

Minutes Utah Area 69 February Committee Meeting February 22, 2014

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Salina, Utah, District 6

**Welcome –Wade J., Chair:** Meeting opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Utah Area 69 Preamble, Anonymity Statement and the Responsibility Statement. Wade thanked the host committee, District 6, welcomed newcomers to their first General Service meeting and introduced the Area Officers and Past Delegates in attendance. Laurie S, District 11, read the 12 Concepts, short form. The Area Standing Chairs were introduced.

**Minutes of the 2013 December Area Committee Meeting – Wendy W., Area Secretary:** Approved as read.

**Treasurer’s Report, Renae H., Area Treasurer:** Greetings Everyone, It’s great to be back together again after the long Holiday season and New Year. I’m looking forward to our gatherings and serving this great fellowship in 2014! The January 1, 2013 beginning bank balance was \$5676.00. Total Area contributions for 2013 were \$28,267.65, bringing the combined total income to \$33,943.65. Total expenditures for 2013 \$27,211.35. Final accounting of 2013 reflects a deficit of -\$9.95 in expenses unaccounted for. The January 1, 2014 beginning bank balance carried over from 2013 was \$6722.35. YTD contributions total \$3637.02. YTD expenses total \$1849.07. Area 69 Group contributions have been strong and steady. Thank you to all the group’s that contribute to Area 69! It is such a privilege to be of service---I am so grateful to each and every one of you for my sobriety. Renae H.

**Final 2013 Financial Report – Renae H., Area Treasurer:** Approved as read.

**YTD 2014 Financial Report – Renae H., Area Treasurer:** Approved as read.

**Delegate’s Report – Walter C., Delegate: “Communicating Our Legacies – Vital in a Changing World”** Hello my name is Walter and I am an alcoholic. Today we are starting year two of Panel 63 and year two for me as your Area 69 Delegate. Thank you for the honor to serve as your Delegate. Now for Highlights from the A.A. World Services Board that met on Thursday, January 30, 2014, at the General Service Office in New York, NY. **Manager’s Report:** General Manager Phyllis H. reported that General Service Office (G.S.O.) ended the year 2013 with an unaudited net profit of \$93,446. Of special note was the fact that we celebrated December as the highest month in contributions ever recorded – totaling \$850,000! Staff: This is a very exciting and busy time as we prepare for the 64<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. The Conference desk has been receiving requests for Conference agenda items as well as preparing for the Conference Committee chairpersons orientation and a myriad of other detailed Conference preparations. On January 31, 2014, we welcomed the Delegate Chairs for the 2014 General Service Conference who participated in an orientation session and had the opportunity to observe trustees’ committee meetings over the General Service Board weekend which immediately followed the orientation. **Services:** 1. A.A.W.S. recommended forwarding G.S.O.’s A.A. Web Site Quarterly Report (October-December 2013) and 2013 Annual “Summary of G.S.O. Web Site Activities” to the Trustees’ Committee on Public Information. 2. A.A.W.S also approved the following additional recommendations: A. The future use of Web banner art as described in the 2014 Comprehensive Media Plan. B. That all full length A.A. videos, except those for members only, be posted on G.S.O.’s A.A. Web site. **Publishing:** 1. Sales: 2013 saw much activity in literature sales, and we ended the year with \$12,837,474 in total gross sales vs. an annual estimate of sales of \$12,800,000 (\$37,474 and 0.29% over budget). 2. Online Sales: Thanks to the launch of our two A.A.W.S. Online Store sites, online sales grew substantially in 2013. The bulk order site brought in \$5,169,629 and the general consumer site – launched in October 2013 – brought in \$182,587. The total percentage of sales transacted on line was 40.23% for year-end December 2013. 3. Digital Publishing Program: Currently, Alcoholics Anonymous and the Twelve & Twelve (both in English) are published on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Apple iTunes stores. The French translations of Alcoholics Anonymous and the Twelve & Twelve are expected to be published and available for sale by the end of January 2014, as well as Daily Reflections (English). 4. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Alcoholics Anonymous: The production of the anniversary edition of the Big Book remains on schedule for April 2014 delivery, with current pre-orders approaching 60,000 copies. **Finance.** 1. The A.A.W.S. Board approved the 2014 budget of the General Service Office and agreed to forward it to the trustees’ Finance and Budgetary Committee. 2. Unaudited financial report for the 12 months through December 2013 reflected (all figures in thousands): a Net Sales \$12,600 b. Gross Profit (Literature) \$8,105 c. Contributions \$6,899 d. Total operating expense \$14, 911 Of note: With total expenses showing \$181,000 under budget our end of year results were excellent. Other 1. The A.A.W.S Board discussed a request to translate the Commemorative 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the First Edition, first printing of Alcoholics Anonymous into Spanish and agreed to take no action. However, the Board suggested developing ways – other than full translation – to make the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition accessible to French and Spanish speaking members, and asked the publishing director to bring back suggestions to the March 2014 Board for how this might be accomplished. 2. The A.A.W.S. Board reviewed the text of a new, privacy policy vetted by legal counsel culled from the separate privacy policies on AA.org, A.A.W.S. Online Store, and A.A. Member Contributions Online, and approved replacing all current privacy policies on G.S.O.’s Web sites with the new combined Privacy Policy. 3. The A.A.W.S. Board approved discontinuing new sales of eBooks on the A.A.W.S. proprietary app platform. Existing products will continue to be supported. 4. The A.A.W.S. Board reviewed suggested pricing options from the Publishing Director for the Large Print Abridged version of Alcoholics Anonymous and approved a selling price of \$6.00 for this item. 5. The A.A.W.S. Board also reviewed suggested pricing options from the Publishing Director regarding the DVD “Markings on the Journey,” and approved reducing the selling price from \$16.00 to \$10.00 for this item, in keeping with the selling price of other DVDs. Although a report will be given on PRAASA, I would like to mention it in the Delegate’s report. PRAASA will be held in San Diego, California on March 7, 8 and 9 at the Town & Country Hotel. Because Utah will be hosting PRAASA in 2015, I have the honor to represent Utah as the Chairperson for the PRAASA Delegate Advisory Board (PDAB). This position has given me the opportunity to see behind the scenes action of PRAASA. There are a lot of dedicated alcoholics helping to put this thing together. So, I would invite all you to attend PRAASA if you can. Lastly, I am grateful to following Area 69 members who will be participating in PRAASA 2014: Presenter : Kristen D.; “Is General Service Becoming a Separate Fellowship” Friday 6:45-8:00 PM Presenter: Doug R.: “The connection Between the Conference and the Suffering Alcoholic” Friday 2:15-3:30 PM Round Table Moderator: Andy B.: Hospital and Institutions/Treatment Facilities: Saturday 3:45-5:45 PM Round Table Moderator: Kurt J.; Literature: Saturday 3:45-4:45 PM Round Table Moderator: Treesa J.; Public Information; Friday 8:15-10:15 PM Reader: Renae H.; Saturday 8:00-9:30 PM Timer: Matt D.; Saturday 2:00-3:30 pm. If there is anyone that I did not mention please let me know today that you are a volunteer at PRAASA. The Agenda items for the 2014 General Service Conference will be presented today. There are 57 Agenda Items, which is less than we normally receive. I would encourage you to get as much information on the Agenda Items that interest you. Ask me or any Area 69 Officer for help if needed. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Walter C., Area 69 Utah, Panel 63 Delegate.

