

Area 69 News & Notes

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Area 69 Officer Report - Delegate

Over the past couple of months I have had several opportunities to contact our G.S.O. and I have asked staff what their feelings are with the recent changes in Management, Chairman of the Board, and New Trustees.

Everyone I spoke with expressed their optimism and how pleased they are with the direction the General Service Board, as expressed through our New Chairman of A.A.W.S. Board, Ward E., seems to be headed. With that in mind I ask A.A.W.S. for permission to reproduce his opening remarks of the **General Service Board Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous August 1, 2009.**

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General Service Board Meeting

The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. held its quarterly meeting at the Crowne Plaza Times Square Hotel in New York City on Monday, August 3, 2009. Chairman Ward E presided, opened the meeting with a monument of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

The chairman gave a report regarding the board's executive session on Sunday, August 1, 2009 noting that in the spirit of dispelling an "aura" of secrecy that may adhere to this trustees meeting being called an "Executive Session," and because the meeting has rarely been an actual executive session, it was decided to rename the gathering the "Trustees Sharing Session."

Ward expanded on this change, "Hearing the history from our trustee's emeriti, we recognized that this meeting was established to provide an opportunity for free and open discussion among trustees, particularly over issues where strong differences existed. Only rarely has it been a true "executive session" dealing with issues of personnel or misconduct.

"We agreed that we need a time for open and honest sharing when we can explore new ideas; hear strongly held differences of opinion, and at times deal with personal conflicts. In a public meeting, trustees will not feel free to participate fully in such a sharing and, without appropriate opportunity, these needed conversations will happen in small groups out of the public eye, fracturing the unity we need as a Fellowship. We al-

so agreed because the trustees and staff work together as a team, it will be important to have the general manager present and occasionally invite other members of the staff as a resource for a particular topic."

"However, we want to be clear that the right of participation and the need for transparency demand that the spirit of secrecy disappear. We believe the principle of anonymity provides the key: What we discuss in the Trustees Sharing Session (principles) is open and will be reported; who said what (personalities) as well as truly exploratory ideas will not be appropriate to share as such reporting would damage the freedom of expression we feel is necessary."

Among the other topics reviewed at their meeting, the trustees considered the two actions forwarded from the 2009 General Service Conference, the first, regarding the development of a procedure for the submission of Concept V minority appeal to the General Service Conference (the chair appointed a subcommittee to consider this issue) and the second, the charge to develop a plan for the General Service Conference to conduct an inventory of itself

which the board has asked the trustees Committee on the Conference to explore further. Another subcommittee was appointed to discuss minors coming into A.A.

Our meeting in Logan last month was a special experience for me. The presentations given by A.A.'s during the weekend came from fellowship wide suggestions and subsequent recommendations of the Conference Agenda Committee. Our recommendations were then adopted by the General Service Conference. As a member of the Conference Agenda Committee it was most rewarding to see the suggestions we put forth discussed in such a thoughtful manner. Presentations reflected the effort and dedication of our area A.A.'s. For me it was like having music put to words. Thank you to those who were able to participate.

The year round process of the General Service Conference.

Headquarters continues gathering of experiences of AA members carrying message into correctional facilities and how they comply with admission rules and regulations.

GSO is collecting experiences of A.A.'s carrying message into outpatient facilities. I can provide information for submitting your ideas for anyone wanting to share their experience, challenges/success with outpatient treatment facilities.

Our GSO is seeking stories submitted by members with

various **special needs**, for example, members who are deaf, blind, wheel-chair bound, etc. The deadline for story submission is **December 15, 2009.**

The Young People Video Project continues, video submissions are encouraged from young people, especially from **Spanish-speaking members.** Check the Area 69 website; utahaa.org, for additional information on how you can participate. Release of The Young People's DVD approved by the 59th GSC has been delayed due to staff changes in Publications Department.

Now is a great time to start developing suggestions for **next year's Theme, Presentation/Discussion and Workshop Topics.** It would be very nice to have something selected by the Agenda Committee from Area 69 again.

Several Areas' have formed **remote communities** committee that meets before the GSC starts. There are orange colored forms available here today to fill out and submit regarding challenges and success of carrying the message to remote communities. Your experiences may become part of a planned **Remote Communities Workbook** that is being spearheaded by Lori G. from South Dakota.

If you or your standing committee has information to share on any of these topics I would be happy to help you submit them to GSO.

