

**Minutes Utah Area 69 Fall Workshop
November 3-4, 2012
Bountiful Elks Club
Bountiful, Utah – Hosted by District 11**

Welcome Renae H., Area Chair – Meeting opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Anonymity Statement. Those attending their first General Service event were welcomed. The term “Service Sponsor” was defined and those willing to be service sponsors were identified. Area Officers and Past Delegates were introduced. Gary, Dist. 1, read the 12 Concepts, short form.

Secretary’s Report – Sheryl T., Area Secretary – Thank you, District 11, for hosting this event. Since we last met, I had the opportunity to attend a workshop in District 3. Mike L. was the chair of the event and he and his host committee did a great job. The workshop was well-organized and there was good attendance. The discussion focused on our new theme. At the end of October, I had the opportunity to participate in my home group’s elections and be a part of that process. Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 69.

Minutes of the 2012 Pre-Assembly Workshop – Sheryl T., Area Secretary – Approved as read.

Treasurer’s Report - Doug R., Area Treasurer – Verbal report given.

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”
Greetings Area 69, my name is Keith and I am an alcoholic. It is my great honor and privilege to serve our fellowship as the Panel 61 Delegate from Utah Area 69. I hope that your fall is going well, and that your service brings fulfillment to your life. It has been my incredible privilege to attend a number of district elections recently and I am becoming very aware of a trend. Many of our available service positions are not being filled. Some of our long time trusted servants are rotating back to their home groups and other service assignments, I signed up as the door greeter for the Moab Sunday morning meeting in January. Rotation is a wonderful principle of our fellowship, it creates new leadership opportunities. Rod B., our current Pacific Regional Trustee, penned a beautiful article on “...the value and understanding of our 2nd and 3rd legacies...” (Reprinted in Area 69 News & Notes, 9-21-2012, Volume 1, Issue 6). Quoting Rod; “I would like to encourage sharing with our group members the value and understanding of our 2nd and 3rd legacies more than we do now. I believe that we do a very good job sharing with the general membership the merits and implications of our 1st legacy. All of you have experienced and have come to understand how important all of our legacies are individually and for the entire fellowship.” I strongly encourage everyone to read the entire article it is truly inspiring. Using Rod’s suggestion I challenge all of you to share the joy of general service. Specifically, once or twice a month, I would like each of you to share your personal experience about the third legacy with a new member of our fellowship. This is not an enormous task; it is fun to share the joys of service. I believe there are many members in our fellowship who have not been exposed to our third legacy. Yes, maybe they heard it’s so political; all they do is argue about commas and periods. Well, this has not been my experience. In general service I shared the task of carrying our life saving message of recovery to the still suffering; and thus experienced the great joy of unity, our second legacy. If we all take this challenge, think of the lives we could change. I know general service has greatly enhanced my life. Let’s create some opportunities. Speaking of opportunities, the Trustees’ Committee on Corrections and the Trustees’ Committee on Public Information have announced openings for Non-trustee Appointed Committee Members. Wow, what an incredible Twelfth Step service opportunity, I have the paperwork available, the deadline for both is November 15, 2012. Mary C. GSO staff secretary for the Trustees’ Public Information Committee has requested Area sharing on an Additional Consideration from the 2012 General Service Conference, specifically, your ideas about “regarding the effectiveness of the language of the Short Form of Tradition Eleven in addressing the needs of the Fellowship today.” You can send your thoughts via email to Publicinfo@aa.org or postal mail. The deadline for this sharing is December 31, 2012. Rick W. from General Service Office announced a G.S.O staff opening, if you are interested in working in New York for our fellowship, please see me. I have the application. Also, it’s time for your suggestions for a theme and presentation topics of 2014 General Service Conference. I have a few blank forms. A.A.W.S. has published the revised “Living Sober” and the updated pamphlet, “Understanding Anonymity.” I have provided these today with a few extras to the DCM’s for their districts. Please take a few minutes and review these incredible valuable pieces of literature. The A.A. Grapevine has produced two new books from stories published in past Grapevine articles. I am providing a copy of either “Young & Sober”, or “Happy, Joyous & Free” for your reading pleasures today. 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.

