



Western Washington Area Quarterly Minutes

July 12, 2019

Mount Vernon, WA

Hosted by District 4

Call to order, Serenity Prayer: 8:30am

Permission to record then meeting: Approved

Twelve Traditions read by: Jesse W. DCM 4

Twelve Concepts read by: Jeff C. DCM 7

Opening Comments:

We will be using Roberts Rules of Order “loosely” today. Our objective is to move through business as smoothly as possible. Please keep a clear focus on the issues being discussed to eliminate as much confusion as possible and do not hesitate to ask for clarification.

Our Area committee consists of the DCM’s and the Appointed and Elected Area Trusted Servants. Our Past Delegates and others are invited to participate in discussions. I will encourage all of the Area committee to share their knowledge and experience. Only the Elected Trusted servants, Appointed Trusted Servants and the DCMs or substituting Alternate DCMs may vote. The Area trusted servants will be using the microphone at the podium to give their reports; the floor microphones will be used for questions and discussions.

Reminder: New motions must be in by 10:00 AM. We ask for 2 copies in the box at the front of the table by the Secretary.

Thank you. Thank you for being here. I want to give a special thanks to all of you who made the time to be here last night. Friday nights are all about the DCMs and giving you information you need to be the best DCM you can possibly be. Showing up is half the job as a DCM – As DCM I had the honor and privilege to represent my district at Quarterlies, Assemblies, Delegate’s Reports, Pre Conferences, Preassemblies, GSR and DCM workshops and of course district meetings and events. I was the voice of my district at Area events and brought the voice of the Area to my GSRs at my district. Did I do it perfectly or make it to everything? No, but I understood it was my responsibility as DCM to be the link between AA as a whole and my groups and I found that I must be present to be an effective DCM. So, what I ask of you to day – is please be present. Be present mentally and spiritually, not just physically. We have a full day ahead of us and all of you are essential in making today a success. My intent for today, is really quite simple and I will continue to repeat this throughout our rotation... as we go along conducting the business of AA for our Area, I hope we will continue to stop and ask ourselves – is what we are doing helping the alcoholic who still suffers? Or is this helping make 12th step work possible or more effective? If not, then I challenge each and every one of us to speak-up and we stop doing it and refocus our efforts.

In addition would appreciate your feedback – to me directly - both constructive and critical. I do ask if you offer a critical/negative comment that you offer a suggestion of change.

Past Delegates Present:

Eddie H.	Panel 53	03 & 04
Gail H.	Panel 57	07 & 08
Dave T.	Panel 59	00 & 10



Keith	(Utah 69) Panel 51	11 & 12
Steve C.	Panel 67	17 & 18
Astri T.	Panel 63	13 & 14

Observer Present: Lynn Alt Chair for Alanon Washington Area

Housekeeping:

Timers: Jerry H., Patti S., Josie R., Denny G.

Breaks: We will have a 15 minute break around 10:30 AM and in the afternoon around 2:45 PM.

Host Committee Announcements: Travis

Approval of April 2019 Quarterly Minutes: Moved by District 45, 2nd by District 40, Approved

ELECTED TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:

Delegate's Report - Alan F.

- You should all have a copy of this report from your file folder here today. I write these reports several weeks early so there is time to get them translated. So, this was from June 2 and, obviously, the PNC has already happened. Quite a few of us went and maybe some of you will write about your experience in your Newsletter article and we can keep people thinking about it.

2019 PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

The oldest continuing conference in AA still provides an opportunity for AA's from all over the Pacific Northwest to gather together and share, learn, reach out and have fun. The conference typically includes speakers, panels, and workshops. <http://www.pnc1948.org/>

- Has everyone either been to a Conference Report or knows when they are going to one? They have been really fun. A sort of closing of the loop. I hope everyone will get a chance to go to one.

70TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

The theme for the 2020 General Service Conference is: **2020: A Clear Vision for You**

The following will be presentation/discussion topics for the 2020 General Service Conference:

- Recovery – *Who is Missing in Our Rooms?*
- Unity – *Practicing Our Principles*
- Service – *Keeping A.A. Relevant*

The workshop topic is: *Attraction through Action*

GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE

- Employees: At the end of 2018, G.S.O. had 91 employees: 38 administrative, A.A. staff, supervisory and exempt professionals and 53 supporting personnel.
 - Retired staff who live near GSO come and work to fill in where work needs to be done!
- G.S.O. Visitors: In 2018, G.S.O. welcomed more than 3,000 visitors (up from 2,312 in 2017), including many English- and Spanish-speaking groups ranging in size from 10 to 40.
- Archives finished 2018 with approximately 1,600 requests for information and research, and accessioned (indexed? acquired?) over 375 new items. Projects for 2019 include digitizing Bill W.'s personal collection of unpublished correspondence; scanning past trustee correspondence and conference committee background; organizing, filing and digitizing historical materials from the 1950s and 1960s, originally set aside by Nell Wing.
- Contributions for 2018 were \$8,384,721. This was \$184,721 (2.25%) greater than budgeted and \$24,731 (0.29%) less than 2017. This represented 74% of the cost of Fellow Services, the remaining 26% was made up through literature sales. This compares with 82% and 18% in 2017.
- During 2018, 82,229 contributions were received, 12,330 of which were online (few of which were from the 'recurring contribution' feature).

A.A. WORLD SERVICES



- Four major projects concerning Communications are in focus. Website design, A.A.W.S. Mobile App, You Tube and ERP software.
- GSO continues to implement ERP to replace FNV (Fellowship New Vision). This project has slowed due to data migration. Expected completion: August 2019.
- Revenue for 2018 was up by 2.16% over 2017 (this includes about 8.4 million in contributions-very close to 2017) Operating expenses were up 8.56% over 2017. This was due to salaries (new employees), litigation, ERP Software costs and implementation, and travel due to conference being in NY vs. Rye and World Service Meeting being in South Africa.
 - For those of you who don't know, typically the Conference rotates between New York and Rye to split the costs. New York City costs a lot. In 2021 and 2022 the Conference will be in Brooklyn for both years.
- 2019 Budget: The A.A.W.S. Board approved the budget of the General Service Office for 2019, which reflects gross sales of \$15,000,000 and a bottom line profit of \$501,221. After review by the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee, the 2019 budget was approved by the General Service Board.
- There were 1,641 new A.A. groups in the U.S. and Canada listed with G.S.O. in 2018.
 - About 40,000 new members. Our Conference Area is continuing to slowly grow. It went up to 1.42 million members from 1.38 million members last year.

Website aa.org:

- The website received an estimated total of 15,254,461 visits for the year 2018, an increase of 14% from last year's total of 13,396,071.
- Approximately 431 emails were received through the online Website Feedback Form in 2018. G.S.O.'s Website Committee reviewed this feedback, with each email receiving a response.
- Some highlights of new features for 2018 include: posting of the new Experience, Strength and Hope pamphlets following Conference approval in April 2018; posting of press release for the 25th World Service Meeting; posting of YouTube Information and FAQ pages; posting of the Meeting Finder onboarding announcement; and posting of the "A.A. Around the World" feature on the International page.
 - Check out the "What's New" tab on the website. That's what I do.
- The YouTube channel was started with three Conference-approved PSAs: "Doors," "My World" and "I Have Hope" (available in English, French and Spanish). Expansion of the YouTube collection is in process, with the ultimate goal of hosting all A.A.W.S. video content.

Our Great Responsibility – New Publication

A selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference talks, 1951 – 1970. Timeless and timely, these 16 selected talks give fresh perspectives on the A.A. Fellowship in our co-founder's own words.

Available for \$10 at: <https://b2c.aaws.org/p-1045-our-great-responsibility.aspx>

- This is the first new, new publication we've had in 3 decades. It has had a very good reception so far!

A.A. GRAPEVINE AND LA VINA

- Grapevine ended 2018 with net loss of \$153,500 against budgeted net loss of \$271,313. The loss was primarily due to costs incurred as a result of Leadership transition.
- Gross profit for the magazine and subscription products reached \$1,911,513. Gross profit on the magazine was ahead of budget by \$140,236.
- Gross profit on books and related items was \$562,436.
- Overhead costs were budgeted at \$2,042,590 versus an actual of \$2,065,013.
- La Viña is published by AA Grapevine, Inc., with the shortfall between revenue and expenses made up by the General Service Board as a service to the Fellowship. La Viña had an average circulation of 9,635 per issue. Total income for the magazine for 2018 was \$80,375 with expenses at \$229,202.



- 2019 is the 75th anniversary of AA Grapevine. In recognition of this Grapevine has developed a Toolkit, a comprehensive package of recovery tools, for both Grapevine and La Viña, aimed at helping groups build the connections needed to reach other groups and the still-suffering alcoholic.
- The average paid circulation for print magazines was 66,857 in 2018 down from 69,249 in 2017.
- LaVina had a 2018 average circulation of 9,635. This compares with a 2017 average circulation of 9,996; 2016 average circulation of 10,374.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment/ Accessibilities

- The committee reviewed a pilot summary on badge-reader technology. The committee agreed to move forward with providing badge readers to the scheduled 2019 exhibits when possible.
 - At large conventions, badge-readers allow people to leave their personal info (name, address etc) with booths without having to fill out forms. That way if a professional wants further information sent to them they just scan their badge.

Accessibilities

- The Subcommittee on Accessibilities: Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing - was formed in 2018. The scope is to continue exploring ways to meet the needs of A.A. members who are Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing.
- The Subcommittee on Accessibilities: A.A. in the Armed Services – was formed in 2018. The scope is to improve the effectiveness of carrying the A.A. message and improve cooperation with the Armed Services.
 - Armed Services are considered by many to be a semi-remote community in AA. There is also a lot of success with carrying the message in the Armed Services.

Corrections

- “A.A. Corrections Prerelease Contact Information - For A.A.s on the Inside” (F-163) and “A.A. Corrections Prerelease Contact Information - For A.A.s on the Outside” (F-162) had been forwarded to the Publishing department for review, editing and development. A final draft is expected to be completed for review in July 2019.

International Conventions/Regional Forums

- July 2-5, 2020, Detroit, Michigan.
- The FAQ for the International Convention is up: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/2020-international-convention-frequently-asked-questions
- Registration forms will be mailed in August 2019 to all G.S.R.s, central offices, intergroups and international G.S.O.s.
- Online registration will be available September 9, 2019, on aa.org.

Public Information

- A new membership survey may soon be developed. An RFP for a new methodology will be reviewed by the committee in July.
- Updating videos for Young People will be reviewed by the committee in July.

REGIONAL FORUMS

The Regional Forum for 2022 will be held in Utah.

Alternate Delegate Report - Geene F.

This quarter I have been a busy with the following activities.

I have been participating in two Ad Hoc Committees. Funding electronic and appointed for travel to service workshops and conferences. There will be a very detailed reported with recommendation presented to you later with our recommendations. Also I have participated in an Area Communication Ad Hoc Committee that has looked at a few complicated issues that intertwined together and we will have a report later for you.



I have facilitated multiple GSR schools which have been a lot of fun. These schools have been a little different than the really big GSR schools that we had in the beginning of the rotation they have been smaller more intimate and topic related. Topics that I have presented in smaller hour settings have been are: Group Conscience process, giving reports at your district and home groups, getting your home group motivated, decision making process on motions, discussion topics and topics as well as Roberts Rules of Order.

I remind you the same thing I tell the GSRs – be the energy that you want to attract. If you want to attract Eeyore then be Eeyore; if you want to attract Tigger then be Tigger.

Additionally, I am beginning to look to schedule DCM round tables for DCMs. I'm looking for a place to have 2 meetings. Again I'm going to divide us in half and you are welcome to come to both, on and whichever works for you geographically or by date. I'm looking for a district and place central to Seattle North and another district and place central to Tacoma and South for November or early December.

Again I look forward to coming to all your districts. I would love to come and help get your groups ready the Assembly or just come and meet the groups at your district. I am here to be of service.

Chair Report - Heather C.

Thank you for your trust and support. Calls and emails with words of encouragement have been so appreciated and always come at the perfect time to boost my spirits.

Things have been picking up and it will be a whirlwind coming up to Assembly. I feel a bit like a cat herder at times and that is okay – I like herding cats.

I had the honor of being on a panel at PNC and was actually quite anxious about it because I had to write it all out. In the end it all went great! The topic was the Communications Audit – is it helpful and will we use it? I will include my talk in the next Newsletter. I learned so much at PNC. There were great panels on hot button issues that we are experiencing in our Area and AA as a whole. The highlight was Kari (DCM 29). She gave a great talk. All talks are available, written, on the PNC website.

Pre-Assemblies are all set with all the fliers on the website and in the Newsletter. Thank you all for working hard to get all that information in early. Immediately following this Quarterly, I will be working on the back ground for motions and making DCM assignments. So, DCMs watch your email and bring you're "A" game.

I would love to visit your district!

Alternate Chair Report – Crystal S.

- If you need a new badge, email me at altchair@area72aa.org. If you have an update, i.e. a new Alt DCM, please send me the info as well as Kristee and I will get a new badge made.
- Flyers for the Assembly on the back table. Please pre-register.
- I will be sending out panel assignments for the Friday panels at the Assembly. Half of the DCMs will be asked to participate this year and half next year. I will send those out in the next few weeks to give you time to discuss with your topic with your other pane members.

Well, we are in fully swing in the rotation and I am sure your calendar is busy. I want to encourage you to remember to have fun. If you are feeling overwhelmed, reach out for help, delegate, or even say no (give a suggestion of someone else).

Instead of going through all the places I have been this quarter and the lovely people I have met, I thought I would use this opportunity to talk about the Pacific Northwest Conference, which myself and some of our friends attended in June.



PNC uses topics from the Conference that our delegate attended and creates panels to breakdown these subjects. The panelists were amazing. I wanted to share my thoughts and experience about a few of them. It was super fun to attend the “All Area Delegate’s Post Conference Report.” Getting a short presentation from other delegates and looking at their slides and listening to their experience at the Conference is just a special moment.

Kari from District 29 gave an amazing presentation on the topic of “Are Special interest groups/meetings dividing us or fulfilling a need?” First, you should ask her to email you her presentation! Kari delved into the history of these meetings, definitions of words, and gave the perspective of members in her area. Heather, our chair, masterfully broke down the communications audit. This is definitely something I need to spend more time reading and look forward to the ongoing discussion.

