

**Minutes Utah Area 69 Pre-Assembly Workshop August 15 – 16, 2009
Cache County Fair Grounds, The Pavilion
Logan, Utah District 1**

Welcome Charlie G., Chair – with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Anonymity Statement. Welcome newcomers to their first General Service Meeting. Introduce Area Officers and Past Delegates.

12 Concepts read by Sam.

Minutes of the “Area Committee Meeting” February 28, 2009 – Walter C., Area Secretary – Approved as read.

Financial Report – Pete G., Treasurer, Approved with amendments.

Presentation of Proposed 2010 Budget – Pete G., Treasurer: The following changes were made to the budget: Archives increased by \$550.00, Forum (even year) \$2,100.00, Delegate GSC expense increased by \$400.00, Print Financial increased by \$100.0.

Delegate Report – Monte S. – Copies were made available.

Roll Call – Doug R., Area Registrar – In attendance were 6 Area Officers – Area Standing Chairs 7 – Past Delegates 4 – District one 1 DCMC, 2 DCM, 4 GSRs – District two 1 DCMC, 1 Alt DCM, 2 Standing Chair – District three 3 GSR, 3 Standing Chair – District four None in attendance – District five 1 DCM – District six 1 DCM – District seven 1 DCMC – District eight 1 DCM – District nine None in attendance – District ten 1 DCMC, 1 ALT-DCM, 1 GSR, 1 Alt GSR, 1 Standing Chair – District eleven 1 DCM, 1 GSR, 1 Standing Chair – District twelve 1 DCM – CO Reps 1 – Interested AAs 5

Area Officer’s Reports

Alternate Delegate, Renae H. – A verbal report was given at the workshop.

Treasurer, Pete G. – The Budget committee met at Post-conference and provided budget suggestions for 2010. I have compiled our suggestions, along with totals of our current budget, on the handout entitled '2010 proposed Budget' for you to take back to the groups for review. I have had the privilege to attend two District 7 GSR meetings since we met in May, including the District 7 elections; providing copies of Monte's District report in lieu of Monte's recent surgery. I aided in providing a Traditions Workshop in District 7 that was well attended. I attended the Bridging the Gap workshop in June and a number of meetings in northern Utah (including my original home group) while I was up in that part of the Area. In all these travels, I have come across people with whom I have corresponded with in the course of handling group contributions. It's great to put faces to checks and I am so grateful to have the privilege of working with so many other servants.

Registrar, Doug R. – A verbal report was given at the workshop.

Bid for “Pre-Assembly Workshop” 2010 – Keith M., Assembly Agenda Chair – District 3 (Denny B.) won the bid.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives, Treesa J., Chairperson – A couple weeks ago I assisted Janet with spring cleaning. We re-organized the storage unit and sorted - filed the new contributions from the previous couple of months. I will not be attending the Fall Assembly because that is the same weekend as the National Archive Workshop in Woodland Hills, CA. Janet will attend the Fall Assembly while I am at the Archive Workshop. I have my travel arranged and my room. It will be a wonderful learning experience. I have not seen an agenda but know I will learn a lot because I have attended two others. One member has contacted me about collecting histories from old timers in his home group. I love histories! Also trunk space for items contributed this weekend. Thanks for letting me serve.

Assembly/Agenda, Keith M., Chairperson – Since my last report I had the privileged to attend 5 host committee meetings. All of our host committees are doing a fantastic job. This Area 69 Agenda and Assembly job is the very best job for me, thank you for giving me an opportunity to serve our fellowship. Will bid June BTG Utah Workshop at Fall Assembly.

Communications – No report.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC); Sherrie P., Chairperson – No Report.

