

Minutes Utah Area 69 February Committee Meeting February 26, 2011
Carbon County Events Center
Price, Utah District 5

Welcome Renae H., Chair – Meeting opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Anonymity Statement. Welcome newcomers to their first General Service meeting. Defined Service Sponsor and identified those willing to serve in this capacity. Introduction of Area Officers and Past Delegates. Scott D. read the 12 Concepts, short form.

Minutes of the Area Committee Meeting, December 4, 2010 – Sheryl T., Area Secretary – Approved as read.

Financial Report – Pete G. for Doug R., Area Treasurer - Approved as read.

Treasurer’s Report, Pete G. for Doug R.: It’s only been a couple months since taking on the role of Area Treasurer and I’ve already had a number of spiritual experiences where I’ve seen some real healing. I absolutely love this stuff! I want to thank District 5 for their hospitality and I’d like to extend my apologies to their host committee and all those in attendance for not being able to attend. Thanks Pete for presenting my reports today. I promise I will be in attendance at the Pre-Conference Assembly. As of last Thursday, February 24, 2011 the Area has an operational balance of \$718.81, which is only 7.8% of what the Area had compared to last year. As some of you are aware I sent out an e-mail blast, expressing my concerns that our balance was so low and that only 16.8% of the active groups had contributed to the Area so far this year. As a point of clarification the graphs on the bottom of the Financial Report show where we were as far as contributions and available operational funds as of today and at the same time last year and 5 years ago. We had hoped to defray the first set of Area Officers and Committee Standing Chairs for PRAASA, but because of our low funds we will only be able to defray the travel and lodging to this event on a first come first serve basis. The rest of the defrayments, including those for PRAASA, will be made when the funds become available. I’ve asked Sheryl and Renae to sign the reimbursement checks and keep track of the balance so we don’t bounce any checks. Thank you both for agreeing to do this. According to the Area guidelines we will be forming the Financial Committee today. Renae will call for volunteers to sit on that committee for Panel 61. The Financial report, Group contributions report and the expense request forms are available. Thank you, Walter, for bringing all of these here today. Since I live 4 blocks from the Salt Lake Central Office I will be able to use their print services which will save the Area a lot since they only ‘charge’ 5 cents per copy. Thank you for the privilege and honor to serve this incredible Fellowship.

Final Panel 59 Treasurer’s Report, Pete G.– See Group Contributions 2010 final. See Financial Report 2010 final. The groups are being notified of the new address for Area Treasurer: P.O. Box 1422; Salt Lake City, UT 84110-1422. All information, check books, account information passed on by the 1st week of January. Contributions are lower than last year, by quite a bit. Expenses into 2011 were met. Archives repository (\$1200), General Service Conference Contribution (\$1800). Literature purchases and printing fees for the remainder of 2010 were reimbursed.

Formation of Finance Committee – Renae H., Area Chair – Volunteers were requested for the Panel 61 Finance Committee. The Finance Committee members will be: Renae H., Area Chair; Doug R., Area Treasurer; Sheryl T., Area Secretary; Kristen E., District 11; Charlie T, District 2; Cathy, District 1; Trina, District 3. Thank you volunteers. The first committee meeting will occur during the lunch break at the Pre-Conference Assembly in April.

Delegate Report – Keith M., Delegate–“We are Responsible for A.A.’s Future – Let it Begin with Us”

Hello my name is Keith and I am an alcoholic. Over the past few months, since I was elected the Area 69 Utah Panel 61 Delegate, I have been moved to tears on numerous occasions. Mostly by reading our literature or visiting groups within our area. Your kind acts and welcoming attitudes are incredible and make this overwhelming job acceptable, fun, and incredibly enjoyable at times. I could easily spend the rest of my time today thanking you for this awesome gift you have given me. But words have no real meaning. Only my actions over the next two years will begin to repay the debt that I owe Area 69. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. News from Alcoholics Anonymous World Service (A.A.W.S.) includes: 1) Doug R. has the newly formed position at G.S.O. as Director of Staff Services and his primary responsibility will be to provide oversight and management of G.S.O.’s A.A. staff members and coordinating the services that support this division. 2) Rick W.’s International Convention coordinator assignment is over. He will assume the position of Staff Coordinator/Web Services. 3) G.S.O. will be hiring an additional A.A. staff member in 2011, and a notice will be included in the next Box 4-5-9. 4) Deadline for Group contact information to be included in the new Directories needs to be received at the G.S.O. Records department no later than May 6, 2011. If Sheri P. has all your information in the FNV system your group will be listed if you have chosen to have it listed. 5) New sections for the CPC and Corrections Workbooks are available online and will be printed for all new workbooks. 6) Literature Desk has extended the deadline for “A.A. and the Armed Services” story submissions until July 15, 2011. And lastly, 7) The three-ring binder of the Special Needs/Accessibilities Kit was priced at \$12.00. A first-time complimentary copy will be mailed to Special Needs Area Chairs. We are here today to begin the process of informing me, as your delegate, so I can be your voice and vote during the 61st General Service Conference in New York the first week of May, 2011. Alcoholics Anonymous has been called an upside-down organization because, as the structural chart of the Conference in the A.A. Service manual on page S16, shows, the groups are on the top and the trustees and corporate directors are at the bottom. Actually, it is the members within these groups that are at the very top, and it is these members that I want to understand. It is their