Andrew from Area 58 I felt had a very difficult topic, “Safety in AA: What are a group’s options when dealing with continual bad behavior by a specific member?” I was very interested in this as our group has had to have difficult discussions about changing our group conscience to address issues such as this. One of the funniest panelists was Reilly, past Oregon Delegate, on the topic of “Perception of AA – religious cult?” This topic was actually brought to my attention at a past PRAASA and was reconfirmed with her presentation. I actually don’t participate in some things I used to in the past in an effort to be more attractive to newcomers.

Vera, Delegate for Oregon, told her story on Saturday night. I was at the election in Oregon when Vera was elected. I was very interested to hear her speak and was not surprised at all that her talk was from the heart and focused on how much service has meant in her sobriety. It was always there from the very beginning because people just brought her along to events. I am trying to implement this more in my homegroup. Ask people to help me to do this or that and get them involved. I find it’s a little harder to get people to blindly follow you into their car today like we used to do, but I’ll keep trying!

I love Area sharing. It is so interesting to listen to the structure of other Areas. All the other Areas at this event are much smaller than us and have multiple assemblies a year. For example, Idaho has 11 districts! Going to events such as PRAASA and PNC are really the only way that I have been exposed to this intimate and informative way of sharing achievements, struggles, and future goals with other Areas.

The next PNC will be in Eastern Washington. I hope you put it on your calendar and hop in the car with someone!

Treasurer Report – Frank M.

First, as always, let me say how grateful and honored I am to serve as your Area Treasurer this rotation! This past quarter has continued to be challenging and rewarding beyond measure. I have kept busy processing the stacks of contribution checks we receive, and this has provided me with some unexpected benefits: for one, I have learned a great deal more about the groups and districts in our Area through researching and posting these contributions; and two, I have a much greater appreciation for the work at GSO – taking the volume at our Area and multiplying it exponentially for the volume that GSO deals with is mind-blowing!

- *Frank holds up a contribution check.* This is a physical expression of gratitude. This is so much more than just a check to process. On a weekly basis, I get to hold physical manifestations of gratitude. Not only is it an expression of gratitude I hold but a great responsibility. A responsibility given by the check writer to carry the message of AA. How can I not be more grateful when I get to hold these manifestations of gratitude and responsibility? It is profound and powerful.

I have also had the great pleasure to attend/share at/learn from various group and district business meetings, workshops and other functions. Talking about the 7th Tradition, answering questions, and hearing concerns has been rewarding, but the greatest gift of all is from the additional friends that I have made as the result. My fellowship/recovery network has increased dramatically – which often leads to my favorite game these days – the “Where do I know you from?” challenge!



In addition, responding to inquiries, and hearing about issues, has resulted in the exploration of broader issues like: What is the role of electronic contributions going forward? What does “fully self-supporting” mean to the group conscience at every “group” level of general service? How do I maintain the “servant heart” in all my affairs? The discussion of these and other issues has been enlightening, thought- provoking, and ultimately rewarding – even when there are no clear answers!!

I have a full life today that I couldn’t possibly imagine 16 years ago. My calendar is full, my heart is overflowing, and a fellowship has grown around me that supports me and blesses me beyond my wildest dreams. There is no way to ever repay all the many gifts that this program and this service has given me – I can only do what I have been taught to do and that is, “I am responsible...”

Remember, this is YOUR Area, these are YOUR funds and I am YOUR servant.

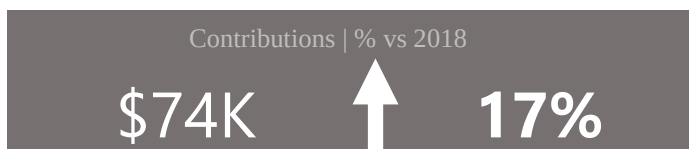
If you have any questions or concerns regarding our Area’s finances, please let me know!

- In this report I have not included the group contributions. That is available on the Area Website.
- As an Area we have been self-supporting for this quarter. We are in good shape!

This financial statement summarizes the Area’s financial activities through Q2 2019 – January - June.

<u>Self-Support</u>	
Beginning Operating Reserve	\$21,548
Sources of Cash	\$75,810
Uses of Cash	(\$53,331)
Ending Operating Cash	\$44,027
Change in Operating Cash	\$22,479

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Q2 2019 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total contributions were \$73,791 which exceeded both Budget and 2018.
- Total expenses were \$50,779 which were less than both Budget and 2018.
- Receipts for OSD Presales show as a liability until books are reproduced and delivered.
- In terms of contributions and expenses, increased contributions and decreased expenses have resulted in a positive variance of \$15,781 for the year.
- The following Expenses have exceeded projections for the year:
 - Printing and Copying Expenses
 - Area Archives Steering Committee
 - Misc. Travel

	Q2 2019	Q2 Budget	YTD 2019	YTD Budget	Variance
Incoming Cash/Contributions					
Contributions Income	27,709.49	32,322.36	68,804.63	64,644.72	6%
Area Events	2,959.09	-	4,889.78	-	
Newsletter & Misc	12.00	168.00	97.00	336.00	-71%
Total Incoming Cash/Contributions	30,680.58	32,490.36	73,791.41	64,980.72	14%
Outgoing Cash					
General Operating	9,026.45	12,669.51	19,736.52	25,339.02	-22%
Assembly Travel	2,426.00	-	2,426.00	3,100.00	-22%
Quarterly Travel	2,559.73	2,528.00	4,628.77	5,056.00	-8%
Delegate Travel	1,351.23	500.00	6,157.53	4,900.00	26%
Other Travel	4,717.79	3,100.00	5,752.63	5,600.00	3%
Standing Committees	189.38	2,718.51	2,588.43	5,437.02	-52%
Steering Committees	5,125.04	4,137.49	9,446.24	8,274.98	14%
Misc	42.74	-	42.74	-	
Total Outgoing Cash	25,438.36	25,653.51	50,736.12	57,707.02	-12%

Table 1 Income Statement Summary for 2019 compared to Budget

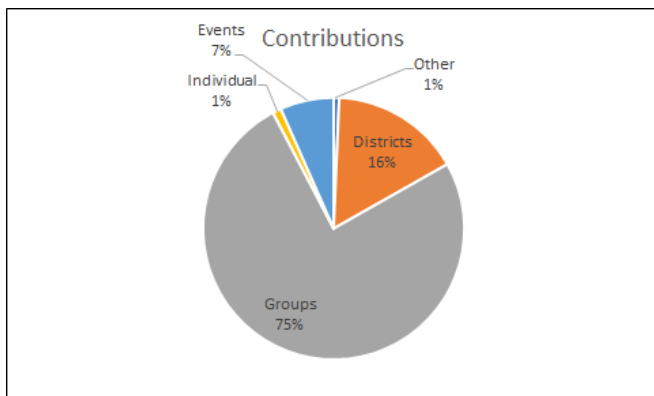


Chart 1 Contribution categories by % of total contributions

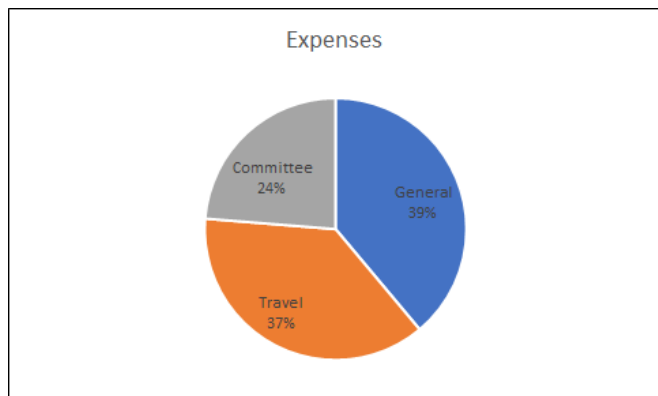


Chart 2 Expense categories by % of total expenses

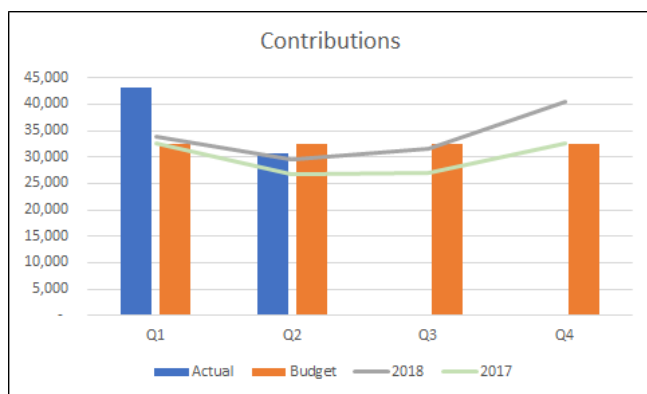


Chart 3 - Contributions by Quarter compared to Budget

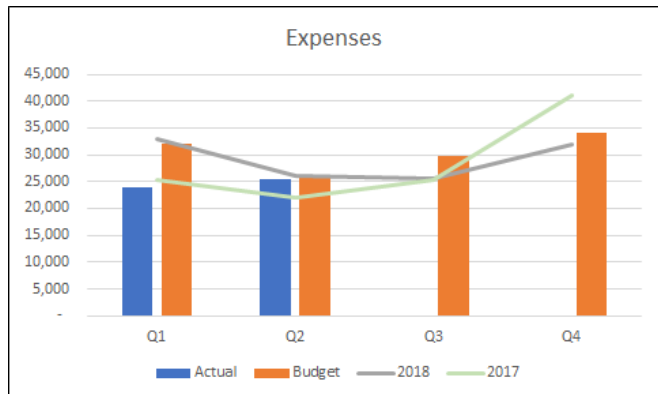


Chart 4 - Expenses by Quarter compared to Budget

- The Area can afford to do what the Area directs us to do. Can we do everything under the sun? Well, that depends. But we can always afford to do what the Area tells us to do. That's important to think about when we look at doing new things. If that is what the Area wants us to do, then we can afford to do that.



CONTRIBUTIONS

To make an online contribution, go to: www.area72aa.org “contribute” or make checks to: **Western Washington Area of**

A.A. and include the **group name, group number, and district** on the check.

REPORTS

Financial reports, including quarterly contribution reports with district and group contribution details, can be found on the area website at <https://area72aa.org/area-financial-reports/>.

THANK YOU!

To all the individual members, groups, and districts that support Area 72 with their 7th tradition contributions.

Questions - Please feel free to contact the Area Treasurer at treasurer@area72aa.org

Alternate Treasurer Report – Courtney S.

This quarter has been a lot of fun! I’ve spent the last quarter attending GSR and DCM schools which has been a blast. I had the opportunity to conduct a 7th tradition workshop in Vancouver and have some upcoming presentations at district meetings. I am happy to help if you would like to partner with neighboring districts and put on a 7th transition workshop! I am also happy to visit your district meeting to discuss the 7th tradition.

- I have probably learned more from these workshops than anyone else attending! Thank you to everyone sharing from the background experience, that’s how we learn.

One of my personal highlights was attending PRAASA and PNC. I had the opportunity to talk with other Area Treasurers and Alt Treasurers. I love these events because I get to learn about the finance practices in other Areas. It reinforced my gratitude for our groups and members that contribute to the Area so we remain fiscally healthy. This allows us to continue providing AA services to members across our large Area. One thing I observed was that many Areas host their events a reduced number of times. DCMs, GSRs and members are required to travel to these specific locations which can be across long distances. I appreciate that our Area committee (appointed and elected officers) are willing to travel to districts across our Area. Our Delegate is hosting dozens of pre-conference and delegate reports and our Alt Delegate is hosting many DCM and GSR schools all over the state. Our other elected officers are traveling for committee meetings, other district events and such. Our appointed members are attending or hosting panels, workshops, etc. from Bellingham to Vancouver. While hosting multiple events increases travel costs for the Area, it makes our events more accessible to our members. This increases participation, information sharing and saves our members travel time and costs.

Also, a large part of the Alt. Treasurer’s job is behind the scenes, making sure that financial data is correctly inputted, bills are paid on time and coordinating travel accommodations for the elected and appointed officers. I have learned so much in the first six months of my rotation. It’s pushed me outside my comfort zone and I continue to deepen my understanding of our 7th tradition and Concepts. If you are thinking of making yourself available for this position in October, please don’t hesitate to ask me questions. It’s not too early to start thinking about serving in the next rotation!

- My role verses Franks role is I do expenses. I am accounts payable. I also book travel, hotel, and registration for the Quarterlies and Assembly for Elected and Appointed Trusted Servants. This is the most anxiety producing part of my job! What if I book the wrong hotel for these 20 people!
- Expenses:
 - Archives rent was actually less than projected. The facility does an adjustment annually to see how the whole complex has done and they decreased our archives rent which we had not anticipated!
 - Newsletter printing/mailing has also been less than projected.
 - Printing and copying are over our budget for YTD Q2. What I am seeing as the reason is our Elected and Appointed Servants are doing more work than I think we were able to anticipate at year end. We’ve had so many GSR schools and DCM schools and other activities that include printed material. I see it as not a big concern from my perspective as a lot of good work is being done.
 - Web/Tech is \$1200 over budget because we had the opportunity to renew all of our plug-ins and websites and things. Because we were self-sufficient we were able to buy a three year subscription to



some of the plug-ins etc. (I am not familiar with all of the techy speak). But because we did that we save a year in expenses down the road.

- Overall we came in under our operating expense by about \$5000.
- Delegate travel was \$1200 over because of the Conference. The Conference pays for a Sunday through Saturday stay but everything actually starts on Thursday so we had some additional night's stays in New York.
- Archives Steering Committee is over budget. Now that we have a decent (beautiful) facility instead of a store room, people can actually go and work there more often and for longer. We're seeing a lot of good conservation and preservation going on! Because it was the first year we had this facility, we under budgeted.

I look forward to continuing to work with various districts to host 7th tradition workshops and meet more of you!

