

**Minutes Utah Area 69 Post-Conference Assembly
May 18-20, 2012
Elks Lodge
Bountiful, Utah * District 1**

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. Service sponsor defined. Introduced Area Officers and Past Delegates.

12 Concepts: Read by Dan, District 2

Minutes of the 2012 "Pre-Conference Assembly," March 30 - April 1, 2012 – Sheryl T., Area Secretary: Approved as read.

Financial Report, Doug R., Area Treasurer: 1) Proposed 2013 budget presented; 2) Group contributions reviewed; 3) May 2012 Financial presented, discussed and approved as read.

Assembly & Agenda Report, Charlie G., Assembly & Agenda Chair: Verbal report given.

Bid for 2014 Post-Conference Assembly, Charlie G., Assembly & Agenda Chair: Districts 1, 7 and 11 bid for this event. District 7 will be hosting the 2014 Post-Conference Assembly.

Upcoming Events

Area Bridge the Gap Workshop, Matt D., DCMC, District 11: We at District 11 are excited to be hosting this year's BTG workshop on June 16, 2012. After trying to find a church big enough to accommodate all the expected participants, we have had to fall back on the reliable Bountiful Elks Lodge. Having not ever attended this workshop before, I am looking forward to the information that I'm sure will be shared. My personal BTG skills are sorely lacking. We have a new member to head up hospitality. I love to see new members serve on host committees. You see the terror in their eyes the morning of the event and the relief and pride after the day is over. I will always remember my first event. As of yet, we have not had much input from our Area 60 Corrections Chair with an agenda. But AA has taught me to put things in my Higher Power's hands and things will work out as they are meant to.

University of Utah School on Alcoholism, Bruce I., Area P.I. Standing Chair: Verbal report given. The event is June 17-22.

FORO, Jose B., District 12: The event is July 8th. Verbal report given.

Pre-Assembly Workshop, District 8: No report given.

Pacific Regional Forum, Keith M., Delegate: Verbal report given. The event is September 14-16, 2012, in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Fall Assembly/Area Elections, Bert, District 6: Verbal report given. The event is September 21-23, 2012, in Richfield.

Report from Past Event

Pre-Conference Assembly, Deanna O., District 7: This year's Pre Conference, which was held in Rockville, was a smashing success in many ways. A lot of people traveled down to the warmer weather that weekend. We had 124 people register and 72 people got the banquet! By the end of Friday evening, we had 85 people registered. We used \$950 of the available \$1,000 in seed money. We returned the full \$950 plus \$1,280.07 for a grand total of \$2,230.07 returned to the Area. This was a great event that I am grateful to have been a part of. I'd like to personally thank everyone in the Area who helped me individually, the committee and District 7 to pull this off.

Registrar's Report, Sheri P., Area Registrar: I was able to email all the changes from the Pre-Conference Assembly with all the new updates. When I got elected to the Registrar position, Doug had made a motion to have the changes emailed instead of copied but to have some copies at Post-Conference. I think this was a great motion because the directory changes after every assembly or workshop. So I did make some copies to pass out at this assembly but, because of the Area's financial situation, they are not fancy and I did not make a lot. I made sure I have one for all the District DCMs, all Area Officers and all Area Standing Chairs plus a few extras. Anyone at any time can request to have the directory emailed or a copy supplied at any assembly or workshop. We can make bound copies that pages can be inserted into if this is wanted. I was asked to speak at the Heber meeting and there were young people there. That was a great experience. What an honor to speak at your Friday night speaker meeting. Thank you again for asking me. If anyone would like me to come to their districts and explain the importance of having all documentation correct for GSR, DCM, and Standing Chairs in all districts, I would be happy to do that.

Roll Call, Sheri P., Area Registrar: Area Officers: 7; Standing Chairs: 7; Past Delegates: 4; District 1: 1 DCMC, 6 GSR, 2 Standing Chair, 2 District Officer; District 2: 1 DCMC, 4 DCM, 1 Alt. DCM, 5 GSR, 1 District Officer; District 3: 2 DCM, 3 GSR, 1 Alt. GSR, 3 Standing Chair; District 4: 1 DCM, 1 Alt. GSR; District 6: 1 DCM; District 7: 2 DCM; District 10: 2 DCM, 16 GSR, 1 Alt. GSR, 1 District Officer; District 11: 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 3 GSR, 2 Alt. GSR, 1 Standing Chair; District 12: 1 DCM, 1 Standing Chair; Central Office Reps.: 1; Interested AAs: 1.

Alternate Delegate's Report, Walter C., Alternate Delegate: Verbal report given.