voices I want to carry to New York. Bill W. wrote in Concept I: "The final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship." It seems the groups hold the ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world services. In Concept II Bill W. made it practical by making it clear that the groups "delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference ... the actual voice and effective conscience for our whole Society." Yes, I have been quoting The A.A. Service Manual in my past General Service assignments. I may have read passages from the Service Manual if it supported my arguments. But now it is my best friend. I have been using some big words that represent deep spiritual concepts, like ultimately responsible, final authority, actual voice, and effective conscience. Fifteen years ago I would have been tuning out about now, or spinning out of control. What is he talking about? As a new Group Service Representative, or GSR, of the Moab Group, I was told I was the future of Alcoholics Anonymous. With a voice and vote representing my group's thoughts and desires, I controlled the future of the A.A. Fellowship as a whole. Boy, the Moab Group and A.A. were in big trouble. In retrospect, I was the voice of an informed group, and that little A.A. group down in Moab has prospered. We haven't loused it up yet. As a GSR it is my responsibility to make sure my group's wishes are heard and fully considered at the district and area levels and, most importantly, they become part of my thinking. Please feel free to corner me after this meeting, or email me, or better yet, call me and share your experience, strength, and hope. I need to know what you and your group are thinking. Early in January, I started visiting district committee meetings to begin understanding your needs. I called it the "Meet, Greet, Learn, and Listen Tour." I was accompanied by numerous Area Officers and Standing Chairs. It has been very rewarding. I believe we have learned a lot. All of the real news from the G.S.O is about the Final Conference Agenda Items and we are going to spend this afternoon discussing these issues. However, I would like to take a moment to discuss a couple of major issues. First, in the 60th General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous 2010 Final Report, on page 12, in the Presentations and Report Session, specifically the Finance Report by Terrance M. Bedient, treasurer General Service Board Class A Trustee, he states, "For 2008, the auditor concluded that assets of the Fund were sufficient to allow A.A. to meet any such demands in the short-term. However, he reported that with the current uncertainty of financial markets and potential impact of an economy in recession, we would have to consider that the present level in the Reserve Fund is not adequate to meet A.A.'s long-term needs." The "he" that Terrance is quoting is the external auditor and it made my blood turn cold "...not adequate to meet A.A.'s long-term needs." What! We can stay sober and carry our life-saving message only if the recession ends quickly? No A.A. for our children, no A.A. for our children's children, is this true? Well, yes and no. The Great Recession of 2008 has probably affected your bottom line. I know it has mine. However, the A.A. Fellowship should be able to weather difficult economic times. We all know Bill W. drank during bad economic times. It is my opinion that, for a long time A.A. as a whole has been way too dependent on literature sales to support our Group Services. What can we do? Simple — a few more dollars in the basket solves the problem. How do we communicate this to our groups, to the members of our groups? I am also very concerned that producing the printed literature that has saved so many in the past may be our most difficult challenge. The cost of printing will continue to go up as there is less and less printing occurring throughout the world. E-technology is also reducing the demand for printed books. E-readers were rare a few years ago. Today they are common. Most young people use computers or phones to read online. Will A.A. be able to capture a revenue stream from this new e-technology? Oh, enough of that! We are not a glum lot, and A.A. has always risen to the occasion and prospered during difficult times. There are BIG changes at the Grapevine. With Grapevine and La Vina now having a perfect binding, more pages, and glossy color print, the magazines are very different. I will let Treesa cover most of these changes. However, starting February 1, 2011, we have three choices of how to receive the Grapevine: CLICK - Grapevine Digital Magazine one year for \$19.97; LISTEN - Audio downloads one year for \$19.97; TURN THE PAGE - original printed magazine with no staples, read it and pass it on 1 year for \$26.97. Part of the Delegate assignment during the first year of the term is to give a brief highlight of our area at both PRASSA and the General Service Conference in New York. Since only a few of you are going to Hawaii, I thought I would share the highlight here and practice a little. I am honored and privileged to serve as the Panel 61, Area 69 delegate from Utah. Utah is a medium-sized state dominated by majestic red rock landscapes in the south and high, rugged mountains in the north that have some of the greatest snow on earth. Within this gorgeous landscape are over 330 active groups carrying our message of recovery. These alcoholics come from a wide variety of backgrounds, including Native American, Mormon settlers, and people from all over the world. We are strongly unified in our primary purpose, both in large groups with hundreds of members in our cities, and in small groups of 3 or 4 members in our isolated rural communities. These groups are divided into 11 geographic districts and one borderless, Spanish-speaking district. Our local service structure mirrors the GSO conference, employing nine standing committees that convene in three assemblies, three workshops, and two committee meetings annually. Active discussions by GSRs, DCMs, Area standing chairs/officers, and all interested A.A.s during these committee meetings create an informed group conscience with the Utah Area. A few years ago we established a vibrant and active Bridging the Gap program co-chaired by our treatment and correction area standing chairs. This BTG program organizes our local A.A. members as temporary sponsors to get these potential alcoholics from institutions to their first A.A. meetings within the critical 24 to 48 hours period after release. Our newly elected Pacific Region Trustee, Rod B., is from Area 69 Utah. We are incredibly proud of this graceful member of our fellowship. He is the first Native American elected as trustee to the GSO. He has asked all of us to be mindful about carrying our message to the Native American population; in this regard it is my personal goal to get the pamphlet "AA for the Native North American" in all home groups throughout our area, region, and fellowship. May we all walk in beauty as we pursue our happy, joyous, and free lives in the fellowship of the spirit. Back in December, Monte presented me with a beautiful set of reins embossed with "Alcoholics Anonymous and Area 69 Utah." I was very puzzled but now I get it; I hold the reins to this colossal fellowship and with gentle guidance it will carry me to the 4th dimension.

