a 5-year plan to

hopefully become a General Service Representative (General Service Representative). That 5-year plan became a 5-month plan as I

was elected by my Home Group to be their General Service Representative about 5 months later. I served as a General Service Representative for Panel 69. I

was also the Secretary for District 4. When District 4 had their elections, I was encouraged to stand for

District Committee Member, and well the rest is now history. I am beyond blessed to serve in this capacity and at such a pivotal

and challenging time.

District 4 held their elections at the end of 2020 and our new elected members are as follows. Michelle

M. was elected Alternate D.C.M., Dan M. was voted in as Treasurer, Karen S. was voted in as Secretary.

Our NNIG Liaison rolled over but his last meeting was at our March Business meeting, so we are hoping

to fill that position asap.

We have very promising participation, including 5 General Service Representatives serving for the first

time and 4 General Service Representative's that have been General Service Representative's in the past. Our meetings are still held on Zoom for right now and we are so excited to see them return to in person, but in due time.

In these first few months we have been really trying to encourage participation with the groups in

District 4. Our amazing Alternate District Committee Member, Michelle came up with the idea for a Newsletter to encourage

our groups to get involved. We are planning to get to each group and emphasize the why, how and

when for participation and extend all help that we can to help them succeed. We created a Google

Drive with all the information for the new General Service Representative's that are included in the General Service Office's General Service Representative Kit and the

information from the Area and Northern Area General Service Conference as well. The drive also holds our minutes and archives.

After all the General Service Conference business is completed, we will be moving on to getting our By-

Laws up to date and trying to get our District slightly more organized. We hope this facilitate more

service positions and become a useful tool for those participating in District 4.

We as a District are extremely eager to spread the enthusiasm of being in General Service.

District 6 (Pat S.):

District 6 includes all of Douglas County, Carson City, portions of South Lake Tahoe and surrounding rural areas. We meet the 2nd Sunday of even numbered months. Our next meeting is June 13th and will be our annual Founder's Day Picnic. This will be our first face-to-face meeting in a year because of the recent pandemic and we are all looking forward to it. You are invited to attend. It starts at noon at the Mormon Station Historic State Park in Genoa. It's a pot-luck. Our Area 42 Delegate, Julie C., will address the gathering.

My job as the District Committee Member has proven challenging and rewarding. I've served as facilitator for one group inventory and hope to have more. I have responded to numerous questions and concerns from District General Service Representatives.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

District 8 (Dorrie K.):

District 8 is holding meetings on Zoom still. Inyo and Mono Counties are looking at lifting restrictions June 15th. There are a few meetings in person: Bishop Group, Mammoth Lakes, Circle in the Park, and an impromptu men's meeting at Bishop City Park on Saturday. We are still in limbo as to when our prior venues will allow us back. As soon as we are able, we will update the schedules, etc. Bridgeport is on their summer schedule. A member in Lone Pine had been holding meetings in her home...I need to get an update on whether that's still the case. We're so looking forward to what's ahead, however that will be. Staying patient...

District 10a (Joe H.):

Hello from 10A. We have just completed planning for the "Founders Day" Outing in the Park in Elko. June 13th at 1:30 PM. Food, Fellowship & Fun. If you are over this way, you are all welcome!!

All AA meetings in the District are in-person and have been for many months.

I have been in touch with two new General Service Representatives and sent them information to register with Paul E. Hopefully they have.

I have also been in touch with a Fellowship member from District 10B and am waiting to hear back from him about getting involved with General Service. I will forward Zoom Meeting info to him.

At this time, my contact doesn't want his information passed on as a "Point of Contact."

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

District 10b (Inactive): No report.

District 12 (Debbie S. - Interim):

I'm filling in as interim District Committee Member for District 12. Our District Committee Member has recently stepped down. Our Treasurer has been burned out, as she has been in that position for a few 2-year terms. I have relieved her of that duty by showing up at a District voting meeting in October.

Now that people are getting vaccinated, state mandates are lifting and public buildings are allowing us to return; the Wolf Center in Fallon being one of them. Frank (a General Service Representative) and I are working diligently on resetting District 12. We have gone to the monthly Fernley business meeting, have flyers out, announcements are being made in the meetings and necessary arrangements for our business and speaker meeting. We discussed a few optional possibilities and came to the conclusion that our District Chip/Speaker meeting would be more beneficial to AA's fellowship and purpose by keeping it in Fallon, as we have a Treatment facility there. Our Secretary Cathy, Frank and myself are ready to fire everything up next week on June 12th. We have no great immediate expectations, yet, full of hope that we fill our positions.

In closing, thank you Frank for being that General Service Representative in District 12 with the love and passion for Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, that kept us on the rosters. We have money to spend on Recovery, Unity and Service.