Area Chair Report, Renae H., Area Chairperson: I want to share my humble and sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for the sobriety I have today! You have contributed in my personal recovery growth by allowing me and trusting me to serve as the Panel 61 Area 69 General Service Assembly Chair to this wonderful Utah A.A. Fellowship. What an experience this is---thank you! My report to you today mainly concerns our Area's Financial Committee's activities and efforts to develop a prudent plan of action to move the Area's budget toward a more balanced picture of what our actual annual contributions/income are. Over the last several years we have seen a gradual decline in A.A. 7th Tradition contributions to all of the various service entities across the board. The most effective remedy is to raise awareness within the fellowship that the "dollar" in the basket today equates to approximately \$0.48 cents compared to the \$1.00 dollar value in 1987. The additional and necessary remedy is to review the way that we are spending that "dollar"---to effectively carry the A.A. message to the Alcoholic who still suffers within our area's General Service structure. In addition to the aforementioned, the Area 69 2013 Proposed Budget presented today by our Area Treasurer, Doug R., and the 3 Area Motions that are currently scheduled for the Assembly's discussions on this afternoon's agenda, have been the result of working toward the Finance Committee's objectives in meeting the responsibilities of "financial prudence" as outlined in the Utah Area 69 Guidelines. When the Finance Committee met at the beginning of this year, a plan of action became clear to us through our deliberations and discussions, that there were 5 "charges," if you will, that we needed to meet. The first 4 are listed above. The fifth consideration we are proposing and presenting today for your consideration is as follows: 2012 Finance Committee - Area 69 Workshop Recommendation: In an effort to maximize Area 69 Workshops participation, functionality and effectiveness while exercising responsible financial prudence and budgeting, the Area Finance Committee reviewed the current Area Guidelines section 2.2 Area Workshops -- "Area Workshops will be held each year which are rotated among Districts selected to host the event one year in advance. The purpose of Area Workshops is to provide a forum to discuss the General Service Conference theme and workshop/panel presentation topics for the current year. The format may include panel presentations, round table discussions, A.A. speaker meetings, ask-it-basket panels, and open mike discussions. Time should be given for Area Standing Committees to meet. The Area Committee may also hold a brief Area Committee meeting in conjunction with the workshop in order to better serve the need for communication within the Area. If an Area Committee meeting is scheduled, it will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Workshops will begin at noon on Saturday and end at noon on Sunday. These Area Workshops are: a. Pre-Assembly Workshop held the 3rd weekend in August; b. Fall Workshop held the 1st weekend in November; and section 7.5 Travel Expense Defrayment -- (As Funding Permits); Item d. -- Lodging -- "All Area Officers and Chairpersons of Area Standing Committees may be reimbursed/forwarded defrayment towards lodging expenses at the rate of up to \$40.00 per night---allowing 2 nights for Area Assemblies, and 2 nights for Area Workshops. One night is defrayed for Area Committee Meetings which require travel in excess of 150 miles one way. If two or more defrayed people share a room, the total defrayment paid shall not exceed the total cost of the hotel room. A proper receipt is to be submitted to the Area Treasurer." The Finance Committee discussed some options in regard to both Area Workshops with much consideration and reflection of past Workshop attendance---particularly the decline of participation on the Sunday portion of these events---and unanimously concluded to propose the following recommendation: "That the Area 69 Pre-Assembly Workshop held the 3rd weekend in August and the Area 69 Fall Workshop held the 1st weekend in November, become one day events held on Saturday. The Travel Defrayment for "lodging", outlined in the current Area Guidelines 7.5 Item d. ---specific to "Area Committee Meetings"---, would apply to both the Area 69 Pre-Assembly Workshop and the Area 69 Fall Workshop". Financial Impact: A savings of 1 night's lodging defrayment expense of the Area 69 General Service Committee, and potential savings to the Area on the amount of mileage defrayment incurred by the Area Committee as a result of reducing the event to one day. The Committee recognizes that the length (start and end times) of the workshops may need to be extended and the format/agenda be restructured to a degree in order to provide the maximum effectiveness and service to the Utah A.A. Fellowship. Foreseeably, such direction will gain clarity through discussion and deliberation within our Area General Service structure, if this recommendation becomes a motion. Respectfully submitted, Area 69 Panel 61 Finance Committee.

New Motion Presentation: John McG., GSR, District 2, made a motion to reflect the change in the length of Area 69 Workshops recommended by the Finance Committee (above). The motion was seconded by Scott of District 11. The new motion is at the end of these minutes.

Delegate Report Back 2012 General Service Conference, Keith M., Delegate: "Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age": It is an honor and privilege to serve you as the Panel 61 Delegate from Area 69 Utah. The following is the introduction strongly suggested on the floor and podium during the General Service Conference: Keith Montgomery, Panel 61 Delegate, Area 69 Utah, Cooperation With the Professional Community Delegate Committee Chairperson. We have no royalty or titles; however, we can get rather rigid with our little "t" traditions. Apparently, this is necessary for taping purposes. Hi I'm Keith a floor licking drunk from Moab. The floor licking term is new for me this year, however it is rather descriptive of my past behavior. The 62nd General Service Conference began with the pre-Conference meeting on Saturday afternoon April 21, 2012 in Rye Brook, New York with the Remote Communities. Five wonderful presentations were shared from the podium covering aspects of geography, language, and culture. Scott H., Area 79 BC/Yukon spoke of accessibility issue involving airplanes, ferries and skidoos. He has traveled over 30 hours in a weekend to carry our message of recovery to the still suffering. Apparently, I will need to stop whining about 8 to 10 hours in my pretty white car. Others shared and shared well about language and cultural barriers, however the common theme is one alcoholic sharing with another alcoholic and the message is carried. I have a few copies of all these presentations on the back table, if there is not enough please contact me and I will forward a scanned copy or mail them to all that request them. After the presentations we all divided into small

