

**Minutes Utah Area 69 Fall Assembly
September 23-25, 2011
Elks Lodge
Bountiful, Utah * District 2**

Welcome Renae H., Chair – Opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Anonymity statement. Welcomed newcomers to their first General Service Meeting. Introduced Area Officers and Past Delegates.

12 Concepts: Read by Doug, District 3

Minutes of the 2011 "Post-Conference Assembly," May 20-22, 2011 – Sheryl T., Area Secretary: Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report, Doug R., Area Treasurer: And the good news is that individuals and groups can now make contributions to the Area online. It utilizes the services of PayPal and, of course, we have the appropriate disclaimer. That linking to PayPal does not mean that we periodically monitor, review, endorse, or approve it. This is being provided as a convenience to you. It also requires you to check a box that says, "I acknowledge that I am an A.A. member." If that box is not checked, all you get is a button that sends you back to the previous page. There are no monthly fees to maintain a PayPal account. There are no set-up fees and there are no gateway fees. The PayPal fees for from \$0.00 USD to \$3,000.00 USD are 2.9% + \$0.30 USD. So for a \$10.00 contribution, the fee would be 59 cents. The average donation for 2011 has been \$57.00 so the average fee would have been \$1.95. I want to make it clear that this does not keep people from contributing the way they always have. It just gives them a new option. It can be accessed from the Area's website (utahaa.org) by selecting the drop down menu called "Other," then selecting the "Online Contributions" item. The contribution page has three options: Individual, Group, and Birthday Contributions. It continues to be a privilege and an incredible learning experience to serve this Fellowship and to continue to learn how money and spirituality really do mix. Thank you for that.

Vote on Proposed 2012 Budget, Doug R., Area Treasurer: Doug reviewed the Proposed 2012 Budget and asked if there were any questions or comments. Pete G. proposed that \$1,000.00 be taken out of the Administrative budget with \$400 to go back into the GSO budget (for a new total of \$1,800) and \$600 to go to the Standing Chair budget (for a new total of \$7,100). This proposal would not change the existing final budget amount. Renae H., Area Chair, asked that a written motion be prepared and presented to the body for a vote. John M., District 7, presented the following motion: *Reduce Administrative budget by \$1,000 to \$4,000; keep GSO contribution at \$1,800 rather than reducing it by \$400; raise Standing Chair budget by \$600 to \$7,100. There would be no financial impact to the final proposed budget total of \$32,200.* Pete G. seconded the motion. A vote was taken on the motion and the motion passed. Doug R. conducted a vote on the proposed budget as amended by the motion and the budget passed as amended. Mitch spoke to the minority opinion.

Reports on Upcoming Events

Fall Workshop, District 12: Julio gave a verbal report on this event. The dates are November 5-6, 2011.

Area Committee Meeting/Area Inventory, District 3: Eric M. gave a verbal report on this event scheduled for December 3, 2011.

2012 Area Committee Meeting, District 9: Joe gave a verbal report. The event date is February 25, 2012.

2012 Pre-Conference Assembly, District 7: John M. gave a verbal report. The event dates are March 30-April 1, 2012.

Reports from Past Events

Pre-Assembly Workshop, District 10, LeAnn L.: The Pre-Assembly Workshop was held at the Murray Cottonwood Elks Lodge. Area business was taken care of in the wonderful fashion, as usual. Then after was a delicious banquet followed with a speaker meeting Saturday evening held at the Alano Club, also in Murray. The workshop was informative and fun. The committee also did a great skit based on Family Feud with, of course, AA trivia. We received information on how to send in an article to the AA Grapevine, with an Ask-it Basket and speaker meeting on Sunday morning. The District 10 host committee did a great job. It was a delight to host this event. After the workshop, the host committee was able to refund the Area's seed money and broke about even. Thank you to all who donated to the hospitality. There were a lot of home-baked goodies and plenty to go around. We at District 10 are looking forward to hosting events like this in the future.

National Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend, Pete G.: Pete gave a verbal report. His entire report on this event can be found in the Area newsletter which is available online at www.utahaa.org.

