

**Minutes Utah Area 69 Committee Meeting
February 18, 2006 - District 6 - Salina, Utah**

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

12 Traditions were read by Andy B., DCMC, District 10.

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

Recording Secretary Report - JoAnn G. - Visited Districts 3, 10, 11, 1 and 2 in January. Visited District 10 in February. Enjoy visiting the districts to assure them Area Officers are there to assist them if necessary.

Financial Report for February 18 presented by Sheri P., Treasurer. Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Sheri P. - Asked to speak at UNI, overwhelmed with fear and gratitude. Looked through medical records at UNI, during my disease, to find sick people to relate to. Asked to share the message and reach out. Reached one person. Program is a gift and being able to share that was an honor.

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

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 - Eddie D., DCMC - Have 2 new DCM's. Now possible to assign a DCM to attend all home groups in south part of District 1. North part does not have any DCM's at this moment. Inter-group in Logan stepped down through spirit of rotation. The Logan inter-group steering positions have all been filled. Expecting the DCM position to be filled soon.

District 2 - Thom B., DCMC - District doing well, carrying message and serving the 70 groups we comprise. We lack 3 DCM's, 2 Alt. DCM's, but all Standing Chairs are filled. Written guidelines explaining positions and outdated info, an ad-hoc committee has reviewed and brought changes they feel necessary, Have 1 DCM and 1 GSR attending PRASSA, I will attend Regional Forum in June. Financial status becoming stable, group contributions increasing. Discussing how to best serve B.T.G. program. Mike O. will present Conference Agenda to our body on Thursday. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Love in service.

District 3 - John P., DCMC - Honor to host Area Inventory in December. In process of planning Pre-Assembly Workshop in August. Putting together District Workshop discussing role of the GSR. Sad to report Jennifer B. stepping down from her position for opportunity to further her education. Will be missed. Thanks to Stormy who will fill the vacancy. Thank District 3 for opportunity to serve, some of the finest people I've had the opportunity to associate with.

District 4 - No report.

District 5 - No report.

District 6 - James S., Alt. DCM - All is alive and well in District 6.

District 7 - Stephanie S., DCM - District doing well. All positions are filled. Will be hosting Fall Assembly - Elections in September in St. George. St. George, Cedar holding GSR meetings every 2 months to get people involved. Two District members will attend PRAASA. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

District 8 - Nadine N., DCM - District doing well, all groups are solvent. Some meeting schedules have changed and have one new group being formed. Will provide Area with updated meeting schedule after finalizing. Got a new Treasurer and Corrections Chair. Attendance at District meetings is up. Had Bridging the Gap opportunity that was successful. People who helped coordinate contact with meetings, the person stayed sober.

District 9 - No report.

District 10 - Andy B., DCMC - District doing well. Most positions are full, got a Grapevine and P.I. Rep and an Alt. DCM in the Park City Area. Did most of District Inventory first of month. Still looking for way to reach out to groups who don't have a GSR, as well as the still suffering alcoholics. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

District 11 - Bruce I., DCM - District alive and well. Financially in good shape. Small surplus from last year, increased budget areas. Thanks Area Officers, Mike O., Ken B. and JoAnn G. for visiting us in January. Groups report regular or increased attendance. Checking all groups meeting times. Have a couple of service opening, P.I. and Alt. Help all GSR's with information they need, encouraging discussion at District meetings. Contacted AA Hotel in Salt Lake (Holiday Inn) for 2007 Post-Conference Assembly. Gary J. is going to PRAASA.

