# Minutes Utah Area 69 Post-Conference Assembly May 17– May 19, 2013 Elks Lodge – 1000 S University Ave Provo, Utah, District3

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

12 Concepts: Read by Tom, District 10

Secretary's Report: Wendy W., Area Secretary –Thank you District 3 for hosting, this is a fabulous venue! Welcome to the new GSRs, I hope you find something useful here. Thank you to those of you who submitted electronic reports, those who didn't, there are report forms here. Thank you to Doug for providing our Guidelines and thank you to Matt for picking up the ones I left at the last Assembly. We have plenty. Be sure you've stopped at the Registrar's desk to get your round-table assignment and have your vote counted. In loving service, Wendy W.

Minutes of the 2013Pre-ConferenceAssembly, April 5-7, 2013: Wendy W., Area Secretary—Motion to accept by Dave W., Rachael F seconded. Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Dear Friends, It's wonderful to be gathered together again today in fellowship and service to Alcoholics Anonymous here in Utah—while we are conducting not only our area 69's business, but also the business of AA as a whole. I look forward to hearing our Delegate's report back from the 63<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference on the Agenda Items that were presented to our members at the Pre-Conference Assembly in April of this year. I'm certain that Walter represented us outstandingly! The Panel 63 Area 69 Finance Committee met in April to review and discuss the past area budgets in its efforts to develop a proposal for the 2014 Area Budget that will be presented to the fellowship at the August Pre-Assembly Workshop and will be voted upon at the Fall Assembly in September. The committee will be meeting again today during the lunch break. Our focus and purpose is to remain responsible and prudent with your 7th Tradition contributions, while at the same time, continuing to be effective and available in delivering all of the services needed to reach the still suffering alcoholic. The Area's current operational balance is \$4,051.94. Year to date contributions to the Area (which includes Area event revenue returned above the dispersed seed monies, and sales income received through the Area Literature Committee) total \$11,032.19, which is \$697.28 above contributions at this same time last year, and \$3,680.73 more than in 2011. Year to date total expenses are \$12,051.88, which is \$367.46 less than last year at this time, and \$4,158.55 more than the year to date expense total of \$7,893.33 reported in May of 2011. Just as a reminder, at the Post Conference Assembly in 2011, the assembly body approved the use of the area's prudent reserve to pay the Area expenses incurred for that event. As a result of fellowship awareness of the Area's operational deficit, overall contributions increased and the reserve fund was restored. Our current Prudent Reserve total is \$4,501.77 bringing the Area's total available cash and bank accounts to \$8,553.71. After paying the expenses that will be incurred from this event, we should be precisely where it is suggested by AA's cofounders to remain...corporately poor! And as the Area Treasurer, this is exactly where I like to be—having just enough to pay the bills and trusting HP will work out the rest. I want to thank you for allowing me to grow through the responsibility of service to you as the Area69 Treasurer and service to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. I am so grateful for the sober life I have today. In Gratitude and Service, Renae H.

Financial Report: Renae H., Area Treasurer-Motion to accept report as amended by Suzi L., seconded by Kristen. Approved as read.

Assembly & Agenda Report and Bid for 2015 Post-Conference Assembly: Matt D Assembly & Agenda Chair – Since we met last I have sat in on District 3 final planning meeting to host this event. Their host committee has done a great job even with changing of committee members. I am now getting pretty familiar with Provo and don't get lost as easy as I use to. I made it up to Brigham City to attend District 1 GSRs meeting and was there for the formation of their host committee to host Fall Workshop. It was nice to finally make it up to this District. I also sat in a meeting with the 2014 Fall Workshop committee from District 10. They seem to have a good group and are on their way. District 11's BTG committee has met with our area treatment chair and I heard some great ideas for this workshop. The recording equipment has been back in the shop for repairs. But at this point I don't think it is the equipment just operator error. Yours in service, Matt D. District 9 won the bid for the May 2015 Post-Conference Assembly.

