

Minutes Utah Area 69 Fall Workshop November 6 and 7, 2010
Arandas' Xtreme Gym (White Metal Building in Back)
Sunset, Utah District 12

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.

12 Concepts read by Jose Luis B., District 12.

Minutes of the “Pre-Assembly Workshop” August 14 to 15, 2010 – Walter C., Area Secretary – Approved as read.

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

Delegate Report – Monte S. – Bienvenidos everyone! Sunrise over Sunset, Utah begins an historical day for Alcoholics Anonymous in Utah. This weekend District 12 hosts Area 69 for their first time ever. Just over 5 years ago our linguistic district was welcomed into the General Service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous Area 69. Together we have been finding solutions for carrying the message to alcoholics in two languages and cultures. During planning meetings for this weekend, we discussed what topics might be relevant and helpful to the Spanish Speaking Community. It was unanimous that most of the issues facing A.A. today are not unique to any particular language or culture and that the workshop/discussion topics brought forward from the 60th General Service Conference (GSC) would be excellent choices for our sharing. Since leaving the Fall Assembly in Richfield, Utah, my schedule has not slowed to any noticeable degree. I was asked to share at the Idaho fall Assembly in Boise last month and instead of presenting delegate reports I have been asked to participate in District elections and help with a Home Group inventory. On the Sunday afternoon ride home from Richfield, Patti and Gay W., Sheryl T., Charlie G., Rod B., and I stopped by the new Spanish Speaking Intergroup office. District 12 was holding their elections and had asked for someone from the area to offer some remarks on the importance of General Service. None of us had any idea of the interest that request would generate. Congratulations to all of those who were elected to serve Alcoholics Anonymous General Service in their Home Groups, Districts, and Area. You are the direct communication links between our Fellowship, the General Service Office/GSC and the alcoholic who still suffers. May God bless your every effort. If there is anything I can do to make your job easier, please call? Walter C., (Alternate Delegate elect) Sheryl T., (Area Secretary elect) and I also dropped by the 5th annual Spanish speaking convention in Salt Lake City. Grupo Hispano hosted a lunch that was delicious. Walter has hit the ground running, visiting District 12 and getting ready to assume his duties as liaison with District 12. Keith M., Panel 61, Area 69 Delegate asked me to begin preliminary arrangements for Area 69's bid to host the 2015 PRAASA. The 2015 PRAASA host selection will be made during a Pacific regional luncheon at the 61st GSC. We had the pleasure of being invited to the home of George S. He is Area 69 Panel 21 Delegate and he is 91 years old. Along with George's Sponsee, John, Charlie G., Area 69 Chair, Sheryl T., Area 69 literature Chair, there were 4 generations of Area 69 past and present delegates in George's living room. Panel 21, George S., Panel 39, Patti W., Panel 43, Gay W., and Panel 59, Monte S. Thank you Tiny for arranging that spontaneous reunion. The Grapevine/LaVina and e technology surveys have been submitted to headquarters to be added to others collected from throughout the U.S and Canada. Results should be available after the first of the year. Utah had approximately 50 responses to each survey. Thank you District One for making the GV/LV survey available on the front page of "Pass it On Newsletter"! Thanks again to Pete G., and Charlie G., for collecting and compiling our Area's e technology information. It isn't often that we are asked by the GSO/GSC to participate in decisions on a fellowship wide basis. Thanks to those who were able to participate. I have forwarded our Grapevine/LaVina survey forms to our area archives. The Corrections Desk continues to seek sharing from members going into correctional facilities who are finding solutions to some of the rules and regulations associated with doing 12 Step work in jails and prisons. Jim M., who sits on the corrections desk, says "thanks to Fellowship efforts", the number of yet-to-be-linked A.A. members on the "inside" has been cut in half. However, we still need new volunteers for our Corrections Correspondence Service - every day new requests come in from men and women who trust that the hand of A.A. will be there". Last month the Public Information desk released a link to the GSO website and the newly Conference approved Animation Video. This new 12th Step tool is remarkable and I am showing it to all of my children and grandchildren as a prevention and resource tool. You can go to "aa.org" and follow the prompts to view the new Animation video. Work continues on draft version of the pamphlet "A.A. Members-Medications and Other Drugs". There is additional behind-the-scenes work being done on developing a process for the GSC inventory and for Concept V appeals process. At last report our from A.A.W.S. Highlights, net sales were 13% under budget and contributions were 2% over budget. Operating expenses were 8% less than budgeted as the GSO has been looking to less costly ways of getting material ready for printing as well as other cost containment efforts. The report did not reflect the financial results of the 2010 International Convention in San Antonio. During the convention, approximately 25,000 copies of the souvenir edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age* were sold with a limited quantity remaining for purchase. Since our "go live" date June 10th, there has been a steady increase in use of Contributions on Line. No significant problems or complaints have been reported and notes of appreciation with a few helpful suggestions for future updates have been received. As of October 20, 2010, The A.A. Service Manual – Twelve Concepts for World Service 2010-2011 became available for purchase. Also known as the "Secret Service Manual" this is one of the "More Will Be Revealed" items mentioned in our Big Book. Every week or so I receive a packet of information from the GSO called a 'cubby hole mailing'. In it are all sorts of memos and information. The most important document I received is the New Group Form Applications. Our Area has continued to add meetings and groups this past two years. A couple of months ago

