

September 2006

Meeting at the Wasatch Presbyterian Church, 1625 South 1700 East, Salt Lake City

GSR Preamble

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.. We realize the ultimate authority in A.A. is a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups as a whole.

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AGENDA FOR DISTRICT 2 GSR MEETING September 31 7:00 PM

7:00 – 7:15 PM

- Open** – Moment of Silence
- GSR Preamble
- Responsibility Declaration (Back cover)
- Concept 9**
- Tradition 9**
- Officer Reports**
 - August GSR Meeting Minutes – Dawn G. (Page 2)
 - Treasurer’s Report – James H
 - Corresponding Secretary – Charlie T.

7:15 – 8:00 PM

- New Business**
 - District 2 Elections

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District 2 GSR Meeting Minutes

Harry read the Preamble, Tony read Concept 8, Andrew read the eighth tradition and Thom read the minutes from July.

There was no report from the treasurer. Pete read the report from the Pre-Assembly workshop and Dawn read the report for the Love and Service workshop held in District 2. Jean needs people to go to Orange Street and the child detention center. Doug explained the motion for a communications chair and discussed it with the body. Ryan asked for volunteers for the school on alcoholism. Jay mentioned he will be rotating out and asked everyone to keep that in mind. Perky feels that there is not much enthusiasm for Bridge the Gap and asked for ideas.

Motions' were brought up to fund the new positions created for a Grapevine standing chair and the Archives. Dawn read both budget proposals and they were passed unanimously.

We will be having our current area delegate and alt delegate conduct the Spirit of Rotation for District 2. It was suggested that the GSR's bring this to the groups to get people involved. If you have not served a full term in the position you are currently holding you are eligible to stand for that position again. District 2 elections will be held September 28, 2006.

We need to create a host committee for the Pass the Gavel ceremony held on December 2, 2006. Dawn, Ryan and Charlie stood for the committee.

Wade asked that we rotate the meeting held and VOA he is unable to be there every Sunday and wants everyone to be aware we could lose the VOA. Steve volunteered to rotate in for the month of October.

Pete mentioned that if anyone was new to a position he has literature.

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GSR Meeting Attendance Roster

Aaron – GSR - Basic Young Peoples	Michaelene – Literature Chair
Andrew – DCM for Sub-District C	Mike – GSR – City at 7
Charlie – Corresponding Secretary	Perky - BTG Coordinator
Doug - Newsletter Chair	Pete - Area 69 Literature Standing Chair
George – Alt GSR – No Rules	Ryan – PI/CPC Chair
Glenda – GSR – Chapter 5	Steve – Alt-DCM Sub-District A
Heather – GSR – No Rules	Terrie – SR – Altrium Group
James H. – District Treasurer	Thom - DCMC
James K. – GSR Honey's Breakfast Club	Tony – GSR - Old Fashioned AA
Jay – Treatment Chair, GSR – Tooele Group	Wade - DCM Sub-District F
Jeanine – GSR – Magna Friendly Bunch	Walter – DCM Sub-District D
John – GSR – Northwest Sobriety	

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Spirit of Rotation District 2 DCMC

Hello again family. It is with deepest gratitude for the privilege of service and representing District 2 at our Area 69 spirit of rotation assembly in Kanab. We as a District were very well represented at the event. Our servants present worked and served through an, at times, arduous process of letting our Higher Power decide who would serve in the positions presented. In the end, I believe we found a very well qualified panel of new servants for the upcoming Panel 57.

I was also privileged to report back to the body about the Pacific Regional Forum you allowed me to attend in June. We gave these reports Fri. night. We also reported as to the state of the District, and the upcoming Pass the Gavel meeting in Dec.

Now to the more current affairs in the District. This is our Spirit of Rotation meeting. Having again experienced the Third Legacy procedure to elect our trusted servants, I pray we might have available and elect the most qualified and able to serve panel for our District. From personal experience, please stand for any position you are qualified to fill, and let our Higher Power make the decision.

