

**Minutes Utah Area 69 Committee Meeting - Area Inventory
December 3, 2005 - American Fork, Utah**

Welcome: Julie S., Chairperson opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and Area Preamble. Welcomed all newcomers to first General Service meeting. Introduced Area Officers.

12 Traditions were read by Pete G., DCM - District 2.

Minutes of November Area Committee Meeting were read by JoAnn G., Recording Secretary. Approved as read.

Recording Secretary Report: Thank District 3 for hosting area inventory. Attended District 10 GSR Meeting. Went to Salina for their Area Workshop, good food and hospitality, the skits were fun and it was a great day in Salina.

Financial Report for December 3, 2005 was presented by Sheri P., Treasurer. Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report; Have been totally consumed with new job. Being in control, responsible for things running smooth and efficiently. Learning a new system has been a challenge. Has given me opportunity to trust God. I get to put the principals of this program in my everyday life today. Thanks for being there for me and your support.

Delegate' Report was presented by Mike O. Printed copies were available.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 - Eddie D., DCMC - District 1 is moving forward. Sue, Grapevine rep. Stepping down to fill Secretary position. Lewis, Treatment, Jim, Corrections gathering volunteers for Bridge the Gap contacts. Treasurer reported how close actual expenses had been for 2005 budget. 2006 proposed budget will be voted on at December GSR meeting. Proposed changes to guidelines will be passed out at December GSR meeting. Intergroup Ogden has 3 IGR Steering Committee openings and Intergroup Logan has all IGR Steering Committee positions open. Ogden Central Office is having an open house on 17 December from noon until 4:00 PM.

District 2 - Pete G., DCM - Received excellent presentation from Area 69 PI Chair, LeAnn. Held combined GSR/DCM Meeting in November for holidays and had a number of Area Offices attend. 2006 budget was chosen and approved by the District. This years budget reflects healthy grown in contributions and participation to General Service functions. Our Post-Conference 2006 Committee held 3rd meeting, established sub-committees for the event. Thanks, Pete

District 3 - Mitch J., DCM - Grateful to be here giving this report. Still looking for a Recording Secretary. Will be having discussion on motion to create Bridging the Gap Coordinator. Looking for a facility for Pre-Assembly Workshop next August. Sunday is the problem. 50 people in attendance at Inventory. Yours in love and service.

District 4 - No report.

District 5 - No Report

District 6 - LeRoy B., DCM - District is doing well. Our Gratitude Fest was great event. Thanks to all who attended. Still have some open positions. Looking forward to host committee in February. Thanks for letting me serve.

District 7 - Janet H. - District Secretary - Julie S. attended our meeting sharing about Vernal meeting and translation equipment. She also assisted group going over Area Inventory questions. DCM's focusing on encouraging GSR's and interested AA's about service work. Sub-districts hosting socials, first one was in SW sub-district, those who attended enjoyed it. Next one will be in NW sub-district. Mike P. is chairperson for Fall Election Assembly. Have prudent reserve and \$300.00 operating balance. December 10th District Workshop, Presbyterian Church, Cedar City at 2:00 pm, come join us. Presentations on "Past, Present and Future" concerning the district, skits and a pot luck.,

District 8 - Nadine N., DCM - Fall Workshop was held successfully in November, thanks to all who attended. 70

attended and interest AA's. Sorry District Treasurer moving, anxious to see who will step up to fill position. Attendance is down. A group did an inventory which showed that apathy and watering down of our primary purpose is the cause. Though meeting is struggling have a new meeting in Duchesne that is picking up. We'll just keep showing up day by day.

District 9 - No Report.

District 10 - Andy B., DCMC - Updated guidelines are available. At our DCM meeting talked about hosting Open House to invite the groups that are "ANTI" District 10 to see we can mend some fences. All groups are important to us whether they like us or not. Want to thank people who have supported the Corrections Committee and our chair. The pink can is very successful, as of November has generated over \$5000 this year. Due to availability and circulation and the GSR's explaining where the money goes. Contributions go through Central Office to buy books saving on shipping for both Central Office and District 10. Thanks to LeAnn and Grahame for reporting at our November meeting. Renae informed us that Tom I. will be featured speaker at an event February 25th. Enjoy the opportunity to serve. Have a safe and sober Holiday.

