

Utah Area 69 2006 Post-Conference Assembly
May 19 - 21, 2006 - Hosted by District 2
Salt Lake City Downtown Holiday Inn - 999 South Main

Welcome - Julie S., Chairperson opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, Area Preamble and the Anonymity statement. Welcomed newcomers to service. Introduced Area Officers, Past Delegates and Larry N., Panel 38 Past Delegate and past Trustee at Large from San Diego Area and Gale N. Alt. Delegate from the San Diego Area.

12 Traditions were read by Charlie T., District 2.

Minutes of 2005 Fall Assembly and 2006 Pre-Conference were read by JoAnn G., Recording Secretary. Approved as read.

Recording Secretary Report - JoAnn G. Report was very short as had not participated in any Area or District service events. Interested to hear Mike's report from the GSO Conference in New York. Yours in love and service.

Financial Report for May 19 presented by Sheri P., Treasurer. Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Sheri P. Was involved with Web Servant Committee. Inspiring and exciting. Today I am celebrating 7 years of sobriety. During those 7 years I have been hanging out with you guys for 5. You have increased my sobriety and allowed me to share some hardships with you and have loved me. Thank you and I love you all.

Bid for 2008 Post Conference Assembly May 16-18, 2008 conducted by Monte S. - Bids were received by District 7 - Steve S., DCMC - District 10 - Andy B., DCMC - District 1 - Eddie D., DCMC. District 1 was awarded the bid.

Assembly/Agenda Report - Monte S. - Very excited to hear the new theme, presentation and workshop topics for coming year. Give direction to all AA's on coming years focus for General Service. Last year a great job was done by hosting committees using the themes, look forward to more great work this coming year. June 17 the area will host Bridge the Gap Workshop in Price, UT. Encourage you to attend. This is in preparation for the Area hosting the National Bridge the Gap Conference September 8-10. Area Election Assembly will be held in Kanab September 23-24, busy month. Copy of Area Calendar on registration table, pick one up for upcoming events so groups can plan to defray their GSR's. Flyers also available with the new themes, presentation/discussion and workshop topics for 2007. Area website is a resource for information concerning Area 69 functions. Address is utahaa.org. A personal note, thanks to Jodi, Charlie and Julie for filling in for me while I spent time with my family in February and march. It was humbling to find that you could get along just fine without me. Thank you for letting me serve our Area.

AREA STANDING CHAIR REPORTS

Archives - Janet H. - Have received DVD's from Spiritual Homecoming in St. Louis of the archival displays, awesome. Maybe in the future these can be shown in a display. Glass in wood book display case has been replaced with Plax-glass. 10 more plastic containers have been purchased. Slowly replacing cardboard boxes. Big Book was donated that was used in the Delta meeting for 20 years. There is a large archive display downstairs. Hope that you will find time this weekend to visit. These are your archives, come and enjoy. Want to thank the districts and chairs that send e-mails for the archives. Archives are built by contributions from members, each of you, feel free to contribute anyway that works for you. Thanks you for letting me be of service to you.

Cooperation With the Professional Community - Mike A., Annual Exhibit of Nurse Practitioners and Midwives will be held at Grand American Hotel, 555 So. Main St., Salt Lake City Saturday May 27 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday May 28 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday May 29 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hope some of you will want to attend. I will be there let's have some fun. University of Utah School on Alcoholism will be held from 6-18 to 6-23-06. Awesome opportunity to be of service by interacting with professionals in our area. Truly incredible event. Need volunteers to man the booth and chair nightly AA meetings. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Corrections - Richard B., Not much to report - overworked myself removing trees. Laid me up for a while, not 21 anymore. Been in contact with Districts 1, 2, 6 and 10 Corrections Chairs to BTG. Bridging the Gap seems to be working well. Everyone that is interested in BTG please plan to attend the BTG Workshop June 17, 2006, Greenwell Hotel, Price, UT from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Will be 12 stepping District 5 to help show how unity and love of service is in recovery. Been a task to keep our home group together in the Beaver County Correctional Facility. Members with the keys to the building went back out. Pray they have enough AA to bring them back. The fire marshal contends that too many people are using the room for our meeting, this has cut the numbers almost in half. Asked Hispanic members to write stories but were misplaced when I went to pick them up, wanted to share them today. Thrilled for our Spanish District, great to tell inmates they have a place to find people who understand them. Have a Spanish speaking member in our group who struggles with the language barrier, but he keeps coming back, as we try to help him and give him Spanish literature. Have a Corrections Display, please check it out. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Grapevine - John Mc., Honored to attend first Area Chair roundtable at Pre-Conference Assembly. We're able to create several good ideas where we could help one another. I gave all chairs copies of Grapevine material (The Best of Grapevine) in English and Spanish. Attended a District 12 meeting with Adrian L our LaVina' representative. They were interested in having the LaVina' representative become a voting and defrayed member of the Area structure. Also attended District 10's Meeting and gave (sold) Gv Rep., Michele, Grapevines to used in her excellent work in District 10. My granddaughter Virginia, aged 10, made our new display board. I hope you'll take a look at it. I bought about a hundred old, bulk, Grapevines that are \$26.00 for fifty back issues.