Roll Call, Andy B. for Sheri P., Area Registrar: District 1: 1 DCMC, 2 DCM, 6 GSR; District 2: 1 DCMC, 5 DCM, 1 Alt. DCM, 3 GSR, 1 Alt. GSR, 2 Standing Chairs; District 3: 2 DCM, 1 Alt. DCM, 6 GSR, 3 Alt. GSR; District 6: 1 DCM, 2 GSR; District 7: 2 DCM, 4 GSR; District 8: 1 DCM, 2 GSR, 1 Alt. GSR; District 9: 1 GSR; District 10: 3 DCM, 1 Alt. DCM, 11 GSR; District 11: 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 4 GSR, 1 Alt. GSR; District 12: 1 DCM, 1 Alt. GSR; Area Officers 6; Area Standing Chairs 8; Past Delegates 4; Central Office Reps. 2; Interested AAs 5. Total = 97.

Delegate's Report, Keith M., Delegate: Hello Area 69 Utah, my name is Keith and I am an alcoholic. It is my honor and privilege to serve you and the A.A. fellowship as the Area 69 Utah Panel 61 Delegate. I hope all of our Utah A.A. Fellowship is happy, well, and carrying our life saving message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholics. Wow. What an incredible spring and summer. It has been my absolute privilege to have completed 26 Delegate Reports to our area. These have included hour long detailed reviews of the conference process and agenda items. The review of agenda items focused on both the ones that passed and ones that did not pass, the reasons and ramifications of both, and potential future effects to our fellowship. These reports have also included brief 3 to 5 minute summaries at recovery meetings. I am overwhelmed by the value of sharing the joys and accomplishments of General Service with our whole fellowship. Those who are not as formally involved with General Service care tremendously about the condition and future of our A.A. Fellowship. There seems to be a lot of interest in the GSO E-Book project. Eyes light-up and dance at the thought of our Big Book and 12 and 12 on mobile devices. One could conclude that reading a real book is no longer cool. At the recent Pacific Region Additional Forum held at Woodland Hills, CA, a short 12 hour van ride to the southwest, Phyllis H. reported that the E-Book project I-Tunes rollout will be November 15, 2011 with the Android following December 1, 2011. The big news from GSO is the recent "Staff Rotation." As rotation occurs throughout our A.A. service world, group level to the board of trustees, our GSO staff change assignments every two years. This practice started in 1951 as a means of broadening the pool of knowledge and experience among staff members, providing a chance for each staff member to contribute, and minimizing any competitiveness among staff members. A few notables include: Eva S. Conference Coordinator, Adrienne B. CPC, Tracey O. (new hire) Corrections, Jim M. Group Services, Mary Clare L. International, Gayle S.R. Literature, Warren S. Nominating, Mary C. PI, Julio E. Regional Forums, Rick W. Staff Coordinator/Web Services, and Mary D. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities. This maybe a list of names to some but my heart leaps with joy thinking about these incredible trusted servants. Without our staff there would be no GSO, no Conference, and maybe no Fellowship. If you are a standing chair please call and introduce yourself to your new staff member. The July 2011 A.A.W.S. highlights noted that the GSO's current computer servers are nearing the end of their useful lives. We are preparing for a new hosting arrangement that will provide a more robust, scalable, and highly reliable environment, that will be more than capable of accommodating our upcoming online E-Book initiatives. Also A.A. Regional Directories should be distributed soon. A.A.W.S. has published three new or updated pamphlets, I have provided these today with a few extras to the DCM's for their districts. Please take a few minutes and review the incredible valuable pieces of literature. Included is the new "A.A. For the Alcoholics with Special Needs", updated "Understanding Anonymity", updated "A.A. Member-Medications and other Drugs", and last but not least neither new nor updated "A.A. for the Native North American." During my recent journeys across our area I have glanced at many literature racks and my heart soars when the "A.A. For the Native North American" pamphlet is there. I still believe it is important to reach out to this still suffering population, one person, one pamphlet, one life saved at a time. A little about these pamphlets, each is our best. They include fellowship wide experience strength and hope about each specific topic. All were created after a need was established, written and reviewed by our best trusted servants. The process usually includes a trustees subcommittee, Trustee Committee review and Conference delegate committee review, and conference discussion (many times multi conferences), and conference approval with substantial unanimity (2/3 of all conference voting members). Years and thousands of hours of love are in these pieces of literature. Please take a few minutes and read them. Speaking of literature our Conference-Approved Literature catalog for the first time ever includes Grapevine materials on the last two pages. You can actually order the A.A. *Big Book* and *Language of the Heart* from one catalog, progress. The A.A. Grapevine has a couple of new titles available; *Emotional Sobriety II* and *Step By Step*. For the first six months of 2011, A.A.W.S. distributed 904,368 pieces of A.A. literature. This compares to 864,161 for the first six months of 2010, a 4.75 percent increase. Contribution from A.A. groups and members for the first half of 2011 was \$2,985,250 which was \$21,470 under budget. However, gross profit on literature sales of \$4,098,742 was \$127,079 over budget. Total expenses of \$6,659,635 were \$313,321 under budget. Thus net income totaled \$424,712. For you non-number folks we're doing just fine. The Grapevine is still struggling. What a wonderful product. I have been a faithful subscriber for over 19 years and each month I get a meeting in print. It's in my truck for downtime during my work, it's on my phone for long trips and the digital version is on my computers. These digital articles are great for presentations. However, renewals and new subscription are falling fellowship wide. They are down from last year even with the incredible effort of all the areas to get the fellowship informed. I am totally of the opinion that if we can inform the fellowship they will subscribe in mass numbers. The recent Grapevine Survey suggests differently with 96% our fellowship like the Grapevine, however only 4% actually subscribe. Ami B., Executive Editor/Publisher of A.A. Grapevine Inc. suggested at the recent Pacific Region Additional Forum, a short 12 hour van ride to the southwest, the short fall for 2011 will be

