

Minutes Utah Area 69 Pre-Assembly Workshop
August 18, 2012
Hosted by District 8
Vernal, Utah

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. Margaret, District 8, read the 12 Concepts, short form.

Secretary's Report – Sheryl T., Area Secretary – I would like to thank District 8 for hosting this event. A lot of time and effort goes into putting an Area event together and all the hard work of the Host Committee is really appreciated. I attended the Bridge the Gap Workshop in Bountiful in June. District 11 did a great job hosting this event. Also in June, I was able to attend the Wednesday night speaker's meeting at the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies. Wade J., Area 60 CPC Chair, was the moderator of the evening's speaker meetings. On July 8th, I was able to attend the District 12 FORO for a brief time. There was a small group in attendance, but the dedication and passion District 12 has for carrying the lifesaving message of Alcoholics Anonymous was apparent, as always. On a personal note, I celebrated eleven years of continuous sobriety on Saturday, August 11th. I am extremely grateful for my sobriety and the life Alcoholics Anonymous has given me. Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve Area 69.

Minutes of the February Committee Meeting, February 25, 2012 – Sheryl T., Area Secretary – Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Doug R., Area Treasurer - Good morning Family. I extend my thanks to the host committee. You've done a wonderful job, as usual. I would like to address a couple of issues that have come up from the discussion of the Finance Committee's motion to lower the travel defrayment from 25 cents to 20 cents. This, by the way, would save the Area approximately \$900 to over \$1,000 annually. I say approximately because it depends on where the assemblies and workshops are held. For instance, it cost well over \$4,000 to hold the last assembly in Rockville, versus just under \$2,000 for the Post-Conference Assembly held in Bountiful. The majority of the additional expense is travel-related. The entire point of all the motions that came out of that January Finance Committee meeting was to be as prudent with your group's contributions as we can be. And I have to say that, in my opinion, the districts and Area have stepped up and have been very conscientious about keeping costs to a minimum. I applaud the efforts of the district host committees, the Area Standing Chairs and the Area officers. As far as creating a balanced and more realistic budget, that will take time. The budget for 2013 is closer to a realistic budget than has ever been presented. One of the problems has been a lack of Standard Accounting Procedures. Trying to compare costs from panel to panel has been nearly impossible, which is why the Finance Committee is proposing an appendix to the Area Guidelines. The appendix suggests some very simple Standard Accounting Practices so the budget can become a more useful and realistic document. Thank you for allowing me to serve this incredible fellowship. Each position I've had the privilege to serve has brought another bit of clarity as to how this unorganized organization works, and where I can perhaps add to its effectiveness in carrying the message to those who still suffer. Thank you and God bless.

Financial Report – Doug R., Area Treasurer – Approved as read.

Delegate's Report – Keith M., Delegate - "The General Service Conference Takes Its Inventory – Our Solution in Action"

It has been an incredible honor and privilege to serve the Area 69 Fellowship as the Panel 61 Delegate. The 62nd Conference report backs have been going extremely well. I, or Walter C. the Alternate Panel 61 Delegate, reported to all the Districts except District 4 and 5; however, I am not done, please do not let these be my last reports, I am available. Please invite me and I will come. In addition to the District Committee reports it has been my absolute honor to provide brief, or hour long, reports to a few recovery meetings. Although you never know for sure, there seemed to be genuine interest in the eyes of these members, who are not so involved with General Service. The love and respect Area 69 shows their delegate is incredible. I am simply overwhelmed with gratitude. At the June 8, 2012 A.A.W.S. board meeting the newly elected chair Roberta L. General Service Trustee, opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. Phyllis H., G.S.O General Manager, reported that 1) the Western Canada Regional Forum in Edmonton Alberta, was a great success, with 254 first time Forum attendees. The next Regional Forum will be held in the Eastern Canada Region; 2) Over the past few months, a team of tech professionals has done an in-depth technical review of the eReader project. Their initial efforts focused on the issues that were being reported to G.S.O. with the Apple iPhone version and fixes that are needed for an iPhone update. The Android reader continues to be on hold pending further examination by the board; and 3) Management has been communicating with our benefit plan consultants on a draft proposal for a defined contribution plan for employees. GSO staff reports that in the second quarter of 2012, through Corrections Correspondence Service, we connected 338 incarcerated A.A.s with outside members to share their A.A. experience. The summer issue of *Sharing from Behind the Walls*, our quarterly newsletter of shared experience from incarcerated alcoholics, is available and I have brought a few copies today. Following the recommendations of the 2012 Conference Committee on Public Information, the video public service announcement for the Spanish-speaking community, "Tengo Esperanza," is in post-production and should be available soon. The Publications Department has the Alcoholics Anonymous 2011 Membership Survey, A.A. and the Armed Services pamphlets, and the revised Anonymity Wallet Cards available; I have a set of all three for you today. Gross sales through the end of May 2012 were budgeted at \$5,530,240 - with actual sales of \$5,462,710. Print book units distribution for this same period totaled 754,897 units; non-A.A. purchases accounted for 130,055 units, or 17.2%. Since December 9,

