

**Minutes Utah Area 69 Fall Workshop  
November 2-3, 2013  
Bountiful Elks Club  
Bountiful, Utah – Hosted by District 1**

**Welcome Wade J., 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. Area Officers and Past Delegates were introduced. LeAnn, District 10, read the 12 Concepts, short form. Area Committee Chairs were introduced.

**Minutes of the 2013 Pre-Assembly Workshop - Wendy W., Area Secretary:** Approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report – Renae H., Area Treasurer:** Dear Friends, I am so grateful to be sober...and that I have the pleasure of being with you all today! I look forward to every Area 69 event because of the wonderful fellowship, love and support that we get to experience from each other when we are gathered in service to Alcoholics Anonymous here in Utah. First, I want to share about the A.A. Birthday Contributions to GSO. Last month at the Fall Assembly, I presented information on how members can use the free "GSO Birthday Contribution" envelopes to increase participation in the groups and districts' 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition practices, and to further support our General Service Office in New York in the effort of becoming fully self-supporting through member contributions only. This presentation was followed by inviting each member in attendance to use these B-day envelopes to make their own individual A.A. birthday contribution sometime during the Assembly weekend, and to place it in a box with a separate piece of paper anonymously stating the amount contributed. These envelopes were collected from the box at the conclusion of the weekend and were bulk-mailed to GSO from Area 69. We then tallied the amounts that were written down on the pieces of paper, and the grand total of Birthday Contributions sent to GSO by the Area 69 Fall Assembly members was \$435.00. Wow! What an awesome area we are! Thank you for your enthusiastic participation and willingness to give back to A.A! Speaking of contributions...the Districts, Groups, and A.A. members are to be commended again for the wonderful support and participation in contributions to the Area 69 General Service structure---which supports the Area Committees in providing the continued and much needed services to the Utah Fellowship---and, more importantly, to the suffering alcoholic who has yet to reach our doors. Year to date total contributions are \$23,995.64, compared to \$21,201.02 reported in 2012 at this time. This is an increase of \$2794.62 above the 2012 figures. This is good news, as the Area recently voted and passed the 2014 Area Budget with a slight increase above the 2013 budget. (Note: The 2014 budget included an increase of \$200.00 toward the Area Delegate's General Service Conference Week expenses. It was previously budgeted at \$1800.00 in 2013, and is now budgeted at \$2000.00 for 2014.) Thank you again for trusting this "trusted servant treasurer" to serve Area 69. In Gratitude, Renae Harkness

**Financial Report – Renae H., Area Treasurer:** Approved as read. Comment, Keith M. – GSO called Keith to thank the Area for the Birthday Contributions.

**Delegate's Report – Walter C., Delegate:** I would like to thank District 1 for hosting this Workshop and I would like to thank all of you for this wonderful opportunity to be your Delegate. I have learned so much, yet there is still more to learn. I am looking forward to the workshop topics this weekend. For me, I find my best teachers are you. I spoke with the Pacific Regional Trustee (Rod B.) yesterday; and he regrets that he will not be here this weekend because he is attending Board Weekend at GSO. What this also means is that the AAWS Highlights are old news, but I felt they are the latest that we have and should be passed on. **News from GSO (AAWS Highlights)** Most of the GSO staff rotated into their new assignments on July 15, 2013. Publishing – Total gross sales for the first six months, through June 2013 are \$6,484,189 which is \$45,331 over estimate for the period and behind last year's gross sales for this same period by \$9,300. The Board priced the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Edition of the first edition, first printing of Alcoholics Anonymous (to be published April 2014) at \$12.00. As a result of continual and increasing requests from inmates for a large print format of the abridged Big Book, the Board approved developing the concept of a large print version of the existing soft cover abridged edition Alcoholics Anonymous. Finance – For the first six months of 2013, contributions from AA groups and members of \$3,200,000 were \$28,579 over budget. Gross profit on literature sales of \$4,023,055 was \$165,501 over budget. Total expenses of \$7,636,443 were \$35,078 over budget. Net loss totaled \$412,817 compared with a six month budgeted loss of \$571,718. Other - An overview of a report on the 2020 International Convention from Gregg Talley, International Conventions consultant, was shared at the AAWS Board meeting. In this report from the April 2013 joint meeting of the trustees' and Conference Committees on International Conventions/Regional Forums, Gregg assured the committees – based on an earlier site visit to Detroit – that a vital re-growth is taking place within the inner city, and that financial and safety concerns were not a factor in the areas the International Convention will be using. More recent information confirmed the findings of this report. Several outside organizations have proposed to the US Post Office that a commemorative stamp featuring a full face photo of Bill W. be issued. It was also suggested that this stamp would be introduced at the 2015 International Convention of which there is no truth. Letters have been written and sent to the US Post Office and all Conference members that this proposal does not come from or have the support of Alcoholics

