

Minutes Utah Area 69 February Committee Meeting February 23, 2012
Community Church
Fillmore, Utah, District 4

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 4, welcomed newcomers to their first General Service meeting and introduced the Area Officers; no Past Delegates were in attendance. Delana, District 4, read the 12 Concepts, short form.

Minutes of the 2012 December Area Committee Meeting – Wendy W., Area Secretary: Approved as read.

Final 2012 Financial Report – Doug R., past Area Treasurer: Approved.

Treasurer’s Report, Renae H., Area Treasurer: Dear Fellowship, It is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve this fellowship as the newly elected Area 69 Treasurer, and I look forward to the next two years. I have had the patience, love, tolerance and understanding of our previous area Treasurer---as Doug R. has met with me several times and has been at the other end of the line countless times when I’ve called for his help with, what I’m sure to him, seemed like endless questions---and for that, I am so grateful. He has helped me so much in rotating smoothly into this responsibility and I’m happy to report that I’ve achieved some solid ground to move forward upon. I want to thank all of the groups that have supported the Area 69 General Service Committee’s efforts in ensuring that the vital services and 12th Step work of “carrying the A.A. message to the still suffering alcoholic”, remain strong and available---made possible only through your participation in the spiritual principles embodied within the 7th Tradition---by your voluntary contributions. Bill W. writes in our service pamphlet “SELF-SUPPORT: Where Money And Spirituality Mix”; Footing the bill – “Now, where do A.A.’s services --- worldwide, area, local --- fit into our scheme of things?” asked Bill W. in an October 1967 article in the A.A. Grapevine. “Why should we provide these functions with money?” According to Bill, “The answer is simple enough. Every single A.A. service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible, whether it be a group meeting place, a central or intergroup office...or the world service Headquarters...” “Though not costly, these service agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion---to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to a recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in full strength---and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to foot the bill.” The first time I went to the post office box in early January and opened the 4 or 5 envelopes of group contributions the Area had received for 2013, I was amazed at the first donation amount that I opened of \$325.00. My first thought was to immediately call the treasurer of that group and “thank them grandly” for their contribution. The next envelope I opened thrilled me spiritually to the bone...it was made out to “Area 69” in the amount of \$2.38 cents! In that moment, I was so humbled. For me, just thinking about the care and love of Alcoholics Anonymous and the participation in the “whole” of A.A. this small group was demonstrating (and every group that supports the 7th Tradition principles) through their contribution---wow. I pictured in my mind their group’s business meeting, where the discussion of “money” and what they wanted their treasurer to do with it, must have been like...the actual time and care spent in writing the check out, placing it in an envelope, addressing it to Area 69 Treasurer P.O. Box 433, purchasing a stamp, and walking it to the mail box or driving it to the nearest Post Office...this thought truly warmed my heart. And then to think that this same effort had been gone to in fulfilling the spiritual quest of providing the voluntary contributions to all of the service entities within the General Service structure. This just blew my mind! What I so vividly experienced that day was the fact that, whatever the amount of a group’s contributions might be, this same process is being repeated everywhere throughout A.A. every day. It is the expression of gratitude and the collective responsibility we all have in making sure that Alcoholics Anonymous is available and can provide the necessary services that our future generations are surely going to need. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Renae H., Area 69 Treasurer Panel 63

Financial Report – Renae H., Area Treasurer: Approved following questions and discussion.

Delegate’s Report – Walter C., Delegate: “The General Service Conference Takes Its Own Inventory – Our Solution in Action”

Hello my name is Walter and I am an alcoholic. Thank you for the honor to serve as your Delegate for Area 69, Panel 63. Since I have been elected as your Delegate, I have been visiting the Districts [along with the Alternate Delegate (Doug R.), Area 69 Chair (Wade J.), and the Agenda/Assembly Chair (Matt D.)]. I talked about the role of the Delegate and the importance of the General Service Representative (GSR) role. Doug, Wade, and Matt introduced themselves and explained the role they play in the Area. I re-read some of the A.A. literature so that I could discuss the roles of Delegate and GSR with accuracy. The following excerpt came from the A.A. Service Manual: **Concept 1:** “The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.” In 1938, a Trusteeship was created for A.A. that was called the Alcoholic Foundation. Later on in 1954, the Trusteeship was renamed the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