Roll Call/Report – Sheri P., Area Registrar – In attendance were 5 Area Officers – Area Standing Chairs 6 – Past Delegates 4 – District one, 1 DCM – District two 1 DCM, 1 GSR – District three 2 DCM, 1 Alt. DCM, 4 GSR, 2 Standing Chair - District four 3 GSR, 1 Alt.GSR – District five 2 GSR – District six 1 DCM, 1 GSR – District seven 1 DCM, 1 GSR – District eight None in attendance – District nine 1 GSR, 1 Standing Chair – District ten 1 DCMC, 2 DCMs, 2 Alt.DCM, 3 GSR, 1 Alt. GSR – District eleven 1 DCMC, 2 DCM, 2 GSR – District twelve 1 DCM, 1 GSR, 2 Standing Chair – CO Reps 2 – Interested AAs 3 – **Total = 62**
My name is Sheri and I'm an alcoholic. Since January, I have been updating, adding and deleting information on the website, the gmail account and area directory, but I have not received my FNV number from GSO yet. There has been a lot of communication from New York and I guess it is taking longer for the process this rotation than last. I have been told it takes some time and they have started to distribute those numbers. The last word is that the final numbers should be released the last week of February. I don't have a clue what I am supposed to do when I get it, but with the wonderful support from Doug and Charlie I'm comfortable. I have met with Doug a couple times and called several times. Charlie and I are getting together when he gets back from PRAASA. I am getting emails without a district number. I need that number to know where to put the information. Please let me know if you are not receiving your information correctly. If you are receiving your information thru the mail and can go with just email, please let me know. This will save the area money. I want to thank you for this opportunity to serve as your Area Registrar. I feel like it is the perfect job for me right now. I love serving on this level and am so grateful today.

Area Officer's Reports

Alternate Delegate, Walter C. – As Alternate Delegate for Area 69, I attended the District business meetings for Districts 10, 3, 11, 1, 2, 12 and 6. I apologize to the Districts that I did not attend. I would like to challenge all Area 69 AA members/Districts to ask the Area 69 Panel 61 any questions that they need answers to about AA. In other words, "How can we help you?" I attended an agenda planning meeting in Salt Lake on 20 February 2011. Thank you all for your kindness and warm welcome.