GSO staff rotation assignments took effect in July 2009; there are copies of the new assignments here today and can be found on GSO's website (www.aa.org). Our General Manager is back to work after a brief hospitalization and expresses her gratitude for the kind thoughts and prayers.

We were reminded that the deadline for General Service Conference **Agenda Item submission is January 15, 2010.** If our Area is considering submitting agenda items the office would like to have them in time for the October board meeting if possible. The agenda item submission/selection process is a discussion topic for us to use from this year's conference and was part of last month's presentations in Logan.

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G.S.O. welcomed **new employee** Steven D'A., as Associate Archivist.

When the scheduled printing for A.A. Directories neared, it was decided to suspend printing of the three regional Directories (Canadian, Western U.S. and Eastern U.S.) for this year which resulted in a savings of approximately \$35,000. Committees are encouraged to make available the List of Central Office/Intergroup/Answering Services (F-25).

Markings, the **Archives** newsletter, will soon begin its first electronic-only version, joining *Box 459*, and *Sharing Behind the Walls* in digital format. Moving this publication online provides greater on-line services to the Fellowship and reduces expenses \$4,000 per issue.

The 59th General Service Conference Final Report is here today. The General Service Office sent 400 copies. Please, each DCMC/DCM/GSR here today could take enough for each of the Groups they represent, everyone who wants a copy should be able to obtain one.

Regional/Local Forums scheduled for the next 12 months are posted on the G.S.O. Website; aa.org A **Local Forum** hosted by the Spanish-speaking districts was approved for Area 08 San Diego/Imperial California for Sunday August 22, 2010. The **Pacific Regional Forum** is also being hosted in California, August 27-29, 2010 in Torrance, California.

Literature Activity Update, A digital subscription of Box 459 is now available at no charge. Visit GSO's website (www.aa.org) to subscribe. For those of you new to service, Box 459 is GSO's quarterly "news and notes" bulletin. There will now be a Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer issue.

A request to withdraw the Big Book on Kindle from the Amazon Website has been forwarded to Amazon Digital

Services Inc. A letter from the chair of the A.A.W.S. Board will be sent to all Conference members explaining the resolution of the Kindle project.

Reprint Policy "Please send your request to reprint A.A.W.S. material to ippolicy@aa.org."

The General Service Office would like to have copies of **local, area, or district newsletters** either mailed or electronically submitted. Send them to the attention of the Conference Coordinator, Box 459 N.Y. N.Y.10163-0459

Nominating

A.A.W.S. intends to nominate a candidate for a general service trustee to fill the vacancy on the board created by the death of John S. and currently filled by Jo-Anne L.

International Convention

A.A.W.S. publishing will be producing a 2010 International Convention souvenir version of A.A. Comes of Age in soft-cover format priced at \$7.00. Grapevine will publish a 75th Anniversary of A.A. commemorative edition for the 2010 International. The price will be \$4.00.

Registration opened online September 1, 2009 and though it had a few problems, everything seems to be working well. Rick W., 2010 International Convention Coordinator sent all delegates a "**request for speaker suggestions form**" that needs to be returned by November 13, 2009. If you are registered for the International and would

like to be considered as speaker, moderator or other participant please send me your contact information and your 2010 International Convention Registration Number.

"Sometime in 2009, in its fourth edition and 70th year of continuous publication, it is expected that the **30 millionth copy of Alcoholics Anonymous** will be sold. Available in 58 languages, including American Sign Language and Braille, multiple print and audio formats, A.A.'s basic text has carried the message of hope and recovery literally around the world. Quite a record of success for a book whose seeds were sown of failure."

For additional details of the August Board Meeting please see the Area 69 August 2009 Delegates report or August Quarterly Report From G.S.O.

Thank you District Eleven for hosting our Assembly this weekend. A special welcome to new GSR's or interested A.A.'s. "May you find your answer to General Service as we have found ours!" We encourage you to introduce yourselves, ask questions and share your ideas, experience, strength and hope.