This trusteeship was designed to inaugurate and maintain all of those special services for A.A. as a whole that could not well be performed by single groups or areas. We envisioned the writing of a uniform A.A. literature, the development of a sound public relations policy, and a means of handling the large numbers of pleas for help that might follow in the wake of national and international publicity. We thought in terms of aiding new groups to form and of furnishing them with counsel based upon the experience of the older and already successful groups. We thought there would be a need for a monthly magazine and also for translations of our literature into other languages. In 1948, it became known that Dr. Bob was suffering from a fatal illness. This news drove home the hard fact that he and I were almost the sole links between our virtually unknown Trustees and the movement they serve. The Trustees always had relied heavily upon Dr. Bob and me for advice. They had taken a firm grip on money expenditures, but they necessarily turned to us every time that A.A. policy questions arose. Then, too, the groups of that time did not really rely much on the Trustees for the management of their service affairs; they were still looking to Dr. Bob and me. So here was a society whose total functioning was still largely dependent upon the credit and the confidence which, for the time being, its founders happened to enjoy. The fact had to be faced that A.A.’s founders were perishable. When Dr. Bob and I had gone, who would then advise the Trustees; who could link our little-known Board to our thousands of groups? For the first time it was seen that only a representative conference could take the place of Dr. Bob and me. This gap simply had to be filled without delay. There were other reasons for this basic shift of ultimate responsibility and authority to A.A. as a whole. These reasons center around Tradition Two. The main principles of Tradition Two are clear: the A.A. groups are to be the final authority; their leaders are to be entrusted with delegated responsibilities only.

The question now is how to get the groups and the trustees communicating with one another. The following communication chain was formed: The groups get together to form a district. The districts get together to form an Area. There are 12 districts in Area 69. The groups are represented by Group Service Representatives (GSRs) the districts are represented by District Committee members (DCMs). In the Area the GSRs, DCMs, Area Officers and Committee Chairs elect the Delegate to represent Area 69 at the General Service Conference in New York. General Service is a communication chain between the Trustees and the groups. Therefore, the GSR is an important link to the Trustees. Our literature like the AA Service Manual and the Concepts are our guidelines to this communication chain. These guidelines help the Delegate to represent Area 69 and AA as a whole. Today we are here to learn about the Agenda Items that the Trustees sent to the GSC to be discussed and voted on. These Agenda Items will be taken to the Groups for discussion and consensus.

This information will be relayed to the Area 69 Delegate who will take this information with him back to the General Service Conference. I look forward to your comments and questions on these Agenda Items. The following is from the General Service Board January weekend of 2013: After consideration of a request from the Trustees' Archives Committee, the AAWS Board approved the concept of posting selected archival recordings on GSO's AA website. The Board also approved the posting of the existing literature catalog with prices and order forms be made available on GSO's AA website as part of an effort to clarify ordering AA literature. Funding was included in the 2013 AAWS budget for completion of the oral translation of the Navajo Big Book. EBooks unit distribution: Since December 9, 2011, we have sold 5,118 Big Books and 4,553 Twelve and Twelve's in EBook format. Total units purchased to date were 1,738,857 total AA units, and 327,836 total non-AA units, non-AA purchases include hospitals, treatment centers, correctional facilities, government agencies (V.A.s) and Hazelden. Total gross sales to date are \$12,506,949 which is \$293,051 under budget. The AAWS Board approved the 2013 budget of the GSO and agreed to forward it to the Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee. The budget reflects a net loss for the 12 months ended December 31, 2013, of \$611,000. AA GRAPEVINE, INC. Circulation of the print magazine averaged 83,258 for the 12 months ended 12/31/12, below budget by \$3,671. Cash inflows are \$3,095,517 which is \$262,544 ahead of projection. Magazine sales were ahead by \$141,000; GV Online was ahead by \$22,000 and other publishing products were ahead by \$100,000. As a result there have been no draw downs from the Reserve Fund. Year to date net profit was \$257,003, which is ahead of budget by \$222,922. La Vina has a net loss YTD of \$115,820, which is larger than the budgeted loss of \$105,668. Costs and expenses YTD were \$181,285, which is \$3,246 over budget. GSO's Financial Results: Gross profit from literature sales was \$7,878,000, which was 63.7% compared with Gross Profit Percentage of 63.7% from 2011. This indicates that costs are holding. Contributions for the year were \$6,565,600, which was \$37,600 more than budgeted and \$301,100 greater than last year. Total revenue was \$14,444,000, which is \$4,231 less than budgeted and \$217,600 more than 2011. Total operating expenses are \$14,283,552 were \$56,788 less than budgeted and \$875,065 more than 2011. The unaudited net profit for 2012 was \$160,450 which was \$52,000 more than budget after adjustments for Conference actions and approximately \$657,500 less than 2011. Updates on the restructure: The General Service Conference supports the General Service Board's development of a plan to restructure the current A.A. World Services, Inc. and A.A. Grapevine, Inc., corporate and governance structures. The plan may, among other things, address the separate corporate existence of both entities, as well as issues of governance and operations. The plan will be designed to increase unity, better reach and connect the General Service Office and the Grapevine to the broader Fellowship while addressing financial stability. The plan will be submitted to the 63rd General Service conference for approval prior to implementation. The Proposed Plan: The proposed plan represents an informed and well considered collective group conscience of the General Service Board. It seeks to fulfill the Conference action by dramatically improving communication between the GSB and the subsidiary corporations, by providing an appropriate means to develop collaboration and to coordinate operations, and by strengthening reporting and communication for financial decision making, thereby serving the broader Fellowship more effectively and efficiently while enabling the Board to exercise its primary role as principal planner "with respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance." (Concept VIII). The Plan has two components: changes in current practices which were approved by the GSB at its February 2013 meeting and a change in the composition of the corporate boards. We recognize that overall implementation of these proposals will require time, adjustments, and fine tuning before smooth functioning is achieved. However, because the proposal does not create legal changes in our corporate structure, if they do not work out as planned, current practices may easily be restored. The proposed plan (A) does not change the current corporate structure; (B) it does provide for improved communication and cooperation by electing the same people to serve on both the Board of Directors of AAWS Inc. and the Board of Directors of AAGV Inc. This will provide a unified board (legally known as an "interlocking directorate") that will focus on the operations of both subsidiary corporations and will allow the General Service board to focus on strategy and policy. The corporations remain as distinct, independent corporate operations. The composition of the united operations group will include the Chief Executives (GM and EEP) of the subsidiary corporations. The independent Editorial Board of the Grapevine will continue. The General Service Board examined several possible changes in our present corporate structure before determining that this modest change would address our concerns while allowing the advantages of the separate service corporations to continue. In addition to this change in the composition of the subsidiary boards, several changes in our current practices have been identified and are included as part of this plan. As with the structural change, we expect these changes to improve communication between the GSB and the subsidiary corporations, to strengthen reporting and data gathering for decision making, to encourage collaborative action, and to coordinate operations. We believe that together these changes will enable the Board to exercise its primary role as principal planner "with respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance" and thereby serve the broader Fellowship more effectively. Walter C., Area 69 Utah, Panel 63 Delegate