## **Upcoming Events**

Bridging The Gap: June 15, 2013 at the Salt Lake City Central Office – Kristen Hello family, my name is Kristen and I am the DCMC for District 11. We have had our first meeting and are ready to go on our end. The building place has been picked. We will be having the workshop at the Salt Lake City Central Office. We will be serving a light lunch. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00. Our committee met with Andy B. and brain-stormed ideas for the presentation. We have made phone calls and have a list of people willing to help with the panel presentation. We will be asking for our seed money this weekend. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

University of Utah School on Alcoholism: June 16-20, 2013 at the University of Utah – Rachael F. Gave verbal report, needs volunteers for chairing meetings and tending the booth.

Pre-Assembly Workshop: August 17, 2013 at the Chamber of Commerce in Tooele, 154 S Main St, Tooele. Linda – District 2 will host this event.

Fall Assembly: September 20-22, 2013 at the Community Church, 544 MiVida Dr., Moab. Sunday will be held at the Triangle House 84 W 100 S, Moab. Danny – District 9 will be hosting this event.

## **Report from Past Events**

Pre-Conference Assembly: April 20, 2013 Park City. Mark B. - District 10 hosted this event.

Registrar's Report: Sheryl T., Area Registrar –Sheryl will strive to make it jive.In attendance were: Area Officers 7. Area Standing Chairs 9. Past Delegates 5. District One: 4 GSRs, 1 Officer. District Two: 1 DCMC, 1 Alt.DCM, 5 GSRs, 1 Alt.GSR, 2 Standing Chairs. District Three: 1 DCMC, 2 DCM, 1 Alt.DCM, 6 GSRs, 3 Alt.GSRs, 4 Standing Chairs. District Four: 1 DCM, 1 GSR. District Five: None in attendance. District Six: 1 DCM, 2 GSRs, 1 Officer. District Seven: 1 DCM. District Eight: 1 DCM, 3 GSRs, 1 Standing Chair. District Nine: 1 GSR. District Ten: 1 DCMC, 4 DCMs, 12GSRs, 1 Alt.GSR. District Eleven: 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 1 Standing chair, 1 Officer. District Twelve: 1 DCM, 1 Alt. DCM. CO Reps.: 2. Interested AAs: 6TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE: 98

### Remaining Area Officer's Reports

Immediate Past Delegate/News and Notes Chair: Keith M – My name is Keith and I am an alcoholic. Serving you as the Immediate Past Delegate is wonderful times two, however the News and Notes editor is great but occasionally reminds me of work. The absolutely best part is reading your articles. May I suggest more participation although we have completed only two issues the same authors keep occurring. We all have important things to share. Please contribute, we have all summer to write a brief article about recovery. The theme for the September Fall Assembly issue is "Carrying the Message." Keith M

Area Chair Report: Wade J., Area 69 Chair – Good morning, my name is Wade J. I am an alcoholic. Since the last time we met I have had the pleasure in meeting with Walter and Matt D. a couple of times and discuss upcoming events. I have talked with Pete G. and District 7 and have set on the calendar to attend the Corrections workshop on June 8 and I look very forward to spending some time with my Southern Utah family. Next month District 11 will be hosting the Area BTG Workshop at the Salt Lake Central Office and I look forward to attending this event as well, so please mark your calendars for June 15, 10:00am-3:00pm. I would like to take this time to thank District 3 for hosting this event and for all the hard work that has been done to make this a special weekend. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as the Area Chair and for giving me the life that has and is far beyond anything I could have hoped for. Love in Service, Wade J.

Alternate Delegate's Report: Doug R., Area 69 Alternate Delegate—Good morning family. My name is Doug and I am an alcoholic. Thank you for allowing me the privilege and honor of serving you as your Alternate Delegate. There hasn't been much to report since we met last. My prayers for Walter's health and well being seem to be working. The Area documents for this Assembly were translated and sent to Margarita, the District 12 DCMC. I want to thank District 3 for hosting this event, and I want to thank you all for reminding me of how blessed we all are to be members of this incredible Fellowship. I am not the doer, at my request my Higher Power is doing for me what I couldn't possibly do myself. My part is the same today as it was when I walked in these doors 30 years ago; and that is to be as honest, open and willing as I can to be a conduit, a channel for my Higher Power. I am so grateful that I have this program, this way of living that really does work in all of life's circumstances and situations! Thank you for allowing me to serve. Doug R.

