

SAGSC
Southern Area General Service Committee
MAY 15, 2022

OPEN WITH SERENITY PRAYER

WELCOME NEW GSRs & DCMs

SECRETARY REPORT: CLAUDIA

Good afternoon, my name is Claudia, and I am an alcoholic and your Panel 71 SAGSC Secretary. First of all, I want to inform you, just like last time, that this ZOOM portion of this meeting is being recorded only onto my computer so that I can review the reports and fill in the minutes. I will then delete the recording. I will also be audio recording this meeting also so that I can capture the reports that are live and also make extra sure that the minutes are thorough. Your anonymity is paramount, and all personal references will be kept out of the minutes and the recording will be deleted once the minutes are complete. I want to remind all of you who will be giving reports to get them to me in time to have them translated so that I can easily create our final minutes in both languages. If you forgot, you could forward them to me at the end of the meeting. I am a fast typist, but not fast enough to capture what you are saying from the "virtual podium" or real one when we get back together some day. Again, thank you for letting me be of service.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 9, 2022 MINUTES motion _____ Yeah _Unanimous_____ Nay_____

GSR TRAINER: GLENN W

The meeting opened today at 12:00 with the serenity prayer. We had 18 new GSRs or alternates in the room. That is a lot of GSRs in that little room. We introduced the website, the kit, the service manual, and the survival guide. That's it.

DCM COORDINATOR: LISA T

Today we had 6 DCMs in our meeting. One of the things that we talked about was last April we had a joint DCM meeting between the north and the south. We feel that this is important that we are a unified Nevada. We discussed that last meeting and are going to have another one on June 21 and have invited a past delegate and our current alternate delegate to get their suggestions about what we are doing. One of the things that came up was that we didn't have enough time. We don't need all of the reports again because we have heard them before. That is what we talked about today. It is important that we give the agenda items the time that we need to give our delegate enough info to New York. We need to keep our personal opinions out of it too.,

SAGSC TREASURER: LIBBY

Hi, my name is Libby, and I am your alcoholic SAGSC Treasurer, and the Alternate Area 42 Treasurer.

I bet you are wondering what thrilling things a SAGSC treasurer gets to do, or perhaps not. My job is simple, I get the honor of doing the bookkeeping activities for Southern Area 42. This includes such exciting duties as depositing checks, reconciling the banking to QuickBooks, writing checks and writing reports like this one.

It doesn't stop at the SAGSC level, at the Area level I get to pick up checks from the Area PO Box and mail them to the Area Treasurer who lives in the North. I'm her back up and pray daily for her good health and sanity.

I also get to be involved in team activities by being on both the Area and SAGSC finance committees.

As a bonus, I'm co-chair for the Conference Agenda finance committee. It was an honor to work with a great group of people who are so into service they were even willing to be involved in finances – although thanks to the Equal Workload Distribution we did get a couple of thought-provoking topics.

Thank you everyone who has been sending in 7th tradition contributions. My only request is if you can ask your treasurers to add an email for receipts. I will send receipts via snail mail, but email saves us money for 12th step work.

If your group, district, workshop committee or standing committee would like my help in any way just reach out to me and I'll be there.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve and now I'll move on to my official financial reports. You should have gotten a Profit & Loss statement which would include the current bank balances and a Budget to Actual income and expenses.

(Quick summary of balances, Profit & Loss, and Budget to Actuals)

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR: ROBERT J.

As finance committee chair, we did not have any meetings since the last meeting. Currently we are discussing combining the budgets from the north and south into the area budget. My job is to get the statements from Libby. She sent them to me in the middle of the month. I reviewed them and they are fine. That's it.

AREA OFFICER REPORTS:

DELEGATE: JULIE

Hello Southern Area of Nevada Area 42! I know I always say that it is my honor and privilege to serve as your delegate, but after being able to attend the first in-person General Service Conference since the shut-down of NYC in March 2020, I am over the moon. I can't put into words the honor I feel that I have been trusted by you. That I was given the keys to the Conference. I came to you a petty liar, petty thief, and a manipulative cheat. Because of the Steps, Traditions and Concepts, I have been transformed into someone that you can trust my judgment. It is not lost on me the changes that have occurred in me. I was someone who only thought about me and how life affected me and now you asked me to go to the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous for all of U.S. and Canada and fully participate in making policy for all of us. I will be forever in your debt for the experience.

I have done a tremendous amount of soul searching on this report. I believe I need to report back to you all about the Conference at SAGSC and NAGSC. In the Fall I will report about the Conference again, hopefully with different details. I have brought a four page summary of all the advisory actions (policy decisions) that were made at the Conference. I will be talking in detail about the Southern Area items that we discussed here last March. Additionally, I will briefly report what happened with the items discussed in the North and the Area. If you have any questions on the items in the summary please ask.

Lyle and I went together and spent a few days ahead of the Conference. We saw the 9/11 Memorial, a Broadway show, got a real pastrami on rye at Katz' Deli and enjoyed the sights and sounds of NY. Interestingly, the hotel was a ¼ mile from 182 Clinton Street where Bill and Lois lived until they no longer could afford the rent. We went there on our first night.

I was able to attend my second General Service Conference in person in Brooklyn with Marita R, who is serving as the U.S. Trustee-at-large. We waved to each other from nearby tables, she invited me to sit with her at lunch. The tables seated ten people, so while I was at her table, I really got the opportunity to visit with other Trustees. We were encouraged to move about the Conference and meet delegates from other regions and trustees, staff, etc. It wasn't until Friday that I finally spent the afternoon with Marita, and it was the perfect day to do so.

[Next slide] The Conference began on Saturday afternoon with two preconference sessions. The 1728 (12x12x12), where Class B Trustees speak about a Tradition and a Concept. The East Central Region Trustee spoke on Concept 3. She explained balancing between ultimate authority and delegated responsibility in a way that I was able to hear at a much deeper level. Once I was elected (delegated) with the authority, it is up to me to do what I believe is in the best interest of AA. It is my responsibility to listen to my area, to hear your thoughts, concerns, ideas, and beliefs; to hold that information close to my heart and then to listen like I don't have an opinion at the Conference.