Anonymous World Services, Inc. **Central Offices/Intergroups** I would like to talk to you about Central Office/Intergroups. I feel the need to talk about Central Office/Intergroups because an area Ad Hoc committee recommended cooperation between the Salt Lake City Central Office and Area 69 for the BTG. I thought I understood the purpose of Central Office and the relationship between Area 69; however, after reading the AA literature (AA Service Manual, page S41 and AA Guidelines Central or Intergroup Offices) about the Central Office/Intergroup, I found that my understanding was limited. The following excerpt is from the AA Service Manual and the AA Guidelines Central or Intergroup Offices. **The AA Service Manual pS41** *Working with Local Intergroups and Central Offices Traditionally, general service committees and intergroups/central offices have performed different functions. Central offices provide local services; general service committees maintain the link between the AA groups and the AA General Service Board by means of the Conference. So these two separate but vital service structures coexist in many areas in mutual cooperation and harmony. At the time the Conference was started, there were already well-established central offices in several large cities, providing services for local AA groups and members. Today, there are many more central offices throughout the US and Canada, supported by the AA groups in the communities they serve. Each group elects a representative to attend central office meetings. These offices provide such services as: 1. Receiving, arranging, and following up Twelfth Step calls. 2. Answering inquiries about AA. 3. Establishing local public information committees. 4. Maintaining information about local hospitals and recovery facilities for alcoholics. 5. Publishing local AA meeting lists. 6. Providing a newsletter. 7. Ordering, selling, and distributing AA Conference-approved literature. In contrast, the Conference structure is the method through which all AA groups in an area can provide the most effective communication within the area and between the groups and the General Service Board and GSO on matters of policy that affect AA as a whole. These include policy on: Conference-approved literature, AA public information, AA cooperation with the professional community, AA activity in treatment and correctional facilities, AA finances, the AA Grapevine, and the election of trustees to the General Service Board. Many areas find that a liaison between the central office/Intergroup and the area committee is very helpful in maintaining good relations and communication. In some areas the liaison has vote at the assembly; in others, a voice but not vote. More information on working together is available through GSO and in the pamphlets "The AA Group" and "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix," as well as in the Guidelines on Intergroups/Central Offices.* **From AA Guidelines Central or Intergroup Offices** *The AA Guidelines below are compiled from the shared experience of AA members throughout the US and Canada., They also reflect guidance given through the Twelve Traditions and the General Service Conference. In keeping with our Tradition of autonomy except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole, most decisions are made by the group conscience of the members involved. The purpose of these Guidelines is to assist in reaching an informed group conscience. Central Offices and GSO The common experience has shown that AA's worldwide unity is best served if AA groups maintain their own separate contacts with GSO. Direct group contact with GSO doesn't take the place of services provided by a local service office, but helps GSO to keep in closer touch with all groups. There are, however, some important areas of interest in which close contact between the central offices and GSO is not only desirable but necessary. Some central offices, for example, like to be provided with New Group Information Forms so that newly formed groups can be immediately listed with GSO. These forms, as well as forms for changing group information, are available from GSO on request. Groups should not assume that if they list themselves with a central office they are automatically listed at GSO. New groups are encouraged to send a Group Information Form directly to the General Service Office, PO Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. For its own part, GSO also seeks to keep central offices well informed. As a regular policy, the GSO newsletter, Box 4-5-9, as well as AA Directories, are sent to each central office. GSO also keeps a record of all central offices and is interested in assisting them wherever possible. The staff member on the Group Services assignment is the liaison with central offices and intergroups. Communication Communication is the key to working together – Central Office or Intergroup Office and General Service Area Committee or the District Committee and the General Service Office of AA. In 1990 the General Service Conference stressed the importance of communication and recommended that delegates establish and maintain contact with offices in their areas to share Conference information and assure that central/intergroup offices have a voice in the Fellowship through their existing service structure. Try to find out what is going on by getting together from time to time with corresponding committees in your area. It is important to share ideas and discuss activities so as to avoid duplication of effort. It is not important who does the work (the General Service Committee or the Central Office or Intergroup Committee in your area) but that the work gets done – that help is there for the next alcoholic who needs us and our Fellowship. Central offices and general service area committees are complementary, rather than competitive, AA operations. Both exist to help insure AA unity and to fulfill AA's primary purpose of carrying the message. There is a great deal of work for intergroup or central office committees concerned with public information, cooperation with the professional community, correctional and treatment facilities. In 1986, the first AAWS/Intergroup/Central Office Seminar was held to discuss questions on literature distribution, pricing and discounts, and to share ways to work together. Seminars are now held each year. Because the Area will be talking about and voting on issues associated with the Central Office, the area needs to fully understand the purpose of Central Office and how they relate to Area 69. I believe reading the AA literature and discussing issues among ourselves is the only way to have a fully informed group conscience. Lately, I have heard some discussions about how the AA traditions are being broken in Area 69. I wonder if we are being too rigid and at the same time I worry that maybe breaking the traditions is the cause of the discord in the area. The Grapevine article (April 1946) talked about the "Twelve points to assure our future". I believe that the downfall of AA will come about when we stop caring about the traditions. So, here is something to chew on: When we break or bend the AA traditions, are we putting the survival of AA at risk? What*