Corrections, Wade J., Chairperson – I currently serve as Area 69 corrections chair. I would like to thank everyone for giving me the privilege to serve Area 69. Last month BTG Workshop went very well and I would like to thank everyone for attending and all of the work District 1 did to make the workshop happen. Last month I got the pleasure of meeting with the program Director of the US

prison. Next Tuesday (8/19/09) I will be attending the Salt Lake county bi-monthly meeting to meet with the programs director and discuss the AA BTG program. I am pleased to announce that after the workshop and the new flyers created by the BTG committee I have received several letters to the Area P.O. Box and have had the pleasure of making some successful bridges in the state of Utah. The state of New York, and the State of Missouri. Thanks to the host committee for the hard work they have done to make this event happen. Love n Service.

Grapevine, Lauana H., Chairperson – Since my last report I attended a workshop in District 7. I have receive news from Dateline Grapevine asking for your pictures, stories or antidotes for the grapevine. The Grapevine has listen to you and have put the preamble to a prominent place at the beginning of the magazine. The preamble and declaration of responsibility are also on the subscription cards so they can be taken out and carried in wallets. The new 2010 calendar and date books are now available. If you would like to order any, please get with me and I will gladly place an order for you. They make great gifts for your sponsee. These come in English, Spanish, and French. Just to let you know I do have a box of back issues of the Grapevine here that is available for sale plus some CD's and books. Thank you for allowing me to serve. I want to thank Jerado for giving me a Grapevine from Mexico. Thank you.

Literature, Sheryl T., Chairperson – It's nice to be in a room with such a fine group of AA trusted servants. There's really no place I'd rather be on a drizzly Saturday morning. Thanks to District 1 for hosting this event. As Pete mentioned earlier, I was able to do a large literature order before book prices went up on July 1, 2009. This was a combined effort between CPC, P.I., Literature and an individual purchasing books for her home group. With our combined order, the savings was tremendous and there was no charge for shipping. Due to the popularity of the book (and the price!), I ordered another box of 20 experience, strength and hope books. They are available today for \$5.00 each. If members continue to want this book, I'll continue to order them as long as the price remains at \$5.00. Monte mentioned the Kindle project in his Delegates report. Monte received a letter from AAWS, Inc, dated August 10, 2009, informing the conference members that the fourth edition Big Book was removed from the Kindle website. I'd like to share a quote from John K.'s letter: "It is clear that , despite 75 years of publishing, things are changing in the electronic world. It appears at this time that, if we want control of our message, we would have to utilize our own website for the production and sale of an electronic format". The letter concluded with the statement, "We believe this experience has taught us a lot that will be of great value in the future". I, for one, am glad we learned something from this endeavor! Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 69 as literature chairperson for me, service solidifies sobriety!

Public Information (P.I.), Andy B., Chairperson – Thank you for allowing me to be of service to all. Hello fellow Servants. Since last May things have been kind of slow. The last part of July, JoAnn from District 10 invited me to be a part of a Recovery Day in the City Park on September 10th from 4 PM to 9 PM, Live Music, food and booths to inform the local community about AA and other recovery services. There will also be some similar events in Provo and Tooele September 11th and 12th, and a even larger event at the Galvan Center in Salt Lake City on September 19th for 9 till dark. The list of events keeps growing for September 12th, along with Tooele, there is Price, and Richfield. I will be looking for a few volunteers to help with all of these. Please if you have a spare, Saturday on the 12th of September, come and see me. I like to be at all of these.

Treatment Facilities, Bruce I., Chairperson – I am going to save time for the Area Business meeting today. I do not have much to report. The biggest event was the BTG workshop. Thanks to District 1 for hosting, it was awesome. We made a few changes which we hope will be improvements to the information and materials we use. (Explain new Pamphlets and changes). Although this is a living project, and an ongoing process, we hope to have most of the materials updated for the time being. My apologies to all those involved in treatment. For my lack of activity on your behalf, I pledge to do better and hope to get re-connected this weekend. If all goes well I will be attending the national BTG Workshop in Kansas City, Mo this September 11 -13.