1728 Meeting: Concept 3

- ✓ Allows our trusted servants to do their work
- ✓ Leaders have to be able to lead
- ✓ Leaders need to be able to make decisions
- ✓ We "communicate" rather than "report"
- ✓ If we don't trust our leaders, aren't we hamstringing them?

Remote Communities

- ✓ AK & NW Territories/Alberta/Nunavut – Extreme remote conditions with limited physical access
- ✓ NM – 19 unique tribal languages; only Navajo has a verbal translation
- ✓ NV – Remote areas with poor/no broadband and poor cellular service. Question: In trying to reach more people are we inadvertently excluding people without specific skills?

[Next slide] I was privileged to present on the cultural aspect of the challenges and successes in the digital divide. I spoke about two issues.

1. Our newfound virtual platform which has given us more accessibility, but who are we leaving behind?
2. Are we creating additional requirements to serve Alcoholics Anonymous beyond just being a member?

This is last year's Remote Communicator, which for the first time has been translated into English and Spanish.

[Next slide] This is the dais where Bob W and Linda Chezem presided over the Conference for seven days.

[Next slide] This is Sunday's schedule. Last year I wasn't as moved by participating in the virtual rollcall. I had been told how powerful it is to participate in rollcall – to know I am one of 135 people entrusted with the safety and wellbeing of our Conference. This year when I answered the rollcall, "here," I became a Conference Delegate rather than just an Area Delegate. I was taken aback. What does that mean? It means that I felt transformed into one of 135 (133 on day one, actually) voting members of the U.S./Canadian Conference. While I have heard the voice of Nevada, now I am a member of the Conference and there to listen as if I have

no opinion. Try it sometime; it's more powerful than you think.

Bob W opened up the Conference quoting our own Roberta L, who now resides in Arizona and isn't in great health. "Blessed are those who having nothing to say and the courage not to say it." She adapted that from Oscar Wilde. Marita and I caught each other's eyes and I started crying. Later Marita told me that even if Roberta isn't able to remember us, we will remember her.

Our own Kathi F, Pacific Region Trustee gave the Keynote Address:

- "I think we are inclusive in our hearts and minds, but are we doing our best to find out all we can about these suffering alcoholics? We ask ourselves, if we were in their shoes, how would we like to be approached?"
- I constantly ask myself when part of a body choosing our servant leaders: "Am I choosing those like me or am I choosing those who will do a good job and bring a diverse voice to the table, possibly a different view, religious or cultural perspective?"
- About online groups: How do we deal with the international nature of so many of these groups? Where should their voice and vote be? If we have a U.S./Canada online area will this affect other structures' Seventh Tradition or participation? When the pandemic is not such an overwhelming concern, will many groups meet in-person?

We had a fishbowl workshop (all sitting at round tables, and we had mic runners between the tables). We had a workshop on "Your Third Legacy." This workshop set the stage for open hearted, courageous conversations later in the week.

And our own Marita R, Trustee-at-Large/U.S. discussed the REDELA (Meeting of the Americas)

- We sent our interpreters with technical equipment and were able to participate remotely. Because we added the virtual component to REDELA this year, Brazil, Panama, and Paraguay were also able to attend virtually.
- The pandemic has had serious economic effect on all our service structures.
- Roberto from Argentina may have summed up best the feelings of the delegates at the end of the conference when he said: "You open my heart and when my heart is open, we connect forever. Even when my memory fails, my heart will remember you."

Finally, Trish L, Trustee-at-Large/Canada

- How do you keep a home group together when the members struggle to get even a couple of days of sobriety? How do you carry the message in the many different languages of Africa?

[Next slide] It was my privilege, although I often served with a bit of an attitude, to be the secretary/treasurer of the morning Serenity meeting Monday – Friday. It forced me to get up earlier than I wanted, to miss morning walks on the Brooklyn Bridge and breakfast fellowshiping, so that I was to meet and get to know those willing and or needing to come every day to start their Conference day on the right foot. I made some close friends where we shared our sobriety with our service. I will cherish this service forever.

[Next slide] **Board Reports**

General Service Board: Linda Chezem. GSB Chair as of last May. This was her first General Service Conference in 19 years.

- Technology and online are points of risk for disunity.
- We have a new Board ad hoc committee to address the need for more people participating in service work: "Increasing Participation in the General Service Structure Through the Lens of the 3rd and 5th Traditions,"
- Do we misuse that most precious resource of all – time – by having meaningless meetings? Is that committee meeting necessary? Is it efficient and time appropriate? Are the meetings more social and recreational than we want to admit? But we make a grave mistake if we are misusing time and discouraging people we need and want from participating in general service.
- Elaine McDowell, PhD., was the first female and the first woman of color to serve as chair of the General Service Board from 2001-2005. She was gracious and wise in her remarks as she shared her thoughts, set out below: "As I took time to reflect on our last year together, I was struck by the many gifts that trustees of the General Service Board receive from A.A. trusted servants. We are given the privilege of observing dedicated service on the front lines here at home in the United States and Canada, and in the far-flung areas of the world. We are able to observe the miracle of recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous demonstrated in the lives and service of so many A.A. members. On behalf of my fellow trustees, I thank you for your service, for your recoveries in A.A. and for your lives."

A.A.W.S.: Jimmy D – Southwest Region Trustee, A.A.W.S. Board Chair. Jimmy said that we are a spiritual entity doing a little bit of business.

- The permanent implementation of a reduced shipping charge for orders from the webstore. This plan enables groups, districts, areas, and local service offices to provide a broad spectrum of A.A. literature at a palatable price point for the member or potential member. Shipping fees – making sure that a newcomer doesn't pay extra.