about \$114,000, which is way better than the \$400,000 in 2010, progress. My personal analysis concluded that the consistent increase in the annual subscription price is driving away many members on fixed incomes. The price 10 years ago was about \$22 and now it's over \$28. An elder member spoke passionately at the recent Forum about the increases and having to cancel a life time of joy from the Grapevine. Maybe self-support for the Grapevine is a great concept but an annual stipend from the General Fund of a few hundred thousand is more realistic. Our fellowship needs the Grapevine, I need the Grapevine. Bill W. from the 2010-2011 A.A. Service Manual page S1: "Concerning any given service, we therefore pose one question: 'Is this service really needed?' If it is, then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who need and seek A.A." I have included a table with a whole bunch of numbers. These were compiled from the annual Final Conference Reports 2004 through 2011. Speaking of the 2011 Final Conference Reports "We Are Responsible for A.A.'s Future-Let It Begin With Us (The 61st Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous)", I have a few here today, a few hundred were distributed through the DCM's during a recent Pre-Assembly Workshop. These Final Conference Reports are a great read with an incredible wealth of information. A quick review strongly suggests we are financially healthy with a steady, although modest increase in contributions and literature sales for the past 8 years. Last year we had almost \$8,000,000 in gross literature profits and \$6,500,000 in contributions. That's \$2,000,000 more than 8 years ago for literature sales and \$1,500,000 more in contributions. We almost always spend a little less than our total revenue, which is good and unique in today's world. Your bucks in the basket are working very hard carrying our message to the still suffering. The second table titled "Fellowship Statistics" is from a financial presentation by Terrance Bedient, a Class A Trustee who serves us as our treasurer. If you want this presentation as a power point, please ask and I will forward it. It's called "Around the Picnic Table" and is meant to make the finance easy and explainable. A review suggests our fellowship is only growing slightly, which is ok, we never wanted to save the world, just carry our message to the still suffering. Please note the Cost of Service per group per year is dropping, which shows the efficiencies of our GSO. Lastly, it's time for your suggestions for a theme, presentation, and workshop topic of 2013 General Service Conference, past themes and the form is provide in this report. Also, we need a theme for the 2015 International Convention. Thanks, Thanks, and Thanks for my life.

Remaining Officer's Reports

Renae H., Area Chair: I'm very pleased to report to you that our Area Service Committees and the A.A. Service Structure in the Utah Fellowship is very much alive and well. The A.A. activities being carried on throughout the Districts and in cooperation through participation within the Public and Professional communities have been numerous since our last Area Assembly in May. These include several District Workshops, various District Committee gatherings, Public Health fairs, and the Annual University of Utah School on Alcoholism week. I want to thank everyone here today for your efforts and commitments to service and to the continued growth, improvement and welfare of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. In August I had the opportunity to attend the Additional Regional Forum hosted in Woodland Hills, California. My full Forum report can be read in the Area newsletter, available online. There is so much to learn at a Forum about our General Service Office and all the services they provide. I am just amazed at the time, energy, dedication, and devotion demonstrated by our Trustees, Managers and Directors of World Services, and the staff, as they are the custodians and enactors of Alcoholics Anonymous Service affairs, as directed by the Fellowship's group conscience---that's you, me, our A.A. groups, and the Delegates through the voice spoken at our General Service Conferences. What an order! Forums are open to anyone who wishes to attend and I encourage and hope that everyone has an opportunity to experience this special event at some point in their journey of recovery. I am so grateful to serve Alcoholics Anonymous and Area 69. Please let me know how I can better serve you. If you have anything you would like to see happen differently or any ideas or suggestions of how we can improve at making our Area Assemblies more effective, please feel free to drop me an email at area69chair@utahaa.org. These meetings are held to serve the groups as represented through the GSR. Is the Area providing the information and the opportunity for the participation and activities you wish to have? You may send these emails anonymously if you wish. Also, please do not hesitate to let me know if I can be of service to your districts or groups...have car, will travel!