groups and shared in a round-robin format, followed by informative report-backs. Linda McD., Area 17 Hawaii shared on the Aloha communities and made me cry when she closed with her thoughts about the spiritual journey in the 4th dimension: she had come to last year's conference timid, inferior, and completely unqualified to be a delegate and left knowing the profound understanding that we are the delegates from the United States and Canada carrying our message of recovery to A.A. as a whole. Speaking of moist eyes, thanks for allowing me as the Area Delegate from Area 69 Utah to proclaim "Present" during Roll Call to the "62nd Annual Meeting General Service Conference" held April 22-28, 2012 in Hilton Rye Town, Rye Brook, New York. The facility is so large it is collectively called a town, walking from my room to the meetings involved numerous directional inquiries, beverage breaks, an occasional nap and considerable confusion for the first few days. Similar to last year I found the committee work the first couple of days extremely rewarding. Serving as chair was both humbling and exhilarating at the same time. Adrienne B., GSO staff secretary for CPC was simply the best of the best. We moved forward two Recommendations and three Additional Committee Considerations to the Conference. Stepping back a moment, I was a small part of a major moment. Monte S. had traveled from Utah to Florida, gathered two Past-Delegates from Utah and assisted in moving them from Florida to Manhattan, New York and then drove a rental car across New York to Rye Brook for the Opening Dinner on Sunday evening. Watching Gay W. and Patti W. listen to Rod B., our Utah raised Pacific Regional Trustee, share as the trustee key speaker brought absolute joy and was one of the best moments of my sober life. The five sober drunks from Utah were so emotional mere words could not convey our feelings of happy, joyous, and free. The first couple of days were dominated by committee meetings, first year delegate area highlights reports, board reports from G.S.B., A.A.W.S. and A.A. Grapevine, second year delegate presentations and general sharing sessions. These delegate presentations are incredible and included the following topics: 1) Still Our Primary Purpose, Terry S. Area 40 Montana; 2) Social Web Sites, Art M. Area 32 Central Michigan; 3) Young People in A.A., Ken M. Area 6 Northern Coastal California; 4) Importance of Sponsorship Gerrie D. Area 84 Northeast Ontario; 5) Service: Our Third Legacy, Steve P. Area 39 Western Missouri; 6) Spirit of Rotation, Scott H. Area 79 British Columbia/Yukon; 7) Diversity – Let's Keep our Doors Open for Any Who May Suffer from Alcoholism, Susan F. Area 49 Southeast New York; and 8) Archives – Where the Past Meets the Present, Dennis J. Area 1 Alabama/Northwest Florida. The theme, tone and focus of this year's conference is all about change, which created a slow profound paradigm shift in my understanding about our fellowship. We are at the turning point of a new vision. The words used in the General Service Structure representing this change are difficult for me to explain the spiritual feeling with our fellowship. Strategic planning, corporate restructuring, inventory, digital data, e-publishing, etc. do not convey what is happening just below the surface. Our theme "Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age" is at the center of our challenge. We as a fellowship need to find our path to share one to one in this brave new world and maintain our personal anonymity. Vic P. Western Canada Regional Trustee suggested in his farewell talk, "that we have been stuck for a few decades and now we have a new vision." According to Vic this began a few months ago when all parties shared openly during the General Service Board Inventory, the words are complex; strategic planning and corporate restructuring however it all comes down to honest open communication at all level of service. Over the next three years our fellowship will take our inventory and it is a good beginning to a new vision for A.A. as a whole. During the Pacific Regional lunch the 2016 PRAASA was awarded to Area 92 Eastern Washington to be held at the Convention Center in Spokane, WA. No treats were provided, however the fellowship was amazing. At 3:17 pm on April 25, 2012 I began my last deliberations as the Panel 61 Delegate, it lasted 2.5 days or about 21 hours and 15 minutes. A total of 93 delegates began gathering our group consciences on February 15, 2012 with 73 Final Agenda Items. Of these, Final Agenda Items, 37 became committee recommendations of which 32 passed with at least substantial unanimity and 57 became Additional Committee Considerations. Of these Additional Committee Considerations six "took no action" and dies in committee, all of the rest were forwarded to trustee committees for future action or deliberations. The General Service Board Motion on restructuring passed after considerable debate and revisions. The strategic plan for restructuring both corporate boards and the General Service Board has been approved and we have turned a corner on stagnation and our leaders have the potential to become visionary. The last part of the conference dealt with the dreaded Floor Actions. There were only seven, one was withdrawn as we started, two received death by "decline-to-consider", three failed after debate, and one passed. If you die your relatives can bequest up to \$5,000.00 in your name, but just once. Well, it is time for the results of the big nine Final Agenda Item that the Area 69 Utah took group conscience on and we formed an area conscience during the Pre-Conference Assembly. Our area seems to be pretty close to the middle and in general agreement on most of the important issues. Apparently we are not unique, however we are special.