➤ **PROPOSED BUDGET ADJUSTEMENTS**

1. Increase the Assembly and Quarterly interpretation budget by \$1000 for the remainder of the year.
 - a. This was because we under budgeted and now need to make sure we have enough funds available for the remainder of the year.
 2. Increase the Archives budget by \$1200.
 - a. We only budgeted for one trusted servant when we actually have two – Archivist and Archives Chair.
 - b. We've had a lot more archival work done at the new repository.
 3. Increase Delegate Conference travel by \$1000.
 - a. We need to budget enough to cover the Thursday start date.
 4. Increase printing/copying budget by \$6000.
 - a. We've spent approximately \$6000 so far this year and we under budgeted. We have had a lot of activity and our function as an Area committee is to communicate – printing and copying is part of that. We had the Area Handbook, GSR/DCM Schools, Pre-Conferences etc. and coming up we have the Pre-Assemblies, and the Assembly.
- All these expenses add up to just below \$10,000.
 - Our original budget was \$121,710 and our original contributions forecast was \$129,962. So we budgeted (forecasted) to have a surplus of money. Usually, a budget is created without forecasting a surplus of income.
 - Our revised budget will take us to \$130,910 which is very close to our original contributions forecast.
 - We are well ahead of contributions for the year. If we take the actual contributions we have received for the first half of the year and leave the forecasted amounts we had placed previously through the remainder of the year (\$129,962), our total for the year is going to be \$138,000 in total contributions for the year.
 - This tells us that making these normal operating adjustments to expenditures still leaves us in really good shape. And we would still be forecasting a surplus at the end of the year.
 - These adjustments are a minor percentage of the total budget and minor because we are in a good place financially – beyond self-supporting at this point.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- Are we able to make online contributions recurring monthly for the Area on the Area Website?
 - The original answer was yes but it was later determined that there is currently not a way on the website to make recurring contributions. Our Webservant is going to look into changing that. It could just be an enabling a setting on the payment platform.
- Can we see a report on the growth or decrease of online contributions in the Area?
 - Yes, Frank can track that and make a report.
- Who does our printing? Is it subbed out or do we have our own printing machine?
 - We do send to printers and there are a variety of different places as the trusted servants live all over Western Washington.
- Have we ever looked into decreasing costs for printing by using the intergroup or central service offices? I print for the district at our Vancouver Central Service Office and its 4 cents a page.



- We could look into that but not all of our Trusted Servants live near an intergroup or central service office. And the impact of the amount of printing we do could potentially wear out machines at those facilities. But I can check out Seattle Intergroup and see if that is possible.
- From the business stand point, in house printing is generally more expensive than out sourcing to a printer.
- All of us used to use Costco printing but they no longer do printing. That may have impacted some of the costs this year.
- Why is the bulk mailing/printing cost for the Newsletter down?
 - We have missed at least one Newsletter printing/ mailing because the Newsletter Editor had personal issues. Additionally, we are not getting as many articles so we are not printing as many pages and we do not have as many DCMs/Trusted Servants receiving the Newsletter.
- How many months reserve does the Area carry right now?
 - The operating reserve for the Area is not based on months. It's calculated through the motion that was passed at the last Assembly (18.1). It's calculated at the end of the year based on anticipated needs in the following year. It was originally at, I think, 5% and is now a minimum of 10% to be reviewed and adjusted as needed by the Finance Committee. This allows us the flexibility to determine what we think it needs to be on an annual basis and we present that at the January Quarterly for review by the body. It's not specifically months, i.e. is the Q1 Quarterly someplace remote? Do we need additional funds to support that because early year contributions may not support that? It helps us address timing issues that may crop up during the year. This year we haven't had to use any of it.
- I am concerned with these upward budget adjustments because we could have a dramatic drop in contributions.
 - Thanks for that comment. If we look back at the graph in Chart 3 (see above) we do see that historically in Q2 we have a dip in contributions but it does come back in Q3 and Q4. This chart does not show it (it would have made the graph too busy) but I can look back and see that the trends are pretty much the same year after year. But you are right, contributions might disappear and that would be brought to the next report where we would talk about what adjustments need to be made.
- When the Group contributions report is online and not part of the Treasurer's packet, the cost of printing is shifted to the districts. We can tell groups to go online and look at stuff but the reality is it is pretty much up to the DCM to help them get that information. Especially when we are now seeing contributions are up, Groups want to see their contribution in the report. I will do it but it's once a Quarter and you could do that.
 - Just as an FYI, the report packet is currently 7 pages and if I added the Group contributions, it would be 17. I am more than happy to email it or print it and mail it to specific districts upon request. But we are trying to be cost conscious. We will be printing it at the Assembly.
 - Perhaps just print off your district's part of the report.
- Is this something we are going to have a conversation about today or is it already in motion and happening?
 - We are having the conversation right now and the body will be voting on the adjustments after this.
- On line 6060 of the yellow sheet it shows that we spent \$3193 on printing in 2018. So if we're at \$6000 now and we're going to spend another \$6000. That will be \$12,000 in 2019 as opposed to \$3193 in 2018.
 - Line 6060 shows that \$3193 was spent from January to June of 2018. So it was probably about double that for the entire year or around \$6,000. In 2019 we have spent \$5691.65 from January to June. We anticipate to spend that much for the second half of the year bringing the cost up to \$12,000. So it would be about double from 2018.
- From what I understand is that the Area is in the black, not in the red, and now we're deciding how to use the money that is being contributed to be of service. Is that the case?
 - Yes, and we had some forecast expenses that we are making changes to now. But the idea is to stay in the black and to forecast to stay in the black through the end of the year with these changes in place.
- I was on the ad hoc committee on communication and we first looked at printing and discovered immediately that we had to rule out not printing materials. People want printed materials, they want paper. The primary function of this body is communication. Communication SHOULD be our greatest cost. Actual, factual documentation should be available for everyone. This is just the way it is.



- If we wanted to look at reducing expenses on printing, look at how we're spending our money on printing. For example, there has been a lot spent for printing for the Delegate reports, GSR Schools etc. We could look at those things and how we're doing that.
 - Yes, the districts could pay for it. Other Delegates and GSR Schools had the districts pay for printing and the Area didn't spend any money.
 - We typically have money left over at the end of the year that we send on to GSO. Members want us to use the money that they send us for the Area. We have the money, let's use it for communication. The other thing that may be skewing the numbers is that we thought we were short of money last year. The Appointeds and Electeds were asked to reduce their printing costs. They did that. Because we based this year's printing budget on that, we under budgeted for printing this year.
 - When Appointeds and Electeds get asked to reduce printing cost, what happens is they stop submitting receipts for it. The printing still gets done on their dime as a contribution. So now the budget is off again. When people do not submit receipts for purchases made or distances traveled, the budget cannot be accurately forecast for the next year.
 - Please submit all of your expenses and get your reimbursements. What you do with your reimbursement is up to you. Use it to make a contribution if you wish. But we need this info to make an accurate budget for future Trusted Servants.
 - At the Pre-Conference, the Delegate had a box of copies and he would let us take only one. When I got back to my district and a GSR asked me if they could have that one I said, "No, you should have gone to the Pre-Conference." I then had to make amends. How important it is that I can take printed copies back to my GSRs because they need one and they can't always make it.
 - Groups give money as the power of the purse. We want districts, Area, etc. to spend what we send to them. When we don't use the money sent, we are going against the Group's conscience. We should not send it on to GSO. Groups have already allocated to GSO. We are responsible to use the money they have sent specifically to us.
 - This is the financial motion we passed at the last Assembly in action – check and adjust. We under budgeted and now we are checking and adjusting. Paper costs money. We don't sacrifice our effectiveness for efficiency when carrying the message. Carrying the message is expensive sometimes. \$6000 is a lot of money to me as an individual but it when I think of the entire western half of the state, it's not that bad. This is a good conversation. I don't remember it happening like this before. It used to be the Treasurers reporting how the adjustments were made with no real conversation attached to it.
 - At the last Assembly, there was that motion that was withdrawn at the Assembly and caused a lot of confusion and concern. The concern was valid. The question being how do we spend our money? That motion only concerned things that affected our budget by 10%. What we are talking about today is less than 10% of the budget and we've discussed it for 40 minutes. PLEASE pass this along to the GSRs that we discussed this at length and it is less than 10% of the budget.
 - This is a proposed budget. We may not even spend it all.
- ❖ **Approval of Treasurer's Report Budget Including Adjustments:** Moved by District 31, 2nd by District 14, Approved Unanimously

Finance Committee Report – Courtney S.

I realized when I was listening at PRAASA just how accessible and how much travel our Trusted Servants do to bring information to where the districts and GSRs are. Other Areas have maybe 4 Delegate Reports and everyone has to travel to them. Out travel costs are expensive because we travel out to the districts and GSRs to make the message more accessible to more people.

The Finance Committee meets quarterly and has received three requests this rotation.

- 1) Research hosting future Area events on reservations such as Little Creek Casino. We want to ensure we comply with WA State sales tax laws as we consider these facilities. After researching this issue, speaking with a tax



attorney and contacting Little Creek Casino, it was determined that they can charge us sales tax. This provides us the opportunity to utilize this facility for future assemblies if a district would like to place a bid.

- Can you clarify the sales tax issue on Indian reservations? Yes, on reservations they are not subject to Washington State sales tax. So people who have events there may not have to pay that. We are not registered with Washington State and we want to make sure that we pay sales tax somewhere. The only thing that we pay sales tax on are the meals we purchase. The idea is to make sure that, as a non-profit, we are in legal compliance by insuring that we pay sales tax if we utilize a reservation for an event. We will pay sales tax directly to the facility and they will pay the state.
- 2) We also approved the purchase of another projector and screen for the Area from the 5% variable budget. Over the last several years there has been an increasing number of GSR schools, DCM schools, 7th tradition workshops and other events requiring a projector and/or screen. This rotation Area officers have been trying to coordinate the handoff of the Secretary or Archives projector and screen to effectively host their events. This has been very challenging and has put some events in jeopardy of not happening. This additional projector and screen will help save on printed document costs and avoid additional travel and coordination. It can also be used by other committees. The purchase was researched extensively and the total cost was \$522.94.
- 3) With the increased interest in utilizing an electronic basket, a formal request was made to the Finance Committee to research and potentially create a document outlining best practices or Q&A around electronic 7th tradition for our Area 72 members. The Finance Committee is taking action to research and draft a document. This is still in process but you will be the first to know when something is available! We do not have a definitive date as to when this will be available.

Additional Information:

- Area Treasurer (Frank) and I will be conducting a panel on Friday night at the Assembly about the electronic basket so consider attending!
- For those looking for immediate information about the electronic basket, Box 459 published a great article in November 2017 entitled “The Digital Basket.” I have attached that to this report.
- If your group or a group in your district has implemented an electronic basket we would love to hear about your experience!
- \$8.06 on 8/06 is an annual challenge from GSO. \$8.06 is how much it costs GSO to serve one alcoholic for the year. So on 8/06 or the month of August you can participate by contributing \$8.06, either electronically or by mail. If you mail it in, you may consider to contribute a little more to cover the processing costs.

BREAK 10:30 -10:45

SPECIAL REPORTS:

1. Hosting 2022 Men’s and Women’s International Conference – Maryland and Don

In January we presented a plan to submit a bid to host the 2022 Men’s International Conference (approx. 400-600 men) and/or the Women’s International Conference (approx. 3000 women) in Tacoma. We asked for interest from districts and since the April Quarterly we have heard from very few districts – around 10%. Should we continue to gage interest or not? We also host PNC in 2022, is that the problem? We have some time if more districts want to let us know. The Men’s bid packet is due in September and the Women’s is due in February. Please email jaamc2022tacoma@gmail.com if you support, or not, hosting the Men’s Conference and iwc2022tacoma@gmail.com if you support, or not, hosting the Women’s Conference. You can support both! This is only a bid process and does not mean that we would get it.

- district 4, 9, 10, 11, 34, 37, and 44 all said they had responded positively for this.

2. OSD-3 Committee Update – Courtney

- We have sold 250 books in presales which is about 12% of our goal of 1500.
- You can also purchase a pre-sale for the next book out in the lobby today!



- You have until 12/31/19 to turn in your group's history. You can turn them in electronically at grouphistories@area72aa.org. Or send them snail mail to the same address that you send Group contributions. PLEASE don't procrastinate.
- There is an upcoming history writing workshop in district 24 on July 20th!
- There is a cover design contest. Email contactosd@area72aa.org for details or look on the Area Website under the OSD III tab. Cover designs are due 09/01/19 and will be voted on at the October Assembly.
- This is a two volume set: history of the Assemblies/Committees and updates to the Group histories.
- If you have any questions or would like a presentation out in your district, send an email to osdchair@area72aa.org.
- We need a Graphic Designer/Layout professional to volunteer for this to move forward. Please ask around your districts. This is a great behind the scenes type of service.
- You can purchase current OSD II books from Randy. Buy a case and he will deliver. There is no cut-off date and we intend to continue to sell them.
 - 12% is a disappointing number for pre-sales. Is there a point that we throw in the towel and say it can't be done? Is there a drop dead date? Why is there not more support for this?
 - The committee has not discussed that but we will.
 - Do you want stories of colorful characters?
 - Yes, we want colorful characters, resentments, dramas, founding members.

3. Report Back - Convención Hispana Del Estado De Washington – Heriberto

The convention went well. Next year the Hispanic Convention Committee would like to invite members of the Area Committee to participate on panels and workshops at the Convention. Artwork from the convention pamphlet was given to the Archives and the OSD III Committee.

APPOINTED TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Accessibility - Karen O. – Greetings! The Area Accessibility Committee Spring Quarterly was held on April 20th and hosted by District 46 in Oak Harbor. Because it was Easter weekend, only about half of the district committee chairs were in attendance. But that didn't keep us from having a lively and productive quarterly!!!

We discussed goals for the rotation which include:

- Babysitting/child care meetings – researching state and legal ramifications, safety, and different options that will allow single parents to attend meetings.
- Mobile meetings
- Good communication with districts who have no Accessibility Chair.
- Revising the group meeting place accessibility questionnaires to include all areas of accessibility.

The possibility of reinstituting the ad hoc committee pertaining to funding of group meetings requiring ASL or language interpretation.

One of our action items for the July quarterly will be working on the meeting place questionnaire.

On June 8th, along with several other Area Committee Chairs, I was asked to participate in a service roundtable hosted by District 43 in Port Orchard. This was similar to the committee roundtables we have had at Area quarterlies – lively discussions and lots of questions about service asked and answered.

Also in June, on the 15th, I rode the ferry from Anacortes to Lopez Island with others from District 46 to attend their district meeting. It was a beautiful sunny day, perfect for a ferry ride and an outdoor meeting. Members of the Lopez group opened one of their beautiful homes and gardens to us, not to mention the homemade pizzas for lunch which were cooked in their outdoor pizza oven. It is always a privilege to be able to share how we can make as many meetings as possible accessible to as many alcoholics as possible.



