

**Minutes Utah Area 69 Fall Election Assembly September 26-28, 2014**  
**Hosted by District 10**  
**Hampton Inn, SLC**

**Welcome – Wade J., Area 69 Chair:** Meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, AA Preamble and Anonymity statement. Newcomers to their first General Service meeting were welcomed. Area Officers and Past Delegates were introduced.

**12 Concepts:** Read by Candace.

**Minutes of the 2014 Post-Conference Assembly, read by Rachael F. for Wendy W., Area Secretary:** Approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report, Renae H.:** Dear Area 69 Fellowship, I want to thank you all today for your dedicated service to Alcoholics Anonymous, and to tell you what a pleasure it is for me to be here---working shoulder to shoulder alongside you---in our efforts to carry the message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic. I'm pleased to report that our financials are in good order and that we are on close track with the 2014 area budget. We will be discussing and voting on the Area 69 2015 Proposed Budget today, and we invite all of you to participate with any comments, questions, and concerns you may have about how your 7<sup>th</sup> Committee. At this time I would like to thank the Panel 63 Area Finance Committee for their time and commitment over the past 2 years of working together and developing what we believe to be a financially prudent and sound projection of next years' income and expenses to frame the 2015 proposed budget upon. Here's a "snap shot" of where our financials stand today. Area 69's year to date (YTD) contributions total \$21,758.59; compared to this same time in 2013, YTD contributions of \$19,623.80 were reported. This represents an increase of approximately \$2,100.00 in income for 2014. Our 2014 YTD expenses stand at \$21,278.38, compared to \$19,553.46 reported at this time in 2013. This reflects a difference of approximately \$1,725.00 more in expenditures for 2014, due in part to Area Officers' and Area Standing Chairs' travel expenses turned in this year. Please note that the travel expenses for the Area General Service Committee are largely determined by which districts are hosting Area Events throughout the state of Utah, and is often the cuprite of such variables. The Area Delegate's travel is also included and reflective of these figures. Finally, I want to thank all of you and all of your groups for the continual support of AA's Primary Purpose through your 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions to Area 69. Thank you for allowing me to serve...In Gratitude an Love, Renae H. Area 69 Treasurer/Panel 63

**Financial Report, Renae H., Area Treasurer:** Approved as read.

**Proposed Budget for 2015 - Renae H., Area Treasurer:** Budget discussed, voted on and approved as presented.

**Guidelines Review Committee Report – Doug R., Area Alt-Delegate:** Guidelines are available

#### **Upcoming Events**

**Fall Workshop, November 1-2, 2014** – I'm an alcoholic and I'm Aaron. I'm pleased to announce the upcoming Fall Workshop, November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the new conference center in Delta. We've been in a mild state of panic as we've assembled mostly local panels. I would like to make an open amends now and thank y'all for coming to District 4, it is our privilege and honor.

**Area Pass the Gavel, December 6-7, 2014 – Rick V., District 10 DCMC:** Verbal report given.

**Area Committee Meeting, February 20-22, 2015 – Rich R., District 11 PI Chair:** The District 11 February Area Committee Meeting planning committee is pleased to announce that we have procured the use of the newly rebuilt Clearfield Community Church's Fellowship Hall as our meeting facility. The flyers are being made available at this assembly. We are grateful for the opportunity to be of service and are looking forward to hosting this event for Area 69. Yours in Service Devin C.

**Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA), March 5-8, 2015, Layton, UT- LeAnn L., PRAASA PI Chair:** Verbal report given.  
**National Bridge the Gap Workshop, Frank B.** verbal report given

#### **Reports from Past Events**

**Area Pre-Assembly Workshop, August 16-17, Chris H., District 2 DCM:** Greetings, Thank you all again for allowing District 1 to serve the Area fellowship by hosting the 2014 Pre-Assembly Workshop. It was an honor and a pleasure to serve. District 1 received \$500 of seed monies to host the event. \$250 was used to rent the venue and roughly \$280 was totaled up for other expenses relating to supplies, hospitality, and lunch/dinner. Total expenses were \$528.90. Total income from the event was \$1003.15. Total Income minus expenses plus the remaining \$250 of seed monies resulted in a net return to Area of \$724.25. If anyone wishes to see the breakdown of income and expenses from this event, Frank B., District 1 Treasurer, will be happy to share them with you. Lastly, I would once again like to thank all of those from District 1 who helped out with putting the event on, Matt D from Area for helping with the venue, and most especially, all of those who supported the event and AA as a whole by participation. Kind regards, Chris H. District 1 DCM