District 12 - Miquel A., DCM - Visiting groups frequently. Formed 4 member committee for institutions. Planning motivation to groups to initiate first Spanish-speaking congress for state of Utah. Visiting group Vida Para el Futuro to integrate this group into service structure. Group been open for 2 years, have not accepted service structure. Contrary to traditions, group asking for quotas instead of the 7th Traditions. Asking Area for suggestion to approach this group that affects AA as a whole. Motivated groups for contributions for expenses of general service, so the DCM can attend PRAASA. Margarito accepted to be assistant to Alberto, CPC and PI rep. They will be able to handle matters of translation and information from other Districts and Area. Received invitation from radio station 1550 AM for information, especially to Hispanic Community, regarding AA, what it does and does not do. Made possible by the Grupo Hispano. Have meetings every Monday 7:30 p.m. at 3646 S. Redwood Rd. We want to invite fellow Districts to share with us priceless experiences in service.

Bid for February 10, 2007 Area Committee Meeting conducted by Jodi E. Bid was awarded to District 8.

AREA STANDING CHAIR REPORTS

Agenda/Assembly - Monte S. - No report.

Archives - Janet H. - Able to purchase storage containers for the repository. Able to purchase 20, which gives us 46. Nice to put materials into containers and out of cardboard boxes. Need more. Salt Lake Central Office extended invitation to place an archive display in their new location. Past Delegate, Shirley O., and I attended the Central Office Meeting on the 14th. After the meeting shared information concerning guidelines that govern the Archives at this time. Shared about the Ad-hoc Committee and would add their idea and suggestion to list of considerations being addressed. (The needs of Archival repository, cost and funding, safety and security of Archives and protection of anonymity.) As Archivist I could not make these decisions, would need to be addressed and voted by the Assembly body. Better to wait until Ad-hoc Committee presents it's finding and suggestions to the assembly. Thank Sharry, District 6 Archivist, for display of their District Archives. Thanks for letting me serve you.

Cooperation With the Professional Community - Mike A. - Moved from District 5 back to District 10. CPC roundtable and I been working on power point presentation that anyone can use, giving talk to professionals who may not know what AA is. Ironing out details and should have a presentation to give to the Area in the next few Area Meetings. 51st Annual Meeting and Exhibit American College of Nurse-Midwives will be held 5/26 to 6/1/ 2006 at the Grand American Hotel, Salt Lake. Hope for a good attendance. Excellent place to educate and inform healthcare professionals in our area about AA. Will have signup sheets available when event gets closer. Native American AA Gathering being held at Morongo Indian Reservation Community Center in Banning, CA from 5/20-21, 2006. Anyone can attend but are encouraging Native Americans to be a part of. Take to your groups so to inform any Native American AA's that may want to be a part of this Gathering. Saturday the 25th will be speaking to jailers at the prison. I get to give a 10 minute talk about CPC related topics. Hopefully I can use what we have together so far with the CPC power-point presentation. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Corrections - Richard B. - No report.

Grapevine - John Mc. - Grapevine circulation was less than expected (104,356) made more money (\$1,794,126). Made

up 70% of expenses from sale of our meeting in print. LaVina' did not do well, lost \$107,740, more than budgeted for this quarter. Price of LaVina' will be raised to \$9.00 for a years subscription bringing in line with Grapevine (\$18). Digital Archives doing great, subscriptions up from 1,661 to 4,091 in December 2005. Registered are 2,563 GvRs and 269 RLVs. LaVina' will celebrate it's 20th anniversary with special issue. Grapevine board is considering a request from Area 8 for large print Grapevines, not financially feasible at this time. Board agreed to take "no action" on request from Texas group wanting all articles in Grapevine to adhere to AA's Singleness of Purpose", eliminate reference as drugs, therapy and anything else that separates us from our common purpose. 2 new Grapevine chairs in District 2 and 10. Received request from member to have Grapevine chair for Southern Utah. Look forward to controversial subject given by Conference Committee, round table should be ablaze.