Roll Call– Andy B. for Sheri P., Area Registrar – In attendance were 6 Area Officers – Area Standing Chairs 8 – Past Delegates 1 – District 1: 1 DCMC, 3 GSRs, 1 Alt. GSR – District 2: 2 DCMs, 1 GSR, 1 Standing Chair – District 3: 1 Alt. DCM, 1 Standing Chair - District 4: 1 DCM – District 5: None in attendance – District 6: 1 DCM, 1 Alt. GSR – District 7: 2 DCMs – District 8: None in attendance – District 9: None in attendance

– District 10: 1 DCMC, 3 DCMs, 3 GSRs, 1 Standing Chair – District 11: 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 4 GSRs, 1 Alt. GSR – District 12: 1 DCM, 3 GSRs, 1 Standing Chair – CO Reps: None in attendance – Interested AAs 1 – **Total = 52**

Remaining Area Officers Reports – **Walter C., Alternate Delegate** – Since we last met, I have had the opportunity to visit several districts for elections and workshops. I attended the Forum in Fairbanks, Alaska. Two things stuck with me from the Forum: 1) The Grapevine made a profit; and 2) the importance of rotation. When staying in a position too long, that service work may be about ego rather than service. The Cache Valley 12th Step Workshop showed me the importance of stepping up and putting oneself on the 12th Step call list. The District 3 Fall Workshop taught me about remembering why I am here (Tradition 5). I am here to help the alcoholics who have not come through the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Rena H., Area Chair – Dear Area 69 Friends and Fellow Trudgers, I want to express gratitude for my sober life today. Had it not been for Alcoholics Anonymous' doors being open to my generation of alcoholics, I know without a doubt that I wouldn't be alive today. I also know that as we gather together in the consistent action of General Service throughout Area 69 at all levels, including service in general within our own home groups, and through individual 12th Step work---that we are in the constant process of taking great care in, and preserving this life giving program for many future generations of alcoholics yet to walk through our doors. When I first got sober, I hadn't any idea of the activities and the responsibilities that go on behind the scenes that help make the meetings possible. I was just trying to keep my head above water one day, and sometimes, one hour at a time in those early days of recovery. I find it absolutely remarkable that so many recovering alcoholics are sober and here today, willing to give of their time, dedication, and commitment to serve Alcoholics Anonymous through your participation and being a part of the Area 69 General Service Committee in action. Thank you all! Since my last report given at the Pre-Conference Assembly held in August, Keith had given me the opportunity to fill in for him while he was attending the Pacific Regional Forum in Alaska, to attend a District 5 meeting on September 16th in Price, to give the Delegate's General Service Conference Report and to discuss their members desire to form a more active General Service Committee structure within the district. It was an honor and a privilege to spend a Sunday afternoon with our fellow A.A. friends, sharing in an A.A. meeting that was held prior to the District Business meeting, and then sharing in their excitement and enthusiasm to actively participate as a district in the Area 69 General Service Committee. We also discussed their desire to host a District 5 workshop in an effort to generate additional participation in service by having an agenda that would include some topics/panels such as "The General Service Structure", and "The 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous". I really look forward to being a part of District 5's continual growth and development as we all walk the path of service together as the Utah Area 69 General Service Committee/Assembly. On a "post-Fall Election Assembly-note", I want to both welcome the newly elected Area service position holders, and to publicly thank those who have served with Panel 61 who are rotating out of general service---for me, this has been a remarkable group of people to have been privileged to serve alongside of. I also want to extend the same sentiments to everyone in all of the 12 districts that form our area's general service structure that have served and given so much to this fellowship, and to those who may be just beginning on this fulfilling journey of service as part of Panel 63 for the next 2 years. And a finale note: I know that in A.A. it is suggested that we just stay in today---one day at a time, which has been such an excellent tool I've often pulled out of my spiritual sobriety tool kit. However, in the excitement (or should I say "anxiety"!) of anticipating my newly elected position as the incoming Area 69 Treasurer, I must admit---I have been thinking into the future---maybe a little too much...and maybe not! But I do want to announce that I have set up a P.O Box to receive your groups' 7th Tradition contributions to go into effect come January 1, 2013. The new address to mail your group or individual contributions to is:

Area 69 Treasurer
P.O. Box 433
Draper, Utah 84020

(This address will be posted on the www.utahaa.org website beginning January 1st, 2013.)