District 11 - No Report.

District 12 - No Report

AREA STANDING CHAIR REPORTS

Agenda/Assembly - Monte S. Met with Eddie and Vicky, District 1 and signed contract with the Comfort Suites for Pre-Conference Assembly March 17-19, 2006. Met with Jennifer and Mitch, District 3 to help with Pre-Assembly Workshop August 19-20, 2006. Christine, District 10, contacted us regarding preliminary planning for the Fall Workshop November 4-5, 2006. Jodi, Guidelines Committee Co-Chair, and I working on updating Area Activity Report to simplify and fill out. Continuing to develop instruction format for sound equipment, including photos so can train others to use this equipment. Bid for Pass the Gavel, Area Committee Meeting December 2006 went to District 2. They received their planning packet immediately following the bid. Thanks for my sobriety and the opportunity to serve.

Bid for 2006 Area Committee Meeting conducted by Monte S. Bid was awarded to District 2.

Archives - Janet H. - Unable to make it to Spiritual Homecoming in St. Louis. Have spoken with someone who went and they shared it was awesome. Will receive a copy of archive display that was there if tape came out well. Next National Archive Workshop will be held in Baton Rouge or Lafayette, Louisiana next September. In 2007 will be hosted by Arizona. Quorum of archivists there and decisions were made. December 9th will be attending the Hurricane Firehouse group, they have requested viewing the old video of "Markings of the Journey", they have the new version. Jodi gave the book "The Invisible Alcoholics Women and Alcohol Abuse in America" to the archives. Thanks for letting me serve. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

Cooperation with Professional Community - Mike A. - My roundtable and I working on a power point presentation that anyone can use when giving a talk to professionals who may not know what AA is. Will be ironing out details and have a presentation to give to the Area in next few Area meetings. 51st Annual Meeting and Exhibit American College of Nurse-Midwives will be held 5/26 - 6/1/2006 at Grand American Hotel, Salt Lake City. Hope there will be good attendance. Excellent place that we can educate and inform healthcare professionals in our area about Alcoholics Anonymous. Will have signup sheets available when gets closer to event. The Native American AA Gathering being held at Morongo Indian Reservation Community Center, Banning, CA. May 20 - 21, 2006. Anyone interested may attend, encouraging Native Americans to be a part of. Take this to groups to inform any Native American AA's who may want to be part of this Gathering. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Corrections - Richard B. - No Report.

Grapevine - John MC - No Report.

LaVina' - Adrian - Glad to have translation equipment. Trying to get reps for LaVina' and recruiting for stories and

subscriptions. Excited for 3rd Edition of Big Book in Spanish.

Literature - Grahame L. - Only activity has been supporting groups and districts on “as needed” basis. My phone number is in the directory and can be e-mailed from area web site. If you want support in using literature to help carry the message, please feel free to contact me. Want to make copies of the pamphlet “So you been told to go to AA...” printed. Would like feeling for how much it is used so I know how many to print. My home group has a lot of newcomers and court cards. We put the pink pamphlets in the basket as it goes around, anybody can take one. Are the groups and districts using the pamphlet much? How is it being used? Thank you for letting me serve.

Newsletter - Ruth R. - No Report.

Public Information - LeAnn L. - Had the opportunity to attend District 2 and District 10 GSR meetings. Shared importance of PI work and helped them to start building their district PI committees. Looking forward to visiting Districts 3 and 6 in January. Our Area has been chosen to participate in evaluating the AA videos “Young People and AA” and “AA Rap With Us”. Videos along with questionnaire will be distributed to young peoples groups in Area. Findings will give GSO an idea of what will appeal to young alcoholics. The Area web site provides materials - Suggested outline for host committees - Area 69 Guidelines - Website Guidelines - Area 69 Districts BTG Workbook. From the home page you can link to the Delegate and Area Standing Committee Chair reports. Link into Area Publications and find “So You’ve Been Told to go to AA” (in Spanish & English), and Area Newsletter. Can read current and back copies of newsletter as well as sign up to receive it by e-mail. There are 2 separate events calendars. One is for service events, can download flyer for next event. The other is “Gatherings for AA’s”, where if you have an upcoming event and want flyer posted, contact Area Web Servant from home page. No personal phone numbers, addresses or e-mail addresses listed. An e-mail address will be assigned by the Web Servant forwarded to contact committee person.