Registrar's Report, Sheryl T., Area Registrar: Greetings Fellow Trusted Servants and Friends of AA! Thank you to District 4 for hosting this event. Dave and his host committee have picked a great spot for our meeting today and all their hard work is appreciated. A new P.O. Box has been opened for the Registrar: **Area 69 Registrar, P.O. Box 520836, Salt Lake City, UT 84152-0836.** And the good news is - Area 69 is once again connected with GSO's Records Department through the FNV (Fellowship New Vision) program. Thanks to Doug's encouragement, I was able to download Area 69's FNV certificate, go through the tutorials, and begin the process of updating group records for Area 69. There is a lot to learn, but I'm trying to think of this as exercise for my brain! I'm looking forward to attending the Registrar's Roundtable in Boise next weekend. It should be a great opportunity to learn more about the Registrar position and to get some tips and pointers from others doing the job. Thank you all for allowing me to serve Area 69 in this capacity. I appreciate the support I always receive from everyone. In Love and Service, Sheryl T., Area 69 Registrar

Roll Call – Sheryl T., Area Registrar – In attendance were 7 Area Officers – 10 Area Standing Chairs – 0 Past Delegate – District 1: 2 DCM; District 2: 4 GSRs, 1 District Officer; District 3: 1 DCM, 2 DCM, 1 Alt. DCM, 2 GSR, 2 Alt. GSR - District 4: 1 DCM, 1 GSR; District 5: no members; District 6: 1 DCM, 2 GSR, 1 District Officer; District 7: 1 DCM, 2 DCM; District 8, 1 GSR; District 9: 1 GSR; District 10: 1 DCM, 4 DCM, 9 GSR; District 11: 1 DCM, 2 DCM, 3 GSR, 1 Alt. GSR; District 12: 1 MCD, 1 Alt. MCD, 1 RSG; C.O. Reps, 1; 6 Interested AAs – **Total = 74**

Remaining Area Officer's Reports

Alternate Delegate, Doug R.: Good morning family, my name is Doug, alcoholic. And it is my privilege and honor to serve you as your Alternate Delegate. As part of this panel's "Meet and Greet" we visited Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, and 12 with Walter, Wade, and Matt. I am very impressed with all of our Districts. A.A. is alive and well in Area 69! The December 2012 committee meeting minutes and this committee meeting flyer and agenda were translated into Spanish sent to Charlie to be posted on the website and brought to the District 12 meeting. The Spanish version of the PRAASA 2013 registration form was also brought to District 12. Sheryl T & I provided the hospitality for the General Service Conference Agenda focus meeting that was held last weekend. I sent the District 12 DCM, Margaret the Spanish version of the 2013 General Service Conference Agenda items and brought copies to today's event. Even though I won't need them Walter provided me with a hard copy and a disk of all the background material for this year's conference agenda items. Doug Roy, Alternate Delegate Area 69, Panel 63