Thank you again for allowing me to serve this incredible area as your Panel 61 Chair...it has been an amazing and fulfilling experience that has enhanced not only my personal sobriety in so many ways, but also my spiritual sobriety. For this, I will always be grateful to you for having entrusted me 2 years ago---through the Third Legacy Procedure of electing our "Trusted servants"---to be afforded this wonderful opportunity!

Area Standing Chairperson Reports

Archives, Janet H., Repository Archivist – There has been a lot happening in the archives since Sept. not even going to try and list item per item all that has been passed in. But a few high lights are: new pamphlets from GSO, 2011 Membership Survey, new "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell", "A.A. and the Armed Services", 2012 Conference final report, new Area Guidelines. Buttons for PRAASA and Young & Sober. Photos and paper documents. Rachael had inventory from several rotations past that had not been used or displayed, so now the Archives can display. There was a small box of foreign pamphlets and 5 boxes: Large print Service Manual, Polaroid Portable DVD player. American Sign Language VHS's; Alcoholics Anonymous and 12 x12. Two containers containing 62 Big Books of foreign translations, (no indication of which country or language) 50 of these are on display today, there were some duplicates. Braille editions of: the Big Book 3rd edition is 7 volumes, (I can't imagine reading it) the 12x12 is 2 volumes, "44 Questions", "Is AA for You". On display today is a photo from the Library of Congress along with the notice of 88 books that have influenced the nation. "Our Big Book" was on display as part of a special exhibit in Washington D.C. from June 25th to Sept. 29, 2012. Because of the new book donations and the information about the Big Book at the Library of Congress, I thought a display of ways the

book of Alcoholics Anonymous is shared would be interesting. There have been several requests for information from the repository; those were filled including mailing one of our history books to CA. I want to thank the Area for the opportunity and defrayment to attend the 16th National Archives Workshop in Cocoa Beach, Fl. I am grateful that our area supports this position. Every time I attend a workshop, I enjoy meeting new people, and seeing old friends. There were three of us there who attended the first workshop in Akron Oct. 96. 269 registered this year. There are more attending each year. Al-Anon and Young People are included and give presentations. I received a new archive packet, Catalog of Archival products, 16 CD's of the workshop was purchased for our archives - \$80.00. I got to meet Michelle M. GSO archivist and tour the Kennedy Space Center with her and her two sons. Nancy H, Chair of Trustee's Archive committee was the Saturday night speaker. Presentation about Richmond Walker, who wrote the 24 Hour Book, history. Very interesting. Digital Preservation- 2 hours. "Blessed be the Pessimists for they shall make backups" lots of information on programs, but all digital formats need to be redone every two to three years. Seven pages of notes on this workshop. But repositories need hard copies of all information. DC's are not recognized as safe storage devices. Conservation 5 hours, Preservation is a slow, time-consuming process. Great refresher course. Oral histories, Copyright & fair use, passing it on, three pages of notes. Copyrights are owned by individuals and the Archives must preserve the anonymity of the family member or members. We were able to view the documentary film "Bill W." by Kevin Hanlon and Dan Carracino, Q and A followed. What a wonderful job they did in producing this film. It will be showing in theaters, watch for it. They are planning to make a DVD so that we can purchase it. Archives displays, four rooms. Little Red Book manuscript by Richman Walker will be out Oct. 12th. Brown University has the coffee pot that Bill & Bob used at Bob's house, Bob's daughter Sue sold a lot of items to them. Business meeting to update and clarify our National Archive guidelines. Workshop 2014, Philadelphia, PA there will be tours to Stepping Stone and the GSO Archives. Next Archives Workshop will be in Springfield, IL. Thanks to Treesa for attending with me. I have with me three Utah "One to One" history books today for anyone wanting to purchase one. Thank you for letting me be a part of AA as a whole.