are our responsibilities as keepers of the AA Traditions? Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Walter C., Area 69 Utah, Panel 63 Delegate

**Roll Call – Sheryl T., Area Registrar:** In attendance were Area Officers 7 – Area Standing Chairs 7 – Past Delegates 3 – District 1: 1 DCMC, 5 GSRs, 1 Alt. GSR, 1 Standing Chair, 1 District Officer – District 2: 1 DCMC, 2 GSRs, 1 District Officer – District 3: 1 DCM, 1 District Officer – District 4: 1 DCM, 1 GSR – District 5: None in attendance – District 6: None in attendance – District 7: 1 DCM – District 8: 1 DCM, 2 GSRs – District 9: None in attendance – District 10: 1 DCMC, 3 DCMs, 3 GSRs, 3 Alt. GSRs, 2 District Officers – District 11: 1 DCMC, 2 DCM, 1 GSRs, 1 District Officer – District 12: 1 DCM, 1 Alt. GSR – CO Reps: 3 – Interested AAs 2 – **Total = 62**

### Remaining Area Officers Reports

**Immediate Past Delegate/Newsletter - Keith M., Chair:** My name is Keith and I am an alcoholic. As the co-chair of the Area 69 Utah Guidelines Committee I have been involved with the committee reviewing an item about standing chair expenses. The Committee is still deliberating about this issue. As the Immediate Past Delegate I have numerous wonderful conversations with members about a variety of topics. The next Area 69 News and Notes will be the 2014 PRAASA issue available at the Pre-Conference Assembly in April. Thanks Keith M.

**Alternate Delegate - Doug R.:** Verbal report given

**Area Chair - Wade J.:** Hi my name is Wade J., Area Chairperson. I am an alcoholic. I can't think of a better way to spend a weekend with the people I love and respect. Since the last time we met I have visited District 4 and I am so grateful to spend an evening with my Delta family. I would like to challenge each of you to announce the Area inventory that will be held on December 7 to as many of your home group members as possible so we may get as much input from our Area on any ideas that they might have. I would like to thank those of you who have worked so hard to make this weekend so awesome. Thanks for allowing me to serve Area 69 and for sharing your life with me. Love Wade J. Area Chair.

**Bid for 2014 Fall Workshop – Matt D., Assembly/Agenda Chair:** District 4 won the bid.

### Area Standing Chairperson Reports

**Treatment - Andy B., Chair:** Thanks for allowing me to serve the Utah Area as the Treatment Chair, not much to report, next week I will be attending the District 8 GSR meeting in Roosevelt, sharing information on Treatment, Special Needs and BTG, thank you District 8 for the invite. I was asked to touch on the motion made by the results of the BTG Ad Hoc Committee, thanks Walter for reviewing the connection between Central Offices and General Service.

