

Minutes Utah Area 69 Post Conference Assembly May 15 – 17, 2009
David Hollands The Lodge at the Mountain Village
Park City, Utah District 10

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 Mike A.

Minutes of the “Pre-Conference Assembly” April 3 - 5, 2009 – Walter C., Area Secretary – Approved as read.

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

Bid for “Post Conference Assembly” May 2011 – Keith M., Assembly Agenda Chair – John G. District 8 and Philip W. District 11 stood to host the assembly. District 11 (Philip W.) won the bid.

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

Past Events

Pre-Conference Assembly, Janet H. District 7 – On behalf of District 7, a big thank you to all who attended. You make it work. We hope that you enjoyed being in Kanab. We had 117 register. After all expenses, The committee is returning to the area \$1,597.99 (that is 597.99 above the seed money).

Up Coming Events

Area Bridge the Gap, Kurk J. (for Gunnar H.) District 1 –The Bridging the Gap workshop is taking place Saturday, June 20th, at the Harrisville Log Cabin from 9 AM TO 4 PM. Registration is \$8.00 and we will be providing hospitality. Flyers are available today in English and Spanish with all of the other literature here. Make sure you grab some and spread the word. Attempts to get the flyer up on the website have not succeeded yet. We had our last planning meeting on April 25th which Keith was kind enough to attend. Our committees have been coming along smoothly. We plan to be presenting some sort of skit amongst the program but that is still in embryonic stages. Our budget is looking good. we have been communicating with the Area Treatment and Corrections chair people. Gunnar plans on spending some time with them this weekend and apologies for not being here for the business meeting. There will be a translator attending for our district 12 friends. Our next planning meeting is net Saturday, at 6:30m PM at the Ogden Alano Club. We invite all of you to come and have some fun and fellowship June 20th.

University of Utah School on Alcoholism, Sheri P., Area CPC Chair – June 26st to 26th. I have been working with Mary the CPC chair at GSO. We have made arrangement for the display and literature. I have a list of volunteers compiled. Please check and verify that your information is correct. District 1 has volunteered to get a van of people to come down and alternate on Wednesday. The volunteers will sit at the table to answer questions about AA. Add your name to the list if you would like. Norma who is the Alanon Delegate will be our Alanon speaker. Monte the AA Delegate will be the AA speaker. Charlie will chair the meeting. I have been sent a list of literature and I will get with someone who has done this to verify we have everything we need. Thank you for letting me serve.

Pre Assembly Workshop, Frank B. District 1, DCM – I would like to thank the committee members and the co-chair of the event, Cliff D. I met with Keith M. Area 69 Agenda chair and discussed an agenda for the workshop. The agenda will consist of Area 69 Business Saturday morning only. After the lunch break Saturday, the workshop will begin with District 1 filling the rest of the afternoon up with our evening activities. Sunday morning as well will be District 1’s time to fill. The workshop will consist of round tables and panels. Sunday morning we want to focus on the GSR; what the GSR is and duties (a panel format). With this much time to fill, I will be asking for volunteers from the area and other districts to fill vacant spots on round tables and/or to sit on a panel. We have a lot of good ideas and a lot of experience helping out with this event. I still have not received a theme for the event, and I assume that it will be presented this weekend at this event. I would like to meet with Keith M. this weekend to discuss more on the workshop and to get more information. As far as the next committee meeting, I have scheduled it for Sunday, May 31, at 3:30 PM at the Cache County Fair Grounds. I would also like to ask Keith M. to participate in this meeting if he is available. There will be a lot of District 1 officers and standing chairs at this meeting as well as GSRs. The idea behind this is to get the district together and come up with a solid agenda and plan. Also, to assign people to their positions. The flyers that I have generated are still preliminary. When I receive the theme and more information this weekend, I will generate the actual flyer and get them out throughout the area and other

districts. Please circulate the flyers that you received at this event throughout your groups and please express the importance to pre-register. The forms are attached to the flyer. Please also express to GSRs in your home groups what the Cache Co Fair Grounds facilities have to offer such as the RV hookups and sites that are available. In closing, I hope the BBQ dinner will attract a lot of AAs to this event. The ideas that we have for the workshop and other activities allows all of us to have fun at a general service event. There is always so much more work to be done to carry the message. Please spread the word and help District 1 have a successful assembly workshop. With love always in service.

