

**Minutes Utah Area 69 Area Committee Meeting
December 3, 2011
Wasatch County Senior Citizens Center
Heber City, Utah District 3**

Welcome Renae H., Chair: Meeting opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Anonymity Statement. Welcomed 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. Todd, District 3, read the 12 Concepts, short form.

Minutes of the Area Committee Meeting, February 26, 2011 - Sheryl T., Area Secretary: Approved as read.

Financial Report –Doug R., Area Treasurer: Approved with revision.

Treasurer’s Report, Doug R., Area Treasurer: I have been gathering historic financial information so we can create a more realistic budget. Thanks to Pete, our previous Area Treasurer, I now have information from the past three panels, which covers six years. We should be able to get a good idea of what’s happened from that information.

Registrar’s Report – Sheri P., Area Registrar: This is a short turn around since the last time we were together, therefore not a lot of activity. I had five returned envelopes, have fixed two and the other three are on the back table. I received a new roster from Districts 7 and 11. This is always helpful. When I rotated into this position, I was told not to concern myself with keeping the Bridge the Gap information current, but it has been really outdated. After talking to a few people, I don’t think they’re anywhere in the guidelines but we will be addressing that. It would be very easy to add a line to the Registrar’s responsibilities. Anyway I have received some updates. I have adjusted that. My Xmas wish is that we are all grateful at this time of year that we get to enjoy the season instead of thinking it is hard.

Roll Call – Sheri P., Area Registrar: In attendance were 7 Area Officers – Area Standing Chairs 9 – Past Delegates 1 – District one, 1 DCMC – District two, None in attendance – District three, 2 DCM, 1 Alt. DCM, 4 GSR, 1 Alt. GSR, 3 Standing Chairs - District four, None in attendance – District five, None in attendance – District six, None in attendance – District seven, 1 DCM – District eight, None in attendance – District nine, None in attendance – District ten, 2 DCM, 1 Alt. DCM, 2 GSR – District eleven 1 DCMC, 2 DCM, 3 GSR, 1 Standing Chair – District twelve, 1 DCM, 1 Standing Chair – CO Reps 1 – Interested AAs 2 – **Total = 47**

Delegate Report –Keith M., Delegate: “Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age”

Greetings Area 69, my name is Keith and I am an alcoholic. It is my great honor and privilege to serve you and our Alcoholics Anonymous Fellowship as Panel 61 Delegate from Area 69 Utah. Happy holidays to all of us. This is going to be a great day! We have an opportunity to take a look at how well we are carrying our life saving message to the still suffering. How are we doing reaching out to the hopeless drunks on the street, the home bound retirees and the very young teenager thinking about taking that first drink? Do they know who we are, where we are, and what we do? And that we have a solution. Let’s find out this afternoon. Remember we inventory the process, the service positions and not the individuals. Love and tolerance is our code and principles before personalities. At the October 27, 2011 Alcoholics Anonymous World Services board meeting, held at the New York GSO, Pam R., chair of A.A.W.S., opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. The following were noted in the Manager’s report: 1) Work continues on the eBook project with a rollout date of early December for the Fourth Edition Big Book and of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in English, French and Spanish. 2) The 26th Intergroup/Central Office/A.A.W.S./A.A. Grapevine Seminar was held in Tucson, AZ, September 29th through October 2nd. Chair Pam R. represented A.A.W.S., and in attendance from G.S.O. were the general manager (Phyllis H.), representatives from the Publications Department, and G.S.O.’s staff members serving as liaison to intergroup and central offices. Communication between intergroup/central offices and general service was a significant topic of discussion. On a personal note, at the local area level I attended the November SLC Central office meeting and we communicated very well. It is my intent to visit more Intergroup/central offices in the near future. 3) Nonalcoholic G.S.O. Archivist Michelle Mirza participated at the 15th Annual National A.A. Archives Workshop in Helena, MT in September. G.S.O. Archives celebrated its 36th Anniversary on November 3rd. From the Publishing Department the 2011-2012 edition of The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts of World Service, is now available in English, French and Spanish. This service manual reflects the actions of the 2011 General Service Conference, the best service conference I have attended. Big Book unit distribution for the first nine months of 2011 was 716,084, compared to only 672,524 in 2010; and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions totaled 299,844, compared to 280,340 last year. This demonstrates the slow but steady rise of our fellowship. Financially, total revenue (contributions, gross profit from literature sales, and interest earned on cash flow) was \$10,488,857, slightly under budget and lower than last year - but okay, since total operating expenses was only \$10,194,978, approximately \$293,847 (2.80%) under budget. It still disturbs me that our contributions totaled \$4,479,958 and gross margin from literature sales were \$6,008,370. When are we going to be self-supporting? As the 2012 Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.) Conference Committee Chair I received a memorandum from Adrienne B. and Mary D., co-secretaries, trustees’ Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities. The following highlights from the October 30, 2011 meeting were noted: 1) The committee reviewed and accepted the preliminary list of C.P.C. exhibit events for 2012. All trustees are encouraged to submit suggestions for exhibits at future national conferences to the C.P.C. staff secretary. 2) The committee agreed that it would be helpful to include the A.A. Grapevine or La Vina magazines in C.P.C. Kits. The estimated cost for 500 magazines is \$750 and is reflected in the 2012 preliminary budget. 3) The