A huge thank you to Cowboy Steve from District 43, and Linda and Michelle from District 46 for providing these opportunities to be of service.

Our Fall Quarterly will be hosted by Districts 2, 12 and 19 in Snohomish County on October 19th. Yes, there is life after the Assembly!!! The Winter Quarterly will be on January 18, 2020 and hosted by District 33 in Maple Valley. There are opportunities to host quarterlies in 2020 on April 18, July 18 and October 17. It would be awesome to travel farther south to make it easier for our southern districts to attend. Please let me know if you are interested in hosting.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. I hope that we will all keep in mind ways we can make our meetings welcome to all alcoholics. Karen O., Area 72 Accessibility Chair

Archives - Don N. – I really want to take these couple of minutes to, again, thank you for your support in relocating the Area Archives to its new location and to, once again, invite you to visit your Archives Repository. Just pop off an email to Al and/or me at archivist@area72aa.org or archiveschair@area72aa.org and let us know when you may be in the Lakewood area and we will do our best to coordinate a time to tour the Archives.

Here are few facts about what's been happening at your Archives Repository just this year –

- Have you read the article in the recent Box 459 about the Pioneer Group at the Washington State Prison in Walla Walla? The artifact that is displayed in the article was discovered during the move to the new Archives Repository location, check out the article, it's very interesting.
- According to the sign in log at the Repository, there have been over 900 individual hours of time spent working in the Archives since July of 2018, over 700 of those hours have been at the new Repository location
- These work hours don't include set-up/take down and display time with the Traveling Archives at various events or time spent at home doing required reports and paperwork.
- Just this last quarter we have had 5 research requests requiring time directly spent at the Area Repository
- Just this year, your Repository has received over 20 boxes or bins of items that have been donated to the Archives from past Delegates and other past servants of Area 72

Each of these boxes or bins requires a detailed, hands on, search of each box to determine the proper care and categorization of each item

This is just a small glimpse into what has been going on behind the scenes at the Archives Repository. There is so much more to be done. We are always looking for folks who would like to make themselves available on a regular basis to work within the repository.

Accomplishments from the past quarter. The Area 72 Archives had our May Archives Quarterly this past May in Tacoma, WA. We did a presentation on "Taming Your Archives" presented by Maryland N. and Al S. It was great and very informative. We are looking forward to the next Archives Quarterly, being hosted by District 46 in Oak Harbor the first Saturday in August. I would like to give a big "Thank You" to the FIR Group for donating some well needed totes to the Area Archives! The totes have already been put to good use as Al, Dean, and Stan reorganized the Area 72 Archives Traveling Display. This new storage plan was put to use when the Traveling Display went to the Capital Jamboree in Olympia. We also received an anonymous donation of two new 4TB extended storage drives! These will come in so handy as our computer's storage capacity is getting maxed out. The Archives Steering Committee (ASC) has been downloading copies of Area 72 born digital business records and storing them on the Repository drive. We were able to assist Area 92 in digitizing some of their early tape recordings. Your Area Archives was also utilized by the Area Ad-Hoc committee that was established to determine the "actual" business name of Western Washington Area 72. Area 58 (Oregon) Archives will be coming up to visit our repository this month and discuss the organization/structure of our Area's Our Stories Disclose Committee to possibly assist them in establishing a committee of their own to update the Oregon Area history book.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. We are still facing an issue with technology. The days of only being concerned with physical storage of archival materials is gone and we are faced, more and more, with the need to update our ability to digitize and store past and current Area 72 reports, Newsletters, and other "born" digital



data. We must also establish a process for copying and digitizing past archives items that were not “born” digital. Many people aren’t as up to date with the current technology required for these processes. Therefore, it appears the Area Archives Steering Committee (ASC) needs to reorganize itself and, perhaps, add some new members who have the ability to research these issues and put forth some possible solutions. We are updating the current Archives Management Plan. The need to physically accession, organize and store current archives is still a very real one and we are always in need of volunteers to assist.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. We are looking forward to working with the Our Stories Disclose (OSD) committee at a workshop hosted by District 24 in Mountlake Terrace on the 20th of July. We will also be having our Archives Quarterly on August 3rd in Oak Harbor, where we plan on doing a little OSD workshop for the folks from District 46. Looking forward to working with several of the more technically proficient individuals in the Area to establish a plan for how our Area Archives can become a more accessible and efficient resource for Area 72 members to access Archives data and streamline and upgrade our current archival processes.

Here comes the appeal –

Remember, all Notes, Minutes, Reports, etc., sent out by Area Electeds, Area Appointeds, and Area Committees (even Ad-Hoc Committees) must include the Area Repository in their distribution (repository@area72aa.org) so we can ensure they are properly maintained in the Area Archives.

Our Steering Committee, Archivist and current volunteers do what they can, but we need more hands to help us bring the vision of a modern, accessible archives to fruition. You don’t need to have any special skill, just a desire to help. The Archives Steering Committee, Archivist, and Archives Chair can train you in the tasks that are required within the Area Archives.

The Archives Repository has a Work Party every third Sunday of the month, at 11:30, at the repository (3905 Steilacoom Blvd, Lakewood, WA) following our Archives Steering Committee (ASC) meeting. It may take a little time to train each person in a specific task, but we ask for your patience. If you are unable to attend the Work Party, but are still interested in volunteering, we can often make special arrangements to meet at the Repository and work with you. There you go, that’s my appeal (you may hear it again).

Thank you for all that you do for the still suffering alcoholic, and your wonderful service to Area 72.

CPC - Tari B. – Tari couldn’t be here today because her son is getting married. She says: I love being of service to AA as the CPC Chair and I couldn’t have asked for a better partner than Tom (PI Chair). I enjoyed the panel that we recently participated on and am currently working with an AA member on bringing meetings into the elderly care facility in D24. Tari and I will be doing our August Quarterly in District 45 at the Summit United Methodist Church. I hope everybody can attend.

Public Information - Tom F. – Hello everyone! Well summer is off and running and so are we, it’s been a pretty busy June. I was unable to attend PNC because I was on a PI Panel on anonymity held in District 11 on June 22nd. I was also on a panel in Pierce Co. on anonymity and participating in the booth at the Washington State Fair. I want to thank Steve from District 43 and all the people who attended the roundtable there. We really had a good time getting to know some new friends excited about service and wanting to get involved! I also wanted to thank Allen and Jan for their combined effort on the minutes for our last quarterly. If you didn’t get the minutes please let me or Tari B. know and we’ll get them out to you. Looking forward to seeing you at our next quarterly which will be held in District 45 at the Summit United Methodist Church, August 10th, 9am-3pm. Flyer is posted and copies emailed to Area 72. Hope to see you all in August!

Corrections - Lyle N. – Accomplishments from the past quarter. Corrections is moving right along. We had our quarterly on June 15th in Everett and it was very well attended. Everyone is excited about their positions! I love it!! I went to my first PNC and it was awesome! Plus it was right in my backyard in Portland - a 15 minute drive for me! Thanks to our Bridge Chair, Pete K., we have 15 successful bridges in Area 72, 10 to Area 92, and 5 in California.



Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. I haven't run across any problem yet.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. I got invited to speak at Stafford Creek next month, so I'm looking forward to that.

I'm also hoping to be able to visit some of the jails and prisons in our Area.

Grapevine & Literature - Randy S. – Last week I got a call from a volunteer at our Central Service Office because they had a member there who needed a Cambodian Big Book. They could order him one but it would take possibly a week (or more). The volunteer then thought of me and called to ask if I could help. I checked my list and I had a Cambodian Big Book! We set up a time to deliver it out at the Hall. I met the member and the Cambodian lady, who spoke no English except for "Hi". I was able to present her with the Big Book and the smile and joy on her face overwhelmed me. As she read out loud in Cambodian, I finally realized why we do what we do. Thank you.

Accomplishments from the past quarter. We had our June Quarterly, Hosted by District 54 in Buckley. What a great turnout and very informative, thanks to Michael W. (past GVLТ Chair) our quest speaker. While doing an inventory I found 36 big book translations. I would like to have all the translations for display. District 32 will be hosting the September 14th Quarterly.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. I had the privilege to attend several district meetings (9, 15 & 45) to generate support and interest in the GVLТ committee.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. I will continue doing an inventory and I am available to visit your district or group.

There are a few new or revised literature pieces that have come out recently, check out aa.org (what's new), aaws.org & aagrapevine.org

Language Coordinator - Lupita Y-M –

I suggest that everyone read the reports! I get to read all of them when they are submitted for translation and there are a lot of cool things getting done that we can't do them justice in two minutes. Especially if we are speaking slowly for the translators!

Experiences from the past quarter. In the past quarter, I coordinated interpreters for one of the Seattle area Delegate reports as well as translation of the PowerPoint accompanying the Delegate Report to include and enhance the experience of the Spanish speaking members and the interpreters.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has sent me flyers, documents and presentations to have translate throughout the past quarter, and especially in preparation for the Area Quarterly. It makes for many late nights and a busy couple weeks for me, but it's completely worth it! As of the printing of this report, I have facilitated translation and review of 22 individual committee members' reports, 3 ad hoc committee reports, 5 presentations, and about 10 flyers for committee quarterlies and other Area business events.

One final thing to note, that may have already been noticed, is that I scheduled different interpreters for the July Quarterly. The Area has worked with the same company for many years now, but in the spirit of finding the best service and best rate for the Area, I am investigating other services available. I did not make this decision lightly. After discussing with the committee members who utilize the interpretation services, as well as with current and past elected and appointed servants I felt that, as Language Coordinator, I would be doing a disservice to our members and to the Area pocketbook if we didn't explore other options to ensure we have the best interpretation services available for our price range.



Strengths from the past quarter. Just like I reported in April, I am STILL working on getting the Area handbook translated into Spanish. After spending hours on reformatting the Spanish versions of the handbook, I was excited to be getting it done in time for the July quarterly! Then I realized I was missing about 40 pages towards the back (passed and failed motions and the appendices). All the updates from the last rotation have been translated, but I need to send the remaining part of the handbook away for translation. Then combine it with the current Spanish version of the Area Handbook.

The second area of improvement in my role as Language Coordinator is to streamline with Brendan our process of getting the newsletter into Spanish, printed and distributed timely. While all of the newsletters that have been published in English have been (or are currently) being translated into Spanish and have been made available on the area website, there was some miscommunication about the printing and distributing of the newsletter. Brendan and I will work closely to make sure we don't have further failures and are able to shorten the turnaround time to that our Spanish speaking members and groups can be just as informed and included in Area business.

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee. My goal is to have the COMPLETE Area Handbook translated into Spanish before the Area Assembly in October. Provided I don't run into any further hiccups and don't procrastinate any further, that should be no problem.

It was recently pointed out to me that there is not a page on the Area website for the Language Steering committee not any reference of my contact information. I am in the early stages of working with Eddy to make sure our Area website reflects the Language Coordinator/Steering Committee role, and that of the Accessibility Committee (chairperson) correctly according to Area policies and practices.

In addition to Pre-Assemblies, I plan to attend the July Accessibility quarterly to support the committee and serve as a reference or point of contact if the standing committee has any questions or concerns about translations or interpretation services.

Finally, I love all the work I get to put in for the Area to get documents translated and arranging interpreters. I appreciate everyone who has sent me things to have translated. I look forward to the day when I have requests for interpretation into different languages. (I already have a Russian translator lined up for when we have the need expressed by a Russian speaking GSR or DCM! 😊)

- I went to an AA meeting in Paris, France. No one spoke English but it was still AA. We went to dinner afterwards at a Chinese restaurant, luckily they mostly spoke English. A guy was telling me his first step story and we're comparing what AA is like in Paris and where I'm from. That is what this is about. That was my favorite part of the trip, talking to alcoholics. And there was a language barrier and I get it. I am grateful for this service position.

Newsletter Editor - Brendan D. – Here is my brief report: I quit. Just kidding. But honestly this year has been one for the books. After moving for a job, moving into a new place, moving again due to two electrical fires for bad wiring, emergency back surgery, and on July 5th my biggest ally, supporter, and hero-my mother-went home to God. My absence is due to this event as I need time to grieve. The feedback so far on the newsletter has been good. There are some districts not reporting very much or at all. This is not historically abnormal, but I'm trying to change that in my own unique way. I usually fill those spaces with quotes, random facts, or occasionally ghost write on your behalf. Article participation has increased and I hope readership. So far the feedback leads me to believe this is true. For next month I hope you will all take a moment to write an article on the topic of "Thank you to those who stood by us in our darkest days". I know who I'll be writing about. I'm sure there are some of you who owe the same level of unending gratitude; it's a debt I'll never be able to repay. Be well, hug your mother, and tell her you love her.
Respectfully yours, Brendan D.

Registrar - Kristee M. – Several people have let me know that they are not receiving the Newsletter. I have looked and so far all the names have been on the Newsletter list. I do not know why they are not getting Newsletters because they



are on the list. I will contact the publisher when it is time for the next mailing and let them know that people are not getting their Newsletters even though they are on the list. We will figure it out.

Accomplishments from the past quarter. Continue to work on processing the large amounts of new group and new district committee and trusted servant registrations, updating FNV of new meetings, meeting location and time changes, and other requests of that nature that I receive on a daily to basis. Also maintain the newsletter mailing list and the Area directory.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. While I am truly very happy to serve in this position, I do continue to feel overwhelmed with the large volume of work to be done and the relatively small amount of time with which I have to do it. I understand that I'm not getting things entered as quickly as some (including myself) would like and I am truly very apologetic for that. I want you to know that I am doing the best that I can while trying to balance this workload with the rest of my life/family responsibilities. I have three children, a husband, many animals and other volunteer/service positions both in and outside of AA.

One of my responsibilities is to maintain the newsletter database. It is my practice to update this list simultaneously as I register new individuals into GSO's database (FNV). I then, monthly, send this list to the publishing company that publishes the newsletter created by our newsletter editor. I currently have upwards of 600 names on that list that I started creating in January. I just became aware that I'd, very accidentally, left out two categories of recipients in the newsletter database – Subscriptions and Past Delegates. This was simply a mistake on my part and I am very, very sorry for any disappointment or frustration this may have caused anyone. This will be fixed prior to the next newsletter mailing. I will be sending the updated list to the publisher next week. If you do not receive a newsletter and feel that you should have rec'd one, please let me know so that I can make that correction.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. I will continue my work with the goal of getting caught up on all registration requests and will continue to maintain an updated newsletter mailing list. As well I will update any change requests for the Area directory that I update as needed and print off the most updated version for each quarterly business meeting.