- Safety and Service Material: For those of you who did not hear, Publishing released a revised service piece last year that caused significant discussion and concern from the Fellowship. It was subsequently pulled and revised. A concern expressed during Q&A after Jimmy's report was
 - Concerns on the safety pamphlet – that it will be around forever since it was online. What was so bad? Is a vocal minority turning into a group of tyrannical critics?
- New website – check it out
- 8th Floor renovation – the publishing department is now on the 8th Floor. Publishing is currently undergoing an audit of our international licensing and translation procedures to identify areas for improvement and resolve some weak points in the many processes involved in executing and maintaining our copyrights and licensing agreements with A.A. structures and entities worldwide. Working to make more literature available in digital formats.
- CCS – Corrections Correspondence Service now replaced a system which could never do the job.

AA Grapevine, Inc. – Josh E, General Service Trustee, AA Grapevine Chair.

- In 1946 Bill W wrote;
 - ...The Trustees are the Conscience of A.A., the Central Office is the Heart of A.A., and the Grapevine is the Voice of A.A. When these functions are bound together into a working unit, we shall be able to relegate the founders of A.A. to the sidelines, where probably they long since should have been sitting...
- “Do we want to have a Grapevine? If the answer is yes, are we willing to support it financially, and how? I put my contribution in the basket, and I contribute \$4.99 a month to Grapevine through my recurring monthly subscription. How many monthly subscriptions do you maintain for apps, and games, and media players? The number one question I get at events, forums and talks is “How can I contribute to Grapevine?,” or “Why don't you accept voluntary contributions?” The answer is you *can* contribute. Each and every one of us can set up a recurring yearly or monthly subscription to ensure that Grapevine can continue to grow and once again thrive.”
- “Perhaps we're doing it wrong. What if instead of selling Grapevine materials our area Grapevine chairs were tasked with collecting content from the local districts and groups. What if chairing my area's Grapevine committee meant I was supposed to build a committee of local reporters, videographers, photographers, and content creators. What if I was expected to coordinate and cooperate with the publishing staff in NY to submit new material from my area or region weekly and monthly. What if we built out our editorial staff and aagrapevine.org to publish new material weekly? What if we published new material every single day? Can you imagine the potential good that could come of hosting a Grapevine writing workshop at an event for alcoholics who are Deaf, or an assembly of native peoples, and Grapevine was able to publish every story that was written within a week or two of the event? What if we could publish almost everything we received? All the diversity of experience and opinion, custom and recovery.”

[Next slide] Finance – Kevin Prior, Class A Trustee, GSB Board Treasurer

- Impact the pandemic had on revenue:
 - Record Contributions for the third year in a row
 - Literature sales still in a slump
- Kevin's favorite slide –
 - 2/3 of all contributions are \$100 or less
- Literature Sales down due to much higher printing and distribution costs without raising prices
- Grapevine subscriptions down; operating loss was less than budget.
- Key take aways:
 - Our financial position is comprised of three financial entities:
 - GSB – Contributions and costs of services
 - AAWS – GSO, including literature sales
 - GV & LV – The two magazines, but LV is funded by the GSB
 - We experienced an accounting surplus of \$1.7 million
 - Contributions of 10.7 million versus budget of 10 million
 - Savings in key expense categories:
 - professional fees - technology
 - salary and benefits – primarily vacant positions
 - other expenses – largely driven by the pandemic
 - Offset by a decrease in literature gross profit

[Next slide] **Grass Roots Challenge**

Oregon creates a grass roots challenge to all AA members. If every member contributed \$6.06 to the General Service Board, all of our services would be covered. Please go back to your groups and let them know that this year's challenge is for \$6.06.

Here's how Areas meet the Challenge to cover their own share of Group Services for a year:

- Groups collect \$6.06 for each member on or before 6/06
- Groups send contributions to GSB* on 6/06/22
- Contributions can be made online at aa.org. (Be sure to mention the “6.06 Challenge” and group number). Attach the bottom of the flyer...

[Next slide] 2021 GSO FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 7th Tradition of Self-Support – \$10.78 million set another record, up 5.07% from \$10.26 million in 2020
- Operating Expense - \$15.28 million down 31.6% from \$22.34 million in 2020
- Program Service Expense - \$7.59 million down 38.7% from \$12.39 million in 2020
- Supporting Services Expense - \$7.70 million down 22.6% from \$9.95 million in 2020
- Self-Support - covered 70.5% of operating expense and 142.0% of program service exp.
- AAWS publishing gross profits – \$6.30 million down 4.3% from \$6.58 million in 2020
- Operating surplus of \$1,697,141 but operating cash increase of only \$53,177

[Next slide] 2021 GRAPEVINE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Grapevine paid print subscriptions decreased 11.5% in 2021. Subscriptions for the online and mobile app magazine increased 73.3%
- 2021 Grapevine results were a gross profit of \$1.091M on the magazine and a gross profit of \$411K on other published items. Operating expenses of \$1.808M resulted in an operating loss of \$112,618 compared to a loss of \$298,699 in 2020.
- General Fund support of La Viña service activity was \$388,646 in 2021, almost the same as \$385,771 in 2020.
- La Viña magazine circulation decreased by 12.4% in 2021 compared to a 36.6% decrease in 2020 after several prior years of growth.

[Next slide] 2022 GSO BUDGET

- Total revenue \$16,761,400 compared to \$17,377,021 in 2021.
 - Contributions \$10,000,000 compared to \$10,775,871 in 2021.
 - Literature gross profit \$6,534,000 compared to \$6,297,678 in 2021.
- Total operating expense \$18,111,969 compared to \$15,282,198 in 2021.
- Operating deficit of \$1,350,569 compared to \$1,697,141 surplus in 2021.
- 2022 deficit to be paid for with 2021 surplus.

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- Print magazine circulation to increase to 62,000 from 56,081 in 2021.
- Online and e-Pub circulation to decrease to 8,842 from 8,972 in 2021.
- Gross profit on subscriptions \$1,236,434 compared to \$1,091,404 in 2021.
- Grapevine net operating surplus of \$19,234 compared to \$112,618 deficit in 2021.
- La Viña magazine circulation to increase to 7,500 compared to 6,312 in 2021.
- General Fund La Viña support of \$402,067 compared to \$388,646 in 2021.