With deepest gratitude for my life and the unique opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous,

Monte S.
Panel 59 Delegate
Area 69 Utah

Area 69 Officer Report - Alternate Delegate

Dear Friends and Fellowship,

I am so privileged to be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and to be in service to you and Area 69. There is no doubt in my mind that I owe my sobriety to you and to General Service. I often wonder with a little bit of fear, where I would be if I had never been introduced to the Third Legacy of A.A.; if I'd still be going to meetings and if I'd still be interested in you and your lives and your well-being more than my own. Or would my self-centeredness and self-concern return only to feed my disease and tell me that I don't need you and I might not even need A.A.? That's a very scary thought for this lush. You could say that being involved in service gives me just a little more insurance, along with attending meetings regularly and working with others, that I just might stay sober and my fearful thoughts of wandering away from A.A. may be quieted a bit and be replaced with some peace of mind and serenity.

Since our Area's Post Conference Assembly this past May, I have had the pleasure to attend District's 1 and 10 with our Delegate, Monte, to hear him give his report back of the 59TH General Service Conference held earlier this year in April. He was able to condense his report he gave to us at the Post Conference, down to one two-sided page jam-packed with all the good

stuff, and he was able to answer questions and elaborate on items of interest...all without losing his audience's attention. What a time feat that was for sure!

In June I attended the Area Bridging the Gap Workshop (BTG) in Ogden hosted by District one. The workshop was the joint effort of both the Corrections and Treatment Committees and focused on how Area 69 can continue to serve the confined A.A. member in carrying the A.A. message of recovery to those members, and how to better serve them in their transition back into their communities and into the A.A. Fellowship through the "Temporary Contact Program" prior to their release from an institution. A lot of hard work, discussion, thought and time went into the planning and development of how this program can work within our Area and our specific needs. This was an excellent workshop.

I visited District 12 in July, August and September, and as always, was very warmly welcomed. There is some concern within the district about some groups/meetings that seem to be straying from, or not observing the 12 Steps and the Twelve Traditions. It has been a real challenge for the district to communicate with these groups, and it is seeking guidance and support from General Service members within the Spanish Speaking Areas in the Pacific

Region. Carlos has reported that they have been holding many workshops around the State focusing on Traditions, the A.A. Group, and General Service.

District 12 became an official district about 4 years ago, but had been involved in General Service participating with District 10 and Area 69 for some time before that. They have experienced many challenges (what I like to call "hiccups and burps"!) in becoming an autonomous District, and is historically, still considered somewhat in its infancy based upon the time it takes to develop and establish a new district.

There are ALWAYS challenges in service and by working together and letting the God-consciousness work through these situations, the result and outcome will be exactly the way it is supposed to be. Sometimes it is just through sheer time that these situations will resolve themselves. I am aware of groups that had similar notions as what District 12 has expressed their concerns over; that "they were autonomous and could run their groups however they choose"...which they did. Those groups are no longer around...they withered away all on their own. There is no question in my mind that the unity found through practicing the Traditions is what holds a group and our Fellowship together. I look forward to celebrating District 12's 4th

anniversary of becoming an independent district sometime in November (date to be announced). I love you guys!

In September, I was invited to District 1's GSR meeting to present and talk about the items that we will be voting on at the Fall Assembly. This included the proposed Area 69 Budget, the proposed Area 69 Guideline changes recommended by the Guidelines Review Committee (GRC), and motions presented by Andy B., regarding combining the Area Fall Workshop (held the first weekend in November) and the December Area Committee Meeting (held the first weekend in December);

and by Janet H., regarding a rewritten motion that Area 69 accept contributions from non-Area funded events for the purposes of an Archival/Display Repository. Thank you District 1 for your warm welcome! September also took me to District 10's GSR meeting as a visitor where I always get to experience service in action! I love this job!

I am truly enjoying working with the Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) in the pursuit of improving the readability, clarity and comprehensiveness of our Area Guidelines. I am learning so much from this experience and from all of you who have volun-

teered your service on the GRC...thank you!

I am always humbled by the sense of being just a very small part of a huge miracle---sobriety, and that I am surrounded by such wonderful people who also share in the great blessings of this mysterious and wonderful miracle. By the Grace of God, AA found me (cuz I wasn't look'n), and *you* let me stick around!

In Love and Service,

Renae H.
Area 69 Panel 59
Alternate Delegate

Area 69 Officer Report – Treasurer

My name is Pete and I am an alcoholic. I am very grateful to be in Bountiful today. Although it has only been a little more than a month since we last met, we have been busy.