The General Service Office has released a new date for switching over from the current FNV registration system to their new system called Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP). This process will begin on July 26th. Access to FNV will be severely limited from July 19th - July 26th so that GSO can be sure to process all new group request that come in up to that point. FNV will be completely down from July 26th to August 5th. The new system will be available starting on August 5th and the old system (FNV) will be still be in use for a couple of months to allow for a transition from one system to the other. I will receive training information prior to August 5th, however, exactly when that happens has not yet been disclosed. Once training is accomplished and people understand how to use the new program, it is supposed to be an easier and more efficient program consolidating all GSO's business processes into one single platform.

Secretary - Karla L. - Thank you to everyone who has turned in their quarterly report! I really do appreciate you! I will be working on the minutes as soon as I get home – well likely Sunday.

I continue to participate on the committee to produce the next history book – Our Stories Disclose Third Edition. I visited D42 to promote sales and history writing for the book and continue to manage the OSD email and Google Drive.

I was invited to facilitate an inventory for D42 and was honored to participate.

I am looking into creating a set of Assembly/Quarterly guidelines for GSRs and DCMs in order to make the process more transparent and easy to understand. This is something I brought up at the secretaries roundtable at PRAASA and the feedback I received was very helpful.



Sound - Bob J. – *Bob holds up the mic* - This is where sound and spirituality meet!

Experiences from the past quarter. Grateful for all the support and fellowship – the kind of inspiration that motivates to action - We now have an Alternate Sound Trusted Servant, Tim, and a Sound Crew: You are a member of the Sound Crew if you say you are! So come join in any way. Aaron, Makena, Elected and Trusted Servants (our techies Eddy, Mark) many, many, many others! Special shout outs to host committees – always MORE than helpful! Special shout outs to all the Sherpas! The schleppers! A LOT of big heavy awkward sensitive (kinduv like us!) equipment to carry and set up! In quarterlies, pre-conferences, delegate's reports, GSR schools, etc. It truly takes a village – we NEED and WANT a village to do sound!

Strengths from the past quarter. Thanks for your tolerance for my very steep learning curve, (worst nightmares realized: e.g. the whole system deciding not to work, 2 of 4 microphones going on strike, recording equipment refusing to record, don't get me started!) so thanks to all the people reaching out to help. Good news is that it's all turning out OK thanks to everyone coming together!

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee. Why and how do we have Area 72 AA Sound?

Why?

- So we of AA can easily hear, communicate, and understand the spirit of AA's group conscience in Area 72 Western Washington, in English and other languages including Spanish.
- So we of AA can easily record and document our area's spiritual group conscience, past and present.

How?

- We have an Area 72 AA 2 year Appointed Sound Trusted Servant position
- So that we have trained people, ready to provide assistance, back up, and rotation. We now have an Area 72 Alternate Area Sound Servant, and an AA Sound Crew! As with AA, you are a member of the sound crew when you say you are!
- We have state of the art well-maintained sound equipment, including microphones, amps, mixer, speakers, translation equipment, recording equipment.

Future?

- More safety for people and secondarily for the equipment – (e.g. getting better floor guards for cords, 2 person lift for speakers, etc.).
- Keep attracting sound crew members for safety and continuity
- Good sound coverage for area events. (Delegate Reports, Translation, etc.)
- Increased recording and documenting.
- Continue communications and cooperation with Area 72 AA
- Develop and then continue to improve Area 72 AA Sound Manual

Treatment - Linda D. – I am so pleased to be doing this. Treatment is where the rubber hits the road.

Accomplishments from the past quarter. We continue to work on communication within the committee. Districts that continue to use emails other than those provided by area can make electronic communication more difficult. Aubrey, who is my Bridging the Gap Coordinator for this panel, and I have continued to travel to various districts and intergroups presenting information and education as requested by Treatment Chairs or DCMs. Two Quarterlies have been completed with the third one the weekend of the 20th In Kirkland, flyer available on area 72 website.

I will be getting with Alternate Treasurer to complete requests for Grapevine subscriptions.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. Communication is always a problem. We continue to work on this and will probably continue throughout our panel. Participation has been wonderful and our committee continues to learn as we grow together.

I need a host district for our October Quarterly. It is difficult because it is right after the Assembly. Please take it back to your districts and see if your Treatment Chair is willing to host. Even if you don't have a treatment Chair, email me!



Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. Main goals are to get into new facilities and have a good spirit of rotation for members going into facilities. We also can always use cooperation between all members to achieve the best results.

Web Chair - Mark S. – I’ve realized that the amount of engagement between myself and the districts is really hinging on me spending time to reach out and connect. This is where I’m falling short and I need your help. I am literally not in touch with many of the District Web Chairs and Webmasters. Area has all the District Website addresses but what we don’t have is who runs each sight. I need all the DCMs to reach out to their Web Chairs and Webmasters and encourage them to connect with me. Here is a short paragraph from the Area Website about why we do this work. “In the depths of despair, many practicing alcoholics turn to internet search engines to find help for their drinking problems and the still suffering alcoholic may never knowingly cross the path of a sober member of AA who could point them in the right direction. We do not wish to remove the personal contact with an AA member; we simply want to insure a consistent online presence for Alcoholics Anonymous in Western Washington and let them know how to find us. In support of this mission our committee is available to facilitate workshops for your group about opportunities in carrying the message, facilitate workshops for members about anonymity online and using technology safely, and Facilitate training and mentorship for future webmasters. Connect with me at webchair@area72aa.org

Experiences from the past quarter. The Web Standing committee met in early April at Greater Seattle Intergroup in Seattle. Seven people attended the committee meeting from five districts. One attendee connected remotely from Anacortes. The meeting went well. We started digesting the comments from our initial survey. At the Assembly, we plan to introduce another survey to expand on the results from the first survey.

Strengths from the past quarter. District 36 is Hosting our next quarterly at the end of July. We need to decide as a committee what we are doing. The committee can make a stronger push to connect with district web masters and chairs. Do we need two web committees?

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee. That we answer a new question: Do we need a web standing and a web steering committee? Let’s see what District 7 has up their sleeves first. Additionally, I plan to form an ad-hoc committee to examine the role of the web standing committee and develop a plan to get the committee on its feet.

Webmaster - Eddy M-M. - Accomplishments from the past quarter. This has been a busy quarter. Major projects include getting online sales started and creating an online submission for cover art for the 3rd Edition of Our Stories Disclose and chairing the ad-hoc committee on funding for appointed/elected officers to workshops/conferences.

I have also been working with people from Seattle Intergroup and Puget Sound Central Service Office around finding a fix with meeting updates in the Meeting Guide App. We are very close to rolling out a great fix that will reduce the need for groups to have to update meeting info in multiple places and will streamline the process.

I had the pleasure to visit several district meetings to talk with them about where the area is doing with technology and to help them fully use the area email and Google account system.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. This next quarter will be focused on completing the Meeting Guide fixes and looking at translation of the area website. Other projects are also looking at a more robust event registration and revisiting electronic voting with handheld devices.

I am always available to come and visit district meetings or homegroups to talk about what’s around the next corner for the area and/or districts. In loving service, Eddy M-M



OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion Topic 1: Ad hoc Committee Report followed by Discussion and Possible Motion: Funding Service Workshops/Conferences for Area Appointed and Elected Trusted Servants. Benefits/Value to Area, Cost, Equitable, etc.

Committee Members: Eddy M-M (Chair/Area Webmaster), Geene F (Alt Delegate), Frank (Area Treasurer), Keith M (Past Delegate Panel 61 Utah), Carol H (OSD Chair), David L (AA Member), Michael B (GSR), Robin M (AA Member)

Objectives

- Discuss funding service workshops/conferences for area appointed and elected trusted servants.
- Benefits/Value to Area, Cost, Equitable, etc.
- Set some criteria necessary to disseminate information back to the area.

Financial Considerations

- Recommendations/approvals do not guarantee workshop/conference attendance annually. As with all area expenditures, budgets are limited by contributions. If contributions are forecast to be less than expenses, the Area Committee will make decisions on what services/expenses should be reduced to ensure that the area remains self-supporting.

Financial Questions

- Could "excess" funds that would have been sent to GSO be used for this funding?
 - The groups send us money to use in the Area. Do we want to send this money to GSO or use it here?
- Why would we send one person to an event when that money could be used to help many?
- Since 2014, the area has given GSO excess funds
 - 2014 \$ 9,164.39
 - 2015 \$ 14,679.78
 - 2016 \$ 18,504.54
 - 2017 \$ 14,454.06
 - 2018 \$ 10,200.50
 - **Total \$ 67,003.27**

Cost for Delegate to attend PRAASA

• 2014	\$ 693.50
• 2015	\$ 941.10
• 2016	\$ 511.42
• 2017	\$ 678.21
• 2018	\$ 766.78
• 2019	\$ 814.35
• Total	\$ 4,414.36
• Average	\$ 735.73

Cost for Appointed Servants to attend workshops/conferences

• 2017 Total	\$ 3,290.99
• Archivist	\$ 1,185.09
• Webmaster	\$ 1,235.90
• Corrections	\$ 870.00
• 2018 Total	\$ 1,734.36
• Archivist	\$ 902.36
• Webmaster	\$ 832.00
• Average Cost	\$ 1,005.00

Communication/Report Back

The committee compiled a list of report back methods that would help with passing the info to the area as a whole. Suggestions on those methods include:

- Area 72 Website
- Area, Intergroup, and district newsletters
- Area Quarterlies
- Special Workshops
- Fridays at Area Assembly
- Special speaking by invite from districts or homegroups
- A final/summary report will be provided to archives



How do other Areas do it?

An email was sent to other Areas in the Pacific Region and these are the Areas we heard back from.

PRAASA

Arizona - Area 03 - Area 3 funds the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and Area Chair to PRAASA both years of the rotation. All travel and lodging and any event banquet funded. Part of our budget.

California Northern Coastal - Area 06 - Our area typically sends the delegate, alternate delegate and a third officer (chosen from the hat) every year to PRAASA. Exceptions could be if money were tight, we might not send a third person. Travel is fully funded at single occupancy.

Mid. Southern California - Area 09 - In Area 09, we have seven officers. The Delegate is given their own budget to attend PRAASA. The other six officers split \$2,500 evenly, which determines how much can be paid. For example, my allotted amount for PRAASA (\$2,500 split six ways) is \$416 and my hotel costs were \$462. I asked for the entire amount because not all of the other five officers used their full allotted amount.

California Northern - Area 07 - All of our Officers are fully funded and the Committee chairs partially to PRAASA. This may vary a bit in leaner years but generally the case. We do this every year.

Southern California - Area 05 - The Delegate and Alternate Delegate are fully funded and we have \$500 budgeted for all other officers.

Other Travel

Arizona - Area 03 - Each of our standing committee chairs has a set budget. If the committee chair plans on attending and the cost exceeds their budget a request is made by the coordinator for funding to attend. To this point such request has not been denied. For example, our Corrections Coordinator has had funding approved to attend the National Corrections Conference every year since it began. The funding covers all travel and lodging and any Saturday evening event banquet.

California Northern Coastal - Area 06 - Each year, we send one member of Archives, Bridging the Gap and our web committee to the National Archives and Bridging the Gap workshops and NAATW. Motions were passed to add these items to our budget each year, but we still have the committee make a housekeeping motion in advance, so we can be sure funds are available. It isn't always the chair that goes--each committee selects the member who will attend on their behalf.

Mid. Southern California - Area 09 - Each of our Committee Chairs is given a discretionary budget. Most of these are about \$400/year. It is up to the discretion of each Chair to decide how to spend the money. I don't think many use their funds for national workshops. Most use their money for local events. Each Chair has the ability to ask for more money, which would need to be presented as a motion and passed or not.

California Northern - Area 07 - We do send our chairpersons to Archives, Bridging the Gap, and Technology Workshop. We send the current chair to both years if they wish to attend. They are funded in full. For what it is worth, we fund our Delegate to attend the Pacific Regional Forum.

Southern California - Area 05 - We have \$125.00 budgeted for each committee chair to help with expenses for travel only to PRAASA.

FUNDING

Arizona - Area 03 - Area 3 budgets sending our Delegate, Alt Delegate, and Chair to PRAASA and Regional Forums. We also Budget sending our Delegate to the International Convention every 5 years.

Our standing committee chairs request funding to attend events. For example, our Remote Communities Coordinator requested funding to attend the Special Forum last year because the theme was Native Peoples and he felt it would be helpful in his service position. So basically, outside of our budgeted travel items, our servants make case by case request. The approval process is dependent on the amount requested.

This seems to work for us because our coordinators get to choose what they feel is important and if they are available to attend such events. These events are not part of the coordinator job description, if they were, then we would have to budget for them.

California Northern Coastal - Area 06 - Motions are how all items like this were added to the budget in the first place. PRAASA is automatic. As noted above, the committees do a housekeeping motion as a formality each year for the



various workshops. For the Hispanic Women's Workshop in CA, the area officers have appointed liaisons each year we didn't host and a regular motion is made to fund travel. (One of these years, we will likely have a motion to add to the budget and then can do the housekeeping process each year.) For the third area officer funded to PRAASA, we wouldn't fund the same person more than once and people choose whether or not to put their name in the hat. That happens at our officer meeting.

Mid. Southern California - Area 09 - I can't recall the timing, but we ask each Committee Chair to indicate if their current budget is sufficient or does it need to be increased. Our Finance Committee then creates an annual proposed budget based on these numbers. After several meetings discussing the proposed budget, there is a formal vote for the final budget, which is completed every year.

California Northern - Area 07 - We fund traditionally based on duties that include attending events, it is discussed during the Spending Plan discussions every year

Southern California - Area 05 - Yes. This is in our budget process.