Area Chairperson, Renae H. – Dear Friends, On behalf of Area 69 and myself, I want to extend a warm welcome to everyone here today. Your willingness to be here and to participate in General Service representing the voice of AA in the state of Utah, as expressed through the group conscience, is invaluable and indeed an asset to Alcoholics Anonymous. Whether you are new to Service, or you're an "old dog" in it, there is always something new to learn for all and by your "active" participation today, your contributions will make a difference in continuing to effectively carry the message of recovery to the alcoholic who still suffers. In January I had the opportunity to attend the GSR meetings in Districts 10, 3 and 11, and I plan to visit all of the Area's District meetings at least once this year (so please "leave the light on for me" – "Motel 6"!!!) I will be attending the 2011 PRAASA (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) March 4th – 6th, and I'm very excited to participate in the "Area Chair Round Tables" and to bring back to the Utah Area the shared experience, strength, and hope of 14 additional Delegate Area Chairs and how their Areas conduct their General Service Assemblies, Workshops, and Business meetings in general. I was also invited to be a presenter on a panel scheduled for Friday afternoon, which I hope to get over the jitters about at least by that Friday night when it's all said and done! We'll see how that goes. I am looking forward to serving each of you as your Area 69 Chairperson for Panel 61. I want you to know that I will always be available to answer any questions, address any concerns that you or your groups may have, and to treat you with the utmost respect and dignity that the principles of living the program of Alcoholics Anonymous has taught me to do and to be. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Bid for "2012 February Committee Meeting" – Charlie G., Assembly Agenda Chair – District 9, Moab, (Joe A.) won the bid.

Change in dates on Area calendar – Charlie G. – It was noted that the correct dates for the Post-Conference Assembly should be May 20-22, 2011. A revised Area calendar will be made available by the next event.

Standing Committee Reports

Assembly/Agenda, Charlie G., Chairperson – Thank you for letting me serve you Area 69. I have visited Districts 1 (twice), 10 and 11. I will be visiting 2, 7 and several others here in the near future. Please let me know when you are going to hold your event, Host Committees, and I will be available to attend and assist you in any way I can. We will be bidding this event in 2012 here today. I want to that Harry and his committee here today for hosting this event in such an adequate facility. I would like to invite everyone here today to consider participating in the theme selection process for 2012. I will be going around today to the roundtables here today and explain this in more detail. I will be in Hawaii and available for reports to your Districts and groups. Again thanks for letting me serve.

Archives, Lauana H., Chairperson – I'm slowly easing into my new job as Archives Standing Chair. Janet and I set up an Archives display for Dixie Winterfest, which is a fundraiser for Dixie Central Office, not an AA function. I turned over to Janet, our Repository Archivist, a Grapevine from Mexico, which was given to me by the Delegate from Mexico. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Communication, Monte S. for Kurt J., Chairperson – In December, Deanna volunteered to be our Alternate Communications chair. The Communications Committee voted unanimously to name Deanna as our new Alternate Communications Chair. Say “Hi” Deanna ☺ I trained Deanna on translating documents into Spanish. She then trained Walter to translate the current documents into Spanish. I will be working with Deanna to learn and understand the various tasks of the communications chair and the communications committee. I helped the area officers and standing chairs setup their new area email accounts. As far as I know all of Area 69 Panel 61 is now receiving and sending email from their Area 69 email account. Please let me know if you are having any problems communicating with the Area 69 officers and standing chairs. On the Area web site you can click on the “Contact Us”, “Email address list” to get the email address for any Area 69 officer or standing chair. With Panel 61, we have greatly increased the number of messages sent to those on the area email list. I expect this will continue and perhaps increase. If you can, please register your email address with the Registrar so that you can receive these email messages. For the first time in my experience we received 12th step calls from the web site. On the main page of utahaa.org is the link “Need a Temporary Contact?” Clicking this link brings up a form to be filled. When the requester clicks Submit, the information from this form is sent to the Area 69 Corrections, Treatment, and Communications standing chairs. Normally requests are from someone getting out of jail or treatment, or moving to Utah. These are handled by the Corrections and Treatment chairs. On Tuesday, Feb 15, I received a request from someone in Utah County that read, “I keep getting in trouble. I can’t stop drinking. Please help.” Since this was a 12th step call, I contacted someone in Utah County. They contacted the person and took them to a meeting. On Wednesday, Feb 16, I got another request from someone in Layton! This one was also real. An AA member from Layton contacted the person and arranged for them to get to a meeting. I don’t know if they are staying sober, but we are! I have been working with various districts to setup basic web pages to include email links to district officers and standing chairs, copies of the district guidelines, copies of the GSR meeting minutes, date, time, location, and a map. On the main page of utahaa.org is the link “District Information”. This link brings up a simple Area 69 District Map of Utah. You can click on each district to bring up the district web page. I have setup web pages for District 3 and District 11. I have been working with District 1 to setup their web page. Deanna is talking with District 7 to see if they want to setup a web page. I will be glad to meet with any district to discuss setting up a web page on utahaa.org.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Wade J., Chairperson – My name is Wade J. and I am an alcoholic. Since the first of the year I have been working with the Decker Lake professionals and District 12 on creating the first Spanish-speaking meetings at Decker Lake. Over 70% of the inmates are Spanish-speaking. I will be attending the PRAASA in Hawaii and sitting on the CPC roundtables to gather all the information I can on how to serve Area 69 in CPC. I am looking forward to the upcoming 2 years serving Area 69 CPC. Love in service.

