

**Minutes Area 69 Committee Meeting
February 17, 2007 – Utah State University – Roosevelt**

Welcome – Andy B., Chairperson with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Anonymity Statement. Welcomed newcomers to their first General Service Meeting. Asked with show of hands members willing to be Service Sponsors. Introduced Area Officers – Acknowledged Past Delegates.

12 Traditions – Paul B. – District 10

Minutes of December Committee Meeting – Pass The Gavel read by Sheri P., Recording Secretary. Approved as read.

Financial Report read by JoAnne G., Treasurer. Approved as read.

Delegate Report – Julie S., printed copies were available.

District Reports

District 1 – Vicky A., DCMC – Dist 1 transitioning into new service positions. 3 DCM's (6 total) 2 alternate DCM's. We have only filled 2 Committee Chair positions – CPC & Grapevine. GSR attendance is picking up at the District Meeting. The District Budget for 2007 was approved in Dec. The Guidelines Committee submitted their recommended changes. They were voted & approved at the Feb District Meeting. We have formed a District Workshop Committee & have several groups volunteering to host the event. April is the tentative date and we invite you all to attend. Logan Inter group has taken off. They have their own phone service and have all their committee positions filled. The District allocated money in the budget to help support Logan Inter group much the same as we do the Ogden Inter group. Out DCMC, 3 DCM's, 1 ALT DCM will be representing District 1 at PRAASA. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Vicky.

District 2 – Wade J., DCMC – Hi my name is Wade. All is well in District 2. We have all Standing Chair positions filled. We have 5 DMC's with one DCM position to fill. We still need to fill 6 alt DCM's. I am very excited to have the opportunity to serve District 2 with such wonderful people. The Pre-conference committee has been working hard to get the event ready and there are flyers available. I would like to thank District 8 for hosting this event. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in March. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Wade J.

District 3 – J.A. (Stormy) D., DCM – A district meeting was held on Feb 7. All positions are now filled. The district is planning a workshop for GSR'S to be held in April (date still open). Several of our District Officers are planning to attend PRAASA. Thank you for letting me be of service.

District 4 – No Report

District 5 – Harry B., GSR – I am grateful to be an AA member in the price area. I talked to our DCM & told him he needed to be here. If anyone can give us help in the Price Area it would be appreciated. Our nooner meetings are going well 7 days a week 12 PM. Coal Sober is very slow in the winter Wed – Sat 8 PM. Helper has meeting Sat – Sun 6 PM. Golden Rule Mission east Carbon is still doing well Tue-Sat 8 PM East Carbon City Hall.

District 6 – Denzel A., DCM - There's not much change in Dist 6, except new officers. Leroy rotated to Treatment. Kent stayed in Corrections. Sherry stayed in Archives. CPC is Ralph. PI is George from Bicknell. Alt DMC is James S from Redmond. I look forward to serving Dist 6.

District 7 – Lauana H., DCMC – Dec 9th we had Passing of the Gavel ceremonies followed by an Xmas White elephant gift exchange. All had fun. Jan 14th we elected Craig T as DCM for SW DCM. We have 2 DCM's and need 2 more DCM's and 4 Alt. DCM's. Feb 10th attended a terrific 12 Traditions workshop at the Kaibale Indian Reservation. Our district meeting followed at 4 PM in Kanab. We voted to defray parcial expences for both the DCMC and one DCM to PRAASA. We elected Treesa J as our committee chair for our Area 69 fall workshop. We are still working on filling some of our chairs. Yours in Service Lauana H.

District 8 – Nadine N., DCM – I'm Nadine & I'm an alcoholic. DCM in District 8. First I want to tank all the District 8 members of AA for putting this event together. Many hands make light work. Almost all of our district positions are filed. Interest in service is really up in District 8 & attendance is stable & contributions are up. Our district bank account is back in the black. We've temporarily thawed out & are so glad you're here on a beautiful sunny day.

District 9 – No Report

District 10 – Cheryl H., DCMC – Alt DCMC elected Karen C. We currently have 5 DCM's & 7 Alt DCM's. We have 4 DCM's & 3 Alt DCM positions open. All Standing chair positions are filled with exception of our CPC person who resigned. The guideline committee purposed changes to the Dist guidelines & these changes are being reviewed. There are some changes that will require GSR's to take back to their groups for a vote. We had an overage in our budget. Robert will be dividing the funds between GSO, Area & Central Office. Dist 10 defrayed 2 GSR's & 2 DCM's to attend PRASSA in Mar 07. We will be holding a Dist workshop which is scheduled April 14, at the Hill Top Church between 9AM – 1:00 PM. It will be covering GSR positions. District 10 will host the Fall Assembly – Sept 21-23, flyers (Karen H) will be ready in June. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

