

**Utah Area 69 Post-Conference Assembly
May 21-22, 2016**

Sandy, Utah

Welcome Matt D., Chair: Meeting opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble, Anonymity Statement and Responsibility Statement. Chris from Dist. 10 read the 12 Concepts. Defined Service Sponsor and identified those willing to serve in this capacity. Introduction of Panel 65 Area 69 Officers and Area 69 Standing Chairs.

Minutes of the 2015 Area 69 Pre-Assembly Workshop – Treesa J.: Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report Kurt J.: My name is Kurt and I'm an alcoholic. I am grateful to be your Area 69 Treasurer. My sobriety date is April 21, 1994. My home group is the Monday Night Men's group in Logan, Utah. We meet every Monday night at 6:00 pm at a cabin in Logan Canyon. Since our last meeting I have been blessed to celebrate another AA birthday. Today I would like to talk about The Birthday Plan. In 1954, one principle in particular—self-support—was given new life when a passionate but practical A.A. member—Ab A. from Tulsa, Oklahoma—was inspired by an idea given to him by another A.A., and thus helped to form the Birthday Plan, one method of financial support for the General Service Office that is still in effect today. In 1953 and 1954, Ab A. served as Oklahoma's delegate to the fledgling General Service Conference in New York City. In a talk given at the Kansas State Meeting in 1955, Ab recalled that the biggest job he had when returning from the Conference was to “tell something about my impressions of the importance of the General Service Headquarters, which is our Service. I traveled and visited every group in Oklahoma. I told them why I thought the General Service Headquarters was important to the future of A.A. and a little something about what the General Service Headquarters does.” In 1954, the General Service Headquarters (known today as the General Service Office, or G.S.O.) had the same basic function as it does today: It “serves all A.A. groups in the United States and Canada, and also offers services to A.A. overseas.... It serves as a clearinghouse and exchange point for the wealth of A.A. experience accumulated over the years, coordinates a wide array of activities and services, and oversees the publication, all translations of, and distribution of A.A. Conference-approved literature and service materials.” (The A.A. Service Manual, p. S74) To those assembled at the Kansas State meeting in 1955, Ab said “this A.A. has turned out to be big business, and we are trying to run it on a shoestring.” He continued, “I think Bill and the founders in giving us the Third Legacy gave us everything we need to work A.A. and to perpetuate it, except a permanent way to finance ourselves.” Ab, however, had hit upon a solution. He told those assembled how, at a meeting in February 1954, “a fellow who knew I was interested in finances said to me, ‘Ab, what do you think of starting a voluntary birthday contribution and send in a dollar a year from the first contact with A.A.?’” Ab was inspired by the idea. He realized that reaching out to A.A.s who were no longer active and offering them a chance to do Twelfth Step work—or to finance it—would help the individual member as much as it would the General Service Office: “...I called about a dozen of the old-timers and this is about what most of them said, ‘Ab, this has brought back life to me; it has turned me back to something which saved my life and it was the best donation that I have ever made in my life; further, I'm going to do something about my A.A.’” He also recounted how he approached older members who had passed through A.A. and were no longer active: “[I] ask them how they would like to do a little Twelfth Step work with money.... I have come to the conclusion it is just as important to reach old Bill and Mary as it is to save the last boy or girl who comes through the door.” Of course, even the best ideas are carefully considered by A.A.'s. At the 1955 General Service Conference, it was suggested that “those Delegates who care to, might also put into circulation in their areas the Birthday Plan which has been successful in Oklahoma.” In 1970, the Conference Committee on Finance recommended the extension of the Birthday Plan to include the birthdays of individual groups as well as of individual members. Today, members still express gratitude for their sobriety with a Birthday Contribution. Some members contribute a dollar for each year of their sobriety, while others give a penny for each day of their sobriety—some give more, but the amount to G.S.O. cannot exceed \$3,000 for any year. Many A.A.'s like to contribute to their local inter-groups as well. All contributions are valuable—the still-suffering alcoholic ultimately benefits from the donors' generous spirit. The hope is that a future A.A. can one day say, as Ab did: “I have outlived my real birthday and I am living from my first contact in A.A.” Birthday contribution envelopes are available on a back table along with a wrapped box to put them in. At the end of today I will

