

Saturday October 6th, 2018

Area Assembly Full Minutes

Assembly began at 8:06am

Open meeting with The Serenity Prayer

Motion to allow proceedings to be recorded

Moved District 44 2nd District 29

Reading of the 12 Traditions Shannon

Reading of the 12 Concepts Keith

Brief explanation of Roberts rules of order

Introductions:

Past Delegates in Attendance :Ralph B., Denis F., Burke D., Eddie H, Gail H., Dave T., Keith (Utah), Astri T., Woody (N. California)

Elections

Facilitator Kathy F. Regional Trustee,

Kevin F (Kathy's Husband) Alt Delegate Area 3 Arizona, David Area 92 Secretary, Debbie Area 92 Chair, Diana Area 92 Alt Chair, Gary area 92 Alt Delegate, Jan Area 92 alt treasurer

Master Ballot Wrangler: Dave T.

Ballot Counters: Kim, Brian, Jim, Joan, Larry, Patricia Sasha, Sherry & Tricia.

Timer: Greg

Host Committee Announcements: General information regarding the host site

Use of Green & Red cards, for voting implemented for the first time at an assembly. Green card = yes

Red card = no, a brief description of how this process worked.

Kathy F. Discusses third legacy voting process

Election results:

2019-20 Panel 69 Area 72 Elected Officers

Delegate: Alan F.

Alternate Delegate: Geene F.

Area Chair: Heather C.

Alternate Chair: Crystal S.

Treasurer: Frank M.

Alternate Treasurer: Courtney S

Delegate Report:

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GREETINGS EVERYONE

It's been a long time since we gathered dear friends, it's time to share some things now that we're meeting again.

DELEGATE REPORTS

This year, I delivered 19 Delegate Reports at different places throughout the Area. It was a privilege to serve you and it was very rewarding to see the dedication and service of Group Members, GSRs, and DCMs throughout the Area.

I am especially thankful for all the lessons that I learned from members at the Delegate Report for Southern Districts on Sunday July 15th. I discovered that just like it was at the beginning of my recovery, AA members helped me when I could not help myself. I hit a deer at 8:20am on I-5 as I traveled to Ridgefield and the meeting room for the Report. I called DCM37 (Skip) to explain what happened. He and DCM27 (Walter) arranged for Rusty to move me from the shoulder of I-5 to the meeting location. Many members were already gathered for the event when this happened.

I didn't think they would stay for such a late report, but they did. I was amazed.

We started very late but the room was packed with dedicated members. They wanted to hear about the new directions that our movement will take to best serve the alcoholic who still suffers.

We completed our meeting; and, I wondered how I would get back home. I considered many options; but, Jim of the Dry Tribe Group would have none of it. Jim and his wife drove me from Portland to Renton, had dinner, and they arrived back at their home after 1:00am on Monday!!! What an awesome example about going to any lengths to help ease the suffering of a sober alcoholic.

REMOTE COMMUNITIES

Our past Delegate (Astri) inspired me to attend the Remote Communities meeting on the Saturday before the General Service Conference begins, which is on Sunday. Ever since then, I followed her

suggestion and learned that we have a great opportunity to ease the suffering of alcoholics who are remote due to geography, culture, health and language.

At the same time, Gerry M, Linda L (Alt DCM 46), Robert F and Frank (DCM46) from District 46 invited me to see what it's like to be remote (by geography) in islands such as Whidbey, Orcas, San Juan, Lopez and Shaw. I discovered that members there have triumphed over the transportation challenges they face. But, I believe there are opportunities to serve them better as we chose locations for events such as Area Committee Meetings, Standing Committee Quarterly Meetings, Pre-Conference Assemblies, and Delegate Reports.

There are other things we can also do. Use of web-based technologies to avoid travel might help; but, this is not something that any District can do alone.

There are other opportunities to help remote communities.

1. At a delegate report a member behind the walls at McNeil Island mentioned that we need to consider helping homeless alcoholics to establish leaders and meetings for members of the homeless communities.
2. Members of the many Native American and African American communities in Western Washington are under-represented and could benefit from service opportunities as we do.

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3. Another example are the members who are shut-in due to health. Their chairs at home group meetings are now empty but they still need us. And, we still need their experience, strength, hope for us to stay sober.
4. There are other examples.

This kind of service requires us to become more aware of others and the barriers they face. Now is the time for us to have some discussions and make some choices to do this kind of work or not.

2018 CONFERENCE FINAL REPORTS – Digital Copies

Digital copies of the anonymity-protected 68th General Service Conference Final Report are circulating throughout the area. If you haven't received yours yet, please ask your District Committee Member to provide one. You'll be glad you did.

2018 CONFERENCE FINAL REPORTS – Printed Copies

Hard-copies of the confidential 68th General Service Conference Final Report are available for distribution today .

GSO triumphed over many to ensure that you will get your Reports today.

Please join me to express our appreciation to DCM40 (Mark), DCM32 (Jim), Pete K, our Archivist (Dean), and our Seattle Intergroup Manager (Norm) for all that they have and will do to deliver your reports today.

There will be an announcement before the morning break, which will explain the process we will use for this.

2019 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE (GSC)

The 2019 Conference Year started in April, 2018, when the 2018 Conference adjourned.

The 69th General Service Conference will meet May 19-25 2019 in Manhattan. This is about three weeks later than usual and previously planned because a hotel contract-issue surfaced, which Conference members remedied by poll after the Conference.

The revised schedule provides more time for our 2019 Pre-Conference assemblies. But, it provides less time for Delegate Reports. Please pass this information to those who are selected to handle the responsibilities you handled so well during Panel 67. Our Panel 69 Delegate will appreciate early planning efforts of the newly elected DCMs and GSRs.

Currently, there are 18 proposed agenda items as summarized here:

1. Trustees' Committees Took No Action on 3 proposals for these reasons: a. The trustees' CPC/Treatment & Accessibilities Committee noted that the current language in the pamphlet "Members of the Clergy Ask about Alcoholics Anonymous" adequately explains the difference between open and closed meetings.

b. The trustees' Literature Committee agreed that "what AA does not do" is adequately addressed in current literature (such as the pamphlet "The AA Group" and flyer "Information on AA") and that there is no widely-expressed need from the Fellowship to provide the information in additional formats.

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c. The trustees' Literature Committee agreed that there is no widely-expressed need from the Fellowship to revise "Living Sober" as proposed; and that the "positive experience of participation in general services meetings" may be best addressed in the new pamphlet on the Three Legacies, currently under development.

2. These 6 proposals are Pending Consideration by Trustees' Committees

a. The trustees' Committee on Public Information will discuss a proposal to change wording of the last sentence in the section titled "How AA Members Maintain Sobriety" of the pamphlet "AA at a Glance" :

FROM: "Sobriety is maintained through sharing experience, strength and hope at group meetings and through the suggested Twelve Steps for recovery from alcoholism."

TO: "Sobriety is maintained through sharing experience, strength and hope at group meetings and through the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, which are suggested as a program of recovery."

b. The trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference will discuss a proposal for the Conference to consider establishing a new Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Elder Community.

c. The trustees' Committee on Literature will discuss a proposal to add the following wording concerning anonymity on social media to the discussion of the Eleventh Tradition in the pamphlet, The Twelve Traditions Illustrated:

"...it should be the privilege, even the right, of each individual or group to handle anonymity as they wish." However, when dealing with social media, personal anonymity as well as the group's anonymity may be easily compromised. We must be careful when using social media to not use full names and/or photos of A.A. members in a way that would identify them or others as AA members."

(Source of this quote: Bill W, Language of the Heart, page 15)

d. The trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference will discuss a proposal for the Conference to consider development of a fifth edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.

e. The trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference will discuss a proposal that all Agenda Items for Censure or Reorganization be forwarded directly to the Conference Committee on Trustees.

f. AA Grapevine will discuss a proposal for the General Service Conference to authorize the Grapevine Executive Editor/Publisher to hire and oversee a writer to research and draft for publication the story of the Grapevine (including La Vina) from inception until present with inclusion of a chapter in the spirit of "A Vision For You."

