

Minutes Utah Area 69 Post Conference Assembly May 14 – 16, 2010
Best Western Landmark Inn
Park City, Utah District 2

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 Valerie, GSR, District 1.

Minutes of the “Pre-Conference Assembly” April 2 - 4, 2010 – Walter C., Area Secretary – Approved with amendments.

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

Bid for “Post Conference Assembly” May 18 to 20, 2012 – Keith M., Assembly Agenda Chair – Teddy H. District 1, Charlie T. District 2, and Rachel District 10 stood to host the assembly. District 1 (Teddy H.) won the bid.

Up Coming Events

Area Bridge the Gap, Eric M., District 3 – The BTG will be held at the Senior Citizen Center, 465 E. 1200 S., Heber City, UT. First event in over a decade. Also, we are going to have our District 3 delegate's report in Heber City. This Workshop is open to everyone (counselors, judges, clergy). We emailed Area Chair, all DCM, and central offices.

University of Utah School on Alcoholism, Sheri P., Area CPC Chair – The School on Alcoholism is June 20 to 26, 2010. I have talked with Mary at GSO and the display will be shipped with the literature on June 9th. It will arrive to my work place and I will transport it. We have a speaker Wednesday night, Julie S. I have asked Keith M. to chair the Wednesday night meeting. We have chair people set up to chair the AA meetings on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. District 1 will drive a van of volunteers down to the U of U to cover the full day on Wednesday. There is a sign up sheet going around the room. If your name is on the sheet and you are still willing leave it. If you cannot help, please cross off. If your name is not on the sheet please signed up please come and support the nightly AA meetings. The event will be at the Student Union Building.

International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, Charlie G. Area Chairperson – I am looking forward to attending the 2010 International Convention in San Antonio this July; there will probably be over 60,000 other members there to celebrate our fellowships 75th birthday. I Hope to see all of you there. There are over 33,000 pre-registered for this event.

FORO, Carlos, District 12 – The flyer was not available at time of assembly. Our FORO will be August 7 in the Saint Mary's Church here in Park City. Asked Area 69 Chair to attend to discussed AA history.

Pre Assembly Workshop, Mary B. District 3, DCM – We have signed contract with Courtyard Marriot, Provo, UT. Working on speakers and participants. Please grab a flyer this afternoon when they arrive. Look forward to seeing you in Provo in August.

Pacific Regional Forum, Charlie G., Area Chair – A verbal report was given.

Fall Assembly, LeRoy B., District 6 — We have a facility secured and feel good about size and place. If you stay at the facility please tell them that you are with the Fall Assembly for AA. There are flyers on the table and any more information will be posted on our Area Website. We are planning on forming our committee at our next district meeting. Keith M. said he would attend and help us get stated out on the right foot. Our new Pacific Region Trustee (Rod B.) will be the speaker.

Past Events

Pre-Conference Assembly, Rachel, District 10 – There were 42 who preregistered (\$546.00) and 80 onsite registration (\$1,185.00) for a total of 122 registered (\$1,731.00). We received \$54.00 from donations for hospitality and miscellaneous donation of \$57.00. We sold 71 banquets tickets (\$1,420.00). The total funds received with seed money (\$1000.00) was \$4,262.00. After all expenses (3,231.12) (seed money, banquet, meeting space rental, badges ribbons and hospitality), the committee is returning to the area \$1,030.88 in income.

Roll Call – Doug R., Area Registrar – In attendance were 5 Area Officers – Area Standing Chairs 8 – Past Delegates 4 – District one 1 DCMC, 2 DCM, 6 GSRs, 1 Standing Chair – District two 1 DCMC, 2 DCM, 1Alt. DCM, 2 GSR, 1 Standing Chair – District three 1 DCM, 4 GSR, 1 Alt. GSR – District four None in attendance – District five 1 DCMC, 1 GSR, 1 Alt. GSR – District six 1 DCM, 1GSR, 1 Alt. GSR – District seven 2 DCM, 1 Alt. DCM, 5 GSRs – District eight 1 GSR – District nine None in attendance – District ten 4 DCMs, 1 ALT-DCM, 9 GSR – District eleven 1 DCMC, 2 DCM, 2 GSR – District twelve 1 DCM, 1 GSR, 1 Standing Chair – CO Reps None in attendance – Interested AAs 2.