collect all of the envelopes then mail them together to our General Service Office. *Group contributions to Area 69 so far this year are slightly ahead of last year while expenses are slightly less leaving us in a good position for the second half of 2016.* I love Alcoholics Anonymous. I love general service. Thank you for my sobriety and for allowing me to serve Area 69! Approved as read.

PLEASE REMIND GROUPS TO INCLUDE RETURN ADDRESS ON ALL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Assembly-Agenda – Josh B.: Greetings. Wow, what an amazing month. I was recently asked by Matt to stand for the position of Area Assembly/Agenda Chair. Without knowledge of the responsibilities this position involved, I leaned on one of the biggest tools in my AA tool box, Willingness and accepted the this opportunity. I know there is a learning curve and I have had moments of fear. However, I have been able to rely on the principles of this wonderful program and know, I am not in charge...It will all be okay. Recently, I met with District 10 planning committee for the “Post Conference Assembly”. They have done such a great job planning this event. I look forward to meeting with planning committee's for upcoming Area 69 events. As part of this position, I have the opportunity to serve on the ad-hoc committee to see about replacing our out dated equipment. It hasn't taken me long to see the need!! The equipment is large and heavy which limits the possibility of members having a service opportunity. I look forward to learning more and growing in service, in this position,for A.A. In loving service, Josh B.

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Reports from Upcoming Events

Area Bridge The Gap Workshop – District 10: John . The event is scheduled for June 11, 2016 and will be hosted by District 10. The location is the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Please come an join us and enjoy lots of good food.

Pre-Assembly Workshop – District 11: Debbie for Todd O, event Chairperson. We would like to invite you all to our wonderful district, District 11, located from North Salt Lake to Layton. We found a location in Woods Cross. Saturday morning agenda is provided by Area 69 but the rest of the workshop program includes having a lot of fun, playing games which include Family Fued. Sunday morning we will be have a wonderful spiritual speaker, the man behind the mike – Matt D. It's going to be a wonderful workshop. Come join us in District 11. Debbie A.

National Bridging the Gap Workshop: Sheryl T. A flyer is available on the Utah Area AA website. The event will be held September 9-11, 2016, Tucson, AZ

Forum: Wade J. shared the event will be on the Big Island, Kona, Hawaii. Please come and share the experience. Let's do a 12-step call on Hawaii. Remember, they have to travel here for Pacific Region functions. You will have the opportunity to meet all the GSO Staff, who serve AA. Hope to see you there.

Fall Assembly – District 8: Bonnie H. We have fliers on the back table. However, the flyer shows “Pre-Conference Assembly” but it really is Fall Assembly. Pre-registration checks need to be written to: **District 8 Fall Assembly.** Please plan to attend. District 8 is excited to host this event for Area 69.

Reports from Past Events

February Committee Meeting: It was a pleasure hosting this event. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in service. It was great to have Area 69 for attending and supporting District 5. Brent

Pre-Conference Assembly – District 4: Mike G.: Thank you for driving to District 4 and supporting us. It was a 12 Step call for the district. Our community and HP helped keep everything moving forward.