2011, the launch date, a total of 6,018 e-books have been sold. A recent press release about the Big Book noted the Library of Congress designating our basic text as one of the 88 “Books That Shaped America.” Publications director Valerie O’N noted that although G.S.O.’s Publications Department was not formally created until 1985, we continue to be one of the largest ongoing publishing operations in North America with an average distribution of 1 million Big Books annually and 3.3 million pamphlets in 2011. The Publishing Committee considered questions about existing translations of A.A. literature in Native American/First Nation languages and asked for a report on the status of Native American/First Nation translations. A.A.W.S. approved funding not to exceed \$1,500 for preparation of an audio version of a portion of the Big Book in Navajo. Don Meurer (nonalcoholic), in finance, reports that during the first three months of 2012, contributions from A.A. Groups and members totaled \$1,610,596 (\$35,942 under budget); gross profit on literature sales was 2.1 million (\$43,463 under budget); and total expenses were 3.3 million (under budget \$68,811). Don was quick to point out that three months of activity do not indicate a trend. I noticed that once again we spend what we have, if contributions and sales are down we simply spend less; however, please note we are cutting or postponing important projects. During a report back at one of the districts I was asked for more information about carrying our message of self-support. I sent a quick email to Terry Bedient, Class A Trustee on the Finance Committee, and received permission to post “Around the Picnic Table” and Renae and Kurt have made it available on our web page. Thanks. I ask for your thoughts and prayers for loving guidance as I trudge along our spiritual path into the 4th dimension. May we all walk in beauty as we pursue our happy, joyous, and free lives in the fellowship of the spirit.

Registrar’s Report – Sheri P., Area Registrar – My life recently has been busy, overwhelming and blessed. God has given me the opportunity to see how this wonderful program of Alcoholics Anonymous has truly been the most wonderful gift I have ever received. There were three mailings returned this time but I have several returns from past mailings. They are on the back table if you would like to take a look at them and see if you might have any update information. It is so wonderful to be here today. Thank you for your support and fellowship. You are a blessing in my life.

Roll Call– Sheri P., Area Registrar – In attendance were 7 Area Officers – Area Standing Chairs 8 – Past Delegates 3 – District 1: 1 GSR – District 2: 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 1 Standing Chair – District 3: None in attendance - District 4: None in attendance – District 5: None in attendance – District 6: 1 GSR – District 7: 1 DCM – District 8: 1 DCM, 1 Alt. DCM, 3 GSRs – District 9: None in attendance – District 10: 3 DCMs, 2 Alt. DCMs, 3 GSRs – District 11: 1 GSR, 1 Alt. GSR – District 12: 1 DCM, 1 District Officer – CO Reps: 1 - Interested AAs 1 – **Total = 43**

Remaining Area Officers Reports

Walter C., Alternate Delegate – Since we last met, I have attended the District 2 GSR meeting with the Area 69 Delegate, the Bridge the Gap Workshop, and the Spanish Forum (FORO) for District 12. I am looking forward to attending the Regional Forum in Alaska. This is an election year and some of the districts have requested that the Area 69 Delegate assist with their elections. I look forward to assisting the districts with the elections the Delegate cannot attend. Last time we met, the Guidelines Committee presented suggested changes and they were voted on. The approved changes will be incorporated and the updated Area Guidelines will be available at the Fall Election Assembly.