Corrections – No report given.

Grapevine, Treasa J., Chairperson – I have been contacted by 3 District Grapevine Standing Chairs and emailed information I have so far. I am excited to say District 7 has a Grapevine Rep. I have also read “all” the material sent from the Delegate. I hope what I share makes sense. It was really interesting to read the results from the Grapevine survey. I have it here if anyone wants to see it. I am almost as nervous as I am excited to be of service to Area 69. Thank you.

Literature – No report given.

Newsletter, Monte S. - February Newsletter/PRAASA 2015 Report, Price, Utah, February 26, 2011 - Welcome to the newly elected trusted servants. This weekend we begin the process of informing the members of Area 69 about the agenda items for the 61st General Service Conference. We hope what you learn here today will benefit you and those you serve. I am excited to start a new service position as the Newsletter Editor for Area 69. I am looking for volunteers to write and produce our newsletter. If you know of any one with skills that can help please have them contact me online via the area 69 website utahaa.org. Also we are looking for articles about how your Home Group uses A.A. literature to determine your splits from the A.A. contribution basket. Because of the decline in contributions to the area we can’t afford to produce a hard copy of the area newsletter. The newsletter will, however, be e - mailed to those who have an e - mail address listed with Sheri P., our area registrar and will be available on the area website. The PRAASA 2015 bid committee met with the Davis Convention Bureau and ask for another bid for PRAASA. They produced a bid for us last year for the 2014 PRAASA which was awarded to San Diego California. This year the Davis CVB team was able to help negotiate room rates and facility rental costs very close to their proposal for PRAASA 2014. Keith M., Area 69 Delegate will present the Utah Area 69 bid during a luncheon of Pacific regional Delegates during Conference week and we are very optimistic about getting the bid to host PRAASA 2015. At this time the bid committee is finished with their negotiations and we all await word from Keith on our bid for PRAASA 2015. Thanks you Keith M., Sheryl T., Jodi E., and Monte S., for serving on this committee. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, Monte S., Immediate Past Delegate/Area 69 Newsletter Editor-Send Newsletter Submissions via Utah Area Website utahaa.org follow the links.

Public Information (P.I.), Bruce I., Chairperson – The focus of my report is that I don't have much to report. Just beginning to review the P.I. workbook and the P.I. supplies and materials passed down from the previous panel. I have visited Districts 10 and 3 and met P.I. chairs from Districts 10 and 3. Sterling is here today from District 3. Looking forward to meeting Rebecca from District 2 and any and all others as they are revealed.