**Roll Call – Sheryl T., Area Registrar** – In attendance were 7 Area Officers, 9 Area Standing Chairs, 4 Past Delegates; District 1: 2 DCM; District 2: 1 DCMC, 5 GSRs; District 3: 2 DCMs, 1 Alt. DCM, 1 GSR, 2 Alt. GSRs; District 4: 1 DCM, 2 GSRs; District 5: no members; District 6: 1 DCM, 1 Alt. DCM, 1 GSR, 1 District Officer; District 7: 1 DCMC, 1 Alt. DCM, 1 GSR, 1 Standing Chair, 1 District Officer; District 8, 1 DCM; District 9: no members; District 10: 1 DCMC, 2 DCMs, 3 GSRs, 2 Alt. GSRs, 1 Standing Chair, 1 District Officer; District 11: 1 DCMC, 2 DCMs, 2 GSRs, 2 Standing Chairs; District 12: no members; C.O. Reps, none; 4 Interested AAs – **Total = 68**

## Remaining Area Officer's Reports

**Alternate Delegate, Doug R.:** verbal report given

**Immediate Past Delegate, Keith M.:** It is an absolute privilege to serve Area 69. However, we have been busy. Currently I am serving on 4 ad hoc or special committees and average over a meeting /conference call per week. This week is wonderful but I am looking forward to rotating. Please take a few minutes to fill out the "Area 69 Event Evaluation." Your input is very important. The Inventory ad hoc committee needs to know your needs, wants and wishes. Changing hats, please start thinking about your article for the Pre-Conference Assembly Newsletter. Please email to me by March 19. We will accept all topics, but PRAASA would be a wonderful subject. Please explain how PRAASA changed your AA world. Yours in service, Keith M Panel 61 Delegate

**Area Chairperson, Wade J.:** Good morning my name is Wade J. area Chairperson and I am an Alcoholic. Since the last time we met in December life has been busy, I had the pleasure of visiting Idaho's Christmas meeting. I also visited the famous Men's meeting that Frank and Curt talk so highly about, and I can tell you after all these years everything they have said is true and I would like to thank them for the hospitality that was given to me and my wife. I also had the pleasure of attending District 4 Meeting I can say with great fellowship and some awesome Indian Tacos fun was had by all. I visited District 2 Meeting and it is good to see Patrick and crew and all the hard work they are doing. Last Sunday we met at Salt Lake Central Office and went over the Agenda items that we can talk and vote on at the Pre-Conference Assembly, I would like to thank all the Area and District members who attended. I also have had the pleasure of meeting with Matt and Walter a couple times to discuss upcoming events. In closing I would like to thank District 6 for hosting this event and all the work that the members have done, I can only hope this year is amazing as last year was and I look very forward in spending as much time with each and every one of you. Love in Service Wade J.

## Standing Committee Reports

**Archives, Athlene M., Chairperson:** Copy of first phone list from the Men's PC Stag meeting was given to Archives 1-8-14 (District 10). Also 9 @ 18 cent stamps called "Alcoholism you can beat it" from 1981 were given to Area 69 Archives 1-8-14. District 3 turned in 3 binders covering the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and the financial report folder on Post-Conference for 2013. I will be doing a follow-up report on the ideas surrounding the EIN and 501c3 tax exemption process, next time I share. Thank you for letting me serve, Athlene.