Walter C., Alternate Delegate: Since we last met, I attended the Additional Forum in California, District 6 business meeting and workshop, and An AA Group where I did a presentation on Concept 9. I would like to thank all those who have invited me to attend their events. I am still growing and learning and I'm learning that these events are important to my growth. My hope is that I am being of service to you. It is becoming clear to me that all I do as Alternate Delegate is part of the A.A. statement "I am Responsible." Thank you for letting me be of service!

2015 PRAASA Elections, Renae H., Chair: Renae talked about 2015 PRAASA, which will be hosted by Area 69. Keith has received seed money from previous PRAASAs. At this time, Area 69 would like to elect a Chair, Co-Chair and Treasurer. Elections for these positions will be held after the lunch break. Renae read the requirements and duties for each position.

Standing Committee Chair Reports

Assembly/Agenda, Charlie G., Chair: Thanks to District 2 for putting on such a wonderful Assembly. Your committee was a joy to work with and thank you for allowing me to serve you. We have secured a new facility for the Fall Workshop – the Murray Elks Lodge where the August workshop was held. The Fall Workshop will be held November 5-6, 2011. I look forward to meeting with District 3 for the December Area Committee Meeting/Area Inventory, which will be held in December. Things are moving along well. I will be meeting soon with District 9 and District 7 for our upcoming events. I am sending out electronic packets as well as snail mail for upcoming events. If you need any help or have any questions or would like me to attend your planning meetings, let me know as soon as you can. Thanks again for the privilege of letting me serve all of you. District 12, see me so we can get you all the items for your next event (coffee pots, etc.).

Bid for 2013 Fall Assembly, Charlie G., Assembly/Agenda Chair: Representatives from Districts 9, 11 and 2 stood to host this event. District 9, Moab, won the bid.

Archives, Janet H., Repository Archivist, for Lauana H., Chair: I would like to apologize for not being there this weekend. Due to personal issues, I am unable to be with you. Sometimes life gets in the way of my best laid plans. I know, “plan the action but not the results.” Since we last met there has been one item turned in to the Archives, a banner. In Box 459, the last article is a history of our General Service Office. It’s well worth the read if you’d like to know how it came about. Added by Janet H.: Lauana was unable to attend the National Archive Workshop. She had Janet return the defrayment to Doug this morning. Lauana is going to use her budget to purchase tapes of this event.

Cooperation with the Professional Community, Wade J., Chair: Since the last time we met the CPC Committee has been busy. As stated last time, the commitment from all of the CPC Committee was to contact one professional each month by each member. I am pleased to announce there have been lots of connections made by the Committee. I had the pleasure of attending District 1 to give a report back on the U of U School on Alcoholism and a quick overview on the direction the CPC Committee will be working on. Thanks so much to my District 1 for the invite to be a small part of all the work you do. It looks like this winter will be busy as I have been invited to visit several districts. To all districts, please feel free to contact me whenever I can be of service to your district.

Corrections, Mary B., Chair: Thanks for District 2 for hosting this event! Welcome to all in attendance. I attended the District 8 district meeting at Doug and Terry’s request. We are working together in hopes of getting another meeting in the jail and improving the relationships with the powers that be. We will be able to meet with her in December. I would love to attend any other districts that are in need of assistance. Remember, I can’t read minds, but I am willing and able to help. You may not stay sober if I come to your district, but I will. Please help me stay sober. We have two bridges in the works in Salt Lake City. I want to wish our Delegate a very happy 20th birthday. Thanks to all who serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