Area Chairperson, Wade J.: My name is Wade, I am a very grateful alcoholic. I currently have the great privilege of serving as the Area 69 Panel 63 Chairperson. I would like to thank all of you for your service and dedication to Area 69 and A.A. as a whole. I have had the pleasure of visiting the Districts

with 3 of my dear friends. We have visited Districts 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11 and 12, and it is such a joy to share this journey with you all. I would like to thank the Districts for allowing us to be part of your District meetings. The Districts we haven't met with yet, we will be visiting you within the next few weeks. I look forward in serving you the next 2 years. Thanks for my life and sobriety. Love in service, Wade J. Area Chairperson

Standing Committee Reports

Archives, Athlene M., Chairperson: Area 69 purchased 25 metal easel table-top book stands, the DVD Bill W and two 16GB flash drives. January and February meeting notes contributed from District 9. Big box of information from District 10 to be sorted and reported on later. In love and service, Athlene

Assembly/Agenda, Matt D., Chairperson: I feel that I have been very busy but I'm sure that I am just whining. I have met with District 10 Pre-Conference host committee twice and they seem to be ready to host their event. I have also met with the Post-Conference host committee in Provo and they are moving along well. Dave and his members of District 4 and I had a chance to get together in January. I would like to thank them for hosting this event. What a great building and committee. I look forward to meeting with all the host committees in the next 2 years. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Matt D.

Bid for 2014 February Committee Meeting, Assembly/Agenda, Matt D., Chairperson: District 6 (Richfield area) won the bid.

Communications, Charlie G., Chairperson: Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area69 Communications Chair. We are off and running, Have received three BTG bridges, one I took and two handed off. In Districts 1 and 3 several communications sites were linked to utahaa.org have been discovered and their IP addresses are now blocked. We will be discussing our goals for Communications and website through 2014 today in the Communications Roundtable. We have set up all Area emails for Officers and Committee Chairs except two that will be taken care of by this Monday. There is a lot of maintenance and updating needing to be done on our site, a lot of it on the West host site. If you have an upcoming Area event and would like an email address for that event, let me know and we can get you set up almost instantly. In addition we have email available for all District Chairs and District Officers. I need a .doc copy of the Post-Conference flyer to post on the website from District 3 and would like to ask someone from District 12 to attend our Roundtable today. Yours in fellowship, love and service always, Charlie G.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Rachael F., Chairperson: Hi, my name is Rachael and I have the pleasure of serving as the Area 69 CPC chair. Thank you District 4 for hosting this event, this is an amazing place and the turnout is awesome. I have to be honest since taking on this position I have been in fear and avoidance, with the idea of stepping down right there in the forefront of my mind. It's only a thought but just like drinking for me, it's not an option I will entertain. Each day I walk through my living room where my CPC stuff is and say to myself UGH! I will tackle that tomorrow. I don't think tomorrow is here yet, right? I think I am waiting for something magical to happen. With that said, I have met with Bruce I. a few times getting information, pamphlets and signage. He has been extremely helpful in keeping me informed on what he and Wade were working on in the last couple of years. I am excited to be attending PRAASA next week in Boise. Looking forward to gaining some insight on what other area CPC chairs are doing. Locally we attend the U of U School on Alcoholism coming up in June and I am going to be looking for volunteers to help out with the booth. If your home group or district would like to take a block of time please let me know. Take this request back to your group or DCMC and I will be sending a volunteer list around during the Pre-conference Assembly in Park City. Yours in Service, Rachael