Fall Assembly, Coop & Crew — First of all, thanks to the committee members, Gary J., Barb B., Suzanne W., Janet R., Don B., and Kelli A., and Aaron for their efforts to make this a great success. Thanks also to Holy and Anna from ALANON and Jim and Keith, the Assembly Chairs for their assistance and coordinating our efforts. There are two items that need to be noted. One, unfortunately the facility is not ADA compliant. Wheelchair access is not available. There are not many steps that have to be negotiated and we believe that this will not be an insurmountable issue. Two, every thing is in place for the event except for the caterer and the menu. The original caterer Alicia's was in the restaurant which is part of the Elks Club which closed. We then selected Ramblin Roads to do the job, but they had to turn it down. There is now a new restaurant and owner planned to replace the one we originally selected which was part of the Elks Club. Our current plan is to see what they have to offer and use them if they have the quality and capability of catering the event. The backup plan is to use Famous Daves Bar-B-Q to cater the event. They have quality food and are capable of catering the event. We have tried to hold the costs down to encourage participation. If this works, it should be fun event for many.

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 and 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!

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

Adjourn for Lunch 12:00

Reconvene 1:30 PM

Welcome Back – Charlie G. – Chair

District Reports

District 1 – Teddy H., DCMC: Those of us from District 1 want to express our gratitude to District 10 for hosting this event. We are pleased to report that we finally have a district secretary. Sue C. stood for the position at our April district meeting. Les, our district CPC chairperson is doing an excellent job. Les and a number of other folks Logan, are eagerly reaching out to Alcoholics in the more rural areas of our district such as those in Rich County. Blair, district 1's Corrections chairperson is doing a wonderful job as well. Blair has also been involved in reaching out to the rural area. Now if God would bless us with 3 more DCM's, some alternate DCM's and Grapevine, Literature, P.I., and Treatment chairs our district 1 family would be complete. Even though our 3 DCM's and 1 DCMC are few in numbers we try to visit as many groups in our district as we possibly can each month. We continue operating from our prudent reserve. Some more group contributions would also be a blessing. I know it's all about his timing, not mine. We look forward to seeing you all at the two events that district 1 is hosting. These are The Area 69 Bridge the Gap Workshop in Ogden on June 20th @ the Harrisville Log Cabin. The Area 69 Pre Assembly Workshop in Logan Aug. 15th & 16th @ the Cache County Fair Grounds. The committees are doing outstanding jobs as they prepare to be of service to all of you wonderful folks in Area 69. As this comes to a close let us not forget to express our gratitude to our area 69 officers. Your time and energy is greatly appreciated.

District 2 – Charlie T., DCMC: District 2 has continued to grow and prosper. We have filled all positions except 2 DCM, 4 alternate DCM and Archives. District 2 Corrections Chair, John Y., helped to orchestrate a corrections workshop. Multiple people shared briefly their experience of receiving the message behind the walls with members ranging from a few months to 20 years sober. Many were those who carry the message behind the walls. One member told of sitting in the cell where God hangs out. The entire afternoon was blessed with speakers talking from their hearts and the love of AA in great abundance. District 2 has formed

committees for December of 2009 workshop and May 2010 Post Conference Assembly. District recently increase budget for our literature chair. He is loading literature racks and sending our message through literature in many locations. Yours in service.

District 3 – Nicole M., GSR: Report was read at meeting.

District 4 – No Report.

District 5 – Harry S., DCM: The message of recovery in District 5 is there although we have very few persons willing to be of service. However, the Nooner's Coal Sober and Step Sister's of Price are OK. Each Carbon and Huntington are holding meetings.

District 6 – LeRoy B., DCM: Central Sampete, Sevien, 12 x 12 Salina Report good attendance. But we are still not in touch with Wayne County. We have secured a facility for the 2010 Fall Assembly at \$175.00 per day unless 20 rooms are rented then it will be compe. Rooms Single \$60.00 Double \$70.00. We held our annual work shop/Founder Day and thanks to Monte and Erma it was a success. Our meeting CUCF are doing good but Sampete County is still trying to get organized. We are still trying to talk to Sevier County Jail to start a meeting there. Thanks for letting me serve.