**National Bridge the Gap Workshop Area 39, Kansas City, MO – Andy B., Treatment Facilities Chair:** 2014 National Bridge the Gap Workshop Weekend in Kansas City, Kansas September 5-6-7, 2014 Friday September 5<sup>th</sup> – I had the opportunity to attend this event in Kansas City at the Expo Center, we began Friday evening at 7pm with about 50 people coming from Illinois, California, New York and Florida, including some from Quebec, Canada. A speaker meeting and an archives presentation "The Man on the Bed" perhaps known as the first bridge ever made in A.A. Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> – We introduced Clement C. from the Corrections Desk at the General Service Office in New York. "Clement C." corrections. Hmmm. Oh well. He talked about what's happening in NYC in a job he is still new at and eager to learn. An introduction to the BTG website and how to use it. We had several panel presentations whether it's "the re-entry program" in Illinois or Metro 101 in L.A. County, it's how BTG works in other areas and its effectiveness. We ended with Clement speaking. September 7<sup>th</sup> – Ask It Basket, site selection 2015 Salt Lake City, 2016 Minneapolis or LA.

**Bid for 2016 Area Fall Assembly – Matt D., Area Agenda/Assemblies Chair:** District 8 won the bid.

**Ad Hoc Committee Report, Erin B., District 1 DCM:** Motion Presented by Erin Bennett At the Area 69 Fall Assembly Sept. 27th 2014 Area 69 create a new Standing Chair position, Intergroup/Central Office Liaison for a two year trial run beginning with Area Elections in September of 2016. After the two year term is up the committee will be formed to revisit the position along with the IG/CO Liaison and determine if the benefits of the position justify the cost and effort. All Area 69 guidelines relevant to Standing Chairs will apply to this position with the exception of voting guidelines, the Liaison will not have a vote in Area Business. The Liaison will have an annual budget of \$300.00. The Liaison purpose and duties are as follows:

- The IG/CO Liaison is a liaison between the Area Committee and Intergroups and Central Offices throughout the state of Utah. The purpose of this service position is to maintain good relations and communication between Area 69 and the IG/CO's and vice versa.
- Call into the 5th Tradition Conference Call held the last Wednesday of each month at 8 pm and relay information pertinent to IG/CO's from Area 69. The IG/CO Liaison is also the Chairperson for the 5th Tradition Conference Call.
- Maintain a database of the names, phone numbers and email addresses of all Area 69 IG/CO Board members and Chairpersons.
- Extract information from minutes received from Area Secretary regarding all Area Business Meetings including: Assemblies, Workshops and Committee Meetings that will ensure AA unity and help IG/CO's fulfill AA's primary purpose. This information is then emailed to IG/CO Chairpersons and board members. Distribute Area 69 calendars via email to IG/CO's. Encourage IG/CO's to ensure that new groups have filled out New Group Information Forms and submitted them to the Area Registrar as well as inform Registrar of group changes and closures.
- Request and visit each IG/CO for a business meeting one time per year. The Liaison may attend more than once per year if an IG/CO requests more than one visit.
- Attends all Area Assemblies, Workshops, and Committee Meetings. Note: If unable to attend an Area Event, notify the Area Chairperson. The IG/CO Liaison has a voice but no vote in Area Business.
- Provides a written report of current events at each IG/CO throughout Area 69 at all Area Assemblies, Workshops, and Committee Meetings. Ensure that IG/CO's have a voice in the Fellowship.
- Chair an annual IG/CO workshop to be held Sunday afternoon following the Fall Workshop.

Projected financial impact: \$300.00 annual budget + estimated \$645.00 travel defrayment = \$945.00

Motion seconded by Teri, District 8 DCM, tabled until a later date.

**Roll Call – Sheryl T., Area Registrar:** In attendance were Pacific Region Trustee: 1; Area Officers: 6; Area Standing Chairs: 9; Past Delegates: 6; District 1: 3 DCMs, 5 GSRs, 1 District Officer; District 2: 1 DCM, 6 GSRs, 1 Standing Chair; District 3: 1 DCM, 2 GSRs; District 4: 1 DCM, 1 GSR, 1 Alt-GSR; District 5: none in attendance; District 6: 1 DCM; District 7: 1 DCM, 1 DCM, 3 GSRs, 1 Alt-GSR; District 8: 1 DCM, 4 GSRs; District 9: 1 GSR; District 10: 1 DCM, 4 DCMs, 13 GSRs, 3 Alt-GSRs, 3 Standing Chairs; District 11: 1 DCM, 1 GSR, 1 Standing Chair, 1 District Officer; District 12: none in attendance; CO Reps: 1; Interested AAs: 5. Total in attendance = 92.

**Motion Discussion – Doug R., Area 69 Alt-Delegate: motion presented by the Area 69 Alternate Delegate, Doug R. at the August 16, 2014, Pre-Assembly Workshop in Bountiful, UT**

**Motion:** That one person from the Area Communications Committee be defrayed to the annual National AA Technology Workshop.