Registrar – Kristen D.: Hello my name is Kristen and I am an alcoholic and I have the privilege of serving you as your Area 69 Registrar. I would like to thank the host committee for all their hard work. It has been a busy time. I have had several updates for GSO and the Area directory. If you have noticed something that needs to be changed, please let me know? I have also had several people email me for meet-

ing times and address. I have called different people in the Area and used them as a contact. Some have been successful and some of the people asking have not followed through with contacting people. Thank you to those who have said they would help. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Kristen

Roll Call – Kristen D.: Attendance 7 Area Officers; 10 Area Standing Chairs; 6 Past Delegates; District 1: 7 GSR's, 2 District Standing Chairs; District 2: 1 DCMC, 3 DCM, 4 GSR's, 3 District Standing Chairs; District 3: 1 DCM, 1 GSR, 1 District Standing Chair; District 4: 1 DCM, 1 GSR; District 5: 1 DCM, 2 GSR; District 6: None attended; District 7: 1 District Officer standing in for DCM; District 8: 1 DCM, 1 GSR; District 9: None attended; District 10: 1 DCMC, 3 DCM, 1 Alt-DCM, 5 GSR's, 1 Alt-GSR, 1 District Standing Chair, 1 District Officer, 1 Interested AA; District 11: 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 1 GSR, 1 Alt-GSR; District 12: 1 District Officer, 1 Interested AA. **Total = 78**
Pacific Region Trustee Joel C. attended

Remaining Area Officer's Reports

Alt-Delegate – Wade J.: The last couple months, I have had the privilege of visiting District 9 and talking with District 5 about the possible joining the districts. I have been in communication with District 12. I have met with Walter to discuss the motions and ad-hoc committee. I had the pleasure of taking Joel C. back to the airport after the Pre-Conference Assembly. What a great insight he has for A.A. Thanks for my life and allowing me to serve Area 69

Area Chairperson – Matt D.: Nothing much to report so I would like to hear from our Area 69 Delegate.

Delegate's Report – Renae H.: Please visit the Utah Area 69 website at utahaa.org for the entire report.

Area 69 Standing Chair Reports (No verbal reports)

Archives – Trina B.:
Repository Archivist: Janet Hafen.

Communications – Doug L.: My name is Doug and I'm an alcoholic. I have the pleasure to serve as your Area 69 Communications Chair. After extensive meetings with Rachel F, the former chair, full operations of website and all electronic communications have been transitioned to me. First off let me apologize for some your requests taking longer than usual due to technical difficulties. Mainly my inexperience. But all has been resolved and I proud to report the site is functioning perfectly. I'm working on two main large projects. Firstly, upon diving into the website I've noticed that our meeting schedule is somewhat inaccurate. I've worked with the Salt Lake Central Office and have successfully synced our meeting schedules. I met with Utah Valley Central Office and got their most updated schedule and have fixed the inconsistency. With four different AA type websites in Utah with AA meeting Schedules (all being different) I have proposed to make a unified website that will have all the most complete and accurate schedule. Salt Lake and Utah county have expressed the willingness to work with me. I have yet to get in contact with Dixie Central office. More to be revealed soon. Secondly, I've copied our current website and began translating it into Spanish so our Spanish speaking members will be able to access all the information available. Basically when done there will be a link on top of our current website "in espanol" that will link to translated website. Once I have completed my translation I will have District 12 members proofread and sign off on current translation and grammar then I will post it to a beta site for area to approve. As you can see I have my work cut out for me. DCM's expect an email with all current meetings within your prospective districts. Please bring these to your GSR meetings and verify and change any and all discrepancies and report back to me so I can update the website accordingly. Again thanks for the opportunity to serve,

CPC – David R.:

Corrections – Sheryl T.:

Treatment – Shawn C.:

Grapevine – Frank B.:

Literature – Doug R.:

P.I. - John W.: Good day fellow trusted servants. I'm grateful to be able to attend today and being allowed to serve. Not a lot of P.I. Service has been accomplished by me but several districts have been following up on P.I. Information and presentations that have been requested. I would love to invite all members including P.I. Committee members to put forth an effort to inform on request on contact at least one Public facility per month to be available for the service of A.A. Upon request from that facility. Thank you,