District 14 (Terri M.):

I am the District Committee Member of District 14 up at North Lake Tahoe and Truckee. I am really happy to be here. We held our District meeting this past May 17 in which most General Service Representatives were in attendance. We continue to have available in-person meetings and selected Zoom meetings. You can find this schedule on our website, [North Tahoe AA.com](http://NorthTahoeAA.com). Financially it seems people have no problem using Venmo or other ways to submit their 7th tradition. We were able to make disbursements which felt really good as a fellowship.

Our yearly Jamboree will be held at Truckee Regional Park on August 29, 2021. It is a wonderful event on the Truckee River. There is a bring your own entrée for the cooks to throw on the barbeque and a side-dish, depending on the letter of your last name. We will get a flyer on the website shortly. Save the date! August 29, Sunday. Truckee Regional Park.

That is all from us. Thank you for letting me serve.

District 16 (Pat B.):

Our monthly District Meeting has been a hybrid meeting--in-person with Zoom availability. The last two months participation in our meeting has been 100% in-person with no Zoom participation. We plan to continue to offer Zoom availability for the foreseeable future.

The discussion topics for our monthly District Meeting during the January - April period focused on the General Service Conference and the Area Conference Committee process. Our goal for the next few months is to discuss our Northern Area General Service Conference and Northern Nevada Intergroup service committees and prepare the District's General Service Representatives to relay information to their Home

Groups on how members can be of 12th Step service by participating in the various service committees.

We are in the process of reviewing and revising our District Guidelines, taking time each month to review a section at a time.

The District's 2021 budget was approved in January. We are now in the process of reviewing the District's prudent reserve and determining if we have excess funds to forward on to other service entities. The District's General Service Representatives have been asked to review this subject with their Home Groups and obtain a Group Conscience on how excess funds, if available, should be distributed or used by the District.

Last panel, the District passed a motion to increase the scope of the District Grapevine Chair to include Service literature, resulting in the creation of the newly titled District Grapevine/Literature Chair. The motion suggested that service literature such as AA Guidelines, *Box 459*, the Area Newsletter, the *Final Conference Report*, the *AA Service Manual*, and more does not receive enough focus. Our District Grapevine/Literature Chair presents one piece of service literature at each District Meeting. In addition, in February, the District created a "Service Literature Library" with supplies of service literature available, including the materials new General Service Representatives eventually receive from the General Service Office. Once materials are received from the General Service Office, they can be used to replenish the District Library.

It is with great hope that the District is planning the return of our Annual "Christmas Affair" event. The Christmas Affair has been an annual event sponsored by District 16 since 1986. The event is a service function combined with a turkey dinner, raffle, and visit from Santa Claus. The agenda includes an AA Speaker Meeting and a Panel Presentation/ discussion which focuses on the current theme of the General Service Conference. With great optimism, we are announcing that we plan to host the annual Christmas Affair for Saturday, December 18th. Save the date: **Saturday, December 18th.**

Respectfully submitted.

District 18 (Inactive)

District 20 (Jodie G.):

In our District, most meetings are now live, some have resumed, and others had never stopped meeting live. We continue to have some zoom meetings and at least one hybrid meeting. Our District meeting held last month was a hybrid meeting but all attendees chose to come live, which was very exciting after over a year of zoom and hybrid meetings. We were honored to have guests in attendance: Julie C. our delegate, Lyle C. our Northern Area Chair and Jay S. Northern Area General Service Representative Trainer. Of course, they are all a part of District 20 but we were still extremely happy to have them!

As a District, we are beginning to plan events and we are very excited. We are still waiting to hear if the campground we hold our District campout at is going to open up this year. We are still hopeful.

Financially, District 20 is doing well. With very few expenses in the last 15 months, we find our treasury sufficient to help all our General Service Representatives to attend the area conference in Tonopah in the fall.

We still have some meetings without General Service Representatives and a few District positions open. We hope to see that change as we increase with live gatherings.

Yours in Service.

District 22 (Leonel J. O.):

(from Tony A.) I traveled to UC-Davis and finished my commitment there early. Leonel, the District Committee Member, has cancer. He said Hi. I was asked to step up. We are still waiting to hear from Leonel. We meet every day in person. We have our business meetings as usual, first Thursday of the month, at the Spanish Intergroup Office. The Third Thursday of the month, we have a service manual study group.

We have three new General Service Representatives, including one from Guatemala. He loves how we do AA in the US. He likes how I conduct the meetings.