**Communications, Charlie G., Chairperson:** Welcome to all the New GSR's & Trusted servants! These next 2 years are really going to be exciting as there are a lot of changes and improvements planned as well as major events that we will all get the opportunity to participate in. Our latest Website Stats area as follows; We have had a total visitor count of: 335,304 , Average visit duration is 53 seconds. In the web world they call these next Stats our Audience: New visitors made up 36.2% & Returning Visitors were at 63.8%. From Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> to Feb 12<sup>th</sup> there were 1,130 Unique visitors and 1,913 page views. On percent of new visits from Desktops was 52.13% and 47.87% were mobile (smartphones and tablet) and March 15<sup>th</sup> our website will be 13 years young. We will be sending the payment out for our Hosting plan this weekend and will be paid up till March 15<sup>th</sup> 2015. We still are only using about 9 to 10 % of our total allowed bandwidth for our account. As far as Web page Next Gen development goes we are slowly moving forward with this & should have something to show for our next Area committee meeting. Also, Winston our Translation guru will be leaving Area 69 but has agreed to help until we find someone else to step up. He has been a god-send THANK YOU Compodre! If we could each get the word out in our groups and districts that we need a Spanish Translation member on our Communications committee it would be greatly appreciated. Hope all the new GSR's checkout what is available: Please check out: <http://www.utahaa.org/service.html> for all you group service needs, There is Area 69 New Group Forms, Area 69 Change of Group Information Form Area 69 Service Position Change Form As well as the signup for the New GSO invoices or statements via e-mail Form, \_GSR Survival Guide , My Group Elected Me As Their New GSR As well as much more, guidelines, motion forms and a link to all Area event and business documents. On our Area 69 Landing page we recently added the Responsibility statement, and you can make group contributions as well as the signup link for your Grapevine QOTD.

Will be happy to help anyone group or member that would like to review all that is there to help you. We plan to stay within our budget this year. If you haven't yet utilized the GSO Digital Delivery you can go to the AA.org website submit your email & they will send all correspondence to you electronically. This is a great way to save time getting information sent to you .We added a link to the aagapevine.org website where you can download a "Celebrate 70 Years with the Grapevine" kit for your group. It's amazing that the Grapevine will be 70 in June just 112 days away. We have updated several email addresses in the utah.area69gmail contact list as requested by individual members & there have been numerous group additions and changes so check your meeting lists often.. Thanks again to all the Districts that send us their minutes & guideline updates so they can be distributed easily and at next to no cost. In an effort to better handle Spanish website updates, I again would like to invite someone from dist#12 to be on our Communications committee their input would be invaluable and help them too. Thank you for letting me serve... Charlie g. Area 69 Communications chair.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Rachael F., Chairperson:** My name is Rachael I currently have the privilege of serving you as Area 69 CPC chair. Thanks to district 6 for hosting. I have been creating and distributing information packets for medical professionals, clergy and senior center administrators. I believe most districts have received them. If you have not or would like extras please see me sometime today. I have a few more left and will happily order more for the Pre-Conference in park City. My intention for these packets is to make it easier to carry our message to the professionals. As we all know professionals and people are busy and it might be hard for any of us to pass the message on to them. I sometimes find myself intimidated by professionals and feel uncomfortable when broaching the topic of Alcoholics Anonymous. The packet can dropped off with the cover letter and your phone number for questions. I am excited to be attending PRAASA in San Diego coming up in 2 weeks. It was last year in Boise that I learned about the professional information packets from an area in California. I hope to bring back more ideas from the roundtables this year. CPC activity within Utah is slow. This does not have to be the case. I can say with some amount of certainty that everyone has a doctor and a lot of us go to meetings in churches. These are 2 great opportunities that are right at our finger tips. Please announce this opportunity to your groups and district members. I attended a CPC workshop that was hosted by the Salt Lake Central Office CPC Chair, Jeff. The workshop itself was very productive and I was able to answer questions and provide some additional guidance. As I have mentioned before Salt Lake Central Office now has standing chairs for each position. When first hearing this I was told that the positions were created because area standing chairs and district standing chairs were "not doing their jobs" and as you might expect I was a little upset. This workshop gave me a new understanding as to the reason these positions were created. Central Office felt that since they were the front line in answering requests coming in they should be able to help. I am now completely on board with this idea. If they already haven't done so they plan on contacting the standing chairs and/or DCMC for districts 2, 10 and 11 to help coordinate for meetings, presentations etc. Just recently there was a meeting with the Medical Director at one of the Odyssey House asking for guidance and information on how best to help alcoholics. Lastly, that time of year is upon us again to start planning for the University of Utah School on Alcoholism. This year I hoping to fill slots with individual districts or meetings. Monday will be covered by

Salt Lake Central office. Please see me if you would like to volunteer. Otherwise take this information back to your groups and see if they are interested in helping. I will have a sign up sheet at Pre-Conference. In love and service Rachael F.