Literature - Grahame L. - Been working with groups and districts on "as needed" basis. Have visited several District meetings to support them in use of Literature. Continue to be active in Bridging the Gap program. Gratifying to be able to help someone in treatment with a contact. Internet and Area web sites are useful tools that supplement out-of-state contacts. I need to inform Area 69 of my intent to resign the position of Literature Chair. Changes in my life - both professional and personal - I find being spread too thinly to serve the Area well. Feel it better to step aside and let someone who has time to carry on. I will not leave the third legacy completely, but will concentrate at group level and Bridging the Gap. With the General Service Conference, I did not want to suddenly leave the Area without a Literature Chair. If this body agrees, I will not step down until April 1, continuing continuity through Pre-Conference and allow Area to vote in a new chair at our Pre-Conference in March. Thank you for letting me serve.

Public Information - LeAnn L. - Have visited Districts 6 and 1, sharing about Public Information, through health fairs, panel presentations and PSA's, what AA does and does not do. Need to reach out to members with disabilities, help hearing or sight impaired, elderly or physically challenged to get to meeting, signers to the deaf and taking meetings to shut-ins. The Area PI Committee has shared a voice in the making of the PSA's. GSO is going to use some of the thoughts in future PSA's. In December, at the Committee Meeting, our Delegate shared an exciting project from GSO. It is time to look at possibly replacing 2 of the young people videos. The 2 videos, plus questionnaires, were presented to chosen young people groups, asking their views for future videos, and if this medium reaches the youth today. I want to thank Sara, District 2 GSR, for taking this task. She was very diligent and am proud to say our Area is well represented. Have put together District PI Kits, contain GSO material as well as Area material. It is to be used as a manual and provide District chair with material to share with their committee members. The web site has had, since 2004, 17,182 hits (\$.02) per hit. Annual cost of web hosting and domain registration is \$110.16. New things added to web site - new brighter banner, Upcoming page for Professionals, Comparison Program, (notifying web sit of meeting changes), Accessibility for Sight Impaired, (helping the sight impaired to be able to hear), Agendas, Minutes, Flyers, Legacy Package (for rotation for web servant). Next week I will be going to the Prison to share with professionals how PI can help them. I am truly thankful to be able to serve.

Newsletter - Ruth R. - No report.

Treatment - Keith M. - Thanks for my wonderful life. The last AA meeting I attended was in Ausha, Tanazya, East Africa, 9,000 miles from here. Treatment meetings in and associated with Treatment Institutions going well with no major problem. Carrying message of recovery to new people in Treatment. Bridging the Gap is incredible. Have new Bridging the Gap list. With your help, we have a couple of weeks to fix it prior to the second print, which will be available at Pre-Conference.

Registrar - Leslie H. - First of the year is time to get group/district changes to the Registrar so the printing of Area Directory and GSO Directory are printed correctly. Need to be in as quickly as possible. Can be done on website, utahaa.org or to the Registrar at registrar@utahaa.org. Thanks for the opportunity to serve the Utah Area.

Roll Call was conducted by Leslie H. - In attendance were: Area Officers - 6; Area Standing Chairs - 6; Past Delegates - 2; District 1 - DCMC - 1; DCM's - 3; GSR's - 4; District 2 - DCMC - 1; DCM's - 2; GSR's - 5; District 3 - DCMC - 1; DCM's - 2; GSR's - 3; District 4 - none in attendance; District 5 - none in attendance; District 6 - DCM - 1; Alt. DCM - 1; GSR - 1; Standing Chair - 1; District 7 - DCM - 1; District 8 - DCM - 1; District 9 - none in attendance; District 10 - DCMC - 1; DCM's - 2; GSR's - 3; Standing Chair - 1; District 11 - DCM - 2; GSR - 1; District 12 - DCM - 1; GSR's - 2; Standing Chair - 1; Interested AA's - 3. Total in attendance 59.