Treatment Facilities, Pete G., Chairperson -

My name is Pete Gordon and I am a grateful alcoholic. I have the privilege to be your standing chair for Treatment Facilities. I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to the host committee for this event, it has been way too long since we have been out in Price and it is great to be back. Since Panel 61 began I have met with the former Treatment and Corrections chairs – Wade and Bruce and met with Mary B – our current Corrections Standing Chair. We had our own little Pass the Gavel meeting on the first week of January. The information that Bruce and Wade passed on concerning the Corrections, Treatment and Bridging the Gap was a very helpful start and I wanted to express my appreciation to them for all the hard work they have put into the BTG program. Contact with members from Districts One, Ten, Eight and information on District Two continued through January, primarily limited to phone tag. I had the privilege to visit District 6's District meeting in Salina with Walter C. at the end of January and saw first-hand how well Treatment and Corrections are operating in that area of the state. I have a funny story about this meeting. It seems that Walter and myself both had it in our heads that the meeting was one week earlier than it was. We made plans to meet up in Salina and, of course, dine at Mom's before the meeting. Just before I left from St. George I get this urgent voice mail from Walter stating that the meeting was actually the following week. I saved the voice mail – it was funny because on it Walter says "Urgent! Urgent! Urgent!" and then commences to say how he had just read the rest of the message. Isn't that just so alcoholic? I look forward to today's discussion on Treatment Agenda items and to meeting the members of the Treatment Committee. I really look forward to working and meeting the folks in Price and find out how we can help those who still suffer who have yet to walk through those doors. Many of our new members will come from the Treatment Facilities. We actually have more meetings already going into these facilities than I had imagined. The Treatment Facilities generally do not place the restrictions that perhaps we find in Corrections, especially pertaining to who can attend a meeting and other restrictions. Please remember that we are merely guests in these institutions and all we wish to do is offer the chance for someone to enter recovery. If I can be helpful to your group or District in any way, please do not hesitate to call. I recently received my 'marching orders' to begin work in Capitol Reef National Park. The bad news is that my start date was the exact date that I was to fly to Hawaii to attend PRAASA. After much soul-searching, I realized that I got sober not to lose jobs in sobriety but to grow in all aspects of my life. I regret that I will miss the opportunity to attend, not so much because it is in Hawaii but because it is yet another opportunity to learn more about being in service to my fellows. Next year for sure. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

District Reports

District 1 – Cathy A. for Frank B., DCMC: Hello Utah Area 69 body. My name is Frank B. and I'm an alcoholic. My home group is the Monday Night Men's Group. I am pleased to present this report on District 1 at this business meeting and would first and foremost like to thank Cathy for representing District 1. Sorry that I could not be in Price this weekend, but unfortunately when this report is being read I will be en route to PRAASA in Honolulu, HI. I am pleased to announce that District 1 is operating above its prudent reserve and donations from groups are still below 50%. Contributions have been in large amounts and we are very grateful for 7th Tradition splits at our District. District 1 has filled 3 DCM positions this rotation: Cathy A., Cliff D., and Kate I. Gunnar H. has filled our Corrections Chair and has already started participating in meetings in county jails, etc. Paul H. stood again for the District 1 Grapevine Chair and his services are always appreciated. Scott, our beloved GSR from Valley Camp, stood for the Treatment Chair. There are still many positions that need to be filled but to the trusted servants that stood, thank you very much. I cannot forget to mention my two right hands: Sue, our District 1 Secretary, and my hero and mentor Teddie H., who stood for our District Treasurer. There is always so much work that needs to be done to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic and without these trusted servants I would be lost. The Pre-Assembly Conference Committee is a work in progress and is planning a wonderful assembly for the Utah Area 69 body. It will take place April 1-3 in Sunset, UT. Fliers should be available at this meeting as well as on utahaa.org. Please pre-register and participate in this event. A Guidelines Committee was formed and the guidelines for District 1 were reviewed and changed where necessary. Finally a workshop was discussed and more information will come. A few topics were brought to the table for a workshop like Special Needs and Vulnerable Members. Hope fully we can get this going by early summer. Thank you again for my recovery and the opportunity to serve District 1. P.S. Did I forget to mention that my

beautiful wife is pregnant with triplets??? We are expecting in May/June. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers and see you all at PRAASA in a few days.

District 2 – Charlie T. for Keira N., DCMC: Hi Everyone, I am Keira N., DCMC for District 2. We have filled all of our Standing Chair positions and 3 of 5 DCM and Alt DCM positions. This panel is awesome. All Standing Chairs are the perfect fit for their positions, and all DCMs and Alternate DCMs are people that are accountable and show up for service and their recovery. This year is starting out great and looks like we have a great bunch that will stick. Everyone is passionate about service work and for his or her position in the District. I am excited to see this panel in action these next two years and look forward to serving as their DCMC. We look forward to hosting the Fall Assembly in September. Thanks for letting me serve. Love & Light.