District 11 – Bruce I., DCMC - My name is Bruce & I'm an alcoholic, serving as DCMC for District 11, Area 69. It's a pleasure to serve on this committee. District 11 is off to a good start this year. There's good energy & enthusiasm. At our first 2 District meetings we've had GSR's from new Groups as well as from groups not well represented in the past. Our DCM's Adrian L & Coop C are staying in contact with all groups & GSR's offering to be of help. Some new meetings have started in the past few months. One new meeting is a Women's meeting. Wed evenings at the Backstreet Club. There's also a great Men's Group in Bountiful on Wednesday night. All our District Officers & 4 of the six standing chair positions is filled. We are looking for a Grapevine and CPC chair. Gary J has been busy as Treatment chair. He has been able to re-introduce a meeting at one of the women's recovery

facilities in Davis County. He's also been working with the Job Corps center & our message is beginning to be heard. The guidelines committee are working through our guidelines developing recommendations for presentation to the District Committee later this year. Financially our district is doing well. A committee was formed & their recommendation was to wait until the middle of this year before making any changes. The Post-Conference Committee is well organized. Our District meeting is generally the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Backstreet Club. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

District 12 – No Report

Standing Chair Reports

Assembly/Agenda – Thom B – Hello family, I am an alcoholic, my name is Thom Boyle. I serve you as Area 69 Agenda Assembly chair. My journey into this position began in Dec, when I went to Provo to pick up our translation equipment from Dist 12. Little did I know my wife and I would walk into the 4th anniversary party of group experience. A true gift it is to be a part of our diverse fellowship. I have been working with District's 2 & 11 closely. The host committees are getting their tasks accomplished in timely & efficient manners. Thanks to Nadine & all of Dist 8 for getting a great facility and posting a comfortable event together. Love in service Thom Boyle Area 69.

Bid for the Area Committee Meeting 2008 – Bruce from Dist 11, and Nadine from Dist 8 both on it. Dist 8 won the bid.

Archives – Janet H – Before I give my report I want to read the following information I received Thurs. It is with great sadness that we share the news that Nell Wing died on Wed, Feb 14, 2007. Nell was 89 years old. Nell was Bill W's Secretary & assistant for 17 years and a close friend and long time companion to Lois W. She worked at G.S.O. from 1947 until 1982 as receptionist and later secretary of A.A. World Services, Inc. She served as G.S.O.'s first archivist for the last ten of her years. The Archives opened in 1975. Would like to share the following which our G.S.O. Archivist, Amy Filitreau provided: From Markings, Nov/Dec 1983 Nell announced her retirement in print: "I hope to say nearby, and never lessen interest in this fellowship, nor loosen the close bonds of friendship with my A.A. and Al-Anon friends. I'm forever grateful for this marvelous experience that began for me on Mar 3, 1947 at 415 Lexington Ave., New York City, in 3 small rooms of the Central Terminal Building. I have enjoyed & treasured every moment of it. I won't say 'goodbye.' Just want to extend my love and thanks to each one of you dear friends.

In fellowship, Eva Sanchez, G.S.O. Staff, Assistant Secretary, General Service Board. I never had the opportunity to meet Nell. She was going to attend the first National Archive Workshop in Akron but due to health issues she had to cancel. A speakerphone was set up & she did address the gathering. It was awesome to hear her & what she shared with us. In the Quarterly report from G.S.O., The Trustee Archives Committee accepted a donation of several boxes containing unique archival material from ICYPAA. The committee approved a new Oral Histories Kit. G.S.O. archives are accepting new content for the "Shared Experience" section of the Archive Workbook. The Dec GV, 06 had an article with Amy the new Archivist at GSO. Contributions: T-shirt- the Seattle International Convention in 1990, 50-year Convention book: T-shirt – the Minneapolis International Convention in 2000, scrape book containing various articles and information on Montreal Canada International Convention in 1985. 10 empty binders filled GV binders 1989 – 1996 with a box of loose ones, empty binders of various sizes. I was invited to attend a Traditions Workshop held at the Kaibab Paiute Reservation in Pipe Springs, AZ. What a wonderful experience, great participation from Area 69 and 03 Area. There was area district and interested AA from both Areas. I want to acknowledge & thank the Tooele groups for their contribution to help with the cost to make more display boards. Their contribution was made via the Area Treasure. Thank you for letting me serve you. Janet

C.P.C. – Terri M – This is my first report to the area and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve. I did receive my CPC kit from GSO and have made contact with Irene from GSO. Irene is the CPC person in New York that I will be working closely with. She is sending me information to display at the U of U School on Alcoholism in June. I have put in my vacation request at work for June 24th – June 29th for the event and will be looking for volunteers. Irene has put me in contact via e-mail with other Area CPC chairs to learn what they are doing and share what Area 69 is doing. I think these contact will be a great way to help me with the responsibilities of the CPC chair and will share them in the CPC round table discussions this afternoon. Again I would like to thank you for trusting me to serve. Terri.