Assembly/Agenda, Sheryl T. for Charlie G., Chairperson – Thank you for the opportunity to serve all of you. I have been busy traveling a lot. I visited Districts 1, 10, 3 and 11. Thanks to the host committee here in District 11 for putting on such a fine workshop. This venue is perfect for us in all aspects. Went through a set-up with Matt D., your 2013-14 Assembly/Agenda Chair. He will learn and pick this up quickly. The three past chairs are available to help. We will be traveling to Districts 10, 1, and 2 for planning meetings for our upcoming events. If you need any help with planning your event, let me know. Also, all of your packets for committee meetings, assemblies and workshops are available from our www.utahaa.org website. I look forward to meeting with you all again in December at Pass the Gavel.

Bid for 2013 Fall Workshop – Monte S. for Charlie G., Assembly/Agenda Chair – District 1 won the bid.

Communications, Kurt J., Chairperson – Website usage is pretty steady. In October, we had 6,413 visits from 3,823 unique visitors. There were 87,000 hits serving up 19,728 pages. Spent a little time working with Sheryl, whose email magically fixed itself. Charlie is our Panel 63 Communications Chair. I will be working with him before Pass the Gavel to discuss our email system and some proposed changes. I attended the CVI workshop on the 12th Step and shared about 12th Step resources available on the utahaa.org and CVI websites. I also had the opportunity to be a part of the first Utah Intergroup and Central Office conference call. This is a project started by Erin B., who is the Chair of the Cache Valley Intergroup. The conference call is an effort to foster a spirit of community and cooperation among the Intergroups, Central Offices and Area 69. I will continue to participate in this conference for the rest of Panel 61 as the Communications Chair and afterward as the webmaster for the Cache Valley Intergroup. Thank you for letting me serve you.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Wade J., Chairperson – Since the last time we met, I was given the privilege of attending and participating in a 12th Step Workshop in District 1. I would like to thank District 1 for the invitation. I have talked with the staff at a senior citizen's home and discussed the possibilities of starting a meeting in the facility. When I hear back from the facility, I will let District 10 know. On November 15th, I will attend a meeting with the Sheriff and staff at the Salt Lake County Jail. Thanks to District 1 for hosting this event.

Corrections – Renae H. for Mary B., Chair – Aloha Trusted Servants!!! It is with a heavy heart that I embark on this endeavor to write a letter to you all. It is definitely a bittersweet experience. First of all, I would like to thank you for the trust you gave me when selecting me to serve as the Area Corrections Chairperson. It filled my heart to overflowing! It truly was everything I hoped it would be! The opportunity to service with this panel of officers and standing chairs was amazing. They truly love Alcoholics Anonymous, service and you! I do too. For those of you who do not know, I am currently serving family in Hawaii. I have a new baby granddaughter that needs her grandmother for a time. Thanks to Alcoholics Anonymous and you, I am a sober grandmother and mother with the ability to show up and assist and support my family. I can never repay you. Thank you. I have done my best to continue fulfilling my responsibilities from afar. With the help of friends, my daughter, and other Standing Chairs, I have attempted to carry on. I will return in November to finish out the year and pass the gavel to the awesome standing chair you elect to fill my position at this assembly. A special thanks and hugs to Pete G. for his stepping in and helping with the roundtable discussions and BTG workshops, both locally and BTG in Minneapolis. Love you Pete!! I am unable to stand for another position due to my inability to be attending this assembly. I do look forward to serving the Area at the next opportunity. I will serve you in the best way I am

capable of throughout the next two years in other positions. Since we last met, I have able to assist Districts 4, 6 and 9 with education, information, and literature in their efforts to establish new meetings at correctional facilities in their respective districts. I have attempted to give them any help I was capable of giving. I want to thank those district servants for their desire to serve, and the time and energy they give to Alcoholics Anonymous. I sent literature to BTG and was able to obtain some great literature in Spanish. My prayer is that the literature was a great help to those who were able to receive it. I have given information to several people to help them get in touch with contacts to fill out the necessary paperwork to help with meetings in other correctional facilities. I know our Higher Power will assist you in electing the very best servants, hand-picked by Him, to serve you and the State of Utah this panel. Thank you, I miss you and love you so much. Till we meet again, ALOHA.