I received a New Group Form that turns out to be more of a support group for clients at a County Health facility. The meeting I attended was being facilitated by two members from Narcotics Anonymous. The program at this facility follows a Drug Court agenda. After speaking with one of the administrators and offering our cooperation, I contacted Adrienne B., at the GSO and she is mailing information about what an Alcoholics Anonymous Group is and correspondence about how we cooperate with court programs. I have also asked incoming area officers to follow through and continue our help. These types of "support group" meetings should not be listed on our meeting lists or in our directories. They do however; offer us opportunities for C.P.C. and P.I. 12th Step work.

Roll Call – Doug R., Area Registrar – In attendance were 6 Area Officers – Area Standing Chairs 9 – Past Delegates 3 – District one 1 DCMC, 1 DCM – District two None in attendance – District three 1 GSR – District four None in attendance – District five None in attendance – District six 1 DCMC – District seven None in attendance – District eight None in attendance – District nine None in attendance – District ten 2 DCMs, 4 GSR, 1 Standing Chair – District eleven 1 DCM, 2 Alt. GSR – District twelve 1 DCM, 5 GSR, 1 Alt. DCM, 1 Standing Chair – CO Reps None in attendance – Interested AAs 4

Area Officer's Reports

Alternate Delegate, Renae H. – Our last gathering was the Fall Election Assembly in Richland, Utah, where we elected our new panel 61 Area 69 servants. I am very excited for all, as well as the newly elected District and Group Representatives in which we will all embark upon our new journeys in service together with this next rotation beginning January 1, 2011. The Primary Purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous and the very essence of the General Service Structure has been and will always be about carrying the AA message to the Alcoholic who still suffers; always seeking toward improving and finding more effective means to do so, as we do live in a continually diversifying world which requires constant effort in our (AA's) primary pursuit to reach those who have not yet found our doors. I attended one past event that I have not yet reported on, which was a Step 12 ("continued to carry the message...") Service Workshop hosted in District 1 at Valley Camp on September 11, 2010 in Eden, Utah. The workshop's focus was geared around District Service and sharing from current and past district position servants to create enthusiasm and give information to those in attendance who might not know what exactly happens at the District level and how it all relates to the Area, the General Service structure, and ultimately to the General Service Conference where all important conscience and are made through discussion and vote based upon each and every group conscience and voice expressed, that is further connected by an active Group Service Representative (GSR). Most of the presenters were current servants in District 1, with a few exceptions of where the District had vacant positions, in which case, some Area servants were invited to share their experiences in these specific committee positions and duties as well. The underlying theme and expression that was mostly heard (at least by me anyway), were those of the joy and gratitude, the opportunity to altruistically serve this fellowship, and great blessings and benefits of giving back to what was so freely given to us, through our Third Legacy of Service. It was a superb workshop, and I am grateful that Monte had a prior commitment, which afforded me to have this wonderful experience by filling in for him!

Area Chairperson, Charlie G. – Thank you for letting me serve you as your Area Chair. It has been a wonderful journey these last 22 months. I would be remiss if I didn't thank each of you for your trust in allowing me to serve you. Recently I was invited to Share the Spanish history in AA at the Spanish Convention in Park City. You would be amazed at how much of our fellowships history was shaped both here and abroad by our Spanish com padres. I have an 8 page report that I would be happy to share with you if you would just drop me a line and I will email or snail mail you a copy. It was a great event; there were panels in the morning and roundtables in the afternoon. We all participated and got to feast on some of the best Pesole I have ever had. I will be attending a couple of District meetings before the end of the year. We now have a great bunch of trusted servants you recently elected in Richfield who are willing and able to serve you beginning in January 2011. I hope and am sure you will all support them as you have supported us, your current Area Committee.

