

Minutes Area 69 Fall Workshop August 18-19, 2007
Dow James Center, Tooele, Utah

Welcome Andy B., Chair – with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Anonymity Statement. Welcomed newcomers to their first General Service Meeting. Announced the Resignation of Area Treasurer JoAnn G. Introduced Area Officers and Past Delegates.

12 Traditions – Roger – District 10

Minutes of February Committee Meeting read by Sheri P., Recording Secretary. Approved as read.

Financial Report was read by JoAnne G. Janet H the Archives chair had questions about her budget. Pete the literature chair had questions about his budget. Gay W Past Delegate questioned why the Grapevine Budget was so high. Terri CPI Chair had questions about the school of Alcoholism. Some discussion concerning the confusion on the Bridge the Gap Budget being used for the Bridge the Gap Workshop. It was suggested to table the Financial Statement until Nadine had a chance to go their all the figures and come back and report at the Fall Assembly.

Ken C., Grapevine Chair – Gave explanation why his budget was so high and resigned.

Budget Proposal – Andy B., - Some discussion. Will vote at the September Assembly.

Nadine J., – Dist 8 – gave new address for contributions. Area Treasurer PO Box 614 Roosevelt, Ut 84066

Delegate Report – Julie S – printed copies were available.

District Reports

District 1 – Vicky A., DCMC – District 1 held our workshop in June at Valley Camp and it was a shopping success. 33 people attended, and everyone had a great time. Topics included the “Home Group” and “What is a GSR” Both the Ogden and Logan Inter groups have also hosted events this summer. The district still has many chair positions open. Rodney stepped down from CPC Chair, but did stand for Grapevine. We are busy putting together the Dec Committee meeting and Post Conference. Thanks for letting me serve.

District 2 – Wade J, DCMC- Have been working very hard on preparing the Pre Assembly Workshop. After the Workshop will start forming a committee for the Pre Conference Assembly. The District has formed a budget committee to prepare the budget for 2008. We have been working on a District Workshop and the time and place will be available at the Fall Assembly. Thanks to all the dedicated members who continually spread the message of AA. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

District 3 – Stormy D., DCM – District 3 is doing well. The last GWR meeting had a good turnout. Our news letter, The No Booze News still needs people to write articles for it. Coming up is our Hamburger Fry Aug 24th. And the Whoopee party to support central office in Sept. There are plans for a workshop for GSR’S covering Non Alcoholics sharing at a closed meeting. This has been a problem . Yours in Service.

District 4 – No Report

District 5 – No Report

District 6 – No Report

District 7 – Lauana H., DCMC – Our district is getting ready for the Fall Workshop. As you will see on the fliers for the Fall Workshop we are trying something new. On August 11th we held District elections; we have a new Treatment Chair, DCM North and they are going to put up with me for another year. We still need to fill PI, CPC, Grapevine, Central Office Liaison and Directory Chairs. Julie S., Area Delegate attended our District Meeting and graciously shared with us her experiences at AA Conference and answered questions about the issues from the conference. Purgatory Correctional Facility has requested that we bring a meeting into the juvenile facility. We are able to take tapes and CD’s into the prison for the prisoners. We are ordering two cases of Big Books and literature for District Corrections. I had the honor of attending the BTG Workshop in Fillmore. I learned a lot. Sincerely yours in Service, thank you.

District 8 – John G., DCM – District 8 is doing well. Our current DCM Nadine N has been asked to step up to be our Area Treasurer. Our Alt DCM John G has agreed to be DCM. We'll hold nominations for DCM open for a month. We hope to vote for either DCM or Alt in Sept. District 8 has a tremendous amount of gratitude for Nadine's service. When she took over Dist 8 has lost theirs. There was no leadership at all and frustration was the common bond between the handful of dedicated service minded that we had. In the time that Nadine finished out that term, and was reelected district 8 has gone through a complete service overhaul. We updated & edited our District 8 guidelines. We've filled our standing chairs and we're growing in understanding of our duties and we're having fun doing it. We're developing healthy attractive home groups. Nadine's heart and leadership have made a great place to sober up. Our loss is the Area's Gain. Nadine's integrity is flawless and soon that integrity will be reflected in the Area 69 Treasury. We in District 8 thank you all for your service.

District 9 – No Report

District 10 – Cheryl H., DCMC – On June 16th we held the Area Bridge the Gap Workshop in Fillmore. It was well attended. District 10 currently has 4 DCM's & 4 Alt DCM's serving. We elected a CPC Chair, Mike C. Dist 10's Treatment Chair resigned. We wish him well and hope to see him back in service in a couple of years. Dist 10 will be having a Workshop on Oct 20th. We will be hosting the Area Fall Assembly in Park City Sept 21-23. We have had trouble filling positions. Our current Standing Chairs are also serving as Alt DCM's. All chair persons are filled. It is my privilege to serve Dist 10 & Area 69. God bless us all.