Grapevine, Treesa J., Chairperson – eBooks! Newest are “Into Action” and “Happy, Joyous & Free” in addition to “Step by Step”, “Emotional Sobriety I”, “Emotional Sobriety II”, “Young & Sober”, “The best of Bill”, “Lo Mejor de Bill”, “Spiritual Awakenings II”, and “Language of the Heart”. SALE: CD’s are 50% off and Tapes are 75% off thru the end of the month (10-31-2012). Please visit: store.aagrapevine.org/Showgroups.aspx? 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.) 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: gvr@agrapevine.org .
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Literature, Rachael, Chairperson – Thanks to District 11 for hosting this Fall 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 drafted a letter to the Trustee’s Committee on Literature with suggestions for the revision. I received a reply thanking us for our suggestion but at this time they have other suggestions they are considering. They will keep our letter on file for possible future use. The 2012-2013 service manuals will be available soon. I will either have them at the Pass the Gavel on December 4th in Salt Lake. The revised “A.A. and the Armed Services” is now available, if you did not receive a copy at the last event please see me sometime today and I can give you a couple to take back to your groups. I also have the revised “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell” and the “2011 Alcoholics Anonymous Membership Survey”. Last year’s conference approved an update to the booklet Living Sober. I am sending a list around if you would like a copy of this put your name on the list and I will have them at Pass the Gavel. 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 a couple sets with me today. Let me know if you would like to purchase a set. I will be placing another order before the Pass the Gavel 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 December meeting. Please let me know if you want to be included on the e-mail list that I send out prior to ordering. I want to thank everyone for supporting me these last 2 years in my position as Area literature chair. I am looking forward to the next 2 years as Area 69 CPC chair. I feel this will be a challenging position and an opportunity for growth. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Public Information (P.I.), Bruce I., Chair – Last July, we participated in a health fair and one of the committee members that invited us was from Iraq. She translated some of our literature: 1) AA at a Glance; 2) Area 69 pamphlet, “So You’ve Been Told to go to AA...” I will give a couple of copies to our Archives. I have some copies of the announcement describing the Big Book being named by the Library of Congress as one of the 88 books that shaped America. The copies are at the PI/CPC table. In September, Districts 1, 2 and 10 hosted tables at two USARA events. USARA stands for Utah Substance Abuse and Recovery Alliance (?). We missed a couple of events this year but the information will be passed on to Treesa and the organizers assured me that we would be welcome again. I have been cleaning up loose ends. We just ordered enough materials to complete three more travel boxes. One will be in Spanish so both PI and CPC have one. We have put together a total of fifteen boxes. We have also been working on a pamphlet for PI/CPC to introduce the committees to potential volunteers. One thing I forgot to mention in August at the Pre-Assembly Workshop was a request for sharing about possible changes to the 11th Tradition. This is still in discussion. The PI Committee is to report Area sharing. Report back after the 2013 Conference.