committee discussed a request from the 2011 Conference Committee on C.P.C. “to forward to the 2012 Conference a draft product and report on replacing the current A.A. Cooperation with the Professional Community DVD with a compilation DVD that includes existing materials.” The committee asked the staff secretary to work with Andrea B. and Albin Z. to prepare a report on replacing the current DVD for review at the January 29, 2012 meeting. 4) The committee reviewed the proposal to add the phrase “Non-alcoholics may attend as observers” to the ‘Singleness of Purpose’ statement in C.P.C. literature. The committee noted that the language in the statement could be updated and will submit their suggestions to the staff secretary. The committee will revisit the proposal and consider possible revisions to the ‘Singleness of Purpose’ statement at their January 29, 2012 meeting. On a happy note the Final Report Pacific “Additional” Regional Forum held August 19-21, 2011, Woodland Hills, CA (a short 12 hour van ride to the Southwest) is available. I did an e-blast on November 28, 2011 and I have 30 copies here today. Within the Final Report Pacific “Additional” Regional Forum is a tremendous amount of valuable information, some of my favorites are the “Ask-it Baskets Questions” “Workshop Reports” and Delegate Presentation Reports, however the Past Trustees Sharing is absolutely incredible. A personal sharing by Suzette C. Panel 60 Delegate Area 03 Arizona of her mother’s recent stroke “Special Needs-Identifying Current Challenges” is very moving, a review by Jamie S. Panel 60, Area 92 Eastern Washington of the “The Changing Culture of Alcoholics Anonymous” includes the following quote “...The stories that heal us and bind us to each other’s recovery can only be those of one alcoholic talking to another alcoholic. That is what makes us excellent.” and my personal favorite Linda C. Panel 60, Area 09 Mid-Southern California “Varieties of Spiritual Experience.” Also, on my Delegate Table are plastic pamphlet holders, please take the literature and the holders, it’s all got to go. Nothing returns to Moab. May we all walk in beauty as we pursue our happy, joyous, and free lives in the fellowship of the spirit.

Remaining Area Officer’s Reports

Alternate Delegate, Walter C.: It has only been a short time since we last met. The Guidelines Review Committee met. We discussed recommended changes. These recommended changes have been put into the Guidelines as “track changes” so that they can be discussed for approval at a later date. Also, I had an opportunity to attend of the District 12 Big Book Studies. Please turn in your Area 69 inventories. Thanks for your understanding and help.

