

Minutes Utah Area 69 Pre Conference Assembly April 2 – 4, 2010
Best Western Landmark Inn
Park City, Utah District 10

Welcome Charlie G., Chair – with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Anonymity Statement. Welcome newcomers to their first General Service Meeting.

12 Concepts read by Hilary.

Minutes of “Fall Assembly” September 25 - 27, 2009 – Walter C., Area Secretary – Approved with amendments.

Financial Report – Pete G., Treasurer, Approved with amendments.

Roll Call – for Doug R., Area Registrar – In attendance were 6 Area Officers – Area Standing Chairs 6 – Past Delegates 3 – District one 2 DCMs, 4 GSRs, 1 Standing Chair – District two 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 3 GSR, 1 Alt. GSR, 1 Standing Chair – District three 1 DCM, 4 GSR, 1 Alt. GSR, 1 Standing Chair – District four None in attendance – District five None in attendance – District six 1 DCM, 2GSR – District seven 2 DCMs, 1 Alt. DCM, 6 GSRs, 1 Standing Chair – District eight 1 GSR – District nine None in attendance – District ten 1 DCMC, 4 DCMs, 13 GSR, 1 Alt GSR, 1 Standing Chair – District eleven 2 DCMs, 6 GSR, 1 Alt. GSR – District twelve 1 DCM, 2 GSR, 1 Standing Chair – CO Reps None in attendance – Interested AAs 4

Confirmations – Kurt J. was voted in as the new Communication Committee Chair.

Bid for “Pre Conference Assembly” 30, 31 March and 1April 2012 – Keith M., Assembly Agenda Chair – Mike (District 7), JoAnn (District 10), and Matt (District 11), stood to host the assembly. District 7 (Matt) won the bid. **NOTE:** The Area 69 Assembly Agenda Chair proposed that the dates for next year's assembly be move so that the assembly would not fall on Easter weekend. This proposal was approved by the assembly attendees.

Up Coming Events

Post-Conference Assembly, Zack K. District 10 – Plans for Post-Conference May 14-16, 2010 are going well. Thanks to all who sent in pre-registrations already. JoAnn from District 10 will be passing off supplies like cups, name tags, coffee urns to me after this assembly. We have received \$1500.00 seed money from the Area and are well covered on supplies and deposit. Registration forms are available now! Please pre-register by May 3, 2010. Thanks to my Co-Chair Keira and my committee.

Area Bridge the Gap Workshop, Mary B. District 3 – The BTG workshop will be held in District 3 in June. A facility has not been secured as of this meeting. Signup sheets were available.

Pre Assembly Workshop, Keith M., Assembly Agenda Chair (for District 3) – I attended the committee meeting for this workshop. The committee is moving forward with preparation. The committee has a facility in mind; the same facility as the BTG.

FORO, Carlos G., DCM, District 12 – District 12 will celebrate their third local General Service FORO on 7 August 2010. This will take place in Park City. Flyers will be sent when they are available. Also, District 12 is hosting the area workshop in November 2010.

International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, Charlie G. Area Chairperson – The 2010 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 1-4 in San Antonio, Texas with the theme “A Vision for You”. A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.’s 75th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Alamodome. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the San Antonio Convention Center and Local hotels. We know many are excited about the international Convention an eager for detailed information. As the time gets closer, additional information about the Convention and San Antonio, our host city, will be provided. This Web site will be updated as more information becomes available. Also, watch for articles in Box 4-5-9 that is mailed to the general service representative of every group in the U.S. and Canada listed with G.S.O. and posted on the Web site. Convention registration and housing reservations will open in fall 2009. All necessary information will be included in the registration, which will be available in September 2009. This packet will list numbers to call for answers to specific questions about housing, the program, tours, etc. The information will be mailed to A.A. groups, offices and contacts around the world and posted on the Web site. We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, Renae H. Alt. Delegate – Renae will serve as the Pacific Region Hospitality Coordinator. Each Area drew time slots for the hospitality room. Area 69 time slots are: Thursday, 1 July 2010 from 10:00 AM to 12 PM and 12 PM to 2:00 PM; Friday, 2 July 2010 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM; Saturday, 3 July 2010 from

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Please Contact me if you are attending the convention and would like to serve. Also, members from Area 69 will be participating: Jim and Mickey H., one will chair a meeting and the other will be a speaker; Mike and Shirley O., one will chair and the other will be a speaker; and I will be a speaker. If you have been invited to participate, please let us know.