We added 5 new contributors since our last meeting. District 10 added a new contributor, District 2 added one, as did District 1 – District 3 also added one and District 8 added yet another new contributor. What are you feeding them out in the Uintah Basin? Whatever it is, it is amazing to me that a District can go from 4 to 7 contributing groups in just 9 months. Thank you. Please refer to the Group Contributions spreadsheet to see the entire Area contribution listing.

I was asked to modify the Group Contributions spreadsheet to reflect contributions from non-group sources such as the individual contributions, the IWC contribution and contributions from our service events that return more than the seed money. A note on the additional funds from these events, in Panels past the Area would receive a sizable uplift from these events. That has not been the case in more recent years. Perhaps by showing the amount each event returned and how it affects our bottom line, the Districts and host committees will be more aware of the financial obligations and blessings of these events. I am sure that there will be more said on that and the information is there for your groups to see.

The second important function of the Group Contributions spreadsheet is to be used to take back to your District and group and verify what has been sent and which groups are contributing. Many members do not know the breakdown for contributions for their home group or the groups which they may regularly attend. I think it is vital to know if the groups that one attends are supporting AA as a whole. More than one DCM or GSR has come up to me and asked what happened to their group contributions. Being thus prompted, I was able to amend an error that I may not have caught otherwise. In all cases that I am aware of, the contribution made it to Area and deposited, it was just not listed on the report ... but what if those cases where the

group has sent in a contribution and it never made it to the PO Box?

The Area spends a lot of money to prepare this report, please take advantage of it.

Our contributions rose by almost 3500 dollars in a few weeks. August was a very good month and September, up until the 18th when I closed the books for the report, was doing very well also. The summer doldrums must be over and I'm thankful that Area 69 weathered another summer and actually grew in number of groups contributing. We have received as much to date as what was received through the entire year last year.

At the Pre-Assembly workshop, the Area received the seed money of \$1000 back from District 10 for the Post-Conference Assembly. We also received an additional \$190 back from the Area Bridging the Gap Workshop –

they already returned their seed money of \$250 for this event.

We met our obligations by funding the Area Inventory, held in District 2 this year. Area 69 also sent our Archives Standing Chair to the National Archives Workshop.

On a personal level, I attended the Dixie Central Office Board meeting in August. My weekends are gladly spent in service to the Fellowship. To have so many new friends, many of whom I haven't met face to face is simply a blessing that I had not dreamed possible for an alcoholic like me. Even at that, I seemed to have some difficulty gearing up for this event. I had more than one trusted friend and advisor tell me that I should quit beating up on myself. One of them even reminded me that on top of all the new things that have happened to me this year, even my dog died. After that phone call, I realized that, in my mind's view of that beach I walk

along, quite a few times there are only one set of footprints.

Today, we review and vote on our 2010 budget. As soon as all the modifications were made, I sent a copy of this budget in my responses to the groups and a copy was sent with the Area mailings.

Our budget became a bit bolder this year. How serendipitous that, not only do we have the means to back this bold budget but we get the opportunity to enhance both our past, with the Archives and our future, with the proposed increase in our contribution for the General Service Conference while still remaining firmly grounded in the present.

Thank you for letting me be of service and for the rich life I have today.

Pete G
Area 69 Treasurer Panel 59

More From the Hat

Our Seventh Tradition is practiced in almost every AA meeting you probably attend, the exceptions being those meetings held in jails and institutions and other events where the participants may not be members of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are adamant

about taking contributions from AA members only.

I started 'From the Hat' at our Pre-Conference Assembly as a means of sharing with you the love and dedication that I see every week from groups in our Area. It is nothing short

of amazing to me that we do so much, during these uncertain times, to carry the message to those who still suffer.

To date we have collected over \$21,000 from groups, events and individual contributors. Even more amazing to

me is that we have had 24 new contributors to the Area. That constitutes almost \$2100 in contributions from groups that have never contributed before and would be our third largest contributing district if it were it's own distinct district. That also comprises a solid 10% of our total contributions. That is significant.

Since our last glimpse into the hat, we have had a number of non-traditional contributions. These include contributions from the International Women's Conference, the Cache Valley Intergroup and District 10. These contributions comprise almost \$7500 dollars of our total to date. How fortunate we are to have had the opportunity to host the IWC this year.