On our last business meeting, we agreed to continue to send contributions to the Area, General Service Office, and Intergroup office. Thank you, Julie, for a great report. Thank you to all the Area Officers. Thank you to everyone for how you treat us....not as immigrants but as suffering alcoholics. Thank you for giving us all the tools we need.

Thank you for the opportunity and for those that are yet to come.

Officer Reports

Chairperson (Lyle C.):

Hello everyone, I'm honored to serve as Area 42 Alternate Chair/ Northern Area Chair. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

I want to thank everyone for showing up to the Northern Area roundtables. What an awesome job! Thank you for all of the work you put in with each other for the agenda items. The agenda summarizing was a lot of work, and even though we had help, it

took good coordination and leadership. Thank you to our presenters for wonderful presentations at both the roundtables and the assembly.

Our Delegate has been busy at the General Service Conference, and as you have heard by now there are some important changes in the works. I look forward to hearing everyone's thoughts on these topics.

I'm very excited and looking forward to going to in-person or hybrid meetings. However, as a result of the lockdown, I believe Northern Area has a lot of twelve step work ahead of us. What can we do for the still suffering alcoholic, that may be living next door or down the block? We need to make extra efforts during these challenging times.

Welcome District 22, I'm very happy to know how active and growing your district is, especially with new General Service Representative's participating.

Thank you all for your service, Lyle C. Area 42 Alternate Chair/ Northern Area General Service Conference Chair

Area 42 Chair (Lisa I.): See above.

Area Treasurer (Laura J.): No report.

Alternate Chair (Jake S.): No report. Thank you to everyone and Julie.

Secretary (Erica P.): Thank you for your reports. Thank you to the Translation Committee. Congratulations Marita. Thanks Julie. Send me your August reports by July 24th.

Archivist/Alt Area Archivist (Debbie S.):

Earlier this month, Jake, our Alternate Delegate, dropped the General Service Conference (regarding Archives) information into our Google Drive. I personally reviewed it and was pleased with the Committee's decision on the agenda item regarding the writing of a history book by the Archives Committee.

I am just learning that there is a Pacific Region Archive group that meets monthly. I will be checking that out tomorrow, June 6th. I had a request from District 8 to look through their District binder for their campout flyers. In looking for the tub containing their binder, I discovered that a tub contains "miscellaneous unsorted materials," and I may have found a project of sorting.

Getting back to District binders...Each District has a binder stored by the Northern Area General Service Conference Archivist that contains Group and District information of various types. Don't throw anything away!!! Send it to me to archive. In closing, I am available to put together and bring an Archive display to your District functions and events. I am on the Northern Area General Service Conference Roster and contact page of the nevadaarea42 website. Thanks.

Chair Reports

Public Information (Rich B.)

There has been little to no activity in the Northern Area regarding Public Information.

Rich B. will be looking for committee members from different districts to aid their communities with Public Information. There has been one volunteer who has stepped up to look at the South Tahoe Area needs for Pubic Information.

Please contact Rich B. at [Northern Area General Service Conferencepublicinformation@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:NorthernAreaGeneralServiceConferencepublicinformation@nevadaarea42.org) to get more information to join the committee.

Treatment/Bridging the Gap (Ed L.):

First of all I would like to make an amends to Erica P for getting this report to you so late. Thank you Lyle for having the faith in me to carry out this commitment. I have to admit that treatment and Bridging the Gap are a challenge and I felt somewhat overwhelmed at first. Something that happened almost right after accepting this commitment is that I was asked to join the board of directors for Rural Nevada Counseling. After accepting the board position it dawned on me that what a great resource they will be. It is great to have someone familiar with all of the treatment facilities and on a first name basis with most of the directors to pave the way for me. There is a caveat to all of this yes I have a great communication link but there is still a huge road block in that there is still a great apprehension to open up outside meetings and in some cases even a zoom BTG presentation.

One great asset I have going for me is that Ed S the former treatment chair has been kind enough to work with me and help out as much as he can. We have met a few times in order to set a course of action. Knowing those who were taking meetings into treatment facilities will make it will make it easier get meetings back up and running as soon as we can. I am in the process of contacting the people that Ed worked with in hopes that we can get back to a quote normal routine.

Something that has been brought to my attention is that some facilities are apprehensive to have outside meetings brought in. The foul language or type of dress or even chewing gum in some cases has caused concern. The need for a printed conduct sheet and maybe a little training might be in order.

If I have not contacted you or if you have been bringing a meeting into a treatment facility all along such as West Hills please contact me.

Yours In Service.

Intergroup Liaison (Don D.):

Hello Fellow Northern Nevada Service Lovers! I am grateful to be reporting on all the happenings with the Northern Nevada Intergroup and Central Office.

Northern Nevada Intergroup meetings are held in a hybrid manner at the Alano Club in Sparks the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm.