Communications, Kurt J., Chair: I had the joy of joining 6 other alcoholics for a marathon drive to attend the Pacific Regional Additional Forum in August in Woodland, CA. I wrote an article about the trip for the newsletter and we will be giving oral reports later during the Fall Assembly. I have been keeping the web site up to date. I have been posting flyers, documents, and event information on various pages and the service calendar. I have also been updating the various districts pages as needed. Right now districts 1, 2, 3, 10, and 11 have web pages with email links, district guidelines, GSR meeting minutes, and information about the GSR meeting. If any other districts would like to have a web page then please talk to me. The Fall Assembly newsletter will be available sometime next week on the Area 69 Publications page. As Doug will explain in more detail, we now have the ability to accept contributions from individuals or groups via PayPal. PayPal will allow sending donations from a bank account, a debit card, or a credit card. I have added a link to the Online Contribution page to the rotating banner on the home page as well as a link under the Other menu. Statistics: August - 264 home page accesses, 5524 overall access, 326 unique visitors, 1445 unique documents. September - 291 home page accesses, 4865 overall access, 344 unique visitors, 1229 unique documents. For those who will be hosting events, please send event flyers to me at area69communications@utahaa.org as soon as you can. Even if it is updated later, something is better than nothing. One of the things that we do is translate flyers into Spanish. For that we need the original DOC file. Unfortunately we cannot translate PDF so please send me the original DOC file. Then we will do the translation. And, when you are ready, please send me the event program so that I can post that on the web as well. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Grapevine, Treesa J., Chair: A 61st General Service Conference Advisory Action gave the go-ahead to explore software applications (apps) for smart phones and tablets, to deliver stories and other means to make AA Grapevine magazines and items available via online sources. Notable, AA Grapevine is currently developing e-books, beginning with *The Language of the Heart*, in English & Spanish, for use on e-readers. And, for the first time, Grapevine magazine and products will be included in AA World Services Literature catalogue. Our new Web site and online options, coupled with plans for e-books and apps, are keeping Grapevine in step with today's world. Yet Grapevine's print magazine is here to stay. Rest assured, it will always be available in portable format to carry into a meeting or an institution, or to share with a sponsee. Grapevine's need for member support by subscriptions is ongoing. For the individual voices of AA's to continue to share their experience, strength and hope in Grapevine, our shared goal is to be self-supporting. **New Grapevine Titles: Emotional Sobriety II:** Bill W. identified emotional sobriety as "our next frontier;" a means to "real maturity and balance". Several dozen AA's relate their experience in reaching their own "quiet place in bright sunlight". (GV-26; \$9.95). And **Step By Step:** Shared experience on working the steps from AA's of all ages, and from various countries, lifestyles, and religions stories - from both newcomers and old-timer. (GV-25; \$10.95). **Recently, I ordered a few Grapevine items that are here today and for purchase.** These include: A Rabbit Walked into a Bar (\$9.95), Spiritual Awakenings II (\$10.95), AA Preamble - Spanish (\$2.00), The Serenity Prayer - Spanish (\$2.00), Five Slogans - Spanish (\$4.50), Victor E. Poster in English & Spanish (\$4.50), 2012 Wall Calendar (\$9.00), 2012 Pocket Planner (\$4.75), Spanish Traditions Checklist (.50), Facsimile of the First Issues of the Grapevine (\$3.00), Convention Special Edition: 75 years of AA (\$4.00), and five new CD's (\$9.50 each). **SERVICE:** The GrapeNet forum is up and running. Get a conversation going today! You are invited to add your AA event to the aagrapevine.org Calendar in the Share section. You can purchase subscriptions, back issues, books, CD's and more for yourself or others online at aagrapevine.org and clicking on store. PayPal is now available as a payment option on the Grapevine online store. **HAVE YOU TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW GRAPEVINE ONLINE with a 7-day Free Trial yet? Next Issues: Grapevine:** October 2011 - Relapse; November 2011 - Gratitude; December 2011 - Surviving the Holidays. **LaVina:** November/December - Realizing Dreams in Sobriety. **Grapevine Request:** Requesting articles from the fellowship. You do not have to be a professional writer to submit articles. Please think of a topic you would like to share and then write a 3-5 minute article just like if you were sharing in a meeting. You do not have to send a title or use your name; you can send it as anonymous. The article needs to be in word format (not a PDF) and email to gveditorial@aagrapevine.org or you can send snail mail to Editorial Dept., AA Grapevine, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115. **ALSO, requesting stories relating to Bridge The Gap. Grapevine is working to print A Bridge The Gap Grapevine Issue. Annual Photo Contest:** Each year, Grapevine holds a competition for photographs to be featured in our Wall Calendar. We'd love to see your most striking photos that reflect the joy of living, serenity and othersobriety themes. Contributors will receive complimentary copies of the 2013 Calendar and Pocket Planner. Entries must be received by March 1, 2012. They cannot be returned, and may be considered for magazine illustrations. Submit digital images on CDs, along with printouts, or email to gveditorial@aagrapevine.net. Include contact information. Please note: Digital files must be high-resolution-300 dpi minimum. Mail entries to: Art Editor, Grapevine, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115. **New prices effective July 1, 2011:** Grapevine Online \$34.97; Grapevine Story (Digital) Archive \$26.97; Audio Grapevine Magazine \$21.97; Grapevine Print Magazine \$28.97; Grapevine Digital Magazine \$21.97; LaVina Print Magazine \$12.00. **In the 61st Annual General Conference 2011 Final Report:** It was suggested that a single issue of a Grapevine, LaVina, and/or LaVigne magazine be included with an introductory letter that offers AA Grapevine.org information, in each GSR packet for all new G.S.R.'s. Format and costs are to be determined jointly by AA Grapevine and AAWS. Also, encourage each home group to purchase a minimum of two subscriptions. **ROUNDTABLE:** Suggestion that AA Grapevine, Inc. print the Grapevine the same as the LaVina with a color cover and then black and white pages to help save printing costs and hopefully eliminate the need to a price increase for a long time. **Can we accept poverty, sickness, loneliness and bereavement with courage and serenity? Bill W., 1946**