A word on Area events, which now have their own listing in the Group Contributions spreadsheet; be prudent. The Area dedicates about 10% of it's annual budget as seed money for these events. In general, this seed money is provided based on the expected attendance and expected cost. Assemblies generally get \$1000 seed money and Workshops get up to \$500 as seed money. We don't need the swankiest place to hold these meetings and, quite frankly, I never see much of the outside of the meeting hall anyway. My personal experience is that we try

to find locations which provides privacy, plenty of room and ease of access. Work together, using Area resources such as our very own Keith M. to help find a location which matches our budget. Finding a caterer that provides good meals with low cost is hard and good contracts make good friends in this case. I have served on host committees where the caterer did not really understand what we needed and an adjustment needed to be made to the original cost of the banquet or luncheon. It's tough but rewarding to do the legwork to get the best deal for the most value.

And finally, the Area spends a lot of it's financial resources printing documents for your group to review. Take these and use them at your group and take some for those groups that either do not have a GSR or could not afford to send a GSR.

I know it seems like we bombard the GSR's and DCM's with piles of papers. Part of the Seventh Tradition involves good reporting. The Area Financial report is, in a sense, a stockholders report – because it is your contributions that are being reported on. The Group Contributions spreadsheet is updated and printed for you at each event so that your groups can see that their contributions actually made it to

that P.O. Box in southern Utah. As I mentioned in the Treasurers report, it has already helped one group determine that their contributions were not reported on and allowed me to verify and correct that situation.

Flip over the Area financial report and you have the entire budgetary expenses for the last two years at your disposal. Basically, that makes the GSR or DCM as smart as I am regarding the Area financials. That can come in handy to the GSR when your group starts to ask those hard questions like "Where *does* our Area spend it's money" or "How much does Area 69 spend on travel or copies". A GSR's best friend, so to speak.

Never let it be said that old Pollyanna Pete has lost sight of the love, dedication and sacrifice that each letter from the groups contain. I, indeed, still see the miracles. They come in the form of groups beginning to contribute, groups that – heretofore- have not been staunch advocates of spending their 7th Tradition on the Area suddenly begin to contribute. At those times, when I recognize the name of the group treasurer or chairperson sending the contribution, I realize that this thing is bigger than all of us but it needs each and every one of us. It needs us to be diligent as well

as generous, assertive but not aggressive and most importantly tutors as well as pupils. How else will the servant who just walked through these doors learn, if we do not teach them. To teach them, we must first learn of their groups needs for they are the ones that go back to the groups and report on their experience. They carry the Third Legacy back to the future DCM, chairperson or coffee-maker that is just starting this journey.

Standing Committee Report – Literature

Greetings Fellow Trusted Servants and Friends of AA!

Our beloved Big Book turned 70 years old in April of this year. I'd like to quote part of the front page article in the Fall 2009 issue of Box 459:

"Sometime in 2009, in its fourth edition and 70th year of continuous publication, it is expected that the **30 millionth copy** of 'Alcoholics Anonymous' will be sold. Available in 58 languages, including American Sign Language and Braille, multiple print and audio formats, A.A.'s basic text has carried the message of

hope and recovery literally around the world." How fortunate we all are to be part of this wonderful, lifesaving program!

If you have not yet heard the good news, GSO's quarterly newsletter, Box 459, is now available for FREE online at www.aa.org. Check it out and please pass this information on to your groups.

There are current literature catalogs on the Literature table. You will notice that there are some new items now available, including the Young People's Poster, as well as revised and updated versions

of several pamphlets, DVDs and CDs. I've had the opportunity to work with other Area Chairpersons on another large literature order. Please let me know if you have literature needs I can assist you with. Working together has the added benefit of cost savings to the Area.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve Area 69 in this capacity.

Gratefully,

Sheryl T.
Area 69 Literature Chair

Standing Committee Report – Public Information

Hello Fellow Servants,

I want to begin by tell you all how grateful I am to be in recovery and to be able to give a little bit back in service to the fellowship. "WHAT A GIFT". I just hope God allows

me to continue to help out in any way I can. Thank you all.