3. These 4 proposals are Under Consideration by trustees' Committees

a. The trustees' Archives Committee is considering a proposal to create a list of questions to aid those interested in starting or improving their archives.

b. The trustees' CPC/Treatment & Accessibilities Committee is considering a request that the Guideline "Cooperation with Court, D.W.I. and Similar Programs" be revised and

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updated to reflect the changing quantities, populations, formats and impact of Sobriety Courts, Drug Courts, Treatment Courts, Mental Health Courts, Healing Courts and Veterans Courts on the meetings and groups that are willing to cooperate with such programs.

c. The trustees' Public Information Committee is considering a proposal to develop a new public service announcement in video format that utilizes full-face actors (not members of AA).

d. The trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference is considering a proposal to (i) revise the grid of proposed agenda items by adding the rationale for items which are not forwarded to Conference Agenda Committee; and, (ii) place a review of the revised grid onto the annual agenda of the Conference Committee on Agenda and (iii) include the revised grid in the February 15 General Service Conference background material.

4. The Trustees Forwarded 4 proposals to GSO's Publishing Department a. Publishing will consider a proposal to add a footnote to the 2018-2020 Service Manual, which lists book titles for the first four books written by Bill Wilson.

b. Publishing will consider expanding GSR duties listed in the 2018-2020 Service Manual by adding a paragraph which states "In the reports of the service activities in which I participate, I try to share what I saw, heard and felt. This way, having grown from my experience, I think I better inform members of my group by sharing my gratitude as well as my enthusiasm for service work."

c. Publishing will consider expanding DCM duties listed in the 2018-2020 Service Manual by adding a paragraph which states "In the reports of the service activities in which I participate, I try to share what I saw, heard and felt. This way, having grown from my experience, I think I better inform GSRs of my district by sharing my gratitude as well as my enthusiasm for service work."

d. Publishing will consider producing a plastic pamphlet rack, rather than the wire rack, as a way for members and local committees to better carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

5. The trustees' CPC/Treatment & Accessibilities Committee Forwarded 1 proposal to the Conference Committee on CPC

a. Remove the sentence "*They may help arrange hospitalization.*" from the section "*What can you expect?*" in pamphlet P-31 "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community".

FUTURE EVENTS

2018 3rd CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE WORKSHOP OF HISPANIC WOMEN

"Different Languages, One Heart"

December 1st, 2018 (Saturday 9am-4pm)

Union Hall, 4 Berry St, San Francisco CA 94107 (Next to AT&T Park)

It's possible to live stream via Skype on Event Day

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The Grove Hotel, 245 Capitol Blvd, Boise, ID 83704

2019 PACIFIC REGION OF AA SERVICE ASSEMBLY - IRVINE, CA

March 1-3, 2019

Marriott – Irvine CA, 18000 Von Karman Ave, Irvine CA 92612

2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – Detroit, MI

Remember to start thinking about attending the 2020 International Convention celebration of AA's 85th Anniversary in Detroit, Michigan, July 2-5, 2020. The theme is: ***"Love and Tolerance Are Our Code"***. It's never too soon to think about "Love and Tolerance" - is it?

DELEGATE PINS

I have some pins which are a token of my appreciation for the opportunity to serve you. Please see me to get one or more for yourself and those you sponsor in recovery and/or service.

CLOSING

As we move towards our Panel 69 rotation in January, I am glad for the opportunity to have worked with all of you and I thank you for your examples of service to the Fellowship.

Steve C

Alternate Delegate Report: I just wanted to talk a little bit about I want to encourage everyone to look around the room and bring a bit of your spirituality and recovery. We are hear to try and make a decision for our homegroups and our area and not to end up in conflict. So I just want everyone to remember we are here to make sure Alcoholics Anonymous continues to be available for the still suffering alcoholic. If we remember that its going to be a lot easier to have a good time doing this. If you have questions ask them. I'm still available if you need me. Thank you.

Area Chair: I have been busy doing preassemblies, I get to go all over the area and get to hear from the different regions and I'm always amazed at how different you guys thing. I've been to several districts this last quarter, doing elections and things like that. A big part of my job is to facilitate this meeting here today and so I have spent a lot of time doing that. Love and tolerance is our code, even at 11 PM. I am grateful you're here and I love you all. Thank you

Alternate Area Chair: The primary job of this position is to make sure that this event happens, 615 pre registered, it makes everything so

much easier financially. I attended the preassemblies and got to hang out with all of you, every region thinks very differently, and it is heartwarming to see how we strive for substantial unanimity and I thank all of you. I would like to give special thanks to the host committee, there was only 5 members of that committee & they put this thing on! If you see them thank them. I got to do some district and group inventories, participate on panels and that's the stuff I call "the gravy". Thank you.

Treasurer: See financial spreadsheets

Alternate Treasurer:

Crystal S.

Position: Alt. Treasurer

Date: October 2018

Experiences from the past quarter.

I was excited to visit a few districts and give 7 th Tradition presentations. I always have a great time going out and seeing all of you. I participated in four of the pre-assemblies. We had great turnouts, and I look forward to seeing what happens with all the discussion and the final group conscious you bring to the Assembly. I also was asked to facilitate a couple of district elections. It was so much fun watching our Third Legacy procedures in action.

Strengths from the past quarter.

The finance committee worked hard this rotation with looking at financial policies and any improvements that could be made. This was a daunting task with a lot of research and opinions on the subject. I feel our strength was in taking time and not

making any hasty decision.

I also have been working hard on preparing materials for the next Alt. Treasurer, so they can feel more comfortable rotating into the position. I think sharing our experience with the next person to fulfill the position is vital in our growth as an Area, district, or group.

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee.

I would love to come out to a few more districts before the end of the rotation to give 7 th Tradition presentations as most districts and groups will be rotating in new treasurers. I hope to continue to serve the Area in the next rotation.

Finance Committee Report: Discussion On Funding worships/Conferences:

“We didn’t feel like we had enough information”

“each committee is of equal importance”

“what about remote (video) participation”

“I attended a conference & made inroads w/ correction professional I otherwise would not have gained. I learned a lot & found it valuable”

“The group conscience of that committee should decide and help fund the chair.”

“What about something like a pink can but for this?”

There was a brief discussion about changing the name of the area. This came up because of our bulk mailing of the newsletter as it relates to anonymity. It was initially determined that this was housekeeping. Geene explained that she was informed that the Area was named at an assembly. Any motion made and moved at an assembly can only be changed at an assembly. She determined that this was not house housekeeping & brought the discussion back to the Area.

“Why don’t we file a DBA”

“Why are we having so many problems with our name when no other area seems to.”

“isn’t this Housekeeping”

“I have a floor motion, with all the background to bring later”

Streamlining Area Business: We got together several times and discussed our task. Many of the suggestions have been implemented. The full report is available.

OSD BOOK: {Could not hear or not recorded I couldn’t find it}

Assembly Bids & Host committee Reports

2017 Assembly final report: Beth district 8, online registration was total cost was 48,4## (couldn’t hear) 1640 was coffee. 2017 was self supporting

2018: Megan, Treasurer for 2018 Host Committee: 797 registered, 563 pre registrations. Total Cost to Murano 50,000.00. We had a few issues with registration, no room block information. We will be self supporting, we will break even so not a lot of extra cash to send to area. The extra money that comes from assemblies will not be coming from this assembly

2019: Walter We are moving along getting everything ready. We have Red Lion on board room will be under 100.00. We've got the food taken care of. No ice cream social next year... .. Dessert bar

2020 Linden: Adina We are looking forward to getting started, we hosted in 2014.

2021 Lynwood: Josh We met 2 weeks ago, contract signed, we have hotel block and a back up hotel.

2022: Jim If We are looking at facilities, Hyatt regency Renton will be our venue.

2018 July Quarterly: Jim 125 registered 81 preregistered. \$441.00 profit Sent to area.

2019 January Quarterly: Mike DCM 31 No ice cream social, Root beer floats! We have location, flyers have been sent out, everything is up and running. Almost all our volunteers set. 25.00 registration 15.00 lunch. We are good to go. PLEASE PREREGISTER

2023 Assembly Bid: Walter, free parking, 15.00 camping spots, registration around 20.00 meal prices should stay the same, free coffee.
Bid approved by those in attendance

Eastside intergroup: John S. We have an open house October 19th 10-6 Saturday 8-12, We are doing really well stop by & say hi.

Seattle Intergroup:

Hello, Western Washington Area!

What a perfect theme for the newsletter as we head into the Area October Assembly—
'Love and tolerance of

others is our code.'

I'll go out on a limb here and say that probably there is no member of Alcoholics Anonymous who wishes

anything but the best for the organization that saved his or her life!

How, then, can there be dissent among us? I think it's because each of us—smart, creative, innovative,

dedicated—has differing opinions about what IS best and how to go about achieving that. Honest differences

of opinion don't have to lead to dissent and mean-spiritedness, if we practice love and tolerance. It's not

always easy, and I certainly don't want to leave you with the impression that it's easy for me.