Treasurer, Pete G. – A verbal report was given at the workshop.

Registrar, Doug R. – There have been several new meeting added to the FNV from Logan to Ferron. And of course I've been very busy changing addresses of our existing GSRs and other trusted servants. It still amazes me how often we alcoholics move! I brought several copies of the Area Directory that was published last May. If you want one let me know. After this weekend I will be updating the Area's Directory and sending it out electronically. This next version will include the Bridging the Gap information that Bruce and Wade have been working on.

Bid for "Fall Workshop" 2011 – Keith M., Assembly Agenda Chair – District 12 (Jose Luis B.) won the bid.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives, Treesa J., Chairperson – Two exciting events. First - this weekend! It is the first time District 12 has hosted an Area 69 event. Second - The Book that started it all is here this weekend for all to view. An email went out to a lot of folks "AA original manuscript reveals profound debate over religion. The article and notes from the GSO Archivist Michelle Mirza (Non AA) and Janet

are today for you to pick up; in English and Spanish. This morning Monte donated memorabilia from the 5th Spanish Convention and the Grapevine Surveys our Area completed. Also, Lauana donated a pamphlet for a "12 Step Music Fest", 3rd Annual.

Assembly/Agenda, Keith M., Chairperson – I met with District 1 for this facility for the Pre-Conference Assembly and we signed the contract and all is good. I also met with District 9 and the December Committee meeting - Pass the Gavel is set and the Moab group is looking forward to your visit. Coop with District 11 emailed both Charlie G and I; we have discussed with the host committee the request from Al-anon to share a facility for the event in May, not sure what's happening. Charlie will have more information soon. Janet from District 7 has requested a meeting at the end of November to meet the host committee for Pre-Conference Assembly in 2012; we will be making arrangements this weekend, I hope Charlie will be available for that meeting.

Communication, Kurt J., Chairperson – Posted new guidelines with separate link to travel. Updated website for Fall Workshop. Updated calendar. Worked with Doug R. to maintain meeting lists. Thanks to Bert S. for help with District 3. Translation: business docs and newsletter. New District Map. Website makes donations to GSO in name of group. Added ma link to event information. Donations to online groups: mail check to chair/treasurer, donate to GSO in name of group, PayPal, found list of donations with full names, some owned by individuals, no mention of donations. will help with any problems related to electronic communication. team viewer. personal visit.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Sherrie P., Chairperson – Since the Elections Assembly I have been taking inventory and getting the CPC literature and information ready to pass onto Wade, our newly elected Area CPC Chair. I have an inventory list and the literature is ready to move. Shortly after the Elections Assembly Janet H., our Area Repository Archivist, asked me for help and suggestions with an event at the University in her district. We came up with some fun ideas and I was able to send some appropriate literature to the GSR.

Correction, Wade J., Chairperson – I have been pretty busy talking and meeting with new corrections chairs and incoming BTG chairs to assist in any way I can to help them with the transition. I have been working with Decker Lake volunteers as to possibly getting another gentleman to assist with needed AA meetings at the facility. I have been working with Bruce to possibly simplifying the BTG program to the incoming chairs. I would like to thank District 1 for the BTG workshop and the opportunity to be a part of both their pre- election workshop and BTG Workshop.

Grapevine, Lauana H., Chairperson – Since we last met, I have ordered CDs and books in Spanish and 2 subscription to LaVina all of which are, or will be for sell at area events. The first issues of the La Vina will start coming in January. I talked with Tony D. in Kenilworth, UT, several times. Tony is the gentleman who takes used grapevines to shut-ins and to reservations. I would like to ask all of you to say a little prayer for him. He has stage 4 cancer which has gone to his brain, but he is still out there carrying the message.