To that statement, I was able to begin standing for Area positions beginning with the Chairperson. Our Higher Power, in his infinite sense of humor, found where I should serve the Area. Through our current panel, I have bid District 2 to host multiple Area events. I believed I was leaving a healthy legacy of my service to District 2. I still believe this. I will still be involved in much of this, as I will serve as Agenda / Assembly Chair. All those events we volunteered the District to host, I have the privilege of continuing to serve, both Area and District at the same time. I cannot thank all of us for the immense growth service has afforded me. My final prayer is that more will find what I have in this journey we call service.

Past Event Report Back 16th Annual Bridge the Gap Workshop

Jeff C., sobriety date 8-13-1987, served as the proxy for the BTG District Coordinator, Perky Sue, at the 16th Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend in Salt Lake City, Utah, 8 - 10 Sept., 2006.

There were a fair number of attendees at the workshop, including area and district coordinators and other interested parties, and representing states from New Hampshire to California.

The session participants represented a variety of viewpoints and experiences, with a lot of stress on practical application of the Bridging the Gap concepts. It was stressed that we in AA not only have to be aware of cooperation among the participants in this Committee with trusted servants in H&I, PI, CPC, and Corrections; but, that we also have to be aware that we are trying to interest staffs and responsible parties in treatment facilities as well as in state departments of Corrections, Probation and Parole, and Boards of Pardons and Parole, whose staffs may not be very conversant with the message that we carry.

Sessions were well organized and usually had a Question and Answer session following, where interested parties could pose questions to clarify ideas advanced during the preceding sessions. The Saturday afternoon session with various Corrections, Pardon/Parole, and Treatment participants was particularly useful in presenting 'outside' views of what we are attempting to accomplish with BTG and it was encouraging that, at least in the state of Utah, these professionals are supportive of our aims.

The Utah Host Committee is to be congratulated for organizing an informative workshop

Thank you, yours in service, Jeff C.

Standing Committee Report District 2 Archivist

I'm Lana and I'm an alcoholic, I want to thank you all for the ok on the budget for Archives. I am really excited to be of service to District 2 by preserving our Legacy for the future generations of alcoholics to come through our doors. The Archives is collected from donations from our members so please go through your files, closets, and cupboards to find any pictures, coffee cups, books, literature or memorabilia about Alcoholism, AA, or District 2.

I want to thank Tony for the CD's of the Area 69 Pre-Conference Assembly that was held in Ogden, Utah 2006. Tony has been great to pass on flyers and reports that he has collected.

I have started interviewing old timers and will be getting out to the meetings to collect the history of every group, new and old, who was involved in starting it, and how long it has been going. I look forward to meeting new friends and hearing the stories and memories from the past. Thank You for letting me be of service.

Lana Y.
Standing Chair Archives
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Standing Committee Report Grapevine Committee Chair

Hello all,

We went out to Kanab over the weekend and I picked up some awesome books for the Grapevine display, we are getting ready to show this thing soon. What that means is that I will be ready to visit some groups with some tools in hand WOOO HOOO!

Dawn Marie
Grapevine Committee Chair
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Standing Committee Report Newsletter Chair

I had the honor and privilege of representing District 2 at the Fall Elections Assembly held this last weekend at Kanab.

It was awe inspiring to see how our third legacy voting process works. It truly allows God to express Himself at the assembly level. If you've never attended an election you are in for a treat this evening.

Also, please see the article that our very own Pete G. submitted regarding the Kanab event, it's on page 5. Thank you Pete!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service to this incredible Fellowship. It really has been a great blessing!

Doug R.
Newsletter Chair
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Event Report back

Area 69 Fall Election Assembly

My name is Pete and I am an alcoholic. Although Panel 55 is far from history, Panel 57 has been chosen and is well on it's way to taking the responsibility of carrying the message in January 2007. In a picturesque setting in way-southern Utah, Area 69 held its Fall Assembly. The event was ably hosted by District 7 and they made everyone feel welcome.

Friday evening roundtables were held and committees discussed ways to perform our 12th Step responsibility. The Area committees that met were Public Information, Literature, Grapevine, CPC, Corrections and Treatment. Literature, Corrections and Grapevine set up displays and the Archives presented some new ideas to take to various locations.