Bill W., I think, said that we're never going to achieve perfection but that we should be willing to try for it. I

guess I should be content to try.

Your Greater Seattle Intergroup is doing well so far in 2018! Through eight months of operation we made

money, and we are ahead of our budget.

I want once more to extend an invitation to those DCM's and committee chairs who decide to rotate on from

Area service. Please contact us if you are interested in going on in the kind of local services we provide at

Seattle Intergroup. If you aren't sure what those are, you may open up one of our schedules to the centerfold

or read about it all on our brand new website, www.seattleaa.org. We need new officers, committee chairs,

zone representatives, group representatives, phone volunteers, and office volunteers. We'd love to know of

your interest!

I, of course, will be rotating on to become Chair Emeritus. It has been a terrific honor to have served as your

Intergroup Chair for the past three years. I have enjoyed working with you all!

Love and service,

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Motion 1: “Create an Area 72 Third Legacy steering committee.” Move by 24 2nd by 54.

Alan: This came from the ad hoc committee on streamlining. This came from a list of recommendations. That education helps the group be informed as opposed in real time. So I thought it was a great idea & brought it as a discussion topic. It was well received and so I am now presenting it as a motion.

It would consist of continued GSR workshops & as I have been doing DCM workshops and maybe other educational type things. It would consist of Alternate delegate, outgoing past delegate if they choose to and others.

“We already have 3rd legacy at our district why have it at the area”

“can we afford this?”

“The idea is that a more nurturing environment, would yield a more nurturing result, which is more in line with our spiritual process”

“We can do this at the district & homegroup level”

“We have this committee already, the past delegates.”

“Are we getting to organized?”

Minority Opinion: “Less groups are participating, and the income is going down, we think this 3rd legacy committee will educate folks.”

“My group thinks this would help”

Motion Failed

Motion 2: “Area 72 create an appointed Young People’s Chair Position. The Committee chair will be selected using an establish process for appointed officers. The committee shall function like other standing committees at the Area level.” Moved District 32 2nd District 10

Frank presented the motion and discussion followed

“This position exists in other areas”

“this motion is exclusivity not inclusivity”

“What is the cost?” “roughly \$2600.00”

“We think it should be people under the age of 21”

“Where is the money going to come from?”

“I came in young and I’m still here.”

(There was a amendment to the motion which was discussed and rejected)

The motion was voted on, failed minority opinion was heard, discussion was reopened for another 30 minutes.

[Secretary note] Frothy Emotional appeal infinitum

Motion Failed

District polling was called for

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1	2	0	29	5	8
2	1	3	31	4	6
3	6	6	32	11	2
4	6	4	33	11	0
7	8	1	34	16	4
8	13	4	35	10	0
9	1	10	36	4	0
10	10	5	37	5	3
11	4	10	38	4	1
12	7	9	39	6	3
14	12	2	40	6	4
15	6	2	41	4	1
16	5	2	42	11	5
17	17	3	43	4	4
18	8	0	44	7	7
19	7	10	45	2	9
21	5	1	46	9	0
22	5	3	54	8	2
24	9	10	55	3	3
27	4	5	56	6	2
28	3	2	57	0	2
			area 99	9	10
TOTAL FOR	284				
TOTAL					
AGAINST	158				
TOTAL VOTE	442				
2/3 OF TOTAL	294.372				

Motion Failed

Motion 3: “Amend motion 92.3 to Read: The Washington Area shall maintain a working reserve equal to a minimum of 10 percent of the average annual Area expenses for the preceding two calendar years and the current budget year. The reserve percentage to be annually reviewed and adjusted, as needed, by the finance committee. On December 31st of each year, the Area Treasurer will calculate the excess funds from cash balances, including any excess funds from the current year’s assembly and contribute the excess funds to the General Service Office.”

Explanation: We want to make sure that the money is there, instead of October December just makes more sense.

Comments

“Why is there no maximum percentage”

“Sufficient operating funds plus a prudent reserve should be our operating funds”

“If we need it the groups provide”

“Trust our trusted servants”

“We are changing the distribution date to the end of year”

Minority opinion: none

Motion Passed

Motion 4: “Remove existing caps on all past motions. Amounts to be reviewed and estimated by Treasurer and Alt Treasurer and adjusted as needed in the budget.”

Moved by District 35 2nd by District 46

Description: This came from the ad hock committee that was brought as a motion by the finance committee: In our current process a budget is proposed, the budget is brought to the January Quarterly it is based on several years input &

many members of the committee. If there is a cap on a line item a motion must be made to raise the budgeted item.

Discussion:

“there should be a motion for each item”

“Let’s just vote”

“We keep coming back and voting on these things, trust your servants”

“voting to remove all caps changes things”

“caps have always been a bad idea.”

“If this passes Motion 5 must be passed”

“discussing is the most important thing we do when we get together”

Motion Passed

Motion 5: Adjustments to the Budget that increase the total annual Area Committee expenses by more than 10% will require approval by the Area Committee at quarterlies or the Assembly.”

Motion Maker: The ad hoc committee that presented this would like to rescind this motion. We don’t have any control over contribution flow, This motion would put us in a very difficult situation. We have to pay our bills and we can’t cap that. If this motion passed we would have to say to you, can we pay our bills? It’s just bad policy.

Motion Withdrawn

Motion 6: “That the Western Washington Area 72 publish the Third Edition of Our Stories Disclose, A History of the Western Washing Area of Alcoholics Anonymous 1939-2002 to be updated through 2018.”

Moved District 32 2nd District 16

“We are a new group & look forward to be in our area history”

“Have we had discussion about doing this book in audio format”

Motion Passed

Motion 7: “WWA 72 respectfully request that the AAWS develop audio versions of Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers and Pass It On.”

Moved District 14 2nd District 39

No Discussion

Motion Passed

Motion 8: “We respectfully request that GSO make retired literature available for download from the AA.org website.”

Moved District 17 2nd District 29

The background materials have been revised. If written material is retired the digital version is as well. The intent of this motion is to allow GSO to separate the two. We are trying to write something to give GSO a mechanism to talk about digital materials available to us online.

“literature is revised & retired for a reason.”

“Older, outdated literature may be confused w/ current literature.”

“we have a floor motion to make a list.”

“My group was opposed to this motion.”

“the literature is available through archives.”

A vote was taken

Continue discussion

Poll requested

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1	1	0	29	5	3
2	4	0	31	6	4
3	10	2	32	11	1
4	7	2	33	9	3

7	9	0	34	9	7
8	12	2	35	7	3
9	5	5	36	2	0
10	4	8	37	6	0
11	10	3	38	6	0
12	7	8	39	9	0
14	10	4	40	5	4
15	2	7	41	1	4
16	2	4	42	16	0
17	8	9	43	7	1
18	9	1	44	7	8
19	16	1	45	7	4
21	0	6	46	4	4
22	7	1	54	10	0
24	14	5	55	5	0
27	5	1	56	8	0
28	5	0	57	2	0
			area 99	6	14
TOTAL FOR	295				
TOTAL					
AGAINST	115				
TOTAL VOTE	410				
2/3 OF TOTAL	273.06				

Motion Failed

Motion 9: “We request to replace motion 07.2 with: Translate the Western Washington Area Newsletter into Spanish, at minimum those editions which contain the minutes of the Area business meetings, then publish and distribute to the Spanish Language Districts, ideally within 30 days or less than the English edition.”

Moved by District 31 2nd District 7

Technology has allowed us to lower our translation costs, we can now translate the newsletter 12 times a month for around the same amount we are spending to translate it 4 times a year.

Discussion:

“We’d like to amend that it is 12 times a year”

“This way would allow us to work within our budget.”

“Shouldn’t we be talking about digitizing the newsletter?”

“I went to Foro Locale & understand what its like to have translation.”

“District 1 members are happy to get this information and appreciate it.”

Motion Passed

Motion 10: “That the Area fund the Area Corrections Chair to attend the National Corrections Conference annually, covering travel, lodging, registration and meal expenses.”

Moved by District 39 2nd District 56

Sammy: The fiancé committee funded the trip & I got a lot out of it, made a lot of contacts, learned a lot, obtained some archives for the area, bridged connections out of state & think it would benefit the area and would like to see our area fund this for each year.

“My understanding is that we may not be able to pay our bills, why would we create more cost.”

“couldn’t we do this with pink cans”

“There is a conference for every committee, we can’t afford that.”

“We need to have a discussion about all of these conferences.”