Overall Summary/Recommendations

The committee took into account different views of opinions and tried to address concerns that had been expressed both directly and indirectly. We feel that took on this task with objective views and open to hearing all thoughts. Through our research and work, the committee determined that there were four recommendations we wanted to present to the area. Those recommendations are:

1. We recommend that we fully fund all the elected officers to attend PRAASA annually. This recommendation is in addition to Motion 75.2, which funds the Delegate to attend PRAASA. This recommendation would also replace motion 00.4, which provide unallocated funds for elected officers. We recommend elected officers who attend PRAASA provide detailed reports to the archives and to the area as requested.
2. We recommend that we fully fund Appointed Committee Chairs to attend national workshops/conferences that have G.S.O. participation that supports their responsibilities to the area. This recommendation would replace motion 10.1 and 15.2. We recommend Appointed Committee Chairs who attend national workshops/conferences provide detailed reports to their respective committees, to the archives, and to the area as requested.
3. We recommend that when any area trusted servant attends a workshop, conference, or other event funded by the area, they will provide a written report (provided to the newsletter, website, and archives) and an oral report to the body as appropriate (Committee Quarterlies, Area Quarterlies, Area Assembly, etc.).
4. We recommend that the funding would be approved through the regular budgeting process which includes approval from the Area DCMs and voting Committee members at the January Business Quarterly.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

- How is this going to benefit the still suffering alcoholic?
 - All of the workshops are about how to best reach out/communicate to still suffering alcoholic using our respective committees. This is the sole focus of these workshops. How to better serve you and in turn the still suffering alcoholic.
- Looking this report over, with all of these recommendations, we're gonna add a lot. The way I connect with the Responsibility Statement was best represented in the way Mid. So. Cal. (Area 9) does it. The way the appointed officers are splitting the discretionary budget. If a chair decided not to go to a workshop, then there were more funds for the other chairs to cover costs. Most of them stayed local. I like that the best.
- In light of Area perhaps not passing money on to GSO, will we need to let groups know and allow them redo their splits if they choose?
- This appears to work like a grant process. Would all of these "grants" be approved as a slate or individually at a Quarterly?
 - Number one, we don't do grants. We would simply ask the chairperson, in the Fall, if they wish to attend the workshop and their expectations for expenses. We would then include that in our budget presented for approval at the January Quarterly.



- Recommendation 3 states that the chair will provide a written report (provided to the newsletter, website, and archives) and an oral report to the body as appropriate (Committee Quarterlies, Area Quarterlies, Area Assembly, etc.). Wouldn't it also make sense for the chair's replacement to get this information immediately?
 - That is part of the intent. That is why we included Committee Quarterlies. There is definitely that expectation - as with all trusted servants passing the torch to the next servant.
- What I understand is that you want to fund every standing committee chair to go to a conference if they want to go.
 - No, not every standing committee has one. We also stipulate that the conference must have GSO participation. So, presently that is 4 – Archives, Corrections, Webservant, and Web Chair.
- Currently we already send Archives and the Webservant. So we would be adding two more. Plus more to send the 5 more elected servants to PRAASA. It is hard to know how much it would cost. Conceivably \$2000 more too send the standing committee chairs and \$3765 to send our elected servants to PRAASA.

LUNCH 12:00pm -1:00pm

OLD BUSINESS: continuation of Discussion Topic 1

- ❖ **D40 moves that we add these recommendations to the Assembly agenda as motions.**
- Could we have this in two motions with the third and fourth recommendations being added to the first two recommendations?
- Point of clarification – It seems out of order since we passed the motion at the last Assembly that stated the Finance Committee and Treasurer would be making these kind of decisions, why are we passing this to the agenda for the Area Assembly. It seems like something we wouldn't have to do.
 - The ad hoc committee also discussed this and agreed but felt that the groups would not agree and would want to have a say in it.
 - The treasurer needs direction from the body on new activities. If the Assembly approves of this, then the treasurer will bring it into the budget process.
- Groups in my district would definitely want to have a say in this. However we move forward, whether a discussion topic or motion, inclusion is better.
- Our district allows the DCM to go to one in a rotation. What if half went one year and half went the other year – to save money.
- The motion from the last Assembly reads: "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." It says current motions we remove the caps, it doesn't say that we create our own spending without motions. That needs to be clear.
- We're trying something new. We don't have to keep doing it if it doesn't work.

Discussion is suspended pending a crafting of the two motions to be presented later in the day by the ad hoc committee.

Discussion Topic 2: Ad hoc Committee Report followed by Discussion and Possible Motion: Alternative methods of information distribution – i.e. printing for quarterlies/assemblies v. electronic options as well as mailing newsletter issues – how to best solve?

Committee Members: Bill, Geene F., Dave T., Michele M., Tom F., Gerry M., Lupita YM.

- This discussion topic started out about the printing copies that were being made and it came out to be about communication back and forth.

After extensive discussion, a survey, research which included a trip to the archives & several phone calls to past trusted servants our committee has concluded its business. We are willing to meet & continue should this body determine more work is needed.



Survey: 127 members participated in the survey. To give you some round number perspective roughly 1200 groups contribute to the area, if each of those groups had 10 members that would be 12000 members in the area. **A participation rate of .01%**

We asked questions about the newsletter and other printed materials.

85% were aware of the monthly printing of the newsletter.

39% do not read the newsletter each month.

63% feel the newsletter should be printed monthly.

54% felt that a newsletter w/ minutes printed quarterly was sufficient.

42% prefer electronic versions of printed materials, 23% paper & 34% both electronic & printed materials. 51% would opt out of hard copy if given the option.

75% felt that electronic media was an effective way to carry the message in service.

64% would utilize an online forum for communication if one was available.

In regard to the current quality, frequency, transparency, effectiveness & clarity of communications between the area and the members it serves, we asked participants to choose from a 0-10 scale -zero being the lowest & 10 the highest, the average rating was an 8.

Lastly, we inquired about length of sobriety & service positions, we do this in an effort to provide some context to the respondents' answers. Someone who had been around for 25 years is likely more comfortable with our procedures and lingo vs. someone w/ 6 months & new to service. All ranges of sobriety & service positions were well represented, those with 2-10 years of sobriety made up the majority of participants.

We Recommend that the frequency of Newsletter printing and how it is distributed be discussed at the October assembly.

What's in a name?: Getting to the bottom of the actual name of the area was much more difficult than one would think it should be! Our current name as registered with the IRS is "Western Washington area of Alcoholics Anonymous". There was some questions surrounding how we came to this name.

I decided that a trip to the archives would get us the answers we were seeking, so last month, I spent the day at the area archives in Lakewood. Al was a huge help and it was really cool to check out our new space and have access to our past! I went through all our 1994-1996 documents to find the minutes or some "official" document providing the newly created Area's name. NO JOY!!!

We made a copy of the 1995 Assembly recordings, which I took home w/ me for review. I got to listen to the 95 assembly! Good news everyone... they talked about pretty much the same stuff we are still discussing today! "Any NEW information?" could be heard, as similar comments, by different people came to the mic.

The naming of the Area was not a motion, it was an order of business that was on the agenda, suggestions were taken from those in attendance, voting took place and the 2/3rds majority name was accepted. This all occurred sometime after dinner on Saturday night!

Recordings

F205 #20A from 1:29 - 16:54 talks about all the suggested names, then business continues

F205 #20AB 4:01 - 4:46 The results are read and the name of the area with in excess of 2/3rds of 276 votes -"Western Washington Area"

I also spoke w/ Burke D., who was the Chair of the transition committee & attended this assembly & his recollection is consistent w/ all the documentation & subsequent result. He thought that the Alcoholics Anonymous had been there all along.

Currently the area newsletter is printed by requesting an "exemption" because our name has "Alcoholics Anonymous" in it and by the USPS bulk rate requirements, must be printed in full on the cover of the newsletter. Is this breaking anonymity at the public level? Is our newsletter "press". Is requesting special exemptions from the post office each printing, controversial (we avoid it). It seems that it may be perceived this way, there are strong feelings on both sides of this issue. If we were to avoid the perception of breaking anonymity & avoiding controversy. Another consideration comes from "The AA Group" pamphlet on page 8 – "We do not put "A.A." on envelopes sent through the mail, not even on correspondence directed to A.A. entities. On material to be posted on A.A. bulletin boards and printed on A.A. programs that the general public might see, we omit all members' last names and identifying titles, such as "Reverend," "Professor" or "Sergeant."

Our recommendation would be to change the name of our Area to "Western Washington Area 72."



(Option B to that would be to put it in an envelope similar to the Grapevine. We did not calculate the cost for that.)

The other items we considered were cost of printing, which initially fueled this discussion but quickly dissolved as a non-issue. Our area exists to elect a Delegate, the areas primary function is communication. It will always be our largest cost as it is imperative that communication from the top down and from the bottom up is available to all. It's better to have too many copies than not enough. I think we all realize that we could be doing a better job, of managing our printing costs.

I'd like to tell you that personally as a DCM I have tried to limit my paper output but my duty will not allow it. I have no right to exude my will of electronic media on groups who want paper and at my homegroup it is much more unifying to have a document to look at rather than the sometimes, vague, recollection of my GSR.

What to do when the chain of communication is broken (absent DCM/Alt DCM). Sometimes this happens and we feel that it is the responsibility of the districts to hold their electeds accountable. However, the members should not be penalized as a result of this & the information should still be made available. Initially we thought a message board might work but the idea of having two-way communication unmonitored & free flowing is probably not fertile grounds for healthy discourse.

We recommend that any member of the area be able to sign up to receive all area communications & the newsletter via the @area72aa.org email system. This would be a one way communication that cannot be replied to but will allow information to get to members who desire to have it.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – On Newsletter Frequency and how it comes.

- The Newsletter topic is great to discuss at the Assembly as a discussion topic. I'm old, I like print but we're trying to reach the young people. Maybe it's time as an Area to look at alternatives ways to communicate. Then we don't have to worry about the name of our Area and all that stuff. Our job is to help carry the message and not get caught up in all the minutiae of how we're going to this. We ask the Groups what they want. They tell us and we figure out how to do it. We need to stay relevant to the new people.
- If this were available electronically by email outside of the Area email, I would sign up today.
 - Currently the Area Newsletter is available to anyone on the Area Website.
- This seems like a good idea, I would like to hear a lot of discussion on this and how to do it because half of my GSRs use email and half don't. The idea is good and I want to hear suggestions about how we can implement it. It could be difficult.
- I bring a stack of Newsletters to my district. Only 4 are taken. I ask the GSRs if they want it electronically and they say yes but then don't read it. I ask them questions and they haven't read it. When I give them a hardcopy there is a little bit of guilt that goes along with that and they feel like they have to read it. I think the best way is to continue to do both.
- Why not allow people to opt-in to electronic or hardcopy whichever they wish?
- District 21 waits for their hardcopy Newsletters and they read them! We are rural and do not always have internet access.
- Someday there will be no more print. It will be all electronic. We should move in that direction by allowing people to opt in to electronic or opt in to print.
- As I understand it Area 72 is a 501c3 Non-Profit entity and non-profits have to keep written records. We are the membership of that non-profit and when Areas publish Newsletters they are a written record of a legal organization so that we are complying with communicating and with laws. So the reality is the Newsletter serves a purpose. Newsletters are shared with other states and with GSO and they're handed out and people read them and make notes on them. I don't know how much of that would happen if it were just electronic. I bring a stack of Newsletters to the district and they are always taken.
- I have seen a big decline in our sponsor/sponsee relationships. The new people coming in aren't being mentored to do the services that need to be done. We need to carry the message in any way, shape, or form to reach the still suffering alcoholic.



- There was something wrong with the survey. When I read the question and hit the drop down menu to answer, the answer was already chosen. So there was some sort of glitch and maybe that turned people away. I wrote about it in the comments.
 - Is the Newsletter the right platform for information dissemination? Are people excited to read the Newsletter monthly or should it be quarterly? Or to write for the Newsletter? What would be an attractive platform that people would want to read?
 - The Newsletter that the GSR receives actually belongs to the Group. So if it were electronic, how would the GSR share it? Electronically? Personally printed out?
 - There is an inundation of paper. Why don't we be allowed to opt in for some things printed and others electronic? Maybe have a printer at the Quarterly?
 - What are other Areas doing?
 - PRAASA is a good place to find this stuff out
 - Why isn't anyone writing for the Newsletter? About 1/3 of the sections are empty.
 - I never cared about the Newsletter for the first 10 years of my sobriety. Now I care and I'm glad it is still here.
- ❖ **Ask your Districts what they value in the Newsletter. Ask them why they are not using it, why people are not writing for it. What would be better? Should it be in a different format? Should the content be changed? Should the frequency that it is published be changed – monthly? Quarterly? This will be a discussion topic at the Assembly.**

Questions/Comments – Area name change

- Go ahead and change it, districts are done talking about it.
- How much does it cost to change the name?
 - The actual process is around \$50.
- If we put the Newsletter in an envelope it would increase the cost approximately 33%.
- If we mail the Newsletter and stay anonymous by not using our full name on the cover, it costs us \$300 more in postage. If we change the name to Western Washington Area 72 then we save that \$300 a month. So we have to change it to keep the bulk mailing rate for non-profit organizations.
- One of the reasons the name change came up was concerning the anonymity of Area officers. As a 501c3 our tax returns are publically available and all of the Area officers are named on that tax return. But some Area officers felt very strongly that we should keep the name Alcoholics Anonymous. Just because your name is on a tax return does not mean you are an alcoholic. It does not imply affiliation. Also, we want people to be able to find us. There are times when people search Washington AA and they find our website. Without AA in our name, that may not happen and people may not find us.
- We have had bulk postage in Western Washington since at least 1990. We've been through this argument several times and we have always found a way to get bulk mailing. We are Alcoholics Anonymous, it's who we are. Why are we trying to change the name to something else?
- Getting a Newsletter in the mail that says Alcoholics Anonymous does not mean I am an alcoholic. It just means I am getting a Newsletter that says Alcoholics Anonymous on it. Why don't we just use the full name when mailing?
 - I think we are trying to conform to the Traditions and again referring to page 8 of "The AA Group" pamphlet - "We do not put "A.A." on envelopes sent through the mail, not even on correspondence directed to A.A. entities."
- AA non-alcoholic trustees get mail from AA that I guarantee has AA on the outside and it does not mean they are alcoholic. We are Alcoholics Anonymous and I think it is odd that we may not use the name of who we are.
- We would still be Alcoholics Anonymous if we changed our name.
- If you don't want AA coming to your mailbox, just opt out and get it online.
- AA on mail would have bothered me a lot when I was new. Especially since I had roommates. With more time in AA it does not bother me.
- Could we mail it to "Resident" and keep the bulk mailing rate?