Past Events

February Area Committee Meeting, LeRoy B. District 6 – Total cost was \$354.08 (Building \$220, Hospitality \$134.00). Also, donations of 78.50 was received. District 6 was very pleased to host this committee meeting and many thanks to our host committee people who served.

PRAASA 2010, Pete G., Treasurer – I was impressed with the translation at PRAASA. I Attended meeting where Carlos G. from Area 69 gave a presentation. Attended treasurer round table. Some topics discussed were area contributions to GSO, area guidelines, software use, and contributions versus disbursements.

Delegate Report – Monte S. – In 1951 Bill W. and Bob S. began an experiment in order to pass on leadership of our fellowship to its members and a few non-alcoholics. They called this experiment the General Service Conference. Utah's first Delegate, Clyde G. was part of that original conference and today we continue that legacy as we meet to discuss agenda topics for the 60th annual General Service Conference. Since January I have been traveling throughout the area talking with groups, districts and members about General Service Conference agenda items and how important our participation is in the process. Thank each of you for your sacrifice to be here today so that we may continue to improve our message of recovery and save lives. A few of the items on the agenda today are money, property and prestige. How do we want to use our money to pay for our service? Should we use 7th Tradition contributions and a portion of the profits from our literature sales? Should we use contributions only? Or is there another solution? We own two publishing companies. By means of the year around conference process we have a say in what goes into pamphlets, service manuals, videos, booklets etc. What message do we want the property those companies generate to express? Regarding pride and anonymity; do we gain a sense of prestige advertising our membership in A.A. by displaying full names and faces on electronic social networking sites and other media? These are some of the difficult questions that we answer together and by participating here today we exercise the collective voice of our area. Area Update. Since our last meeting two new Group announcements were received; one for Logan and one for Hyde Park Utah - welcome! Outreach for bilingual members willing to translate and interpret area meetings and documents from English to Spanish continues. We were notified that some Area meetings conflict with other activities being scheduled in Utah. Area events are planned two and three years out and most service functions have recurring annual weekends. The area calendar is posted on the website and is updated regularly. We urge event planners to compare their proposed dates with the area calendar to help avoid double booking weekends. PRAASA 2014 Bid Committee has been very busy preparing our bid to host PRAASA. The decision on which area will host PRAASA 2014 will be made by Pacific Region Delegates during a lunch meeting at the Conference. PRAASA 2010 was one of the best. I want to thank the Panel 59 Officers and Standing chairs for their dedication and hard work in preparing for this weekend's sharing via roundtables and presentations of the Agenda Items for the 60th General Service Conference. Thanks too for the commitment displayed by the District 10 Pre-Conference Assembly host committee. GSO Update. Application for Nontrustee Appointed Committee Member for Trustees' Committee on Public Information are due by 4:00PM April 15, 2010. The new ACM is needed for the continuing "A.A. Videos for Young People Project," part of a broader project to involve young people in our P.I. mission. Deadlines for inclusion in the 2010 Regional Directories, group updates made via Fellowship New Vision (FNV) should be completed by May 7th, 2010. Hard copies need to be at GSO Records dept. no later than April 23, 2010 to be included. The Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) is in need of A.A. members on the outside to correspond with male A.A. members in correctional facilities and to share experience, strength and hope. They also have a particular need for Spanish-speaking male correspondents. International Convention Note. A request for meeting moderators and topic presenters fluent speaking French and Spanish, as well as meetings in American Sign Language (ASL) was recently dispatched by Rick W., International Convention Coordinator. Participants will be selected from among members who are pre-registered for the 2010 International Convention and whose names are submitted. If you or someone you know meets the criteria for this request please contact me and I will submit your name(s). General Service Conference Note. Hospitality for spouse visits during the GSC is arranged by South Eastern New York Area Committee and Assembly (Area 49). They recently sent out welcome letter to Shelleice and other Delegate guests. There are special transportation challenges getting guests to venues as this year's General Service Conference is being held in Rye, New York, about 30 - 45, minutes from New York City where most of the hospitality events are held. More information about GSO, our literature, projects, and upcoming events are available online at aa.org and through electronic downloads such as BOX 459 and other GSO publications. Personal Note. I recently renewed my subscription to the Grapevine for 2 additional years. I have been a continuous subscriber since 1989. If you would like to find out what you have been missing please see our Area Grapevine Standing Chair, Luana H. Utah Area 69 has delegated me the responsibility to share our voice amid the General Service Conference. Although I do not represent you at the Conference I do serve you and to you I am responsible. Thank you for this wonderful responsibility.