[Next slide] Presentation/Discussion Topics

- ✓ How do A.A.’s go to any lengths to Recover, Unify, and Serve?
- ✓ Going Beyond Fear
- ✓ How to Reach Anyone, Anywhere

Workshop

- ✓ The Warranties – Our Promise to the Fellowship and the World

These are wonderful AA topics that can be talked about and discussed throughout the Fellowship, in assemblies, districts, intergroups/central office gatherings, and in groups.

Cooperation with the Professional Community

Highlights from the joint Trustees meeting with the Delegates’ Conference Committee on Sunday evening.

- LinkedIn progress report: In the last few months, the cadence of activity has increased significantly. We issued a committee consideration asking for increased activity and coordination with PI on the Comprehensive Media Plan to look at effective ways to post videos and QR codes. The work is being done in PI, we wanted to make note to remember LinkedIn and CPC.
- Pamphlet for mental health professionals: the first action would be to explore assembling a focus group of past/present Class A trustees’ and other mental health professionals who may be members of the Fellowship for the purpose of asking what their needs are when addressing the suffering alcoholic.
- Pamphlet for “A.A. in Your Community”: The committee wanted more edits and didn’t feel it was ready for approval yet.

- New pamphlet designed to help C.P.C. committees reach as many doctors as possible: The committee suggested that service material directed at the individual AA member be considered. There are variables in the healthcare systems in Canada and the US.
- CPC Workbook & Kit: We spent much of our time on the workbook as it is outdated. The CPC staff secretary took copious notes regarding proposed changes and updates. We were very concerned with moving forward in a digital world and that the printed workbook will become quickly outdated. Thank you to Area 42, specifically John M from Las Vegas for his thorough review and suggestions. We discussed them all.

[Next slide] Wednesday through Friday we meet in the main Conference room. This is when we began voting on the committee recommendations. Throughout the days, we would hear from the committees broken up with regional trustee elections, general sharing sessions and presentations.

The 15 areas within the Pacific Region all presented their candidates. The voting members were the 15 delegates from the Pacific Region and 15 others mainly from the Conference Committee on Trustees and the Trustee Nominating committee, plus two others chosen randomly providing 30 voting members. The entire Conference watched as we sat in a roped off area and voted and voted and

[Next slide] Brandon from DOTS (the outside technology company helping us vote digitally). ALL THAT then the HAT? As you may remember, we elected (from the hat) Phil W, Panel 67 as the candidate from Nevada. Our new Pacific Region Trustee, who will serve from Apr 30, 2022, until April of 2026 is Reilly K from Oregon with over 56 years of sobriety.

[Next slide] SAGSC

Conference Committees on Corrections and Finance discussed their Agenda Items and made no recommendations.

CORRECTIONS

- B. Reconsider the use of the term “person in custody” in AA Literature. Regarding reconsideration of the use of the term “Person In Custody” in AA literature.

Consideration: The committee affirmed the actions and inclusive non-stigmatizing language expressed by the 71st Conference and noted it would be premature at this time to reconsider the action.

There is no discussion from the floor on *Committee Considerations* – just questions for clarity.

[Next slide] **FINANCE**

- B. Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.

Consideration: The committee agreed that the current introduction in the book already addresses concerns regarding language in the book.

Committee consideration — An item that as discussed by a Conference committee, but with no action taken or recommendation made to the Conference as a whole. Serves as a suggestion to the corresponding trustees’ committee.
(From the Service Manual Glossary)

[Next slide] **LITERATURE**

- L. Review progress report regarding requests to develop study guide workbooks for AA.

Consideration: The committee reviewed the Subcommittee Report on Tools to Access the Big Book (TABB) and several requests for development of study guides from the Fellowship. The committee also reviewed the minutes of the discussions on this item by the trustees’ Literature Committee. The committee noted that additional information would be needed in order to provide direction on these requests. The committee requested that the trustees’ Literature Committee provide further information regarding the purpose of the proposals and examples of what Big Book or *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* study guides would look like.

Advisory Action — When a recommendation, whether from a committee or through a floor action, is approved in full session with substantial unanimity it becomes an Advisory Action.
(From “How the Conference Operates” Service Manual)

[Next slide] **POLICY & ADMISSIONS**

- E. Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process.

Advisory Actions: The compilation of all Conference committee background be made available simultaneously in English, French, Spanish. PASSED

Consideration: The committee noted the plan allowed fifty more delegates to participate in the Conference committee process and

appreciated the spiritual aspect of that accomplishment. Also noted the challenges documented in the report, as well as the significant challenges to areas and to the group conscience process caused by moving up the deadline for submitting proposed agenda items to September 15.

[Next slide] **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

- J. Discuss PI Information pamphlets/materials
 - 1. Consider suggestion to revise the flyer “AA At a Glance”

Consideration: The committee requested that the trustees and staff secretary focus on improvements based on suggestions – Keep most of the content messaging and modernize the look and language. Remove any reference to the words “hopeless drunks” to focus more on the solution and to update contribution and self-support language.

[Next slide] **NAGSC**

Public Info – J (4) Consider request to retire and replace the “A.A. Fact File.” **Recommended** – The outdated “AA Fact File” be retired. **Passed**

Finance – C. Consider request that all proposed changes to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* be handled in footnotes. **Took No Action** – Did not want to impact future Conferences.

[Next slide] **Literature** – S. Consider an update of the book *Experience, Strength, and Hope*. **Recommended** – a second volume of the book *Experience, Strength and Hope* be developed with the stories dropped from the Fourth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. **Failed**

Report and Charter – E. Consider requests that the chapter titled “The Doctor’s Opinion” be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition. **Took No Action** – Not a strong “spiritual need”

Trustees – E. Discuss the revised “Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine Boards.” **Recommended** – the “Suggested Procedure to Reorganize the General Service Board and the boards of A.A.W.S., Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc.” be approved as one acceptable pathway to a whole or partial reorganization of the Boards, understanding that, as provided by the Conference Charter, the final process will be determined by whichever General Service Conference might be considering reorganization. **Passed**

[Next slide] **Area wide assembly**

CPC – B. Review suggested revisions for the draft pamphlet “A.A. in Your Community.” **Consideration**

CPC – D. Consider creating a new pamphlet designed to help C.P.C. committees reach as many doctors as possible. **Consideration**

Literature – K. Review progress report regarding the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language. **Consideration** – May have draft for 2023

[Next slide] **Corrections** – D. Discuss request to make A.A. literature changes slowly and with A.A.’s primary purpose in mind. **Took No Action**

Grapevine and La Viña – D. Discuss the wide-ranging impact the Preamble change has had on our A.A. Fellowship. **Took No Action** - Premature

Literature – R. Discuss changes to the text of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* as directed by the 71st General Service Conference. **Took No Action** – No consensus on the changes among A.A. members at the local level.