- We don't know. But there are certain requirements to receive the non-profit bulk mail rate and I can only assume the full name of the recipient has to be there.
- Looking at a Newsletter, I don't see Alcoholics Anonymous on the cover.
 - That's because we apply for an exemption every month to be allowed to not use our full name. It can be tricky and often the Newsletter is late because of it. We are asking for special favors and that is not how we do things in AA.
- My mailman doesn't have the time or inclination to read my mail.
- ❖ **D4 proposes a motion, Seconded by D10 – “We move to change the name of our Area to Western Washington Area 72”.**
- ❖ **The body votes and the motion passes onto the Assembly agenda.**

Minority Opinion

- My district doesn't care, change it. My GSRs don't want to talk about it at the Assembly. I suggest we vote on it today.
 - We cannot vote to change it today because the original name was voted on at an Assembly and any changes must be made at an Assembly. We do not have the authority.
- I like being Alcoholics Anonymous. I think there could be another solution for this. Even sticking the Newsletter in an envelope and paying more.
- This should be a discussion topic at the Assembly because there are other solutions that could be discussed.
- Why? For my GSRs being in AA is like being born again. They want the name of AA on all the business. They would feel lost without it.
- ❖ **D40 moves to reconsider.** Chair opens the floor for more discussion.
- We could allow people to choose electronic or print and put a disclaimer on the printed Newsletter letting people know their anonymity could be broken.
- The bulk rate being 33% less, what if we mailed the Newsletter only quarterly not using bulk rate and saved money that way. We could send it out electronically every month and mail it Quarterly.
- We could change our name or we could put the Newsletter in an envelope. Bill will do cost research for the Assembly.
- This is not ready for the agenda. We need background at the least and we don't have that.
- We could remove names and just put positions of District or Area (GSR, DCM, Area Chair)
- Bulk mailing allows for a first name last initial.
- Could we use an indecipherable font for the name?
- We do not have enough actual facts. Someone should call GSO and get some answers.
- One of the hallmarks of AA is that we, as alcoholics, no longer ask for special favors. Getting a monthly exemption is just that.

BREAK 2:47pm-3:00pm

- ❖ **Body votes by simple majority and motion to reconsider fails.** Original motion for a name change stays on the agenda.

Returning to the previous discussion and Motions for Travel.

MOTION 1

- We move that we fully fund all the elected officers to attend PRAASA annually. This motion is in addition to Motion 75.2, which funds the Delegate to attend PRAASA. The elected officers who attend PRAASA will provide detailed reports to the archives and to the area. The funding would be approved through the regular budgeting process which relies on available funding and approval at the January Quarterly by the body.



(To be included in background this does not include PNC and does not include striking the unallocated funds.)

❖ **Moved by D16 and seconded by D39.**

Discussion

- This is opposite of the recommendation that called to strike the unallocated funds. Why?
 - Yes, this was discussed. The unallocated funds are used for more than just travel and we felt it was necessary to keep that in for flexibility.
- How many officers are funded today and how many would be funded if this motion passes?
 - Right now we only fund the Delegate. If this motion passes we would be funding five more.

❖ **Body votes and motion passes onto the Assembly agenda.**

Minority Opinion

- How about sending the Delegate, Chair, and Treasurer and pulling the Alts out of a hat.
 - That's a lot of people.
 - This should be a discussion topic to get everyone talking about it. There will be a lot of contention going from sending to more Appointed Servants to sending 7 total servants.
- ❖ **D11 moves to reconsider. Body votes by simple majority and motion to reconsider fails.** Original motion for a name change stays on the agenda.

MOTION 2

- We move that we fully fund Appointed Committee Chairs to attend national workshops/conferences that have G.S.O. participation and that supports their responsibilities to the area. This motion would replace motion 10.1 and 15.2. Appointed Committee Chairs that attend national workshops/conferences will provide detailed reports to their respective committees, to the archives, and to the area. The funding would be approved through the regular budgeting process which relies on available funding and approval at the January Quarterly by the body.
- (To be included in background this excludes PRAASA and PNC).

❖ **Moved by D40 and seconded by D56.**

Discussion

- This will be adding two more people to go now but it could and likely would be later.
 - This funding would always rely on the available Area funds and GSO participation in the workshop/conference. Any and all changes would be reflected on the Treasurer's forecasted budget.
- This is good, not overly restrictive but also it has to be approved with the budget every year. I think this is a good way to treat all of the appointed positions equally without giving preference to anyone.
- So the GSRs could approve this and then the DCMs could not approve the budget and it would not happen? Correct.
- Not everyone may go to every conference every year. Sometimes the Archives Conference conflicts with the Assembly.
- If this is approved in October, would there be enough time to anticipate the expenditures for the forecasted budget by the January Quarterly?
 - The operating reserve fluctuates and we could anticipate the expenditures.
- I like this motion because it directly addresses what we talked about last year. Can we get a copy of the ad hoc committee report before the Assembly?
 - The ad hoc committee will be giving a final report at the Assembly. And this report will also be part of the background everyone receives prior to the Assembly.



- So if this passes and then there is not enough money in the budget to send everyone, we will still have to figure out who gets to go.

❖ **Body votes and motion passes onto the Assembly agenda.**

Minority Opinion

- We need clarification on who would be going in the verbiage of the motion.
 - Adding that language would create the need for new motions every time someone new goes. The motion was carefully crafted to prevent this but to also limit it by using the budget and the approval of the budget as a safeguard.
- This still needs to go through a lot of discussion. I don't think GSRs or homegroups will be happy about the open ending. Currently it would be three going but the future is open. This should be a discussion topic.

SPECIAL REPORTS

YPAA Report – Chair of District Young Person's Committee Fallon – Our next Quarterly will be July 27th, 11:00am – 4:00pm at 2231 1st Ave, Seattle, WA hosted by D40. 19 District YP Chairs and 1 Eastside Intergroup liaison. If your district would like to have a YP Chair, invite us out and we will talk to your district. Anyone is welcome to attend our Quarterlies. Upcoming events include: Recess Panel in D16 on 7/28, mental health workshop in D46 on 9/21, Mob meeting to support the Pt Townsend YP meeting next Friday hosted by D40, young person's takeover at the Just for Today Speaker meeting on 7/20 at 7:00pm, Magnolia Speakers meeting now has quarterly YP speaker meeting. 7 new YP meetings started since the last Assembly.

Intergroup and Central Service Office Reports

Greater Seattle Intergroup – Vice Chair Astri – We had our Spring Assembly on May 20th. That is where GSRs or group reps who are served by GSiG can vote on what Seattle Intergroup is doing. Our Fall Assembly will be November 19th. We still have openings for volunteers to answer phones at GSiG. All Nightwatch shifts are covered but some people take several shifts. Group contributions and retail sales fell short of budgeted amount for June. We have hired a new office manager. We are still looking for an assistant office manager. Picnic is 8/18 at Lower Woodland Park.

Sno-King Intergroup – No report

Puget Sound Central Service Office – Co-Chair Nick – Just adopted a new set of bylaws. Life is good.

Eastside Intergroup – John - We're looking for a volunteer assistant 15-20hrs a week. Revenue is about \$15,000-\$20,000 a month in sales. Our Chairs are full. We have a lot of new young people. We're going to use bar codes for book sales. July 27th is the Eastside Intergroup picnic at the Beaver Lake Pavillion at 25103 SE 24th Street, Sammamish Plateau. Tickets at \$5.

Vancouver Central Office – No Report

Snohomish County Central Office – Elections are coming up in December. We need an alt treasurer now and in December we will need a new office manager, daytime and night phone coordinators, secretary, schedules chair. Please take that back to the local districts. The Snohomish county Central office is plugging along. We had an issue with our printed schedule. Someone added a bunch of meetings that have not been in our printed schedule nor participated in the funding of it. This resulted in over 60 listings with inaccurate meeting information. We are working with the participating groups to remedy the issue by next printing.

HOST COMMITTEE REPORTS

Crystal –

2019 Assembly Host Committee Reports (Longview) – Wesley – Longview /Kelso at the Cowlitz Co. Convention Center. We are working toward having as smooth running Assembly as we possibly can. There are still rooms available at Red Lion Inn. Pre-registration is moving along slowly. Please pre-register to save yourself a little money.



2020 Assembly Host Committee Reports (Lynden) – Adina – Lyndon Fairgrounds on 10/2-10/4. No longer have the giant coffee pot so that is something we are working on. Working to get the committee agenda and finances all set up. We will soon have the save the date flyer. We will hopefully have registrations to bring to the 2019 Assembly.

2021 Assembly Host Committee Reports (Lynwood) – Bill – Lynnwood Convention Center. ASSHOCOM met, we ate. We're going to do it again in September. We're going to have a trial run by co-hosting the Jan Quarterly.

2022 Assembly Host Committee Reports (Renton) – Karen – Hyatt Regency in Renton on 10/7-10/9. If you would like to be on the committee, get a hold of me at accessibility@area72aa.org.

2023 Assembly Host Committee Reports (Longview) – Wesley – Not currently a host committee because we are working on the 2019 Assembly. Sometime next year we will have a committee report.

- We will be accepting Assembly 2024 bids at the October Assembly so please email altchair@area72aa.org if you would like to submit a bid.

January 2020 Quarterly Report – Bill – Everett at the First Baptist Church of Everett. We've secured the venue. There will be a vegan option! Flyers at the Assembly.

2019 April Quarterly Final Report – Tom – Wrap up meeting on 4/17/19. Thank you to everyone who participated. The Tacoma Sportsman Club was a very accomodating venue. They refunded us a total of \$1200 for problems that occurred during the Quarterly. We were fully self-supporting and able to send a check to Area at the end.

- **2020 Quarterly Bids**

July 2020 Quarterly Bid – July 10 and 11, 2020

District 22

LOCATION: Port Angeles at Vern Burton Gym

Registration	\$15.00
Friday Night Dinner (onsite)	\$15.00
Friday Night Ice Cream	\$5.00
Saturday Lunch \$	\$12.00
Total Cost	\$47.00

HOTELS: Red Lion Inn \$179 plus tax

District 10

LOCATION: Exact site TBD - Silverdale/Bremerton, Kitsap County

Bremerton Convention Center, Bremerton (within walking distant from ferry)

Best Western Beachfront, Silverdale \$155 plus tax

HOTELS: Bremerton: Hampton Inn & Suites, Marriott Hotel, Baymont by Wyndham

Silverdale: Best Western Beachfront, Oxford Suites

COST REGISTRATION: \$20. - \$25.

FOOD: Friday dinner, several restaurants available, \$20 approx.

Dessert Bar \$5.

Saturday breakfast on your own

Lunch \$20.

We are still in the planning stages, however, will have all details will be out by end of this year

For more information: John S. (708)269-2151 Dianna G. (530)516-9169

❖ **Body votes to have the July 2020 Quarterly in Silverdale/Bremerton.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion 1: Area 72 create an appointed Young People's Chair Position. The Committee chair will be selected using the established process for appointed officers. The committee shall function like other standing committees at the Area level.



Linda L. DCM 46 - More and more young people are suffering and dying of alcoholism because they either are not being introduced to AA or they are not staying. In 2007, GSO's triennial survey showed under 20s at 2.3% of our population, 2% in 2011 and dropped sharply to 1% in 2014. As the result of this problem there has been a groundswell of service activities to carry the message to young people and to close the widening gap between these still suffering alcoholics and alcoholics anonymous. These service activities include:

- a) The creation of Young People's meetings
- b) PI, Corrections, and Treatment work designed to carry the message to youth by taking panels into schools, juvenile facilities, and juvenile treatment centers.
- c) Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous Conferences; which have been recognized at the General Service Conference as being an integral part of AA as a whole.
- d) Workshops geared towards and facilitated by young people.

District Solutions: Over the past few years a need developed within districts to coordinate the variety of service activities between groups-- thus districts began appointing Young Person's Chair People.

- a) There are currently 19 districts within Area 72 who have appointed Young Persons Chairs as well as an appointed Eastside Intergroup Young Persons Chair

Current Problem: This growing attempt to fill the identified service need around young people has created a new set of difficulties within and between the districts with YP chairs and Area 72.

- There is a lack coordination between district chairs and the area.
- There is no area level facilitation for committee meetings such as quarterlies.
- There is no centralized point of contact within the area for other committees to fulfill service needs best provided by young people.
- Lack of communication at the area level for all the various YP activities occurring within the districts.

Primary Purpose: "The Area 72 Young Peoples in AA standing committee, encourages young people to enter into the mainstream of AA Recovery, Service, and Unity through the 12 Steps, the 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts for World Service. Young People's groups are in no way separate from Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Members are involved in, and committed to all levels of AA service. Age is not a requirement for a young people's group. Young people's groups and activities directed towards young people in AA are helpful tools in reaching young alcoholics who might otherwise not give AA a try for many more years, if at all." (Taken from New Mexico AA Area 46)

There are 7 other Areas with YP Committees. More information about these Areas is available in the background information.

Final Thoughts:

"AA is shaped by the collective voice of its local groups and their representatives to the General Service Conference" (P-16 The AA Group). As local groups have chosen to label young people as an identified service need, rather than a special interest group, they have integrated their presence into the service structure starting at the level of the group, as this grows the service need moved to the districts, and now we ask to move it to the area-- following with the dictated structure of our service.

"Some A.A.s come together as specialized A.A. groups — for men, women, young people, doctors, gays and others. If the members are all alcoholics, and if they open the door to all alcoholics who seek help, regardless of profession, gender or other distinction, and meet all the other aspects defining an A.A. group, they may call themselves an A.A. group." (P-16 The AA Group).

This position would be budgeted the same as other existing committees/chairs, and would adhere to the normal budgeting processes for the Area.

❖ **Moved by 44 and seconded by 17.**

Discussion

- None



❖ **Body votes and motion passes onto the Assembly agenda.**

Minority Opinion

- None

Discussion Topic 1: How can our Area improve communication & information sharing with each other, with professionals & with the still suffering alcoholics?

- I think we're reaching the professionals with the AA LinkedIn page.
- It would be great if we could have an online bulletin board, or an app, or chain email, or call each other.
- For PRAASA it can be hard to communicate with each other in real time. Maybe email? A PRAASA distribution list? Or something of the like.
- Email subscription system outside of the Area system that any alcoholic could subscribe to, like constant contact or email chimp. We need to get the information out there in a better way. There could be different topics and information sent out.
- I love this topic because one of the constants as a DCM is how much information do I present to my GSRs. I get so much stuff in my inbox! If I sent it all to new GSRs, they wouldn't know how to determine what is important. I also don't want to withhold this information from anyone who wants it.
- Communication and unity is what holds us together as a whole. I hope something comes of this discussion.
- Open up the Area Website to comments and discussion – with a moderator.
- One way to reach professionals is to get in touch with associations they belong to.
- Most of the issues we deal with are communication issues. Meeting guide, how are people finding us and is it working? How do we in our particular roles (DCMs, GSRs, Electeds, Appointed) communicate better with each other? Are we sharing information? Are we responding to one another? GSRs are saying that DCMs aren't giving them the information. DCMs are saying that GSRs aren't reading the information they get. What can we do better? How do we communicate effectively with professionals? Are we using too much AA jargon?
- This is an excellent topic within districts.