Literature, Rachael F., Chair: Since the Pre-Assembly Workshop, I have placed one order. I will be placing another order before the Fall Workshop. If you would like to be on the email list to receive reminders, please see me. I will be sending out a reminder the first week of October. There is a new catalog which now includes the Grapevine literature. Please take these back to your district. There are three new/revised pamphlets: Understanding Anonymity, AA for the Alcoholic with Special Needs, The AA Member: Medications and Other Drugs (revised). Keith bundled these up and you should have received it. I am still waiting on new Service Manuals. Hopefully, I will have them by the Fall Workshop. The Literature budget is in the black and at the Literature Committee roundtable we will be discussing using some of the budget to create a newcomer packet with a variety of pamphlets. I will report on this during roundtable report backs.

Public Information, Bruce I., Chair: P.I. has been busy since Pre-Conference. We hosted six events for USARA, which stands for Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness. What I've heard is that those who participated enjoyed themselves and it was one of the best years USARA has enjoyed. It was good for us to be represented and I want to thank all those who participated. These events took place in five districts. District 2 hosted two events with a little help from District 10. The sites for these events were Salt Lake, Ogden, Provo, Tooele, Park City and St. George. District 7 also hosted a table at the Fall Substance Abuse Conference this week in St. George. That was a cooperative event between PI/CPC this year. Next month District 3 is planning to attend the Mental Health Awareness Night at BYU. We're happy to report the addition of two P.I. chairs in Utah. The first is Chris H. from District 1. He hosted the recent event in Ogden and seems pretty energetic. The other new chair is Sherry M. from the Cache Valley Intergroup. She has agreed to work with us, and seems very excited to begin her job. We currently have six District Chairs and cooperation with two Central Offices or Intergroups. Wade and I have been working on the traveling PI/CPC display that's over on the south wall. We were trying to come up with something easy to pack and set up. Please check it out and give us any thoughtful ideas. I'm anxious to visit with the P.I. Committee today and find out what's on their minds. We have topics ranging from overcoming the resistance to P.I. within the Fellowship all the way to organizing a Public Information page on the website. If you're looking for a new opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous, come join us.

Treatment, Pete G., Chair: Attended National BTG Workshop Weekend in Sacramento. My full report is in the Area newsletter. I will provide printed and digital material to districts and groups. I will provide copies of digital material and button to Archives. Treatment activity in Magna, District 3 area, District 10 and District 7. There is a new Treatment Chair in District 7. Note: Parole is up and I'm out of solitary confinement. Moving from Torrey to Beaver, with much access to meetings.