[Next slide] **Other Notable Recommendations**

LITERATURE:

- Animated video of the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated"
- Updated pamphlets

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

- New Membership Survey
- Understanding Anonymity updated for the digital age

[Next slide] **9 Floor Actions**

Floor Actions - The committees are not the only source of recommendations for the body to consider and vote on. During the general sessions, members may make recommendations directly from the floor that may not have passed through a particular Conference committee.

(From "How the Conference Operates" Service Manual)

Unfinished Business from 72nd GSC Advisory Actions

1. Recommit Twelve Steps Illustrated
2. Final Editorial Review of the approved Membership Survey

Both Passed – we can create a Floor action when we feel there is unfinished business around a recommendation that passes or fails. We didn't approve the revised Twelve Steps Illustrated but didn't want all their work to be for not, so we recommitted to the Trustees Literature Committee to make some changes and have them bring back to a future Conference. There were some concerning questions regarding Black Canadians in the Membership Survey that we wanted revisited, even though we approved the membership survey. This is another process that demonstrates how thoroughly we discuss and listen and discuss and listen.....

Disagree with Committee, which Took No Action

1. Add GSR Preamble to "Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole"

Declined to Consider

71st GSC

1. Rescind the Plain and Simple Translation of the 4th Edition
2. Reverse the two changes to text in the 12X12
3. Reaffirm the 1995 Conference Advisory Action not to change the first 164 pages.....

First two Declined to Consider; Last one Failed after 3 hour discussion

New Items

1. Moratorium on new agenda items for one year.
2. Create a plan for a new non-geographic Area for online/telephone groups.
3. Evaluate the current process for developing background for the GSC.

First one Declined to Consider; Last two Failed

[Next slide] **UNITY**

Moments that touched my Heart

- ❖ Joking about "throwing us in the car" is inappropriate, in countries where there are kidnapping and police states.
- ❖ The delegates from Poland provided interpretation for a Polish speaking district in NJ – moved by the death from the Ukrainian War.
- ❖ There are meetings in Ukrainian in Polish subways.
- ❖ Eritrea in East African: A member with 6 years wants to be the contact and translate the book.
- ❖ Diversity is having a seat at the table, inclusion is having a voice, and belonging is having that voice heard.

[Next slide] **9/11**

On Friday before the Conference, we were able to attend the Friday morning Open AA meeting at GSO. This was the first open meeting since March 2020. What an honor to attend. After we attended the AA meeting Lyle, and I went with others to the 9/11 War Memorial Museum. Lyle is a retired ironworker and so he has a extremely moved by being able to touch the bent iron from the World Trade Center. On Saturday afternoon, after the close of the Conference, we were invited to the General Service Office. The first visitors allowed in since March 2020. We have this display in Archives.

"In the days following September 11, 2001, a special room was set up across the street from the fallen towers of the World Trade Center at the invitation of the Red Cross. The "Group Zero Group" would occupy room 231 for the next two months as the recovery and clean efforts took place.

The Log Book contains thoughts and prayers of those who served in the rooms and also of those who helped in the clean up. Working in 6 hour shifts the room always had an A.A. member in it for impromptu meetings, prayers, meditations, and support.

The plaque was made by ironworkers who helped in the clean up efforts. It is made of steel from the World Trade Center Towers and was donated to the Archives in 2002."

At the Fall Assembly, I will bring more photos from our historical visit through Brooklyn and Manhattan and our visit through the General Service Office and Grapevine.

It is my hope that Jake and I can meet with the Area Conference Committee Chairs and discuss the Trustees/Conference reports before the Fall Assembly. Maybe we can have short Zoom calls. In the past few years we have sent over the reports, but I would love to actually meet with you to answer any questions. This will help our area to better understand what happened at the Conference and how it impacts our Area.

Thank you for your time. Thank you for the honor. Thank you for changing me. I love you all. I love being a part of Area 42. And mostly I love Alcoholics Anonymous.

ALT DELEGATE: JAKE

I am grateful; to be your alternate delegate and was a SAGSC chair. I am handling the area conference committees. I am proud of the work that our chairs have done. I am excited for the next ones, too. The delegates sit and talk with their committees and then everyone comes together and discusses the items with the entire conference. We are now doing the same thing with our committees. The Pandemic has been a tough time, but it has made it easier to have conference committees. The bottom line is that our committees get the items, they summarize the background info, they discuss and suggest the items to delegate and discuss them at round tables and assemblies. Our area is better informed with this process. If you are not on a committee, please see me. Also, there is a new Service Manual available on the website.

REGISTRAR: JONELLE

Hi everyone, my name is Jonelle, and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as your Alternate Area Registrar which also makes me your SAGSC Registrar. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend today's SAGSC, but Paul, our Area Registrar, has agreed to give my report. Thanks Paul!

Doing registration for the Pre-Conference Assembly was awesome! I will gush over that experience more at the next SAGSC when I give my report in person. I will keep this one short and sweet!

If you are a new GSR or new DCM - you can find the forms needed for you to be registered with GSO on our area website – nevadaarea42.org. Please send them to either Paul or myself – Paul's email is registrar@nevadaarea42.org and mine is alternateregistrar@nevadaarea42.org. Contact us if you have any questions or need any assistance. Thank you for all you do and allowing me to do it with you!

ARCHIVIST: RONNIE D.

Hello every one my name is Ron Dillion and I am an Alcoholic. My sobriety date is Dec 10th, 1999. I am currently serving as the Area 42/ SAGSC Archivist in the second year of a 4-year term.