Renae H., Area Chair – Since our last Gathering there have been many 12 Step Service activities taking place within the Utah Area 69 service structure committees, the 11 geographical districts, including the statewide Spanish speaking district number 12 --- most of which have been provided to the general public in the form of Public Health Fairs, the University of Utah Annual School on Alcoholism, and by invitation to these service committees to set up booths, distribute literature, and provide information about Alcoholics Anonymous in various communities throughout the state of Utah. The active responsibilities of General Service are being carried out by many dedicated volunteers, elected trusted servants, and members within our Utah fellowship. Whether it is through “general service” or “service in general”, we are all working towards fulfilling Alcoholics Anonymous primary purpose to continue to carry the A.A. message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic. I feel it an honor and a privilege to be a part of such a giving and committed fellowship. I was given the opportunity to attend, over the last couple of months, the Annual Area 69 Bridging the Gap Workshop hosted in Bountiful, UT by district 11, the Annual U of U School on Alcoholism, and Districts 1 (Brigham City, UT) and 10 (Murray, UT) GSR meetings. I was also invited by a group to give a 10 minute share on Concept 7. I look forward to attending the Area 69 2012 Pre-Assembly Workshop being hosted by District 8 in Vernal, UT to discuss the 2013 General Service Conference Theme and Workshop Topics that our fellowship’s Conference Delegates, GSB of Trustees, and a number of GSO staff and Directors of our separately incorporated services, gather at the 63rd General Service Conference in New York and share our fellowship’s collective conscience in regard to these matters.

Area Standing Chairperson Reports

Archives, Janet, Repository Archivist – I had the pleasure to attend the District 12 local forum on July 8th and I displayed District 12 archival items at this event. As always, I had a wonderful experience and I had the opportunity to learn more. The repository has been quiet for the summer. A few requests have been fulfilled. Contributions since the Post-Conference were: New pamphlets in English and Spanish; monthly newsletters from Salt Lake Central Office; District 11 box of financial records; Big Book American Sign Language (new set); 2001 membership display; Area financial records Sept. 2007 – 2010; 2008 CPC workbook; Bill and Bob’s farewell talks; George Stewart’s memorial; and a Spanish group history. Two ladies

from Cedar City have asked to help in the Archive Repository. Purchased sheet protectors for use with pictures. I have three Utah "One to One" history books for sale today.

Assembly/Agenda, Charlie G., Chairperson – I have been very active this summer traveling to host committee meetings for planning in Districts 1, 10, 3, 8, 12 and 11. I will be in District 6 on September 7, 2012, for the planning meeting prior to our election assembly. A reminder to the host committees – please remember to turn in your financial record sheet at the end of the event you host. I have received three this year so far but need an additional two as well as the one from this event today. The FORO in District 12 was awesome. They translated from Spanish to English, and from English to Spanish. The roundtables were very informative and the group conscience was shared and we learned a lot about how to serve each other. Thanks to them and thanks to the host committee here in District 8. What a joy it has been to get to know you! Great job today! Let me know how I can help your host committee. P.S. I will be attending the Regional Forum in Fairbanks.

Bid for 2013 August Pre-Assembly Workshop – Charlie G., Assembly/Agenda Chair – District 2 won the bid.

Communications, Kurt J., Chairperson – Life has been busy for me this summer. Regardless, there is always some activity on the website every week, sometimes every day. After meeting with Area Officers and Standing Chairs, I have been working to fix problems and address concerns with our Area 69 email. I am happy to report that I got Renae's problem resolved. I have been working hard to update and maintain the meeting schedules. Since May, I have reviewed and updated the schedules for Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 11. I think we are finally up to date. Of course, next week we will have to do it all over again! The website is getting steady use from 6,000 visits per month. We are serving up about 20,000 pages a month for a bandwidth of about 1.5 GB. I am very grateful to be part of service in Area 69. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Wade J., Chairperson – Since the last time we met, I have been reflecting on the past year and a half, and thinking about all of the awesome things that have been done by the district CPC committees. I would like to thank each and every one of them for all they do. I was given the opportunity to visit District 10 and give a report on the University of Utah School on Alcoholism. As I rotate out of the position I currently hold, I always think about the things I did and the great opportunity that you have given me to serve this fellowship. Thank you for my sobriety.