District 3 – California Dave, DCM: At our District Meeting on February 2 there were THREE new GSRs and TWELVE returning and TWO ALT GSRs with a grand total of SEVENTEEN GSRs. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS showed all present in attendance with the exception of the Archivist/Archives. This Chair is open for a well-needed servant. The position is a non-rotating position and should be considered by one who is willing and has a passion for a long-term commitment for our District. HANDOUTS that were available for the Committee members and GSRs were “2011 General Service Conference Committees Preliminary Agenda Items.” The theme for the 2011 General Service Conference is “We are Responsible for AA’s Future – Let it Begin with Us.” And GSO’s handout, “A.A.W.S. Highlights, dated December 17, 2010. DISTRICT EVENTS: March Workshop and GSR Orientation, Saturday, March 26, 10am-3pm, in Springville, UT, 245 South 200 East, FREE LUNCH. December Area inventory, more details TBA. Flyers available today. Please take some back to your Districts and come join us in District 3. Plans are well on the way for our District to host Area Committee meeting in December, a location in Heber has been chosen. More information will be announced soon. AREA WEBSITE – Special thanks for Kurt J., Area Communications Chair, for setting up District 3 web page on the Area website. Check us out – go to utahaa.org, click on District 3 and watch what happens. (Map of location and time of our District Meeting, District Chair’s contact info., meetings in our District, location and time, District’s guidelines, contact info. to send District contributions.) If your District hasn’t done this yet, get with Kurt J. and get with it. Thanks again to Area Communications Chair.

District 4 – Joe R.: Delta group is alive and well - new GSR. Fillmore group – alive and well, new GSR. Scipio – Active new meeting. Youth treatment center is starting to participate in meetings. Trying to fill DCM position. Thanks to District 7 for sponsoring us for one year to help us get our District organized and up and running. Thank you for allowing me to participate in my recovery.

District 5 – Harry S., DCM: Verbal report given.

District 6 – Bert S., DCM – Hello, my name is Robert (Bert) S. and I am the DCM for District 6. The District is doing quite well with several strong meetings going. We have also filled all the positions on the District Committee. Wayne Co. has been inactive for about 2 years but I have been to their Sunday meeting and it is doing very good. I have been trying to keep in contact with them and they sound like they are interested in getting active in the District again. We are having our Founders Day celebration/workshop on March 19th and you are all invited. Thank you to Walter and Keith for offering to come and speak. I have put out flyers if you are interested. We would like to thank Walter C. and Pete G. for attending our February District meeting and giving their input on the items we discussed. Meetings are going well at the Gunnison Prison and Leroy B. and Kent A. are going to be starting new meetings in the Sanpete Co. jail. We have a new sheriff in the Sevier Co. jail and we are going to see if we can talk with him and get meetings going there. I am grateful to be of service in District 6.

District 7, Northwest Sub-District (Cedar, Parowan, Beaver, Milford) – Allen B., DCM: District 7 is doing pretty good. We just had our elections in October so all of our service members are in new positions and we are just learning the ropes. We still have a few positions that need filling but for the most part we are in good shape. Had I thought ahead to this point I would have paid more attention so I could have written this report with more ease. In December three members of District 4 came to our District 7 meeting. To my knowledge District 4 has been “dark” for a few years now. We are excited to welcome them back. District 7 offered to take District 4 under their wing and sponsor them for the next year as they come back into the light. They have been attending since. District 7 will be hosting a workshop up there in June and looking at having a second one later on this year up there, when we iron out our schedule. Our finances are in fairly good shape, we’ve been better, but been worse too. We were able to buy a case of Big Books to send into the Kanab jails and gave a case of 12&12s to a new meeting starting in Cedar City. The District also defrayed me to come here. Our Delegate attended our District 7 meeting in January and we invited him back to our March District meeting in St. George, which will be a potluck/workshop. I truly feel honored to be able to serve Alcoholics Anonymous and I’m grateful for the many, many gifts it has brought into my life. I look forward to continued service and growth as a member of AA. Thanks to everyone for being a part in my recovery.

District 8 – No report given.

District 9 – Joe A., GSR: The Moab Group is continuing to grow in reaching out and service. The Moab Group has developed a website and new brochures that have been distributed around the community. Moab now has meetings seven days a week, including a new, women’s meeting. The Moab Group was proud to have hosted the December Area Committee Meeting and is honored to get to host the 2012 February Area Committee Meeting. A new Public Information Chairman has been appointed and his contact information will be forwarded to the Area 69 P.I. Standing Chair. The Moab Group would like to work with the CPC Standing Chair to put on a CPC workshop in order to develop a sense of education and information to our civil servants. Proud to serve.

District 10 – Dave B., DCMC: Our District GSR meetings are having good attendance. We are still short on positions. We need an Alternate DCMC, 2 DCMs, Alternate Secretary, Treasurer, PIChair and CPC Chair. We will put available positions in the newsletter. We have found a place for our workshop in August. Our committee is formed and is getting everything ready to go. There are flyers on the back table.