Area Chairperson, Renae H.: It’s hard to believe that we have come to the end of this year already. Area 69’s Panel 61 is wrapping up the first year of its rotation and I feel that I have just made a beginning of experiencing and carrying out the responsibilities as Area 69 Chair. You know what they say about service though – by the end of the second year, we have all just gotten comfortable with knowing how to do our service commitments – and then...it’s time to rotate out! I have thoroughly enjoyed experiencing this year’s journey with each of you and thank you all for your patience, love and tolerance. Since our last gathering at the Fall Workshop, I have been contacted by the Area 69 Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) as the Area Finance Committee Chair, concerning what I see as being a two-fold consideration, in regards to our Area’s current financial and budgeting practices. These concerns were discussed at a recent GRC meeting. Discussions generated in part by our Area Delegate, Keith M.’s, Fall Workshop Delegate Report in which he expressed the following sentiment, (quote) “Moving on to a topic that concerns me greatly – money. I have recently contacted the other 93 delegates in the U.S. and Canada on the Dele to Dele email system about area budgets. And, as you might imagine, there is a lot of variability. Most are sound financial documents, created by an informed budget committee and approved by substantial unanimity of the voting members of the area. Some are more like ours, being more spiritual than realistic financial documents. I strongly believe our budget here in Area 69 Utah is no longer useful. Over the last decade or so we have increased our monetary needs in numerous categories, while our revenue stream has decreased. Our budget is out of balance by over \$10,000, thus it is way more spiritual than practical. Spirituality is good and we all depended on it. However, I would like our Area Finance Committee to create a real, balanced budget, a budget which clearly shows our three sources of revenue: 1) Group donations; 2) Profits from Area Assemblies and Workshops; and 3) Individual A.A. member donations. We have no other sources of revenue. We sell our A.A. literature and Grapevine products at cost. There are a few confusing aspects of our budget. For example, some of the past treasurers have tracked Area Standing Chair travel expenses under “Standing Chair Expenses” and others under their individual “Standing Chair” account. Consistency is the best practice in accounting. Another confusing category of the budget is the “Assembly and Workshop” category, which is actually a revenue source and not an expense. We could change this to “Committee Meeting” which occurs in December and February and is an expense. Money is not important, however carrying our message of recovery is critical to the still suffering. Let’s take our spiritual dollars and create a real budget.” (end quote) The Finance Committee has been called and is meeting today to begin work on the 2013 Area 69 budget. The second part of the GRC’s consideration suggested that the Area Finance Committee take a look at how Area 69 can become even more prudent by reviewing our current defrayment practices and the possibility of shortening the number of days we hold Area Workshops and Assemblies – especially considering what seems to be a steady decline in the overall number of members showing up on Sundays. [Our Guidelines state that Area Assemblies begin on Friday evening at 6:30pm and end at 12:00pm (noon) on Sunday.] The GRC will formally present in its’ recommendations to the Area body in the very near future at which time, I’m certain there will be much discussion and careful deliberation, as the Assembly through its’ voice as the Area 69 Group Conscience, will direct the Area Committee in its future actions regarding these issues. This waning attendance trend not only concerns me, but I am also perplexed and saddened by it. Perhaps we will get a better glimpse through our honesty and diligent efforts today as we explore and take on a “fact-finding mission” through this very important process of taking stock of our assets and our defaults by conducting a thorough Area 69 Inventory – looking very closely at how we as an area, can improve upon the services provided and the support that is given to our Utah AA fellowship and to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Please join me today in rolling up our sleeves and really getting to work on discovering and increasing our overall effectiveness, attraction, and financial responsibility through your committed participation.

Standing Committee Reports

Assembly/Agenda, Charlie G., Chairperson: Thank you all for being here and thanks to District 3 for hosting this event in such a fine facility. You all should be commended for your service. New GSR items are on the back registration table. I have been active since we last met and I've visited Districts 1, 9 and 11. I will be attending Districts 8 and 6 for their upcoming events. District 10, if you have not gotten your packet yet, let me know and will email you one today. We are heading in the right direction and are being spiritually prudent with our funds for these events. Please continue this way and we will be able to ensure we can keep carrying the life giving message of AA to those who have not heard yet there is a solution. I will be in NYC from December 22-26 but will return and I am willing to attend your District/planning meetings. I will email my inventory to Walter and Janet.

Bid for 2012 December Area Committee Meeting, Charlie G.: District 10 won the bid.

Archives, Janet H. for Lauana H., Chairperson: Happy Holidays everyone. I am missing seeing all your smiling faces. It looks like it will be awhile yet before I get to see you all. My hip surgery is healing nicely. Now I have to take care of my lower back. I see the Doctor for that January 3rd. Things that have been donated or sent to the archives are but a few; some old pamphlets, 3 A.A. directories: 1 for the Western United States, 1 for the Eastern United States and one for Canada, and a flier for the 26th "Annual Gathering of Eagles" to be held Memorial Day Weekend in Dallas, TX. Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve.