This year, Central Office replaced all three computers after having a year with issues with them as well as technology being shown as the new medium that AA can continue on no matter what. The website has obviously had record numbers of visitors and, with the rotation of the current webmaster happening, the responsibilities of the website will be turned over to the Central Office Director. This will be happening to align our Intergroup more closely with others and allow for easier and faster updates of events and meeting changes.

Last month, the Northern Nevada Intergroup Steering Committee transferred \$8,000 to the prudent reserve from the checking account to return the prudent reserve almost to its intended 6-month operating expense level as agreed upon by the body.

Next month, we will be holding elections for all the open service positions. I would like to invite anyone to come join in service if they are willing and available.

The Northern Nevada Intergroup monthly speaker meeting is happening live at the Silver Legacy every 2nd Saturday at 7:00 pm. Bob D. from Las Vegas will be the July speaker. This year's larger events have been limited to the upcoming Founders' Day Picnic at the Bowers Mansion on June 12th starting at noon. There will be food, raffles, fellowship and a chance for many around our area to gather for one of the first events since so much has not been able to happen this last year. Also, the Gratitude Dinner will be happening November 13th at the Atlantis. Tickets will be on sale starting June 19th. Lastly, the New Year's Gala event will be happening and I will have more details on that to come.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Thanks for being a part of and a part of my triangle. Yours in grateful service.

General Service Representative Survival Manual/Trainer (Jay S.):

Thanks District 20 for joining me at my home. Thanks to all the General Service Representatives for showing up. 17 attended.

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Cooperation with the Professional Community (Joel B.):

No report. Attended the PI/CPC meeting virtually with Southern Area General Service Conference. Looking forward to working with Rich.

Corrections/Bridging the Gap (Joe H.):

We are still waiting for the Nevada Department of Corrections to re-open the volunteer programs so we can start taking meetings back inside of State-run facilities. We will also be starting a NEW meeting in the Lovelock Facility when that happens.

I am starting to reach out to the Coordinators/Volunteers that take meetings into the Northwestern Nevada and Eastern California Areas to see if I can be of any assistance. I've been in touch with Northern Nevada Intergroup (Ronda) about the new Northern

Nevada Intergroup Corrections chair and, as of now, it isn't confirmed if the new chairperson will or will not be able to fulfill the commitment.

I am taking a meeting into the Lander County Jail weekly as they allowed me back in a few months ago. Hopefully the restrictions will start lifting soon so we can get back to "Carrying the Message."

Thanks for the Opportunity to Serve.

District Committee Member Coordinator (Lonnie M.): No report.

Accessibilities/ Remote Communities (Dan M.):

No report.

Grapevine & La Viña (Elise F.):

Working on a 2nd Annual Virtual Campfire event to occur on August 27, 2021 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm via Zoom. Last summer's event was inspiring and I look forward to seeing what this year brings. I am excited to say that after reaching out to New York, they are contacting potential storytellers who have been published in the Grapevine. Hope to have more on this soon. There is a flyer. At this point, we are looking for people who would like to share a story they have written, even if it has not been published yet. We will have room for seven to eight storytellers in all, so RSVP via email to nagscgrapevine@nevadaarea42.org to reserve a spot if you are interested! Would appreciate it if you would share this with your groups.

I'd love to hear more from Veterans. Also, I'd like to hear from Marita and people in remote communities. Thank you for Tony's report.

Hope to see you all soon!

In service.

Webmaster (Mike L.): Not in attendance.

Newsletter (Alfredo M.):

Next newsletter comes out in August. Send me flyers. The cutoff date is July 27th.
area_newsletter_editor@nevadaarea42.org.

YPAA Liaisons (Vacant): No report.

Chat:

Traditions & Concepts Study (AA Meeting)

Thursdays (except the 2nd Thursday of the Month) at 6:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81036101399?
pwd=MkVGbjdzYURlQnRFRENlcWk5NzIVdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81036101399?pwd=MkVGbjdzYURlQnRFRENlcWk5NzIVdz09)

Meeting ID: 810 3610 1399

Passcode: 019885

From Pat S. D-6 District Committee Member

District 6 Founder's Day Picnic Sunday, June 13, at the Mormon State Park in Genoa. Potluck. It starts at noon. Guest speaker: Delegate Julie.

From Terri M District Committee Member D14 North Lake Tahoe/Truckee to Everyone:
03:54 PM

August 29th at Truckee River Regional Park Bring a main dish to have our chefs cook for you. A side dish or dessert

12-4 pm

Announcements: Assembly September 10th -12th in Tonopah. Next NAGSC August 7th.

Conference ended at 4:10 with the Responsibility Statement.