Corrections, Keith M. for Mary B., Chairperson – Keith M. gave a verbal report for Mary B., who was excused from this event.

Grapevine, Treesa J., Chairperson – eBooks! "Step by Step", "Emotional Sobriety I", "Emotional Sobriety II", "Young & Sober", "The best of Bill", "Lo Mejor de Bill", "Spiritual Awakenings", and "Language of the Heart". **New Shipping Rates:** Standard shipping rates for the United States and Canada will increase effective September 2012. The list is available at AAGrapevine.org. Foreign shipping will be charged at cost beginning September 2012. Orders of \$200 or more used to cost \$20 but will now be \$30 for shipping. **(Please note: the last standard shipping rate increase was in September 2002.) Did you know?** AAGrapevine has published new books? The first one I want to introduce is "*Into Action*" (GV28). A collection of Grapevine stories with highlights on how members practice the Twelve Steps, use literature & slogans and get into service, sponsorship and fellowship. The stories demonstrate the various ways members get active in AA to stay sober, carry the message and live rich rewarding sober lives. Available on Nook books, Kindle books and I-books soon. **Also, "Young & Sober"** (GV27). A collection of stories from members who got sober in their teens, 20's, 30's. These members recount how they recognized their alcoholism even though their drinking may have only lasted a few years. "*Happy Joyous & Free: The lighter side of Sobriety*" (GV29). A collection of stories written by members with highlighting the practice of the Twelve Steps. **Register as a Grapevine or La Vina Representative:** Grapevine and La Vina ask that you register in order that we can send you all the materials and information needed to fulfill your service commitment. **Please contact us via:** Fax: 212-870-3301, **Email:** gvrcaagrapevine.org, **Online:** Click on the Resources/GVR tab on AAGrapevine.org and click on Victor Id. On the upper right for the form or click on the La Vina tab then click on La Esquina de RLV in the upper right corner for the form in Spanish, **Mail:** GVR Coordinator, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1264, New York, NY 10115. **Grapevine Complete Includes (\$49.97, a \$13.97 savings if purchased separately:** Monthly copy of the print magazine. Grapevine Story (Digital) Archive – Since 1944 to present. Formerly unpublished members' stories each week. Current issue of Grapevine magazine online. Current issue of LaVina magazine online. Access to Audio Grapevine – The monthly audio version of Grapevine magazine. **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? Audio Plan:** The Conference recommended that Grapevine move ahead with the plan allowing member's to call in and record their own stories; additional information will be coming soon.

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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 2014 Calendar and Pocket Planner. Entries must be received by December 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. **ALSO, requesting stories:** To see the Editorial Calendar featuring next year's grapevine issue themes go to aagrapevine.org, click "Share", then click on "Editorial Calendar". Please remember to submit your stories on these themes at least 5 months in advance of printing. We look forward to receiving your stories!! **"We have to grow or else deteriorate. For us, the 'status quo' can only be for today, never for tomorrow. Change we must; we cannot stand still."** AA Co-Founder, Bill W., February 1961; From: "The Shape of Things to Come", The Language of the Heart. **Grapevine strives to be self-supporting through the sale of Grapevine items & subscriptions.**

Literature, Rachael, Chairperson – Thanks to District 8 for hosting this Pre Assembly Workshop. The literature committee has been working on the agenda item from last year’s conference. Discuss a suggestion for revision of the pamphlet “Circles of Love and Service”. I have drafted a letter to the Trustee’s Committee on Literature with suggestions for the revision. The committee will review this today and I will send it to GSO. If anyone is interested in seeing this draft let me know. The 2012-2013 service manuals will be available soon. I will either have them at the Fall Assembly or I will have a better idea of when they can be ordered. The new Armed Services pamphlet is available and our Delegate Keith will distribute some today. 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 \$15.00. I have 2 sets today, let me know if you would like to purchase a set. I will be placing another order before the Fall Assembly if you need anything let me know today or send me an email through the website www.utahaa.org. 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. Like I mentioned I will be placing another order prior to the September meeting. Please let me know if you want to be included on the e-mail list that I send out prior to ordering. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Public Information (P.I.), Bruce I., Chairperson – Verbal report given.