Orientation – Charlie G. – The final agenda for any Conference consists of items suggested by individual A.A. members, A.A. groups, delegates, trustees, area assemblies, area committee members, and the directors and the staff members of A.A.W.S., and the grapevine. The Conference considers matters of World Services for A.A. as a whole, and there are **tried – and** true procedures for

placing an item on the agenda in the most effective way. Whatever its origin, any agenda item follows the same path to the Conference agenda. The A.A. staff studies it in the light of previous Conference actions, then passes it on to the trustees' Conference Committee or the appropriate Conference committee. Looking for the most effective and efficient way of routing it, such as workshops or presentation subjects, proposals or committee concerns. **The purpose of our roundtables** are to help our Standing committee Chair-people become better informed of ways to carry the message beyond the group level and discuss **their respective** agenda items in more thorough manner and get a better idea of the group conscience in a smaller and more easy to discuss setting. Then they will bring these items to full Conference body, review their agenda items, let us know how their round-tables voted, at which time the body will have an opportunity to discuss and vote on the items as well. **Who is eligible to vote?** GSRs, DCMs (if you are an alternate voting in place of an absent GSR or DCM), all Area Standing Chairs, and Area Officers.

Standing Committee Roundtable Discussion/Conference Agenda Items

Adjourn for Lunch 12:00

Reconvene 1:15 PM

Welcome Back – Charlie G. – Chair

Conference Agenda Items Presentation and Sense of the Meeting.

Delegates Comments – Monte S.

Adjourn at 5:00 PM.

P.S., I received the following updates in writing that were not brief at the meeting due to time constraints:

Grapevine, LauanaH., Chairperson – Has been a quiet month. Have had many calls to Grapevine. Have a challenge out that whoever brought me the most back issues of Grapevine would receive at the Pre-Conference a copy of "A Rabbit Walks Into a Bar". These issues will be put to good use. They will be sent to a gentleman who takes them to shut ins and to several different reservations. Talked to Tony on the 27th of March. He is eagerly awaiting the back issues of the Grapevine.

District 1 -- Teddy H., DCMC: Our Delegate visited our March district meeting. Monte delivered a wonderful report on the conference agenda items. Our meeting ran a half hour over due to the enthusiasm of those in attendance asking questions. District one finished up their 2010 Guidelines in March with minimal changes. Much appreciation goes to those who were on that committee. DCM's Frank and Gunnar will be putting together a fabulous workshop in the near future. More information will be available. We have half of our standing chair positions filled. (CPC, Grapevine & Treatment) They have been busy with their efforts to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the folks in District One. Our Grapevine chair and his committee visited more than 50% of our groups the first month of stepping into the position. We continue to dip into our prudent reserve. Gunnar and I attended the business meeting for the Primary Purpose Group in Ogden. One of the items on their agenda was to revise their 7th tradition splits. After hearing from both Gunnar and I regarding what is in the District One coffers, they revised the splits so that District One would receive more. The same thing happened when Gunnar attended the Thursday Night Harrison Business meeting. We are grateful to these groups. Frank and I were blessed to attend PRAASA this year. One of the comments made in the DCM round tables was "If you feed them, they will come." We are giving this approach a try. At our April meeting, we will be serving spaghetti. You are more than welcome to join us.