Treatment, Pete G., Chair – It seems a long time since we have had the opportunity to provide you with a full report. I am going to go back to the Pre-Assembly Workshop to begin my report, as much happened at that event. At the Pre-Assembly Workshop, the Treatment and Corrections committees were combined. What an energetic group! We went over the basic literature available for use when going into facilities. We also discussed Bridge the Gap and the literature available for BTG. After the workshop, I was invited to a meeting where members from the reservation attended. I took a large amount of literature with me. Two members attending from the reservation celebrated 60 days of sobriety. One of those two people had his young children at the meeting. He started on his journey with members from District 8. I hope everyone understands the importance of the work we do. We need to aid the groups in carrying the message. I attended the national Bridge the Gap Workshop Weekend in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I was grateful for the opportunity to represent Area 69 at this event for the second time in a row. Just prior to the Fall Assembly, I began to inquire about the youth treatment facilities that are scattered about southern Utah. Area 69 had obtained a copy of the video “Hope” for one of these centers. It was used by the clients and the administration of the facility so they could better understand our motives and principles. I also found that literature was needed and worked with Rachael to purchase a rack refill. We still need to find a rack. The clients seem to be using most of the literature. In early October, I had the privilege to present at the Cache Valley Intergroup workshop on 12th Step calls. It was a great workshop and was well-organized and well-attended. We learned that 12 Step calls, as many of us remember them, are not being performed using the newer members. As the Big Book states, this is something that you should not miss. I was so inspired that I began to plan a workshop in southern Utah, using much the same format as the Logan workshop. If any servant would like to be a part of this workshop, please get in touch with me and we will gladly fit your experience in. Finally, the efforts of a sponsee led me to realize that many of the facilities in southern Utah, prefer not to have literature that has staples. I also have the possibility of attending the District 4 meeting and that is exciting. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

District Reports

District 1 – Frank B., DCMC: As of October 1st, District 1 has 45 registered meetings, with two new. About one-third have registered GSRs with the district. About 80% of the meetings were constantly being visited by a district representative. With two DCMs stepping down, the number has dropped this past month. I have had the opportunity to visit some of the darker meetings in our district and have seen a little bit of participation at District 1 from these groups. As of October 11, 2012, District 1 has a balance of \$139.63 above the prudent reserve of \$2,000. Thank you to all the groups who contribute. Our most recent district business meeting was held on October 11th. There were two new GSRs in attendance. Also in attendance were Rod B., Pacific Region Trustee; Keith M., Area 69 Delegate; Monte S., Area 69 Immediate Past Delegate; and Charlie G., Area 69 Assembly/Agenda Chair. We ate chili and had our district elections. DCMC – not filled; three DCMs – Valerie, Wendell, and Chris H.; Secretary – Sue C.; Treasurer – Frank B.; Treatment – Kyle; Corrections, Grapevine, PI, CPC, Literature – not filled. Thank you to District 11 for all your hard work in hosting this event. This will be my last Area 69 report as I am rotating out of Area service. I have a very young and very active family that has become a patience issue and a priority for now. The bond I have with my Area 69 family is priceless. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you until I serve with you again.

District 2 – Anthony, DCM, for Keira N., DCMC: Verbal report given. District elections were held recently.

District 3 – Mike L. for Dave H., DCM: We held our district elections in September. California Dave, DCM, was elected DCMC. John, Alt. DCM, has relocated to eastern Utah and I am grateful to finish out John’s term as Alt. DCM. We were able to fill most of our district service positions. We have experienced the unexpected loss of a friend, Jennifer B., our District Secretary. Dave H. and Cory S. send their regards as they are absent today and are attending Jennifer’s service. District 3 held its’ Fall Workshop on October 13th. It was hosted by my home group, “Friends of Dr. Bob,” located in Mapleton. It was a great pleasure to be a part of planning this event. The workshop was well-attended and I would like to thank all those who gave of themselves freely to make that event happen. A big thank you to the Area officers who attended and carried the message to District 3! Thanks for letting me serve!

District 4 – David R., DCM – We still have two small groups and one large jail meeting. The Fillmore group had group elections and they have a new GSR – Aaron R. Our last district meeting was attended by Janet H., Area 69 Repository Archivist, who came to help us form a host committee. Our next district meeting will be attended by Pete G., Area 69 Treatment Chair, who will help us make contact with the treatment centers in our district. We will have District 4 elections on December 15th, and Keith M., our Delegate, will conduct our elections. I'm grateful to be of service. I seem to get more out of this than I put into it! The Area is a lifeline to our district. Without all of you, we would be very isolated. I am grateful to all of you in service and I look forward to seeing all of you in Fillmore at the February Area Committee Meeting.

District 5 – No report given.