**Corrections, Pete G., Chairperson:** Hello, my name is Pete and I am an alcoholic. I regret that I am unable to be with my AA family today. Having spent last weekend in the most excellent company of servants reviewing the Conference Agenda Items, I was looking forward to the Area Committee Meeting to greet new members of the Corrections Committee and welcome back those who served on the committee last year. I could not make it to Salina today no matter how I tried. Corrections and Bridging the Gap activities continued through the month of December. There were two requests from prospects in December, one in southern Utah and one in District Two. January brought the opportunity to meet with and talk to new Corrections chairs. With a new Corrections Chair in District 7, there is renewed interest in getting meetings into the facilities in Beaver and Panguitch. District 7 is very active in Bridging the Gap also and is in the process of updating their Bridging the Gap contact list. New volunteers have submitted their names to be a part of the list. GSO provided a contact for the Salt Lake area at the end of the year, but I have no word if the prospect ever contacted AA. A similar situation arose in District 7 for mid-January but no contact was made in that instance either. In instances such as this, it is a good time to remember that all we can do is make ourselves available for the Bridge or 12 Step call – we cannot force the prospect to follow through. I am reminded of the words in Chapter 5 that state “DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED! No one among us has maintained anything like perfect adherence to these principals”. The best we can do is to make ourselves available and hope they make the contact. The Corrections Agenda items are exciting – especially the new video being considered. It has been 25 years since this video has been updated. I hope to hear your group feedback on this Item. If I can be of service to your group, please do not hesitate to call or email me. I look forward to seeing many of you at PRAASA in San Diego and all of you at the Pre Conference Assembly. As We Trudge the Road of Happy Destiny together, Pete G. Area69 Corrections Chair.

**Grapevine, Mark B., Chairperson:** Hello fellow trusted servants, I am an alcoholic, my name is Mark. To update, I was sorry I couldn't make it to the last event in Bountiful. I have learned that almost everything the book on dealing with adversities in sobriety has just about all happened to me. But I still have not found it necessary to drink, and I blame it all on you8, thank you for your support. To give you a quick update, I am making strides to get back on track. I have placed a huge order to update and restock all the books and new literature, and will have it in full stock and bulk for purchase at Pre-Conference next month in Park City. I have been talking with people to let them know about the drop across the board in subscriptions. This is the year to reorder as the Grapevine is 70 years old this year. What an amazing tool to have that obviously works, as its track record indicates. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for your separate districts, i.e., visiting, phone calls or mailing issues of the GV to help carry the message. Thank you District 6 for hosting this event. Look forward to seeing you in San Diego and Pre-Conference next month. Mark B. Area 69 Grapevine.

**Literature, Kurt J., Chairperson:** My name is Kurt and I'm an alcoholic. My sobriety date is April 21, 1994. My home group is the Monday Night Men's Group in Logan, Utah. I am currently serving Area 69 as the Literature Chair. I am very glad to be at this meeting after the long time off from our December Committee Meeting. Since the last event I did attend the District 1 GSR meetings in January and February. The Big Book and 12 Steps and 12 Traditions are now available as eBooks for your electronic device. eBook versions are available for Kindle, NOOKI, and through Apple iTunes. The Kindle version can be downloaded to Android phones or tablets and to your PC. You only pay once to have the books on all of your devices. Please be careful, there are a lot of big book eBooks for sale on Amazon. The profits from only one of those go to Alcoholics Anonymous. The easiest way to find the AAWS eBooks is to go to aa.org, click on eBooks, and then follow the links. The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the Big Book is scheduled to ship in April. The best place to get a copy is from your Central Office. All of the Utah Central Offices should have the new Big Book sometime in April. I will have copies for sale at all of the Area events beginning with the Post Conference Assembly in St. George. I love Alcoholics Anonymous. I love general service. Thank you for my sobriety. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Kurt Jensen [area69literature@utahaa.org](mailto:area69literature@utahaa.org) 435-764-2122

**Public Information (P.I.), Treesa J., Chairperson:** Good morning everyone. Thank you District 6 for hosting this event. It is always nice to hang out over in this part of the state. I hope those who attended the General Service Orientation this morning enjoyed it. Thank you Kurt for putting that together for us. This has been a slow time of year for Public Information. There hasn't been a huge call for any booth displays. However, I have been made aware of two new P.I. Committee members. First, Deanna in District 7 is the new P.I. Standing Chair and Rich in District 11 is a new P.I. Standing Chair. Rich called and spoke with me on the phone. We discussed meeting lists in local hotels/motels. I encouraged him to verify meetings listed in the local newspaper. There isn't usually a charge because our meetings are listed in the public service announcements. Rich spoke with me about encouraging the groups in District 11 to have standing chairs. He would like to have a committee to work with. I completely understand not being able to cover a large area by yourself. We talked about the District Standing Chairs are the committees for the Area Standing Chair. I also shared that when a District doesn't have Standing Chair, I work with the DCMC or whoever is available as a contact in that District. I used District 4 as an example. I am looking forward to PRAASA and meeting with the P.I. Roundtable. It is always a great opportunity to meet and speak with others in the same position. The program sometimes feels different in different areas but it always seems to be the same too. Thank you for sharing this journey with me. It continues to be a pleasure to work with all of you. Yours in service, Treesa J.