District 7 – Janet H.: We have several positions open. We will hold elections in August. So, I am hopeful that at time we will have interested folks. Monte will be attending. Financially, we are in good shape, but then we do not have all the DCM positions filled to defray. The district has only 1 new meeting, but several groups have needed to change locations. The district membership has grown with newcomers and members who are moving into Southern Utah. The Triangle Group (ARC) closed after 44 years. Within the past couple of months we have new GSRs. The district has purchased Grapevines subscriptions for the correctional facilities now that they are free of staples (Purgatory, Juvie, Kanab). I am sure Beaver and Panguitch will be on line with this also. Thank you.

District – 8, John G., DCM: District 8 is doing great! We are still managing to keep the simple message of recovery that our big book tells us about at the forefront of our group meetings and in our dealings with our community. We were doubly blessed at our last GSR meeting to have our Area 69 Delegate and Area Corrections standing chair, Monte and Wade, give report backs from PRAASA and talk about some of the items to be voted on at the GSC. It means a lot to new GSRs and district standing chairs to see our trusted servants at the area level go to the trouble to come all the way out to the Basin to help us out. It made a marked difference in our enthusiasm level. We in District 8 are grateful to be able to host the 2009 Fall Workshop. It will be held November 7 and 8 at the Western Park Convention Center in Vernal. All the hotels and motels report there will be lodging available at that time. Our host committee is working with some of them to come up with a package deal for area participants. We will have flyers with all the information on them ASAP and will get the information on the area website too.

District 10 – JoAnn, DCMC: Welcome to Post Conference hosted by District 10. This is a beautiful setting in which to hold this event. The host committee has worked very hard and I commend them. Our district is having some service pains right now but we are not different from other districts. We are in need of 3 DCMs and 4 Alt. DCMs plus a Grapevine chair. We have 3 enthusiastic young people from Park City as new GSRs and we feel they will contribute greatly to our district. Our contributions are continuing at a steady rate and so our district is holding its own financially. I am grateful to see as many people from our district as there are here today. I enjoy being a DCMC, but I am not sure how the GSRs feel about that. I am grateful and do love my position.

District 11 – Phillip W., DCM: Thanks to those who put this conference together. Thanks for trusting us to host this meeting in 2011. The district is doing well. Attendances at the meetings are up and generally the groups are doing well. This month the last standing chair position was filled. We now have all standing chairs and officer positions filled excepting DCMC position. The district runs with 2 DCMs. The district is financially viable. We rely heavily on 2 former DCMs that work as committee chairs. The district hosted a workshop geared toward the newcomer. Attendance was great (38 attendees). Thanks for allowing me to serve.

District 12 – Carlos G., DCM: Actually, we are celebrating workshop every month. This May 24th and 25th we will be at the "Desperter Folie" Midvale group and we will discuss our "Alcoholicon Anonimos" or the Big Book for 2 days. Next month and next July we will be at the "11 de Noviembre" group. Experiencia Personal group (Provo-Orem). On June 10 we will celebrate au especial metteen for our 74th anivenaue of AA and will be talking about AA History 3 or 4 members participation.

Area Officer's Reports

Alternate Delegate, Renae H. – Since we last met in April in Kanab, I have the opportunity to attend and participate in a Treatment workshop hosted by District 3 in Payson that was well attended on that rainy, rainy Saturday! The workshop included three topic discussions: How do we use the BTG program in our 12 Step work, Tradition five --- Our Primary Purpose, and discussion on Tradition Twelve --- Anonymity and how we apply it in Treatment service work and in our daily lives. The presentations were very informative and the discussions following each were excellent. Nice job to all of the host committee and thank you for the great food and hospitality! And lastly I was able to attend District 10's GSR meeting where there is much excitement and enthusiasm in anticipation of being the hosting district for our May Post Conference Assembly. They are also working hard to fill available service positions within the district and I know they will do a great job as everyone settles into their new positions.

Treasurer, Pete G. – In April Area 69 had four new contributors join our fold. One new contributor from District 1, one new contributor from district 3 and two new contributors from District 7. Since the beginning of this year when Panel 59 officially began, we have had 11 new groups begin to contribute to the Area – seven of those from District 7. During the first four and a half months of 2009, Area 69 has held two Assemblies, one Committee meeting, seeded future events until November, secured our Archives after for another year, sent seven servants to PRAASA, sent our delegate to the General Service Conference, welcomed and supported a new standing chair position, printed two Newsletter, printed the Area Directory. Our Finance Committee has had its initial meeting and will continue at this event to review the budgets. In the current Newsletter there is a breezy article that contains just about every scrap of financial information available for your review. It is there so that you can be better informed. Our Certificate of Deposit matures on May 18, 2009 and at this time Area 69 will update the names on the certificate to reflect the current Panel. During summer months, when there is less contact with one another than we have had over the past four months, please feel free to contact me either by mail P.O. Box 40, Washington, Utah 84780 or by telephone (435) 590-9126 or email at Area69Treasurer@utahaa.org.