**Public Information (P.I.) - Wendy W. for Treesa J., Chair:** Good morning everyone. I apologize for being absent today. The great part of sobriety is having a life to enjoy. The sad part for me is choosing between my service work and my personal life when they overlap. I appreciate your support and understanding. This has been an exciting September and October. On September 25-27 The Utah Fall Substance Abuse Conference was held in St. George. The participants emptied some of the pamphlets each day. Two of the most popular pamphlets were *A.A. and the Armed Services* (P-50) and *Problems Other Than Alcohol* (P-35). The event provided one free registration for our booth. I had one volunteer who was willing to be there all three days. She enjoyed the event so much that she has already volunteered for next year. I felt the event and the booth were successful. This event was similar to the School on Alcoholism just smaller. On September 26, the attendees at the Utah Fall Substance Abuse Conference were released early from lectures to attend the Southwest Recovery Night. A volunteer set up a booth for AA. This was a 3 hour display. However, it was so windy that all booths were taken down one hour early. On October 17, a volunteer set up A.A.'s display at BYU's Mental Health Service Awareness Night. Originally there were two volunteering but one had to be excused. The other was willing but wary about being alone. In the end, the volunteer enjoyed the event and was so inspired that he has also volunteered to do it again next year. I love to see Step 12 in action. There really were about 600 hundred attendees and the popular pamphlet here was *Members of the Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous* (P-25). A side note of information. One of the P.I. Roundtable participants spoke with me before a doctor appointment about approaching the physician with AA Literature. She contacted me after to say the Physician was very interested but wanted to know if we also have literature to quit smoking. It is Progress not Perfection. It has been and continues to be a pleasure sharing this journey with you all. Yours in service, Treesa J.

**Literature - Kurt J., Chair:** My name is Kurt and I'm an alcoholic. My sobriety date is April 21, 1994. My home group is the Monday Night Men's group in Logan, UT. I have the privilege of serving as your Area 69 Literature Standing Chair. Since the Fall Assembly, I have ordered 144 service manuals on closeout from GSO. We will be giving these away at each Area 69 event. Now have a copy of the Special Needs pamphlet on CD and in ASL on DVD. Only the third time conference approved literature has been translated to ASL. First two are the Big Book and the 12 and 12. 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the Big Book will be available in April 2014. Would like to share some of our literature. Three talks to Medical

Societies by Bill W. AA's Legacy of Service, The Co-Founders of Alcoholics Anonymous. I love Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you for my sobriety. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Kurt J.

**Grapevine - Mark B., Chair:** Hello fellow trudgers. Thank you District 1. Not much going on due to the move I have been in the middle of. I have continued to visit various groups and help get GV reps registered. I was very pleased with book sales, i.e. No Matter What – sales through the roof and will be rotating the sales back into the GV budget to order many more copies to have in December. I even sold my personal copy just to get it out. I still need to get to District 12 and help with attracting new La Vina reps and help boost subscriptions. As soon as I get my printer/fax back up I will be sending Janet a touching story that was given to me from a member who takes meetings into the prison, from an inmate. Hope it finds its way into a publication. Also a new joke that I caught while watching a TV show. Andy B asked if I would like to head to District 8 with him, and it's a yes if he and District 8 will have me. I have made a personal commitment to myself to get to more District GSR meetings. Thank you for letting me learn a little more and grow with that. Mark B.

**Corrections – Pete G., Chair:** Since the Fall Assembly, deeply involved in Southern Utah. That is just another way of saying that I have been rather selfish. We were visited by our Delegate Walter who came down for our District 7 elections. He was able to stay over and be a guest speaker plus attend my home group meeting, good fellowship all around. District 7 did elect a new Corrections chair who has been very active in Kane County. Looking forward to it. There was a Corrections contact sent from GSO that was for an inmate in northern Utah. (Rose Park). This was the first contact from our new Corrections desk person – Eva S. When I walked in to the Central Office yesterday afternoon, I was provided a bridge for the Cedar City area. That's just how this thing works. Oddly enough, rather than being from Arizona, like I thought, it was from a treatment center in San Clemente. Being on the host Committee for the Post Conference 2014, I brought plenty of flyers – take one for those who are not fortunate enough to be here today. I have spent a lot of time in contact with BTG National Committee and servants in the Salt Lake area. Many hotels have been talked about, some very exciting ones too! But I have a commitment to provide 3 hotels, possibly 4 that the National BTG Committee can begin to work on. Pete G.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) - Wendy W for Rachael F., Chair:** Greetings Area 69! Sorry I am unable to attend this workshop. My life has turned upside down. I have spent the last 2 months traveling back and forth to Colorado helping my mother prepare to pass from this life to her next adventure. I am saddened to say that she passed on October 24. I am physically, mentally and emotionally exhausted, and have been instructed by my sponsor to not let my plate over flow. I have ordered all the literature needed for the professional packets. I have enough for each district to have 5 packets for clergy, 5 packets for healthcare professionals and 2 packets for senior centers. If your district would like to receive these prior to the December Committee meeting please send me an email with your district, position and an address where I should send the packets. If I don't receive a request I will have the packets at the Area Inventory Meeting on December 7th in Bountiful. If you are unable to attend that please let me know and I can send the packet to your CPC Chair, PI Chair or the DCMC. Treesa asked Eric M. and I to represent AA at the BYU Mental Health Awareness night. Unfortunately I was needed in Colorado. I want to thank Eric for being there to represent. He sent me pictures of the booth and they looked great. Thanks again Eric I owe you an ice cream. I know I have mentioned this in my last 2 reports but I really want to impress the importance of working with our counter part standing chairs at central office. We will get more done by working together and we will also be able to avoid bumping egos. Sad to have missed all of you FANTABULOUS people and hope to see you next month at the Area Inventory meeting in Bountiful. Yours in Service Rachael F.

