

**Minutes Area 69 Post Conference Assembly May 16-18, 2008
Ogden Marriott Hotel, Ogden, 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. Introduced Area Officers and Past Delegates.

12 Traditions – Dayne A. District 10

Minutes of the 2008 Pre Conference Assembly read by Sheri P. Recording Secretary. Approved as read.

Secretary Report – Sheri P – Since my last report I have attended district 1 business meeting, and district 10 business meeting. I got laid off my job which was a blessing. This has given me the opportunity to help my son with his new business which is his life long dream. It has also given me the opportunity to attend more & different meetings. Using the program & staying connected is just away of life for e today. Thank you for the wonderful opportunity of allowing me to serve.

Financial Report read by Nadine N. Treasurer. Approved as read.

Treasurer Repot – Nadine N. – Im grateful to be here. For those of you that know about my driving in traffic phobia you know how really grateful I am to be here. First time in a while and I did not do too bad. Spring finally arrived in Roosevelt. It was a georgeous Tues & Wed. The snow is gone & we are looking forward to hosting the BTG Workshop in Vernal. Please take a copy of the financial report & group contribution spreadsheet back to your groups. The finance committee is meeting today at lunch to go over the 2009 proposed budget. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Bid for 2010 Post Conference Assembly May 14-16, 2010 – Wade from Dist 2 and Vicki from Dist 1 bid on the event. Dist 2 won.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives Janet H. Dist 1 – I have been in correspondence va email with a new area archivist from Canada, Frances L. Julie forwarded her email to me. It has been fun sharing information with a new archivist. We will be discussing the Archive Ad Hoc committee motions this afternoon. There is a display set up in the Cyprus B room, please stop by to view, read and enjoy. There are a few new items on display today, plus a section for district 12. I have a display board for the Ogden Club if someone could pick that up tomorrow. Thank you for letting me be of service to you.

P.I. Michael A. Dist 10 – I look forward to learning about my PI position. I have pulled the literature provided on utahaa.org which was put together by LeAnn (the PI chair before me.) I have been studying the information to guide me through this journey. The

bridging the gap workshop is in Vernal Utah. I look forward to attending. Thank you for letting me be of service.

CPC – No Report

Communications Doug R. Dist 10 - I want to share some website statistics with you. Life to date there have been 66,512 hits. It has cost the Area a total of \$794.10 which makes each hit less than 1.2 cents. The average visit is 3 ½ minutes, viewing on average 4 different pages. We have had hundreds of newcomers request a temporary contact. The web hosting and the domain name registration for utahaa.org have been paid until March 16, 2010. The website guidelines suggest that we keep everything paid two years in advance. That way it is less likely to lose the utahaa.org domain. The Communications Committee is still looking for an Alternate Web servant. We need someone that can be groomed to become Panel 58's Communication Committee Chair. Please bring this back to your groups. If there's anyone even remotely interested or qualified please have them contact me. The area's newsletter has been published, these are available here today as well as on line at utahaa.org/publication.php. The Area's business documents have been translated into Spanish, sent to District 12 via e-mail and posted to the Spanish version of the area's website. Thank you for allowing me to serve this incredible Fellowship.

Literature – Pete G., Dist 7 – As of April 12 I am now living in District 7. At the Pre conference Assembly there was \$130.00 of Literature purchased. I have a new supply of Service Manuals in addition to many pamphlets that have the new cover design. For those Districts that have literature racks in shelters or treatment facilities, I am giving away the pamphlets with the older cover designs as I replace them with the newer ones. The booklet "Inmate to Inmate" is being updated and the older version is available for \$6 a case. GSO still has cases available for distribution at this price – which is only the cost of shipping. In April I took the Literature display to an event in Richfield. Area 69 was represented with 3 standing chairs, the DCM from District 6, District 7 Treasurer and our Delegate. I was gratified to see many parents picking up pamphlets in the hopes that their children would know about AA. There were a few visitors to the display seeking Spanish 12 x 12's and other Spanish literature. In March the 3rd edition of the Spanish Big Book came out. The 2008 catalog is available and contains a complete list of our pamphlets with the new cover design. I look forward to serving you and helping you acquire the literature that you need to carry the message of sobriety.