After the roundtables, Andy B – DCMC of District 10 and Thom B – DCMC of District 2, related their experiences at the Regional Forum held in Seattle. Sherri P and Ken C – our Area Treasurer and Alternate Delegate, provided their feedback from the event.

Mike O – Area 69 delegate, provided an excellent report from the Forum and spoke about the value of translation at AA gatherings. Joanne G – our Area Recording Secretary, spoke on Singleness of Purpose.

Jodi E – Immediate Past Delegate spoke on Concept 5 and the right of the minority opinion. She also added a previous Askit-Baskit question pertaining to the funding of the Immediate Past Delegate to attend Forum and remarked she really did not

know why she was funded to attend.

Mike provided a clearer answer to the question in his report. AA does not ask anyone to do a job without defraying the cost for that job. The Immediate Past Delegates were asked to attend Forum and bring back as much new information as possible for use at the group level with the understanding that your travel will be defrayed.

Julie S also reported back from the Forum. Her spotlight was enhancing communications between AA members.

The general meeting was chaired by Steve from District 7. Shirley O was assigned the question of "Are we going to any lengths" and she explained that it was okay to answer that with "Not Yet" but that we are always looking for ways to go to any length.

Other stimulating questions included 1) How do we react to the new person sitting on the back row? 2) How do we react to a wet drunk?

Mickey H. provided us with additional questions.

Whether AA should be dependant upon literature sales or contributions.

Should we encourage book sales to outside entities?

What other methods of fundraising do we use (pink can, raffles activities)?

Saturday Meeting was opened by Julie at 9:00 and after find-

ing the correct format she promptly re-opened at 9:03. It should be noted that Doug R made the amazing effort to drive from Las Vegas on Saturday morning to attend the event, that is any length!

Introductions were made and it was noted that 4 new General Service members were in attendance. There were 5 past delegates present with a 6th past delegate arriving mid-morning. Our Pacific Regional Trustee, Madeline P. was also in attendance to emcee our elections.

Joanne G. read the minutes and they were approved.

Financial Report was read by Sherri P. Some items of interest were the Newsletter budget of \$300 was still intact for this year, as we have not had a newsletter.

For the proposed budget for 2007, the following items were discussed.

Grapevine budget will remain the same.

Archives was increased by \$55 to cover rent increase.

Public Information was increased \$50.

Our Delegate contribution was increased by \$200 to \$1400.

The 2007 budget was approved.

Jodi E. reported on the **National Bridging the Gap workshop** held in Salt Lake City.

Stormy reported on the **Pre-Assembly workshop**. Money returned was \$467.93

The Fall Workshop will be hosted by District 10 in Salt Lake City at the (you guessed it) AA hotel in November.

The **Pass the Gavel meeting** will be held in Salt Lake City on December 2 and is hosted by District 2. For anyone wishing to volunteer for this host committee, please contact Dawn G.

District Roll Call

District 12 – DCM

District 11 – DCMC, DCM, 2 GSRs Alternate GSR

District 10 – DCMC, 3 DCMs, 13 GSRs, Alt GSR and 2 Standing Chairs.

District 9 – DCM

District 8 – DCMC

District 7 – Hosted event.

District 6 – DCM, GSR

District 3 – DCMC

District 2 – DCMC, 4 DCMs, 4 GSRs and Alt GSR

Delegate Report

Mike presented his delegate report. Please see the Utah Area website for full report. Business attended to after the report consisted of voting unanimously to bid for the 2010 Forum.

District Reports

District 1 – Eddy reports little new activity. Elections in October.

District 2 – Thom reported financial account issues resolved favorably. He reported the startup of the BTG Coordinator position and startup monies considered for Grapevine and Archives.

District 3 – Stormy reports adding meetings and that District

elections were held with positions still available.

District 6 – Leroy reports that elections have been completed with openings available.

District 7 – Steve reports that they have 2 new GSRs and was thankful for hosting the Fall Assembly.

District 8 – Nadine reports that the District is now solvent. Phone answering services were back in operation after an interruption of service. A meeting room was secured for the Roosevelt meeting. Looking forward to hosting the February meeting.