**Communications - Charlie G., Chair:** Greetings trusted servants! I would like to thank Doug, LeAnn & everyone who helped cover for me as I was unable to attend the Fall Assembly in Moab. I really missed everyone & it is sure a real pleasure to see you all here today from my Service family. You know we are truly blessed to be here & share the message of service & Love with each other. Here are some Web Stats to hopefully show you how we are digitally carrying the message: Total Visits to date: 318,159 and **Utahaa.org** is officially **8 Years, 9 Months, 7 Days old** . It is ranked **#6,334,765** on the world wide web and We are using less than 10% of our total bandwidth & server space. How people are viewing our website 58.7% Desktop views, Mobile views 34% & Tablet views are at 7.3% Average Visit duration is at 2:18 Mins through October 2013. We had 3 visits from Canada & minimal amounts from foreign countries less that 1 ea. Please see me after if you have any additional questions or would like me to further explain some of the stats or jargon... Website informational updates; The rotating banner is constantly changing to reflect the events and changes in our Area and at GSO, the commemorative Edition page is there as well as the New online GSO Literature Store. So now anyone can get Literature there if they need it. Groups and others can order from a local Central/Intergroup, Area Literature chair, or District Offices. The General Service Office cooperates closely with these entities, which have become a valuable resource for members and groups, throughout the United States and Canada. Also you can now register for Praasa 2014 from the Link on rotating banner San Diego has done a fine job of making it easy & quick to get Pre-registered for next years event. We have been trying our best to respond to all your requests as quickly as possible. However, There have been a few minor glitches and a small service update from Westhost will be arriving shortly this will be done without any disruption to our website uptime or service. Will be renewing our Domain Name registration & Hosting package for 2014/15 in January or February as soon as they send us a bill. As far as Activity outside of committee meetings go, LeAnn is pulling together some info that was asked of her in Moab & we should have that to discuss further at our next

roundtable. I want to applaud Winston W. for stepping up & doing a fantastic job of Spanish document Translation. He is a real Ninja & Great resource that has helped take a lot of stress out of this Alcoholics service position. I am sleeping better now thanks to him, Way to go Winston!!!. Have been listening in on the monthly C.Office Intergroup-Conf. Call & it is good to keep in the loop with what is going on there throughout our State. The mobile page development is slowly moving along. Will have more on this later in my next report. And again, Thank you for letting me serve all of you & your groups. Charlie g. Area 69 Communications

**Archives - Athlene M., Archivist:** verbal report given

**Assembly/Agenda - Matt D., Chair:** verbal report given.

### District Reports

**District 12 – Margarita, DCM:** Hi everybody, Margarita alcoholic. This is my report. As DCM in District 12, we're still with the existing committees. Last Sunday, Oct 27, 2013, we elected in a meeting a conventional Spanish committee. As District we attended a Spanish convention in the state of Idaho. This was held last October 5-6. Yesterday, there were gathered 7 AA members, November 1, 213, to open up a new group which will call "Serenity Group". This will take place in Kearns, Utah, and we had our goal. The new group will be starting had have meetings from tomorrow on and on. Thanks Area 69 Committee. Margarita, District 12 DCM.