**Treatment Facilities, Andy B., Chairperson:** In January I was invited to give a presentation in District 4 at a Treatment Ranch out between Holden and Delta, who'd a thunk to have a Treatment Ranch. Thanks Dave for the opportunity to serve. February 7<sup>th</sup> I celebrated 27 years of recovery. Next week I will be in San Diego to go to PRAASA, where I was invited to facilitate the H&I-Treatment Roundtable Saturday afternoon, also to get a first-hand look at what we'll be doing at 2015 PRAASA. It's almost our turn to give back to the Pacific Region, what they have been giving to us for the past 14 years. It's always a gift to me to serve, thanks to everyone who has led the way through service and recovery. Love-n-service Andy B

**Assembly/Agenda, Matt D., Chairperson:** Good morning everyone. My name is Matt and I have the privilege of serving you as your Assembly and Agenda Chair. My home group is the Primary Purpose Group we meet on Monday nights at 7:00. Since we last met I feel that I have been very busy. I have traveled close to 900 miles meeting with host committees. On some occasions I have been able to schedule back-to-back meetings on the same day which helps keep cost down and me out of the driver's seat. I have met with Districts 2, 10 and 7, and have had phone conversations with District 8. Also I went to District 1 to speak with Chris and check on their progress with planning to host the Pre-Assembly Workshop. Unfortunately he was out sick that night and I was unable to meet with him. I will try again I'm sure he has it well in hand. Contracts with hotels have been or are being signed and in order to get a better rate for the meeting rooms we promise to book so many hotel rooms. We try to keep this number low but we can use your help. So book your room and come join the fun. Thank you for allowing me to serve Matt D.

**Bid for 2015 February Committee Meeting, Assembly/Agenda, Matt D., Chairperson:** District 11 (Bountiful area) won the bid.

## District Reports

**District 1-Chris H., DCM:** District 1 closed out 2013 well within their established budget and with their 2014 budget officially established. Additionally, we were on time with our Guidelines review. We are happy to announce that our District Committee has increased by 1 so far this year. Erin B. Is now serving as a DCM giving District 1 a current total of 4 DCMs serving Weber and Cache counties and we are very pleased to have her on board. Over the past few months, District 1 has noted a small but significant change in some groups within in the Weber County. This change being in dark groups which are now making efforts to participate once again in the fellowship as a whole. We've noted an increase in new GSR,s and interested AAs coming to District meetings as-well-as new 7th tradition contributions being recorded by our district treasurer. Though none will take credit for helping to bring these groups back into the whole, there are those in service who are very persuasive. In regards to contributions, District 1 would like to acknowledge and thank all the groups that have taken the time, effort, and consideration, to send a portion of their contributions to District, Area, GSO, and/or their central office/Intergroup. Contributions from \$1.86 to a couple hundred dollars had been forwarded to District 1 in 2013. We will continue to put these contributions to good use and do so within the context of the fellowships concepts and traditions. District 1 has two groups that pass the 'pink can' to purchase AA literature for those behind bars. Between these two groups; 'Beyond the Horizon' and 'Monday Newcomers Group' over \$800 was donated in 2013. All we can say is wow, thank you. Frank B., district 1 treasurer, has himself procured and delivered AA big books and sundries to the appropriate institutions using these pink can donations. Several District 1 members are looking forward to attending PRAASA this March and are equally hopeful that we see many others from Area 69 there as well. Once again, I'm honored and pleased to be of service, thank you for allowing me to do so. Chris H District 1 DCM

**District 2 – Patrick S., DCM:** verbal report given

**District 3 – Doug L, DCM:** My name is Doug and I'm an alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 3. District 3 has been going through a transition of Officers. All Officers have been replaced due to personal/health reasons. I would like to thank Walter and other Area Officers for guiding us through this transition. Our Financials are stable and we have an appropriate prudent reserve. Group growth and membership is stable. We are just starting to fill much needed positions. I'm glad to report that we filled a Bridging the Gap Chair and a Treatment Chair position that has been vacant for over a year. Thanks to Andy and Pete , area chairs, for their support in bring our chairs up to speed. We had a very successful fundraiser in our district in which we printed "Got Sobriety" T-shirts and sold them to offset our Christmas party expenses. That fundraiser exceeded expectations and District ended up making much needed money. Again I would personally like to thank for help in guidance through this transition and know that Recovery is alive and well in District 3. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Doug Light DCM

**District 4 – David R, DCM:** Good morning. My name is David and I am a real alcoholic. I'm the DCM for District 4 which covers Millard and Juab Counties. We have a meeting in Nephi now that meets on Thursdays at 7 pm. They are starting out with good attendance and even sent a GSR today. Three of us will be attending PRAASA in San Diego. I'm excited. It will be my first PRAASA. Also we will be gratefully helping out on the 2015 PRAASA committee. Area service is a real lifeline to our rural communities. Thank you to Area 69 for 12th stepping District 4. Without Area service I wouldn't have AA I would have Dave A and Dave A doesn't work. Thank you all for your service in AA, David Live and Let Live.

**District 5 – no report**

**District 6 – Denzel A., DCM –** Hi everybody my name is Denzel. I am serving as DCM for District 6. District 6 is doing well with meetings every night of the week except Sunday here in Salina. Wayne Group still meets in Bicknell. Our Sampete group is growing and doing well. The Sevier Group holds meetings, Tuesday Wednesday at noon – Thursday and Saturday. Thanks for coming today and thanks for allowing us to serve the Area and allowing us to hold this event.