Area Officer's Reports

Alternate Delegate, Renae H. – The work that was done by our Area Delegate Monte S. and the other 92 Area Delegates at this year's 60th General Service Conference, was the sum total of all of the discussions we may have had over this past year, whether within our Home Groups, at our District meetings, at District and Area Workshops, Area committee meetings and Assemblies, etc. in regards to the 59th General service Conference Theme and Agenda Items that were presented in April 2009. Now...here we are, waiting and excited to hear all about what happen in New York at the 60th General Service conference this past month and what the Theme and some of the possible Agenda Items will be for this next year! As an Area we have been working diligently to improve the ways we can serve the individual need of groups and districts as we become more aware of our growing diversity including language, special needs, and the geographical challenges within our state. I have had the privilege to work with District 12 in finding solutions to narrow the communication and language gap that still exist throughout Linguistic Districts and Areas in many parts of the U.S. and Canada (and worldwide for that matter!). Just like everything in AA...we're making progress--maybe not perfection---but ever striving toward continual improvement! It has been a busy couple of months both in service and in life. I do want to share that my son came home from seven month tour in Afghanistan April 30th all in one piece an looking really good and healthy. Thank you all for your prayers for him while he was away and for all the young men and women that are serving to keep us safe and free.

Area Chair, Charlie G. – Thank you for allowing me to serve all of you as your panel 59 chair. I am looking forward to attending at least 2 other districts before we meet again in August. Thanks to District 2 for hosting such a fine event, the facilities and hospitality committee are doing an excellent job. For all of you new GSRs and everyone else here today our Lit Chick (Sheryl T.) has literature on the back table for you. If you do not have a service manual or guidelines please see your DCM or one of the Area Officers here today. I want to thank each of you again for being here today to become more informed about the final 2010 General Service conference. I would like to again invite everyone to the "Pre-Assembly Workshop".

Treasurer, Pete G. – We added 2 new contributors since our last meeting. District 12 added another new contributor, as did District 1. The District 1 group will not be on the Group Contributions list as it was just handed to me at this meeting. April was an excellent month with over \$2200 of contributions since our Pre-Conference event. DCM's, Standing Chairs and any GSR's that would like a Group Contributions list, please come up and see me sometime during the event. A limited number of these have been printed in order to reduce printing costs. The Area spends a lot of money to prepare this report, please take advantage of it. The Budget and Finance Committee meets today to begin the process of creating a budget for your approval for 2011. Many of the Standing Chairs have been contacted to see if any changes are required. If there are any changes you would like to suggest, please contact Charlie (Area Chair), Keith (Assembly/Agenda chair), Walter (Area Secretary) or myself (Treasurer) and let's get it up for consideration. The current budget is always on the Finance Report. I took the opportunity to revamp the Contribution Response letter that is sent back to the groups. I have added a portion of the Seventh Tradition Service card that is available from GSO and will include this card in responses to the groups. This group of alcoholics comprise the servants that are tasked to take 7th Tradition information back to the groups. Please use all of the resources at your disposal in order to give the groups the ability to make an informed group decision.

Registrar, Doug R. – I sent a request on May 1 to the DCMs, Recording Secretaries , or other appropriate District contacts to send me their updates by the 10th. Some did and some did not. As per our current guidelines the official Area 69 Directory was printed last Wednesday. As of this morning it is inaccurate and out of date. There were a lot of corrections and additions. I will be making a motion this afternoon at open Mic Time to help remedy this problem.

Delegate Report – Monte S. – Copies were made available. **NOTE:** Rod B. was elected at the General Conference as Pacific Regional Trustee. Congratulation Rod!

Adjourn for Lunch 12:00

Reconvene 1:30 PM

Welcome Back – Charlie G. – Chair

District Reports

District 1 – Teddy H., DCMC: District one has been blessed with visitors these past three months. Monte, our Delegate attended both our March and May meetings. Charlie our area chair visited us in April. And our newly elected Pacific Regional Trustee shared with us at our May meeting. He brought a special spirit to the little Brigham City Alano Club. We'd like to thank all three of these wonderful men for being of service to District One. We'd like to extend an invitation to all of the area officers and standing chairs who would like to visit our meeting. District one finished up their 2010 Guidelines in March with minimal changes. Much appreciation goes to those who were on that committee. After getting feedback from the groups via their GSR's, we voted to accept the changes and to have the 2010 District one guidelines printed now that 2010 is nearly half over. DCM's Frank and Gunnar will be putting together a fabulous workshop in the near future. A committee was formed at the May district meeting. More information will

be available. We have half of our standing chair positions filled. They (CPC, Grapevine & Treatment) have been busy with their efforts to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the folks in District One. Our Grapevine chair and his committee visited more than 50% of our groups the first month of stepping into the position. We continue to dip into our prudent reserve. Recently I received a phone call from Joanne, the DCMC for District Ten. Joanne explained that District Ten had voted to share some of their funds with District One. It was described as a 12 step call to our district. All those who were in attendance at the District meeting last night were informed of the proposal. They voted to take the information back to their groups as to whether we should accept or decline District Ten's generous offer. This past month we were able to take "Young People's" posters to 24 High School and Junior High Schools along with meeting schedules and pamphlets.