Lunch: 12:00 to 1:30 pm

District Reports

District 1 DCMC – Erin B.: Paul H. gave report. District 1 is planning an old timer speaker meeting to be held at the Ogden Alano Club on Friday June 24th. Also, Cache Valley Inter-group is having a seventh tradition workshop in Logan on Saturday June 25th. Our standing chairs have been working diligently to carry the message to newcomers and promote communication throughout our district. There has been discussion, both at the group level and district, pertaining to Cache and Rich counties breaking off from District 1. We are still exploring pro's and con's of the impact on our groups, district and area. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

District 2 DCMC – Linda R.: Jocelyn stepped up at the last GSR meeting as the DCM to replace Josh and Asch is not the alt-DCM. Jay stepped up as the archivist. Nick had to step down as our Treatment Chair and Anthony is now our treatment chair. The Salt Lake County Jail could use our support. Shawn, the Area Treatment Chair, came to our GSR meeting and gave a presentation. In addition, another special guest, the substance abuse program officer from Dugway. He said they might need some help with A.A. Meetings and explained the process for getting on base.

District 3 DCM – Chris H.: I am still getting my bearings in my new position. Here are the basics. We have 41 groups in District 3 registered in Area 69. We are actively trying to fill several alt-DCM positions. I am visiting as many groups each month as possible. We are without a secretary. We have formed a sub-committee for planning the up-coming Pre-Conference Assembly events that District 3 will be hosting. Recover is doing well and many people are working hard behind the scenes to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholics. Some work with our District committee's and some work on their own.

District 4 DCM – Mike G.: Gave a verbal report.

District 5 DCM – Mike M.: We are having a camp out August 26-28, 2016. The Fall Workshop plans are coming together for November. We have a jail meeting on Monday's and Friday's. On May 28, 2016, we will have a potluck dinner at 1:00 pm for a member celebrating 16 years of continuous sobriety.

District 6 DCMC – John K.: None attended.

District 7 DCM – Bud A.: Greetings Are 69. It has been a while since I've made it to an area assembly, in fact, the last time was May 2015 in Moab. I've missed you all. Some things came up for our DCM Bud and the alt-DCM Mike, so I jumped at the chance to represent District 7 and see all of you. I thought this is great, I get to take a road trip and I then I remember the reports and said "Oh, Crap!!" Every great road trip comes with reports at both ends but I do want to thank the GSR's for allowing me to be of service. District 7 is moving along. We had 22 attendees at the last district meeting and 7 were visitors. Six of our dedicated servants had to be excused. Financially we are sound but even better is a few new GSR's. I'm excited to see people becoming involved again. I can't express enough how important service work is to my recovery. The new Panguitch group is starting to come together and grown. They now have a contact person and just made a district contribution. The Freedom Group is a new meeting at the Southern Utah Veteran's home. We've also had a few workshops recently that have been really fun, informative and I

believe have promoted unity. We will have a workshop in August to discuss the first six Traditions and in September we will discuss the last six Traditions. Everyone is invited and there will be a potluck. Cedar meetings have picked up and groups are really starting to participate in the 7th Tradition of Self-support. The KKCB Meeting Hall in Cedar will be 7 years old in July so we are planning a party. Dixie Central Office is planning a Founders Day event for June 11, 2016. Keep up the good work Area 69.

District 8 DCM – Bonnie H.: We have a new secretary, Anna. Teri stepped down from Corrections and Cody stepped up to fill the Corrections vacancy. We have had a lot of discussions on the 7th Tradition. I did bring fliers for the Fall Assembly. The Little Skyline Conference is going on right now in Vernal at the Western Park. Our groups are doing well and attendance is awesome!! Thank you for letting me share.

District 9 DCM – Danny G.: None attended.