“These came as motions & not discussion topics, we probably would have had a broader discussion.”

“the conference is in November, shouldn’t this only be in the first year?”

Motion Failed

“We request to amend motion 15.2 to read: “Area 72 fund our Web Servant and Web Chair to annually attend the National Alcoholics Anonymous Technology Workshop.”

Motion rescinded

Floor Motion’s

Submitted by Northwest Group District 11

“Area 72 create an appointed Young People liaison. Their primary purpose will be to work with the already existing standing Committee Chairs and District Young People Chairs to better find avenues for young people in recovery to be of service and get involved.”

Moved to January Quarterly

Submitted by Rule 62 Group District 11

“We respectfully request that GSO make a list of retired literature available on the AA.org website.”

Moved to January Quarterly

Submitted by Carina W. Area Newsletter Chair

“We respectfully request that our registered non-profit name be changed to “Western Washington Area 72” from the current “Western Washington Area of Alcoholics Anonymous”

Moved to January Quarterly

Appointed Trusted Servants Reports

Web Servant

Name: Mary Thomas

Position: Web Servant

District number: Area Appointed

Date: 9/22/18

Experiences from the past quarter.

The Third Quarter of 2018 has been busy one. We have experienced issues with the website and site registration due to a major plugin that we use for logging into the site being drastically changed by the software company in mid-July. Their changes resulted in a cascading effect with other plugins and we are still working through the problems that it caused.

Eddie and I attended the National Alcoholics Anonymous Technology Workshop in Austin, Texas on September 13 – 16 th . It was a fabulous workshop. Eddie and I were part of a panel that focused on how we use technology within our Areas. We were able to talk about the use of Google for non-profit and how we have expanded it to include the district standing committees and team drives. We also have come home with some great ideas from other areas and technology committees that were present.

While at the conference we sat in on a panel that had two non-alcoholic doctors from New York. They have developed an app that obfuscates (anonymizes/alters) a person's voice in order to maintain anonymity in their multi-person conference calls with patients. These doctors are currently working on an application that also uses video image (like FaceTime on Apple phones) and alters the callers facial features in order to maintain anonymity. This panel was my favorite for many reasons, especially when the New York pediatrician/psychiatrist told us his story and how he came to find Alcoholics Anonymous and why he loves us so much. Eddie and I were able to spend some time talking with this doctor on Saturday evening after dinner and I was able to exchange email and phone information with him. The joys of finding ways to reach people never ceases to amaze me.

Eddie put together a great presentation for a bid for the NAATW coming to Area72

and if all things go well, the NAATW will be coming to the Pacific Northwest in 2020! Yeah!!!

At the business meeting for the NAATW there were members that were rotating out since their five-year commitment was coming to an end and the committee had decided to expand the number of members of the steering committee to nine from seven. I was nominated and made myself available for the position of steering committee and was elected. I am humbled, excited and nervous, but I am grateful to be able to serve AA in this manner.

Strengths from the past quarter. [What new strengths did your district/committee discover in the past quarter? This could be a unique solution to a problem, or the unity of the groups in your district]

Unity is what I have found to be the most important part in this third quarter of 2018. I don't know what I would have done without Eddy the last three months. He took over for me when I went on vacation in July. He has helped me to try to remedy the issues with the plugins on the website. Eddy was the best traveling companion ever when going to NAATW. I feel that we both got so much more out of the conference than if I would have gone alone.

I have found that over this rotation that every member of our elected and standing committees has joined together in helping each other out. We haven't done it perfectly, but we have done it together. I am grateful to be a part of the unification of the Web Standing and Web Steering committees and our goals both as an Area and its districts. I am honored to have served with all of these wonderful people on panel 67. Thank you all for giving me this opportunity and allowing me to give back.

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee. [This could be goals, personal

achievements, hopes for the Area, etc.]

My hope for the future is that Area 72 will continue to embrace technology, to walk through the uncomfortableness of change, to follow the traditions and concepts of world service, and to keep searching for ways to reach the still suffering alcoholic.

One of the ways that I think this could be achieved is through revising the Web Steering Committee and making it a Technology Committee. One that is not solely focused on the website, but one that looks at all technology and its applications

within our service structure. This committee would be able to utilize members from across the area that are sober technologists and utilize their skill sets to drive new tools, new ways of communicating, and sharing the implementation of them. I believe that the technology committee would be able to expand the support for technologies in what we do as an Area. We know that technology is not going to go away, that it will continue to grow and change. Area 72 will also grow and change. My hope is that we will embrace technology along our happy road of destiny.

Web standing

Eddy Matlock-Mahon

Position: Area Web Chair

Date: October 5th, 2018

Experiences from the past quarter

This last quarter has been an exciting one. Mary and I attended the National AA Technology Workshop in Round Rock, TX. This was truly an amazing experience that I will never forget. We were asked to be part of a panel at the workshop sharing our area's experience with the technology that our area uses. We shared about our email system, G-Suite and how our website functions.

Another panel that I sat in on was about a web-based chat service that the San Francisco Intergroup office uses as another method to reach out to the still suffering person. To see the growth and innovation was very powerful.

Mary and I also had the chance to talk with a non-alcoholic doctor from New York after he and another doctor presented on a panel. The doctors are working on an app that allows someone to keep their anonymity while being able to fully participate in a video or voice multi-person conference call.

I also presented a bid to host the NAATW in 2020 in Western Washington. Fingers crossed that it all goes well.

On Sunday of the workshop, during the members meeting, Mary made herself available to serve on the NAATW Steering Committee and was voted in by the body. Mary also nominated myself for an opening, but I was not selected at this rotation. I look forward to attending the next NAATW.

Other things that were done are updates to plugins to the area website that helped with the login and the creation of Google Team Drives for the districts.

Additionally, our committees had put forward a motion that would fund the Area Web Chair to attend the NAATW annually. But, after further discussion and thoughts, we are going to be withdrawing our motion. Our hope is that we can help

start a larger conversation and discussion about providing an equitable method of funding to all appointed and elected officers to attend regional or national service events.

It has been amazing to work with an amazing, committed and passionate committee. I have been able to work with some of the most dedicated, loving people. They have guided and mentored me to be a better servant to our amazing area.

Your Hope for the future in your committee

My hope is that this forward momentum continues and we use technology to help

reach out to the one we need to. I am excited for the future of our area and the direction we are going.

One way is to rename the Web Steering Committee to the Technology Committee.

The change would reflect the current work being done by this committee.

Corrections

What an amazing rotation it has been! It has been an honor to have had the opportunity to serve

you this rotation. We have had the most amazing committee and I feel blessed to have worked

with them. I am grateful for all the ways this last 2 years has made me grow.

I want to start off my report with some success and excitement. Larch Mountain Corrections

Center in Yalcot WA outside of Vancouver went a period of time without AA meetings. District

37 elected Alizz as their corrections chair and she has just been on fire. She got meetings back

into Larch and the things they have been doing have been blowing my mind. They started

hosting workshops. Workshops that took those guys through the 12 steps. And the group

caught on fire. Prison meetings are unique because they can't pass a basket for 7th tradition so

these guys created AA themed shirts that they sell to other inmates and to AA members on the

outside. The prison puts that money into a group fund for the meeting and the group can use

that money to get snacks for meetings or fund workshops etc. Well the group got together and

decided that they would really like to attend an outside meeting. So they went to the warden and

made a deal. They knew that taking a group of inmates to an outside meeting was going to cost

the prison extra money in staffing and transportation so when they went to the warden they

offered to use their group fund to cover the extra cost. The prison agreed and 10 men in that

group are going to be allowed to attend an outside meeting. This has had a chain reaction and

the group that they are visiting is so stoked about the opportunity to host them. I don't know

about you but when I was incarcerated I was completely self centered and selfish. I would have

opted to spend the money on cake for the meeting. To see the program shine so bright in this

prison group has been the highlight of the rotation.

Some things that we have been struggling with. Finding bridge volunteers that are located in

rural areas that will connect with people getting out of prisons. For the most part bridge has

been killing it this rotation but we have had some people slip through the cracks. Johnny has

been great and responds to every bridge request with the hotline number and locations to the

nearest meetings in case our outside bridge volunteer doesn't follow through.

We are also struggling with filling the Literature requests from the jails and prisons. Take OCC

for example. They could have 35 people show up a particular meeting but 75 members total

within the institution. Take into account the rotation of people coming in and out of the prison

and their need for books could be pretty high. Now multiply this by 10 the number of prisons in

western Washington. This doesn't consider the 25 city/county jail, the 26 juvenile facilities, 11

work release facilities, 3 tribal jails, 1 Federal detention center, and 1 Military corrections center.