**District 11 – Kristen D., DCMC:** Hello family, my name is Kristen and I am the DCMC for District 11. My home group is the Primary Purpose. We meet on Monday nights at 7:00 in Layton, stop by if you are in town. I am happy to report that District 11 is going strong. We have just passed the budget for the 2014 year. There is always a loving discussion when it comes to money. We have filled our CPC position. Our new trusted servant Kent is excited and on fire and has been in contact with Rachel. I am so excited to be on this journey with him. We still have 2 positions open, PI and Treatment. We have a chair for the Pre-Assembly Workshop in 2015. Her name is Laurie S. She is currently our Standing Literature chair. She has been given the packet to start preparing. Thank you for the amazing opportunity that you give me each time I show up. My sobriety has become so much more than just meetings. In love and service, Kristen D.

**District 10 – Rick V., DCMC:** Greetings fellow servants. District 10 is alive and well. We just finished getting together our budget for the upcoming year and we will be bringing it to the GSR meeting body for a vote Monday night, November 4, 2013. Also, we will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual workshop of the year at the Salt lake Central Office on GSR/DCM service. It will be November 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, starting at 10:00 and ending at 2:00pm. We still have various positions open for anyone interested in volunteering for in our area: PI, 3 DCM positions (sections 2,4 and 5) 5 alt DCM positions (sections 1,2,3,5 and 6). I would like to thank District 1 for hosting this event and also District 10 for allowing me to serve as your DCMC thus far. And a big thanks to Area 69 and the work they do to represent our state as well as they do. In love and service, Rick V.

**District 9 –** No report given.

**District 8 – Teri W., DCM:** Good morning, my name is Teri. I'm an alcoholic, serving as the DCM for District 8. I'm happy to report that all the meetings in our District are reporting an abundance of participation and contributions. At our last District meeting our secretary made up-dated schedules for the body to look over for corrections and bring back to the next meeting. The chairpersons for the Bridging the Gap workshop in June 2014 and the Pre-Conference Assembly in 2015 are looking for venues for these events. We are looking forward to Andy B. attending our next District meeting. We plan on feeding him well. I'm grateful to be here, and to serve. Thank you.

**District 7 – John W., DCM:** Post-Conference committee for 2014 has been meeting regularly and all is secure and on track and ready for May 16-18. Flyers on back table. A great deal of progress in District 7 of getting literature to public facilities has been very productive. Including AA volunteers attending public event information booths. Our trusted Area Delegate came to District 7 service rotation voting event and served us well. We have most of our service positions filled for 2014, only a few District standing chairs and 2 DCMs needed. Walter also gave a great Delegate report and new GSRs and interested AAs were involved. Great questions were asked. I believe all went away with questions answered and solutions created. The spirit of rotation is becoming more active. New GSRs are actually requesting literature and reading it. Some of the info is even getting back to the groups. The contact info for groups to GSO in New York is going well. A lot of groups are being very accommodating. The north sub-District meeting attendance has been on a steady increase. The Beaver meeting is looking to relocate into a larger facility. District 7 wishes to thank Walter for sharing at the speaker meeting in St George. More volunteers are interested at the Dixie Central Office. Thanks for allowing me to serve, John W.

**District 6 –** No report given.

**District 5** – No report given.

**District 4 – David R., DCM:** Hi my name is David Remkes, DCM District 4 and I'm an Alcoholic. Last month at our district meeting we were visited by our Delegate Walter C. and Area Chairman Wade J. Walter C. gave us a delegate report and Walter C. and Wade J. gave us some ideas and advice about District Guidelines which we don't have yet we are soon to form a guidelines committee. We are grateful for our involvement with Area Service. Our groups and members benefit greatly from our association with Area 69.  
Yours in Love and Service

**District 3 – Cory S., DCM:** Greetings fellow trusted servants, my name is Cory and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to serve District 3 as DCM. We have had two resignations from the District committee. Eric M. announced his resignation as DCM in late October, and California Dave DCMC resigned in early October. We wish them well. Doug L. from Heber stood for and was elected as Alt. DCM at the August District meeting. As a District committee we are trying to get the work out that we have open positions. Several of our standing chair positions remain unfilled. However, we remain hopeful that the recent open positions bring in new opportunities for District 3 members to serve. Two motions to amend District 3's guidelines were brought to a vote in October. Neither passed. This last weekend Mike L. and I traveled to Heber for District 3's fall workshop. The Heber Group held the workshop at the Heber senior center. There were around 15 members in attendance. Doug L. gave a presentation on the ABCs of General Service and then we heard a speaker share on the traditions. Thank you Heber Group for the pizza and fellowship. Respectfully, Cory S.