Area 42 IT committee made available the audio computer files from the Fall 2021 area 42 assembly and the Spring 2022 area assembly in Tonopah and our Alternate Archivist Debbie S. made me a flash drive for each assembly. These were mailed to me and as soon as I can back up to a hard drive these will be placed in Archives here in Las Vegas.

Ed, one of our Las Vegas Central Office staff made the two showcases locking so we will be adding a display time permitting. A big thanks to Ed as he did a fantastic job.

The Archives committee has switched from Wednesday evening to Saturday mornings from 9 to 11 AM to accommodate my work schedule. Currently we are assisting Caroline with research for her Founder's Day presentation about the local Las Vegas AA History. Caroline has been marking boxes and sorting our Audio collection. We have LP records, reel to reel tape, audio cassettes and CD's.

We, as a committee have begun to build the binders for Area 42, GSO, SAGSC, NAGSC, Intergroup and the Archives for 2021. We have over 600 pages of printed material to place in these binders and as far as I can tell we will have Spanish Speaking binders as well.

Archives has several wonderful people helping with the effort and we are enjoying curating YOUR archives. This concludes my report.

TRANSLATION: DIANA OR TONY

Hello, my name is Tony, and I am an alcoholic. I am honored to be your Translation and Interpretation Committee Chair. First, I want to thank Diana, Dina and Erica and Dave for assisting with the translations. Just a quick reminder to send in your reports to the Secretary, Claudia, so she can forward them to us for translation into English and then into Spanish.

I missed last month's meeting in April. We meet every 3rd Thursday of the month via Zoom. We have been busy translating all your reports. We only ask all of you to send in your reports as soon as you can because we don't want to rush through them and miss something. Our Spanish Linguistic District 21 is so appreciative that they are receiving all the information from the Area and SAGSC. They are working along with us and would like our community to be a part of theirs. They will be hosting the 26th Anniversary of La Vina for the Pacific Region on July 22,23,24 at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino and are looking forward to seeing us there.

I want to again ask anyone that would like to work with us and help us to get all your reports translated in a timely manner, to please talk to Dina or Diana after the meeting. We need your cooperation to achieve our goals to include our Spanish Linguistic districts. You don't have to be bilingual to help us.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

GRAPEVINE: JASON M

Hello, my name is Jason, and I am an alcoholic. The SAGSC Grapevine committee meets the last Friday of the month at 6pm. The Zoom meeting information is;

Meeting ID **973 0573 6838**

Password: 424242

We will not be meeting this month due to a scheduling conflict. DCMs and GSRs, please have your Grapevine Reps email me at sagscgrapevine@nevadaarea42.org so I can make sure the committee has the most up to date contact list.

If you have an event coming up and would like a Grapevine table setup to let me know, we'd be happy to help. A brief update on other Grapevine happenings, this month's featured section is "AA Will Catch Us" Members celebrate the Twelve Concepts for World Service with powerful stories of experience.

Also, if you haven't checked out the new Grapevine Podcast you can listen to it at aagrapevine.org/podcast. New episodes are released every Monday.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

CPC (COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY): ROBIN

My name is Robin, I am an Alcoholic and the SAGSC CPC Committee Chair. There isn't much that has changed since my report in April.

We continue to work with our community partners: Homeless Alliance and Prevention, Advocacy, Choices, Teamwork (PACT Coalition). These agencies have events in various communities, we can put up a table and speak to attendees about AA and pass out literature.

My Co Chair Chris H. is putting together a CPC Strategic Planning Meeting for the up coming year. The meeting will be held sometime in September. We want to target certain industries such as Social Workers, Parole Officers, Human Resources, etc.

Committee members are continuing to participate in CPC North America that meets quarterly. These meetings offer ideas on what other parts of the country are doing to bring the AA message to other parts of the country.

We are looking for a Group Secretary and we continue to look for more volunteers. Please come to our meetings and see what we are all about and share any ideas you may have. We meet on the 2nd Monday of every month at 4:30 both in person at Central Office and on Zoom ID: 889 0735 7523, Passcode Serenity.

R. PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION): JOHN H

Founders' day will be held Sunday June 12 from 12-4 with different types of panels. The second part of the evening is a banquet. And Italian dinner with social hour and a presentation on local AA history and speakers. Tickets are \$30.

ACCESSIBILITIES: CYNTHIA H

No report

COMMITTEE LIAISON

H&I (HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS): ANDREW

H&I is alive and well. We currently have 13 facilities with 46 active panels on the treatment side and on corrections side we have 6 active panels. Currently the NDOC is dark, but they have called at the end of Tonopah and said that they will be opening soon. If you know of anyone who would like to know more the state institutions will be opening soon. They require applications, background checks and double TB. If you have questions let me know.

LAS VEGAS INTERGROUP LIAISON: CAROLINE

Central Office

- Please help keep the meeting schedule up to date. Check out the listings for the meetings you attend. **35% of the Zoom listings have closed or are missing passcodes**. Please take a look at those meetings and let Central Office know the passcodes, or if the meeting still exists. Let's remember the newcomer and make it easy for them to find us! www.LVCentralOffice.org
- Come volunteer for a hotline shift either Monday or Wednesday from noon-4pm. This month, there are a couple of openings due to vacations or medical appointments:
 - Wednesday May 18th 8 – noon;
 - Thursday, May 26th 8 – noon; and
 - Friday May 20th & 27th from noon – 4.

- Hotline backups are always needed for all shifts (M-F 8-4).
- Office hours are extended to include Saturdays from 9 am-1 pm. Please spread the word! The Saturday office phone number is 702-780-4293.
- There are new items for sale in the office, such as CDs, DVDs, slogans, Spanish, Man on the Bed prints, sobriety chips, and more.
- The new "Fun in Sobriety" book is on order.
- Sadly, the Serenity Club is no more. The Sunkiss Group meets every single day at Central Office at 8 am and could use your support. They need a Friday Secretary.
- Looking for a place to hold a meeting? Check out Central Office!