District 11 – Bruce I., DCMC – On behalf of District 11 I'd like to thank those who attended the Post Conference, and especially those who helped make it as successful as it was. The Committee was great and I want them to know how much we appreciate their hard work.

We need to give a special thanks to our Chairperson, Janet R., for keeping us on track. We are still having trouble filling the Standing Chair positions. Currently we need CPC, Corrections, and Grapevine Chairs. Gary J., our Treatment Chair is still as busy as ever. His committee has established 2 meetings, one for men at the Job Corps, and one for women at the Women's Recovery Center in Clearfield. They are working to start a Women's meeting at the Job Corps. He is also helping cover the duties of corrections and beginning to have some success with the BTG Program. Our Literature and PI Chairs are both active again. Financially the District is doing well. We have just selected another committee to consider our financial position and make recommendations. Last year we established a budget higher than our expected contributions in order to spend down some of our surplus. However, year to date we have only spent about \$80.00 more than contributions. We need to decide what to do with what is now more than a prudent reserve. Our last District meeting was surprisingly well attended. Most of the groups are reporting better than expected attendance. There are no new groups or meetings but some have changed location. So if you are planning to visit in the near future, and we'd love to see you, it would be well to check for new listing. The Serenity Happy Hour Group and the 702 Group have both moved from classroom #2 into classroom #.1 at the Davis Hospital. The Wed Night Serenity Happy Hour Group and the Sons of Sisyphus Group have both moved to 1579 S State, Clearfield Utah. The times and days of the week for these meetings are still the same. At our last District meeting one of our DCM's, Coop C shared some wisdom that could be helpful to us all. He suggested that before we criticize someone, we walk a mile in their shoes. That way when we do criticize them, we will be a mile away and we will have their shoes. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

District 12 – No Report

Standing Chair Reports

My name is Pete and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege to serve as your Area Literature Standing Chair. What a blessing to have an extra newsletter thanks to the hard work of our Communications Standing Chair Doug. I have had the privilege to serve on the host committee for this event. The

Literature activities at the Post Conference Assembly were not as heavy as have been at other events. The new GSR packets have slowed down somewhat, perhaps in part to the Districts actively holding workshops and orientations of their own for their GSR's. The new Service Manual acquisitions have risen throughout the summer. I attended the BTG Workshop in Fillmore. There were many who acquired AA Literature while in Fillmore. The BTG event was especially exciting. We meet the members of the Fillmore and surrounding groups. In June the School on Alcoholism fills the calendar with exciting activities such as manning the AA booth and attending the meetings at the School. It was especially gratifying to chair a meeting at the School and listen to stories of members from around the country. The Wednesday night meeting has an especially good speaker and was well attended. I have been trying to attend District meetings other than District 2 and 10. Please let me know how to help your District and when your meeting are. District 2 and 10 are actively making the new GSR feel at ease with New GSR packets. In addition to these Districts, this information is available on the Utah AA web site. I am so grateful to District 2 to have bid on this event just a short year ago. To have members of my other fellowship visit my home group and hometown is a too-rare treat. Thank you for visiting Tooele and bringing your awesome experience, strength, and hope to this area. I have also sat in on the ad hoc committee for Archives over the past 2 years. That committee is coming to a completion and I am not the same person who raised their hand 2 years ago. The events that have taken place in my life during this period have truly tried to disrupt the serenity that this program has given me. Had I not had the fine examples of AA humility and service from my fellow ad hoc committee members to learn from, this period would have been just that much more difficult. As it is you fine folks continue to make my life richer and more fulfilling with each and every day. Thank you.

Assembly/Agenda – Thom B. – Hello Family. It may seem I have been distant or unavailable since we last met in Fillmore. My sincerest apologies to anyone I might have missed or slighted in any way. Those incredible things in life we call “promises” are continuing to be fulfilled in my life, unfortunately some with negative aspects involved. We are continuing to put the events together through Sept Fall Assembly. Other host committees are working on the Nov and Dec events. I greatly appreciate the opportunities to serve you have bestowed on me, and look forward to helping the Host committees and Area 69 continue to help carry our message wherever we might be needed. Love in Service.

Bid for Fall Workshop 2008 – Bruce Dist 11 and Stormy from Dist 3. Dist 3 won the bid.