Delegate's Report: Walter C., Area 69 Delegate-I would like to start by saying thank you for the honor of being the Delegate for Area 69. My General Service Conference experience began when I saw Rod B. (Pacific Region Trustee) at the gate for the flight to New York City. Rod was at the first AA meeting that I attended (December 26, 1987); in other words Rod has been a part of my sobriety since the beginning. I am grateful that he was a part of my General Service Conference experience. I could not have asked for a better person to guide me when I was confused or simply too tired to understand what was going on. Rod and I went to a dinner party the same day that we arrived in New York City. For us, getting a taxi was not as easy as I had seen on TV. The hostess answered the door and I felt welcome from the beginning. I felt very comfortable my first evening in New York City which I contribute to the guests at the dinner party. Several of the guests that I met that evening also attended the General Service Conference so when the conference started I already knew some of the delegates. The conference started that Sunday, 21 April 2013 with the opening session. What a wonderful opportunity to be a part of AA service. However, my expectation for the conference was very high, which turned out to be about my ego rather than being of service at the conference. By Tuesday, 23 April 2013, I hit a wall; focusing on what was going on became difficult for me. But, this was my opportunity to grow and I did. During the committee report backs, I saw how an informed group conscience works. Words like floor action, friendly amendment, amendment, additional committee consideration, motion failed, reconsider, motion passed became action verbs for the conference language that I was learning. At this point I began to enjoy the conference experience. Also, there was an AA meeting every morning before the start of the conference. Going to this meeting everyday helped me to prepare for the long days and mountain of information that was given out daily. Everyone should have received a copy of the Agenda Items with the action that was taken by the conference. We decided to focus on 10 agenda items but before we discuss those items I would like to talk about some hot topics at the conference. Here are two examples: 1. The Trustee Committee did not support the proposed plan for interlocking directorate therefor the committee took no action. This motion came back as a floor action, which is someone saying I believe we should continue to discuss this motion and maybe vote it in. I learned that floor actions need to be accepted by the conference members before it will be discussed and voted on. The conference members voted not to discuss the floor action. I believe an informed group conscience was made and the outcome was the correct one. 2. The archive committee recommended that a commemorative 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the first edition, first printing of Alcoholics Anonymous be published in April 2014. The motion failed and the minority opinion was heard. The conference members voted to reconsider the motion and the reconsider passed. The motion was discussed again. This time after the discussions the motion passed. The most surprising thing about the conference was the inventory. I thought that I would not have much to add or learn from the inventory because I was not familiar with the conference process. But I learn a lot by asking a lot of questions. Only 42 percent of the groups contribute. Would like AA to be self supporting through contributions. A lot of discussions about not depending on literature sales. (Report Back for 2013 General Service Conference Committees Agenda Items is posted on the www.utahaa.org website.)

## Adjourned for Lunch 12:00pm

# Reconvened at 1:30pm

### **Standing Committee Chair Reports**

Archives: Athlene M., Archives Standing Chair – Janet H. read Athlene's report, she was unable to attend. Nothing to report and in keeping with that, I'm not sure how much effort to put into changing God's will – if it is something more than this...my intentions are to go to each of the districts and meet with some old timers – find archivist. In love of service in AA, Athlene

Archives: Janet H., Repository Archives Standing Chair – I want to thank those who had requests at the Pre-Conference. It is always informative, educational and fun to research our area history. Because of all the wonderful different types of storage items contributed in the past year and half; bookcases, file cabinets and storage cupboards. I have been reorganizing our awesome climate controlled repository, while at the same time redoing the inventory. Also creating a new computer inventory all (32) categories will be broken down for better clarity and faster access. Slow, but sure progress. If you attended the PRAASA I would like you to stop by help with names on the photo, 9 left unknown. Thank you to the Fellowship for all the wonderful items you have donated to our area archives. In love and service, Janet.