Okay then, the last month and a half has been pretty busy. I was able to be involved in the 1st annual Park City "Night of Recovery" by being on the planning committee and manning a display table at the

event on the 10th of September around 100 people attended. The next evening we were in Tooele where they held their "Recovery Night" at the City Park, and WOW. About 250 to 300 people came and pretty much hung around through out the whole event. What blew me away

was the participation by the community and committee. I think this event had been happening for a few years. Very well done! The next morning on Saturday the 12th of September, I headed down to Provo for their 1st annual "Recovery Day". This was a pretty well attend event as well. Last Saturday we were at the Galivan Plaza in Salt Lake City, for the 9th annual "Recovery Day". We were at the "LAST TABLE ON THE BLOCK" (get it), oh well. This was AWESOME, 2000 to 3000 people, lots of participation and enthusiasm. I had some AWESOME volunteers, and we were able to give out a lot of information and meet some new friends. It was a long day. That afternoon I moved my display to Murray

Park for District 10's "Self Supporting Social". I had a very good time, but was beat by the time I got home. Thanks to all those Committees for inviting us to their functions.

The next day we put on a BBQ for the residents of Highland Ridge Hospital and had a HUGE meeting on the lawn afterward.

I want to Thank Sheryl T. our "Lit Chick" for helping with the literature order needed to pull all of these events off. And a BIG thanks to Monte & his crew for covering the Richfield "Recovery Day" event. Thank You.

The Real Cool thing is I stayed Sober another day by

being involved with all of this. I've got to get a committee together to take some information to District 5, the Price area, in October. Please get with me if you'd like to help us out.

If anyone would like to get a P.I. Committee Meeting into their community, please let me know. **This deal does work**, if we get the word out. For me, it's giving the most valuable thing I've got to give. **TIME!!!**

Thanks Again

Andy B.

Area 69 Public Information.

2010 International Convention Sign-up

The 2010 International Convention Committee is seeking names of attendees who are willing to be considered as potential speakers. The deadline for me to submit names is November 13, 2009. Names can be submitted to me via e-mail, snail mail, telephone or in person at our Fall Workshop in November. Signing up does not mean that you will be selected only that you are willing to serve.

Volunteers need a registration number in order to be considered. Registration is easy via email at aa.org. Registration forms were recently sent to all registered Groups and Central Offices in the U.S. and Canada. If you need more or did not receive yours please contact me and we can order some for you.

Thank you for helping spread the word about this unique opportunity. I hope all of you have had a safe and happy summer season. Look forward to seeing you soon. Let me know what I can do to make your job easier.

In gratitude and service,

Monte Stokes, Delegate, Panel 59, Area 69, Utah
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PROPOSED GUIDELINES CHANGES

Current language regarding the Area Archivist would be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following in accordance with the Area's previous vote:

4.1 Archives

(A) Area Archives Chairperson - The Area Archives Standing Committee Chairperson coordinates the Area Archives Committee, which is comprised of the District Archives Committee members and interested members of A.A. The function of the Archives Committee is to provide information to the Area about the Area Archives Collection. The Area Archives Chairperson:

1. Coordinates the Archives Committee.
2. Provides information from the G.S.O. archivist to the Area.
3. Encourages and supports Districts in their Archive activities.
4. Attends all Area Assemblies, Workshops, and Committee Meetings and chairs Archive round-tables at Assemblies.
5. Attends the National Archives Workshop during the first (odd) year of their term.
6. Assists and conveys items and information to the Repository Archivist.
7. Provides a written inventory of all Area property held by the Archives Standing Chairperson and the Repository Archivist to the Alternate Delegate each December at the Pass the Gavel or the Area Inventory Meeting.

(B) Area Repository Archivist - As a non-voting member of the Area Committee the Area Repository Archivist may serve for an unlimited succession of terms, but shall be subject to review and approval every two years at the Area Fall Election Assembly. The

Repository Archivist is responsible for the care and maintenance of the Area Archives and is the focal point of the Area Archives. Their experience allows them to determine which material is appropriate for collection. The Repository Archivist has the unique responsibility to provide direction and experience for the districts and groups. Their knowledge of A.A. Archive's procedures, techniques and policies coupled with Area guidelines and conscience allows the Repository Archivist to organize the material for the best possible use and benefit of the fellowship. The Archivist is familiar with preservation techniques regarding documents and books. The vision of the Archives is to provide the opportunity for the greatest number to become aware of the archives and the importance of maintaining and growing the archives. The Repository Archivist:

1. Maintains and expands the archives using approved practices and following Archive Guidelines.
2. Attends and provides an Archives display at all Area Assemblies and by request at Area Workshops and other A.A. service events upon reasonable prior notification.
3. Is the focal person for collections, gathers tapes and transcripts of 'long-timers', determines appropriateness of material, solicits contributions of new material, distributes Acknowledgement of Receipt and protects the anonymity of the members.
4. Is responsible for preservation of material, monitors GSO guidelines for updates and changes, learns and applies preservation techniques, networks with other archivists concerning new techniques and extends this knowledge whenever possible through committees.