Literature, Sheryl T., Chairperson – I was invited to present and provide a literature display at the District 1 Workshop in September. What a great event! I was impressed with the turnout and the participation. I had not been to Valley Camp since early in my sobriety, so being there around a campfire again was kind of a spiritual experience! Another fairly substantial literature order was just placed and received. Unfortunately, the new version of the Service Manual was not yet available at the time the order was placed, so I do not have the updated Service Manuals today. I plan to have them in Moab. I will place one more small order before the end of my term as Literature Chair. Please let me know if you have literature needs by November 17th. I will deliver the ordered items at the Moab event or can make other arrangements if you will not be in Moab.

Public Information (P.I.), Andy B., Chairperson – Since my last report in August, I have had opportunities to be involved in 2 Recovery Day Events in September and a Health Fair at BYU in October. All events were very well attended. The BYU event was several thousands of people in 3 hours. I talked to a lot of people that night, and they almost totally wiped out the literature I had taken with me. I also gave out hundreds of the "AA at a Glance" and the "Information on Alcoholics Anonymous." At these events, you would not believe how much people open up when they are handed some pamphlets, or literature, and I also love sharing what little I know about recovery and our great Fellowship with anybody who's willing to ask. After all I have learned there are no stupid questions when it comes to recovery. As always it's a privilege to serve. Thank you all so much. I have been elected to do the District 10 BTG coordinator, and I am looking forward to serving at the district level again.

Treatment Facilities, Bruce I., Chairperson – The district treatment chairs I have talked to are doing well. Several district treatment chairs have recently been voted in. A couple of them, Districts 2 and 3 came in to finish the current rotation and will carry over to the next. Overall their reports suggest that current AA members continue to show up at treatment facilities and offer our program to new prospects. The relationship we have with facilities is sometimes a little uncomfortable for both the institutions and AA members. Both are offering the alcoholic a solution. From time to time it creates a little tension. We have to continue to guard our Traditions without being aggressive or offensive. My final project for treatment is under way. We are developing a list of facilities in Utah and gathering information about the type of meetings or support we provide at treatment centers. In some cases we do not have a relationship. Either we have never had one or it has been suspended. We hoping to have a clearer picture by the end of the year. As

usual, most of my efforts have been directed toward Bridging the Gap. Since the Pre-Workshop Assembly we have welcomed 2 new BTG coordinators. The first was Kate I. from Cache Valley Intergroup. We have given her a BTG workbook and a brief introduction. She has reported making and distributing copies of the GSR kit. We understand she's building a volunteer base and we are looking forward to their progress. Last September Wade and I were invited to give a presentation to the Cache Valley Intergroup at one of Logan's parks. AT least 20 - 25 people showed up and they all brought food! Two local female speakers shared their desire to see BTG become established. Both of them spoke about how they wish it had been available before they were released. They said it would have made their transition to the outside much easier. One told us about a friend who eventually died and she wondered if her friend would have found a home in the program if there had been someone to greet her. Wade also shared his story with us. Afterwards several people signed up as BTG volunteers. The other coordinator is Jim D. from District 2. He is taking over for Sara L. and hopefully of his own. We especially want to thank Sara for her efforts. She served on our BTG ad hoc committee and was instrumental in helping us get this rotation jump started. We have met with Jim and gone over the basic workbook materials. He seems excited to serve. And we are excited to have so many energetic people willing to contribute their efforts towards this project. We now have six BTG coordinators around the state not counting some who are newly elected. After several BTG coordinator orientations Wade and I have decided to write one last section for the workbook. It will be a brief introduction to Utah Area 69 BTG and how to use the supporting documents. Because we have updated much of the original content and created a considerable amount of new information during the last two years it can be a little overwhelming for someone just starting out. However, we believe the system which Area 69 has developed is still far simpler and much flexible than some used in other Areas. One final project we are working on for Bridging the Gap is an updated list of coordinators and others who are directly involved. The key members who will be on this list are the Area Communications, Corrections, and Treatment Standing Chairs; the District BTG Coordinators, DCMC or DCM, Corrections and Treatment Chairs; and hopefully a couple of long term contacts. It will also include the Central Offices and Intergroups. This list will be circulated among the members on the list and will be attached to the Area 69 directory in the future. Central offices and Intergroups, represent a somewhat untapped part of the network. We have been talking to them off and on during the past year and are developing a closer association. We are excited they are willing to join with us. Hopefully we will have things worked out by the end of this rotation. One of the things they offer is stability. They have a more permanent location and seem willing to allow us to share it. Putting contact information on our literature such as the pamphlets has been problematic. In most cases the information is only good during a two year rotation. They seem willing to become a relay point as long as we provide a current coordinator list so they can forward the requests that come in.