Registrar, Doug R. – If you signed up to get your business documents emailed and you are not getting them please see me or James, the Communications Committee Chair. We will get you taken care of. One of the goals that I have this panel is to reduce the cost of mailing the business documents as much as possible. We are making progress at reducing the Area mailings and increasing the distribution of the Area business documents via email and /or the Internet. Thank you all who replied using the cards that were sent out in the last mailing. I have also been working with District 12 to create a Mailing list (email and snail mail) for the Spanish version of the Area's business documents. I want to thank Alberto E. for his help. Another goal I have is to be able to maintain only one set of Area records. We currently maintain Group and Service Position information in an Excel spreadsheet and in GSO's database. From what I have been able to pull from GSO's data we are not in sync; their records and ours are not the same. So that will be the first goal; to get our data in sync with theirs. The second goal will then be to print the Area Directories directly from their records. Hopeful I will be able to do that for next year's Post Conference Assembly. As per our guidelines I have printed our version this year and they are available for all those who would like a copy, I only printed 100 copies. I can also email you a copy, just let me know. If there is anything I can do for your District please let me know, I am happy to serve!

Standing Committee Reports

Archives, Treesa J., Chairperson – In the last 4 weeks the Repository Archivist has received 1) the area cassette recorder, 2) 1981 Area 69 directory and "Bill Writes on...", 3) Area tapes for all area 69 meetings in 2005/2006, 4) just last week a copy of the "Plum Ally" news article, 5) stapleless grapevine, and 6) empty binders and cassette tapes. District 3 donated 7 binders of 2002-2008 reports (financial, district, C.O), and a CD of "No Booze News" 2008. The Repository Archivist also mailed two (2) Area 69 history books to the Nevada Archives (north and south). Side note: there are 9 (500) history books still available and they are in the archive room. The repository archivist purchased CD holder. Special thanks to Salt Lake Central Office for consistently mailing their newsletter.

Assembly/Agenda, Keith M., Chairperson – This is a fantastic General Service Assignment and I am still very much overwhelmed. Since the beginning of the year, I have been privileged to attend 9 Host Committee Meetings, PRASSA, and three Area Events. With me living in Moab this has involved a bit of traveling, over 5000 miles so far. But it is all good, some of these miles have included cell phone calls to my sponsor, my General Service sponsor, my sponserities, other Area General Service members, and lots of road prayers. Please do not run your car into me; I am on my way to an AA committee meeting. Recently, loving discussion during the Post-Conference Host Committee Meetings about Open AA meetings formats and who should share at these meetings has been very rewarding for me. It has created a new interest for reading and studying Bill W. thoughts about AA's primary purpose and our responsibility for carrying the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic. 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.

Communications – No report.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC); Sherrie P., Chairperson – Since we last met I attended District 1 and 10's GSR meeting. I received an email from Karen W. who is the contact person for what is called PI/CPC News Exchange. This newsletter is for the exclusive use of AA members who wish to exchange information. I did write this last week if anyone had any experience or suggestions with what Monte was telling us earlier about not having a place to detox. I have copies of this letter for district CPCs. I am in the process of getting information for a conference being held in August at Little America "NAADAC". The association for addiction professionals "Sewing the Seeds of Recovery" (August 18 through 21). I will contact GSO (Mary) and I have been in contact with Andy our PI chair. If you would like a schedule of events for the school on alcoholism you will be able to find this on our website utahaa.org. I will send James (Communication Chair) the link.

Corrections, Wade J., Chairperson – The last four months have been great, I have had the pleasure of visiting Districts 1, 2, 6, 8, and 10. I would like to thank all the districts for the work that is being done. District 1 is working very hard preparing for the BTG workshop and I was given the chance to visit with the committee. Teddy and Gunner (District 10) took me and Bruce to their home group meeting and introduced us to several young people who are very eager to serve in corrections. We had an open BTG discussion meeting with about 15 in attendance. I would like to thank everyone who showed for their input and concerns on the BTG program.