District 2 – Charlie T., DCMC: District 2 created a host committee to pull off this wonderful event (Post Conference Assembly). Please applaud their efforts. District 2 continues to have open DCM and Alternate slots. We recently elected a new Grapevine and Literature chair. District 2 is hosting a roundtable to address "Making AA Safe for the AA Member". This will be at Salt Lake City Central Office at 80 West Louise Avenue (2860 South), Salt Lake City, from 10 AM to 2 PM, next Saturday 22 May 2010. Corrections continues to grow and prosper. We have filled the Pods available in ADC Metro Jail and now we will seek more opportunities.

District 3 – Mary B., DCM: District 3 and Heber are excited about bringing BTG to Heber. It is 1st event held in Heber in over 10 years. Thank Eric M. for his enthusiasm and action in service. Pre-Assembly Flyers are on back table. The contract is signed and we have received our first registration. Look forward to seeing you there in August. District 3 is committed to our district, Area 69 and continued service in Alcoholics Anonymous. Breakfast for Mother's Day was successful. In one month we lost the BTG chair, Treatment Chair, and Alt DCM. Dean S. volunteered for Treatment Chair and was voted in unanimously.

District 4 – No Report.

District 5 – No Report.

District 6 – LeRoy B., DCM: District 6 just held their Workshop with par attendance. All active groups report they are doing well. We are looking forward to hosting our "Fall Assembly". District finance is doing well.

District 7 – Mike: We are looking at changing locations and months of some of our District meetings. Also, changing our district Guidelines to follow area elections so as not to limit our members from standing either for district or area positions. The DCMs are starting to put together our workshops to come. Our last district meeting was in Cedar; it was not as well attended as we would like. Spring fever maybe the reason. We still need a DCMC, and DCMs for our NW Area.

District – 8, Bonnie H., GSR: Our District is doing very good. April 30 to May 1, 2010, we held our "Little Skyline Conference" and it turned out very well. We had a good turnout. Next month we will be having elections for new officers. I am going to nominate myself for DCM. LOL

District 9 – No Report.

District 10 – Karen H. (for JoAnn) Alternate DCMC: The District 10 DCMC wanted me to let you know that she is sorry that she cannot be with everyone. She is on her way to Salina, Kansas, due to her brother's death. So let's all remember JoAnn in our prayers to have a safe trip home. District 10 is alive and kicking. We have a committee that is planning our second annual District 10 "Self Supporting Social". We are looking forward to having a great time and more will be revealed.

District 11 – Phillip W., DCM: District 11 now has a full complement of district officers for the first time since last elections. With a new DCMC and both DCM positions filled, we also have all standing committee chairs filled. Most groups are represented at the district level by their GSRs-many of them are here today. We will be working in the next few months to make sure all groups in the district are aware of the advantage of their being plugged into AA beyond their meeting room. Generally attendance at meetings is good. The district is financially solvent with \$800.00 in the bank beyond our prudent reserve equal to 50% of the annual budget. We have again distributed copies of the district guidelines to the district committee and GSRs creating awareness of duties, responsibilities, and suggested background for each position as we have only three more district meetings before elections in September. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

District 12 – Carlos G., DCM: We were part of an AA panel (Public Information) at Horizon School. I saw how the mothers were worried about their boys being involved in drug and alcohol. I see the value of the outreach that the AA Public information provides. The Utah Spanish convention will be the 15 to 17 October at the Red Lion Hotel in Salt Lake City. We are continuing with our Workshops. I hope that the Area 69 P.I. committee will help us spread the word (wherever you go in service) that there are Spanish speaking meetings.