LaVina' - Adrian L., Attending District 12 meetings once a month to address GSR's and DCM questions about LaVina' Requested attend groups in

the Salt Lake and Park City areas. Getting to meetings is challenging since work demands have increased and I'm enrolled in school. Been able to attend meetings Grupo Gratitude, Grupo Salt Lake and Grupo Hispano. Visiting groups when possible, my "compadre" Cornelio provided me with LaVina' materials, which I used to create LaVina' representative packets. Should a group choose a LaVina' rep the packet provides them guidance and information on what LaVina is and what a LaVina' rep does. In the future we hope to have District 12 LaVina' rep as well as a rep in each group. Thank you for letting me serve.

Literature - Pete G., Was an intense time to begin my service as Literature Standing Chair during Pre-Conference Assembly. Literature has many agenda items to discuss and decide upon. Area 69 fortunate to have seasoned Literature Committee that is active and healthy. Grahame transitioned all the boxes and containers from his house to mine. Many carloads. LeAnn L. says they now have the spare bedroom they always wanted. Final items were the VCR and television, intended for use by Standing Chairs and their service opportunities such as the Nurse Midwife Conference and Bridging the Gap workshops. Opportunities with District 2 and 3 have kept me busy. Look forward to providing Literature support for events as the Nurse, Midwife Conference, Bridging the Gap and supporting the Districts. Going through the literature Grahame brought me, I realize I cannot read it all. The languages our literature is printed in is amazing. As a former Literature Chair in District 2, I realize the message to a newcomer must be in a language they understand. Mixing Spanish and English Literature seems to work and I would like to continue by working with District 12 and all events to see if we are missing opportunities to carry the message to those who cannot read English. Hope to work with Mike A. at the Nurse, Midwife Conference to provide alternate languages and would it be helpful. Filled with gratitude and humility at this opportunity to be of service. As co-chain of this event, I want to welcome those new to service and welcome back familiar faces from around the state, I feel you are part of my extended family, and look forward to these gatherings that have enriched my life in so many ways.

Newsletter - Ruth R., Ruth was unable to attend this Post-Conference and has requested her resignation of this position due to many obligations. Julie S., Chairperson asked if there was somebody with qualifications to stand for this position. Sara N., DCM from District 2 stood and was voted in unanimously.

Public Information - LeAnn L., I had shared about the PI District Workbook. If you are a new District PI or if you as a DCM or DCMC has a new PI Chair please get with me and I will get a workbook to you that will help you get started. I shared I had been invited to participate in a PI presentation within State Correctional Facilities, for all female inmates on their day of release. Would be impossible to have AA people do a live presentation on the release day. Renae, District 10, Corrections Chair, our committee and I produced a power point presentation where we share about what AA does and doesn't do, who can be a member, open verses closed meetings, where to find us, anonymity, non-affiliation and singleness of purpose. Also share website as a resource to get meeting schedules, request a Bridging the Gap temporary contact to take them to their first meeting on the outside. Great opportunity to share experience, strength and hope, hoping women watching will feel same spirit we feel when one alcoholic shares with another. Wondered how to do this. Renae suggested we do this by sharing personal stories and reading from the pamphlet "AA Behind the Walls". Goal of presentation is to educate and share message of AA. We feel we were able to accomplish this. Result will be information will be provided about AA to women prior to their release, giving them tools that will help make a successful bridge from inside the walls to the outside. Keith, Area Treatment Chair, has donated literature packets that will be made available also. District 6 had requested a similar presentation for men, currently working on it. Richard would receive copies to get out to additional mens correctional facilities. In the roundtables the PI committee will view this presentation. Area body will see the presentation at Area 69 First Annual Bridge the Gap Workshop, June 17th in Price. **Area Website** - Remind you the site is only as current as information received from Districts. Please provide the web servant with meeting schedule changes and updates in District. Over the lifetime of the website there have been 24,129 hits, averaging .8 cents per hit. Wonderful 12 Step call, meeting schedule, read AA literature, find next Area event, receive Area Minutes, agendas, flyers and guideline changes and help someone BTG into the fellowship. The Delegate page has 355 hits, the CPC page 370. Area is receiving benefit by amount of money saved in postage, copies and supplies by e-mail. Website is getting a face lift. Looking for new banner for the home page. This is a contest for anyone interested in designing it. The winners' best banner will be famous and rotated on the site. Contest end June 30th, all entries to be reviewed by the website committee. Any standard graphics format is acceptable. Remember to keep within the 12 Traditions, no copywriter material. E-mail the banner to web servant@aa.org. Flyers on back table, please take to your groups and get involved. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, I am truly blessed.