**District 7– Kim K., alt DCM:** Hi my name is Kim K., alt DCM Southwest District 7. My sobriety date is November 1, 2007. I am so happy being in service and have no idea what I am doing. Since my surgery 3 months ago I am still recovering and beginning to move forward. I am attending PRAASA in San Diego, our District workshop March 15 at 1:30pm at KKCB in Cedar City with Walter C, Wade J and Matt D followed by our District meeting at 4pm, the Pre-Conference Assembly in Park City and Post-Conference Assembly in St George. Attendance has been up in St George and Hurricane due to Snowbirds, visitors and people moving into our area. Great sobriety month, 30+ years in February, I guess it's a good month to get sober. We have new meetings in St. George, Cedar City, Panguitch, Kanab and Springdale. It's going to be a fun year for me as I travel this beautiful state to represent our District. It's so much fun being in AA to carry the message wherever I go. We have 46 groups in our District with 14 of them contributing the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition to GSO, Are and District. We have 3 new GSRs and a new District Treasurer. Thanks to District 6 for hosting this meeting and AA, love being in service. This is the best volunteer job I've had. Peace and love and unicorns, Kim K.

**District 7 – John W., DCM:** Hello fellow servants, my name is John W. currently serving District 7 as DCM. Glad to announce positive change occurring in District 7, only 3 open DCM positions and Treatment Chair and alternates are needed at this time. More GSRs are getting involved in service. Our CPC/PI Chair is keeping all of us busy and we are getting libraries etc. filled with literature and Big Books. There is an alternate CPC/PI Chair in Southeast sub-district section of our District. DCO is looking for new blood. In correlation with Area 69 topic for 2014 (working in cooperation with) District 7 and DCO has been working together in assisting one another with better communication and carrying the message. DCO Newsletter is still in need of an editor. Motions have been presented to District 7 GSRs for implementing a budget. It was tabled in February until March. We are looking forward to having Area Chairs and Area Delegate at our March District 7 GSR meeting and potluck. All Area Chairs are invited and will be at 1:30 March 15, 2014 in Cedar City at KKCB. I have noticed when we know better we do better. It's cool when GSRs get to hold DCMs and Standing Chairs accountable. Growth is good. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, John W. Thank you District 6 for hosting this event. Nice to be home for a day. Looking forward to PRAASA.

**District 8 – Teri W., DCM:** My name is Teri, I'm an alcoholic. Currently serving as the DCM for District 8. Happy to report we have good attendance at our District meetings and all the positions are filled. Most of the meetings have a GSR and report they have good attendance, home-group members and are sending contributions on to District, Area and GSO. The Wednesday Women's meeting just celebrated 30 years. The Thursday Book Study almost had to move after 30 something years, however, God worked it out for us to stay. In January our District Treasurer had to resign due to her husband getting cancer. Sad to report he passed away the end of January. Our alternate DCM stepped in as our current Treasurer. Also in January we changed the guidelines to increase the defrayment on hotel and mileage expenses. The District also formed a proposed budget that will be voted on in March. Corrections has had no meetings going in to the Vernal jail until recently. One woman is taking a meeting in to the women, still asking the men. We do have meetings going in to the

Duchesne jail and have literature going in to both jails. CPC/PI has distributed meeting schedules to all the motel/hotels in Vernal. Red Pine Treatment Center clients are attending meetings in Vernal and Roosevelt. Our Grapevine Chairperson had to step down because he is moving, however, another gentleman was voted in. Our District meeting members have struggled this past year with the District meeting lasting more than an hour, because we have an active DCM that is giving full reports so the meeting is lasting about 1 ½ hours. I have had to call our Delegate to ask questions on how to deal with hard personalities. I'm so grateful to Walter to share his experience and kind suggestions. This position as the DCM has been challenging at times learning to deal with different personalities and egos. But I'm so grateful for the opportunity to learn, grow and build my faith and trust in God. He certainly has given me answers to my prayers to him. Thank you, see you in March.

**District 9** – no report

**District 10 – Rick V., DCMC:** Hello trusted servants. I'm happy to announce District 10 is doing well and getting along in 2014. In January we had the Grapevine position filled, as well as the alt DCMC position and DCM position for section 5. Also, as a onetime event, we decided to send 4 people to the PRAASA event in San Diego as opposed to the 2 we normally send each year. The Fall Assembly committee now has the facility for the event. As always, in April we will make our contributions to the 3 entities; Central Office, GSO and Area. We've asked Walter to come to our GSR meeting to help in letting our body know of the importance of the items that the GSRs will be taking to their groups and just how important their voice is to AA as a whole. I thank everyone in all Districts as well as our Area 69 for all the work we all do to carry the message of AA to the world. In loving service, Rick V.