Board of Directors

- The Treasurer announced Central Office has a year-to-date net profit of \$165. There have been excess expenses due to an extra pay period in one-month, large literature purchases, and an advance to the Gratitude Ball. All is well. **Big thank you to all the groups and individuals who contribute.**
- The Board of Directors has 2 openings. Ideally, they would like someone with a legal or accounting background. (Jail time and embezzlement experience don't count!) If you have 5 years of continuous sobriety, a homegroup, and are willing to serve for 3 years, please send your service, non-profit, and business resume to Judyap@lvcentraloffice.org or PGclass94@gmail.com or mail it to the address at the bottom of the page.

Hotline – HELP!

Thank you to Bobby D. for stepping up as the Hotline Chair and Leslie D. for serving as the 12 Step Chair. Billy has agreed to assist with technical issues. Monday, Thursday, and Sunday Captains are needed NOW to call volunteers before their shifts and to transfer the calls for 2 weeks per year. The Hotline & 12 Step Lists are great ways to be of direct service to the alcoholic who is still suffering. More information is available by calling Bobby at 702-308-4236, Leslie at 213-999-4372, Billy at 702-493-8529 or Central Office at 702-598-1888.

The **Founders Day** Committee is rolling! The event will be at Central Office on Sunday, June 12th. **Attendance is limited to 180.** If you would like to volunteer, the Committee needs ticket sellers, kitchen volunteers, and set-up and break-down help. Come join our meetings Saturdays at 6pm at Central Office. Proceeds benefit Central Office. Please see the attached flyer.

- Noon – 4 pm – **Free**
 - 12:30 – 1:30 Old Timer Panel
 - 2 - 3 Service Panel
 - 50/50 raffle (winner must be present)
- 4pm – 8pm - \$30
 - 4-5 Social Hour
 - 5 Buffet Banquet, Beverages, Dessert
 - unique raffle items
 - 50/50 raffle (winner must be present)
 - 5:30 pm Local AA History Presentation
 - 6 pm Greg M. Main Speaker
 - 50/50 raffle (winner must be present)

Men's Night Out is June 25th at the Tuscany. You can purchase tickets and get more information about this Central Office fundraiser at www.LVMensNightOut.org

The **Gratitude Ball** is set for October 8th at the Palace Station. The goal is 500 guests. If you're interested in a Staycation, the committee has 10 discounted rooms at the Palace Station. If you would like to join the committee, it meets on the first Monday of the month at 6pm at Central Office. You can purchase tickets at www.GratitudeBall.com

The **Silver Streak** (the Central Office newsletter) is always looking for articles on the Steps, Traditions, Meeting in the Spotlight, committee meetings, any information of use to our fellowship. 350 words is a good article length. **The Editor rotates out of this position at the end of December. Step up now to become the Co-Editor and take over this great service position in January!**

Since we are so unified in Clark County, Phillip, our **Unity** Chair, is bored. He is looking for REAL actors to star in a Traditions play at the Las Vegas Roundup, Thanksgiving weekend. To audition, please contact Phillip at 702-482-2501 or PhillipRHartsoe@gmail.com.

Please talk to your homegroup about the importance of sending a representative to the monthly Intergroup meetings. This is where your group's voice is needed on issues affecting AA in Southern Nevada. It's an easy service commitment -- 1 or 2 years, 1 meeting per month, report back to your group about the latest happenings.

LVYPAA LIAISON: MIKE

Mike L., your alcoholic liaison reporting for the first NACYPAA Host Committee.

The first Nevada Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous is only six weeks away, right here in Las Vegas at the fabulous Plaza Hotel and Casino, June 24th thru 26th. The conference aim is to spread the Primary Purpose to young and young at heart alcoholics across Area 42 via annual conferences to be held in different Nevada and eastern Californian communities.

Please pre-register for the conference now and/or consider sponsoring registrations for young and in-need alcoholics who struggle with finances. Pre-registration is currently \$30 and will be going up as the conference nears. You may register at our website nacypaa.org or by scanning the QR code on our fliers. Discounted hotel rooms are also available at our website. Join us for an incredible weekend of shenanigans carrying the message and unity for young and young at heart alcoholics across Nevada. See you there!

Our committee is solvent, on track for our financial schedule for the conference. Our next event will be a free yoga workshop and spirituality panel at Sunset Park, next Saturday, May 21st at Sunset Park. Please see attached flier and map.

Our final pre-conference event, "NACY-Prom", will be held Saturday, June 4th from 7pm til 11:30pm, at Central Office. There will be a meeting followed by a formal themed dance. There will be contests and all manner of sober shenanigans. The suggested donation is \$20 per person, or \$30 per couple. Please see the attached flier.

We will be having 24/7 marathon meetings and a hospitality suite at the conference.

We need your homegroup's help by signing up to host both hospitality room and marathon meeting slots for the conference. In a hospitality slot, your group would host an activity (such as a game, or informal workshop) for one or two hours. In a marathon meeting, your group would simply host a 50-minute meeting (any format).

Please see me after this meeting, that I may get point of contact information for your groups; then take this to your next group business meeting to see if your group would care to be of service at the conference in this capacity. Our hospitality chair, programs chair, or committee secretary would then contact you to secure your groups slots.

To see a read-only spreadsheet of the available marathon and hospitality slots please click on:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SjHtgEoCYgsRPGbgFXU3LqluelXEHW5SLWSIkauU5M/edit?usp=sharing>

Or, your group representative may simply email our secretary at NACYPAA2022@gmail.com to choose an available slot from the above schedule.

NACYPAA I Host Committee is currently meeting weekly at 1:30pm on Sundays at Central Office, except May 15th and 22nd, and June 12th due to other scheduled events at Central Office. Come get involved with the fun of hosting the first Nevada Sate YPAA conference and join us. Many committee positions are currently vacant, including co-chair. All are welcome!

Thank you all for your time, consideration, and tireless service!