Achieves – Janet H., I have been working on finishing 7 more display boards. Thanks to the generosity of District 7 and a group in Fairview (Dist 6) one of the boards will be displayed at the National Archive Workshop in Phoenix. This board will stay with the area archive display. There are still 5 boards needed to complete the project. Dist 11, donated one board today. Julie received a request for permission to reprint a pamphlet from, Salt Lake City Group #1 “who Me” from an author in Florida. Julie forwarded it on to me and I sent it on to Amy at GSO archives asking for input and information. Trysh Travis is a Asst Professor and Undergraduate Coordinator, Center for Woman's Studies and Gender Research, University of Fl. Amy knows Trysh well as she had been a researcher at the GSO archives for her book. Since the pamphlet was not copyrighted, it is now part of public domain and not subject to copyright restrictions. If that is the case she can publish it without gaining permission from a copyright holder. If it were copyrighted, it would be nearly impossible to find the copyright owner. Area 69, and the Archives of Area 69, wouldn't be the copyright owners, so would not be able to grant legal permission. But we certainly could give Trysh our blessing to use it. Trysh did send a formal letter requesting permission to reprint. (I have a copy of it here with me for anyone who would like to look at it. The ad hoc committee has met twice this summer; we will be holding our last meeting next Sunday. We are on schedule and will present our findings and conclusions at the Fall Assembly. I am looking forward to attending the National Archive Workshop and hope that some of the other archivists in the Area will also be able to attend. I have been asked to be a presenter, my subject is repositories. Thank you for letting me be of service to you.

CPC – Terri M., First let me tell you the U of U School on Alcoholism was a big success. I would like to thank all the volunteers. We made contacts with several people that asked for more information about AA. I sent GSO contact information for 14 people. We made contact with a treatment facility in SLC that has had some concerns with having AA members bring a meeting into their facility. A meeting has been set up with people from the facility and some of us from CPC and Treatment Committees. I will keep you posted as to how this goes. Another contact made during the week was to see if AA could set up a display for a substance abuse conference hosted in St. George in September. I learned that they wanted AA to purchase space at the conference for \$250. In accordance with our traditions, I offered to assist in any way needed but declined to purchase any space. We have some literature left from the school so if you know of any districts that could utilize some free literature, please let me know. At Post Conference during our round table discussion it was decided to make a list of recommended pamphlets for varying professional groups. We all have assignment to read pamphlets, so we could better group them to certain professions. We want to distribute these lists to the districts so they can bundle the literature specific to a given profession. The next step would be to then go the varying professional group with a group of 3-4 pamphlets. It is our hope that simplifying the process would be of benefit to the professionals that may be too busy to read our literature. I will keep you posted on the committee's progress. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Communication – Doug R., - Hello Family, For those new to service the Communication Committee was established at the Fall Elections Assembly in Sept 2006. The Communications Chairperson serves as both the Area Web Servant and Newsletter Editor, and directs three sub-committees; the Website committee, the Newsletter committee and the Translation committee. The committee meets monthly on the second Monday of every month. All are welcome. We meet at Beans & Brew in Salt Lake City. The Area's website, utahaa.org is maintained by the Website committee. The maintenance of the AA meetings list are kept up to date and accurate by cooperating with various Central Offices as well as various districts. Some districts have created service positions to make sure their districts meetings are accurately represented on the website. Other districts have given this responsibility to their PI chair, or DCM's. The Area's newsletter is prepared and copies are distributed at the Pre-Conference Assembly, Post Conference Assembly, Fall Assembly, and Fall Workshop. An internet appropriate version of the newsletter is also published on the Area's website. They can be found at utahaa.org/publications.html, & the Spanish versions can be found at utahaa.org/sp/sp_publications.html. We printed all of the Area reports, they are available here today. I would like to encourage the GSR's to make these available to their groups, it is another way to let member know what the Area is doing for them, and what they can do for the Area. I would also like to encourage DCMC's to bring these back and distribute them at their GSR meetings. Area Standing Chair and Delegate's reports can also be found on the website. As of Aug 11 there have been 49,365 hits (people visiting the site). The cost is 1.3 cents per visit. We have had a pool on the website for 120 days. How important to have mobile access to Area 69 meeting lists. 64.2% feel it Very important, 13.0% feel Some what important, and 22.0% not important at all. The Translation committee has been busy translating the Area business documents from English to Spanish. The communications committee looked into the idea of streaming the Area's business meetings to the Internet "pod casting". It was determined that at this time even though it is technically possible there is not a demonstratable need for this service. I want to thank my committee members for their continued dedication and willingness to serve. I would also like to thank the Area for allowing me to serve.