Corrections, Pete G., Chairperson: My name is Pete Gordon and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege to serve Area 69 as the Panel 63 Corrections Committee Standing Chair. Having spent my entire adult life attempting to stay out of Correctional Facilities, I sometimes feel I have a conflict of interest in this position. Nevertheless, it simply proves that I am not running the show and thank God for that. I cannot recall a more active beginning to any Panel I have served on. At the completion of Panel 61, a number of members volunteered to serve on an ad hoc committee to study the possibilities for the Area BTG workshop. As you heard from my report, we met as a group for the first time last night and the best information about that meeting that I can give is we have a qualified group of dedicated servants that have been tasked to see how we can get the most out of our Bridging the Gap workshop. During January, I received a notification for a Bridge coming out of Purgatory in late January. The date came and went and no contact was reported. My enthusiasm is not diminished in this regard as everything we could do, including having a few more members volunteer to act as Bridges in the St. George area, we did. I must remind myself of a simple rule in this program and that rule is we cannot force anyone to come to this program. We can sure as heck be ready when they do show up and we were. A primary responsibility of the Corrections Committee is to carry the message into the facilities. This vital work has been taking place week after week, oblivious to new and old Panels. We must provide seamless coverage for our jails. The District committees and local group members that do this are the backbone of this effort and the best I can hope to do is to provide whatever support I am able to in order to compliment their efforts. New meetings into facilities is an area that the Area Corrections should be able to assist with by providing our proven methods and information to the facilities. I received a call from a member moving to the Spring City area about taking meetings into the Gunnison facility. He was prompted to call me by Charlie T. and I am beholden to Charlie for that recommendation. After a series of phone calls and a basic package of corrections literature that included Corrections Workbooks, Booklets and Pamphlets I received word that Gunnison is providing orientation classes for AA volunteers and meetings in the facility should begin in March. District 6 and possibly District 4 could sure help out by offering to send volunteers for these meetings. If anyone is interested in helping in this vital and exciting commitment, please get in touch with me and I can get you the information for this. Helping to integrate the released member into meetings is another important aspect of the Corrections Committee. Helping the Groups, Districts and Intergroup Offices start and maintain a list of members willing to Bridge the Gap, Span the Chasm or Press the Flesh – I am beginning to simply call it Twelfth Step Work. The Area is the backbone by which information about available members willing to Extend the Hand of AA to someone is being carried. Coordination and cooperation is a never-ending task to have a useful and accurate list of people to call. At the end of last year, southern Utah had successfully compiled a list of servants for the three primary contact entities in that area. With an area slightly smaller than Rhode Island, District 7 used a District contact number, a Central Office number and a number at the local clubhouse. All 3 contact lines have the same list from which to draw from and, more importantly, has already been updated through contact to the groups by the GSR's and DCM's. In mid-January, I was invited to attend meetings of an ad hoc committee formed at the Salt Lake Central Office regarding formation of committees at that location to enhance the efforts in the District 10, 2 and 11 area. One offshoot of this committee was to provide the Salt Lake Central Office with Area 69's Bridging the Gap workbook and having a workshop, scheduled tentatively for April, for the volunteers at Central Office for the Bridging the Gap program. I am psyched about this. I salivate excessively when I think of the possibilities of having the Central Offices fully get on board to the BTG program. More to follow on these developments in later reports. My thanks to the Central Office for their eagerness in helping with this program. On a personal note, I look forward to attending PRAASA in Boise next weekend. There is a special feeling at PRAASA that is hard to describe but one that you should not miss. If I can aid anyone in attending this event, please get in touch with me. I still have a few vacant seats in my car. I get to drive to PRAASA this year from Kanab, where I will be spending time there probably until June. I love the meetings and you can't beat the scenery. The week following PRAASA I have the privilege to host a Twelfth Step Call workshop at the Dixie Winterfest in St. George. Later that same day, we have the

privilege of having our Panel 63 Delegate, Walter, go through the Conference Agenda Items at the District 7 Workshop in Cedar City. I can't wait and I thank Walter for the dedication and service commitment that he has. I owe this program and the people in it more than I can repay. If I can help your group or District in any way, please do not hesitate to ask. I probably won't have the answer but I will put my energies and enthusiasm behind finding the solution – together. Thank you for letting me be of service. Pete Gordon Area 69 Panel 63 Corrections Committee Standing Chair.

Grapevine, Mark B., Chairperson: Thank you District 4 for hosting us today. What I would like to focus on this year is working closely with District 12 to try and expand my Spanish lingo. I am in the process of collecting emails or phone numbers for District Grapevine Chairs and GVRs at the group level. Just want to help the La Vina side and help it be self-supporting. Also encouraging to get stories in and share how easy the Grapevine website is to navigate. We are alcoholics and sometimes “we complicate things” and that's why there are so many questions about the website. I will continue getting past issues to get to the people who can't get or are too far out and remote. This year is going to be a great learning experience for me, and with the help of my peers and especially my higher power, I know we will have some success. “Somewhere” wherever that might be. Thank you, in loving service, Mark B.

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 for Panel 63. The rotation for Panel 61 was easy for me because I kept the same job. This rotation is a bit more challenging. I want to thank Rachael for passing on a well-organized inventory and patiently answering all of my questions. I have read the packet sent from GSO, the Literature Committee Guidelines, and talked with the GSO Literature coordinator a couple of times. I have started reading the pamphlets that I have not read before. This year I hope to get through all of the literature that I have not read before. I have placed and received three orders since the beginning of the year. So far the orders have been too small to get free shipping. One of the orders was purchased from Salt Lake Central Office which avoided shipping charges. I will be placing a literature order about two weeks prior to each Area 69 event. I will send out an email reminder a week or so before each order. Let me know if you would like to get this email, either in person or by sending an email to area69literature@utahaa.org. I have a lot of service manuals, a few books, and a good selection of pamphlets. I have three sets of pamphlets that will fill a rack. I don't have any racks but I will try to keep one in stock. Please let me know if there is anything you need. I visited the District 12 GSR meeting with a box of service manuals. I attended the February District 1 GSR meeting. I hope to attend the regular District 1 GSR meeting each month. I am available to visit any of the District GSR meetings to meet literature chairs, to display and share about our literature, or to provide information about our upcoming conference agenda topics. I am available to bring a literature display to any event or function. Please let me know how I can be of service.