5. Attends National Archives Workshop during the second (even) year of each Panel.
6. Organizes material by maintaining an inventory of current material including new additions, protects anonymity of A. A. members at all times, identifies meeting records, tapes and minutes for verification, creates traveling displays for events and creates displays for long-term viewing at A. A. locations.
7. Reviews and updates procedures and maintains overall responsibility to protect the anonymity of members.
8. Provides a written inventory of the entire repository and any other Area property to the Area Archives Standing Chair to be given to the Alternate Delegate each December at the Pass the Gavel or the Area Inventory Meeting. Also maintains Area Repository Archive inventory program.

Additional change due to the Archive position changes:

Section 1.1 Area Committee Members, add Archives to the list of Chairpersons of Assembly Standing Committees

Additions regarding translations – The Guidelines Review Committee was asked to

consider adding language regarding translators to the event planning section to be sure we are filling the need to have translators when needed, if at all possible. In that regard we recommend the following:

Under 4.3 Communications, item c3 add: “Communicates information/needs to the Assembly/Agenda Chair.” New paragraph would read:

(3) The Translation Committee will work with the Spanish speaking district and the host committees in providing English-Spanish translators at Area Assemblies. Additionally, translators will be provided at other Area functions if requested by the Spanish speaking members. *Communicates information/needs to the Assembly/Agenda Chair.*

Under Appendix C, “Utah Area Assembly/Workshop Guidelines, add subsection:

“Translation Hosting District is responsible to coordinate with the Linguistic District(s) to insure that translation needs are met.”

Appendix C under A.A. Activity Planning Schedule/Checklist, 2 weeks before, add bullet point:

Confirm Linguistic District’s translation needs

Area 69 Motions

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.

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 a Display/Archival Repository. Funds to be kept in perpetuity: accounted, tracked and disbursed by the Area Treasurer

Ad Hoc Committee Report - Funding for PRAASA/Forum

(Since Forum is held only once per term, as you consider this proposal, please think of the finances/budget as being per term, not per year.)

FORUM - occurs every other year

Delegate - No Change. Delegate would remain fully defrayed in the manner our current guidelines state.

Alt. Delegate - No Change. Would remain partially defrayed at the amount budgeted, (currently set at \$300).

One Additional Trusted Servant - Partially defrayed at the amount budgeted, (currently set at \$300). This individual would be determined by a draw of the hat. Names in the hat would include the remaining Area Officers, and the Area Standing Chairs. The individual drawn would need to be willing and available to attend Forum. Therefore anyone who wishes can have their name removed before the drawing takes place.

PRAASA - occurs every year

Delegate - No Change. Dele-

gate would remain fully defrayed both years in the manner our current guidelines state.

Alt. Delegate - No Change. Would remain partially defrayed both years at the amount budgeted, (currently set at \$300).

Area Chair, Registrar, Treasurer - Would remain partially defrayed at the amount budgeted for the 1st year of the term only, (currently set at \$300).

Area Secretary Would remain partially defrayed at the amount budgeted for the 2nd year of the term only, (currently set at \$300).

Area Standing Chairs
Communications, CPC, Grapevine, Literature, Treatment - Would be partially defrayed at the amount budgeted for the 1st year of the term only, (currently set at \$300).

Assembly/Agenda, Archives Chair, Corrections, PI - Would be partially defrayed at the amount budgeted for the 2nd year of the term only, (currently set at \$300).

COMMENTS

This committee feels sending 3 people to Forum gives enough representation to bring back reports with 3 different insights of the weekend.

This committee suggests that the Treatment & Corrections Chair's rotation to PRAASA be set to alternate with their rotation to the national BTGWW.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Suggested changes in Forum defrayment would result in a savings of \$1200.00 *per term*.

Suggested changes in PRAASA defrayment for Area Offices would result in a savings of \$1800.00 *per term*. (\$600.00 1st year + \$1200.00 2nd year).

This total savings of \$3000.00 would be used to fund the Area Standing Chairs as noted above. Overall financial impact of this proposal is a savings of \$300.00.