Communications: Charlie G., Communications Chair – Greetings: Thank you for letting me serve each of you, your Groups, Districts and Area. I have visited Districts 11, 3, 10, 1 and 2. Also many of the US/Canada websites. We will be discussing Conference theme and topics as well as website updates including mobile link/App development, more to follow on this. We really need help with Spanish translation of website and documents, Area News and Notes, etc. Please utilize your Area 69 website to help you do your service work. We will be having a committee meeting, either conference call or Skype in July. Have been attending the Intergroup monthly conference call also. There are 50 website features to help you navigate the <a href="www.utahaa.org">www.utahaa.org</a> home page. Let us know if you

have anything you would like the committee to consider, suggestions, changes, etc. so we can serve you all better. We have only 3 Districts using their page. Sure have been making a lot of meeting dates within 24 hours. Website stats: 259,000 Total hits with an average of 200-300 unique hits per. Thanks again, Charlie G.

Cooperation with the Professional Community: Rachael F., CPC Chair – Hi, my name is Rachael and I have the pleasure of servicing as the Area 69 CPC chair. Thank you District 3 for hosting this event, this is the perfect place and the turnout is awesome. In my last report I mentioned that I was living in fear and avoidance since taking CPC position and waiting for something magical to happen. I think that by giving my fear and avoidance to all your I was release from stress and able to move into a productive acceptance (something magical happened). Now that's not to say that I know what I'm doing, I'm just not afraid anymore. During round tables at PRAASA someone mentioned that they distribute packets to professionals, clergy and educators. Each of the packets include a cover letter, some general information pamphlets and a few other pieces of literature that the profession, clergy or educator will find useful. I will be reviewing these today during the round table this afternoon. The School on Alcoholism is quickly approaching us. Volunteer interest has been positive. We have a sign up sheet back on the PI/CPC table. There are slots still available for working the booths well at the nightly AA meetings where we would need a chair, readers and cleanup help. Please join in even if there are already a couple of names it doesn't matter...THE MORE THE MERRIER. WE ARE GOING TO MAKE THIS FUN!!! Yours in service, Rachael F.

Corrections: Pete G., Corrections Chair - My name is Pete and I am a grateful alcoholic. I am very grateful to serve Area 69 as the Corrections Committee Standing Chair. My thanks to District 3 for the great accommodations for our Post-Conference event and excited about all the information that Walter has to relate to us. It seems just a few days since we met in Park City. The Corrections Committee broke huddle from that event with an amazing amount of energy. The committee came up with the idea that a list of names to contact for Corrections communication should be developed for members to use when contacts were needed in other cities or Districts. The list was generated and I expect it will continue to grow and to become even more useful after today. Thanks to the Literature Chair and the Salt Lake Central Office for acquiring a Special Corrections Literature pack. This specialized purchase will be distributed during our break-out portion today. Immediately after the Pre-Conference event, I received a jubilant message from Keith, our Immediate Past Delegate. To say he has made numerous attempts to carry the message to the Moab area Corrections facilities for a long, long time would be somewhat of an understatement. He contacted me to inform me that he had success in getting meetings into Moab. The Area sent a 'CARE' package of basic information to assist the members and to pass along to the prospects. Perhaps some of the above-mentioned 'special' literature can find its way into jail in Moab. Having made a number of trips 'Up North' this past month, we are in a position to bring the Salt Lake Central Office more fully into the Bridge the Gap loop. The upcoming Area 69 BTG workshop was announced at the Salt Lake Central Office representatives meeting, along with an invitation to attend our event. We have been providing information to them for a few months and they have received the most up-to-date BTG information. This past week, we had a Bridge from a Salt Lake facility release contacting our District 7 contact line and being connected with local members in the St. George area. We had one days notice for this Bridge - Wow. At the May District 7 meeting, the Bridging the Gap coordinator position was filled. I understand he intends to attend the Area Bridge the Gap workshop. That is a high level of dedication!! Awesome. District 7 plans to host a Corrections Forum in Kanab on June 8th. The concept was brought to the Area by the District 7 DCM for the Kanab area and members of the Kanab groups to help the local Corrections professionals learn what AA does and does not do. We get to learn how we can more fully carry the message to the Corrections facilities in southern Utah. Wade J., our Area Chair, will be our guest speaker and a host committee has been formed. Many of the servants in the Kanab area will be a part of this really cool event. The level of support from the other parts of District 7 has been outstanding. There is the possibility of Corrections professionals from the St. George vicinity attending, they certainly will be invited. Many GSR's and DCM's from other parts of the District expressed interest in attending; so much so that next month's District 7 meeting will be held in Kanab immediately following the event even though it was supposed to be held in Cedar City. This is the type of cooperation that allows us to make the Bridges and Carry the Message, even when the distances are great. Everyone that can attend the Area 69 Bridge the Gap workshop is encouraged to attend. It promises to be well-attended, including members from Central Office(s) and from groups. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Pete G.