**District 2 – Patrick R., DCMC:** Good morning my fine fellows, my name is Patrick and I am an alcoholic and the DCMC for District 2. I am happy to announce that our last GSR meeting was perhaps the best yet since I've had the DCMC position. I feel as though I'm finally getting comfortable with my duties. We have a new Treasurer who already is doing a wonderful job. We also had a few interested AA's attend the last GSR meeting who are considering standing for an open position at the District, of which we have several, so hopefully they'll be back. Our Standing Chairs continue to perform their duties admirably, and are working with the Chairs at Central Office to coordinate their efforts and more effectively carry the message. Speaking of Central Office, we are looking forward to attending the service workshop there in December and trying to fill the open positions there and at the surrounding Districts. And finally, District 2 will be conducting a budget committee meeting to review this years spending and plan for next year's. We will be meeting at my father's house on Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 1030 am. My father is as of yet unaware of this, but I'll shortly remedy that. He is always accommodating of alcoholics, both those sober and those drunk. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Sincerely, Patrick R.

**District 1 – Frank B., Treasurer:** Good morning, my name is Frank and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Monday Night Men's Group our of Logan Utah. My sobriety date is October 28, 1990. I currently serve Alcoholics Anonymous and District 1 as the District 1 Treasurer. The District 1 report is as follow: As of October 13, 2013, the District 1 finances are at \$1,151.44 above the \$2,000.00 prudent reserve. The District is in the process again reviewing and modifying the District Guidelines. When completed they will be forwarded to the Area to be posted on the Area website. There are approximately 47 registered groups in District 1. 27 so far this year have contributed their 7<sup>th</sup> tradition to District 1. To those groups, thank you for your contributions for allowing the District 1 trusted servants to practice our primary purpose, to carry the message to the still suffering. Many positions at District 1 still need to be filled. The 3 DCMs are actively visiting meetings in their assigned areas with the help of the District officers. The message of the Grapevine is being carried through the voice of the new District 1 Grapevine/La Vina chair. The correctional facilities are actively holding AA meetings in Cache, Weber and Box Elder Counties. Literature is in abundance in the Weber County jail thanks to the pink can donations coming from the Beyond the Horizon Group in Roy Utah. Big Books and Grapevines and Spanish Big Books are in the process of being purchased for C/C jail as well as Box Elder County. The rural areas of District 1 are in need of support. Rich County in particular has a Thursday night meeting in Bear Lake. They are approximately 4 members, with the support of a hand full of members from Logan. The meeting is alive and well. It is listed on the meeting schedule on utahaa.org. If you're ever in the Bear Lake area on a Thursday night. To those of you here today, thank you for your attendance, and thank you for fulfilling your service commitment to your home group, District and to the Utah Area. It is always an honor to stand before my Utah Area 69 General Service family. It is really good to see you all and I hope you enjoy your weekend. Erin the program director for this event has put together a very diverse program. I am looking forward to the workshop segment this afternoon. To the host committee, thank you for your help and your dedication to Alcoholics Anonymous and your home District, District 1. Love and Service always, Frank B.

### Past Events

**Fall Assembly – Keith M., District 9:** My name is Keith and I am an alcoholic. District 9/Moab Group was incredibly privileged to host the 2013 Fall Assembly in Moab Utah. A total of 90 AA registered for the event and all Districts from the Area were present. The Seed Money of \$500.00 was returned to the Area during the event and additional revenue of \$677.54 was provided to the Area a few weeks ago. However, the important part is that the Moab Group got involved in General Service. Greeters, presenters and volunteers had a wonderful time. Thanks for the fabulous 12<sup>th</sup> step call on our rural community. The committee has completed the Area 69 AA Activity Information Form and that will be provided to the Area secretary and the Repository Archivist today. Thanks Keith M.

## Upcoming Events

**December 7, 2013 Area Committee Meeting – Giulia L., District 11 Co-Chair Host Committee** – The District 11 Host committee responsible for planning the Area Committee Meeting, Area Inventory in December met on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was held at the Presbyterian Church in Centerville. In attendance was Kristen D., Scott D., Laurie H., Matt D., and Giulia L. Excused absent was Mary L. As reported in September, the location has now been secured which is the Bountiful Community Church, located at 150 N. 400 E, and flyers are completed and are available now (thank you Mary L.) The seed monies have been deposited and we will get the totes from District 1 with the remaining supplies after this weekend's Workshop. At that time our DCM of the South, Scott D. will do an inventory of the totes and give that information to hospitality chairs, Laurie H. and Mary L., so that they can plan what to purchase. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> In Centerville after the District meeting. Hope to see you in December! Thank you for allowing me to serve. Giulia L.