Standing Committee Report – Treatment Center

Hello everyone! My contributions to the newsletter have been rather dismal so far this year. With that in mind I hate to report that since the Pre-Assembly Workshop I still haven't contacted the District Treatment Chairs. It has given me a lot to think about this week prior to the Fall Assembly and once again I hope to have a chance to visit with them at that time. So much of my time and effort since last spring has been directed toward the Bridging the Gap program I have sorely neglected the Treatment Committees. On that note, I did attend the National Bridging the Gap Workshop held in Kansas City, Missouri over the weekend of September 11-13, 2009. It was good to share the enthusiasm and dedication of people from around the country in providing this form of twelfth step work. I was impressed by the concern of of-

fering Bridging the Gap to current members as an opportunity for service as well as a vehicle for welcoming the new member. We heard a lot of ideas about how Bridging the Gap is done in different locations. What I discovered was that everyone seemed to adapt to the demands of the particular situation they encountered. And it wasn't always due to the demands of an institution. Oftentimes it was determined by the preference of the local group conscience of the Fellowship how the program was administered in a particular Area or District. The result was I developed a new gratitude to those who have worked so hard and so long to develop BTG. This last spring we formed an Ad hoc committee to study the approach we used in Utah, Area 69. Our committee drew heavily on the experience of other Areas as well as our current

system to develop a slightly different approach. Now I understand even better how the ideas we borrowed were developed. But, even more importantly, I have a new belief that the ideas we have proposed will be helpful here in our Area simply because we have so many different needs. Our conclusion was to offer support from the Area in the form of materials and techniques and a network to connect us all, but to allow each District to design their own programs. After going to the workshop I discovered that we had adopted the same strategy the GSO and the Conference had determined to use. It is best to let the Bridging the Gap program be administered locally with support services available and a network to allow sharing and long term contact points.

Yours in Love and Service,
Bruce I.

God Grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot Change
The Courage to Change the things I can
and the Wisdom to know the difference.

Guest Editor – LeAnn L.

Hello AA family.

Well here it is, the Fall Assembly. I love this assembly. I see it as the first assembly of a new rotation where the area standing chairs are finally able to meet with their committees and get things moving in the individual districts. We all know about the furious pace of the pre-conference and post-conference assemblies, where we are able to get a great deal accomplished, but sadly leaves little time for committee work.

As most of you are aware, the minutes of all area business meetings are sent out to AA's that are fortunate enough to be part of the General Service structure in Area 69. This includes GSR's, DCM's DCMC's (and their alternates), as well as the area standing chairs and officers. The Area Officer and Standing chair reports should appear in those minutes. However, there are many AA's that might be encouraged to become part of

General Service if they know what kind of work goes on in the service rooms. How can they find this out if we don't tell them?

According to the Area 69 service guidelines, our area newsletter falls the under the responsibility of the Communications Chair. It is suggested that it be printed four times per year. The communications committee has asked themselves this on more than one occasion "How can the area newsletter be of most benefit to AA's in our area?"

We came to the conclusion that the newsletter is for our AA family - both inside and outside of general service. It can be used to share Area 69 business as well as the AA message of recovery. You are currently reading the Fall Assembly edition. It, and all area newsletters, is made available on the Utah Area 69 web site, www.UtahAA.org. On the web site the newsletter will be read by the many AA's

that do not receive the business minutes. What a great way to encourage our AA family to join us in the service rooms. It allows fellow members to see more about the love and hard work that is done to benefit AA as a whole. Given that area reports should be given at the area meetings, why not also submit your report in advance to the newsletter? This is minimal extra work and effort, but maximum potential for informing the general AA fellowship statewide.

If you want to be part of carrying this message we encourage you to send your area reports, articles and upcoming event flyers for inclusion in the newsletter.

Help us help you to carry the message.

In love and service, a grateful member of the Utah Area 69 Communications Committee.

LeAnn L.

Visit us on the web at Utahaa.org, where you can find meeting lists for the entire State of Utah, Area business documents (agendas, minutes, motions, etc.) in English as well as Spanish, Calendar of Service Events (which includes the flier and registration information in English and Spanish), as well as a Calendar of AA Gatherings (which are defined; ". . . as one put on by A.A.'s, for A.A.'s, about A.A. Events are listed as a service to readers, not as an endorsement by the Area 69 General Service Committee."