Grapevine – Sheryl T., District 10 – I've gotten to see first-hand the magic our little publication can work in people's lives. People have started to associate me with the Grapevine and they want to share how much the magazine has helped them. The theme in the May 2008 issue is "The Beginning of the End of Isolation." The stories are powerful reminders that we, as sober members of AA are no longer alone with the loneliness and despair our disease once caused in our lives and those of our loved ones. The Grapevine has extended the deadline for submissions for the "AA Videos for Young People" project until September 1, 2008. The goal of this project is to prepare a 20-15 minute DVD compilation designed to carry the AA message of hope and recovery to

young people in high school and college settings. Young people in AA 9 and those who got sober young, but maybe aren't so young anymore) are especially encouraged to create, edit and submit videos. It would be great to have some of Area 69's young AA members stories included on the DVD. I wanted to give the Area an update on our Grapevine-toting friend, Tony, who hails from Kenilworth, Utah, population 50. Tony celebrated his 20th AA anniversary on May 5th. He talks of his love of the Grapevine and how much the magazine has helped in his sobriety. Tony carries back issues with him to give to ranchers, mountain people and members of the fellowship who live in remote parts of our state who rarely, if ever, get to a meeting. Tony said he really appreciates the back issues people have donated. Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to serve Area 69 in this capacity.

Corrections – Ranae H., District 10 – Area 69 was invited to attend and resent displays and literature for the Severe Valley Substance Abuse Conference held in Richfield, Utah March 19, 2008. I had an opportunity to visit Fillmore, Utah FOR A BARBEQUE AND SPEAKER MEETING IN MARCH. The Fillmore County jail has several meetings a week and good attendance. District 8 has been planning the annual Area 69 Bridging the Gap workshop being hosted in Vernal, Utah. /This one day event is a great opportunity to share and gather information and experience on 12th step work when an AA member is being released or transitioned from a correctional facility or treatment institution into the outside community. The BTHG program has been developed to have outside AA members help these newly released members make a smooth transition into the Fellowship. There is National Bridging the Gap website you may visit to learn about the History and background of how, why, and where it all began at www.BTGWW.org. The National Bridging the Gap Workshop will be held in Kansas September 5-7, 2008.

Treatment – No Report

Districts Reports

District 1 – Vicki – The district has been busy preparing for this Conference. We put together a literature display and videos for “Alcohol Month” hosted by the Health Unit at the IRS in Ogden. They were very grateful for our participation. Thanks to Jody and Pete for providing the videos. A Spanish speaking meeting has started up in Logan. We are still working on our District inventory. We have invited our delegate Julie to our June meeting to report on the conference. We have put together a committee to host a District workshop this summer. District 1 is still operating in its prudent reserve. We have lively discussion each month when we vote to pay the bills. I am very grateful to everyone in the District who gives their time and resources to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. Thanks for letting me be of service to you,

District 2 – Wade J – District 2 is doing very well. Attendance has been good at the Dist meetings. We have elected 2 new Alt DCM's and the Dist Groups have been getting served very well. The Dist has voted to send extra money in the bank to GSO., Central Office, and the Area. We have started a Fall Workshop Committee and are thinking about doing the event in Tooele. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

District 3 – Ruby B – We had a Unity Sharing session May 3rd and it went well. The Sunday morning Serenity Breakfast hosted the 1st annual Mothers day Breakfast and the turn out was great. The Host Committee is on track for Area 69 Assembly workshop. Several positions have been filled at the District level. We thank those for being of service at District level. Our District 3 meeting is the 1st Wed of the month @ 6:30 pm. At St Mary’s Church in Provo. All is welcome to attend. In Love and Service.

District 4 – No Report

District 5 – No Report

District 6 – Denzel A. – All is well in Dist 6. We have good attendance at all of our meetings at this time. Our Area workshop committee is taking shape. We will hold it at the Snow College Conference Center in Richfield. Our correction chair Kent wishes to thank Rane for the 12x12. We currently have meetings at the Central Utah Corrections Facility and the Sanpete County Jail. Both are currently expanding.

District 7 – Linda B – District 7 is doing pretty good. We have had new GSR’s. It is wonderful to have new faces. A new person volunteered for the directory position. Our district elections are in Aug and most of the positions are open for next year. Financially we are sound at this time. Lauana was unable to attend this weekend as she is ill.