PRAASA Defrayment Ad-hoc Committee, Jodie E., Past Delegate: The committee did a presentation on how to defray Standing Chairs to attend PRAASA and forum without raising the existing area budget. The gist of the presentation is that the Delegate and Alt. Delegate defrayment remains the same. The Immediate Past Delegate will not be defrayed. The remaining officers will be placed in a hat (see Motion) to be drawn out for defrayment. After some discussion, a friendly amendment to the motions was to draw two names out of the hat instead of one. Another friendly amendment was presented; "Add verbiage that if someone cannot attend that someone else will replace them. This amendment was table. If the motion passes then this friendly amendment can be addressed. At the end of the discussion, a motion was presented by Keith M. and seconded by Wade J.

Communication Committee Recommendations, Kurt J, Communication Chair: After the resignation of the Communication Chair, the Area Officers met and agreed that the Communication Chair duties were overwhelming. The Area officers decided to distribute some of the duties among themselves. This was implemented and proven to be effective. Once the Communication Chair position was filled, the communication committee met and wrote the motion (see hand out) that explains how to distribute the Communication Chair duties. The gist of the motion is to change the Area Guidelines to add an Alternate Communication Chair and to distribute additional duties to the Area Officers (see motion). After the presentation, the motion passed without opposition.

Guideline Review Committee Recommendation, Renae H., Alternate Delegate: The guideline recommendation were read to the Area Assembly. Afterwards, the recommendations were discussed. The main concern discussed was the changing of the name BTG Workshop to BTG Seminar. The reason for the concern is that money has been spent on documentation and outside of Area 69 the name is workshop rather than seminar. At the end of the discussion, the Assembly voted to keep the name as Workshop. All other recommendations remain the same (see handout).

Motion Discussion and Vote:

Presented by Pete G. – seconded by Mike W.: Add responsibility to the Area Treasurer to contribute excess contributions received by the Area throughout the calendar year onward to GSO. This to be done after the Area Committee Meeting in December to make certain all Area expenses have been met. Excessive funds shall be defined as balance in the account being twice the amount of our prudent reserve, while not including the prudent reserve. This action to take place only after all Area expenses have been met, (December 15 - December 31). Financial Impact: Varies, depending upon yearly contributions. Also, could be zero. After some discussion, this motion failed.

Presented by Kurt J. – seconded by Keith M.: I propose that the Area 69 Guidelines be changed as follows: 1) That the duties of the Communications Chairperson be replaced with the duties listed in the document title "Area 69 Communications Committee"; 2) That the position of Alternate Communications Chair with the duties listed in the document title "Area 69 Communications Committee" be added to the guidelines; 3) That the additional duties for the officers and standing chairpersons as listed in the document title "Area 69 Communications Committee" be added to the guidelines. Financial impact \$0.00. After presentation and discussion this motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives, Treesa J., Chairperson – The Archives has purchased a Sylvania 19 inch HD flat screen TV to view the numerous DVD's and VHS movies in the Area Archives. The TV has ports for external DVD player, external VHS player, external speakers and headphones. New DVD's in the Archives can be viewed in English, Spanish, or French. This is exciting because members will be able to view at group functions, district Workshops, special events and all Area Assemblies. The TV is lightweight enough that it is easy to transport. Friday night two separate groups viewed "Markings on the Journey". This was cool because Janet H. (Repository Archivist), showed display items from those time periods that are in the Area Archives. The Archives also has a handcart that makes it easier to move boxes in and out of the storage facility when being loaded and unloaded for displays. It is too big for the car so Janet took a picture to show what it looks like. Donations as of today: The DVD player, a metal 4-drawer vertical filing cabinet, 2000-2009 Grapevines (Janet will update what is still needed to complete), 2 boxes containing cassettes and discs of 12x12, Pioneers of AA, Big Book CDs, cassettes of : "Living Sober", "AA comes of Age", 12 traditions, Big Book, DVD's of "Hope and Markings on the Journey", "Inmate to Inmate", "Bill's 3 Legacies", "Bill on the 12 Traditions", "Voices of our Co-Founders", "Brief Guide to AA and AA in Prison". There were also 25 assorted VHS movies. Several Area officer inventories were turned in. Last minute, at lunch, a CD of files on "The History of the Backstreet Club". New DVDs in Area Archives purchased by Archives: "Markings on the Journey", "AA in Correction Facilities", "Bills Own Story", "Hope", "Carrying the Message", "Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell", "AA Videos for Young People", "Your AA GSO, Grapevine, and Service Structure". Request Area allow the "Hope" DVD be played at an Area Assembly.