**Current Practice:** Currently no one from the Area is defrayed to attend this event.

**Reasoning:** To stay current with technical practices used in AA as a whole.

**Cost:** \$300.00/year

Seconded by Kurt J., Area 69 Literature Chair, tabled until a later date.

**Delegate's Report – Walter C., Area 69 Delegate:** Delegate's Report Fall Assembly Area 69 September 27, 2014 Salt Lake City, Utah (District 10) I would like to thank District 10 for hosting this Assembly and thank all of you for this great honor and privilege that you have given to me, to serve as your Delegate. Since we last met, I have attended some local events and participated in teleconferences. Also, I helped conduct District 11 elections and I would like to welcome Devan C. as the incoming DCMC for District 11. The General Service Conference (GSC) Final Report is available; please pick up a copy for your group and/or district. This report contains the Conference Advisory Actions which are the Agenda Items that were approved by the GSC. Also, Additional Committee considerations are in this report, which are Agenda Items that were sent back to the Trustees for additional information and possible inclusion in the 2015 GSC Agenda Items. On page 24 you will find a list of "Some Common Concerns" that were discussed during the 2014 GSC Inventory: language equality, diversity, conference agenda, conference deadlines, and conference theme. On page 25, you will find a summary of the 2014 GSC Inventory. There were 15 questions for the 2014 GSC. These questions were divided into groups of five On Page 78 and 79 of the GSC final report is the contribution information by Area. There are a 376 listed groups in Area 69 of which a 162 contributed to GSO. This means 43% of the Utah groups are contributing to GSO. Here is something to chew on: This year at the Pacific Region Forum some of us heard the GSO financial report that is called "Around the Picnic Table" by the GSO Treasurer [Class A (nonalcoholic) Trustee]. GSO's two basic functions: Publishing and Services on behalf of the GSB (website, group records, and archives) are supported through member contributions and literature sales. Some feel that these services should be supported through member contributions only. Supporting GSO services with member contributions only is doable. The cost of GSO services for each person per year is \$6.84 (2013) and the cost of GSO services for each group is \$146.96 (2013) per year. So the question I pose to you as service representatives; why are less than half of the groups in Utah donating to GSO? Are GSO services needed? Should more groups contribute to GSO; if yes, how do we get the message out? These are the questions that should be discussed among the groups. News from GSO Suggestions for GSC theme are due by December 15, 2014. I would like for Area 69 to send suggestions for the conference themes. Our next event will be the Fall Workshop, so that will be a great time to compile our list and send in before the deadline. GSO has requested suggestions for International Conventions speakers. I know that we have wonderful AA speakers here in Area 69 so help me send their names in for consideration. I am really looking forward to the International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia next year. I hope all of you will be there. GSO requested that members send in 7<sup>th</sup> Traditions Stories. Literature prices will increase October 1, 2014. Also, the AAWS Board has decreased the shipping and handling charges at the same time the literature price adjustment will go into effect, 1 October 2014. A.A.W.S. Highlights The A.A. World Services Board met on Thursday, July 31, 2014, at the General Service Office in New York, NY. Records – The newly published directory of General Service Offices, Central Offices, and Answering Services Overseas has been printed and distributed. Archives - The recently revised Archives video, Markings on the Journey is now available for distribution. It made its "debut" showing at the Pacific Region Forum early June and was a big hit! An announcement about its availability was recently sent to all local Area and District Archivists and Archives committee chairs; members of the General Service Conference and Grapevine staff. Staff The Summer Box 4-5-9 Conference issue was posted on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site. Later in July, the full 2014 Conference Inventory Report will be distributed to Conference members; all Conference members will also be sent the 64th General Service Conference Evaluation Summary via email. The Final Conference Report will be distributed within the next few weeks. Planning for the 65th General Service Conference, April 19-25, 2015, is underway. The theme of the 2015 General Service Conference is: "Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service – The Foundation for Our Future." The Corrections desk continues to receive ten to thirty letters, or more, daily. A large percentage of those requests are for participation in our Corrections Correspondence Service. In the first six months of 2014, we linked 444 male alcoholics and 206 female alcoholics through our Corrections Correspondence Service. Planning continues for the World Service Meeting this October in Warsaw, Poland. Service entities from Czech Republic and Hong Kong were approved to participate in the World Service Meeting for the first time. Currently, we have 38 countries attending represented by 60 delegates. Announcements for two Regional Trustees (Northeast and Southwest) and one Trustee-at-Large (Canada) to replace General Service Board members rotating off the Board following the 2015 Conference were sent in June and accompanied by an announcement in Box 4-5-9's spring edition. Resumes of candidates will be accepted from area delegates until January 1, 2015. The Pacific Regional Forum was held in Boise, Idaho July 11-13, 2014. (This marked the 120th Forum covered by Staff Assistant, Ivy Rivera!) According to the final count, we had 532 members in attendance (305 were first-time Forum attendees). We had 36 Spanish-speaking members and were pleased to be able