Final Agenda Items	Group Conscience	Conference Action	Comments
C.P.C.: Nonalcoholic observers	65 yes/ 11 no	Passed by Substantial Majority	Singleness of Purpose
Corrections: "Sitting in a Cell" Video	45 yes/41 no	Failed	Confusion Regarding Intended Audience
Finance: Projections	13 yes/ 63 no	Additional Consideration: Input from all three Boards	Awareness of Issue, a More Spiritual Way
Finance: LaVina	71 yes/10 no	Failed	Service piece and will continue
AA Grapevine: GV Reps.	58 yes/45 no	No Action Taken	GSR duties if no GVR or RLV
Literature: <i>As Bill Sees It</i>	92 yes/ 6 no	Passed by Substantial Majority	12 Concepts will be added
Public Information: Facebook page	23 yes/ 65 no	Add'l. Consid.: Favorably review	Require more information
Public Information: Tradition 11	29 yes/ 46 no	Add'l.Consid.: Long form Trad.11	Gather Area sharing
GSB Restructure	94 yes/ 1 no	Passed by Substantial Majority	Visionary Strategic Planning

Conference advisory actions in our fellowship are like directives in companies. This is the way the delegates participate in the direction and polices of our fellowship and the way we communicate with the General Service Board, A.A.W.S. Board, A.A. Grapevine Board and GSO staff. The following are the 2012 62nd General Service Conference Advisory Actions.

General Service Committee	Results
Agenda 2013 Theme	“The General Service Conference Takes Its Inventory – Our Solution in Action”
2013 Presentation/Discussion Topics	a)The Triangle - More Than a Shape b)The G.S.C. Inventory - Why is it Necessary? c)Self-Support - What Does it Mean to the Fellowship? d)Primary Purpose - Carrying the A.A. Message
2013 Inventory Plan	15 Questions within 8 Broad Categories
Cooperation With the Professional Community Revised five pamphlets, two service pieces and the workbook	Add Nonalcoholics ... as observers ...
Revised three pamphlets	Change to detox and rehabilitation
Corrections Revised pamphlet	Approved “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell”
Revised pamphlet	Changes to “A Message to Correction Professionals” 1) ... sober and contented life ... in custody ... 2) Re-entry and Parole 3) Nonalcoholics ... as observers .. 4) replace section “A.A. in correctional facilities”
Finance Delegate Fee	Increase annual delegate’s contribution from \$1200.00 to \$1600.00
Grapevine Audio strategy	Members can call in and record their story on 3 rd party recording technology
Publishing strategy	“Sunset” Phase out older or slow-moving Grapevine items
Literature Revised pamphlet	Approved “A.A. and the Armed Services” Note: no subtitle
Revised book	Add 12 Concepts to “ <i>As Bill Sees It.</i> ”
Revised book	Approved changes of outdated language or practices <i>Living Sober</i>
Revise pamphlet	Revised pamphlet or report in 2013 for “Circles of Love and Service”
Policy/Admissions 62 nd GSC Observers	Approved two A.A. members from India
62 nd GSC Delegate	Approved Roger B. alternate delegate Area 89 Northeast Quebec as delegate
65 nd GSC	65 th General Service Conference April 19-25, 2015
Electronic Devices	Approved “Guidelines for Electronic Device Users at the Conference”
Public Information Pamphlet	Approved “2011 Alcoholics Anonymous Membership Survey”
PSA	Approved “Tengo Esperanza” airs in November
PSA tracking	Central distribution and tracking for “Tengo Esperanza” not to exceed \$40,000.00
Revised pamphlet	Approved “Anonymity Wallet Card”
Report and Charter Revise “The A.A. Service Manual”	First-time changes be noted by vertical margin change bars
Revise “The A.A. Service Manual”	Add text to Glossary “Rotation – the spiritual principle of sharing the responsibility for A.A. through changing leadership
Revise “The A.A. Service Manual”	Replaced Page S16 with previous bottom section and change “District Committees” with “Districts”
Trustees General Service Board	Approved
A.A.W.S. Board	Approved
A.A. Grapevine Board	Approved

A full description of agenda items discussed at the 62nd General Service Conference, including vote counts and Additional Considerations is available online at utahaa.org. Due to the length of Keith’s report, the entire report will not be included in these minutes. Please refer to the printed reports distributed by Keith at the Post-Conference Assembly, or go online (www.utahaa.org) to view the entire Delegate’s Report.

Adjourned for Lunch 12:00pm
Reconvened at 1:30pm
Reconvene/Welcome Back, Renae H., Area Chair

Standing Chair Reports

Archives, Janet H. – Items turned in to the archives since Feb. 26th, 2012: 50 New Archives Workbooks; Set of tapes from PRAASA 2011; 4 pictures from PRAASA 2011; 1 picture from PRAASA 2012, lanyard, some other miscellaneous items; Set of tapes from PRAASA 2012; 1 box of papers from 2000 Post Conference; 2012 62nd GS Conference Agenda items with background; Box 459 spring 2011; Markings, Archive newsletter; Canadian AA Directory 2011; A Newsletter for Professionals Winter 2011; A few LaVina and Grapevines; 4 CD's from AA functions; One electronic Label maker with some tape – works wonderful; Copy of 1940 - AA Preamble; Set of Winterfest tapes from 2012; Also quite a few other miscellaneous items. Received an order for a dozen “One to One” Utah history book, those have been made and delivered. I have a few extra copies here with me today. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Communications, Kurt J. – One month ago I celebrated 18 years of sobriety. In case you haven't heard the rumors, it's true – I am a newlywed. My wife and I got married in a private ceremony on March 10th. I have just been keeping up with posting documents and meetings. Meeting changes are a constant challenge, but I think we are doing okay. Website usage has been steady over the past few months. Each month we get about 6,000 visits from 3,500 unique visitors. These visitors view about 20,000 pages per month. Our bandwidth is about 1.5 Gb per month. I had the privilege of attending PRAASA in Bellevue, WA, on March 2-4. What an awesome experience that was! I was asked to participate as a reader on one of the panels. Getting up in front of 1,000 people is a bit different from standing up in front of 100 people. For those hosting future events, I need to translate flyers into Spanish. In order to do that, I need the original Word DOC file. Unfortunately we cannot translate PDF or Publishers. Please create flyers as DOC files. In my first AA service meeting, I felt excited and privileged to be with such an incredible group of people. I feel that way each time we get together.