The BTG Ad Hoc Committee has met 3 times and is in constant communication. I would like to thank Ron, Bruce, and Sara for their hard work and efforts in updating and working on the BTG program. The trip to Vernal with Bruce and Monte was a real eye opener on the struggles our rural areas have with treatment and corrections facilities. I would like to thank all of you who have touched my life.

Grapevine, Lauana H., Chairperson – The Grapevine has come out with a new book “Voices of Long Term Sobriety: Old timers Stories from the AA Grapevine”. In this collection of stories, old timers share their wealth of experience in staying sober through good times and bad. To read a sample selection, go to www.aagrapevine.org. The book may also be ordered from this website. Or Call 1-800-640-8781. The order code is GV-21, the cost is \$9.95 each, 5 or more copies is 9.50 each. The grapevine has new mailing addresses; New York office is AA Grapevine Inc., 475 Riverside Drive, 10th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10115. Customer Service, Grapevine, P.O. Box 422487, Palm Coast, Florida 32142-2487. La Vina, P.O. Box 422483, Palm Coast, Florida 32142-2483. The Grapevine has a call for articles. They welcome articles on every aspect of recovery. Some of the special themes to be featured are: “Dealing with feeling different” and “What gives you hope”, submission deadline: May 20th. Classic Grapevine submission deadline June 20th. What gives you hope submissions deadline July 20th. To submit your story on any of these topics or your experience strength and hope on one or more of the steps, visit www.aagrapevine.org for writers guidelines. La Vina also has a call out for AA members’ personal stories and thoughts about the program. La Vina needs your stories. Once again for writers guidelines go to www.aagrapevine.org. Do not take yourself too seriously! Rule #62 cartoon caption contest. Every month readers are invited to send a funny caption. Grapevine will post a selection of them online so you can vote for your favorite. Email captions to: specialproject@aagrapevine.org. Did you know that you could subscribe to audio Grapevine? Subscribers can download and listen to two months of the Grapevine on your desktop computers, MP3 players or CD players. On the 21st of the month, a new issue will be available for download along with the previous month’s issue. Once again for information on this go to www.aagrapevine.org. Thanks for allowing me to share.

Literature, Sheryl T., Chairperson – The most newsworthy piece of information I have to share since our late event is that *Literature prices will be increasing on July 1, 2009*. This is being done with the goal of helping to keep the General Service Office’s prudent reserve at an acceptable level. The increase will affect book prices, with most prices going up from \$.50 to \$2.00 per book. Foreign Language books will increase the same amount as the corresponding English version. The current discount structure will remain unchanged. I plan to do at least one more large literature order prior to July 1st, so please let me know this weekend if you have literature needs I can assist with. Now for some good news! “Experience, Strength and Hope” is still available at reduced rate of \$5.00. This is the only book price that will not be going up in July. I have just received a case of 20 books, which I will be selling this weekend at cost. It is a really nice book and makes a great gift. The last time I had a box of these books, they were all gone within ten minutes! I will order more if there is enough interest shown. New Item: Newcomer packets now available \$2.00 each. A group of Area officers and Standing Chairpersons were invited to present at a workshop in District 3 on April 25, 2009. The topic of the event was treatment and the sub-topics were Bridging the Gap, Anonymity and Tradition Five. All of the presenters referenced one or more pieces of our wonderful AA literature. If you have not yet begun to explore the many books and pamphlets that are available, I invite you to get started on that amazing journey. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve Area 69 in this capacity. Service is sobriety!

Public Information (P.I.), Andy B., Chairperson – I have attended District 1 and 10’ GSR meeting; thanks for welcoming me. I have not had too much going on. Cottonwood High School call and wanted a speaker to come and talk to a couple classes, so I set up a panel of young people, very eager to share, and the teacher called to reschedule at a later date, only to have the opportunity fall through, but they said next fall they will call us again. The CPC chair and PI committee are going to join up for a few health, safety, and recovery events this summer. And that is about it. *As a service to a fellow AA, who unfortunately was deported back to Canada, I was able to be a part of loading his belonging and driving a 24 foot U-Haul to the border to help get our friend back on his feet, and to see all the people here and in Northwestern Washington for stepping up to help with this, both with their labor and with financing this effort. Please keep your thoughts and prayers out for Pete K. It was great to help with this event. As always it a great privilege to serve.*