District 6 – Bert S., DCM – We are doing very well in District 6 and have meetings going in all four counties in the district. We are doing okay financially, but contributions are down from previous years. We had our district elections in September and filled all positions. We would like to thank Walter C., Alternate Delegate, for coming down and conducting our elections. Thank you to Charlie G. for coming down and helping with the Fall Assembly plans. Things are on hold for the moment at the prison but we will be getting back in there as soon as possible. We would like to thank everyone for coming to the Fall Assembly that we hosted. We hope you had a great time. Thanks for keeping me sober and letting me serve in Area 69!

District 7, Northwest Sub-District (Cedar, Parowan, Beaver, Milford) – Allen B., DCM: Greetings trusted servants it's sure nice to see you again. My name is Allen Bloodworth and I am an alcoholic. I'm here as the DCM Northwest sub-district of District 7. We are in Southern Utah, Cedar City. District 7 is doing ok financially; we had the money to defray 2 DCM's to this event. District 7 had our elections last month and I want to thank Keith for coming down to help us with that. It's always a pleasure to have our delegate at our meetings. We didn't fill all of our positions, but we are hoping to get more servants to join in before the New Year starts. Mitch Z. whose has been a GSR was elected as our Treatment Standing Chair and Trent B who is brand new to service was elected as our Literature Standing Chair. We did get a DCM Penny K. and an alternate DCM Doug K. for our East sub-district, that's the Kanab area so you will be seeing some new faces. I had all decided to take a break from service, but after hearing Rod share in Richfield about his experiences in service, I decided to hang in there for a while longer. Plus I don't want to miss going to PRAASA next year. I was voted in as DCMC for our district. So what that really means is you have to put up with me for another year. Our proposed new guidelines changes are prepared and we will be discussing them in the next few months in hopes to have them passed and effective for the first of the year. The Keep, Keep Coming Back meeting hall (KKCB) had its third annual Halloween party and we had a real good turnout. It didn't seem as large as last year, but it seemed to be more fun and relaxed, most came in great costumes and some great pictures were taken for our history. Awesome! We had a D.J, some even danced, bobbing for apples, we built a fire and made smores and we had pin the Boo on the ghost for kids with prizes. Of course there was a Trick or Treat bag for all the children. There was a Potluck, with the best meatloaf this side of the Mississippi. Even though we did not have a costume contest many voted me best costume as I went as Mario from super Mario brothers. Thanks again for allowing me the honor to serve and be a part of this great fellowship!

District 8 – No report given.

District 9 – No report given.

District 10 – Rick V., DCMC: It has been an interesting period of time since my last report, with quite a lot of activity in between. We held our elections in September and filled most of the positions that were open at that time. More members stood for the remaining positions at the October GSR meeting. We still need three DCMs, a Bridge the Gap Coordinator, and a Treasurer. I am so very grateful to all who stood for positions. I appreciate your willingness to serve, and thank you to those rotating out. I would like to say a special thanks to Mike and Shirley O. for conducting our elections. We updated the budget for 2013 and will be voting on the budget at the November GSR meeting. We will also be voting on the updated District Guidelines for 2013. District 10 is blessed to have the men and women who give of their time and who are willing to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the community. Thanks for letting me be of service.

District 11 – Matt D., DCMC: We are doing well in Davis County. Our elections were a great success and all but two positions were filled. It is nice to see such dedicated members willing to serve. I would like to thank Walter C. for his help with our elections. We have formed a new Finance Committee to propose a budget for the next year. Contributions are keeping pace with expenses, but we are still trying to keep the belt tight. A Guidelines Review Committee is in the planning stages. We have not looked at our district guidelines lately and there is talk that they are getting outdated.

District 12 – Jose B: Verbal report given. District 12 elections were held recently. The new DCM is Margarita, the new Alt. DCM is Miguel, and the new Secretary is Theresa.