CPC, Wade J. – Verbal report given.

Corrections, Mary B. – Keith, it is an honor and privilege to have you serve us and to serve with you! Thanks for all you do. Since we last met, I attended PRAASA and was given the gift of chairing a Corrections roundtable. I have copies of minutes for Corrections people who are interested in reading them. I have received some new names and addresses for Corrections Chairs in Districts 7 and 2, Mike U. and Jim D. Welcome! I look forward to assisting you in any way I can. If anyone needs this information, I can provide it to you. I have bridges for District 7 from GSO and one for Salt Lake City. I will deliver them to Corrections in those districts this weekend. I am looking forward to BTG in District 11. Thank you, Kristin, for the information you gave me at Pre-Conference and the energy you have extended thus far. I look forward to seeing you all there. Send your spouses, sponsors, and anyone off the street interested in Corrections and Treatment bridging. The event is June 16th at the Elks Lodge in Bountiful. I gave literature racks and pamphlets to Districts 4 and 6. I met with Districts 4 and 6 on Saturday, May 5th. We discussed the corrections needs in their districts and have set up some actions to assist them in achieving their goals for new meetings of AA in some facilities there. We are currently looking for people in District 3 who would possibly be interested in taking a meeting once a month into the jail in Nephi. We would like to have two people lined up for each week. We currently have volunteers lined up for two of the weeks. Please get with me or a representative from either of those districts if you can help. We attended the Payson Wednesday night meeting. It was such a great meeting. There were lots of newcomers in attendance. I was able to meet Rex, the Corrections Chair in District 4. He was awesome and is dedicated to getting this new meeting into the correctional facility in Nephi. The facility is actually much closer to District 3 than District 4, hence the request for assistance from District 3. I will not leave here today without scheduled appointments for any district desiring assistance in creating new meetings in correctional facilities, any district who would like me to come and present, or anyone just needing encouragement.

Grapevine, Treesa J. – LaVina: The Man/June issue of La Vina is “The story of my group”. One member shares in “Small Space, Big Heart” and says with emotion: “we cried and laughed, we have received good and bad news here and we have found true friendship.” How To Support Your Grapevine: The “How to Support Your Grapevine” message began in Box 459/Spring issue, in addition to a 1/3 page in April Grapevine and a full page in May Grapevine along with mentions on AAGrapevine.org home page. You can support Grapevine by submitting your stories, art and feedback for publication. Please think of a topic you would like to share, write a 3-5 minute article just like if sharing in a meeting. You do not have to send a title or use your name; you can send it as anonymous. Articles must be in word format (not PDF) and email to gveditorial@aagrapevine.org or 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. Grapevine Complete includes: Monthly copy of the print magazine; Formerly unpublished members' stories weekly – Over 150 new stories each year; Audio Grapevine – Grapevine magazine in audio; AA Grapevine Story (Digital) Archives – Since 1944 to present; Grapevine monthly magazine online; LaVina bi-monthly magazine online; And for only 14 cents per day; Grapevine Complete is a great deal. Visit AAGrapevine.org today; Back Issues: Grapevine and LaVina back issues are available for sale as quantities permit. You receive 30 back issues for \$54.00. This would be a great way for a home group to inform newcomers of the magazine and support Grapevine/La Vina. Finances: Grapevine ended the year \$125,000 ahead of budget with a positive \$22,000 on the bottom line. GV's 2012 budget was presented during the January quarterly board meeting projecting a positive \$34,084. (Standing Chair Personal Note: Please remember the last few years have been a real struggle and continue to support the Grapevine.) 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. Thank you for your willingness to carry the message.

Literature, Rachael F. – Thanks to District 1 for hosting this Post Conference Assembly. Again not a lot is going on with literature. As you heard earlier in the delegate report back the conference they voted to accept suggestions on revising the pamphlet “Circles of Love and Service”. The

literature committee has been discussing this at the last couple of round tables and has a few ideas. I would like to be able to draft some suggestions and send them to GSO. I will keep you posted on our progress. I was contacted by area 2 Alaska inquiring about what our literature committee was working on. I am hoping to be able to contact some other areas as well to see what they are working on as a committee and share with them what we are doing. If you have received a rack with pamphlets from our Delegate Keith and are in need of refill literature the cost of the same pamphlets is \$16.50. Please let me know if this is something you need so I can include it in my next order. I have newcomer packet available for \$1 if anyone needs them. They are a great source of information for the newcomer at a reasonable cost. The packet includes 7 pamphlets; AA at a glance, Do You Think You're Different?, This is AA, Is AA for You?, Frequently Asked Questions About AA, Questions & Answers on Sponsorship and a Newcomer Asks. Let me know if you would like to take them back to your group. I will be placing another order prior to the August meeting. Please let me know if you want to be included on the e-mail list that I send out prior to ordering.