District Reports

District 1 – Teddy H., DCMC: District 1 held their Panel 61 elections at our October elections. Monte, Area Delegate, conducted our elections. We would like to thank Monte for his service and for making it informative and fun. We filled several positions but not all of them. DCMC will be Frank B., Secretary is Sue C., Treasury is open, DCMs are Cliff D. and Kathy A., 4 open DCM positions, Correction is Gunnar H., Grapevine is Paul H., Treatment is Scott H., CPC & PI are open.

District 2 – No Report.

District 3 – No Report.

District 4 – No Report

District 5 – No Report.

District 6 – LeRoy B.: District 6 is doing well. We have all positions filled and our budgets set for the next year. District 6 would like to thank Area for the privileged to host the Fall Assembly. Our finances are good.

District 7 – Janet H., District Secretary: Elections were held on 9 October. Julie S., past Delegate Panel 57, conducted our elections. The attendance was small, but eager to participate. We filled 2 of DCM positions, two of our Alt. DCM positions, Treasurer, Secretary and the Standing Chair Corrections. We still have DCMC East open and 6 chairs open and the new position that was created last month Bridge the Gap Coordinator. Hopefully more will be filled before the end of the year. We lost one of the DCM SW Mike P. last month job transferred him. Dixie College requested a display for the Health Fair. It has been a long time since we were asked to participate. A big thanks to Sheri and Andy for suggestions and the items they sent down to Chet to help with the display. Chet said he had people asking about stuff that would help their friend, he did give away 2 Big Books and one 12 X 12, also pamphlets. The said it went really well and he enjoyed doing it. We had another member who was asked to speak at one of the St. George High Schools. During this last month the district has supplied Big Books and 12 X 12's on Falcon Ridge, a girls treatment center. Also the Iron County jail requested Big Gooks and 12 X 12. A big thank to Doug for the time and effort to update all the meetings on the web for our district. We finally have a current directory in the district. The district budget is small right now, but holding.

District 8 – No Report.

District 9 – No Report.

District 10 – Steve R (for JoAnn, DCMC): We in District 10 have had a very busy couple of months. We are currently working on our guidelines and should have them done before the Area Committee Meeting in Moab. We have filled some of our positions that will be vacated but still have lots of positions that still need to be filled. We have approved our budget for 2011 and have designated 2 people for PRAASA with an increased defrayment of \$800.00 per person because of distance and cost. JoAnn, our DCMC, sends her best to all and says Happy Thanksgiving. She has some minor health problems but will be just fine.

District 11 – Matt, DCM: We at District 11 held our elections in September. After the elections, we were missing the DCMC, Secretary, and Corrections Chair but in the month to follow we have filled all but the Corrections chair position. I have been approached by a member that very interested in standing for that position and have heard that another member may be willing also. We have formed a committee to host the 2011 Post-Conference Assembly and we are holding monthly planning meetings and I think things are moving along very well. The committee has gotten permission to rent the Bountiful Elks Lodge for this event. This location was chosen with price in mind and familiarity. We would hate to get to many alcoholics lost in Davis County. I had hoped to have our flyers ready to hand out today but some things take a little more time than I think. Financially the District is doing well. The finance committee passed the 2011 budget with an increase to help defer some PRAASA expense for a service to attend. District 11 is doing well and we are excited for the challenges and fun to come.

District 12 – Carlos G., DCM: First, I want to thank you very very much for the opportunity to be district hostess. It is an honor for us to serve you. We have our first women Spanish speaking group; located the same building where the District 12 meets. Its name is Libertad y Fuerza or Freedom and Strength. They have meetings Sunday from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. The address is 3646 South Redwood Road, West Valley, UT, suite 102. Also, I am proud to introduce the new District 12 DCM elected Juan Carlos. The man in Charge of our money (Treasury) is Raul R., our Secretary is Julio D., our Profesional Cooperacion Comunidad is Jose Luis B. On 12 December we will have our pass the gavel meeting at 11 de Noviembre Group located at 363 East 3300 South, Suite E.

Past Event

Fall Election Assembly, LeRoy B., District 6 – We had registrations for an 104. Registration fees were waived for Past Delegates. Hospitality donations were \$269.65, the rooms cost \$264.40. We returned \$132.20 and seed \$607.61. I would like to thank Mike O., Past Delegate, and the person for the return of the first Big Book at the Fall Assembly. Honest at work in Area 69..

Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend, Bruce I, Treatment Chair – A verbal report was given at the workshop.

Up Coming Events

December Area Committee Meeting, Keith M., Assembly Agenda Chair – Pass the Gavel will be held on December 4, 2010, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at the Triangle House, 84 West 100 South, Moab, UT. District 9, Moab Group, is very excited about this committee meeting. Please come and visit our district.

February Committee Meeting, Keith M., Assembly Agenda Chair – District 5 is ready for the February Committee Meeting. The meeting will take place on 26 February 2011 at the Carbon County Event Center, 450 South Fairgrounds Way, Price, UT 84501.

PRAASA 2011, Doug R., Area Registrar – Hawaii, Area 17, is hosting the 2011 Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA). It will be held March 4-6, 2011 in Honolulu, HI at the Ala Moana Hotel. Rooms start at \$109.00 per night. Registration for PRAASA 2010, which can be done either online at praasa.org/2011 or by mail, is only \$35.00. Saturday lunch is available for an additional \$35.00. Saturday Banquet is also available for an additional \$45.00. The purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups, and Areas of the Pacific Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of A.A. In accordance with the motion that was just past by the body at the Fall Elections Assembly Area 69 will be defraying the following: Our Delegate, of course, the Alternate Delegate, the Area Chair, the Registrar, and the Treasurer. The following committee chairs will also be defrayed: Communications, CPC, Grapevine, Literature, and Treatment. Because this PRAASA is being hosted in Hawaii \$600.00 per service position was budgeted, however, the total amount budgeted for this event is \$4,200. This is a shortfall of \$1,800.00. There is a financial impact on this year's budget, next year's budget will be less, making up the difference.

Pre-Conference Assembly, Teddie H., DCMC District 1 – District 1 is so excited to host the Pre-Conference Assembly that will be held on April 1 to 3, 2011. This event will take place at Arandas' Xtreme Gym (White Metal Building in Back), 2029 Main Street, Sunset, Utah. I will be the Chairperson and Frank B. will be the CoChair. We have rented the facility. Thank you Keith for meeting Frank and I to look at the facility and to go over the contract. Our committee is not completely formed. However, Blair D. from Logan is our chairman for the food committee. He plans to bar-b-que ribs and chicken and to serve various side dishes. Kurt J. also

from Logan is chairman of the entertainment committee. He is planning a dance with a live band. Flyers will be out soon. More will be announced.

Motion Discussion: No motions to discuss.

FORUM Reports: Verbal report backs were given at the workshop. Overall the forum was useful in understanding how GSO works.

What's on Your Mind

New Motion

Presented by Bruce I. – seconded by Wade J.

Amend the Area 69 Guidelines concerning "Bridging the Gap". Replace sections **4.5-c** and **4.9-c** of Area 69 Guidelines to read as follows:

Section 4.5 (new) -- c) *Shares co-responsibility with the Area Treatment Facilities Chairperson in providing oversight of the "Bridging the Gap" program within Area 69;*

Section 4.9 (new) -- c) *Shares co-responsibility with the Area Corrections Chairperson in providing oversight of the "Bridging the Gap" program within Area 69.*

Section 4.5(to be replaced) -- c) *Encourages committee members to become familiar with "Bridging the Gap" and other AA programs designed to help inmates.*

Section 4.9 (to be replaced) -- c) *Encourages committee members to become familiar with and to use the "Bridging the Gap" and "Temporary Contact" programs.*

Financial impact: probably reduced overall because of joint effort.

Date of motion: 6 November 2010

Rational for motion: The current guidelines do not suggest who is responsible to organize, adapt and manage "Bridging the Gap" within Area 69. The sections to be replaced simply ask the Corrections and Treatment Standing Chairs to encourage and familiarize their committees. The program clearly needs leadership. It is meant to benefit those target populations so it is natural for the Corrections and Treatment Chairs to provide oversight. As Co-chairs they can efficiently blend their efforts and eliminate duplication as well as provide frontline supervision. At this particular time it does not appear necessary to create a specific committee or chairperson to oversee "Bridging the Gap" if Corrections and Treatment cooperate.

Adjourn for Lunch and close Business Meeting 12:00