District Reports

District 1 – Teddy H., DCMC: Warm summer greetings from District One. District one thanks Area 69 for the opportunity to host this Pre-Assembly Workshop. Our DCM, Frank and his committee have served many hours putting this event together for us. Charlie G. visited our Aug District meeting to give us a presentation on the upcoming 2010 AA International Convention. We are grateful to Charlie and all the other panel 59 officers and standing chairs who have visited us this year. District one is no longer operating from its prudent reserve thanks to a generous donation from The Cache Valley Inter group. Our Secretary, Sue, is putting a lot of effort into organizing our group's information and sending these updates on to Central Office, Area 69 and GSO. Frank, Gunnar, Rob, and I continue scurry about the district trying to visit our assigned groups each month. Blair and Les are our willing and energetic Corrections and C.P.C. standing chairs... Due to their efforts, Randolph, Utah now has a weekly meeting. We are grateful to be a part of Area 69 and for the opportunity to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous. District one is grateful for the opportunity to host this Pre-Assembly Workshop.

District 2 – Charlie T., DCMC: District 2 has filled all but 3 positions, 2 Alt DCM and Grapevine Standing Chair. District 2 increased the literature standing chair budget by \$400.00, which gave Austin (literature chair) an opportunity to place more literature and books. Sarah, Bridging the Gap Standing Chair, brought the Fun BTG Game Show to our GSR meeting 2 months ago. The district is considering using BTG budget to purchase a cricket phone for a 24 hour point of contact. Two committees have been

created to host the December committee meeting and the "Post-Conference Assembly"2010. . Sue (Treatment Standing Chair) is taking books to treatment centers and has proposed a Back to Basics meeting for the Salvation Army. District 2 is considering passing forward funds beyond our Prudent Reserve or increasing standing committee budgets.

District 3 – Denny, Treatment Chair: We have several positions in our District that are open. They are DCM, ADCM, Corrections, P.I. and Bridge the Gap, which is a new position. We do have some people that are willing to stand but do not meet certain requirements. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that it was better to leave them open than to fill them with someone that may not be ready. District 3 will be having a workshop this October. The topic will be "Service Work". We would like to thank Monte (Area 69 Delegate) for coming to our district and giving a report back from the conference.

District 4 – No Report.

District 5 – Harry S., DCM: Coming from a dark area to what I hope is Grey (District 5) is great place to be sober. The group Nooners is carrying the message thanks to Brent C. The group Step Sister's is alive and well (GSR). Jan Cool Sober is still surviving. Hunting meeting still trying to get off the ground New Group (Steps) more to come. East Carbon No Report. Hope to see you Saturday, September 12 at 1:00 PM Speaker Meeting.

District 6 – LeRoy B., DCM: District 6 is still trying to keep all positions filled and district meeting going. We have a Workshop planned for Middle of September. Meeting in the CUCF are doing well, with good attendance. Our budget is good. Thanks to District 1 for hosting this event. We are currently talking with Sampete County jail about meetings, there has been some ill communications with them on their rules.

District 7 – Janet H.: Monte was unable to visit our district due to his surgery, but rescheduled to attend October 10th for our district inventory workshop in Kanab. In June the district purchased 5 cases of soft cover big books for us in our correctional facilities. Also purchase eight 2 year subscriptions for the Beaver, Kanab, Purgatory jail and juvenile facility. Early in July there was a disagreement at the Primary Purpose meeting location concerning counselors attending meetings with their clients, which prevented the treatment center attending. Per the group conscious of the Cedar Tuesday group, initiative was taken and there is now a second meeting in the building located in Cedar City, three groups did vote to move. New meetings and other 12 step programs are meeting in the new location. The perspective looks good for both buildings to provide diversity of meetings and continue. Elections were held last weekend in Parowan and several positions were filled: DCM SW - Mike P., DCM NW - Shawn O., Alts DCM NW - Maggie B., CPC/PI - Debbie P., Central Office Liaison - Dale W., Directory - Doran P., Grapevine - /Shawn O. There were quite a few members who were unable to attend, there are quite a few position still open and we are hopeful these will be filled over the next few months. We did have a group number confusion with a group that had never been registered, we hope to get this corrected with Doug this weekend and update the district information.