Web committee working hard on translations for current Spanish pages. If you speak Spanish or know someone who does, please contact me or Doug. Thank you for allowing me to serve in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Treatment - Keith M. - Meetings with Treatment facilities going well with no major problems. These institution meetings have been part of Area 69 for long time and carry message to hundreds if not thousands of new AA members. Our Area Treatment Committees new focus is Bridging the Gap. BTG is happening at both District and Area levels. At Area am involved with 2 to 5 Bridges each month, sometimes all at once. The Treatment Committee began reviewing the video “Hope”, however with GSO’s recent decision not to update, we will continue with more specific comments about why we believe it is at least somewhat outdated.

Registrar - Leslie H. - No Report

Roll Call was conducted by JoAnn G. for Leslie H.: In attendance were: Area Officers - 6; Area Standing Chairs - 7; Past Delegates - 3; District 1 - DCMC - 1, DCM’s - 1; GSR’s - 4; District 2 - DCM - 3; GSR’s 2; District 3 - DCM - 1; Alt DCM’s - 2; GSR’s 2; Alt. GSR - 1; Standing Chair - 1; District 4; none in attendance; District; none in attendance; District 6 - DCM - 1; District 7 - none in attendance; District 8 - DCM; 1; District 9 - none in attendance; District 10 - DCMC - 1; DCM’s - 3; GSR’s - 2; Standing Chair - 1; District 11 - DCMC - 1; DCM’s - 2; Alt GSR - 1; Standing Chair - 1; District 12 - DCM - 1; Central Office Rep - 1; Interested AA’s - 1. Total In attendance 51.

AREA OFFICERS REPORTS

Alt. Delegate - Ken B. - I have spent my time well in November visiting several districts - District 10 GSR meeting, District 11 GSR meeting, District 1 GSR meeting, GSR Orientation & GSR Meeting District 2, Gratitude Fest, District 6, GSR Meeting District 12 and Final Day of Tradition Month, District 12. Being available is part of my service work. If you have any questions you can contact me at utahaa.org. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Chairperson - Julie S. - After our November meeting I attended District 7’s District meeting which included discussion regarding today’s inventory. Due to the discussion and the fact that there is only one district meeting between Fall Workshop and December Community meeting, the fact this is not a full assembly, I wonder if in the future we may want to get the inventory questions into people’s hands earlier, perhaps Fall Assembly, to give groups and districts time to meet and consider same. Wonder if we might get more feedback if inventory was conducted before the full assembly as

opposed to a committee meeting. The inventory questionnaires distributed at Fall Workshop and my report that meeting, I asked for feedback about the inventory questions, indicating that such may be incorporated for today's inventory. Only feedback was it didn't seem right to distribute an inventory for people to prepare for while telling them that might not be the actual inventory we discussed. I was provided with inventories from couple other Areas, have received input regarding our own and plan on soliciting more, in order to compile some additional questions or wording changes, to be considered for the next Area inventory in 2 years. If you have any additional input after today's inventory, please let me know. In response to a question asked, I believe at Fall Assembly I stated the updated Area Guidelines would be available at Pre-Conference Assembly. At the same Assembly during the Guidelines recommendations, the Guidelines were amended to state that in even years, the recommendations would be presented at Post Conference Assembly rather than Fall Assembly. Because of this it would be rather wasteful of Area money to print and distributed Guidelines at Pre-Conference only to change them at Post Conference, so they will not be available until after Post Conference Assembly 2006. Able to attend District 6's Gratitude Fest in November, great break from routine with fun, informative skits performed by various sections of their District, a lively auction, great turkey dinner and Rod B. as always an excellent speaker. 11 years ago at this time I was in the middle of my flail period, had found AA, but not willingness to do what it took to stay sober. At this time of the year, I always reflect back to what that last holiday season drinking was like, and I assure you it was not a good time. In light of those memories, I offer you an even more heartfelt thanks than usual for my recovery, for my life, and for this opportunity to give back a small portion of what you have given me!!