P.I., Bruce I. – Riding – or running – both? Either way, it's been a super good time. I'm looking forward to today. Beginning to circle the wagons for summer. We've been asked to comment on the AA Fact File. Also, an area from Florida would like to submit an idea Q&A tri-fold idea explaining P.I. Need to inform members about service opportunities. We will talk about both at our roundtable. We have a total of 14 exhibit/display boxes in various stages of completion. Changes are being made along the way. The season for health fairs and exhibits is just starting. We need your help and the help of others. Hoping to stimulate interest. Have just invited ourselves to District 2 in June. Hoping to reconnect with Districts 11, 6 and 8. Talked to District 3. Just got new contact information from District 6.

Treatment, Pete G. – In the short time since our Pre-Conference in Rockville, I had the privilege of serving on the Pre-Conference Host Committee and we spent a little time closing things up from the Pre-Conference Assembly. To be able to spend time with alcoholics putting something on like an Assembly is more beneficial to those putting on an event than it is to the Area, it seems. Many of the folks who were on the Committee were former General Servants that have rotated out and it was very beneficial for those just getting into Service to learn from the example that they provided. I recently had the opportunity to serve as a mule for material to Beaver for a Public Service event there. The material made it to St. George from our PI Chair and I delivered it in time for the event. Whatever it takes to really Carry the Message. There is a new group beginning to form on the campus in St. George and they were looking for any information they could get to get a meeting started. District 7 now has two DCM's and it is awesome to be able to see the District respond and help new and old groups. Frank really saved me by helping me get focused for this event by asking me to participate last night. The BTG Workshop is a "GO". Very excited to participate in that event right here in this facility on June 16. All the workbooks I ordered for the Pre-Conference Well, I sooo forgot to pass them out. So I have a LOT of material to give to the Treatment Committee. I was fortunate enough to speak with the new District 10 Treatment Chair and was able to get her some of the Treatment Literature we have available.

District Reports

1 – Frank B., DCMC: Thank you to all Utah Area 69 trusted servants for attending the 2012 Post-Conference Assembly. I hope you will enjoy yourself this weekend and, if you need anything, please feel free to ask one of the members of the host committee to assist you. It has been an honor and privilege to be the part of the District 1 Host Committee for this event. Thank you as well to the host committee members for your dedication and commitment to District 1. District 1 financials show that we are \$81.42 above the budgeted prudent reserve. Thank you to all groups that practice the 7th Tradition and contribute to the District 1 fund. Two DCM positions have been filled in the greater Ogden area. These two positions were vacated a month earlier. With the addition of these two DCMs and the Standing Chair committees, the work of Alcoholics Anonymous is being carried throughout northern Utah. The intention of District 1 is to attract some of the darker meetings into service and service in general through General Service. The District 1 guidelines have been reviewed, audited, revised and distributed to the District 1 body. An electronic copy will be available on the www.utahaa.org website as soon as possible. The District 1 Corrections Chair has used pink can contributions to purchase literature for the county jails in District 1. Thank you to all groups that pass the pink can.

2 – Keira N., DCMC: Business in District 2 is going well. We have recently filled our Grapevine position – John McG.- and Literature – Chelsey B. – and an Alternate DCM position – Linda. Our open positions are P.I., CPC, 2 Alternate DCMs, and 1 DCM. We have completed our DCM sub-district meeting list update and our active DCMs are eagerly getting around to their meetings and carrying the message. We are excited to participate with the U of U School on Alcoholism. It has always been a great success for professionals and an eye-opening experience for the AA volunteers to be a part of.

3 – John W., DCM: District 3 has been doing well. An ad-hoc committee was formed by groups and interested AAs to address issues and create solutions in District 3 and Central Office cooperation. Two new GSRs were present at our district meeting with eleven GSRs attending. All positions in District 3 are filled with the exception of Alternate DCM. The guidelines committee has met regularly and got information back from groups. We will be meeting in July to finalize changes in our district guidelines. We had our first 2013 Post-Conference Host Committee meeting and we are on track with guideline procedures and event arrangements. We have a new District 3 CPC Chair – Eric M. All Area representatives are invited to attend our monthly GSR meetings. They are held the first Wednesday of each month. We have had more volunteers to take meetings into the county jail. All GSRs reported good attendance at meetings. Thank you, District 1, for hosting this event.

4 – David R., DCM: We attended a workshop on May 5th in Richfield put on by Mary B., Area 69 Corrections Chair. We are trying to get an AA meeting into the Juab County Jail. There has been quite a bit of growth in our Fillmore AA meeting. The Delta meeting

has seen a little growth. The Scipio meeting is thinking about starting back up. The Broken Elevator Group is struggling. The biggest meeting in District 4 is our Millard County jail meeting which is usually attended by 15-22 people. There is a ranch near Holden that is working with a treatment center in Utah County to provide sober living and work experience to some of the graduates. We have had some welcome attendance in our meetings from the ranch residents. I am extremely grateful for the support that comes down from the Area level. The more contact we have with Area functions, the better able we are to share the message. It means a lot to me to be part of AA again and I am very grateful that District 4 is part of AA again.