Treatment Facilities, Bruce I., Chairperson – Last Month I tagged along with Monte and Wade to visit District 8. One thing we discovered was that there maybe a lack of understanding in their communities about alcoholism. Some of the Area Standing committees have been discussing ways to help them to raise that awareness. A few weeks ago I had the privilege of attending a treatment workshop hosted by District three. It was a good conversation about treatment related topics, especially Bridge the Gap. Good for me because it is a project I have devoted a lot of my time to recently. Talking about it helped me understand what we need to do to clarify and administer the program. It helped me understand the value of our literature and that perhaps I could offer them packages for specific needs. The following week I attended a corrections workshop held by District Two. Once again the topic of BTG was addressed. Sara L. gave a great presentation of how BTG works and how it could be improved in their district. Sara is also a member of the BTG Ad-Hoc committee and her input has been extremely valuable. We found out at the workshop that in many cases inmates in their district are turned loose on the spur of the moment, which puts making bridges difficult. It made us consider how we might use the Central Offices for help with cases that need an immediate temporary contact. This presented one more consideration for the BTG Ad-Hoc committee to look at. I have prepared some packets for them to take in/re to BTG and for treatment volunteers. I am please to report that over half of the districts have active treatment chairs and committees. It is important

to keep in mind that treatment centers still provide one of the best environments to find future AAs. And that means our presence there will likely influence many to join in our fellowship for their long term sobriety. Once again this suggests Bridging the Gap, so we can be there when someone reaches out for help. Another possibility for treatment committees is cooperation with corrections committees in the drug court programs offered by the State. I do not know much about the programs yet, only that they have strong support for the government as a better solution than simple confinement.

PRAASA Defrayment Ad-hoc Committee, John G. – Our Ad-hoc committee has met twice since our last report to the area. We have made great strides in coming up with a formula by which we can get all of our standing chairs defrayed to attend PRAASA without raising the existing area budget. All the members of the committee feel that getting our standing chairs defrayed to attend PRAASA will have good and lasting impact on the area; again, with no impact on the area budget. We plan to meet again at the Pre-Assembly Workshop and to have finalized proposal to submit to the area at the Fall Assembly.

Correction/Treatment-Bridge the Gap Ad-hoc Committee, Bruce I. – We have been reviewing and in some cases rewriting material for the District Workbook. We brought some updated documents with us to be used and reviewed by the districts prior to June. Our hope is to have a good discussion at the Bridging the Gap Workshop regarding the changes we are suggesting and gain a consensus for the Area about the Bridging the Gap guidelines. We realize there are many among us with this type of experience and that they will be able to review our work and make suggestions in return. Our goal is to make the information uniform while allowing districts the flexibility to adapt the guidelines for their own needs. While discussing the Bridging the Gap program in committee, it became clear to us that each district has unique characteristics and challenges when it comes to the institutions within their boundaries. We believe strongly in having districts operate autonomously, sharing their volunteer databases periodically with the Area. And that role of the area should be limited to information gathering and sharing. The two committees, Corrections and Treatment, bear the responsibility of educating and offering support to the Districts. We also discussed the idea that although the Gap is a wonderful tool for the new member, we need to remember that if recovery is important to them, they will go to any length to get here. In other words, we want to keep things in perspective. We do not want the mechanics of the Bridging the Gap program to overshadow the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. We believe that the very best way to have a successful Bridging the Gap program is through attraction. Therefore, we need to encourage and support the committees who take the message inside the walls in the first place. When that is being done we believe that Bridging the Gap will take place much more naturally.

Motion discussion and vote:

Presented by Janet H – seconded by Cindy: The Archive Ad Hoc Committee 2004-2007 recommends that Area 69 endorse Archive sponsored fund-raising events for an Archive fund to support Repository and Committee activities. Financial Impact for this change: No expense to the Area Unlimited funding potential. – After some discussion, this motion failed.

Presented by Janet H – seconded by Lana: The Archive Ad Hoc Committee 2004-2007 recommends that Area 69 endorse individual contributions from AA members for an Archive fund to support Repository and Committee activities. – After some discussion, this motion failed.

Presented by Janet H – seconded by Lana: The Archive Ad Hoc Committee 2004-2007 recommends that Area 69 endorse contributions from non-area funded AA events (roundups, campouts, long-timer meetings, District donations, etc.) for an Archive fund to support Repository and Committee activities. Financial impact for this change: No expense to the Area Unlimited funding potential. – After some discussion, this motion failed.

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 at 5:00 PM.