Treatment - Keith M., Sometimes if we are not involved in a new project we have a thought we are not doing our job. The Treatment committee has been carrying the message to and within Treatment Facilities. The meetings are occurring monthly, weekly and daily, this work is going well. The Treatment committed has 2 major projects going. First, BTG on multi fronts within Districts, Utah First Annual Workshop in Price, National Annual weekend in September in Salt Lake and a power point presentation. The committee also has started a new project, inventory of our cooperation with Treatment Facilities in Area 69, Utah. Thanks for letting me serve.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 - Eddie D., DCMC - District is doing well. Lewis, Treatment Chair, continues to carry message to numerous facilities. Jim, Correction Chair purchased Big Books, Daily Reflections and Inmate to Inmate. The books have been distributed to Weber, Box Elder and Cache County Jails. Our financial roller coaster is at a high , after being into our prudent reserve last year. Have faith the groups start a steep descent soon. District 1 was happy to see everyone at pre-conference in Ogden. Vicky and committee did an excellent job. Mike O. visited the district prior to Pre-Conference, I was amazed how fast Mike can talk. Gave hour report in 15 minutes. Thank you Mike. Jodi E. visited the District to review proposed Area guideline changes. The District appreciates her hard work. Thank you Jodi. Hope to see you in District 1 at Post-Conference in 2008. Thanks for letting me serve.

District 2 - Thom B., DCMC - It's a privilege to serve District 2 and the Area as DCMC. Welcome to Salt Lake and the Post-Conference Assembly. Thanks to all who made it here and anyone who is new to General Service. Our District is lacking DCM's and Alt. DCM's but we are serving our groups as best we can. Have welcomed several new groups to the District recently. We are standing on our own financially. Standing Chairs have funds they need to carry the message and the Pink Can is funding literature to the Correctional Facilities. The groups have a better understanding of Self Support lately. Thursday, the 18th started looking into next District Workshop. More info available as soon as possible.

Might use the theme of General Service or something Mike brings us with the new Conference theme. Put idea of a Bridge the Gap coordinator to an ad hoc committee. Have no ideas for responsibilities and duties, or how to fund position. Hope this won't take long so can have one up and into service very soon. Concept of this position passed unanimously, now to set it in the guidelines. Corrections and Treatment Chairs will be defrayed to attend the Area and National Workshops this year. Walter C., DCM, sub district D attended PRAASA. I will be in Seattle for the Forum, first one for me. Groups in District 2 continues to help us learn how we can all serve. Thanks to all who make it possible to serve whenever we can.

District 3 - John P., DCMC given by Mitch J., DCM - Want to thank Mitch for giving this report as I am needed at home. The district held a workshop on role of the GSR, feel it was a success. Have begun discussion on adding an H&I Chairperson to District service structure. Feel the need to form an H&I committee as the workload has become too great for Treatment and Corrections Coordinators. Will still have Treatment and Corrections Coordinator positions on District Committee and would be part of H&I Committee. Also like to have a Bridging the Gap Coordinator as part of the committee. Are only at beginning of this process and know it will take a while to get it all hammered out. In love and service.

District 4 - No report.

District 5 - No report.

District 6 - LeRoy B., DCM - District doing well. Have a workshop planned and scheduled for August. Flyer in back, hope to see you there. Groups report attendance down because of Spring fever. Have a couple of new meetings and a speaker meeting the last Friday of each month in Mt. Pleasant, part of Central Sanpete Group. Still have 2 meetings in Gunnison Prison on Tuesday with good attendance. Happy to report 3 out of 4 GSR's here today. Thanks for letting me serve.