District Reports

District 12, Juan Carlos, DCM, with Julio translating: Our District is cooperating with the Hispanic Central Office/Intergroup with the same location. We're also going to have our 6th Hispanic AA Convention on October 14-16, 2011. Our Alternate Delegate, Walter C., will be participating with a topic in Roundtable Workshop #3. District 12 is visiting its own groups twice a week. On November 5 & 6, District 12 is going to host Area 69 for the next Fall Workshop. We gratefully want to thank you for having the privilege to serve and represent District 12.

District 11, Matt D., DCM: We are financially sound in District 11. At our last month's meeting, two of our members stepped up to fill open Standing Chair positions. We now have a new CPC Chair and a new Treatment Chair. Chris S. has already started to make the rounds at the treatment centers to see how we can better serve them. There is still an open DCM spot in the south end of our district to fill but I have had some conversations with a member who may be willing to take on that job. It seems as though every district meeting we see a new GSR, if not two. I think every meeting in our district is now represented. It is great to see new faces and to share this service adventure with them. We formed a host committee for the 2012 BTG Workshop and had our first meeting. None of the members have been to this workshop so we will be picking the brains of Area Treatment and Corrections Chairs this weekend to see what we're up against. Also I happy to announce we now have coffee where we hold our district meeting. Thanks to Coop and Gulian. Come up and have a cup and join us. This may be where we will hold the BTG Workshop.

District 10, Rick V., DCM: The District 10 Public Information Chair is on fire! Wendy is doing an excellent job in getting the AA message to hospitals, libraries, community colleges and police stations. This past month, we had our very own R.T. step up to run the GSR meeting. Rick V. has volunteered to chair the meeting for October. District 10 is still looking for a DCM. We had four new GSRs attend the September GSR meeting. For the first time in a long time, we have all the Standing Chair positions filled. Quite an accomplishment! Dave B., our former DCM, greatly contributed to this. We still have two DCM positions available. District 10 would like to thank the Area visitors for showing up. Thanks Renae and Sheryl. A new lock-down facility for military personnel has asked AA to bring in meetings two days a week. The budget proposal is ready to go back to the groups for approval and will be presented at the October GSR meeting. Come one, come all!

District 9, Joe A., GSR: The Moab Group is doing well and staying strong. Donations and attendance were down this summer. This may lead to a change in our number of meetings and a shuffle in the schedule. We look forward to hosting everyone in Moab in February and in September 2013. We hope that hosting Area meetings and assemblies will help to carry the message to the other communities in District 9.

District 8, Teri, GSR: There is a new meeting in Randalet on Friday night at 7pm. We are looking forward to hosting the Area 69 Pre-Assembly Workshop in August of 2012. District 8 is financially healthy and is contributing to the Area and GSO. All district positions are filled except for Treatment. The individual that held that position took his own life earlier this year. Thank you, Keith, for coming to give the Delegate's Report at our annual BBQ in August. Thank you, Mary, for your support with Corrections and helping our District Corrections Chair to get meetings into the jail.

District 7, Allen B., DCM for Northwest Sub-district: District 7 is doing well. We are financially sound and were able to defray two DCMs to this event. We are also excited to be hosting the 2012 Pre-Conference Assembly. I am sad to report that the Primary Purpose meeting hall has closed its doors as of the first of September. That is where my recovery began and I have fond memories of the place. They were kind enough to donate tables, chairs, cabinets, etc., to the KKCB meeting hall. The good news is that the KKCB meeting hall has outgrown its building and we had to get a new one. We were in a 1200 square foot building and could only utilize 800 square feet of that. We are moving into a 2300 plus square foot building. It's in need of a lot of clean up and some remodeling. The location is 1067 South Main St. It's an old orange building set back off the road kind of behind a bright yellow building next to a red building. So far only two of the meetings that met at the Primary Purpose building have moved to KKCB. We hope to be able to mend the split in our fellowship in Cedar City and have more meetings join us. The new building will be able to accommodate 2 or 3 meetings going on at one time.

District 6, Bert S., DCM: We are doing quite well in District 6. We have several strong meetings with good attendance. All of our positions are filled and I have two GSRs with me today. Leroy and Kent are getting meetings going again in the Sanpete County Jail and we have three people who have volunteered to go into the Sevier County Jail. We are going to set up a meeting with the Sheriff and see what we can work out. It will be neat to get back in there because we haven't been able to go in for several years. We had our workshop on the 9th and we had some very good speakers and great food. We would like to thank Keith and Walter for attending. It is nice to have people from the Area come and help us out. We're looking forward to hosting this event next year and have got the building reserved. We are going to set up a committee to start making plans. Hope to see you all there.