District 9 – Jan reports the Moab meetinghouse has a new coat or two of paint. They have a new meeting in Monticello and the District contributed \$300 to Area 69.

District 10 – Andy reports district elections were held and there were openings available. Pink Can (Corrections) doing very well.

District 11 – Gary reports the elections were held and most officer positions were filled.

District 12 – I missed this report, try to catch it on the website.

A motion was presented that combined the Area Newsletter chair position with the web servant position and has been called Communications Chair. Monte S. presented a list of 12 concerns that voting on this motion at this event would entail. Leann presented feedback to Monte's concerns. See full report on the motion in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Area Elections.

Madeline P. conducted the Area elections. Gay and Patti were designated balloteers and Shirley O. was the white-board statistician.

Candidates standing for Delegate were.

Julie S., Ken C., Keith M., Monte S., Charlie G.

First ballot did not produce a winner. Second ballot did not produce a winner.

Third ballot was narrowed to Julie S. and Ken C. No winner.

Fourth ballot was decisive with Julie receiving 59 votes (56 required to elect)

Congratulations Julie.

Alternate Delegate candidates were Richard B., Teri M., Monte S., Charlie G., Joanne G., Sherri P., Andy B.

First ballot was inconclusive. Second ballot was inconclusive. Candidates for the Third ballot were Monte and Andy. Vote was inconclusive.

Fourth ballot was indecisive. Motion to go to the hat was passed.

Monte S. was drawn from the hat.

Area Chairperson candidates were Thom B., Andy B., Ken C., Sherri P., Charlie G.

First ballot was inconclusive. Second ballot was inconclusive. Third ballot was narrowed to Ken and Andy. Third ballot was inconclusive.

Fourth ballot was inconclusive. Motion to go to the hat was passed.

Andy B. was drawn from the hat.

Area Secretary candidates were Ken C., Sherri P., Thom B., Pete G., Charlie G., Teri M., Nadine.

First ballot was indecisive. Second ballot was indecisive.

Third ballot was narrowed to Ken C. and Sherri P. Vote was indecisive.

Fourth ballot was indecisive. Motion to go to the hat was passed.

Sherri P. was drawn from the hat.

Area Treasurer candidates were Pete G., Thom B., Joanne G., Nadine, Charlie G., Teri M.

First ballot was indecisive. Second ballot was indecisive.

Third ballot was narrowed to Joanne and Nadine. Joanne received 65 votes on the third ballot (57 required).

Area Registrar candidates were Ken C., Nadine, Pete G., Thom B., Charlie G., Richard B., Teri M. First ballot was indecisive. Second ballot was indecisive. Third ballot was narrowed to Charlie and Ken. Third ballot was indecisive. Fourth ballot was indecisive. Motion to go to the hat was passed. Charlie G. was drawn from the hat.

Archives Standing Chair Janet H. was confirmed by unanimous vote.

The voting procedures for the standing chair positions was modified to require a simple majority vote to pass. A simple majority vote is determined by counting the votes, dividing the number of votes by 2 and adding 1.

Assembly/Agenda candidates were Teri M and Thom B. Thom received 47 votes.

CPC candidates were Teri M. Teri M. was the singular candidate for this position.

Corrections had no candidates. After a rather pointed and rousing dissertation by Madeline P, Lea and Leslie stood for the position. Leslie became the Corrections chair with 47 votes.

Communications Chair had one candidate – Doug R. Doug R. was voted as the NEW communications chair.

Grapevine candidates were Marie.

Marie was voted as the Grapevine Standing Chair.

Literature candidates were Pete G.

Pete G. was voted as the Standing Chair for Literature.

Public Information candidates was Lea.

Lea was voted the Standing Chair for P. I.

Treatment candidates were John Mc., Nadine, Toni, Louis and Richard B.

First ballot narrowed the field to John Mc. And Louis.

John Mc. Received 42 votes.

Saturday Speaker Meeting and Sobriety Countdown.

I won't keep you in suspense. There was 1,126 years and 146 days of sobriety at the speaker meeting. Southern Utah has a vast wealth of sobriety. Mickey presented a signed Big Book to a newcomer with 2 months of sobriety. Mickey received a copy of Experience, Strength and Hope for her excellent service.