Assembly/Agenda, Keith M., Chairperson – This is the very best job in the General Service Structure and I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve. Since the beginning of the year, I have been privileged to attend nine Host Committee meetings, PRAASA, and three Area Events. With me living in Moab this has involved a bit of traveling, over 4500 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 many AA friends, an lots of road prayers. It was my tremendous honor to serve on the 2014 PRAASA bid committee with Jodie E., Monte S. and the beautiful Lit Chick

(smile). It all started fairly well, a few meetings to plan the general event, making a few basic assumptions, and then off to get hotel/meeting place bids. We contacted the Salt Lake Travel Bureau and a few downtown hotels with the needed facilities. The Salt Palace seemed like a good idea; however, they need a commitment of 1000 people per year or a total of 4000. PRAASA is growing, but it is not likely to double in 4 years. So, we tried individual hotels with no luck, not one bid. Monte, or his lovely wife, suggested the Davis County Convention Center. After the first contact Monte and I got a guided tour of the facility, this place was built for PRAASA and through a series of negotiations we came up with a good proposal. The average room cost was about \$108.00. The cost was good; but the Pacific Region decided to go to San Diego, boo Sunshine, but we have a good chance in the future. Thanks.

Communications, Kurt J., Chairperson – The group shared personal communication experience. Discuss the topic "Anonymity in the Digital Age". Also discussed Tradition 11. Asked GSO about BB quote. Can get to online meetings from AA.org. Discussed how to keep the meeting list current on Area website: cooperation with districts and central office; by Communication committee (perhaps with help of interested AA). Put theme and discussion topics on the website. Discussed collaboration and coordination with guidelines committee in order to keep guidelines up to date on website.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC); Sherrie P., Chairperson – Roundtable: At the conference there were no recommendations for advisory actions and at the round table last night there were only 2, but interestingly we started discussing what ideas we had for one-on-one contact. We came up with a couple of ideas and will carry on with those ideas and discussions in future round tables.

Corrections, Wade J., Chairperson – Since we last time we met a month ago, I have been getting busy with the BTG workshop. I had the pleasure of meeting with Monte, Keith, and the District 3 Co-Chairs for the workshop. I would like to personally thank Erik and California Dave for all the work they have done. Getting prepared for the workshop. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Grapevine, Lauana H., Chairperson – Since my last report other than many calls to Grapevine regarding billings and subscriptions that were ordered in December that were not being received. Have collected old Grapevines. Archives is going through to see what are needed for the archives. Have sent 10 copies of Grapevine to Tony D. who shares them with others. **Roundtable:** Will LaVina be on the web since we are going into the viral age more and more. It was suggested that groups subscribe to LaVina, so if a new comer comes into the rooms that a copy could be given to them. Mary B. shared with us that on Saturdays before the meeting that they read a couple of "Truly Tasteless Jokes" from the Grapevine.

Literature, Sheryl T., Chairperson – Thank you to the Host Committee for all of their hard work in preparing for and hosting this event. Your service is greatly appreciated. There were nine agenda items under the Literature section for the 60th General Service Conference. One resulted in a Floor Action, five became Conference Advisory Actions (passed by 2/3 vote) and the final three became additional committee considerations with no further action taken. It's been really exciting to be a part of the Literature committee process this year. I want to thank everyone who has participated in the round tables in Richfield and Park City. Your passion about the literature agenda items was totally contagious! Your enthusiastic comments about the Living Sober booklet traveled from Richfield, UT to Los Angeles, CA and on to the 60th General Service Conference in New York. The bottom line is that every voice is an important voice. Thanks to all who participated in the process. If you have not visited the Literature table, please come back and check it out. There might be a book you'd like to add to your AA library. Bruce has graciously offered to down size the large wooden 3-fold literature display rack. Thank you Bruce from me and from all the future "Lit Chicks" for lightening our load as we carry the message!! I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to serve Area 69 in this capacity.

Public Information (P.I.), Andy B., Chairperson – P.I. round table focused on educating the community about the importance of anonymity, received some very great comments and feedback. Thanks all. Since the Pre-Conference I have attended the workshop on Traditions, a few health fairs coming up at some Area hospitals in the next few weeks. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Treatment Facilities, Bruce I., Chairperson – Verbal report was given.

Open Mic Time: The Area Registrar (Doug R.) presented a motion (see handout) to change the Area Guidelines concerning the printing of the Area Directory. When the directories are presented, they are obsolete due to the rapid change of information, which naturally occurs. The gist of the motion is to have limited copies available and distribute via email and any other electronic media available. The concern discussed was what to do when email or other electronic media is not available. After some discussion, the Assembly agreed to change the wording to "print copies as requested".

Adjourn at 5:15 PM.