**February 22, 2014 Area Committee Meeting – District 6, Matt D. for Becky:** Verbal report given

**PRAASA 2014** – No report given.

**April 4-6, 2014 Pre-Conference Assembly** – Hello again my fine friends. My name is Patrick and I'm an alcoholic and the DCMC for District 2. Although we've experienced difficulties in finding a time when we can all meet to plan for the Assembly, I'm relieved to say that we finally met last week and preparations are well under way. It is likely that we will host the assembly at the same location as last year' the Best Western Landmark Inn in Park City. Several suggestions for speakers were mentioned, who will soon be contacted about their availability to speak. Both Matt and Kristen were in attendance, whose experience and suggestions were greatly appreciated. We will have a flyer made up and posted to the Area and Central Office as soon as possible, and Linda R. has agreed to be our Registration Chair and have all Registrations sent to her address. My many thanks to the tireless members who continually show up to help host these events. In loving service, Patrick R.

**May 16-18, 2014 Post-Conference Assembly** – Greetings to my Area family, I'm sad that I'm not able to attend this weekend. I have been looking forward to seeing you all. However, I have some family issues that won't allow for my being gone this weekend. So Pete G. has graciously agreed to present this report for me. Thank you Pete. There's not much new news from our committee. In the past couple weeks we got the flyer/pre-registration form completed. Pete G. (Co-Chair) has a bunch of them with him for the workshop. If you can pre-register this weekend, please get your checks to Treesa J., she is our Treasurer. The deposit has been paid to the hotel and we will be working on the format of the nonbusiness portion of the event at our next meeting. Our next meeting is November 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Love Deanna O.

**Bridging the Gap June 2015:** The following trusted servants were elected to the BTG 2015 Area 69 Host Committee: Chair – Frank B., Co-Chair – Pete G., Secretary – Kristen D.

**What's on Your Mind:** Erin B. from District 1 presented the motion to form an ad hoc committee to explore incorporating Central Offices and Intergroups into the Area structure. The motion passed, and the following will serve on the committee: Erin B., Wendy W., Charlie G., Giulia L., Al J., Keith M., Kurt J., James L., John W.

Teri W., District 8 DCM presented a motion that the Pre-Conference Assembly in April 2015 be moved up or back due to the Easter weekend occurring the normal scheduling. She suggested two alternate dates, the weekend before and the weekend after. After some discussion, the body voted for the weekend after. The April 2015 Pre-Conference Assembly will be held April 10-12, 2015.

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### Presentation of New Motion

**Motion made by:** Erin B., Cache Valley Intergroup Chair

**Motion seconded by:** Wendy W., Area 69 Secretary

**Motion:** Create an ad hoc committee to explore the option of incorporating Intergroups and Central Offices into the general service structure in Area 69

**Rationale:**

**Financial Impact:** none

**Discussion:** The motion was briefly discussed and voted on, passed with substantial unanimity. Wade J., Area Chair, asked for members willing to serve on the ad hoc committee, and that the committee report back at the February 2014 Committee meeting.

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**Presentation of New Motion**

**Motion made by:** Teri W., District 8 DCM

**Motion seconded by:** David R., District 4 DCM

**Motion:** Due to Easter falling on the same weekend, the host committee suggests holding the April Pre-Conference Assembly either the week before or the week after the scheduled date of April 3-5, 2015.

**Rationale:**

**Financial Impact:** none

**Discussion:** Keith M., Immediate Past Delegate suggests that the Assembly be held the week after to allow the Delegate to receive, digest and distribute Conference information. The motion was voted on, the body elected to hold the Pre-Conference Assembly the week after the regularly scheduled date. The April 2015 Pre-Conference Assembly will be held the weekend of April 10-12, 2015.

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**What's on Your Mind?** Keith M. wanted to know when the motion for the Bridging the Gap issues would be voted on. Wade J. answered that the motion would be discussed at the May 2014 Post-Conference Assembly.

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

**1:30pm - Reconvened and Workshop began.**