District 10 DCMC – Kevin S.: Hello areas 69 trusted servant, my name is Kevin S and I'm an alcoholic. Welcome to the post-conference, district 10 is grateful hosting this event. District 10 is doing well. We have 2 open position for DCM, and 4 open position for alternate DCM. We have CPC, PI and treatment standing chair positions open. District 10 is planning a workshop combined with Archives and GSR's. Workshop will be held at central office on June 18, 2016. We will have fliers at our next event. District 10 is also honored to host the BTG on June 11, 2016 at National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Please come and join us we will have lots of good food. We would like to send our thanks to area 69 treatment chair Shawn for being at district 10 GSR meeting. That's all I have to report thanks for allowing me to be of services.

District 11 DCMC – Devin C.: My name is Devin, and I am an alcoholic; currently serving District 11 as DCMC. Thank you to District 10 for hosting this event. It's good to again be in the company of so many service oriented people. We will be looking forward to having Renae join us at our next district meeting to present the post-conference information personally to those from our district who could not attend today. It is so wonderful to have people like Renae who are willing to give of themselves in service to others. Things are going well in our district, although GSR representation at the monthly meetings is not as robust as it had been in the past. As I have observed over the last few years, things tend to move in cycles in AA and I expect that participation will increase again at some point. Those GSRs, Committee Chairpersons and our DCM we do have are committed and enthusiastic about carrying the message to the still suffering. I thank them all for their service. Just this week, we had a new group form. The people who are starting the group are very excited and enthusiastic. It's fun to watch people develop and grow in AA. We are ready to host the Pre-Assembly Workshop in August and look forward to hosting the area at this function. Our district is financially sound with an ample prudent reserve. Thank you for allowing me to serve,

District 12 – : Carlos spoke and gave a brief report.

Motion Discussion / Vote

Tabled Motion: Doug L., new Communications Chairperson, asked we table the motion and allow him time to research the if we need to change the alt-Communications to alt-Communications/Translation chair.

Tabled Motion: Wade addressed this motion and they are still exploring the redistricting of Area 69.

Tabled Motion: Josh B., new Agenda/Assembly Chairperson, asked we table the motion and allow him time to prepare a report on the "obvious" need for new recording and sound equipment.

Discussed & Voted: Discussed motion regarding Agenda Items and background information from GSO to be loaded onto the Area website with a password protection. Motion was then voted. **Motion FAILED.**

Tabled Motion: Erin B., District 1. GSO is currently looking to revise the pamphlet "Young People and AA".

Guideline Review – Wade J. -: Discussed proposed changes and voted as follows:

Area Secretary Duties: # 1 Passed, # 2 Passed, # 3 Passed, # 4 Passed, # 5 Passed.

Area Registrar Duties: # 1 Removed/Withdrawn (already stated in Guidelines).

Additions/Changes to Travel Expense defrayment: # 1 Passed.

Additions/Changes to Advances for Area Events: Addition of \$250 for BTG Workshop = Passed,
2 Passed with wording changed to ... the advance money adjusted by plus or minus from the

Suggested addition to Appendix C: # 1 Passed.

Communications: # 1 Passed with additional wording ... submitted within 3 weeks following the event...

Area Directory: # 1 Passed.

Open Mic

Area 69 Newsletter: Walter challenged all Area Officers to submit an article describing their position and sharing how their current position has impacted their sobriety and may help the next person in the same position. He will email a reminder with a deadline.

New Motion: Change 5.0 General content Guidelines 5.1 “in keeping with the principle of anonymity, full names or phone numbers will not be published on the website, including newsletters that are made available through the email list manager; to delete “or phone numbers”.

Purpose: Reason is when fliers are submitted it is assumed that the person that has put his or her phone number on it does accept responsibility of his or her own anonymity.

Funds: No financial impact.

Motion by: Doug L. Area 69 Communication Chair; Seconded by David R. Area 69 CPC Chair.

Proposed: May 21, 2016

Renaë H. read a story about when a member felt meetings, literature and sobriety loses it's priority.

John W. old districts maps for area 69 are in the Archive room.

Cheryl T. has workbooks available.

Adjourned: Sense of the meeting was to adjourn instead of holding round tables. Closed 04:35 pm.