Madeline P. was the speaker at the Saturday night meeting. Last time she spoke, Madeline was the delegate from Idaho. Her message was lively, funny and very spiritual. We have an awesome Trustee from the Pacific region.

An ice cream social capped the evening with fellowship and calories.

Sunday morning is becoming a very busy time at these events. There were standing chair

meetings, DCM meetings and Area Committee planning meetings.

The Askit-Baskit panel contained Madeline P., Mike O., Rod B., Mickey H., Shirley O., Gay and Patti W., and the newest delegate-elect Julie S.

The spiritual speaker meeting was excellent. At the close of the meeting, we were informed that the meeting room needed to be cleared up in an hour. Most everyone stayed and aided the host committee by breaking down tables, stacking chairs and general box-moving and cleanup. We finished with time to spare. Till-next-times were exchanged and a group of butt-weary but excited servants returned to their normal programs.

Panel 57 Area 69 trusted servants.

Julie S. Panel 57 Area 69 delegate

Monte S. – Alternate Delegate.

Andy B. Area Chairperson.

Joanne G. – Area Treasurer.

Sherri P. – Area Recording Secretary

Charlie G. – Area Registrar.

Thom B. – Area Agenda Standing Chair.

Janet H. – Area Archives Standing Chair.

Leslie H. – Area Corrections.

Doug R. – Area Communications

Marie – Area Grapevine.

Teri M. – CPC Standing Chair.

Pete G. – Area Literature Standing Chair.

Lea – Area Public Information Standing Chair.

John Mc. – Area Treatment.

“We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.”

- Alcoholics Anonymous Page 82

Volunteers needed!

District 2 Host Committees

District 2 will host the Area's committee meeting; "Pass the Gavel", on December 2, 2006. We will also be hosting the Area's 2007 Pre-Conference assembly May 23-25, 2-007.

There have been several DCMs and Alt-DCMs volunteer to help on these committees, but we need your help! Serving on these host committees is an excellent way to serve this Fellowship, so talk with your service sponsors and join one, or both, of these committees!

DCM Group Assignments

Sub-Districts A-F

Sub-District A: (Stephan C., Alt-DCM) Big Book Thumpers, Bog Irish Big Book Study, Chapter 5, Friday Night Speakers, It's in the Book, Live & Let Live, Primary Purpose, No Rules, Starting the Day, Way Out, Sacred Healing

Sub-District B: (Janet W., Alt-DCM) 5:15 Happy Hour, New Hope Group (Women's), Saturday Night Alive, Speak Easy Ladies, The Right Stuff, We Care Group, Westminster Lunch Break

Sub-District C: (Andrew R., DCM) 17th & 17th 12 X 12, 6:40 New Yorkers, Brown Bag Big Book Study, City at Seven Group, DNS Group, Friendship Group, Grantsville Good News, Survive and Serve, New Way Group, Sizzling Sobriety Group

Sub-District D: (Walter C., DCM) 974 Group, Acceptance Group, Basic Young Peoples, Group 2, Foothill Group, Magna Friendly Bunch, Stonewall Group, Tooele Group, Castaways, Dealer's Choice.

Sub-District E: (Doug R., DCM) Honey's Breakfast Group, Downtown Bunch, Altrium Group, Windsor St. Beginners, Trying Again, Northwest Sobriety, Old Fashioned A.A., New Avenues & Promises, Richard Street Lunch Bunch, Unity Lunch Bunch

Sub-District F: (Wade J., DCM) An AA Group, Boot Straps, Early Friendship, Midnight Miracles, Non-Smoking Sobriety Hour, Saturday Night Speaker, Sobriety Hour, Weekend Get AA

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendar

1st Hispanic Convention of A.A. of Utah

October 13-15, 2006

Fall Workshop

District 10

November 4 & 5, 2006

Area Committee Meeting – "Pass the Gavel"

District 2

December 4, 2006

More information, including the registration flyers can be found on the Utah Area 69 Website at www.utahaa.org/calendar/calendar.php