Corrections – Ranae H. – I'm in the process of making contact with as many of the District Correctional Chairs as I have into on to find out what their committee needs and concerns are, and how the Area can serve them. District 10 is hosting the Area BTG workshop, District 4 (Fillmore) Sat June 16, featuring Tom I. Tom is retired Correctional Warden of 39 years and recently celebrated 50 yrs sobriety. We recently received clearance to have a photo taken of the AA Men's "Free at Last" meeting room in the Wasatch facility at the Utah State prison to submit to the Grapevine for publication. Looking forward to an enlightening year of service. Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 69. Sincerely Ranae H.

Grapevine – Ken C - The major goal of the Grapevine Committee is to do the best we can to increase the number of Area 69 subscriptions to the Grapevine 7 LaVina. This will be a major topic during discussion at our roundtables. Serving as Grapevine Chair it will be my responsibility to make available to our Fellowship all Grapevine & LaVina items made available by GSO. I will have our display and these items available for free, or purchase no later than the Pre-conference in March.

Communications – Doug R – Good morning Family. My name is Doug and I am an alcoholic. It is my privilege to serve you as the Area's Communication Committee Chair. Website update: The cost to date is \$490.35. There have been 36,438 visits as of Feb 8, 2007, which means that each visit was a total cost of 1.4 cents. There have been several site enhancements. Blogs for Delegate and all Standing chairs were added. There are white papers available on their use. A very simple Discussion Forum was also added. A dashboard to the Area's DCMC's has been created. It is password protected and also protected from search engine robots, so its content won't end up on Google. Most importantly the meeting list is constantly being updated from information provided by Central Offices as well as District servants. We have had quite a few problems with the e-mail service. Things like people opening attached files that were infected by viruses to being blocked by Comcast and Trilobite. If you don't know who the sender is do not open the attachment, just delete the entire e-mail. We have implemented a program that is supposed to alert mail senders when our DNS is being forged and therefore delete any e-mail that says

it's coming from us when it really isn't. I have forms for Districts to request e-mail accounts for their District servants. The Web Committee continues to meet monthly. The minutes and agenda of these meetings are available on the Internet at admin.utahaa.org under "Legacy Notes." I would like to congratulate Karen C from district 10 on being elected as the Area's Alternate Web Servant. Newsletter Update: A newsletter will be published at the Pre-conference Assembly. I would like to invite you all to write an article for the newsletter. I have made some specific invitations of our past Delegates for contributions. Translation Update: I have contacted the host committee of the Pre-Conference Assembly regarding the need to arrange for a Spanish translator. I feel that it's important that we have Spanish translation available at the Pre, Post and all Assemblies. District 12 will be contacted. We will meet today to see who wants to be involved in the translation committee. I would like to ask those who have had experience in dealing with interpreters to please join us. Doug.

P.I.- Karen H – Hi I'm Karen and I'm an Alcoholic. I was just asked to fill the P.I. Chair position that was empty. I'm very willing and happy to be of service to Area 69.

Treatment – John Mc – My first steps in being Area Chair began District 10 on Jan 8th, at their GSR meeting. I met with Dave B who as we all know is a dynamic member of the program as well as District 10 Treatment Chair. He has taken very seriously the role as chair of a committee. The first thing he did was set up the third Wednesday of every month as a Treatment Committee night. He also put out a Treatment newsletter. Dave has a good grasp of his goals. On Feb 7th I visited District 11 at their monthly GSR meeting. I met with Gary J., District 11 Treatment Chair. He has put together a wonderful group of dedicated members who started communications with Davis County Mental health W.R.C. to bring back meetings at that facility. It looks like a new women's meeting will start there. Gary also has great ideas for a workshop that would involve local mental health workers in Davis co. I was also in touch with District three but was unable to attend. They have an interesting situation involving accessibility that I will bring up later. Our new delegate sent me the Conference data and I look forward to sharing it with the Treatment Committee.