5 – No report given

6 – Bert, DCM: District 6 is doing well with good attendance at all meetings. We would like to thank Mary B. for coming down and talking with us and District 4 about getting meetings in to the Sevier County Jail and the Nephi Jail. Mary gave us a lot of good information and we are looking forward to setting up a meeting with the Sheriff and getting things going. We have got the ball rolling on the Fall Assembly that we will be hosting in September. We have secured a building and the banquet has been taken care of. I have put some registration flyers out on the table so please take one before you leave. We have not been in the Gunnison Prison because Kent has been having health problems but he says he will be getting back as soon as he can. District 4 is doing well financially and we will probably not need any seed money for the Fall Assembly. A new meeting has started in Marysvale which I think is great because we have not had a meeting in Piute County for as long as I have been in service. I'm going to see if I can get them to start coming to district meetings and help them get a GSR so we can hear their group conscience. Thanks for letting me serve in this great program and thank you for all for helping me stay sober.

7 – Allen B., DCM, Northwest Sub-district: It is sure nice to see your faces again. District 7 is doing well. We are self-supporting and were able to defray our only 2 DCM's to this event. We still have positions open, but no bodies to fill them. Maybe one of these days we will get to that point. At our last district meeting we formed an Ad-hoc committee, as we are going over and changing/updating our guidelines. It's been several years now since the last review so we're gonna "git-r-done." We are in the process of getting a monthly GSR meeting started to be held directly before our district meetings. Hoping to help the GSR better understand the position. Also were hoping to spark some enthusiasm for general service. I ask myself almost every day where would I be today had I not gotten into general service. And I think, just speaking for myself that I probably wouldn't still be here. And I'm pretty sure if I were still here my quality of sobriety would look very different. But then again I could second guess myself till the cows come marching home and that wouldn't change a thing. So until those cows do come marching home I will keep coming back and be grateful for the many blessing I have received and the A.A family and friends I have today. Thank you for letting me serve and God bless you and your families.

8 and 9 – No reports given.

10 – Mark B. for Rick V., DCM: District 10 is doing well. We recently filled three more standing chair positions: Grapevine, Corrections, and CPC positions are now filled. We only have one DCM position and a couple of Alternate DCM positions open. The 2013 Post-Conference Assembly Host Committee has all the service positions filled and we are now figuring out where to hold the event. The U of U School on Alcoholism is coming up in June. Wade J. is working on getting all the time slots filled for this very important event. I would like to thank the Area trusted servants for dropping in at some of our GSR meetings to support our district. Their insight and knowledge is very much needed and appreciated by all of us. I am so grateful to be in the DCMD position because I am learning so much about what it means to be "teachable" because it is very humbling to ask questions and learn about this position. Thank you Area 69, District 10 and God for allowing me to be of service.

11 – Matt D., DCM: We alcoholics in Davis County are doing well. There continues to be a great turnout at our monthly district meetings. Every month I print more agendas than the month before. Contributions are a little low. In April, Jerome W. hosted a wonderful district workshop. Unfortunately there was low attendance for this event. I got a lot out of the day and was happy to be a part of it. Thanks again Jerome. All of our standing chairs are doing a great job of carrying the message. We have some new volunteers taking meetings into the jail and the treatment centers. We currently have two host committees formed, one for the BTG Workshop and one for the Fall Workshop. They are both well on their way. There is a flyer for the BTG Workshop and a preliminary flyer for the Fall Workshop available here today. I can make more copies if needed.

12 – Jose B.: District 12 has eight active groups, one of which is a women's group. We are working on our next FORO. We still haven't secured a facility, but we are working on it.

Motion Discussions: There are a total of four motions, including the new motion just presented, that will be read and discussed at the Pre-Assembly Workshop and the Post-Conference Assembly. The motion regarding decreasing the mileage defrayment was read by Renae H., Area Chair. There was much discussion with the eventual decision to table this motion and defer further discussion until the Fall Assembly. All four motions are included at the end of these minutes.

Area Guidelines Discussion and Vote: The changes recommended by the Guidelines Review Committee were discussed and passed. The changes will be made and copies of the updated Area 69 Guidelines should be available at the Post-Conference Assembly.