Communications, Kurt J., Chairperson: We have enabled some new statistics which is showing that our web site is well used. In November, we have 5029 visits from 3186 unique visitors. These visitors viewed 17,229 pages resulting in a total download of 1.19GB. If I am reading this right, it appears that most of our visitors are searching for a meeting. The Communications Committee needs your help. We have developed a web site survey. Together with the web site statistics we hope to learn more about how to be of service to the fellowship of AA in Utah and to the alcoholic who still suffers. We need your help to fill out the survey, distribute the survey to districts and groups in Utah, and return the surveys to the Communications Committee. Please take a copy of the survey and make copies for your district and your groups. A copy of the survey for printing, and an electronic version of the survey, can be found on the Area 69 web site at www.utahaa.org/survey/survey.html. In order to drum up business, so to speak, the Communications Committee has also developed a flyer about the Area 69 web site. Please take a copy of the flyer to share with your districts and groups. And finally, I have been working with the Cache Valley Intergroup to update the District 1 meeting list. I also received the minutes from the District 1 GSR meeting for posting on the District 1 web page.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Wade J., Chairperson: Since the last time we met, I am pleased to announce we now have literature racks in Odyssey House. The GEO federal halfway house is a work in progress and we should have a meeting there in the near future. We, as a committee, are working with marriage counseling offices to get racks into the centers. We have made two presentations to Westminster College, talking with the nursing students and staff. I visited District 11 and met with the new CPC Chair. I am very excited in all the work being done there. I would personally like to thank the CPC Committee for all their hard work.

Corrections, Mary B., Chairperson: Since we last met, I have completed and submitted an inventory of all property of Area 69 Corrections. I had the pleasure of meeting Andrew P., who is instrumental in taking meetings into the Summit County correctional facility. Their meeting is on Wednesday night at 7:00pm. He informed me that Bob G. has an excellent program set up for scheduling volunteers in conjunction with an outstanding men's group in Park City that meet Thursday nights. I was able to extend literature to them to help with their meetings and with BTG. They now have the BTG materials on their computers to enable them to have additional volunteer cards as well as inmate information cards. If anyone who would like those files, please let me know and I will be glad to email them to you. There is also a very active women's meeting on Tuesday at 7:00pm. I look forward to meeting with them in the future. I met with Di R., who takes meetings in to the women for the Wasatch County correctional facility. That facility houses approximately 30 to 50 female state inmates as well as county inmates, with approximately 20 attending those meetings. That meeting is well established as is the men's meeting. The women meet at 6:30pm on Tuesdays and the men meet at 7:30pm on Tuesdays. I was able to attend District 1's monthly meeting. Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well with love and service in sobriety. What a privilege it was to be there. Their Corrections work is powerful due to the awesome people who give willingly of their time to help the still suffering alcoholic behind the walls!! You know who you are!! I was able to leave some literature with them. They also have a Spanish-speaking meeting. Yea!! Though, I confess, one of my favorite parts was being introduced to the triplets, Frankie, Skylar and Eli! Thank you to Frank and his wife who put out extra energy, loading triplets into the car for a one hour trip to Brigham and back. I received a letter from GSO with an inmate requesting an AA meeting at the Gunnison Correctional Facility. I am currently playing phone tag with a Captain Blood. The last message was they are holding two classes there, one on Tuesday from 6 to 7pm and an in depth version from 7 to 8pm by Kent Anderson. I am not currently sure what that means???? I will be continuing conversation with Captain Blood to see how we can be of help on that facility.