Literature – Pete – My name is Pete and I am an alcoholic. My final report for Panel 55 at Pass the Gavel did not include events that took place in the month of December. The availability of AA approved literature for sale at Area events is proving to be an excellent service to the groups. At Pass the Gavel I was able to provide Newcomer Packets, Big Books and audio material. I have brought a substantial number of GSR packets to this event. In the final financial report for 2006, the literature budget shows over \$200 remaining at year-end. This reflects purchases of material re-deposited into the literature budget rather than unused money. The literature budget tends to replenish itself and my goal for 2007 is to manage our literature purchases this year to utilize the budget better meaning as close to a zero balance next year as possible. Please explain to your groups why there seems to be money in the budget that was not used. I attended the District 2 GSR meeting in December. District 2 provides an excellent budget for their Literature Chair, supports jails in their District by supplying Big Books and provides a number of literature racks throughout the District in places like hospitals, treatment centers and shelters. I also attended the January meeting District 2 and met the Literature Chair – Zak. New members to the literature committee bring new ideas and those are always welcome. I distributed service material and put a special invitation to attend this Area Committee meeting. January activities also included providing Big Books & 12x12's to a treatment facility located in District 8. I became acquainted with the Literature Chair for District 8 – Clancy. I also attended District 10's GSR meeting. The committees in District 10 are very active and have placed 3 new literature racks in local treatment facilities. The number of Big Books and Grapevines put into the prison continues to be astounding. Thank you all for the opportunity to be of service. If there is literature that you need for your group or District that is not available here, please let me know so we can get your group what is needed. If you would like me to visit your meeting to help inform your members please get with me sometime during this event or contact me through the Area Website – Literature@utahaa.org.

Roll Call was conducted by Charlie G – Registrar – In attendance were 6 Area Officers, 7 Standing Chairs, 2 Past Delegates – District 1 – 1 DCMC, 3 DCM, 1 GSR – District 2 – 1 DCMC, 3 DCM, 1 ALT DCM 3 GSR, 1 ALT GSR, 2 Standing Chairs – District 3 – 2 DCM, 1 ALT DCM, 5 GSR, 1 ALT GSR, 2 Standing Chairs – District 4 – none in attendance – District 5 – 2 GSR – District 6 – 1 DCM, 1 ALT DCM – District 7 – 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 1 ALT DCM- District 8 – 1 DCM, 1 ALT DCM, 4 GSR,-ALT GRS, 3 Standing Chairs – District 9 – none in attendance – District 10 – 2 DCMC, 4 DCM, 2 ALT DCM, 5 GSR, 1 Standing Chair – District 11 – 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 1 ALT DCM, 1 GSR, 1 ALT GSR – District 12 – none in attendance. Total in attendance – 91.

Registrar – Charlie G – I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve. I will do my best to serve your confidence and trust. I have visited several Districts to obtain updates. District 2 did a wonderful & inspirational GSR Meeting with DCM's sitting with GSR's and reporting the groups they visited. I spoke with Karen at GSO and they are working on the new DATA BASE (FNV) Fellowship New Vision. If you have any group or district changes please get them to me 2 weeks before Pre-Conference Assembly to be included in the new directory printing. We will be attending PRAASA this year. Yours in AA Love and Service. Charlie G

Secretary – No Report

Treasurer – No Report

Alt Delegate – Monte S. – Thank you District 8 for hosting us this morning. A special welcome to those new General Service in Area 69. Keep coming back. After the flu a serious case of CABIN FEVER set in and my recovery includes this road trip to Roosevelt. We have been anticipating Julie's first Delegate report and encourage AA members to come hear it first hand. Thank you Julie for all you do! Over the past several weeks, the General Service Office Conference Coordinator, Rick Walter and our Delegate, Julie have been sharing preliminary information on the April General Service Conference including a list of Final Agenda Items. Besides studying those documents the GSO suggested I re-read most of AA's literature including major book publications, Yellow Guideline flyers & several pamphlets. An informed Area Officer is a good Area Officer. I visited District 12 and they shared results of two Spanish Speaking public information meetings they hosted. Their most recent outreach in Park City resulted in 4 newcomers. There were between 40 & 80 attendees. They have asked our assistance in putting one together in Ogden. They would like to start inviting Spanish Speaking staff from the Business & Professional Community and broaden their efforts to a CPC/PI outreach. I will be in Portland for PRAASA along with 4 Home Group Members. I look forward to serving Area 69 as your Alternate Delegate and if there is anything I can do to help please don't hesitate to contact me. Nell Wing worked as aide and executive secretary to Bill W 20 years. In her book, Grateful To Have Been There, she shares the following: "From the beginning, I was caught by the AA fellowship, specifically the caring. It was not so much a general "caring for our fellow man," but a one-on-one caring, a love for one another without the thought of any reward. An acceptance. The instant, unspoken communication is unique. That's one reason people are drawn to AA knowing instinctively,

I'm sure, that this reaching out, this loving recognition, is the essence of spirituality, the root of the Being in all of us. That's how I interpret AA. Nell died Feb 14, 2007.