District – 8, John G., DCM: District 8 is doing great; our home groups are all doing well. Our district standing chairs are filled and active. District 8 is pleased to be able to host the Area 69 2009 "Fall Assembly" November 7th and 8th at the Western Park conference Facility. Flyers are now available on the Table. We recently had our annual District 8 Bar -B-Q in Vernal. It was a blast. Thanks to Keith M. for standing in for Monte in giving the district a report back for our Area 69 Delegate.

District 10 – Karen H. (Sub for JoAnn, DCMC): Hello to District 1, I'm JoAnn an alcoholic and DCMC of District 10. Sorry I cannot be among my friends today but Karen the Alt. DCMC from District 10 will be a very adequate replacement. We did a District inventory in July and had feedback that they would like to do something fun. So, on September 19th we are having a Fund-raising Social Bar-b-que for District 10 in Murray Park. We will have a band and are looking forward to having a great time. A committee has been formed and the District will have a Fall Workshop on October 2nd. It will be informative for our GSR's and geared towards service work. We are looking forward to it. Mike W. our PI Chair has organized a committee for Pre-Conference and they are working very hard to making it a great conference. We are returning to the Area a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the seed money from Post-Conference. We are having a difficult time obtaining our deposit from David Holland's Resort. They are having financial problems and have indicated that we should have the refund within the next couple of weeks, when they acquire funding. If we get the refund we will be able to send to the Area approximately another \$950.00, but right now we are not too hopeful. We have legal counsel in our District and I will be contacting him to inquire if we can obtain this money. On a brighter note our District is doing well and I hope everyone enjoys this assembly. With love in service, JoAnn.

District11 – Bill D., DCM: All the groups in the area continue to do well. We have seen quite a few new comers starting to come to the meetings. Some of the groups have begun taking the newcomers aside and given them a personal introduction to the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous; to my knowledge all groups are healthy concerning finance and contribute in the 7th tradition. We still have had no volunteers step up to fill the open position for DCMC. Also, we still have five open alternate chairs to fill. District 11 will be hosting the "Fall Assembly" September 25 - 27 in Bountiful and the time and effort made by the committee in putting this event together is appreciated. As always, I am grateful to the District for allowing me the privilege to serve

District 12 – Carlos G., DCM: I am glad to inform that we celebrated our 2nd local "FORO O General Service" in Spanish community in August 2nd and our delegate Monte and Charlie G. attend this event and I like to say thank for your support once again. This FORO is one of a few project the District 12 have in order to share move information with district 12 members /groups and in that way make the Spanish district move informed. We have workshops every month and we are talking about our 3 legacies. We spent like 4 or five hours sharing on each one of these legacies over a two day period. Our next workshop will be on August 29 and 30 (Contact Carlos for more information).

Our 4th "Hispanish Conveucion" will be the October 9, 10 and 11 at the Red Lion Hotel in Salt Lake City

Past Events

Post-Conference Assembly, Ron L., District 10 – Verbal report was given at the Workshop.

Area Bridge the Gap Workshop, District 1, Gunnar – The Bridging the Gap workshop, turned out to be a success. Approximately 47 people were in attendance. We had representation from Districts 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, and 11. Wade and Bruce (Area 69 Corrections and Treatment Standing Chairs) and their committee had arranged a compelling program with speakers, power point presentations, tons of useful information and engaging discussion. Kudos to the local committee including, Ben, Lisa B., Irma, and Judy as well as Teddie, Cathy J., Brent R., Junya and a slew of others who pitched in a helping hand. I was amazed and totally stress free as to how it all just magically fell into place. Special thank you goes out to Monte, who helped out Junya (Vanna) and myself put on a skit modeled after "Who Wants To be a Millionaire" which played out well to good reviews and a few good laughs. Many people also expressed gratitude for a great job on hospitality. After expenses were paid and seed money was returned, we made a profit of \$190.07 which will be going to Area. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Up Coming Events