Grapevine: Mark B., Grapevine Chair – Wow, what a deal. Trying to get a display put together. Going to get as much free stuff from AA Grapevine. New books – 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Language of the Heart. Also available new book One on One – all stories about how different people sponsor. Amazing there are no rules. Haven't read the whole book but what I have is great. Grateful to be here and sober. Thanks to District 3. Please send stories and jokes to the magazine. New audio is up, go to voice mail at 559-726-1216. Thanks for letting me be of service. Mark B.

Literature: Kurt J., Literature Chair - Hi, my name is Kurt J. and I'm an alcoholic. My sobriety date is April 21, 1994. My home Group is the Monday Night Men's group in Logan, Utah. I have the privilege of serving as your Area 69 Literature Standing Chair. Since my last report at the February Committee Meeting, I have attended PRAASA in Boise, ID and the Area 69 Pre-Conference Assembly. I visited the District 1 GSR meeting in March and May. I placed orders from area chairs and officers for literature for the Pre-Conference and Post-Conference Assemblies. There have been some bumps. Because of some misunderstanding on my part, I haven't gotten all of the literature when requested. Hopefully I will be caught up this weekend. On the other hand we are saving on shipping on small orders. The literature display is stocked up on our various books. If you need something or are just curious about Conference approved literature please stop by the literature display to see what AA has to offer. In our literature I found three illustrated pamphlets. The Twelve Steps Illustrated is an easy-to-read version of A.A.'s Twelve Steps. Steps appear at top of each page with simplified text under an illustration. The Twelve Traditions Illustrated is almost a book. This pamphlet is based on a Grapevine series; it presents both the spirit and the practical application of our 12 Traditions. Each tradition is explained with examples and cartoons on a double page. The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated has a brief description of each concept, with easy-to-read text and clever illustrations to help make the Twelve Concepts for World Service clear and understandable. I have a few copies of each over on the literature display. I love Alcoholics Anonymous. I love general service. Thank you for my sobriety. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Kurt

Public Information: Treesa J., PI Chair – Good afternoon everyone. This is an awesome facility and though cold, I am enjoying the weather. Okay, I have chaired one round table and assisted in coordinating a news article in the Tradition of Anonymity. With that being said, I feel I have been floundering in my position. It has taken me 5 months to figure out the reason. Some of us are slower than others. I sent a few emails back and forth with Mary C at GSI. What I have come to realize is this. Archives and Grapevine/La Vina work within the fellowship. Public Information is just the opposite. It addresses issues at the public level. So, I did ask my committee to verify meeting lists in their area for accurateness. Mary C suggested the committee find one item to focus on. This is our next topic of discussion. I would also ask anyone that is aware of any fairs on Drug/Alcohol to please contact me. I am only aware of the one at UVU in February 2014. Rachael has been working very hard on the School of Alcoholism and I will be there. Thank you for sharing this journey of discovery. In Service, Treesa J.