Public Information (P.I.), Treesa J., Chairperson: I have read most of my workbook and have contacted Utah Valley University. The UVU has an annual conference on addiction. Toni will keep us in mind next year. The event was held yesterday but display space was all taken by the end of December. Toni did say she loves when AA has a table-presence. Other than that, I am feeling overwhelmed but optimistic. Well, at least until I saw the background information for the PI voting items. I am excited to meet the PI roundtable participants and begin our new rotation. Also, I will be attending PRAASA in Boise, ID. Should be a great trip – there is a car load going up. Thank you District 4 for hosting this event! Thank you all for supporting Area 69 and thank you for the opportunity to work with all of you. Treesa J.

Treatment Facilities, Andy B., Chairperson: Hello and welcome to everyone. Thank you for allowing me to serve as the Area 69 Treatment Chair. I've received the Kit from GSO and looking forward to working within the Area. Love-n-service, Andy B

District Reports

District 1-Chris H., DCMC: Currently, District 1 is short several positions. Onboard at this time are trusted servants filling 3 (of 6) DCM positions, secretary, treasurer, and the standing chair for Treatment. All other positions, including that of the DCMC are vacant. The 3 DCM's can successfully cover most meetings in the Northern end of Cache County, Central to South Ogden and Roy in Weber County but there are gaps for group coverage. Committee members will continue to communicate the need for service members. Never-the-less, The District 1 officers and standing chairs currently serving are a good mix of seasoned and fresh/eager individuals. Given the tremendous snowstorm the greater area experienced on January 17th(District 1's meeting date) our first District meeting with the 2013 officers took place February 14. The DCM's have agreed to rotate chairing of the District meeting until a DCMC is elected. This rotation of typical DCMC responsibilities among the DCMs will also extend to Area events, reports, etc. There is a particularly strong concentration of AA service support from our Cache County Intergroup people and group GSR's. Good ideas and action in making those ideas realities has been notably evident from our Areas most Northerly groups in District 1. It is the intention of the DCMs, with the willingness of the Cache County servants, to learn from their service examples and action and conduct a Fall workshop relating to service within AA. We do hope to have more to share about this endeavor soon. In Service, Chris H. DCM District1

District 2 – Charlie T., Friend of District 2: District 2 is small, 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 1 Alt DCM. Some standing chairs filled. Treatment, Corrections is on fire led by Jared, Grapevine John McG, Corresponding Secretary. No Newsletter, PI, CPC. No report on upcoming event. Yours in Service, Charlie T, Friend of District 2

District 3 –Eric M., DCM: Hi everyone, my name is Eric M. currently serving as District 3 DCM. I would like to say how grateful I am to be here and be of service. Our District is doing very well. We do have some Standing Chair positions still open. I feel a lot of excitement in our District and our Committee and Standing Chairs and GSRs are already doing outstanding work. It is going to be an exciting 2 years. I want to thank everyone for stepping up to the plate due to the absence of California Dave. I also want to thank the Area Officers for coming to our January District meeting, Walter, Wade and Matt. Provo #1 just celebrated 70 years. The commitment of our group's GSRs has been amazing. The planning for Post-Conference is going well. Thank you Matt and Charlie for your support. We have also been sharing one Concept per month at our District meetings. We handed out 12 new GSR Kits at our last District meeting. Heather and Mike did a great job making them, thank you. We have six new GSRs and we are very excited to have them. I am looking forward to PRAASA and an amazing weekend with a bunch of drunks. We have flyers for Post-Conference and will be staying in contact with the Area to keep you all updated. Thank you District 4 for your service and your outreach to our District. Thank you, all of you for saving my life. Eric M District 3 DCM 435-671-7056

District 4 – David R, DCM: Good morning, my name is David R and I'm an alcoholic. District 4 is pleased and grateful to be hosting this event. We extend a warm welcome to all of you. We are grateful for your dedication and service. Lunch today will be BBQ beef sandwich, baked beans, a green salad and lemonade for \$7.00. Since the last Area function, District 4 had District elections and met as a District to discuss hosting this event. At both meetings we

were well supported by the Area Officers and Committee Chairs. Being such a small District, we greatly benefit from our association with the Area. We love being part of AA service and love all of you.

District 5 – no report

District 6 – Becky O., DCM – I don't know what the hell I'm doing. But things are going well in District 6. Still have a few positions to fill in our District but things are going well.