National Bridge the Gap Workshop -- No Report

Fall Assembly, District 11, Coop — Location: Bountiful Elks Lodge, 544 West 400 North, Bountiful, Utah. Setup: Classroom style for 150 persons, availability of tables is limited so attendees will not be seated at tables. Hospitality, Ice Cream Social and Banquet arrangements have been made. There are currently 10 entree (plan to reduce to 5) selections available. Banquet attendees will make their selection at the registration desk. They will be given a small placard with their selection number on it to be placed on the table when they are seated for the banquet. A corresponding selection list will be provided to Raphael (Acapulco Restaurant) hopefully before noon so that servers are available and meals prepared by 6 PM. (Banquet moved back from 5:30 to 6:00 to allow us time to set up tables). Entree selections are on the Table in back. Please put a check mark by your favorite. We will select the top 5. Registration: Currently there are 8 members registered for the conference and 8 registered for the banquet. We did get 1 Al-Anon conference registration and 2 Al-Anon banquet registrations and Janet is resolving that issue now. Flyers on the utahaa.org website have been updated. Anna from Al-Anon booked a room for Alateen at The Country Inn and Suites. During that process she was offered a block of 15 rooms at a reduced of \$84.60 (Double Queen) plus tax. If you wish to take advantage of this offer, contact The Country Inn & Suites at 801-292-8100 by 09/04/09 and mention the "Fall Assembly". It is within walking distance (1/4 mile) of the assembly location. We think we are ready. We will have one more meeting prior to the event to tie up loose ends. Please come and enjoy yourselves. We also ask that you remember Barbara B. (our secretary) and Ron H. (our PI Chair) in your prayers. We miss them terribly but The Creator had other work for them. Many thanks to District 1 for the find job you've done in holding this event. Thank you for letting us be of service.

Fall Workshop, District 8, John G. — See Flyer for information.

December Area Committee Meeting, District2, Charlie T. — The committee for December is still reviewing sights and is looking at one in Lake Point but has not finalized.

International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, Charlie G. Area Chairperson – The 2010 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 1-4 in San Antonio, Texas with the theme "A Vision for You". A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 75th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Alamodome. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the San Antonio Convention Center and Local hotels. We know many are excited about the international Convention an eager for detailed information. As the time gets closer, additional information about the Convention and San Antonio, our host city, will be provided. This Web site will be updated as more information becomes available. Also, watch for articles in Box 4-5-9 that is mailed to the general service representative of every group in the U.S. and Canada listed with G.S.O. and posted on the Web site. Convention registration and housing reservations will open in fall 2009. All necessary information will be included in the registration, which will be available in September 2009. This packet will list numbers to call for answers to specific questions about housing, the program, tours, etc. The information will be mailed to A.A. groups, offices and contacts around the world and posted on the Web site. We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

Guidelines Review Committee Report: See Guideline Attachment.

Motion discussion:

Presented by Janet H – seconded by Lana: **Rewritten motion.** Archival Display/Repository. The Archive Ad Hoc Committee recommends: That Area 69 accept contributions from AA non-area funded events for the purpose of an Archival Display/Repository. The Area Treasurer deposits such funds into an Area Bank Account designated for an Display/Archival Repository. Funds to be kept in perpetuity: accounted, tracked and disbursed by the Area Treasurer.

Presented by Andy B. – seconded by Sherrie P. A motion to combine the Fall Workshop and December meeting (Area Inventory or Pass the Gavel). Having a 2 day event on the 1st weekend in December combining Fall Workshop and Area Inventory or Pass the Gavel on Saturday. Then finish with Area Business on Sunday. Savings to the Area: lodging, mileage, postage, copying, etc. Financial Impact: Area lodging alone \$600.00 plus savings in mileage could be as much as \$1000.00 per event and as little as \$400.00 plus. Not to mention savings on postage and copying at savings of \$200.00 plus. – Motion was table.

Adjourn for Lunch and close Business Meeting 12:00