Treatment, Pete G., Chairperson - My report consists of a report on the BTG Workshop, held in Bountiful and hosted by District 11. District 11 did an outstanding job in putting on this event. It was held in the Elks Lodge in Bountiful. Do you suppose they know that, when this place was built, it would serve so many recovering alcoholics? For our meeting’s purpose, the location of the Registration table and hospitality is awesome. My calm, quiet June was interrupted by little Ms. Saydee Kama Kana My Kaloni. This means (according to grandma), the Gift from Heaven. That turned out to be a fact. Years of excellent sponsorship have taught me to always be ready to carry the message, to anyone – anywhere. I had expected to have a quiet June, including a quiet BTG event. When Mary called and changed my schedule, I was delighted that she would be doing something that many of us can only hope to do – be with family. With our host District and the majority of our Area servants – the show went on. Many thanks to Mary and to her daughter for making up the packets. There were plenty of them, for Districts and individuals. Keith related the history of Bridging the Gap and articulates very well the story of BTG in Utah. Renae, our Area Chairperson, gave an overview of the District BTG workbook. The workbook is used to provide a uniform, general idea of the purpose of BTG. Districts can use the workbook and turn and give it to the incoming servants. Our former Lit Chick, Sheryl T., stepped in to provide a literature overview. Wade and Bruce added their experience and knowledge by reminding us that BTG is Basic 12 Step Work. It is primarily District oriented, using Area contacts where needed. By far the most informative portion of the day, other than my Special Needs presentation, was the Grapevine story portion presented by our GV chair, Treesa J. At the national BTG workshop last year the GV made a commitment to publish a BTG issue if they had enough stories to put into one issue. In an absolute stroke of brilliance, Treesa had us sit down and write some material for the GV. I won’t say any more about this as I do not wish to take any thunder from Treesa’s report. What BTG workshop would be complete without an honest-to-goodness Bridge? District 4 provided the Bridgee and District 7 provided the Bridger. It was very gratifying to see the program in action and to know that so many people were willing to get involved. Thank you for letting me be of service.

District Reports

District 1 –Erin for Frank B., DCMC – As of August 17, 2012, District 1 has \$471.00 above the prudent reserve. Thank you to all groups for practicing the 7th Tradition and sending your splits to District 1. As per the district guidelines, a mid-year budget review took place and the budget was modified where necessary and the changes took place. District 1 elections will be held during the October business meeting. I’m hoping to get an Area 69 officer up to District 1 to moderate the process. The September meeting has Pete G. on the agenda and everyone is looking forward to seeing Pete then. All standing chairs are comfortable with their positions and the work of Alcoholics Anonymous is being done in northern Utah. With the two trusted servants standing for two DCM positions in the Ogden area, a new meeting schedule has been distributed and hopefully more of the dark meetings will be visited. I have had the privilege to attend a new meeting in Bear Lake. It is a small meeting, but the message is there. The meeting is in need of support so anyone who is visiting Bear Lake, please try to attend this meeting. You can access the address on the utahaa.org website. Thank you for my sober life and the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

District 2 –Keira N., DCMC – As of the end of June, contributions have been up 36.14% from last year’s contributions at that time. I feel this is a direct result of the increase of attendance and participation by our GSRs and others in our district reporting to the groups. These individuals are spreading the message of self-support with the groups and are informing them about what is going on within District 2 and Area 69. Thank you for letting me serve.

District 3 – No report given.

District 4 – No report given.

District 5 – No report given.

District 6, John – Verbal report given.