District 3, California Dave, DCM: At our September district meeting, there were 15 GSRs and 3 Alternate GSRs. Roll call of officers and committee chairs showed all present with two excused. All District Chairs are filled. **District Events:** 1) October Workshop will be October 29th from 10am-3pm. The theme is "Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age." The

location is the Western Inn Conference Room, 636 Kirby Lane, Spanish Fork. All are welcome. Come check us out! 2) The Area Inventory/Area Committee Meeting will be held December 3, 2011, at the Wasatch County Senior Citizen Center. This location has been secured. See flyers at the Area website. A report from the Corresponding Secretary shows there are 23 active registered groups, all but two with GSRs. Thank you Nicole M. for all your efforts in District 3 and a big thank you to Alyson H. for the coverage at the Pre-Assembly Workshop and all she does in District 3. We're really blessed with all in service and their passion to serve District 3; 3) Our Grapevine Chair has a new display and is displaying his goods at groups.

District 2, Keira N., DCMC: We've been busy this summer with events. Being represented at the U of U School on Alcoholism and Recovery Days in Salt Lake and Tooele, and planning this event. I am excited to see this district full of active servants. We have all of our Standing Chair positions filled and 3 out of 5 DCMs and 2 out of 5 Alternate DCMs in the SugarHouse, downtown Salt Lake and Tooele areas. Thank you for the opportunity to host this assembly. It's been awesome to see the district pull together and work as a team. Thank you to all of those that volunteered. And a special thank you to Charlie G., Area Assembly/Agenda Chair, and Matt D., DCMC, District 11, for all the work they've done with us.

District 1, Frank B., DCMC: Thank you to District 2 for hosting this event and thank you to the Host Committee for all the hard work. As of September 8, 2011, the district finances are at a balance of \$2,013.92. That's \$13.92 above the prudent reserve. It was an honor and privilege to defray a DCM to attend the Additional Forum in Woodland Hills, California. The defrayment was \$400.00 and thank you, Cliff D., for representing District 1. With group contributions this month and very low expenses and defrayments, district finances should stay above the prudent reserve. District 1 had great representation from Utah Area 69 Standing Chairs and Area Officers. Thank you very much. The October district meeting is going to have Pete on the agenda to give a report back from the National BTG Workshop Weekend in Sacramento, California. Charlie G. has only missed two District 1 business meetings this whole year. There are still many positions available at the district. A GSR from Ogden stood for and filled the District PI Chair position. The PI Chair's first assignment was that he volunteered to man the table at the Ogden Health Days on September 10th. He used the literature and bundle package Bruce, Area PI Chair, provided. I purchased the table for Area 69 to help out with the event as well. Thank you, Chris H., for filling this position and thank you, Bruce, for all your help as well. Finally, two things – District 1 is a very large district with 43 registered groups/meetings. There are three DCMs and a DCMC to attend these meetings once a month. The District Secretary and Standing Chairs have been asked to help out to ensure all these meetings are being attended. We are about 95%, which is up considerable from the beginning of this panel. The message is being carried throughout the district, with meeting attendance, through Treatment and especially through Corrections. Thank you all trusted servants. Finally, the 2012 Post-Conference Assembly will be hosted by District 1 on May 18-20, 2012. A committee has officially been formed. Three locations are on our minds. We need to consider travel for the Area and other districts. The location will be followed up on with the Area before any contracts are signed.

Adjourned for Lunch 12:00pm

Reconvened at 1:30pm

Reconvene/Welcome Back, Renae H., Area Chair

Standing Chair Roundtables

Roundtable Report Backs

Host District Presentation/Skit

Guidelines Review Committee Report, Walter C., Alternate Delegate and Committee Chair: Verbal report given.

PRAASA Defrayment Ad-Hoc Committee Report, Eric M., Chair: The committee recommended that trading should be allowed. Renae H., Area Chair, asked for a sense of the meeting. The body voted to send this recommendation back to the committee for further discussion and clarification.

PRAASA 2015 Elections, Renae H., Area Chair: Renae asked for a sense of the meeting as to whether the vote should be a simple majority vote or a third legacy vote by ballot. The body decided to vote by simple majority. The outcome of the voting was as follows: **Chair:** Monte S.; **Co-Chair:** Andy B.; **Treasurer:** Mickey H.

Open mic time/What's on Your Mind?

Adjourned at 5pm