District 8 – John G. – Greetings to all from District 8. All our standing chairs have warm caring bodies in them and have good attendance at our district meetings. Healthy home groups are still our priority. We still have a study meeting after each district meeting. We read and discuss the GSO Guidelines in the AA Group Pamphlet. The Uninta Basin got to host this years 54th annual “Little Skyline Convention.” It was in Vernal. Dan, Terry and Marie put a great committee together. Tracy and Tracy from San Diego Ca. A lot of new comers attended and are still coming back. Our district is well aware of what our Area 69 Delegate has to go through and we want her to know how grateful we are to have her as our Delegate. God Bless you and we look forward to seeing you at the Bridging the Gap. Workshop in Vernal.

District 9 – No Report

District 10 – Rogers – The District is doing well, however we need DCM’s and Alt DCM’s. Each DCM now supports about 16 groups & not all groups are being supported. We have formed a guidelines committee as we have several items which need addressing. We have also formed a committee to handle the area 69 Fall Assembly. It will be at the best western in Part City on Sept 26-28. Friday a speakers meeting will be followed by a dance to attract AA members to Service. We are moving the DCM & GSR meetings from the Salt Lake Alano Club to Jim’s Restaurant at 39th South and 9th East.

District 11 – Bruce I. – One thing I’ve been told never changes is change. It was fun to report we had all our positions filled a couple of months ago but it didn’t last. Our Treasurer, Literature, and PI Chairs are vacant. Those who participated in the workshops

last winter are anxious to have another one. We also have interest to do an introductory workshop for new people coming into service. The Fall Assembly committee for 2009 began to form this week. Coop C was elected chairman. Our financial position is still strong although not very well identified by account figures and balances. We are just about ready to review our financial guidelines section. We have an ongoing need for female volunteers in corrections, Gary J continues to make progress with Treatment. He recently reported the ATU in Davis County has allowed meetings to be reestablished. They are speaker meetings at present. One meeting, the Serenity View, changed locations from Lakeview hospital to the Bountiful Community church and reports better attendance. Another meeting, the Sunday Big Book Study Group has sent in it's registration information and we want to welcome them. They have a GSR and an Alt GSR. Charlie isn't going to like it but we haven't done our homework so we don't have up to date information about all the groups yet. We are working on it and we have a great new Secretary for the job. Jamie Y was a big help to me with this report by providing the minutes from our District meeting held just last Wednesday. Thank you for letting me be of service.

District 12 – No Report

Remaining Officers Reports

Roll Call – Charlie G. Area Registrar – In attendance were 6 Area Officers, 8 Area Standing Chairs, 3 Past Delegates, Dist 1 – 1 DCMC 2 DCM 8 GSR 1 Stdg Chr, Dist 2 1 DCMC 4 DCM 3 GSR 1 Alt GSR 1 Stdg Chr, Dist 3 1 DCM 1 Alt DCM 6 GSR, Dist 4 None, Dist 5 1 GSR, Dist 6 1 DCM, Dist 7 1 DCM 6 GSR, Dist 8 1 DCM 2 GSR, Dist 9 None, Dist 10 2 DCM 3 GSR, Dist 11 1 DCMC, 1 Alt DCM 1 GSR 1 Stdg Chr, Dist 12 2 GSR, CO Reps 1, Interested AA's 12, Total in attendance 83

Area Registrar – Charlie G. – We only got back about seven mailings & our email list topped 105, so keep up the good work & lets see if we can have a reasonable goal of ½ of our mailings from email by year end. We have received & recorded all group changes for District 12, 7 & partials on 1,3,6,10, & 11. If any of the DCMC have any additional group changes I need them Now. Current FNV records are 316 Active Groups, 1 Group Pending, 236 Inactive Groups, 32 Merged groups, Total groups in FNV 592. If you would like me to attend any of your district or GSR monthly meetings please let me know as much as you can in advance so I can schedule my time to make sure I can attend. The phase 2 & 3 of the FNV database should be available shortly with more functionality and ease of use with the group records & reporting. I would like to get a sense of the meeting on what you would think about making the directory available on CD for those who would rather have it in that Format. Financial Impact .22 for CD & paper sleeve –vs.- .67 for the printed directories. I recently received an email from Karen hale staff member at GSO saying the deadline for Group record updates has been extended. All updates that are to be included in the upcoming regional directories must be in the FNV Database by May 30th. 11:59 PM. A group will not appear in the directories if the group is new and within the 30 day pending period. The group does not have a GSR, or mail contact on its record. The group GSR or mail contact does not provide a phone number. The group

GSR, or mail contact request not to be listed in the directory. If the groups status is inactive. Thanks to you all for allowing me to grow in love & service.