The reality is that many districts are struggling financially and have reached out to the area to

help. Because of our own predicted financial shortfalls we have had to get creative with where

to get literature. Greater Seattle Intergroup and especially Eastside Intergroup have been super

helpful in filling this year's need. Utilizing pink can funds have really saved our butts.

We held our last quarterly on Sept 15th in Vancouver WA. Our very last quarterly of the rotation

is December 15th. Flyers will be sent out soon.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve. It really has been an amazing opportunity to

work for y'all this last 2 years.

Sammy H

Area 72 Corrections Chair

Grapevine

2018 Assembly Grapevine and Literature Report

Submitted by Karla Linder

So far this year the GvLit Committee has held 3 successful Quarterlies. Our next Quarterly will be December 8

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at Fairwinds – Brighton Court, 65230 – 196th Street SW, Lynnwood, WA 98036. All are welcome to come and

join us to learn more about the Grapevine and AA Literature.

We held a Grapevine writing Workshop at our June Quarterly and it was very successful. I will be participating

in Grapevine Writing Workshops on October 21st in District 3 and December 16 in District 41.

I had a story, that I wrote at a Grapevine Writing Workshop, printed in the May 2018 Grapevine. It is titled

“Mom Gets Busy”.

The Northeast and Pacific Regions won the Grapevine's 4 Seasons of Service Challenge last year and the

submission I sent in on behalf of our committee was printed in the August 2018 edition of the Grapevine –

look for it on page 14. There is currently the Grapevine and La Viña Subscription Challenge running – you may

see people walking around with signs at this Assembly. This is a challenge to get NEW subscriptions. Come to

the GvLit Display for details. The winners of this challenge will get a story section in 2019 a Grapevine/La Viña

with stories from members in their state. WA is currently in 6th place out of the 50 states.

At the January 2018 Quarterly I submitted a motion on behalf of the Grapevine and Literature Committee

requesting audio versions of Dr Bob and the Good Oldtimers and Pass It On. If you have any questions about

background, please see me.

I took our Grapevine and Literature Display to the Step Ashore Conference in Ocean Shores. We were joined

by the Archives Display. This was a great opportunity for members to see what is available in conference

approved literature from from AAWS and Grapevine. I also continue to be available to come to your

groups/districts to discuss Grapevine and Literature.

I continue to work on having a comprehensive and up-to-date literature display so that members are made

aware of what is available and how to find/order it. Please come check it out! I have the new Grapevine book

One Big Tent as well as soft cover Big Books available for purchase!

I am a member of the ad hoc committee for the Our Stories Disclose Third Edition. This is an ongoing position

and will continue past my rotation as Grapevine and Literature Chair. We are ready to hit the ground running

with this project when and if the motion passes at the Assembly.

Bill Wilson said it best, regarding literature, in the May 1964 issue of the Grapevine, "Suppose, for instance,

that during the last twenty-five years A.A. had never published any standard literature...no books, no

pamphlets. We need little imagination to see that by now our message would be hopelessly garbled. Our

relations with medicine and religion would have become a shambles. To alcoholics generally we would today

be a joke and the public would have thought us a riddle. Without its literature, A.A. would certainly have

bogged down in a welter of controversy and disunity." (The Language of the Heart, p. 348)

PI

Name: Lupita YM

Position: Public Information chair

District number:

Date: 10/3/18

Experiences from the past quarter. [Experiences from your district or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

There has been a lot going on with the Public Information committee and myself in the past quarter. Our quarterly was hosted in August in North Seattle by District 41. Astri presented

and led a discussion about how to actively participate and cooperate with court professionals. It

was a great discussion and I personally took away a lot of new and helpful information. While

this past quarterly had smaller attendance than we were used to, it was interpreted into both

Spanish and ASL. Neat!

In addition to getting a few emails from the Area website, and coordinating with new

district and Intergroup Public Information chairs, in the past quarter I was asked to speak on a

panel about speaking at non-AA meetings and another panel about anonymity. Most recently I

had the pleasure of partnering with the Seattle Intergroup and Spanish speaking members I know

to fill a booth (with bodies and literature) at the Guatemalan Health Fair in Burien. One of my

favorite parts of having this commitment is travelling to district meetings, panels, and other

events where I get to meet different members across the Area.

Strengths from the past quarter. [What new strengths did your district/committee discover in the past quarter? This could be a unique solution to a problem, or the unity of the groups in your district]

The only "issue" that has been proving to be a growth opportunity has been a slight decrease in

attendance at our quarterlies. Craig and I continue to reach out to the local intergroups and

districts without representation to encourage participation. The participants that have been

coming are really engaging and hopefully getting great information!

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee. [This could be goals, personal achievements, hopes for the Area, etc.]

Our final quarterly of the rotation will be November 10 In Longview, WA. I look forward to

continuing to speak with districts and home groups about Public Information. It is very rewarding work, and easily anyone can participate! Secondly, I hope we can end our rotation

with the fervor with which we started. I look forward to a smooth transition to the next Public

Information chair.

CPC; (not present, no report submitted)

Treatment

Name: Shu D.

Position: Area Treatment Chair

District number: 56

Date: September 24, 2018

Experiences from the past quarter.

Held our July Quarterly in Port Orchard on the 14 th of July, well attended, and a most significant

point dealt with BTG, and the close to 100 bridges that happened through the Area BTG Coordinator, and BTG in Pierce County-BTG really works!

We, as a committee, again discussed supporting our BTG Area Coordinator by talking to our

districts and home groups to generate financial support to offset some of his expenses. We

gathered over \$300.00 and we will reimburse him for costs incurred; the beauty of autonomy!

Strengths from the past quarter.

We, as a committee, have worked well together for the good and whole of AA. We supported

our Area BTG Coordinator to attend the BTG Workshop in Denver, its 28 th year; everyone should

have gotten a report. Our next and last quarterly is next weekend in Ridgefield, I have a workshop on October 20 th in Kenmore, and the January Quarterly has also been scheduled for the

next treatment chair to be appointed by the area. The breadth and depth of knowledge and the

heart and soul of this committee has made the last two years an honor and a privilege for this

alcoholic.

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee.

I have been working on and will pass off a snapshot of the work this appointed servant feels will

be helpful for the next rotation, although I imagine my favorite part of having this position, has

been the autonomy, the ability to be creative, and the incredible work done within all the Districts by those who participated as part of this committee, and those who just wanted to serve.

I will make myself available for the incoming treatment chair, and attend the January treatment

quarterly, to be of service..

Bittersweet standing up here to give this report...what an amazing journey this has been, all of

you, all of this gives meaning and purpose to my existence-so beautiful to know I will never have

to do anything alone.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Shu

Accessibility

2018 Assembly Accessibility Report WWA72

Submitted by Keri Spezzano

Accessibility Chair, Western Washington Area 72

Over this rotation, we held 7 successful quarterlies, enthusiastically hosted by different districts across

Western Washington – From Longview to Bellingham and districts in between. We started at Greater

Seattle Intergroup, and we will conclude our rotation with our last and 8th Quarterly in the same

location (GSIG) but hosted by different districts just 2 weeks from now on October 20th.

Phil, our Language chair and I have continued to meet monthly since the Language committee was

formed, and he has joined the Accessibility team at the Accessibility quarterlies. In fact, he was my

pinch hitter at the July Quarterly in Longview so that I could attend my brother's wedding!

At that July quarterly, the group decided to form an Ad-hoc committee to discuss how we can help

with ASL interpretation and carry the message to deaf members across the Western Washington Area.

We had been informed just prior to our July Quarterly that the District 41 ASL committee that usually

handles requests for outside of the Greater Seattle and Greater Tacoma areas that at the end of this

rotation in December they will no longer be the go-to group to help with ASL interpretation

coordination and funding if Seattle Intergroup or Puget Sound Central Service office are not involved

or if the request is outside their geographical jurisdiction.

This Ad-hoc committee reviewed the materials that were created during the rotation immediately

prior (2016-2017) and discussed them – that group laid a lot of ground work for this already as it was

during the previous rotation that they did form a new ASL committee as a side arm out of the

Accessibility committee. One change the team is considering is to expand it from only ASL to a fund

for other languages as well. We've only met once so far and plan to meet again immediately following

our last Accessibility quarterly on October 20th at GSIG. So there's not a lot to report on there yet, and

we're not sure if it will continue into the next rotation, but we're hoping that it will.

I coordinated a Spanish speaking speaker at my homegroup – the Edmonds group in District 24. It

was real-time translated from Spanish to English for this English-speaking group – and it was

powerful. It is my hope that the experience we had last week helped build camaraderie and expanded

the meaning of membership in Alcoholics Anonymous.

I have had discussions with Accessibility chairs in other areas in the Pacific region and had

correspondence with the Treatment and Accessibility team at GSO. The expanding knowledge has

made me a much more conscientious member of Alcoholics Anonymous, and by proxy, it is my hope

that in my position, I have also helped you to identifying members who come into the program that

have difficulties participating in AA due to mental, physical, geographic, cultural, ethnic, spiritual or

emotional barriers. There are no special alcoholics.

I am reminded of what my service sponsor always tells me, we can't learn much from people who are

just like us. We learn the most from people that are different from ourselves.

Language

Name: Phil Keating

Position: Language Coordinator Chair

District number: Area 72

Date: 10/6/18

Experiences from the past quarter. Below is the cumulative total for the last 3 quarters for document translation and language interpretation for ASL & Spanish.

- 47 Area documents submitted for Spanish translation
- 12 Area events interpreted in both ASL and Spanish. 2 Quarterlies, 1 Assembly, 2 Pre-conferences, 2 Pre-Assemblies, and 3 PI/CPC Quarterlies Feb, May, & Aug – Spanish
- I subbed as chair for the July Accessibility Quarterly.
- I attended a meeting with our translation service vendor along with

our Newsletter editor, Carina.

Strengths from the past quarter. At our meeting with the Area's translation vendor, we discussed a process called crowdsourcing. This would allow volunteer editors to access machine translated documents and make edits when necessary. This would result in a much lower cost for our area. If we make it work, it could also serve as a model for other Areas to use.

At the Accessibility quarterly, we decided as a group to convene an Ad-hoc committee to explore the idea of creating a central fund that would serve all of Western Washington for any language service needs, whether it be translation or interpretation, for all languages, including but not limited to, Spanish and ASL. The group will continue the discussion on October after the Accessibility quarterly.

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee. My hope is that the work I am doing will continue on for years to come and the Area will continue to be an inclusive and welcoming environment for all no matter what language they speak or sign. I hope to begin work by the end of the year on a glossary of terms of English to Spanish that anyone will be able to use to create documents or flyers.

Archives

By: Courtney Stuart, Archives Chair
October 6, 2018

As I reflect back on 2017-2018 rotation I am grateful for and proud of all the hard work performed by the District Archivists and Archives Steering Committees (ASC). There is a lot of momentum in the districts and Area as we move into the next rotation.

The district Archivists have completed many exciting projects this rotation. One District focused on collecting oral histories by taping old-timers to forever capture their story. Another district remodeled the entire archives space and created a warm and welcoming room for district members to review their history. Another created a wonderful traveling display for the first time in the District's history, which will be displayed at their gratitude dinner.

The Archives Steering Committee has taken on several large projects and has made a lot of progress this rotation, including gaining internet access for the repository, developing a plan to create our digital archives, creating a shared drive for the ASC to access and performed an extensive facility search for the

new archives repository. This was due to a leak at the repository and urgent need to move. This is a great example of AAs coming together and understanding the importance of preserving our history. Thank you all for your support and thank you to the ASC members who have spent many hours and weeks on this effort.

The incoming Archives Chair, Archivist and ASC members will have some exciting and important work to continue. They will need YOUR help! This includes sorting and organizing all received paper documents , then scanning and saving the electronic documents. We are looking for a member with strong technical skills to volunteer with this committee and be the lead for this effort. Another important project will be moving, cataloging and storing the entire archives.

Please check out the Traveling Display to view some of our Area's important history. I, or any archives steering committee member, am happy to speak with you about getting involved!

Reminders:

- Any GSR or group information (reports, fliers, treasurer reports, pictures, etc.) should be given to the district archivist for your district archives. Any district related documents should also be retained with the district archives. A copy can also be sent to the Area archives repository for safe keeping.
- The Area repository welcomes all information but we do want to ensure that the district archives are utilized to store group information for easy access.
- Area committee related items (fliers, meeting minutes, adhoc committee reports, quarterly/assembly final reports, etc.) should be both emailed and physically mailed to the area archives repository.
- Please email documents to archivesrepository@area72aa.org but ALSO mail two hard copies to the mailing address below. Due to the volume of materials received via email we do not print documents for filing at the repository. Technology changes so we always need a hard copy of items for future reference.

Mail Documents to:
Area Archives C/O Central Service Office
3640 Cedar Street South
Tacoma, WA 98409

Thank you so much for the opportunity to be your Archives Chair. I have learned so much and have such gratitude for our Area's history.

Courtney S.

Registrar: Directories are in folders, I emailed the area committee form, so we can be on top of it next rotation, we had some glitches with names and titles. Thank you, this was much more challenging than I expected. The directory is not perfect. If you could check your info & let me know I will change it before I send the electronic version.

Sound It's been awesome, thank you. I've learned a lot traveling all over the area, Thanks to Steve for going so many places. Thanks for letting me spend your money (new sound equipment). I hope you enjoy it for many years to come. Thanks!

Newsletter: Published some newsletters, wrote some motions, met w/ web professional on translation services. I've had a great time serving you. I'm gonna miss working with you all.

DCM Reports

April Quarterly Reports

District 1 **No Report**

District 2 **No Report**

District 3 **No Report**

District 4 **No Report**

District 7

Name: Lyle Nelson

Position: DCM

District number: 7

Date: 9/26/18

Experiences from the past quarter.

Our Preassembly Sunday August 26 th in beautiful Camas, WA. was well attended aprox. 55 participants. Thanks to Chairwoman Geene and her

crew of trusted servants for staying on point and on time. And a special thanks to everyone for breaking down the room and cleaning up afterwards. It was all hands-on deck.

Our district has a solid Corrections Committee, we have ample coverage at the main jail and the district supports the effort through Pink can contributions. So, we can supply a wide range of literature and big books to jail inmates.

Strengths from the past quarter.

The Clark County Jail received a case of big books donated from a church in Oklahoma and they were placed in the AA storage area. The issue is the cover is a different color with the church name address etc.

So, the question was do we use them or not. The room was split some for, some against. After we went around the room to get input and mulled it over non-affiliation was brought up. So because the covers were produced by the church with all of its contact information it was contrary to tradition 6. It was decided by unanimous vote to send the books back to the church.

What was inspiring was witnessing a divided group come together in total unanimity through a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscious. Tradition 2.

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee.

We hope this next rotation will produce a full complement of dedicated committee chairs and committee members.

District 8

Name: Frank B.

Position: DCM

District number: 8

Experiences from the past quarter. [Experiences from your district or committee

you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

Our district hosted the July quarterly in Olympia. September we had our first round of elections for our committees. We elected or maintained the current trusted servants for six of our committees. We created a YPAA chair and quickly filled that position. Attended the pre-assembly in Camas

Strengths from the past quarter. [What new strengths did your district/committee discover in the past quarter? This could be a unique solution to a problem, or the unity of the groups in your district]

We came together as a district to create a young people chair and was quickly filled by election.

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee. [This could be goals, personal achievements, hopes for the Area, etc.]

To elect and fill the rest of our committee before years end. To host a DCM, GSR school and

hopefully start a concept study.

District 9

Name: Randy S

Date: 10-3-2018

Experiences from the past quarter. [Experiences from your district or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

Completed and Approved new budget

Approved Disbursements of excess funds to Area and GSO

Sent out letters to all groups in district explaining how their voice and group conscious is important to the district.

Received several responses to letter and had one unrepresented group start attending monthly business meeting.

Strengths from the past quarter. [What new strengths did your district/committee

discover in the past quarter? This could be a unique solution to a problem, or the unity of the groups in your district]

The importance of the treasure and secretary positions in communicating with the home groups in our district.

Informing groups for their input has sparked interest in what is happening within the district.

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee. [This could be goals, personal achievements, hopes for the Area, etc.]

For the district:

To continue to get all the groups in district 9 to be involved and to reach out to the groups that

are not represented.

To continue the communication between the districts in the Puget sound area.

For Myself:

I have participated in several group inventories and will continue to be of service.

In the last 2 years I have grown personally and spiritually by being of service to the district and

the area.

For the Area:

Hope for continuing growth and cooperation between the districts.

District 10

Name: Linda Dyer

Position: DCM

District number:10

Date: 29 September 2018

Experiences from the past quarter. [Experiences from your district or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

Completed district inventory

Voted for DCM

New Treatment center opened that is treatment and mental illness

Strengths from the past quarter. [What new strengths did your district/committee discover in the past quarter? This could be a unique solution to a problem, or the unity of the groups in your district]

None to mention

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee. [This could be goals, personal achievements, hopes for the Area, etc.]

Hope the next panel good wishes and a productive panel

District 11 No Report

District 12

District 14

District 14 has offered many opportunities for fellowship recently. Dawn Patrol, Waterfront and Westside Story hosted their Alki Beach picnic over the Labor Day Weekend under sunny skies. District 14 put on a picnic the following weekend at Lincoln Park blessed with beautiful weather. Our customary pie auction yielded a record 7th Tradition, which covered picnic costs as well as contributing to the District Treasury. White Center Group followed this picnic with their own at Seahurst Park. All of these events were well-attended and a great deal of fun.

We had a solid turnout of our GSRs who attended various Area Pre-Assemblies. They were well-prepared to take the motions to their home group in order to obtain the group conscience which they will then carry to the October Assembly.

Our Handbook Committee has been making solid headway in updating our District 14 Handbook. We are adding electronic features to link into meeting schedules along with other amazing features. We are grateful to Kaya H, Byron B and Freda T for

their hard work. Thanks to Kaya for heading up this endeavor and coming up with the tech features that will take this handbook to the next level.

Kaya also chairs our Archives Committee and is seeking to display some of our artifacts at the October Assembly. He will have an exhibition available for our District 14 folks to peruse at our Holiday Potluck in December. Thanks, Kaya!

And speaking of the Holiday Potluck, we are making plans for our annual holiday get-together at Tibbetts Methodist Church in West Seattle on Tuesday, Dec 11 from 7-8:30 PM. All are invited to join in fellowship.

District 14 will be co-hosting the Saturday, Oct 20 Accessibility Quarterly along with District 15 & GSIG at Greater Seattle Intergroup from 9 AM-3 PM. Calling all volunteers to help put this on!

Last but certainly not least, we will hold our biennial election at our November District 14 meeting. We will vote to fill our DCM, Alt-DCM, Secretary and Treasurer positions as well as many Standing Committee Chair positions as possible. The beat goes on!

As my rotation winds down, I would like to say that serving as our District 14 trusted servant has been a wonderful experience and I look forward to what the future holds. There are many opportunities for service in AA and they all serve to help our fellow alcoholics get and stay sober. What a great way to stay connected! I encourage any and all to consider a service position at whatever level they may choose.

Thank you to all District 14 trusted servants who have contributed so much in service to AA.

Thanks, Bill!

Roger

Roger Congdon

DCM/14

dcm14@area72aa.org

District 15

Name: Anne W.

Position: DCM

District number:15

Date: 9/27/18

Experiences from the past quarter. [Experiences from your district or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

We have an awesome team planning our Gratitude Banquet, with fantastic counterparts in

District 40.

Strengths from the past quarter. [What new strengths did your district/committee discover in the past quarter? This could be a unique solution to a problem, or the unity of the groups in your district]

One of our GSRs, Janay, created a spreadsheet of financial data from the past rotation with the help of our treasurer, Mike. We are examining this data to look at trends and hopefully

reach out to groups that used to contribute but have not done so in a while.

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee. [This could be goals, personal achievements, hopes for the Area, etc.]

We are hoping to have a great Central Districts Gratitude Banquet on November 3rd at the

Garfield Community Center! Hoping lots of folks will contribute cooked turkeys, hams, or tofurkeys, so we can continue to make this one of the only free Gratitude Banquets in the Area

(Well, supported by 7th Tradition. There's no such thing as a free lunch!)

We are also hoping that the safety workshop we are hosting at Intergroup on December 1

will be well-attended.

Personally, I am hoping that we have lots of members making themselves available to take on a new service position in District 15 for our next rotation. Our elections will be at our

District meeting on November 13 at 7 pm.

District 16 **No Report**

District 17 **No Report**

District 18 **No Report**

District 19 **No Report**

District 21

District 22 **No Report**

District 24 **No Report**

District 27

District 28

Experiences from the past quarter. [Experiences from your district or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

Over coming differences enough to come together as a committee for the common welfare of the District needs. The long-term groups in our district were falling apart and seems that they have regrouped and are growing in leaps and bounds. What I've learned is consistency in a singular person or the majority is very important for sobriety and our district. I would suggest to the incoming DCM is to be consistent. That is what will work in their favor as a chairperson for a district committee.

Strengths from the past quarter. [What new strengths did your district/committee discover in the past quarter? This could be a unique solution to a problem, or the unity of the groups in your district]

As a district we are very spread out but we are well informed with today's technology and word-of-mouth.

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee. [This could be goals, personal achievements, hopes for the Area, etc.]

My Hope for the future is that the right people for the right positions in our district this coming November elections will step up and take care. I myself plan on standing up for the position of the third Legacy.

District 29

Tom F.
DCM District 29

Hello Area 72,

We held our elections for the upcoming rotation, we had a wonderful turn out and I'd like to thank Micheal W. from District 9 for facilitating the election. I'd like to thank all the

GSR's and Alt GSR's who participated and all who made themselves available for the positions. Thank you for your service and congratulations to the New DCM Kari K., Alt. DCM Tori S., Treasure Jeanette V. & Alt. Treasure Don S. We are looking forward to having you serve and to continue with helping district grow in love and service.

We held our annual Pre-Assemble and we had a wonderful turn out. I'd like to thank our surrounding districts for helping make it a success, Districts 9, 44, 45, and 54. Over the past year and a half our fellowship and participation has grown making all our districts stronger by coming together in UNITY.

Also Thank You to the Trusted Servants and Committee members from area 72 who came out and work very hard to help us so we can be informed about whats on the upcoming assemble agenda.

District 29 has grown and our participation with groups has gotten stronger but we still need a few positions filled. We need a CPC Rep. and most of our Trusted Servant positions need Alternates this would help the incoming rotation. It would be great to have more groups participate on at the district level we currently have about on average 16 out of 26 groups show up.

To all the Trusted Servants who have worked with me in this Rotation THANK YOU. You have made my job easier it has been a pleasure I know we still have a couple months to go but I appreciate you and your service!

Our Gratitude Banquet is coming up it will be held on November 3rd at the Tacoma Sportsman Club a flyer will be available soon and tickets will also be available soon.

Thank you
Tom F.
DCM District 29

District 31

Been busy working on the quarterly.

Have had a lot of people step up to help, but I especially want to thank Kris for arranging the meals and the hotels. She did a wonderful job!

District elections were held and to no ones surprise Jodi will be serving D31 as next rotations DCM. She will be awesome in spite of her predecessor. She is ready for this!

We still have a lot of open positions. In fact almost all of our chairs remain open. Looks like there is still work to be done.

District 32 **No Report**

District 33

District 34

Bellevue, Redmond, East Lake Sammamish, Mercer Island

Grapevine / Literature. "spread the Word!" If your home group gives a Big Book to a newcomer, District 34 will replace it.

District PI committee is looking for volunteers to help staff the King County Community Court Resource Room at the Redmond Library where we have a table set up every Wednesday from 12:30 – 3:30. To provide schedules, pamphlets, and answer questions about what AA is and is not.

Treatment committee meeting: first Saturday of the month ESIG 10-11AM. Working with ESIG about participating with District to coordinate the log for open panel opportunities our committee has been working on developing and maintaining. Seeking participation from groups. Looking to work on connecting contact information for military members who have received care at treatment facilities.

District rotating elections took place in our October business meeting, facilitated by Geene F. Awesome. Thank you to everyone for stepping up to serve our district.

District 34 Gratitude dinner November 17 th , North Bellevue Community Center .

CPC /PI committees putting on a workshop "Speaking at Non AA Meetings" in December.

In Service

Pauline S

DCM34

District 35

District 36 **No Report**

District 37 **No Report**

District 38 **No Report**

District 39

Name: Jim Freese

Position: DCM

District number: 39

Date: Jun, 28, 2018

Experiences from the past quarter.

The most unexpected event was the loss of our Alternate DCM in April. Jon S. stepped up last month to fill that position but is not feeling prepared to assume DCM in January. I felt a lot of pressure to locate my replacement asap. But GSRs stepped up and reminded me that the group was at work on the problem. It's not one I have to solve. We will do it together. I am feeling very much a part of the team on the OSD Committee. I made myself available to be the Histories Coordinator. So I will be the end collection point of all our stories. This means I get to work with members all over Area 72. Especially Section Coordinators: those members who step up to facilitate the writing of group histories for 2-4 districts.