REPORT FROM PAST EVENTS

Fall Workshop - District 8 - Nadine N. - DCM - There were 70 people registered and more interested AA's attended that did not register. The expenses were \$532.47 and a total of \$917.87 was returned to Area 69. Job well done.

REPORTS FROM UPCOMING EVENTS

February Committee Meeting - District 6 - LeRoy B. - Have secured a facility for this event and at our last District meeting changed this place. Need to talk to Monte for some pointers. Thanks for letting me serve.

PRAASA - Ken B. - Alt. Delegate - Guess where I am going in March, you are welcome to travel along, Woodland Hills, Calif. To attend PRAASA 2006. This will be my 7th Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly, and probably one of my favorites. If you would like opportunity to meet service junkies from Pacific Region, this is the event for you. There will be roundtables for all service positions, speakers and a great deal of mike time for ideas and thoughts from the fellowship in our region. We will have a great time, so hope to see you there. Any questions you can chat with me. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Pre-Conference Assembly - District 1 - Eddie D. - 2006 Pre-Conference will be hosted in Ogden at the Comfort Suites. Vicky will be chairperson for this event. Will be opening a checking account in the name "Pre-Conference Assembly" for expenses and to cash your pre-registration checks. Have a few flyers for this event, if you did not already get one in Area 69 mailing or in Vernal, please see me. Thanks Monte for all your help.

Post Conference Assembly - District 2 - Pete G. - Hotel secured - Salt Lake Holiday Inn (AA Hotel). Committee members lined up with their respective duties. Chair, Michaelene R., Co-Chair, Pete G., Program - Jodi E, other committee members, Sara N., Walter C., Dawn G., Charlie T. Received seed money and have post office box #659. Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Working to see what cooperation we can get from Al-Anon and Al-A-Teen. Speaker has been contacted.

NATIONAL BRIDGE THE GAP REPORT BACK - Keith M. - Treatment Chair - Utah Area was will represented at the 15th Annual Bridging the Gap Weekend Workshop. A total of 7 from Area 69 were privileged with an incredible weekend of sharing. About 75 BTG members or GAPERS attended the weekend event to share about the way they conduct their BRIDGES. The general BTG structure that we use here in Utah Area 69 is pretty standard compared to other regions and areas. Some are more organized and others are less and we learned from both approaches. Decided the best use of my time today is to take you through a typical bridge. The purpose of Bridging the Gap Program is to get the new AA member from the institution to our fellowship. This works best with a 12th Step Team, men work with men and women work with women. The BTG team needs to meet the new AA member within first 24 to 48 hours after release.

This team takes the new member to a meeting, hopeful to their own home group. This happens when a BTG coordinator receives a request from the new AA member prior to release with information (name, gender, release date, home town, phone number). Hopefully a few weeks prior to release, faster bridges can be built. BTG coordinator begins process of finding the BTG volunteer by checking proper BTG volunteer list. New District BTG kits have 4 lists - Area 69 BTG volunteer list, BTG district list, BTG area list and BTG long term contact list. It's possible to complete bridge with single phone call, however most bridges take a few phone calls. Other sources include, but not limited to, Western or Eastern Directories, Area web pages, Central Office directors, Central Office web pages, etc. What is a successful bridge? It's very simple - it's when the BTG volunteer meets the new AA member. Things learned at the BTG weekend included: note if the BTG volunteer speaks other languages; contact BTG volunteer at regular intervals with information; treatment institutions may have very brief treatment periods - thus bridges must be made very quickly - best solution may be to have a BTG coordinator for each treatment institution; start small with only a few institutions, or maybe one, so you can have all contacts as completed bridges.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

Archives - Janet H. - The Ad Hoc committee is meeting today following this meeting. I have information to pass on to each members. I have spoken with Archivists in other areas of the Pacific Region, has been fun to touch base with them.

Motion - Special Needs - John Mc. - Printed on back of Agenda page.

Motion - Translation Equipment - Ken B. - Printed on back of Agenda page.

Motion - Area Web Servant - Eddie F. - Printed on back of agenda page.

What's on Your Mind? - Motions discussed and presented.

Adjourn for lunch.

Area Inventory - conducted by Shirley O. - There was great participation and comments made during this period of time.

Adjourn