**Treatment:** Andy B., Treatment Chair – Hi AA family. Thank you for allowing me to serve the Area and the fellowship. Thanks District 3. I've been working with District 11 on the upcoming Bridge the Gap Workshop, there's a great committee in place and some good ideas being considered for discussion panels. As you've heard Central Office in Salt Lake will be helping to host this event. Thanks to all for the work you're doing. And thanks Walter for carrying our message to New York. Love n Service, Andy B.

District One - Frank B., Treasurer - My name is Frank and I am an alcoholic, my sobriety date is October 28, 1990. My home group is the Monday Men's Meeting out of Logan, Utah. I currently serve Alcoholics Anonymous and District One this panel as the District One Treasurer. What an honor and privilege it is to be in front of the Area 69 body again to represent district one with a district report. Due to other commitments there are no other DCMs present today to do so, so I was asked to report for District One. Thank you to the host committee for all your hard work. As of May 13th, District One finances are as follows, Total balance \$2,747.53 with a prudent reserve of \$2000.00. Total available funds are \$747.53. To all groups that contribute 7<sup>th</sup> tradition funds to District One thank you very much. This panel, District One has had a difficult time filling positions. Instead of listing all the available positions, I will only list what is filled: 3 DCMs, secretary, treasurer and Treatment Chair. Plenty of trusted servants are carrying the message in District One and our District meetings are standing room only most months. The 3 DCMs are very active and ensuring that all 43 registered meetings are being visited once a month. District One Guidelines have been reviewed, changed where necessary, voted on and passed and are currently at print and will be available at the next District meeting. A copy of course will be sent to Area 69 Communications to be updated on the Area 69 website. 2013 Fall workshop committee has been formed and assignments have been given. Committee meeting will happen as soon as the venue has been secured. Matt D will be a good guide and help I am sure to help in securing the Bountiful Elks Lodge for this event. The price if my memory recalls, has gone up? A plan B and C has been set up in the event we cannot secure the Bountiful Elks Lodge. District One has hosted a lot of Area events with the trusted servants on the Fall Workshop Committee and we are predicting a success and anticipate a great Workshop. Question to Area 69 about seed money. When is it disbursed and available to our District? Finally, to my Area 69 family – it's only been ½ year since I have been in front of this body. I really miss all of you and it is really great to be here today. Over the years of General Service the relationships are life lasting and very special all in our primary purpose to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Welcome all new GSRs, yours in service always, Frank B.

**District Two** – Patrick DCMC – verbal report was given.

**District Three** – Eric M., DCM – Hi I am Eric and I am an alcoholic DCM for District 3. On behalf of District 3 I would like to thank you all for coming today. I also would like to thank the host committee for the great job. Very grateful to be a part of District 3. District 3 is doing well. I would like to thank Matt for his support in helping us with this Post-Conference planning. District 3 is growing, very exciting. We still have some positions that need filling. We will be helping at the School of Alcoholism on Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>, looking forward to working with Rachael and Treesa. We have been working with Provo Central Office, which is doing well. Thank you for letting me serve. Eric M.

**District Four** – Hi my name is David and I'm an alcoholic, and I am DCM of District 4. Our numbers have been up a little in the Fillmore group. The Delta group is about the same. Attendance has been a steady 20-22 people at the Millard County Jail. A local treatment center ranch opened back up and has been bringing people to meetings. They have expressed an interest in having a meeting at the ranch. We are looking for someone to take the meeting to them. This week on Wednesday we set up a display at the Fillmore Health Fair and did the same thing in Delta on Thursday. Response was good. We gave out pamphlets and talked to quite a few people. I am so grateful to all of you for your service to the still suffering alcoholics. Yours in service, David R.

District Five - not represented

**District Six** – Becky O., DCM – District doing well, we're still there. Our spring workshop is now a summer workshop. Planning a campout on June 8<sup>th</sup> in Maple Canyon 8 miles west of Moroni. We still have a few positions open in our District.