Past Events

Fall Assembly – Bert S., District 6: We had a great time hosting the Fall Assembly and we hope everyone had a great time. We love having all the people in Area 69 come to our district. We would like to congratulate all the wonderful people that were elected to serve in positions with Area 69 and wish them the best of luck for the next two years. We would like to thank Rod B. and Shirley O. for being our speakers at this event. They both did a wonderful job. I would like to thank everyone in our district that helped put this event on. We were able to put it on without taking any seed

money. The hotel and the restaurant that did the banquet gave us great deals. After we paid all of the expenses, we were able to give the Area a check for \$1,451. Again, I would like to say we had a blast doing this event and hope we can host more events in the future. Thank you for letting us host this event and thanks for all your help in keeping this wonderful program going.

Upcoming Events

December Area Committee Meeting – Mel, DCM, District 10 – District 10 is looking forward to hosting the Pass the Gavel event. The flyer is being added to the website today. We have secured a facility and will be meeting at St. James Episcopal Church in Midvale. We are currently in the process of collecting food donations from groups in District 10 for the hospitality table. We are excited to thank all the outgoing Area 69 Panel 61 officers and standing chairs and to welcome the new Panel 63 officers and standing chairs. Thank you for letting me serve.

February 2013 Area Committee Meeting – David R., District 4 – This event will be held on February 23, 2013, at the American Legion Hall in Fillmore, Utah. The address is 80 S. Main Street. The doors will open at 8am and the Area 69 Business Meeting will begin at 9am. Lunch will be available for \$7, with a menu of BBQ beef sandwiches, salad and dessert. The two closest hotels are the Comfort Inn (435-743-4334) and the Best Western (435-743-6895). Both hotels are in Fillmore. For further information, contact David R. at his email address david_remkes@yahoo.com or by phone at 435-253-0263.

PRAASA 2013 – Monte S., Immediate Past Delegate – Verbal report given. This event will be held in Boise, Idaho, on March 1-3, 2013. More information is available on the PRAASA website: www.praasa.org. The online registration feature is not live yet, but should be soon. In the meantime, you can go to the website and print off a hard copy of the registration form to mail in. One item of interest at this event will be a fellowship lunch on Saturday. All are invited and the cost will be \$22. Monte encouraged everyone to attend PRAASA 2013 and asked those attending to please stay after the event for the Sunday afternoon wrap-up meeting, if possible. Information gathered there will be helpful for Area 69 as we prepare to host PRAASA 2015.

PRAASA 2015 – Monte S. – There will be a brief planning meeting held at the back of this meeting room today at noon.

Pre-Conference Assembly – Mark B., DCM, District 10 – The host committee has secured a facility in Park City. A chef who is a member of AA will be doing a fantastic banquet for us and registration is set up. There are flyers available on the back table here today. Please take as many as you would like and distribute them at your meetings. I look forward to seeing everyone there. Thank you all for letting me be of service.

Presentation of New Motion

Motion made by: Doug R., Area 69 Treasurer

Motion seconded by: Irma B., District 10

Motion: That, as a small token of appreciation, the Past Delegates need not pay registration fees when attending any Area 69 event.

Rationale: To bring awareness and appreciation for the continued participation of all of our Past Delegates. They are not defrayed at all when they attend Area events.

Financial Impact: Between \$60 to \$80 annually per Past Delegate.

The motion was discussed. Monte S., Immediate Past Delegate, made a suggestion for a friendly amendment. The friendly amendment was that the language “**per Past Delegate**” be added to the end of the Financial Impact statement above. Doug R. presented this friendly amendment to the body and Bruce I. seconded it. A sense of the meeting was taken and the body approved having the amended motion go forward for further discussion and vote at a future Area 69 event.

What’s on Your Mind?

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

1:30pm - Reconvened and Workshop began.

PENDING MOTIONS

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.

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MOTION – Past Delegates

“That, as a small token of appreciation, the Past Delegates need not pay registration fees when attending Area 69 events.”

Date of Motion: November 3, 2012

Presented by: Doug R., Area 69 Treasurer

Motion seconded by: Irma B., District 10

Rationale: To bring awareness and appreciation for the continued participation of all of our Past Delegates. They are not defrayed at all when they attend Area events.

Financial Impact: Between \$60 to \$80 annually per Past Delegate