Standing Committee Roundtables

Open mic time

Adjourned at 5:00pm

2012 Area 69 Finance Committee Proposal

Appendix F

Area 69 Standard Accounting Practices

1.1 Travel Expenses

- 1.1.1 Standing Chair travel expenses to and from Area 69 events should be accounted for under the Standing Chairs Expenses category.
- 1.1.2 Standing Chair travel expenses to fulfill the individual duties as chair of that committee, should be accounted for under the individual committee budgets. (ie. Travel to and from District Meetings and/or Workshops)

1.2 Standing Chair Budgets

- 1.2.1 Standing Chair budgets should have two line items. An expenses column that reflects the expenditures of the committee; including Standing Chair travel expenses as outlined in 1.1.2 above. An incoming revenue column that reports contributions or purchases generated by that committee as a result of committee activity. These contributions may include sales of AA literature, Grapevine, costs related to printing of GSO approved or Area 69 approved material, defrayment of the standing chair to a District or group event (referring to 1.1.2 above) or individual contributions intended for the use of a specific committee (contributions for Corrections or Archives)

1.3 Assemblies and Workshops

- 1.3.1 Assemblies and Workshops will be listed on the Annual Budget and/or Financial Report only to indicate the amount of seed monies needed for each event.
- 1.3.2 Each Assembly/ Workshop Hosting District is responsible to provide a financial accounting which shall include income, expenditures, and the balance. It is suggested that the host committee use the existing “Area 69 Activity Information Form” to record the event information and to provide a copy to the Area Treasurer within 60 days following the event.
- 1.3.3 The Treasurer will report on this information and provide a copy to the Area Archives.

1.4 Contributions

- 1.4.1 Each type of contribution source should have a separate line item. (ie. Group Contributions, Individual Contributions, Contributions Generated by Area Service Events, Contributions Generated by Non-Area AA Events, etc.)

Rationale:

On November 5, 2011 at the Fall Workshop in Murray Utah, our current Delegate suggested that, “Consistency is the best practice in accounting.” This statement pointed out the fact that we as an Area do not have any standard accounting practices. This makes it very difficult, if not impossible to accurately compare income and expenditures from year to year, panel to panel. To that end we, the Area Financial Committee, are recommending the adoption of the above **“Standard Accounting Practices”** to be published as **“Appendix F”** in the Area 69 Guidelines.

MOTION- MILEAGE DEFRAYMENT

“Reduce the current rate of defrayment for Area Officers and Chairpersons of Area Standing Committees from 25 cents per mile to 20 cents per mile for distances in excess of 25 miles round trip.”

Date of Motion: February 25, 2012

Presented by: LeAnn L.

Seconded by: Keira N.

Rationale/Background: The Finance Committee concluded through its discussions that the rate of 20 cents per mile defrayment for distances in excess of 25 miles round trip for Area Officers and Chairpersons of Standing Committees is financially prudent and is a reasonable defrayment rate to off-set the expense of travel within the Utah Area 69 General Service structure. Based on Area 69 Archives records dating back to 1982 through 1989, the defrayment rate was 10 cents per mile; from 1990-2007 it was 15 cents per mile; from 2007 to the current time, the rate has been 25 cents per mile. The 2007 increase of 10 cents per mile was affected in part by the rising cost of fuel associated with the economic climate during that time. It was the Finance Committee’s consensus that the current rate of 25 cents per mile has basically covered the total expense of actual fuel costs incurred (associated with the travel of Area Trusted Servants) in most cases. This may vary with the type of vehicle used for travel. Once again, the purpose of defrayment is to assist in covering a portion of expenses while serving in an Area position. The financial impact and potential savings to the Area by reducing the current rate of 25 cents, for a savings of just “one nickel” per mile, is impressively significant. The actual annual cost of Area Service position travel is variable and fluid dependent upon the location of the hosting districts of Area 69 Service Events, as well as the amount of travel associated with Officers’ and Standing Committee Chairs’ levels of activity in conjunction with performing the duties of each elected position. Therefore, the annual average savings to the Area through the implementation of this recommendation will also vary.

Financial Impact: The potential savings could be up to \$1,400.00 per year.

MOTION – BRIDGE THE GAP WORKSHOP

“Discontinue having a Bridge the Gap Workshop in June each year. Instead of the workshop, in odd years of each panel at the Post-Conference Assembly, approximately one to two hours would be allotted for Bridge the Gap presentations and sharing of experience.”

Date of Motion: May 19, 2012

Presented by: Mary B., Area 69 Corrections Chair

Seconded by: Wade J., Area 69 CPC Chair

Rationale/Background: Bridge the Gap is really handled by the districts. The Area is struggling financially and this could result in cost savings. Historically, there has been low attendance at the BTG Workshops. The www.utahaa.org website has BTG information, forms, etc. If the districts need help, the Area can assist.

Financial Impact: Potential savings of \$300 annually

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MOTION – AREA 69 WORKSHOPS

“That the Area 69 Pre-Assembly Workshop held the 3rd weekend in August and the Area 69 Fall Workshop held the 1st weekend in November, become one day events held on Saturday. The Travel Defrayment for “lodging”, outlined in the current Area Guidelines 7.5 Item d. ---specific to “Area Committee Meetings”---, would apply to both the Area 69 Pre-Assembly Workshop and the Area 69 Fall Workshop.”

Date of Motion: May 19, 2012

Presented by: John McGrath, GSR, District 2

Seconded by: Scott, District 11

Rationale/Background: The Finance Committee discussed some options in regard to both Area Workshops with much consideration and reflection of past Workshop attendance, particularly the decline of participation on the Sunday portion of these events. This motion was made in an effort to maximize Area 69 Workshops participation, functionality and effectiveness while exercising responsible financial prudence and budgeting.

Financial Impact: A savings of one night’s lodging defrayment expense of the Area 69 General Service Committee, and potential savings to the Area on the amount of mileage defrayment incurred by the Area Committee as a result of reducing the event to one day.