Alt. Delegate - Ken B. - Since last time we met I have visited District Committee Meetings - District 1 - District 2 - District 3 - District 11 and twice to District 10. Article in Box 459 discussing Dark Districts, of which we have 2 in our Area. Focus for many Area Delegates. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Chairperson - Julie S. - Had opportunity to conduct a group inventory for Kanab Group, several meetings under umbrella of one. It was fun, interesting and learning experience for me. Sorry for them that I wasn't more experienced but I think it went well. Got a couple of new people helping, part time, at women's correctional facility meeting at Purgatory. Encourage you to consider corrections meetings - yet to find way to get bigger dose of gratitude than participating in those meetings. Looking forward to going to prison next Saturday for the workshop. Renae, District 10's Correction Chair never ceases to amaze me. Copies of the summary of comments made at Area Inventory in December are available here. In Grahame's report you heard he is resigning as Area Literature Standing Chair. Join me in thanking him for tremendous service he has done for Area 69 in the past. In considering a replacement for Grahame, I researched Results from our last Area Elections. Pete G, District 2, came in close second to this position. Pete has been active in service work, has served as Literature Standing Chair for his district, and is very conscientious. Called Pete and he is willing to serve in this position. Went over information with fellow officers, who were in support of this decision, so I would like to announce Pete G.'s appointment to Area Literature Standing Committee position, subject to confirmation at Pre-Conference Assembly in March. Thank you Pete for your willingness to serve.

Past Delegate - Jodi E. - Will be reviewing Guidelines at Pre-Conference in March at lunch.

REPORT BACK FROM PAST EVENT

December Committee Meeting - District 3 - Mitch J. - DCM - Rent for facility was \$93.50, flyers cost \$50.00, total cost was \$143.50. Total attendance was 51. I want to thank everyone who attended this event and who participated in the success of the Area Inventory. Yours in love and service. Mitch

REPORTS FROM UPCOMING EVENTS

PRAASA - Ken B. - Alt. Delegate - This event occurs first weekend of March (2007 in Alaska) that rotates among the 15 Areas within the 9 states that make up the Pacific Region. Still have time to register on line for PRAASA. February 28 is last day for registration. Gives you the opportunity to get together and share ideas or solutions with many others from different areas. Hope to see you in Area 93, Woodland Hills, CA., March 3, 4 & 5. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Pre-Conference Assembly - District 1 - Vicky A. - March 17 - 19 at Comfort Suites. Everything is going great with support and hard work of the Committee. Hotel arrangements are made - speakers and panelists are lined up. There are flyers here, will have Spanish flyers on web site as soon as it is translated. Encourage all of you to get with me today to pre-register. Look forward to seeing you in Ogden in March. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve,

Post Conference Assembly - District 2 - Pete G. - Can pre-register today with Sara at back of room. Jodi has sequestered an additional translator for this event to help our current translators. Host committee has met monthly in preparation of this event. Jodi E., facility coordinator has speaker prepared. Hospitality, registration are all set and hopefully we will have quite a few newcomers to help in the hugging department - if not we have plenty of old timers volunteering to be huggers only "What's Up With That"!!

Area Bridge the Gap Workshop - Keith M. - June Area 69 Bridge the Gap Workshop is moving forward with Peter from No. Costal CA. in attendance to share a very well organized BTG Program with at least 15 years of history.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

Archives - Janet H. - Sad to report that Mickey stepped down from the committee in mid-January due to family obligations. Her presence and wisdom will be missed. Shirley O. graciously accepted invitation to join the committee and assume Mickey's position as secretary. She too will be a wonderful asset to the committee. Thank you Shirley.

Because of the change the committee meeting that was scheduled at Mickey's on January 28th was cancelled. The committee will be meeting in Cedar tomorrow, (Feb. 19th), to visit the Archive repository and have a meeting. Charlie and I have contacted all the Archivists in the Pacific Region. The gathering of information is completed the committee can move on to the next phase. Addressing each of the issues that was presented to us and hopefully begin the formation of the new structure and guidelines to present to the assembly body. We will continue to keep you informed. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Preliminary Conference Agenda Items/Voting Issues were discussed in the afternoon.