Grapevine, Treasa J., Chairperson: GRAPEVINE DATELINE: E-Books are coming! Our first eBook will be “Language of the Heart” (English version) in December with the Spanish edition available in 2012. The book will be available for iPads, Kindle, and Nook devices. You will be able to find the eBook for purchase at the aagrapevine.org Store which will take you to the respective vendor for the purchase. Two for One: Grapevine’s Gift subscription is back for a limited time. Two gift subscriptions for only \$42.00. FREE Standard Shipping will be available from 11/28 to 12/12 at aagrapevine.org Store just enter GRAPE upon checkout. Grapevine Online continues to grow. Since May, there have been 1,400 subscriptions. Thank You!! Please tell your friends. Grapevine Complete. Since August 2011, nearly 400 subscribers have taken advantage of Grapevine Complete. Grapevine Complete combines the Grapevine Print Magazine and online subscriptions into one for the price of \$49.97, a \$13.97 savings when purchased separately. New Grapevine Titles: Two new books have been warmly received by the fellowship. 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-timers. (GV-25; \$10.95). Order Information: Web: aagrapevine.org and click on “Store”. Phone: 800-631-6025 (US/Canada), 818-487-2091 (International). Fax: 818-487-4550 Mail: Grapevine, PO Box 16867, North Hollywood, CA 91615-6867. HAVE YOU TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW GRAPEVINE ONLINE with a 7-day Free Trial yet? 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 other sobriety 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. 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. Next Issues – Grapevine – January – Young Peoples issue; February – Sex and Sobriety. Next LaVina: January/February – Recovery is in the Steps. 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 AAGrapevine.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. 1973 General Service Conference (History): Grapevine Committee recommended that: 1) Reaffirming the 1962 action, retiring delegates become Grapevine Representatives in their areas; 2) Each Conference area select a Grapevine chairman who would create a structure to work with the groups to enhance the readership of the AA Grapevine; 3) No new Pay-as-You-Go groups be accepted after July 31, 1973, in view of increasing bad debts. Pay-as-You-Go groups in good standing, however, will be continued. We recommend prepaid subscriptions. The Committee elected Bill H. (Central Michigan) chairman and Jack C. (Utah) alternate Chairman. Thank you for your willingness to carry the message.

Literature, Rachael F., Chairperson: 2011 has been a great year for Literature. I think I have placed an order for every area event. This tells me that we are spreading the word of recovery through the prisons, treatment centers and throughout the community. During this year the Literature Committee focused on creating a newcomer packet to distribute to newcomers that are new to AA. These packets provide the newcomers with answers to simple questions they may have regarding the program and can address concerns they may be afraid to ask about. The packet cost is approximately \$1 which will help groups save money by distributing this instead of a Big Book to every newcomer. The feedback we have received has been positive and we will continue to distribute these packets and adjust the contents when appropriate for the various groups. The packets are also available in Spanish. I have additional newcomer packets if anyone would like to take some back to their groups. See me after the meeting if you would like a few. Since we met last I attended GSR meetings in Districts 1 and 10, thanks for the invitation from Frank and Mel. In 2012 I would like to visit each district GSR meeting, please let me know when it would be a good time. We now have the new 2011-2012 service manuals available. See me after if you would like one. Looking forward to another successful year in 2012.

Public Information (P.I.), Bruce I., Chairperson: This month we have been working on a Spanish language traveling display for health fairs and other presentations. We need to get together with District Twelve and see what we can do together to finish it. Rachael ordered all the pamphlets we generally use so now we just need to develop the rest of the display. On November 9th I visited District 11 together with Wade J. and gave a brief update on current P.I. activities. On the 19th I stopped by the monthly District 10 PI Committee meeting. They are hard at work with ongoing projects and beginning to visit local high schools. Chris H. from District One contacted me about how to get started. He has plenty of enthusiasm but probably feels overwhelmed. I told him that we have taken the approach throughout the Area to start small with one project which seems appealing and when it’s completed to move on to another one. We’re beginning to review the existing District PI workbook previously used by the Area and collecting related documents which can be posted on the Area 69 web site. Hopefully we’ll have something ready after the first of the year. In the meantime we’ll be setting goals for next year and getting ready to follow through. I will begin looking for P. I. opportunities such as Health Fairs and the like to pass on to the districts. I’m looking forward to the Area inventory today and to any and all helpful suggestions.

Treatment, Pete G., Chairperson: I find it hard to believe that Panel 61 is halfway through and I am amazed that there are two Districts that I have not had the change to visit – District 1 has invited me to attend their last two district meetings and it breaks my heart to say “Not yet.” I would also like to attend District 9 at some point in the future. In the four short weeks since we met for the Fall Workshop, I seem to have squandered two of those weekends getting my son married off. That has allowed me to catch some meetings in the Salt Lake area proper. I have been working in the Beaver area and have found that, even though the Beaver Group has not had a GSR for a while, there is awesome sobriety in abundance in that little town. Truly, Beaver is not just for great campouts

anymore, it has awesome meetings on Thursday and Saturday nights. I have taken the opportunity to spread some of our new literature there and hope to get out to Milford in the not-too-distant future soon also. While I was re-populating the literature rack in the Beaver group, I stumbled across some "AA In Your Community" pamphlets from 1974 and donated them to the Area Archives.

District Reports

District 1 – Frank B., DCMC: As of December 2, 2011, the District 1 finances are \$2,546.00 above the prudent reserve. The 2012 proposed budget was presented to the District on November 10, 2011, and will be voted on and hopefully passed at the next District meeting on December 8th. I am very pleased to say that the budget has decreased by \$74.00. A lot of ground is being covered by the Standing Chairs. Corrections Chair, Gunnar, is doing a fantastic job at carrying the message in to the county jails as well as distribution of General Service Conference approved literature. I have never seen the coordination of a District 1 Corrections Chair and the Cache County Intergroup Corrections Chair working together to ensure that the county jail in Logan is being distributed Big Books, 12 and 12s and Daily Reflections as equally as the Weber County and Box Elder county jails. Our Treatment Chair, Scotty, has been so gung ho and is very active in his service position. I think he has spoken in every treatment center in District 1. Anyone willing to speak to help Scotty out, please see me for more information. Scotty gave such a detailed report last District meeting, I thought that we would need an extra half hour. Thank you to all District 1 trusted servants for your hard work. An extended thank you to the trusted servants from Area 69 that support District 1. Charlie G. is at every District 1 business meeting. His presence is always welcomed. Thank you Rachael F., Area 69 Literature Chair, for your support and for attending the November business meeting. The Newcomer packets have been passed out to all meetings in Logan as well as a handful in the Ogden area. What a great tool. Keep up the good work. Thank you Mary B., Area 69 Corrections Chair, for your support. I hope you and the District 1 Corrections Chair had a chance to visit and discuss the issues about BTG, etc. Finally, the 2012 Post-Conference Assembly will be hosted by District 1. At this time I would like to ask the Area 69 Treasurer for seed money as a venue is getting very close to being established. Hopefully, by the February Committee Meeting, a flyer will be available. To all or anyone rotating out this year, thank you for letting me serve with you.

District 2 – Jonathan H. for Keira N., DCMC: Corrections: In all sections of Salt Lake County Metro and Oxbow facilities, attendance at meetings continues to grow, especially at Oxbow. Pink can performance could be better but it is currently serving the need. PI/CPC: Workload has increased to the need for a split of the position. The current PI/CPC Chairperson has not yet decided which of the two to stand for. Archives: The Archives exist after being destroyed by water a couple of years ago. Literature: New chairperson, Chelsea, is attending her first Area event today. Finance: 50% under budget. Contributions 73% of budgeted amount. Events being local and one PRAASA attendee being in Hawaii already contributed to savings. Grapevine and Literature: Chairs are using their budgets well. Central Office Coordination: Inquiries to saltlakeaa.org best served by Area and District chairs are forwarded through the utahaa.org email accounts.

District 3 – Trina B., DCM: District 3 would like to thank you for attending this event. What an amazing venue. District 3 positions are all full with passionate people all doing their jobs. Our district meetings have been well attended. We are currently getting ready to do a District inventory. It will be held January 14th. More information is being gathered. Currently we would like to invite any Area Officers to our District Meeting, held the first Wednesday every month at 6:30pm or our District inventory. When asked for help, our Area has been so willing to help. If your district needs help, ask. It has created a spiritual awakening in me. I am amazed at the willingness and service of everyone! District 3 Christmas party will be December 17th. We are in the process of creating a committee for Post-Conference which will be held in District 3 on May 17-19, 2013. Thanks for allowing me to be of service. It's been an amazing journey.

District 4: No report given.

District 5: No report given.

District 6: No report given.

District 7, Northwest Sub-District (Cedar, Parowan, Beaver, Milford) – Allen B., DCM: District 7 is doing ok, our finances are ok and we are self-supporting. Meetings are doing well in my neck of the woods. The new KKCB Meeting Hall in Cedar is continuing to grow and improve. It is self-supporting and then some. A.A in Cedar City has come a long way. The new KKCB building is the first out of three buildings in 9 years to actually have hot water!!!!!! We just spent \$700 to put in a sink/water heater/coffee bar etc. District 7 is having our Potluck Christmas party on Dec 10th at the Alano Club in St. George and we will be having our district meeting also at that time. Keith, our Area 69 Delegate, has been invited and is attending. WOOO HOO, We Love Keith!!! Oh and by the way Keith is scheduled to be the speaker that night at the Alano Club @ 8 pm. At our last district meeting we were able to elect a chairperson for the Pre-Conference assembly committee. Deanna O. is

the lucky girl to fill that spot. District 7 also had a vote on keeping our district phone. It was a close vote, but the phone is still one of our tools to carry the message. Discussions were heated and I'm sure we haven't heard the last on this issue. GSR attendance has been getting real low. I'm a thinking that's all I have now so thanks for letting me be of service and I always thank a power greater than myself for the fantastic fellowship.