LA VINA REPORT ON UPCOMING CONFERENCE

Dear colleagues from Area 42, the committee for the 26th Anniversary of the La Viña magazine for the Pacific Region, continues to motivate you and all the Areas of the Pacific Region, to come, join us and be part of this great Regional event which will be held at the Palace Station Casino on July 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 2022. We hope that you can have the experience of enjoying our guest speakers and share our traditional dinner dance with us. We invite you to visit our website where you can purchase your registration and banquet tickets. There is also a category on our website for voluntary contributions from AA members.

DCM REPORTS:

DISTRICT 1: MARTY

My name is Marty and I'm an alcoholic, I have the privilege of serving as the DCM for District One. Our district is healthy and active and there are no changes to report at this time.

DISTRICT 3: ANDRE

Ditto to what Marty just said. Nothing to report.

DISTRICT 5B: ASHLEY

Good Afternoon, my name is Ashley, and I am an Alcoholic. I am your DCM for District 5b. We held our district meeting yesterday at 1:15pm and Choices Fellowship, we are excited to announce that we will be starting a monthly Service manual study meeting, we will be going through the Service Manual together to learn more about general service. Anyone is welcome to come, the meeting will be held the third Saturday of the month at 10am on Zoom. Meeting ID: 911 603 2610 and Passcode: Service, we would love for you to come and join us. Our district will be having our next workshop in July, and it will be a ton of fun! Our amazing workshop chair pam and co-chair Heather are currently working out the details, and we will provide more information as it comes closer. Thanks to Paul, Jonell, and our register Jim we have a list of all of the meetings in the district, thank you for all of your hard work. Jim and I are going to go through the list and update it, then our district is going to work together to go out to dark groups to teach them about general service. I am so very grateful for the members in our district, they show up and show out every month and I couldn't be more blessed to be a part of it. Please let me know if you have any questions about our meeting, and thank you for allowing me to be of service

DISTRICT 7: BROOKE

Hello, my name is Brooke and I am an alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 7. Our meeting location has moved to the Meeting Space, room 103 at 715. We meet every 3rd Friday of the month. We will be holding another Service Workshop in June on the Concepts, at the Meeting Space. Flyers will be sent with more details. We will also be having our annual Mt Charleston picnic on August 14th. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

DISTRICT 9: DANO B.

Buenos días and hello from district 9. This is certainly a little sideways of how I thought we could fill this room on the third Sunday of a given month, the usual time for our district 9 meeting.

The general servants from District 9 had a busy spring. We put our district into gear by volunteering as the hosting district for the Tonopah assembly. In my opinion all went well and we will help the next district by creating a new and updated how to binder. In addition, we have volunteered to provide drink service for the Fall 2022 assembly.

The content of the assembly was somewhat disheartening to some of the GSR's in District 9 and I cannot convey the message enough. That as a GSR, we are the changes we want to see, and that anything worth aspiring towards requires hard work and perseverance.

With that being said, the following week we did our first service event at "The Center" which already houses AA meetings on its premises. As my own grandiose aspirations expected a full room, I was still blown away by the raw and unfiltered truths that were shared by the vast and sometimes unseen diversity of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Too many refreshments were provided but all in all. I believe it was a success for our young and growing district, and for AA as a whole.

A few people were left uncomfortable by some of our truths. And that's OK. The only way to move forward is to lay all our cards on the table. Even the darker and painful ones.

I would hope that any talk of a DCMs lasting legacy in a district would be the ability to stay on the cutting edge of popular opinion, the ability to voice a minority opinion and stay true to our own convictions and truths. That AA has always grown not through complacency but from the singular and sometimes quiet voices within our fellowship,

District 9 and we will continue our quest and thirst for insights and knowledge in the coming months with study from our service manual and translating general service into action.

DISTRICT 11:

DISTRICT 13:

DISTRICT 15: THERESA

I'm Theresa and I am an alcoholic. I am from District 15 and am the new DCM. I am excited to say that we have GSRs in training. Our district had a spring BluesFest and it went very well. We had a lot of help. I would like to thank district 17 for all of their help. We had fun. We will be doing an ice cream social in July sometime and we will be putting flyers everywhere. If you would like to team up with us, please come and see me after this meeting. Thank you and have a great day. Also, our business meeting is on. The second Sunday of the month.

DISTRICT 17: BRAD

Meetings continue to grow in Pahrump. There are now 40 meets a week. Social event committee has been busy organizing upcoming events. We had a Valentine's Day dance back in February. The turnout was great, and everyone had a good time. Yesterday was our district spring fling picnic at Simpkins Park. About 50 people attended. On July 11, a workshop will portray a game show concept on sponsorship. Warriors Group Fri. 6:30 Hwy 160 and Simpkins.

DISTRICT 19: JIM

No report

DISTRICT 21: FRANCISCO

Colleagues and trusted servants of SAGSC Area 42, I wish all of you a wonderful 24 hours of sobriety. My name is Francisco, I am an alcoholic and the DCM of District 21.

We continue to work at full capacity by visiting our home groups. Our District meets every Thursday of the year with our GSRs and committee chairs. We visit a different home group every week on Mondays and share our Traditions at special workshops. And on Wednesdays we visit our groups regularly to inform our community about what's going on.

Working committees:

- H & I – Is already working at installations
- The La Viña Anniversary Committee is visiting groups, districts, and areas all throughout the pacific region with information about the 26th anniversary event of the magazine.
- 20th Forum – is ready and working. This local event is being celebrated on June 12th of this year.
- The PI Committee has been formed and is beginning to work.
- The Hispanic Committee for the Round up was formed yesterday, May 14th

OLD BUSINESS:

LIBBY TO PRESENT THAT AN ADHOC COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO DISCUSS THE MOTION AND REPORT WILL BE GIVEN. THAT SAGSC CREATE 2 GSO STANDING COMMITTEES: TREATMENT AND CORRECTIONS

The committee met several times and we talked and met with H&I Committee to see what was going on.

There is a package attached to the agenda.

This is what the Ad Hoc committee recommends that SAGSC does not create two committees.

IS THERE ANY NEW BUSINESS?

THANK YOU DISTRICT 5B FOR HOSTING. Who is bringing donuts and coffee next time: District 7

CLOSE WITH RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION