

**Minutes, Area 69 Committee Meeting - Fall Workshop
November 5-6, 2005, Vernal 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 Shawn C - District 8.

Minutes of September 2005 Fall Assembly were presented by JoAnn G. Update on Ad Hoc Committee to be added to Archives. Approved.

Financial Report for November 5, 2005 was presented by Sheri P. Approved as read.

Delegate's Report was presented by Mike O. Written reports were provided.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 - Eddie D., DCMC - Doing well in District 1. Budget Committee has 2006 proposed budget to present to District on Thursday. Have formed committee for hosting Pre-Conference Assembly. Treatment Chair, Lewis is working hard to improve relations between AA and facilities, also working on "Bridge the Gap" list of AA members interested in participating. Enjoyed hosting Fall Assembly in Logan in September.

District 2 - Thom B. DCMC - District hosted afternoon workshop, top "Demystifying the Concepts", well attended from other districts and area. Keith M. Treatment Chair was in attendance. Working on next years budget. Guidelines were reviewed 18 months ago and are in need of reviewing, Ad Hoc Committee at work now. Financially stable, asked the body for travel and hotel expenses be increased by \$500.00, anonymously approved. Host committee working on 2006 Post Conference Assembly. Service meetings in November and December combined to give us family time. Thanks to District 8 for a fun road trip here. Is truly privilege to be able to do responsibilities anywhere we go.

District 3 - John P., DCMC - Held a District workshop on this years theme, was well attended. Proposing that the District add a "Bridging the Gap" coordinator to District structure. Would like to thank Keith for coming to District Meeting giving us a presentation on Bridging the Gap. Finalizing the arrangements to host Area Committee meeting in December. In process of securing a facility for Pre-Assembly Workshop. Passed District Budget for 2006.

District 4 - No report.

District 5 - No report.

District 6 - LeRoy B., DCM - All groups report doing well, attendance is average. Workshop is set for November 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., would like to invite all to our workshop. Filled one GSR position, but still need one and 4 standing chairs. Still have 2 meetings in Gunnison Prison. Thanks for letting me serve.

District 7 - Steve S., DCMC - All is well in district, participation is at all time high. All positions filled. Looking forward to December workshop. 2006 Fall Election committee being formed. UCYPAA active in preparing for Conference in April. Having a special GSR meeting in November for new GSR,s and interested A.A.'s.

District 8 - No report.

District 9 - Jan, GSR - Have a new meeting in Monticello and we need help.

District 10 - Andy B., DCMC - District is doing well. Like to thank John Mc., Area Grapevine Chair for joining October GSR Meeting. Had loving discussion about lack of representation in Park City area., has been an issue for quite a while, looking for way to improve it. One would be getting a DCM from that area. Currently 20 plus meetings in Summit County Area. District guidelines been approved and available at November GSR Meeting. Bridging the Gap Workbook is in action, sign-up sheets are being circulated in groups. Few positions left to fill. Contributions are up a little. Always

a privilege to serve, at any level to help carry the message.

District 11 - Gary J., DCMC - Thanks to District 8 for hosting event. Thanks to positive votes at Fall Assembly in Logan, District 11 is no longer youngest district in area. Members in District 11 willing to help new Spanish Speaking Linguistic District in any way. One of DCM's, Adrian, is serving in the capacity as our Area "LaVina" coordinator or Chairperson. Have adopted our 2006 budget, found a potential facility for 2007 Post-Conference Assembly. Have formed As Hoc committee to review guidelines. Discussing date to conduct district inventory, possibly April 2006. Continue to determine ways to educate newer A.A. members the importance of General Service as vital part of 12 step work. Thank members of my district, area and most important my Higher Power for allowing me to serve.

District 12 - Alberto V., Standing Chair - Delighted with achievement for overwhelming acceptance to create a district for Spanish Speaking people. Thank you. Continue to meet Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at 3664 So. Redwood Road. Had celebration of 2 groups which included food and public information. Have visited every group in the Salt Lake City, Park City and Provo. Traditions month is November and we'd like to invite all of you for our closing of the Traditions month, on November 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 7810 So. 600 West (Allen St.). For information call Alberto V. at 548-1515. Special invitation to member of Area to participate with topic of "Service" at that event.

AREA STANDING CHAIR REPORTS

Assembly/Agenda Chair - Monte S. - September 2005 Fall Assembly in Logan was a landmark in Utah AA history. Had 4 trusted servants, including 3 Trustees and the LaVina' magazine editor visit our Area and share some behind the scenes information about our magazines. Hosted 2 special guests who provided translation equipment for first ever Hispanic translation of an Area business meeting. They drove the equipment from California. Event committees continue to prepare to host throughout coming months. Met with Vernal planning committee in October and have had telephone contact with District 3 and District 2 Committee chairpersons. Had site inspection in Ogden at the Comfort Suites. Talked with District 11 about facilities for event in May 2007. Process of developing written procedures for sound system continues. Will take photos this weekend of how everything fits together to go with the instructions. Pray for me. Calendar of events flyers available on registration table and on line at utahaa.org.

Bid for 2006 Fall Workshop conducted by Monte S. Bid for this event was Andy B. DCMC District 10 and Eddie D., DCMC District 1. Bid was awarded to Andy B., DCMC District 10.

Archives - Janet H. - John J., District 6 passed away for those of you who knew him. Monte passed into Archives today pictures from "Jucin' Up With the Vine" Fall Assembly. Please stop by and see them. Received e-mail from the Spiritual Homecoming in St. Louis. The committee would like to make video of archives that are displayed. Will not video those displays that object. Will not be any cameras or video equipment allowed in the archives display room. At present there are 22 archives displays participating, my calculations there will be about 65 to 75 tables. What an awesome opportunity to view other archives. Should be outstanding weekend with all the activities that are planned for the event to commemorate our Home Coming. September 26 I was hired fulltime for Department of Public Safety, where I have worked part-time for 2 years. Great opportunity for me, but was informed because of change in status I do not have time off, just one day. Was away from home for 2 weeks of training, which affected my cash flow. Time off and lack of cash flow might prevent me from attending unless there is a miracle. Do not have words to describe how this affects me personally. I apologize to the Area that it may not be in attendance. Thanks for letting me serve.

Cooperation With Professional Community - Mike A. - Back and alive and ready to serve Area. Do not have much to report as have been out of country for most of time since the Workshop in August. Been contacted by GSO that there will be a both at American College of Nurse Practitioners May 26 - June 1, 2006, if we are willing to man it. Told GSO that I'm sure Area 69 would have plenty of able and willing AA's to be of service. This event will be awesome way of educating Nurse Practitioners about what AA is and as important what it is not. University of Utah School on Alcoholism was really great way of sending the message to professionals; I'm sure this will be equally as valuable. Thank you all for letting me be of service.

Corrections - Richard B. - Attended District 7 District Meeting, had to setup for it - good meeting and gave report on Bridging the Gap at their upcoming Workshop next weekend. Attending Monday meetings at Beaver County Correctional Facility, 2 men have been released, tried to Bridge the Gap as well as one who found his way into rooms of

AA. Called to share that he was attending meeting regularly, had list of numbers and has asked someone to be his sponsor. Early morning call, bubbling with joy and enthusiasm, thrill for me to start the day, go to prison that night to see his best buddy who had shaved and cleaned up. Topic of meeting was change, a living testimony to how this things works. A man to be released on 7th, been working with Renee of District 10 to Bridge that gap. District 7 Corrections Chair has helped by adding 20 names to the BTG list. Some on list before but resigned. Had some people e-mail their information. There was a guy released from Gunnison, that I've been working with Renae to Bridge the Gap, haven't heard if he was successful. Hopefully get new list for BTG soon, will make things easier. I have put together a list of District Correction Chairs, ones don't have are Districts 1, 4, 5 and 12. If anyone knows who they are please let me know. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

Grapevine - John Mc. - Want to thank District 1 and Jodi for hosting wonderful Grapevine Workshop. Spurred lot of interest in the GV and resulted in a wider understanding of our meeting in print. Sold almost \$90.00 in GV material, which is about \$90.00 more than we sold before. Invited to speak at District 10, gave short talk on direction we are going with the GV in Utah. District 10 could not have been more welcoming. Adrian L., new LaVina Chair visited new Spanish District and filled them in on our policies and goals. He also urged them to write their stories in LaVina.

Literature - Grahame L. - Life has been quiet on Literature front. Have lot of copies of Area approved pamphlet "So you've been told to go to AA..." with me. If you need some for your group or district, see me sometime this weekend. Also have my Literatures display stand here. Brought extra copies of some of the main AA books for districts that don't have access to a Central Office. To serve the Area better, I need to know what your needs (and wants) are. Please feel free to give me feedback on how the Literature Committee can help you to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you for letting me serve. In love and service.

Newsletter - Ruth R. - Told you in Logan we had just moved to Southern Utah, today we have just moved into our own place, so please continue to be patient with me. Will have the last newsletter available at the December Committee Meeting, God willing. Am hoping for some settling to take place so that my focus can return to my service position, attendance and overall recovery in this life-saving fellowship. Thank you for my life and for the opportunity to serve.

Public Information - LeAnn L. - I with some members of the PI Committee was honored to share my experience, strength and hope by taking a PI presentation into a Salt Lake Facility. Early in my sobriety I participated in a panel presentation gone bad. I was a couple of months sober and it was held in the high school in the small town where I lived. My children were new students to the school. Early in sobriety I don't suggest we participate in these solutions that will effect our family members adversely. With help from a sponsor and experience in service work in AA I have been able to face my fears and walk forward to carry the message. Grateful for gift of P.I. Work, it carries the message to potentials, their families as well as letting them know what AA does and doesn't do. Have honor of working with local Central Offices,, working to meet needs of PI requests by groups or companies outside of AA. Last time we met, Fall Assembly, Phyllis, Pacific Region Trustee, joined the PI and CPC roundtables and shared the new PSA "Living in Chaos." She asked for comments and suggestions as to what had been watched. The Trustee Committee for PI would meet the next day, be discussing the next PSA. Able to give her comments and suggestions and to add GSO web address and phone number as the PSA plays. Received an e-mail from Phyllis to tell us that the Trustee Committee liked our ideas and would implement some in the next PSA from GSO. Your voice counts. If your district does not have a PI chair, I encourage you to stand for it. Each district has need for PI committee members go into public with panel presentations, health fairs, and share PSA's with media. Sign up sheet if you are willing to participate. The Area web site falls under PI and desperately needs translators to translate and keep the Spanish side of the web site up to date. If you can help please see Doug or myself some time this weekend. The web site had new look, has expanded by adding Delegate's report and standing committee reports. Will help to keep updated work done through standing committees such as PI, CPC, Corrections and Treatment. Pages provide brief description of standing committees, GSO resources, Area 69 resources and committee forums. In future plan to add rest of standing committees as well as Area officers, since so few of us lucky enough to attend Area functions, will be nice to involve the fellowship. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Treatment - Keith M. - read by Julie S., Chairperson - Sorry family stuff prevents me from being with you this weekend. Treatment and Bridging the Gap has been very busy. Been my privilege to do short Bridging the Gap presentations at Districts 2 and 3 and will be presenting at Districts 10 and 7 later this month. If Districts 8 or 11 would like presentations please call me and I will be happy to set something up. Yours in service, Keith M.

Area Officer Reports

Area Recording Secretary - JoAnn. G. - Nothing much to report. Fall Assembly in Logan was well done and very enjoyable. Am looking forward to our inventory in December in American Fork. Want to thank those who signed up to receive minutes and agenda by e-mail. Cut number of copies mailed by 40. This cut down on printing and postage costs. Fun note, I became a great grandmother on Oct. 23 to a healthy little boy, Levi Canyon. Thanks for allowing me to serve you and for my sobriety.

Alt. Delegate - Ken B. - New friends, fellowship in Japan send the message of "Hope" On Aug 3. had the opportunity to travel to Tokyo, Japan to prepare for travel to Fukuoka to attend 30th Anniversary of AA in Japan. Attended a meeting in a catholic church in Tokyo, was a speaker meeting, was happy to have a translator to help. Spent time visiting museums, shire, shopping and eating wonderful Japanese food. Anniversary Celebration opened on Friday with a 30 minute drum concert showing strength of fellowship in Japan. Reports from all districts in Japan, translated by an English teacher from Japan. Second session - translation equipment. 3rd session translated by professor at a university in Japan from Chicago. 4th session translated by a priest, also a professor. Director from Mongolia, his sister translated from Mongolia to Japanese to English. AA is basically the same wherever you go. Badges were a great success. Met young members that were just wonderful. Hiroshima - atomic bomb site - AA teaches you to understand, feel emotions that you would not allow ourselves to do, fear, joy, anger, happiness, intimacy, love, understanding, hate. Flew back to the US with a heart full of hope.

Past Delegate - Jodi E. - Received call from Robin Bromley, Exec Editor of the Grapevine, day after Assembly/Jucin; Up With the Vine event. She received good feedback from Hernan, LaVina' Editor, about event and how warmly the guests were received. She wanted to know if we felt the event was successful and should they do it with other areas, true measuring tool will be if subscriptions, including one for the digital archives, will show increasing numbers between now and the end of year. Guidelines Review Committee will meet during lunch today. Respectfully submitted.

Treasurer - Sheri P. - Attended District 2 Workshop on Concepts, chaired concept 5 and 10. Miracle happened - new job, alcoholic called functioning. Get to take training received since 1982 and apply today on different level, respectable level, not drinking at lunch and stealing cars. Preparing to leave old position, shown with love and respect, was able to train a girl and give her a chance. Learning new computer system and procedures. Have been impressed with District 2, acknowledge them for effort, added 5 new jobs since Fall Assembly in Logan. AA has given me a new life and miracles just keep happening. Thanks for letting me serve.

Chairperson - Julie S. - Next month will be conducting biannual Area Inventory at Area Committee Meeting in District 3 in American Fork. Have brought copies of Inventory questions we have been using in most recent past. An inventory is a fact finding; fact facing process requiring rigorous honesty if results are going to lead to personal spiritual growth. Asking you to take questions back to your Districts and Groups (a) to see if we are asking the right questions, if there are others we should address and (b) in order to give you time to consider the questions and be prepared to have a meaningful inventory in December. If you have any comments or suggestions, my e-mail address and phone numbers are on the inventory. Had opportunity to attend District 7 workshop held in Kanab, followed by Kanab groups monthly potluck and speaker meeting featuring our Area Archivist, Janet. If you're ever in Kanab the first Saturday of the month, I highly recommend your joining them - food, fellowship and speaker are always terrific. Been pleased that at District 7 meetings I have attended recently, they have included a report from a UCYPAA liaison. Very happy to hear our Regional Trustee comment in support of their being able to report when responding to an Ask It Basket question at Fall Assembly. While UCYPAA and the other "YPAA's" may not be part of General Service structure, they are trying to provide service to young people similar to what our Corrections and Treatment Committees are doing for people in correctional and treatment facilities. Not asking for financial support, own committee or a vote, just few minutes to share what they are doing. While main focus may be on annual conference, the ongoing outreach hopefully throughout the state carried on by the UCYPAA host and bid committees is just as important, in carrying the message of recovery to young people. Served on a UCYPAA host committee, spent several year on the Advisory Council, during which time no part of the Utah General Service Structure would let us report, I feel that District 7's actions and our Trustee's comments are steps in right direction. Continue to take meetings in local correctional facility, Purgatory and remains my favorite service in Alcoholics Anonymous. Now averaging 14 to 16 female inmates in attendance and recently recruited additional part time volunteer - so there is usually 2 of us and sometimes 3 from outside. Recommend getting involved in meetings in a treatment center or correctional facility - I never left a jail or treatment meeting without a lot more gratitude than when I

went in. Thank you for my life and opportunity to serve.

Registrar - Leslie H. - Thanks for all the updates. Only 3 returned mail! Yea!. If you see any problems in the mailings or directories please e-mail me or call me and let me know. Thanks for my life and the opportunity to serve.

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

Reports From Past Events

Pre- Assembly Workshop - Bountiful -District 11 - Bruce I. - DCM - Want to thank Area for allowing us to host this event, also all who took time out on a beautiful summer weekend. Was a thrill for us to host an event which took place in our district. Appreciate those who participated and made it a success. Was moved and impressed by the speakers, workshop panelists and those who presented the Bridge the Gap workshop. Thanks to the committee for a wonderful job. 84 registered for the workshop, 44 attended the banquet. Estimated 50 at speaker meeting and workshop Sunday. After bills were paid we had enough to return the seed money along with \$702.78. Thanks to all for helping me to have this sober life and the opportunity to serve this area.

Fall Assembly - Logan - District 1 - Cliff D. - DCM - The event was a success. Learned a lot about the Grapevine and it's history. The digital system where you can download files was interesting. Amazed at how few groups know about the Grapevine. There was 166 paid registration, served 161 for dinner. Coffee was only \$39.00 after donations. Expenses were \$1,161.34 and I have a check for the Area for \$2,161.34 which includes the seed money. Want to thank people from GSO, Hernan, Mike and Ray. Also thank Jodi and Monte for all their help.

Reports From Upcoming Events

December Area Committee Meeting - District 3 - American Fork - Mitch J. - DCM - Brought 50 more flyers today. Had a planning meeting on Oct. 30. One of our group volunteered to help bring food items for hospitality. Alberto has translated flyers for Spanish Speaking members of groups. The rent will be \$92.00, flyers cost \$40.00 Next planning meeting will be on Nov. 13, 2005, Yours in love and service.

February 2006 Area Committee Meeting - District 6 - Salina - Leroy B., DCM - Have secured the building and are looking forward to hosting this event. Flyer at our December event.

Thanks for letting me serve.

Area 69 Bridge the Gap Workshop - District 5 - Price - Richard B. - Will meet in Price on June 24, 2006. This will be a one day event. Don't have a facility yet, but will get a flyer out as quick as we get a facility lined up.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Archives - Janet H. - Committee has not been able to get together since our last meeting. Still trying to coordinate a Saturday that the committee can come to Cedar and visit the repository. Hopeful that we can arrange a date soon. Have with me today a set of guidelines from one of the more active archival areas. It is 95 pages long, I will be giving each of the committee members a section to review so that we can discuss the contents. We have gathered a lot of material to review. Thank you.

Special Needs - John Mc. - Reviewed recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee report from November and submitted a motion - refer to back of Agenda.

Translation Equipment - Ken B. - Thank Eddie, Monty and past delegate Gay W. for traveling to our Ad Hoc meeting

in Salt Lake. Have taking a lot of time and energy to decide what would be best for Area 69 concerning translation equipment. Have come to an unanimous decision on quality and expense to serve our Spanish Speaking District and any other translation that may be needed in future. Would like to purchase our equipment from a division of Pearson & Pearson in Denver Colo. After reviewing all bids this was the lowest. John a member of AA has decided as service work he would supply all of the equipment that we need at dealers cost, he will not make a profit on any of the equipment and pay shipping charges also. It also includes a bag for carrying the equipment. Decision to let District 1 and District 12 to purchase the equipment and donate to Area.

The guidelines committee is addressing as to whom would be responsible for all the equipment - recording and translation.

What's On Your Mind - After much loving discussion it was the consensus of the meeting to let District 1 and 12 purchase the equipment and donate it to the Area. This is not in violation of our Traditions. Gary J., said let's get behind the Districts. Charlie G., asked about the warranty on the equipment and said why not give it to the Area. Grahame L. is very excited. Eddie D. will contact higher education to find translators. Thom B. wanted to make sure this was not in conflict with the Traditions. Gay W. get the translation equipment before we lost the 15 members it would help.

Adjourn for Lunch

Workshop Begins

Minutes prepared by JoAnn G., Recording Secretary