District 8: No report given.

District 9: No report given.

District 10 – Mel M., Temporary DCMC: District 10 continues to have many opportunities for service. We are currently looking to fill DCMC, Alt. DCMC, 5 DCM slots and Treatment, Corrections and Grapevine Chairs. On a happier note, District 10 had four new GSRs and 2 new Alternate GSRs at the last GSR meeting. Our budget was passed and District 10 ends the year with funds above prudent reserve. Per District 10 budget guidelines, District 10 will be making contributions to Central Office, GSO and Area 69. District 10's PI Committee has been on fire and an ad has been placed in four Valley Journals – Millcreek, Murray, West Valley and West Jordan. Opportunities are arising in area middle and high schools to carry the message to youth in District 10. Thank you to Rachael F., Area 69 Literature Chair, for supporting District 10 at our last GSR meeting and her presentation on newcomer packets. Renae H., Area 69 Chair, also lent support. District 10 always appreciates Area visitors! District 10 looks forward to conducting a District inventory next month. Thanks to District 3 for hosting this event.

District 11 – Matt D., DCMC: At our last district meeting we had almost a full house. A few GSRs that have not been to our new location were able to find us and join in on the fun. I'm going to have to increase the number of copies of the agenda that I make. I would hate to have anyone go home empty handed. With a little friendly prodding we were able to find enough volunteers to form committees to put on a district workshop and to host the 2012 Fall Workshop. I would like to thank Wade J. for attending and sharing with us his duties as the Area 69 CPC Chair. I for one got a lot out of it. In this meeting we were also fortunate to have Bruce I. stop by and share with us about PI. It's great to have these two humble men share their experience, strength and hope with us. I can't speak for the other members of my district but it helps to recharge my service batteries.

District 12, Jose B., CPC Chair: District 12 is doing a Big Book Workshop every Sunday at noon at the Group Fe y Esperanza. It is a well-attended meeting and as soon as it is done we are moving to the next group on line. There are only four groups with a good number of members who are supporting us. The Spanish Central Office is joining with the existing one. I want to mention that our Central Office was in our language. Now the Central Offices are together practicing unity in two languages.

Past Event

Fall Workshop – District 12 – Jose B.: District 12 wants to say thanks to everyone who attended and gave their support to get this workshop done. A total of 65 people showed up to this event. We got all the seed money back. We wanted to give a special thanks to all the Area Officers for their help. Without them it wouldn't have been possible to accomplish this.

Upcoming Events

2012 February Area Committee Meeting – Keith M.: Verbal report given. The event will be held at the Community Church. The address is 544 Mivida Dr., Moab. We have a special room rate at the Big Horn Lodge, 550 South Main St., Moab. The telephone number for the hotel is (435)259-6171. The code for the special room rate is "I'm a friend of Bill W."

PRAASA 2012 – Monte S. – Verbal report given.

Pre-Conference Assembly, Allen B., District 7 – Verbal report given.

What's on Your Mind?

Adjourned for lunch at 11:40am.

Reconvened at 1:00pm.

Renae H., Area Chair, explained the Area 69 Inventory procedure.

The group broke into five round tables for discussion.