Strengths from the past quarter.

Our PI Committee is up to twelve members now. They are getting information packets distributed to medical professionals.

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee.

District 39 has a lot of potential. I think we will see our PI Committee not only covering our district but coordination with adjoining districts.

District 40

Hello Area 72! Where did the last two years go? Ups and downs, people come, people go, some people are awesome, others not so much. Heck, we all have room to grow. The short and skinny truth is that most people get this program when they want to most of the time. Fortunately, people like us in service to our community

show up more or less like clockwork insuring our fellowship survives and thrives. We serve to continue the traditions of passing tried and trusted knowledge down through the channels of time, sharing experience strength and hope each other while recovering, and saving chairs for those still suffering from this fucked up disease.

That said, District 40 continues to blow my mind. Geene blessed us with her presence at our September District meeting sharing her story of recovery and service, coaching us along as we discussed motions and other AA related affairs. Thank you Geene!!

We are currently looking for a permanent home and temporarily hosted by the gracious Houston L! Thank you, Houston, for going above and beyond for District 40. We are grateful!

We continue to operate financially in the black. Our core group of GSR's are engaged and making a difference in shaping our community and connections with each other: shout outs to all of them 😊Acceptance Group, By the Grace of God, Donut Dunkers, Emotional Sobriety, Gay and Lesbian Beginners, Kitchen Group, Practice These Principles (PTP), Saturday Promises, Sun of Madison, Wings, and our newest addition to D40 Drunks R Us!

While we're shouting out, our Secretary Carolyn D holds it down, shows us a whole lotta love and schools us with golden seeds of wisdom. She's a force of nature doing incredibly selfless and tireless work for our sick, broken, and still suffering sisters and brothers out there.

Then there's Chris B, our slightly reluctant treasurer who just kicks A\$\$\$. Reliable as the sunrise, solid and loaded with integrity. Rounding out the leadership team is Lelio S. Can I just say "WTF!". Lelio's hitting home runs left and right, knocking down obstacles, opening doors and blazing trails through life demonstrating what sober

living means. She continues to floor me and at times make my jaw drop to the floor.
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Now, finally, we have this amazing, talented, energizing group of District committee chairs who bring whirlwinds of information interchange between our district and the broader AA communities. Kyle our Web Chair, Meghan our Treatment Chair, Makenna is Correcting everyone she connects with, Erin is double hitting for District 34 and 40 on Accessibility, and Carolyn blessed us with PI/CPC service for a while this year. Our other Chair positions are open, we're not pushing to fill them at the moment but welcome any volunteers.

So, that stuff all said, I appreciate all of the lessons learned the past 21 months. Some people are nice, some people suck. Sometimes I'm engaged, other times I'm distant and feel like running away. Sometimes I thought I knew what I was doing, at other times I felt like I had no clue. Luckily, there's a shit ton of other Alcoholics like me who can relate and helped me figure things out. At other times, people relied on me to help straighten their crazy asses out.

I feel that Bill Wilson invented the General Service structure to help us grow up, be responsible, deepen our spiritual lives, stay connected, practice living, fall down, fail and learn from mistakes - guided by love, hope, trust and the feeling that we are never alone as we "trudge the road of happy destiny".

Gratefully,

Mark Stamnes

DCM District 40

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District 41

Name: Laurel W

Position: DCM

District number: 41

Date: 10/5/18

Experiences from the past quarter

The highlight of this past quarter was hosting the PI/CPC Quarterly in August. We had a pleasant place, delicious food, and a wonderful keynote speaker: Astri. Astri spoke of Courts and her experience of cooperating with the Court professionals. One of our District members will provide a workshop on writing for the Grapevine in December to members of our District.

Strengths from the past quarter.

It seems that towards the end of a two year rotation we're very comfortable with each other and help each other in understanding motions, or problem-solving.

It's been a great ride! We will hold elections in November.

District 42

Greetings from District 42,

I guess it is time to put together my final report. I am sitting here wondering where did the time go? I

think I am going to miss this part of my job. Running through all the past event and future endeavors,

sharing them with all of you. Yes, I am sure I will miss this.

We have had lots of fun this past quarter. We hosted a Delegates report in August. All who participated

had a good time. Steve's report was very informative. I don't know if we allowed enough time to get

everything Steve had to report. In September we hosted our annual picnic at Richmond Beach Salt

Water Park. Weather was a little overcast but all who came had a great time. The burgers and hotdogs

tasted great. The pot luck goodies were tasty. I look forward to next year. We also had our elections for

the next rotation. We are starting off with a wonderful group of people. I feel confident in our future.

All the groups are busy getting prepared for Assemble. We have enjoyed some excellent discussions and

lively debate on some of the upcoming issues. My hope is that we are ready to carry our groups

conscience to the big meeting in Tacoma. Bring on motions and elections!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful people who have help me make this a special

rotation. We have had our ups and downs but are still working at carrying the message to the still

suffering Alcoholic in District 42. For this I am truly grateful. Now lets all get busy learning new service

opportunities.

Yours in service,

John Paul Dean

DCM District 42

District 43 **No Report**

District 44

Name: Laurie Sterling

Position: DCM

District number:44

Date: 9/26

Experiences from the past quarter. D44 has taken on a Concept workshop that began last month.

Strengths from the past quarter.

We continue to have wonderful attendance and have increased our numbers by 3, with some groups returning to the fold.

District 45

Name: Don Nagorski

Position: DCM

District number: 45

Experiences from the past quarter. We had some great discussion on the upcoming Motions and Discussion topics. Our GSR's brought them back to their groups and we're looking forward to a lively Assembly. I attended the Pacific Regional Forum in San José, CA in September. It was great to hear what the GSO is doing and meeting up with old friends and developing new friendships. I think one of the most inspirational things I hear when I attend these Regionals is when the Class A Trustees speak of their love for our wonderful program. I'm so grateful for all they do for us. I attended the Pierce County Accessibility Workshop on September 15 th . My attendance was dual purpose, one, to find out what our Pierce County Accessibility folks do and second, to be a judge for the tasty treats that were brought. I must say, both reasons were equally delightful. Congratulations to the 1 st Prize chocolate chip cookies!

Strengths from the past quarter. We participated in a multi-district Pre-Assembly in August with Districts 9, 29, 44 and 54. It was very well attended. We had two individuals step up to take over a couple of vacant chair positions: CSO Rep, Maryland N. and Archives Rep, Sarah N. We stepped out on faith a few months back when we rented a space to store our district materials and our district Archives. So far, the step forward has been successful. Folks have come forth with

their Seventh Traditions to support this move.

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee. The end of the rotation is eminent. We have our District 45 elections in November and I'm hoping many will step forward to make themselves available. There are so many qualified folks in our district. Our District 45 Gratitude Banquet preparations are in full swing. The place – Star Center, Tacoma, the date – Oct 27 th , the time – doors open at 5:00 PM, the meal (Laurie's roast pork, red potatoes, and coleslaw) starts at 5:30 PM, there will be another skit performed by the "District 45 Players" entitled "The Business Meeting". Tickets are on sale through the Assembly, \$15.00. Update the District 45 Handbook with the new motions from this past rotation.

District 46 **No Report**

District 54

This district has come a long way this rotation. Two years ago January, I wasn't sure we were going to

make it as a district with no income for three months. Now we have our prudent and housekeeping

reserves, we have spilt money several times. Our district is doing well. We will be able to support our

committee work when they reach out to the still suffering alcoholics. My heart is full of joy. Thank you

district 54 for working so hard.

We had our elections and our past DCM Lisa N. facilitated it for us. Colette F. is our incoming DCM and

outgoing DCM. No one was available for alternate DCM. That will be my job to encourage someone to

make themselves available. Most of our GSR's started this past year and are continuing this next

rotation. Most of the committees have been filled and the trusted servants too. Wow our district hasn't

been this active in a long time.

I am finishing up on updating the district handbook.

We had a wonderful district picnic. Very relaxing. Be looking forward to our banquet committee. Next

month is our budget committee for 2019. Area Web chair Eddy will be sharing in our November district

meeting.

I was overwhelmed at our last district meeting to see so many GSRs with their service manuals. I have

been blessed to serve as DCM in this district.

Thanks for my spbriety Robin M. DCM district 54 10-13-92.

District 55 **No Report**

District 56 **No Report**

District 57 **No Report**