Corrections – Rena H., - Hello Friends, District 4 & 10 hosted the BTG workshop in Fillmore. There were approximately 90-100 participants. The Millard County Jail Commander participated on the discussion panel. The afternoon portion began with the debut of the Men's Corrections Power point presentation. 2 former inmates' shared experiences both inside the walls and what it's like now on the outside. Tom I. shared his personal story as former inmate, correctional professional and retired Warden with 50 years sobriety. It was a very informative, moving and successful workshop. I attended District 10 and 2's GSR meetings since May. I plan to attend this year's National BTG Workshop in Vermont. Also the Utah Association of Jail Commanders meeting in St George in Sept. We (A.A.) have been scheduled for a 30 minute presentation on their agenda. Our purpose to inform & offer workable programs and volunteers to

meet their particular needs in each individual facility. It has been an absolute honor to serve as Corrections Chair.

Treatment – John M., - I attended the BTG Workshop in Fillmore. We got to hear some professionals for the Corrections side. I actually got to work the system when Mike O asked me to track down someone. Dave B a very active Treatment chair for District 10 has to resign. Keep him in your prayers. I visited district 10 and shared with them the great need for District chairs and what is expected of them. We owe a debt of gratitude to Ed C., GSR in district 10 for stepping up on a problem at Highland Ridge and handling it in a very professional manner. We have a meeting Sunday with the CEO. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Officers Reports

Registrar – Charles G., - There has been many changes to the Area directory database as well as the FNV (Fellowship New Vision) Web based program from GSO. You can see the update on the website. It explains this system and progress. I will keep you informed to the progress and details as they become available. If you have an Email address, please consider letting the Area send out the mailing of the minutes, agendas & event information to you electronically. This would save the Area a lot of time and money. You can check with me at the registration table so we can update your records to reflect this change. I have visited 4 district or GSR meetings. Please get your updated mailing address information to your Secretaries so they can pass it along. I have registered 3 new groups with GSO via the FNV. The group numbers are given immediately after group information is entered. It takes approx 30 + days to get new Group GSRE information out. There are approx 326 active Groups in the database. We received back 30 returned mailings for bad addresses. Please let me know if you change you address. GSO is open to suggestions about the new FNV about5 what to have & what we can change on this new system. However they only decide to implement that which will benefit all A.A. groups nationwide. Thank you for allowing me to serve you & your Groups.

Roll Call by Area Registrar – Charlie G., - In attendance were 6 Area Officers, 7 Standing Chairs, 5 Past Delegates, District 1 – 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 1 GSR – District 2 – 1 DCMC, 3 DCM, 2 GSR, 1 Alt GSR, 6 Standing Chairs – District 3 – 1 DCM, 1 Alt DCM, 4 GSR, 2 Alt GSR, 2 Standing Chair – District 4 – none in attendance – District 5 – none in attendance – District 6 – none in attendance – District 7 – 1 DCMC – District 8 – 1 DCM, 1 GSR – District 9 – none in attendance – District 10 – 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 4 GSR – District 11 – 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 1 GSR – District 12 – 1 –7 Interested AA's.

Interim Treasurer / Dist 8 DCM – Nadine N., - I just want to let District 8 know how grateful I am that they welcomed me to the Uintah Basin & allowed me to serve as the DCM. They are the best. Also thanks to John for being willing to step into the vacant position. I know he'll do a great job & dist 8 will continue to flourish. I'm look forward to helping on the area level. I love numbers and story problems are my favorite.

Alternate Delegate – Monte S., - In June our 2nd annual BTG workshop was attended by 60 + people. The speakers and panel presentations were excellent. Our hats are off to the host committee. Jodi E. one of our past delegates was the speaker at the U o U School on alcoholism. Jodi gave an excellent talk and the only thing that could have made the evening better was if more local AA's had been there. Some of us wonder what it would take to get better attendance at this one-of-a-kind Cooperation with the Professional Community event. Gay W., Patti W., and I traveled to District 6 for their speaker meeting. The locals provided a warm welcome. Gay and Patti spoke and they listened to a brief Area report from me. The Guidelines review committee met in Fillmore and continues to correspond through E-Mail. Also the ad-hoc continues to meet and discuss ideas and ways to make better use of our time during Area meetings. District 12 is planning their Convention in Oct. they have extended a request for the Area to participate on their program. There will information on the web site as soon as it is available. On a sad note; Julie S and Ruth R our collective thoughts and prayers go out to you and your families for the loss of your fathers this summer. We love you and are here for you when you need us. May God continue to bless you and your family during your time of grief. Respectfully submitted by Monte s.