**District 11 – Kristen D., DCMC:** Hello my name is Kristen and I am an alcoholic. I serve as the DCMC for District 11. My home group is Primary Purpose in Layton. We meet on Monday nights in Layton at 7:00 pm. District 11 is doing well. All of our positions are full. Our last position was filled by a man that has moved here from Texas. He is on fire and involved. We have 2 new GSRs. We have had a few problems with one of our treatment centers. Anonymity has been broken. A young lady's arm has been broken. We are going to take a break. We have discussed the value of having qualified people take positions, and as a result, we have a strong and active District. We are also getting more volunteers for the jail. We will also meet this Wednesday to start preparing for the Fall Assembly 2915. District 11 has begun the process of reviewing guidelines. Let me say there is wisdom that comes from experience strength and hope. I am truly blessed by friends and family that surround me in service. Kristen

**District 12** – no report

### **Motion Discussion**

The Chair asked the ad hoc Committee formed to discuss and explore various options regarding BTG in Area 69 if there was a report. Pete G was not in attendance; Andy B responded that a report wasn't ready. Keith M. called point of order and asked what was happening with the BTG motion that was introduced at the September 2013 Fall Assembly:

**Motion:**

Based on the ad hoc committee recommendations, a motion to enact the following suggestions:

- 1) Area 69 hold an Area Bridging the Gap Workshop on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June. This event will be co-chaired by the Area Treatment and Corrections Chairs.
- 2) This event follow the current guidelines for other Area events (pp C1 - C5).
- 3) Bids to host the event will be conducted at the Pre-Assembly Workshop in August. At this bid, servants will be chosen or volunteer from each District to serve as a liaison to the BTG Workshop.
- 4) Utilize the Salt Lake Central Office location as a non-moving telephone, address and meeting location if the host District wishes.
- 5) Actively encourage other Central Offices and Intergroups throughout the Area to participate and/or co-host this event.

**Date of motion:** September 21, 2013

**Presented by:** John W., DCM District 7

**Seconded by:** Irma, DCM District 10

**Rationale/Background:** none given

**Financial impact:** All finance remains the same but clearer tracking and reporting will show this event is self-supporting.

After some discussion about the appropriateness of this motion, there was a friendly request for the presenter to withdraw. The presenter withdrew the motion, the 2<sup>nd</sup> agreed. This motion is withdrawn.

**The Chair called for a report on the Inventory ad hoc Committee. Keith M. gave the following report:**

The Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee has met three times since it was formed at November Committee Meeting (twice via conference call and once face to face). It is my incredible privilege to serve as the committee chair and Wendy W is our secretary, who is beyond fantastically wonderful, she sends the committee minutes almost before the meeting is over. The committee members are very dedicated and we have a variety of trusted servants including area officers, area standing committee chairs, a DCMC and a couple GSRs. We formed two sub-committee or working teams in the beginning. One of these sub-committees created the Area 69 Event Evaluation that we handed out today, which we hope will gather additional information about this groups needs and wants regarding our events. We plan to continue these surveys through the Post-Conference Assembly. The second team reviewed the past three Area 69 Inventories (2013, 2011, and 2009) suggesting improvements and additions to our current practices. This sub-committee created tables with these suggestions and then entire committee is reviewing and rating these in reference to their importance. We are noting pass actions, possible future solutions, and creating a list of best practices. A few of these suggestions have been submitted to the Guidelines Committee and the rest will be in our final report with recommendations at the Post-Conference Assembly. Thank you for allowing me to service. Keith M. Immediate Past Delegate Panel 61 Delegate

**The Chair called for a report on the Area IG/CO ad hoc Committee. Erin B. gave the following report:**

We have met two times since the Fall Workshop, both via conference call. I appreciate the commitment and attendance of the trusted servants who participated in the call. We established that our scope includes only Area 69 to IG/CO's. Delegate participation in the monthly 5th tradition conference call covers GSO to IG/CO. The next question is whether or not there is a problem with the status quo? The service manual states that it is the Delegate's job to act as liaison to the IG/CO's. However, it is unreasonable to expect him to fulfill this duty given all of the delegate's other tasks. Consequently we end up with a lack of communication, duplication of efforts, scheduling conflicts with Area and local events. In addition, there is a lot of useful information presented at Area events that help IG/CO's better fulfill the primary purpose particularly at round table report backs. The only way to effectively gather that

information for IG/CO's is to physically attend the events. However, not everyone on the committee agreed that there is a problem. Some feel that the current way of doing things is sufficient.

Possible solutions:

1. Do nothing.
2. Create an Area position of IG/CO liaison.
3. Create positions of Area liaison at each IG/CO that attends Area events. These position may or may not have a vote at the Area, but all have a voice.

It is unnecessary to state that IG/CO have a voice at the Area level as all AA's have a voice in AA.

There is a structure currently in place, we don't need to make any changes. The service manual states, "Many areas find that a liaison between the central office/Intergroup and the area committee is very helpful in maintaining good relations and communication. In some areas the liaison has vote at the assembly; in others, a voice but not vote." There is a lack of responsibility at Area with respect to IG/CO and this may be in part due to a lack of authority, the two go hand in hand. If we give IG/CO liaisons a vote at the Area, as suggested by Concepts 4 and 10, they will be more likely to attend. However, it is cost prohibitive for each IG/CO to send a liaison. Notes from past IGCOAAWS seminars indicate that we are not the only ones who have explored this issue and the most common solution are liaisons. A poll of other Areas indicates that 14 Areas allow IG/CO a vote at the area, the majority have a voice but no vote. We are still undecided on a recommendation and open to input, particularly from CO board members. However, we need to communicate between the service bodies, IG/CO and Area.

We do have a few points of action to recommend:

1. Ask an Area officer to send a letter of invitation to participate in Area events.
2. Ask IG/CO's to invite Area officers to their business meetings.
3. Include time in the Agenda for reports from IG/CO's throughout the state.
4. Ask Area chair to invite IG/CO to the agenda planning meeting to encourage participation in the subsequent event.
5. Create a workshop on IG/CO/Area communication that could possibly be held during an Area event, maybe Sunday afternoon following the conclusion of the event.