District 11 – Matt D., DCM: One of our DCMs and two Standing Chairs have stepped down but, by the help from our Higher Power and the willingness of our members to serve, we have only the BTG Chair position to fill. We are financially stable at District 11 and have formed a Finance Committee to look into our budget and start preparing for next year’s budget. In our last meeting we asked a couple of volunteers to help with a workshop that we are planning to hold in the spring or early summer. We are also looking to hold one in the fall. Our plans are to hold one in the northern end of our district and one in the southern end to see if we can get more participation. The excitement and willingness of our members to step up and to help us carry the message to the next suffering alcoholic is amazing to me. I am thrilled to be a small part of AA and District service. Thank you for the privilege to serve.

District 12 – Tito: Our District is having sessions regularly each Monday from 7:30 to 9:00pm. We’re also visiting all groups, two groups per week to motivate and encourage them. We have a project – the workshops of the Blue (Big) Book and Traditions. These workshops will be effective in the next month. Our District Committee needs more people volunteering to serve. We also had the honor of having Walter, the Alternate Delegate, as a visitor to our committee. In that visit he gave us the last Area Assembly report. For now, that’s all folks. We desire you the best. From District 12 servants: DCM, Juan Carlos V.; District Secretary, Julio D.; and District Treasurer, Raul R.

Past Event

December 2010 Area Committee Meeting, Moab - Joe A., District 9: Verbal report given.

Upcoming Events

PRAASA 2011 – Charlie G. – Verbal report given.

Pre-Conference Assembly, Cathy A. for Teddie H., District 1 – Greetings from your 2011 Pre-Conference Assembly Host Committee. I am an alcoholic. My name is Teddie. This is being read to you by DCM, Cathy A. I want to express to her my gratitude for her willingness to read this report to you. And I want to thank her for representing those of us in District 1. District 1 is excited to host this event for Area 69. It is always a pleasure to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous. Cathy has brought along updated flyers. You may also print off the flyer from utahaa.org. Please make copies and circulate them in your districts. Pre-Conference Assembly is April 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The event is being held at the Aranda’s Xtreme Gym in Clearfield (Sunset). District 12 hosted the 2010 Fall Workshop there. We chose this venue to keep costs down, not only for the Area but also for those of you attending this event. The lodging information is on the back of the flyer. If you reserve your room at the Days Inn or Crystal Cottage, please be sure to let them know that you are with Area 69. The program is pretty well-rounded with Area business, panels, roundtables, PRAASA reports, an Ask-It Basket, speakers meetings and good food. For your entertainment Friday evening, we are also hosting a dance. Not only will the Logan chefs be cooking up a delicious and inexpensive BBQ meal from the grill on Saturday evening (\$7.00), they will be serving their famous BBQ burgers and dogs during the lunch break on Saturday. Blair thought the lunch price would be around \$5.00. The Registrar has not received any pre-registrations. You may pre-register with Cathy today. If paying by check, please make it out to District One Fund. Charlie G. has attended our planning meetings and informs us that we are right on schedule. Thank you, Charlie, for your assistance and support given to our committee. And, we give thanks to Keith M. for working with us when he was the past Assembly Agenda Chairperson. Please plan to attend the 2011 Pre-Conference Assembly. District 1 is eager to be of service to each of you. Hanson’s “Bunk a Drunk Inn” has two sofas and floor space. Minutes from the venue. BYOB – Bring Your Own Bedding. With Love & Always in Service.

Motion Discussion – The following motion was read by Renae H., Area Chair:

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

Rationale 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.

A motion was made by LeAnn L. to have the motion re-worded to make it more understandable. Motion was seconded. Bruce I. provided some clarification. The body voted that they would like the wording of the motion to be made simpler. Renae H. and Bruce I. will meet to discuss the changes. The re-worded motion will be discussed again at the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 1-3 in Sunset, UT.

What's on Your Mind?

The Area 69 Archivist did a presentation about changes in the boundary lines of District 3. She did extensive research into the Area 69 Archives and found there was no previous documentation regarding changing the boundaries. There were no motions or votes about this issue in the Area 69 Archives. One of the points made clear by this research was how important it is for the individual districts to turn in their meeting minutes and other records to the Area 69 Archives. A copy of this entire presentation will be attached to these minutes and forwarded to the Area 69 Archives.

Adjourn for Lunch and close Business Meeting 11:30am.