Secretary – Sheri P., - Would like to apologize to the Area for the mix up with the minutes this time. Docu Mart has been great working with Jo Anne and myself for the last few years, and has given us great prices, but there has been some new employees recently, and the printing was missed up. The minutes didn't get copied double sided so there were twice as many pages, which meant postage was a lot more also. I didn't realize this until it was too late to correct the error. I guess I have taken the service that has been great for granted. Docu Mart has agreed to give us a discount of ½ off on the next printing. I will in the future check everything before it is too late. In June I attended district 2's meeting, and attended District 11's meeting in July. I met with JoAnn and she turned over all the treasurer reports, and check book to me. She sends her love and says she is not going anywhere, and she will be around. I will turn over all the treasurer's stuff to the new treasurer. JoAnn has been a good friend and has done Area 69a great service. It was hard for her to let her position go, but the best for her health right now.

Area Chair – Andy B., - I have been busy with the BTG Workshop committee. Thanks to everyone especially Dist 4 who helped a lot. Also I've been helping the Fall Assembly Committee. Receiving the Area Treasurer's resignation was a surprise to me. It's a decision she made because of health and personal. JoAnn was one of those here in Area service when I caught the service bug. Keep her in your prayers please. I've gone to GSR meetings in Districts 2-10-11. I would like to go to all of them before the end of the year. I have also been traveling for my work as well. My time is well used and time is the most valuable thing I have to offer to you and the program that has made my life totally wonderful. Thank you all for allowing me to serve.

Past Events

Post Conference – Janet R., Dist 11 – Hosting this event was a positive experience. It was a lot of work but our committee had a lot of fun. As alcoholics we all need to work on communications skills and volunteering to work on a committee to host an Area event will force some growth. It is in our literature to have balance in our lives we need to practice the 3 legacies of the program, Recovery, Unity and Service. Our committee had several members new to Area service, Meggie T., Rick R., and Chris R did a bang up job and followed through with their assignments. The core group from District 11, Gary J., Bruce I., Mike F., and Sue S., were a positive example to everyone. We tried to incorporate a little fun into this assembly with the skit of "James Bond AA-7", Live and Let Live. The ice cream social started off a little unorganized, but I think that everyone got their sugar fix for the evening. We did cover all of our expenses with a little profit. We gave the \$1000 seed money back to the Area along with an additional \$643.76 over and above all expenses. Our out of town speakers Juanita and Tom U from Santa Fe, New Mexico along with Wes S did an excellent job and provided us with some new faces and stories. The Al-Anon committee Holly, Norma, Maryanne, and Nancy were awesome to work with. On July 10th we had a closing social to celebrate all of our hard working for hosting this event. We played golf and had a BBQ. We could have done some things to improve the flow, but what do we say in AA "Progress not Perfection. We have learned for next time. Being the chairman of this event was a new experience for me and I want to thank you and my District to this opportunity to serve.

Reports from Upcoming Events

Fall Workshop – Treesa J., District 7 – Fall Workshop will be held in Rockville, Ut. Rockville is 2 miles from Springdale which is the entrance to Zion's. Springdale has Bed & Breakfasts, hotels, motels, & restaurants. Rockville is about 25 minutes from Hurricane. The facility is an old chapel & recreation hall. Alanon will use the old chapel & we will use the recreation hall. There is parking off the main highway behind the 2 buildings. There is a large grassy area & covered pavilion with 12 picnic tables out back. Lunch will be served in the pavilion. One of our committee members lived in Mexico for 10 yrs & will be cooking authentic food. Lunch is \$6. there are packets with flyers for each district and a stack of flyers on the registrar table. Please register early & reserve your rooms. The website is on the front of the flyer &

Hurricane into on back. Alanon has requested a separate meeting room on Saturday Night. We will finish about 8:30. UCYPAA has requested to host a fun event. BINGO. The game cards will be \$1 and of course there will be prizes. In November you can drive into Zions. Remember your park pass or golden eagle cards. The closest golf courses are in Hurricane at Sky Mountain or Coral Canyon. If you come early you can attend our Delegates home group. The Hurricane Firehouse meeting is on Friday Night at 8:00 pm in the basement of the Hurricane Museum; corner of state street 7 main street. This can be an event to remember.

Area Committee Meeting – Vicki – District 1 – Anna B is doing a great job chairing this event. She has arranged to have the meeting at the American Legion in Brigham City & is presenting a preliminary flyer to the area for approval today. The flyer will be available at the Fall Assembly. An enthusiastic committee has been formed & we look forward to seeing you all in December.

Guideline Committee Recommendations – Mike O., Past Delegate – Recommendations were read and some discussion. Copies of Guideline Recommendations are available in current mailing.

Adjourned for lunch at 12.15 – Closed with the Responsibility Statement.