Alternate Delegate – Monte S.- Since we last met Ed C., “Mr. District Ten” as he was sometimes called, died as a result of complications following back surgery. His friends and family along with several A.A. members gathered for a memorial to Ed’s life on April 28, in the church where Ed’s Home Group meets. Ed’s dedication to his life’s passions was shared and those attending came away with a deeper appreciation for Ed and a greater understanding of how he lived his life. I don’t remember a time that Ed did not reach down out of the sky to give a great hug and share his mischievous smile. Ed’s unexpected death reminds us how fragile life is and that now is the time to express our love and appreciation for each other, tomorrow might be too late. We will miss serving with you Ed. Sheryl T our Grapevine/LaVina Chair and I met with District 12, . Alberto S translated the entire meeting for us,. The discussion centered on efforts to establish and proceed with work for Spanish speaking Standing Committees. Sheryl and I were invited to share for a few minutes and we also exchanged information about upcoming events, both English and Spanish speaking. App 941 new AA groups registered last year. District 12 was interested to know how many of those were Spanish speaking. I called GSO and spoke with Eva S. She said that GWO doesn’t ;keep records of what language a group uses. Some groups are a combination of languages and it would be difficult to separate that information. She said that 98 Area’s have Spanish Linguistic Districts such as ours and commented on the ongoing struggle we face getting Spanish Speaking AA’s connected to mainstream AA. She encouraged us to call her with questions. Over half of all GSO employees are bi-lingual and that two staff members are fluent in Spanish including herself. This morning we take part in a very important Spiritual process. By recording and relaying the information Julie shares with us to those who are not here today, we put into action the Principles of AA Love and Service. Today we learn the fate of our favored Conference Agenda Items. Most importantly we will find out today what work was done on our “Kit of spiritual Tools”. The tools we use to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers and those professionals who aid us. Were our tools repaired, replaced, refined, sharpened or discarded? What new methods are available to help us work effectively with each other; and what new tools are a AA research and development? Then we will decide how best to put them all to use saving lives and restoring hope. Julie: thank you for your years of selfless contributions to our Area and for your service as Delegate to AA as a whole.

Area Chair – Andy B. – Since my last report in February, I have been from St. George to Alaska and a few districts in between. I have been to Districts 2 and district 10’s GSR meetings. Service has been a very big part of my recovery. For a long time my disease convinced me that I didn’t have a disease . Thank God I know now. For a long time in recovery my mind convinced me that we didn’t need General Service. Since getting involved in it, I have come to learn how valuable it is to my recovery. Thank you so very much for allowing me to serve.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00 with the Responsibility Statement

Reconvene 1:30

Welcome Back – Andy B.

Reports from Past Events

Pre Conference Assembly 2008 – Walter C. - District 2 thanks the area for the opportunity to host the pre-conference assembly. District 2 is proud to say that we returned the seed money of \$2500.00. there were over 100 people attending the event. District 2 thanks everyone for all the wonderful compliments.

Reports from Upcoming Events

Pre Assembly Workshop – Ramsey for Tina Marie S. – The motel is now signed and paid for, but we realized we need a room for the Archives, so we'll need \$89.00 more plus tax for a room with the bed removed for the time we need. Please ask Doug our communications man to contact the GSO for our upcoming event to be put on line and in the newsletter. I am excited to serve. This has been scary yet exciting. I have a very committed committee, and our next meeting is Monday the 19th at the Pass it on Palace in Orem Utah. I have printed over 250 flyers for the Registration. Please feel free to call if any questions. Thank you for letting me be your Trusted Servant.

Nation BTG Workshop 2008 – Renae H. – The 18th National BTG Workshop weekend is Sept 5-7 in Kansas City, Mo. The workshop shares gathered experience from AA members involved in 12th step work in correctional & treatment facilities – whether from being a volunteer taking meetings inside, or being an AA member willing to be there when the new member is released into their communities throughout the United States and Canada.

Ad Hoc Committee Report

PRAASA Defrayment Progress Report – John G. – The committee met during lunch at the Post Conference Assembly. We discussed changing our defrayment policy in such a way that we as an area can send our Area Standing chairs to PRASSA and defray them and still stay within the Area Budget. We feel that with more time we will be able to create a formula that will give the most benefit to Area 69 and stay with our current Budget. The committee decided to meet together again, during the Fall Assembly in September. We'll have a lunch time meeting again. Thanks John

Archive Motion Discussion – Presented by Janet H.