Past Delegate – Mike O. – Patti and Gay W. send you their love. Shirley and I had an opportunity to visit them and share their 36-year sobriety birthday with them at a local AA meeting in Palmetto, Florida last week. I am thrilled to take up my spot in the back of the room. Stop and say Hi when you're in the vicinity. In Love and Service, Mike O.

Chair – Andy B. - I've been patiently "yeah right" waiting for this event and looking forward to PRAASA, in which I was informed Thursday Morning that I will be serving on a discussion panel. Saturday morning 8 AM. My topic is "For those who don't read medical journals" – reinstating a section on the subject of alcoholism in the AA Grapevine. Pros & cons. I won't be waiting patiently for that. But you know it always is a privilege to serve at any capacity. Thank you very much.

Report Past Events

Area Committee Meeting – Pass The Gavel – Dec 2, 2006 – District 2- Dawn M. – I want to thank all of those on the committee. We didn't have a lot of time but pulled it off very well. \$384.00 as returned to the Area and I am truly blessed to be of Service. Thank you Dawn M.

Reports from Upcoming Events

PRAASA – Monte S. – WHAT IS PRAASA? Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. Praasa is sponsored by the Areas of the Pacific Region. The Areas bid to host the assembly, the last time Oregon was the host Area was 1992. The basic purpose of PRAASA is to exchange information among the trusted servants of the Pacific Region so as to better inform the area delegates prior to the annual General Service Conference in New York. Encouraging unity, recovery, and service are among the many side benefits to attending the Assembly. One gets a broad picture of what is going on in many of the other groups, districts, and areas of the Western U.S. and there are many opportunities to share experience, strength and hope with other AA members. Information is exchanged by Panel Presentations, followed by discussion at open microphones, and by Roundtables for most of Oregon Area's service positions including GSRs, DCMs, and Area Offices. PRAASA 2007 will be held March 2,3,4 at the Red Lion Hotel on Jantzen Beach in Portland Oregon.

Pre-Conference – Steve District 2 – We have locked in the University of Utah Officer's Club. There are flyers and maps on the back table. The Committees are working very well together and we are excited to be hosting this event This will be a catered event, but we are still in need of volunteers for registration and a couple of other things. The bank seems to want us to have permission to use the name Pre-Conference, but one of the members of the committee seems to have a pretty good idea of what to do so that will be taken care of. We will also have volunteers there to help with coffee. Al-Anon will be at this event. We have two speakers lined up for Saturday and Sunday. We want to thank all the people on the Committee and say District 2 is ready for our next event. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Steve

Post Conference – Janet R District 11 – Hosted by District 11 to be held on May 18, 19, and 20. We have formed an awesome committee with all of our positions filled. We did secure a location for this event at the Holiday Inn. We did get one of the last affordable contracts because we are only paying \$378 for all meeting rooms and the hospitality room. Gary J has opened up a checking account and a PO Box. We do have a flyer in the back of the room for pre-registration.

DCMC's please check with the registrar for an envelope containing several copies of the flyer for your District. Bruce I. has been working on an outline for the program. Tom & Juanita U will be traveling to Utah from Santa Fe, New Mexico to speak Saturday Night. We are looking forward to meeting them. Thanks for this opportunity to host this event and look forward to see you all in May. Love and Service.

Bridge the Gap – Paul B– Bridging The Gap Workshop will be held in Fillmore Utah June 16, 2007. Guest Speaker will be Tom I from North Carolina who just celebrated 50 years sobriety, and has been inmate & prison warden. I spoke with Rex L in Fillmore. He is very excited as well as the members there to have this event in their town. They would like to provide lunch for everyone attending the workshop. Work in progress more info coming. Thank you Paul B.

Motion Discussion – There was some discussion on Grahame L. motion. Some discussion brought from Ed for the Happy Destiny Group. Motion was tabled for later event.

Motion Discussion – Monte S gave some additional information regarding the motion presented by Shirley O. Some discussion. Motion was table for later event.

Finance Committee – Committee was formed. The committee will be JoAnn G., Andy B., Sheri P., Rogers S., Paul B., Sara L., Craig T.

Open Mike – Good discussion.

Adjourned for lunch at 11:40

Reconvene and welcome by Andy G at 1:00 PM.

12 Concepts – Athlene

Conference Agenda Items