to provide first-rate interpretation services for them. Technology/Communication/Services The Board approved the Technology/Communications/Services (“TCS”) Committee’s recommendation that the 2014 Second Quarter Report on G.S.O.’s A.A. Web Site Activities be forwarded to the trustees’ Public Information Committee. The TCS Committee heard a report from the General Manager on a trial production of an in-house Web video. The Board approved the TCS Committee’s recommendation to move forward with G.S.O.’s production of in-house, Web-only videos. Publishing Sales – For the first six months, through June 2014, total gross sales are \$8,306,100, which is \$598,000 (7.7%) over estimate for the year to date. The month of June saw \$1,115,469 actual sales vs. the \$1,005,900 estimate, which is \$109,569 over budget (10.89%). Digital Publishing Program – Our digital book publishing program, i.e., eBook sales, for the first half of 2014 has been increasingly strong as we publish more titles, in English, Spanish and French. The Board approved the following two recommendations brought forward by the Publishing Committee: •That the current 19% shipping and handling charges for purchases from \$51 to \$250 be lowered to 15% at the time of the upcoming 2014 literature price increase. •That the current 16% shipping and handling charges for purchases from \$251 to \$500 be lowered to 12% at the time of the upcoming 2014 literature price increase. Update on Navajo Translation of Alcoholics Anonymous – We have received numerous inquiries about the status of the translation into the Navajo language of the Big Book. The Publishing Department reports that the translator and translation service have been moving forward on this project for the past several months after receiving approval of a sample translation. They informed the office in early August that it will be at least a year from now before the Navajo translation of the Big Book is completed. Finance The unaudited G.S.O. financial update for the period January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014 reflected: (All Figures in Thousands) Net sales \$8,171 Gross Profit (Literature) \$4,946 Contributions \$3,220 Total operating expenses \$7,541 Net Income \$ 627 It was noted that for the six month period ending June 30, 2014, revenues were approximately \$178,000 (2.3%) greater than budget while total operating expenses were \$407,600 (5%) under budget. (Significant income items this year were the sales of the 75th anniversary edition, the third party eBooks, and the decline in the cost of the Conference by approximately \$150,000 having held the Conference outside of Manhattan.) Contributions were \$23,717 or .7% less than budget and total operating expenses were \$407,623 or 5.1% less than budget. Net profit for the six months was \$627,616 compared with a budgeted profit of \$41,946 and a six month 2013 loss of \$416,817. Absent the sales of the 75th Anniversary Edition in 2014, the 2014 results would have been approximately the same as in 2013. The Board approved the recommendation brought forward by the Finance Committee to approve the literature price increases as set forth (reflecting the price of the hard cover Big Book at \$9.50), effective October 1, 2014 (along with the aforementioned reduced shipping and handling charges). This is my last Fall Assembly as your Delegate. What an honor and privilege it is to be your Delegate. Seeing the General Service process in action is an experience that I will never forget. The Traditions came to life for me. The Traditions are no longer a theory for me; I understand that the Traditions are important to the survival of AA. I know that breaking a Tradition here and there will not bring AA to its knees. However, if like a virus the Traditions are broken systematically and become the norm as oppose to the exception, could AA survive? I know the traditions are based on experiences from the early AA groups and were put into place to ensure AA’s survival. Getting to know the District leaders and members is a great experience for me. Someone commented to me that visiting the Districts is like visiting friends at their home and I agree. Passing on information from GSO was challenging for me. I am a controlling person and I wanted it to be perfect. Of course it never was perfect. However, I tried my best to be perfect but I just prove to myself again that I am nowhere near perfect. But I did pass the GSO information on to the Area 69 and it was well received. Thank you again for allowing me to me of service. And Above all don’t forget to have fun. Walter Curry Delegate, Area 69 Utah Panel 63

**Introduction of Pacific Region Trustee, Joel C. – Walter C., Area 69 Delegate**

**Statement of Procedures/Area 69 Elections – Walter C., Area 69 Delegate**

**Adjourned for lunch at 12:00pm.**

**Reconvened at 1:30pm.**

**Area 69 Elections**

**Area 69 Panel 65 Officers who will begin their 2 year term January 2015 are as follows:**

- Delegate Renae H.
- Alternate Delegate Wade J.
- Area Chair Matt D.
- Area Secretary Treesa J.
- Area Treasurer Kurt J.
- Area Registrar Kristin D.

**Area 69 Panel 65 Standing Chairpersons who will begin their 2 year term January 2015 are as follows:**

- Archives Trina B.
- Repository Archivist Janet H.
- Agenda/Assembly Pete G.
- Communications Rachael F.
- Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) David R.
- Corrections Sheryl T.
- Grapevine Deanna O.
- Literature Doug R.
- Public Information (PI) John W.
- Treatment Shawn