We will meet again via conference call March 2nd and may meet at SLCO on March 23rd. We intend to have a formal recommendation soon. When would you like this recommendation?

**The Chair recognized a new motion to be presented by the Area 69 Secretary, Wendy W. at the February 22, 2014, Committee Meeting in Salina UT**

**Motion:** That the Area 69 Guidelines be changed to read: "3.6 Registrar g. Updates the Area Directory after each Area Assembly. This document is for Area officer use only."

**Current practice:** The Guidelines state: "3.6 Registrar g. Updates the Area Directory after each Area Assembly and distributes it to those on the Area's email list and print copies as requested."

**Reasoning:** This document contains last names and physical addresses of past and present GSRs and other Area servants. There is a disclaimer on the document that states "THIS DIRECTORY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A MAILING LIST OR FOR ANY FORM OF SOLICITATION OR COMMERCIAL VENTURE". There is no confidentiality statement or direction for sharing. While it is necessary to have this information as a way for the Area to contact members, if needed, we must respect the confidentiality of the members who supply this information. GSO maintains a database of similar member information for the purpose of contact by GSO, if needed, but does not distribute that information to anyone. We as an Area should follow that practice.

**Cost:** None

This motion was seconded by Deanna O., District 7 Standing Chair

After some discussion, the motion was tabled until the Post-Conference Assembly business meeting.

**The Chair recognized a new motion to be presented by the Area 69 Secretary, Wendy W. at the February 22, 2014, Committee Meeting in Salina UT**

**Motion:** That a notice be included in the next Area mailing stating: "To continue receiving a printed copy of the Area Minutes by mail, please respond by emailing the Area Registrar at [area69registrar@utahaa.org](mailto:area69registrar@utahaa.org), or the Area Secretary at [area69secretary@utahaa.org](mailto:area69secretary@utahaa.org), or sending a note by mail to Area 69 Registrar, PO Box 520863, Salt Lake City, UT, 84152."

**Current Practice:** The minutes of the Area 69 meetings are mailed out to over 200 addresses after each event. This costs the Area over \$800.00 in postage and printing each year.

**Reasoning:** This is an unreasonable amount of money to spend on postage for something that is available electronically, and is sent to individual email addresses and posted on the Area website. Those who really want to receive a printed copy can let us know.

**Cost:** Potential savings of up to \$800.00/year.

After some discussion, it was determined that this action was within the scope of the Secretary's duties, the motion was declared irrelevant and withdrawn.

### Past Events

**December 2013 Area Committee Meeting, Bountiful – Giulia DCM North District 11:** Hello everyone, my name is Giulia and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege of serving as DCM of the North for District 11, and was the Co-Chair for the Fall Assembly – Area Inventory that was held on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> in Bountiful. This event was held at the Bountiful Community Church and with the help of a bunch of folks the event was a great success! Using the \$250 seed money from the Area, District 11 spent \$50 to secure the site and \$155 for hospitality. We also collected \$202 in the donation cans and basket. That being said, today I will be giving a check to the Area for \$246.44. The roundtables were a huge success and everyone I spoke with felt that the method used to share the Area Inventory questions was perfect. I want to thank everyone from District 11 that helped with either chairing or taking notes during the roundtable sessions – we could not have done it without your help! In addition, I want to again personally thank Laure S., Mary L. and Scott D. who helped to inventory the totes and to help plan the food for the event ~ as well as Michelle' who so graciously covered the kitchen and kept the hospitality food available during the round table sessions in the afternoon. Finally, I would like to thank Kristen D. for her wonderful support and guidance before, during and after the Assembly. All in all, the event went very well and as a District we were honored to host the Area for this important event. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Respectfully, Giulia, DCM of the North District 11.

## Upcoming Events

**PRAASA 2014 – Doug R., Alt-Delegate:** PRAASA in San Diego, Friday March 7, 1pm through Sunday noon. See you there!

**2014 Pre-Conference Assembly, Patrick S., District 11:** Landmark Inn, Park City, UT. March 28-30.

**2014 Post-Conference Assembly – Deanna O., District 7:** The Post-Conference Assembly will be held May 16-18, 2014 at the Lexington Hotel and Convention Center in St. George, UT.

## What's on Your Mind?

Mike O shared that the Salt Lake Central Office needs a Hotline Coordinator. Renae shared that she has Birthday envelopes for GSO and Treasurer packets available to take.

**12:00pm: Adjourn for Lunch and close Business Meeting**

**1:30pm: Welcome back, Wade J., Area Chair:** The Chair introduced the Delegate, Walter C.

**Preliminary Conference Agenda Items/Voting Issues:** Walter presented the Agenda Items and passed out background material. This material is confidential and is not to be duplicated or distributed. There is a huge amount of information in the background materials. Last Sunday was the Pre-Committee meeting. The goal of the meeting was to review 57 agenda items and narrow the number of items down to 9-10. It was found that there are 3 categories of topics, Consider, Discuss and Review, color coded Green, Yellow and Orange, respectively. The instructions are to break into roundtables by topic and discuss in order of priority. The roundtables will convene again at the Pre-Conference Assembly and the Chairs will report back to the Area the findings of each roundtable.

**The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.**