District 7– Allen B., DCMC: District 7 is doing fairly well. We are excited to have all our DCM positions filled and we even have a DCMC. We are in need for a District secretary and Alt Secretary. We thank Deanna O DCM SW for filling in until we find one. We are still in need of a lot of Standing Chairs. We are defraying our DCMC (myself) and John W DCM SW to PRAASA. If anyone doesn't have their room yet and would like to share one with me, let's chat later. We have started having DCM meetings prior to our District meeting to go over agenda and other items that need addressing as we are trying to get a little more organized. District will be defraying 3 DCMs, Deanna O, John W and Penny K, to Pre-Conference and 3 to Post-Conference if finances permit. We are also excited to have our Delegate Walter C coming down to present Conference voting items next month in Cedar. Other than that all is quiet on the home front as I begin to do the DCMC thing. Thank you, Allen B.

District 7 – John W., DCM: District 7 has been experiencing some growth within General Service. We revised and approved District 7 Guidelines for the first time in 8 years. We now have a DCMC, Allen B. How awesome is that! We also have DCMs in all of our sub districts. Most exciting of all is that we have four people stand for GSR and one stand for Alt GSR. That gives us 10 active GSRs. We have not had that many in a long time. We have had the opportunity to participate on the IG/CO Conference call and are planning to have an All Groups meeting in our District. Last month we had our Area Corrections Chair, Pete G., give a presentation at our District meeting. And next month we will have the honor of a visit from our Delegate, Walter C., to discuss our voting items. What a privilege! Overall, we are seeing an increase in enthusiasm for service work. We even have new GSRs who are reading the service manual and asking lots of questions. I love that! In our continuing efforts to help the still suffering alcoholic, we, as DCMs, have been asking GSRs and groups to pass out and then turn in, Twelfth Step volunteer phone lists. I can happily report that we have gotten a half dozen pages of willing alcoholics. These lists go to our Central Office, the Alano Club and our District hotline. We know of at least three District 7 trusted servants attending PRAASA this next week. How exciting! Thank you for allowing us to be of service! Deanna O, John W.

District 8 – Candace H., GSR: All of our positions are filled, attendance at District meetings is good. Everyone is settling into their new positions. We appreciate the attendance of our District meeting in January by the representatives of the Area.

District 9 – Danny G., GSR: The Moab group in District 9 currently has eight meetings a week. Attendance is strong for our community. We are financially stable and are currently starting a CPC Committee, and all our positions are full.

District 10 – Rick V., DCMC: Greetings fellow trusted servants. District 10 is moving along well. We will be hosting the Pre-Conference Assembly in April in Park City and flyers are available. Also, we will have a workshop March 23rd at Central Office, discussing the agenda items of the upcoming Pre-Conference Assembly. Walter C and Doug R will be there. We still have positions open for secretary, treasurer and 3 DCM positions. We filled the Literature and the Bridge the Gap Chair positions. I want to thank Sheryl H for all of her help and her experience as District 10 Secretary. Also I'm extremely grateful for Kelly S in hanging in there as Treasurer until the position gets filled. They will both be missed greatly. Again, I want to thank all of District 10 Officers, Chairs, DCMs, GSRs and their Alternates for their commitment to general service. Love y'all, Rick V. PS I'll see a bunch of ya at PRAASA! WooHoo! Also, we handed out 8 new GSR packets at our last GSR meeting.

District 11 – Kristen D., DCMC: Hello, my name is Kristen and I am the DCMC for District 11. My home group is "Not a Glum Lot" in Bountiful on Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00pm. Please stop by if you are in town. District 11 is on fire. We have all of our positions filled and several people are going to PRASSA. We have had 2 GSR meetings, since our new rotation. We would like to thank our delegate and a few of the Area Committee members for stopping by. They were there for a heated discussion about money and passing the budget for the upcoming year. So thank you for stopping by. District 11 is excited to have PRASSA 2015 in our back yard. We are ready to stand up and help our family welcome the Pacific Region to Utah. We have formed a Host Committee for the December committee meeting and look forward to serving Alcoholics Anonymous. Love and service, Kristen

District 12 – Margarita F., MCD: Good morning to all who have made this District. First of all, thank you for accompanying us today. We have started working with the visits with the groups on Tuesdays like we have all voted on, a workshop with the blue book, which will begin with the group "Awaking Happy" on Fridays at 7:00pm and will end around 9:30pm or as necessary. UNITED MEETINGS which begins on Sundays from 10:00am to 9:00pm. With all participating these meeting will be rotating. With these meetings, the Districts purpose is to achieve the unity that we lack. And thanks to the HISPANIC GROUP and the PERSONAL EXPERIENCE GROUP FROM OREM we are achieving the objectives. During the month with the donations collected, "Septima", in the meetings from this District, contributions from the groups, the workshops of the blue book and the meetings of unity we closed the quantity of a total of \$314.50. Once again I appreciate all your support and we'll continue going forward. Sincerely yours, Coordinator of Directors, Margarita F.