District 7 - Marie D., DCM - Excited to see you all at Fall Assembly in Kanab. Preparations are underway, please pickup flyers on back table. Next District Workshop will be in Panguitch, will conduct District inventory. Invited Area Chair to facilitate. Have several dark meetings in our District, been unable to maintain Standing Chair positions, hopefully District inventory will help find a solution. District defrayed DCMC and 1 DCM. Interest is slipping on attendance at Area events. Thanks Area for all your love and support.

District 8 - No report.

District 9 - No report.

District 10 - Andy B., DCMC - Things going fairly well, attendance at GSR meetings is around 20 to 25%, most of Standing Chair positions are full. Seems one gets fill and another one opens. Really cool to see a new GSR, even more cool to see them come back every month. Thanks to Area people who attended some of our meetings, hope to see more in the months to come, or **ANYONE** is welcome to attend our GSR meetings, 1st Monday of the month, hope to see you there. Held a District Workshop, focusing on the 12 Concepts, were able to use recordings from District 1's Workshop, done by Andy A. Past Delegate from Washington State. Encourage everyone to listen to them, very good stuff. Thanks again for allowing me to serve and service is a BIG part of my recovery. Love ya all.

District 11 - Gary J., DCMC - District 11 extends sincere thanks to District 2 for hosting event. Our District covers most of Davis County, has 18 registered groups that host 24 meetings a week. Last month had 2 new GSR's join us and a meeting is in process of applying for a group number from GSO. District trying to fill PI and Treatment Chair positions. Treatment is being covered by a prior Alt. DCM in the interim. Financially solvent with adequate prudent reserve, have assembled 6 members to serve on the Host Committee for the 2007 Pos-Conference Assembly. New guidelines, proposed by Area Guidelines Committee, will be used by the committee assuming they are favorably voted on today. Jodi E. attended our last District meeting and reviewed the Guideline changes with our GSR's and District members. Thank my District, Area and most important my Higher Power for allowing me to serve our fellowship as the DCM for District 11.

District 12 - Miquel A., DCM - Written in Spanish and am unable to translate. They are encouraging their groups to be active and invites everyone to their District meetings, Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m.

Registrar - Leslie H. - No report.

Roll Call - Leslie H. - In attendance were Area Officers - 5 - Area Standing Chairs - 8 - Past Delegates - 3 - District 1, DCMC, 1 - DCM's, 2 - GSR's, 5 - District 2 - DCMC, 1 - DCM's, 3 - GSR's, 8 - Standing Chairs, 2 - District 3, DCM, 1 - Alt. DCM., 1 - GSR's, 4 - District 4 - none in attendance - District 5 - none in attendance. District 6 - DCM, 1 - GSR's, 2 - Alt. GSR, 1 - District 7 - DCMC, 2 - DCM, 1 - GSR's, 3 - District 8 - none in attendance - District 9 - none in attendance - District 10 - DCMC, 1 - DCM's, 3 - GSR's, 12 - Standing Chairs, 2 - District 11 - DCMC, 1 - DCM's, 2, GSR, 1 - Standing Chair, 1 - District 12 - DCM, 1 - Central Office Reps., 1 - Interested AA's. 4 - Total in attendance 84.

Chairperson - Julie S. - No report.

Alt. Delegate - Ken B. - Report read by Julie S., Chairperson - Greetings from the Morongo Indian Reservation in Banning, CA, have opportunity to attend the mini-forum requested by Native American AA's in the Pacific Region. Will be discussing problems with reaching the still suffering alcoholics on the Reservations, problems, questions, solutions, etc. Forum should help understanding needs and resolutions that can be used to work with the Native Americans who reside in Utah. The Area Delegate was unable to attend because of conflicting dates, I take his heart felt thoughts to share with the gathering. Had the opportunity to spend hours with Mike and thrilled to receive a synopsis of the 56th General Service Conference. Thanks Mike for making me part of the conference and Shirley for feeding me. You will be voting on Guideline changes today, as trusted servants we should remind ourselves of what Bill says in the 10th Concept of World Service. "It is perfectly clear that when delegated authority is operating well it should not be constantly interfered with, otherwise those charged with the operating responsibility will be demoralized."