After the round tables, the group began the Area 69 Inventory. Monte S., Immediate Past Delegate, facilitated the Area Inventory. The written summary of the Area 69 Inventory follows these minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

AREA 69 AREA COMMITTEE INVENTORY 2011

OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE

1. ***What is the primary purpose of the Area Committee?*** The Area preamble was read from the cover of the Area 69 Guidelines: “Helping to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous shall be the primary purpose of the Utah Area Service Structure.”
2. ***Are we as an Area Committee fulfilling our primary purpose?*** Yes. The body seemed to be in agreement about this.
3. ***How can we better use our time at Area Meetings, Workshops and Assemblies to fulfill our primary purpose?***
 - Use enthusiasm to encourage participation
 - Have printed copies of reports available at Area meetings
 - Have reports sent out ahead of time and have those giving reports just give highlights
 - Do outreach about General Service to educate AA members about General Service
 - Have an Area Guidelines orientation to review and help everyone to become more familiar with Area Guidelines
 - Have more roundtable time. Many attendees said they enjoyed the round table format. All can feel comfortable participating in a smaller group. However, it was mentioned that round tables can become quite chaotic so some organization would be helpful – having one person talk at a time, making sure everyone has a chance to contribute, etc.
 - Consider having other activities on Sunday mornings and not always an “Ask it Basket”
 - Allow district event committees to make their own decisions about how to fill the time outside of the time business is conducted
4. ***Is adequate opportunity given to all members to speak and participate in Area Committee activities and to be the actual voice and effective conscience of our Area?*** This question was not specifically answered. Several attendees did mention that more open mic time would be helpful so people can ask questions and get clarification on issues.
5. ***Are all important decisions reached by discussion, vote and, whenever possible, substantial unanimity?*** This question was not specifically answered.
6. ***Are issues involving important decisions made clear and easily understandable?***
 - Monte and Keith have been great at informing GSRs and DCMs on issues and on what needs to back to the groups for a vote.
 - The group would like to know more about motions. The group would like some education about who can make a motion, how a motion is made, which form to use, etc. Concern was expressed that, once a motion is on the floor, there needs to be some explanation of the history, purpose, background information, etc.
7. ***Is the Area Committee democratic in thought and action?*** Not answered specifically.
8. ***Are we helping the “service newcomer” to understand our primary purpose?***
 - Make sure new people feel welcome and included. The suggestion was made that perhaps the folks at the registration table could introduce the new service people to people with some service experience.
 - Have a General Service orientation
 - Have a flow chart to help newcomers understand the different processes – motions, elections, etc.
 - Help make service materials more easily understandable
 - GSR Survival Guide is available on the utahaa.org website
 - Perhaps Past Delegates could help with General Service orientations
 - Perhaps Past Delegates could serve as greeters at Area events

AREA OFFICERS

1. ***Are the responsibilities of the Area Officers clearly explained in our Guidelines?***
 - Yes. The Guidelines are current and accurate.
 - Many attendees said they had the Guidelines but had not read them yet. One attendee made the comment that they felt this group of Area Officers was very approachable.
2. ***How can we assist the Area Officers to better serve the needs of Area 69?***
 - Be honest with the Area Officers and let them know when help is needed
 - Invite Area Officers to District meetings, District inventories, etc.
3. ***How can the Area Officers better serve the needs of Area 69?***
 - Respond to interest shown in the Area Service Structure

AREA STANDING COMMITTEES

1. ***Are the responsibilities of the Area Committee clearly explained in our Guidelines?***
 - Yes. The Guidelines are current and accurate.
2. ***How can we assist the Area Standing Committees to better serve the needs of Area 69?***
 - Make your needs known
 - Invite the Area Standing Committee Chairs to District meetings
3. ***How can the Area Standing Committees better serve Area 69?***
 - Central Office forwards requests to the appropriate Area and District committee chairpersons
4. ***Are the roundtables effective in assisting the Area Standing Committees?***
 - A resounding YES!! Many attendees said they really enjoy the roundtable discussion format.

FINANCE

1. ***What actions should the Area Committee take to ensure that we are using our resources prudently?*** Should we make more details available about Area finances? Events may not be the appropriate venue for more details. However, if there are questions or concerns about Area finances, anyone is welcome to talk to Doug R., Area 69 Treasurer, or the Area Finance Committee.
2. ***Is the Finance Committee used effectively?*** This question was not specifically addressed.
3. ***What can the Area Committee do to encourage financial participation by more of the groups?***
 - Do a “test run” with an Area birthday plan to see if this is something people would want to participate in
 - Talk more often in our groups about the 7th Tradition – where the group’s money goes and what it is used for

AREA GUIDELINES

1. ***Are the Area 69 Guidelines clear and easily understandable?*** There were many positive comments made. People feel that the Guidelines are clear. The efforts of the Guidelines Review Committee to keep the Guidelines clear and current are appreciated!