Salt Lake Central Office – Wendy W., co-Chair: Activities, Archives, Hotline, Literature, newsletter, Outreach, Twelfth Step, Volunteer and Website Committees all need members. An ad hoc committee was formed to determine the need and feasibility of forming Standing Service Committees. After 2 months of discussion, a recommendation will be given at the next CO meeting March 12. Central Office/Intergroup Conference Call happens the last Wednesday of every month at 8:00pm. Five Utah Central Office/Intergroups and the Area Delegate call in to discuss current and upcoming events. All who are interested can participate in the call. The All-groups meeting happens every third Saturday. One group in the SLCCO area hosts the pot luck and meeting from 6-8pm. It's a great way to fellowship and meet people that go to other meetings.

Motion Discussion

Motion 1: "That the Area 69 Pre-Assembly Workshop held the 3rd weekend in August and the Area 69 Fall Workshop held the 1st weekend in November, become one day events held on Saturday. The Travel Defrayment for "lodging", outlined in the current Area Guidelines 7.5 Item d. ---specific to "Area Committee Meetings"---, would apply to both the Area 69 Pre-Assembly Workshop and the Area 69 Fall Workshop."

Date of Motion: May 19, 2012

Presented by: John McG., GSR, District 2

Seconded by: Scott, District 11

Rationale/Background: The Finance Committee discussed some options in regard to both Area Workshops with much consideration and reflection of past Workshop attendance, particularly the decline of participation on the Sunday portion of these events. This motion was made in an effort to maximize Area 69 Workshops participation, functionality and effectiveness while exercising responsible financial prudence and budgeting.

Financial Impact: A savings of one night's lodging defrayment expense of the Area 69 General Service Committee, and potential savings to the Area on the amount of mileage defrayment incurred by the Area Committee as a result of reducing the event to one day.

Rena H. presented the motion. A brief discussion on the financial impacts and considerations of the practices took place. It is hoped that there will be time at the Pre-Conference Assembly to vote on this motion.

Motion 2: "That, as a small token of appreciation, the Past Delegates need not pay registration fees when attending Area 69 events."

Date of Motion: November 3, 2012

Presented by: Doug R., Area 69 Treasurer

Motion seconded by: Irma B., District 10

Rationale: To bring awareness and appreciation for the continued participation of all of our Past Delegates. They are not defrayed at all when they attend Area events.

Financial Impact: Between \$60 to \$80 annually per Past Delegate

Doug R presented the motion. It is hoped that there will be time at the Pre-Conference Assembly to vote on this motion.

Pete G. reported on the ad hoc Committee formed to discuss and explore various options regarding BTG in Area 69. Pete hopes to have a recommendation at the Pre-Conference Assembly.

Past Events

December 2012 Area Committee Meeting, Midvale – Mary DCM., District 10: Had the Pass the Gavel workshop, said goodbye to Panel 61 and welcomed Panel 63.

Upcoming Events

PRAASA 2012 – Keith M., Immediate Past Delegate: PRAASA in Boise, Friday 1pm through Sunday noon. 2015 PRAASA will be in Ogden.

2013Pre-Conference Assembly, Mark B., District 10: Landmark Inn, Park City, UT. As I was told by several people, get facility locked down and get a volunteer committee. All will just magically fall into place. Hospitality is a great challenge as I have had 3 rotations with the exception of 1. I have learned that what it says in the Big Book – I cannot run the entire show. I can put the actors into their respective rolls and then let them go. So far I have found it to be true, and for that I am very grateful. A few little details will all happen through March and we will be ready for a great and spectacular and spiritual weekend. When I volunteered for Chair a year and a half ago, I didn't know I was going to be the Area 69 Grapevine Chair. I'm going to be having many chats with my higher power over the next month. Thank you, in service, Mark B

2013 Post-Conference Assembly – Eric M., District 3: The Post-Conference Assembly will be held May 17-19, 2013 at the Elks Lodge, 1000 S University Avenue, Provo, UT. Friday night will include an ice cream social and guest speaker.

What's on Your Mind?

Further discussion about upcoming motion; Pre-Conference Assembly registration available, also on website; Service Manual meeting held Sundays at 5:30 at Fellowship Hall in Salt Lake City.

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

1:00pm: Welcome back, Wade J., Area Chair: Hector from District 12 read the short form of the 12 Traditions.

Panel 63 Finance Committee: The Panel 63 Finance Committee was formed: Wade J, Chairperson; Rena H, Treasurer; Wendy W, Secretary; Danny, GSR District 9; Cory, DCM District 3; Giulia L, DCM District 11; Linda, DCM District 2; Bert S, Treasurer District 6; John W, DCM District 7; Devin, GSR District 11; Kevin, DCM District 10.

Preliminary Conference Agenda Items/Voting Issues: Walter presented the Agenda Items and passed out disks of 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 77 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.

3:45pm: Wade suggested we have an early wrap-up due to inclement weather. After a quick show of hands, the meeting adjourned at 3:45.