District 7, Northwest Sub-District (Cedar, Parowan, Beaver, Milford) – Allen B., DCM – Not a lot is going on in District 7. Our finances are okay. We were able to defray our two DCMs to this event. Originally I was going to ride up with Treesa, and Deanna was going to ride with Pete, but we got to thinking about our 7th Tradition and being self-supporting. So District 7 decided we would split the cost between District 7 and Area 69 and the District paid for gas one way and Area 69 defrayed the gas for the return trip – a win win situation. And we let Janet tag along. District 7 is updating their guidelines. The DCMs are trying to collect contact information for all the groups that don't have a GSR. This was a request from Ron L. at Dixie Central Office. UCYPAA is working on planning their convention for June 7-9, 2013, at Bryce Canyon. They could use some support. KKCB's board committee threw a 3-year birthday party and we had 60+, which isn't bad for these slackers in Cedar City. We seem to be hit with the low attendance summertime blues. Other than that, recovery goes on! Thank you for letting me serve and I can't tell you enough how much I enjoy your sharing your experience, strength and hope. Thank you Alcoholics Anonymous for saving my life.

District 8 – Doug H., DCM: District 8 has two unfilled standing chair positions – CPC/PI and Grapevine. We recently passed our proposed budget. We will be holding our district elections on October 14th in Vernal. Keith M. will be helping us with our elections. Thanks, Charlie G., for all your help putting this event on and thanks to all members of District 8 for your help.

District 9 – No report given.

District 10 – Mark B., ADCMC, for Rick V., DCMC – Greetings Area 69! Hope you are all well, healthy and happy! This summer has been a scorcher. Thank God for swamp coolers and AC. District 10 is doing well. We are in the middle of going through the District 10 Guidelines, making any changes needed so we can have our DCMs and GSRs take them to their respective group for their review and approval. Also, Kelly S. is getting the Budget Committee together to have the 2013 budget ready for approval in November. Mel has been doing a great job of getting things set for the "Pass the Gavel" event coming up in December. Thank you, Mel, for all your hard work in bringing this important function together. At our next GSR meeting on September 10th, we will be conducting our district elections for new DCMs, standing chairs and DCMC, Secretary and Treasurer positions. A special thanks to Mike and Shirley O. for agreeing to join us and bringing their experience and knowledge to our elections. Mark B. and the Pre-Conference Assembly Host Committee are getting everything put together for this function. A special thanks to Charlie G. for helping us with the timeline issues. Thanks to all of you in Area 69 for helping us when we ask for your input and advice when dealing with these workshops and events. Also, thanks to those of you in District 10 who are willing to give of your time so we may continue to carry the AA message to those in and out of the rooms who want what we have.

District 11 – Matt D., DCMC, will deliver this report at the Fall Assembly in Richfield.

District 12 – Jose B.: We would like to say thank you to all the people that attended our FORO at the Murray Elks Club in July. We had a blast! Without you guys, it wouldn't be the same. Currently we have eight active groups and we are getting ready for elections.

Past Events

Post-Conference Assembly, Erin for Frank B., DCMC, District 1 -

Area Bridge the Gap Workshop – Pete G. included information on this event in his Treatment report. Matt D., DCMC, District 11, will give his report at the Fall Assembly in Richfield.

Upcoming Events

National Bridge the Gap Workshop Weekend – Verbal report given by Pete G., Area Treatment Chair

Pacific Regional Forum, September 14-16, 2012, Fairbanks, AK – Verbal report given by Keith M., Delegate.

Fall Assembly, John, District 6 – Verbal report given.

Fall Workshop, Carrie A., District 11 -

December Area Committee Meeting (Pass the Gavel), Mark B., ADCMC, District 10 – Verbal report given.

Motions/Discussion

The motions can be seen in their entirety on pages 7 and 8 of these minutes.

Appendix F – Standard Accounting Practices

This motion was presented by Doug R., Area 69 Treasurer. There was discussion regarding the motion and it will now be taken back to the groups for further discussion.

Mileage Defrayment

This motion was entertained by Renae H., Area 69 Chair. The motion was discussed and it will now be taken back to the groups for further discussion.

Bridge the Gap Workshop

This motion was entertained by Renae H., Area 69 Chair. After some initial discussion, a “point of order” was called due to confusion about the wording of the original motion. This motion was tabled.

Area 69 Workshops

This motion was entertained by Renae H., Area 69 Chair. There was some initial discussion, but time ran out. This motion will be discussed further at the next event, time permitting.

What’s on Your Mind?

Closed Business Meeting and Adjourned for Lunch - 12:00pm.

1:30pm – Reconvened and Workshop Began

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.

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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.