District Seven – Deanna O., DCM - Greetings, My name is Deanna O. and I am an alcoholic. I am a DCM for the South West sub district of District VII. My Home Group is, The Rise and Shine in St. George. We meet Monday through Friday at 7:00 am and Saturdays at 8:00 am at the Dixie Alano Club. I hope you will come visit us if you are in town. Our DCMC is off getting some training and so I get to give our report. I am happy to report that there are things to report. ©We now have a Bridging the Gap Coordinator, Mr. Jeff...Linda's husband. ©There is a Corrections Forum scheduled for June 8th in Kanab. We will have a presentation by Pete G, our Area Corrections Chair and our Area Chair Wade J. will be joining us to share his experience, both personal and as an Area Corrections Chair. We are all looking forward to learning more about this topic and how we can best help. You are all cordially invited to attend and I am sure that Pete has flyers for everyone. Finally, our district has the honor of hosting the Post Conference next year. So we began discussion about that at our last District meeting. I can't speak for anyone else in our district but I am excited to get to host another event. I really enjoyed the last one. I'm so grateful to have the opportunity to be of service. Deanna O.

**District Eight** – Teri W., DCM – My name is Teri, I'm an alcoholic. I'm happy to report from District 8. All of our positions are filled! We have lots of participation. Financially we are doing well. WE have a group of AA Members taking a meeting once a week into the Youth Detention Center. In June we are having our District Inventory. We have GSRs and standing chairs participating at Area events. It has created others to be excited about service work, when we return to Vernal and share information and the fellowshipping outside of Vernal.

**District Nine** – Danny G., GSR – Attendance is stable. Currently we have eight meetings a week. We are financially stable and on April 27<sup>th</sup> we held our first jail meeting attendance was great and we were met with much gratitude. All service positions are filled and we are very excited to host the Fall Assembly.

**District Ten** – Rick V., DCMC – Greetings trusted servants. First off, I would like to thank District 3 for hosting this event. District 10 is alive and doing well. Mark B. and all others on the Pre-Conference committee did a great job on making the Pre-Conference Assembly in Park City a success. And speaking for District 10 I would like to sincerely thank everyone for attending the Pre-Conference. It was a good turn out. During that weekend we also :enlarged" our Fall Assembly 2014 committee and had our second meeting then. Thanks Jolene and all devoted volunteers for your efforts in beginning to bring this assembly together. Open positions in District 10 are: Treasurer, Secretary although our indispensable volunteer Mary A is filling in for this position currently. Thanks very much Mary A. DCM positions open for sections 2, 4, and 5, alt DCM positions open for sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8. A new meeting has begun on Wednesday at Valley Mental Health at about 60<sup>th</sup> S and 9<sup>th</sup> E at 7:45. Need more people to support it. Thanks for letting me serve, and thank you Erin for reading this for me. Rick V.

**District Eleven** – Kristen DCMC – Hello I am Kristen and I am the DCMC for District 11. District 11 is doing well. One of the churches in Clearfield burned down a couple of months ago, leaving several meetings without a place to meet. However, all but 1 meeting has found a home. They have been fixed with all of the directories. During our last GSR meeting our treasurer reported that our finances are doing well. We also discussed how to help our secretary out with how much detail District 11 needs in the minutes. Our DCM of the North reported that we have a couple of meetings that will be starting up. Both will be meeting in Fruit Heights at the Presbyterian Church. I will have more details on that meeting the next time we meet. We are busy with the BTG Workshop. As soon as we are done with the workshop. Those who have volunteered for Area Inventory will becomebusy planning that committee's meeting. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Kristen.