Speaking as an interested AA, I understand guidelines are necessary and used to guide our trusted servants, each with their understanding of them. These are only guidelines not by-laws. Enjoy the assembly, am looking forward to reporting on the mini-forum. Thanks for giving me this opportunity to serve. God bless.

Delegates Report Back on General Service Conference - Mike O. - written copies were available.

MOTION DISCUSSION AND VOTE

Presented by John Mc. - Grapevine Chair - That Area 69 create a new Area Standing Committee hereafter known as "Special needs". That consistent with current Area Guidelines would be elected rather than appointed as outlined in Section 6.4. Motion was defeated.

Presented by Ken B. - Alt. Delegate - Move that the Area 69 Assembly accept the generous gift of translation equipment from District 1 and District 12 by affirmation at the 2006 Pre-Conference Assembly. Furthermore, move that Area 69 accept responsibility for storage, transportation and maintenance of the equipment. Maintenance shall include replacing batteries as needed. Motion approved.

Presented by Grahame L. - The Area February Committee meeting be discontinued and replaced by an Area Assembly. The new Assembly be held the last weekend of February; the Pre-Conference assembly be moved to the first weekend in April. Will be on August Agenda.

Lunch - 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Reconvene - Welcome - Julie, Chairperson

12 Concepts - Michael L., District 10

Reports From Past Events

Pre-Conference Assembly - March 17-19, 2006 Vicky A., DCM, District 1 - District 1 and committee would like to thank you for supporting Pre-Conference Assembly in March in Ogden. Pleasure to spend time with our friends in service. Sold 145 registrations, 42 pre-registering. Sold 115 banquets, 79 were purchased that weekend. Returned the \$500.00 seed money plus a check for \$714.68 to the Area. Enjoyed hosting event at the Comfort Suites. Hotel was accommodating and great to work with. Look forward to having additional events there. Steve, Saturday speaker, was extremely funny and Sunday's speaker, Rod, touched my soul. One of Friday nights panelists, our dear friend, Mark C. passed away shortly after the conference. I was grateful that I was involved in the conference and got the opportunity to spend time with Mark. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve.

Reports From Upcoming Events

2006 Area Bridge the Gap - June 17, Price Utah - Keith M.

2006 Pacific Regional Forum - June 23 - 25, 2006 - Seattle WA - Jodi E.

Pre-Assembly Workshop - August 19 - 20, 2006, District 3 - American Fork, UT - Mitch J., DCM, District 3 - Brought 100 preliminary flyers for the event. Chairperson resigned so I will have to step up. The facility is secured. Invited Monte, Assembly Chair, to come share at our District meeting about volunteering on committees. Have the theme, will be working on a program. Have 5 pre-registrations so far. Will try to have flyers in Price, if not, will have them on web with theme attached.

National Bridge the Gap - September 8 - 10, 2006 - Utah Area 69

Fall Assembly - Voting - September 22 - 24, 2006, District 7 - Kanab, UT

Guidelines Committee Presentation - Guideline changes were presented by Jodi E. There were some minor wording changes and for the most part the guidelines were approved, with a few that failed.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Archives - Janet H., Archives Chair - Committee met April at Shirley and Mike's home. Committee reviewed a spreadsheet of summary results. Shirley and I had several conversations to clarify information, so she can condense the spreadsheet. Spreadsheet will be part of our presentation later this year. Bringing recommendations for changes to committee for Area Guidelines at next meeting, along with a mission statement, statement of purpose and relation of Archives to the 12 Traditions. Charlie and Pete will prepare a proposal for review of the Bulletin proposal for our next meeting. Trina presented a list of possible ideas for future funding of Archival projects. It was determined that first need to identify what the financial needs and expectations actually are. Any changes in funding would affect the guidelines and need approval. Keith suggested we use a power point presentation and is willing to put together. There was discussion concerning a Repository Archivist and Standing Chair Archivist, what would be the duties and responsibilities of each. List of action items to be accomplished for our next meeting was prepared. Have requested time on the Agenda for the November Workshop for 1st presentation of the material we have gathered. Next meeting is today during the lunch break. Thank you for letting me serve.

Web Servant - LeAnn L., PI Chair - On May 20, 2006 the Web Servant funding ad-hoc committee recommendation comes in the form of a motion.

Broke for Roundtables

Discussion, AA/Al-anon cooperation.

Adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes compiled by JoAnn G., Recording Secretary