**District Twelve** – Margarita F., MCD - Report of the 12th district Area 69 Utah state. Very good morning fellows, it is a pleasure to be with you. In the District we continue to work and drive together on Sunday, visit groups on Tuesdays of each week. District Board meeting is Monday at 7:30 pm. We also are working with the Traditions Workshop at 7:30 pm Saturday in the Hispanic group. Speaker: companion Carlos G. We will hold the La Vina workshop Sunday June 23, 2013. Exhibitors: Friends of the 17 anniversary of the La Vina committee inAnaheim CA. This is what we are doing in the District, thanks to the companions that make up this district 12 its presence in visits to groups, workshop traditions and unity board. Thanks to all the community for their support so AA can continue to work, MCD. Margaret F.

### **Motion Vote**

**Motion1:**"That the Area 69 Pre Assembly Workshop held the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in August and the Area 69 Fall Workshop held the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November, become one day events held on Saturday. The Travel Defrayment for "lodging", outlined in the current Area Guidelines 7.5Item 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 1 9,2012 Presented by: John McG., GSR, District 2 Seconded by: Scott, District II

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 Area69Workshops 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.

The motion was voted on, 23 for, 25 against. A motion to reconsider was made and passed, the second vote was 25 for, 29 against. The motion failed.

Motion 2: "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 The motion was voted on, 33 for, 16 against. The motion passed.

Corrections Ad Hoc Committee – Pete G. – Formed an ad hoc committee to study effects of Area BTG Workshop. Is it worth the \$250.00? The Committee has not formally met, spoke with some members and would like more time and will bring recommendation at a later date.

#### **Standing Committee Round Tables 3:25 – 4:10**

### **Open Mic Time**

- Delegate's report about finances. GSO becoming self-supporting through contributions. Think about Area contributions, but take back to groups the idea of being self-supporting. We're doing really well here in Utah, 117 groups listed on contribution sheet, registered groups are ~235, about half are participating.
- Literature committee has been talking about hosting Area 69 Literature Workshop, July 20 in the afternoon, round tables.
- Looking for translators, especially for workshops, maybe a pool of people.
- Charlie T from SL Central Office. Paid employees retired, volunteers took over, costs went down, contributions went up. Let's try carrying the message
  with extra money. Let's create standing Committees. SL Central Office serves 3 districts, the CI positions would support the Districts. Let's turn up the
  volume.
- Mickey H. secretary for Utah Valley Central Office, changes there too. New manager, few glitches, phone system not working but should be fixed, website needs updating. But new participation and contributions, please come to Utah Valley and help website!
- Like to invite Central Office to come to District 12 because we'd like to start Central Office in Spanish again. Would like to create unity, would like to know how we can work together. Would like a strong office together. Like to thank Walter for report, suggest being a little stronger, we ask you to come to our meetings.
- Big breakthrough in SL Central Office phone system, buying a new easily transferrable programmable system. Used non-alcoholics to answer the phone, now will just have people, alcoholics will answer the phone.
- Thank you to the Spanish speaking population. Language of the heart. We need to strengthen ties.

### **PRAASA Reports**

## Frank B., verbal report

Brendan R. – My experience at PRAASA was so powerful. I came up not knowing what to expect. When I first got here I wasn't sure if I like it. But over time I started enjoying it all, the socializing and all the new information was overwhelmingly amazing! Making so many new friends, learning how much structure there is in AA and how much larger it is than I thought. I have been practicing the art of asking questions here and have learned much more from it. I'm feeling so much more accepted than when I first arrived. I can't measure the amount of gratitude I feel for PRAASA. The people who helped set it up and everyone that attended. I did something amazing here at PRAASA, I shared in front of 900 people! The most I have ever spoken in front of, and that is something I will take with me. I plan on going to the next year. PRAASA altered my program. I'm truly grateful for the chance to have been there, and I want to thank everyone that helped me get up there. I rode up with California Dave, Cory, Todd and Mike and was able to find an extra bed. I didn't have much money but by asking for help and wanting to go I was able to make it up there and have a new experience to remember. It was cool how it fell into place when I didn't know what was going to happen and I put trust in the people that said "Just go with it and it will work out." And it did. That was pretty cool and I'm glad I was able to go to the 2013 PRAASA and establish new relationships with other sick people like me that wanted something different.

#### Adjourn at 5:00pm