7th INNING STRETCH BREAK

DCM SHARING - Crystal

District 1– (Spanish speaking District South of King/Snohomish Counties) DCM Juan Carlos – No report.

District 2 – (Camano Island, NW Snohomish County, Arlington, Stanwood) DCM Chuck P. - Experiences from the past quarter. This last quarter has been really inspirational to see how close everyone in District 2 really are. They have come together and have been strong for each other. I'm also inspired by how many people get together and are friends away from are from our normal meetings. Strengths from the past quarter. One of our best strengths has been district members' ability and willingness to step up and help other members with anything that will help to get the message out. Your Hope for the future in your district/committee. We have some really fun and exciting things coming up and my hope would be that we continue to come together and have fun help each other.

District 3 (SE Snohomish County, Lake Stevens, Highway 2 Corridor to Steven's Pass) – DCM Brian S., Alt DCM Miranda - We are helping the host committees for the January Quarterly and the 2021 Assembly. Our District 3 picnic is in August. We still have some positions open – website, archives, and a few more. Trying to get people involved. We do have about 30-35 people showing up for our business meeting.

District 4 – (Skagit County, Mt. Vernon, Burlington, Sedro Woolley) DCM Jesse Wessen - During the last quarter I think the participation at district meetings from GSR's and interested AA members has been inspirational for me. The committee has been attentive and active in getting goals accomplished. Members have been active in giving feedback and talking about things they would like to see happen in our district. With that people have also followed through on those ideas, and volunteering to get things done. Members have been attending and responding positively to the workshops our third legacy committee has been putting on.

In the past quarter we have had a strong working relationship with our neighboring districts to accomplish common goals. From joining Districts 11's phone service to putting on workshops and hosting events with District 46 we are



building strong ties with our neighbors and getting to know them better. We have also had success in learning from the area and other districts to implement actions that help communication with our GSRs and streamline our district meeting. This has included things like getting the agenda to the GSR's before the district meeting and providing a easy to navigate summary of the meeting, along with the minutes after the meeting. We have also had a lot of member support in getting things, like this quarterly organized. A lot of great volunteers have stepped up to help things run smoothly. Our hope for the next quarter is to increase the participation from the groups that have not been active at the district level for some time. Also to find people interested in the committee positions that have been open for multiple rotations.

District 7 – (South Clark/Skamania Counties) DCM Jeff C. – District 7 meetings are still well attended by both GSR's and Committee Chairs. The Vancouver Intergroup has been sending a liaison to our meetings too. We have a good group of GSR's they are engaged and ask good questions the conversations are productive, cordial and inspiring to watch. Apart from Archives and Access/CEC which are vacant, we have enthusiastic Committee Chairs who are dedicated, driven and eager to learn. Though Committee Chairs are not voting members they are welcome contributors to the discussions in all matters. Everyone's point of view counts. It has been rewarding to watch everyone beginning to hit their stride in service. Each month you can see and hear the confidence building.

District 7 is poised to get the message out to the Alcoholic who still suffers and AA as a Whole. We just elected a web chair and set up a committee for development purposes. It's been years since District 7 has had a website and we are excited to get started.

Some of us attended the PNC in Portland, OR. It was my first one and I really enjoyed the panel discussion. District 58 in Portland did a good job they were well organized and kept the schedule running on time.

District 7 is hosting the Delegate report on 7/20 at the Beautiful Savior Church in Vancouver. WA. We are looking forward to a nice turn out for Alan. Who says service isn't fun?

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Carlson DCM District 7

District 8 – (Thurston and Mason Counties) DCM Frank B., Alt DCM Sue - Experiences from the past quarter. We hold concept study second Saturday each month. We had our tradition study in June covering 4-5 and 6. Had attended delegate report. Donated \$250 to the evergreen fair. Your Hope for the future in your district/committee. To continue concept study and quarterly tradition workshops. To bid on committee quarterlies.

District 9 – (Central Tacoma, Fircrest) DCM Skot B. – Accomplishments from the past quarter • Filled all liaison/rep standing committee positions • Put together a Delegates Report and a Pre-Assembly along with D29/44/45/54 Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with • Getting groups to fund their GSRs to attend Assembly • Low group contributions to district Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. • 100% group participation at district • 100% group participation at the Assembly

District 10 – (Kitsap Peninsula) DCM Christine Clarridge – Our groups are having trouble getting enough Chairs. People are going to meetings at Halls and finding out that they are not happening. We're trying to fill those gaps. Otherwise, we are good.

District 11 – (Whatcom County, Bellingham) Aaron D. – We have combined our phone service with D4 Skagit Co. Adina is our Accessibility Chair and Bridget is our PI/CPC Chair and they have both been doing a great job of expanding their roles this rotation. Reaching out to a wider range of people.

District 12 – (North and East Snohomish County, Everett) DCM Bill - District 12 continues to find its way in this rotation. We had some issues with our printed schedule and formed an ad hoc committee to examine the many issues surrounding our schedules from changes to printing. We have had some new groups form and two of them have the name of the church in their meeting name. "The Group" pamphlet says we shouldn't do that. We are looking for ways to reach out to these groups and not come off as the AA Police.

All of our positions except picnic are filled and we realized that the chair of the previous year should probably book the venue for the following year. That's all folks!

District 14 – (West Seattle, White Center, Vashon Island) DCM Christopher W., Alt DCM Tim H. – Experiences from the past quarter. Area 72 Pre-Conference on 03/30/2019: This was a good opportunity for us as a district to connect and network with other districts and talk about the agenda items for the conference.

DCM roundtable on 04/20/2019 in Olympia Hosted by District 8 was a great opportunity for DCM's from the area to connect and mingle. We went over concerns and successes within the various districts in the Puget Sound area.



GSR school 04/27/2019 hosted by Geene who is the Alt. Delegate for Area 72. GSR school was very important because it taught us how to properly give reports. It was also a wonderful opportunity to get to know a lot of other GSR's in our area.

BLA (Burien Little Assembly) planning committee at greater Seattle intergroup on 05/19/2019 with Collette (DCM 54). We spent time finalizing ideas for the 2020 Burien Little Assembly and focused on the requirements of all possible locations. We also looked at obtaining an ASL interpreter with our sights on Spanish interpretation as well. We went into our first BLA committee meeting just with the knowledge of our recent experience at the 2019 Burien Little Assembly. By the time we had our 3rd meeting we had come up with ideas on how to go about putting together the 2020 BLA and our successes as well as our possibilities for next year. Topics we addressed ranged from creating new ways to include more alcoholics from the region as well as ideas on how to better organize this yearly event.

Delegates Report was held at Des Moines Field house on Saturday July 6th 2019 and was hosted by District 31. Alan Foster Area 72 Delegate presided. Alan was very eloquent and inspirational in his ability to convey his experience at the conference.

Strengths from the past quarter. The ability to reach people of all genres across a wide landscape of views and beliefs. The unifying spirit that is an undercurrent to this program helped guide us in our monthly business meetings and other scheduled events that we hosted. We are learning as we go and hope to be available and of service whenever called upon.

Our goals and hopes as a district are to:

1. Better serve those in our district and area that have been pushed to the side, ignored and otherwise marginalized.
2. Ensure that our many scheduled events go as smoothly as possible with the help of our many committee members and groups.
3. Be present for the upcoming area assembly and align ourselves with the collective conscience of our district (THE FIGHTIN' 14th!!).

District 15 – (Downtown Seattle, West Capitol Hill) DCM Nils - Accomplishments from the past quarter. - Filled in more district positions (only need Accessibility and Grapevine/Literature now!). Participated in GSR School and Delegates Report. Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. - PO Box is closing. Our treasurer is working on resolving that. Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. - Fill in the Accessibility and Grapevine/Literature chairs. Elect a District 15 member to be Potluck coordinator for Gratitude Banquet. We are trying to build a website with an online donation box for members. Thanks! Nils

District 16 – (NE Seattle, University District) John B. – We had a successful GSR School. We have a special event called Recess coming up on July 28 from 2-6pm at the Northgate Community Center. We're going to have games and activities like you would have if you were at recess. Then there will be a panel to discuss the importance of having a GSR and participating district activities. There are flyers on the back tables. Our Chairs are gaining traction in their positions and the is heartening. Thank you to GSIG for giving us a topic (whether they are stealing the money from the pink cans) for heated debate. I've been using my Google account and may be contacting you all in the future.

District 17 – (NW Seattle, Ballard) Karen S. – Accomplishments from the past quarter: In July the district meeting moved from the old, dark basement of St. Luke's Episcopal original Church to the new, bright first floor of the Sanctuary building. Change is challenging for us alcoholics to accept. The district elected a new Treasurer, Rodney. He gained access to the Area email system and received records and materials and submitted his first report in July.

Our committee chairs and liaisons have attended two quarterlies and are enthusiastically carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Corrections, Treatment, GV/Literature Chairs provide written reports after attending a quarterly. D17's Treatment Chair Alex, Dist17Treament@area72aa.org continues to share that more women are needed to bring the AA message into the only treatment center for pregnant women in Washington State on Saturday and Sunday meetings at the Swedish hospital in Ballard. Our GSIG liaison represents us at the monthly GSIG meeting. At the request of Pam, D17's Corrections Chair, the DCM participated in the GSIG Spring Assembly discussion on the proceeds collected in the Pink Can; the groups overwhelmingly voted against the reallocation of the proceeds to GSIG's General Fund. More groups elected GSRs/Alts. This rotation we have several groups attending and financially contributing that did not participate last rotation. Our district meeting has about 20 groups in attendance with a total of 25-30 people. Salmon Bay hosted its anniversary salmon based potluck on May 3rd, with about 80 people in attendance and Harriett did the Cha Cha! The Friday night Magnolia Speakers Meeting hosted a Young People's Meeting on April 19th and this quarter they host an Old Timers meeting on July 19th. Living in Sobriety's Sobriety Picnic at Golden Gardens is July 16th.



We discussed the seven Pre-Conference items at two district meetings. I was filled with gratitude when I received thank yous from four groups for spending time at district meetings to discuss the pre-conference items. GSRs discussed the quarterly Area topics of Young People and the Area Name and the two ad hoc committees at multiple district meetings. GSRs brought the area discussion items to their groups and then back to the district, enabling the DCM to bring an informed District 17 conscience to the July quarterly discussions. District 17 supports Young People in the Area structure and wants the Area to select a name that is most cost effective while protecting anonymity for mail recipients. Our Alt DCM compiled group demographic information so we can share who we are not reaching with our Delegate, Alan. For the first time in several years District 17 voted to contribute financially toward the rental for the AA booth at the June 30th Seattle Pridefest and Public Information booth at the Monroe State Fair. Many GSRs participated in the GSR School on 4/27 led by D16 for Seattle groups; thank you Geene for teaching us! D17 took the lead in securing a venue for the upcoming 7/21 Delegate report for groups in North, NE and NW Seattle. Please join us for fellowship, food and learning from Alan, our Delegate, at the Phinney Ridge Community Center, lower brick building, from 1-4 pm.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with:

As DCM I was wrong to ask the groups to approve the district agenda each month. The district agendas are not subject to motion; agenda format and content is the DCM's responsibility. Additions to the agenda are added to the bottom of new business. First things first, at the August meeting I request support in remedying an expectation that I created. When we use the GSR Sharing Session methodology we are able to hear from all groups on the topics of discussion.

When groups speak popcorn style, one or two groups tend to dominate our district discussions, new and timid GSRs are uncomfortable and do not speak and we are not able to let God in to help us develop an informed district conscience. The DCM was able to negotiate the removal of the Comprehensive General Liability, CGL, \$1 million insurance requirement in the district lease. Thanks to Freemont Triangle for funding the DCM's participation in PRAASA and for connections DCM made. For the first time in several years, D17 has an executed one year lease with its landlord and has storage in its new space.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter:

- A successful Delegate Report to groups in North, NE and NW Seattle.
- Continue on-boarding new officers, teaching use of Area email system for communication and district records, looking forward to officer meetings with a full team and district members receiving Box 359 & Area Newsletter.
- Ad Hoc District Committee investigation and development of recommendations on scoping /financing /management/reporting of district service functions, subject to district discussion, approval and/or modification.
- Previously the DMC attended the quarterlies alone and brought the information back to the district for the GSRs to bring to their groups and for us to discuss and develop a district conscience. I look forward to attending the July quarterly with our Alt DCM, Lisa, and discussing important issues with and learning from other districts in Mount Vernon, and collectively bringing the information back to our GSRs and continuing our work together to ensure our Fellowship is there to serve the still suffering alcoholic.

District 18 – (Renton, Kent, Tukwila) Dave V. – This last quarter has been very exciting and I have seen some growth in people that have stepped forward. Jeff our Alt DCM has stepped up and organized a place for our district to host the pre assembly at the Masonic Hall in Renton on August 25th, thank you Jeff.

In May we had Carol from *Our Stories Disclose* come in and do a presentation about *Our Stories Disclose* book. I want to thank her for coming in she did a great job and I recommend every district have her come in and do a presentation. I also want to thank Travis for stepping in for our secretary that was out and not only taking minutes for May but also taking on the position of spreading the word and help the groups get published in *Our Stories Disclose*.

A special thanks to some of the new GSR's for their groups this last few months. Some of them include Cathy and Howard from Solid Sobriety Group at Golden Steer Restaurant Sunday mornings at 9AM. I recently visited Solid Sobriety and it is a meeting I would recommend that everyone should go too.

We recently had a mini GSR school at Luther's Table in downtown Renton. Cathy from Solid Sobriety, Mark and Monte from East Kent and Kelli D. our Corrections Chair showed up. Because of them we were able to have a great mini GSR School this month. Just an FYI, Geene our Alt Delegate does a great job putting on the mini GSR school with some new information. I really recommend having her come in and do a school with your district.

People that have been doing a great job at our district are Chris with the revamped web site, Steve with the possible district campout, Lara at CPC, Karen being a great Treasurer and others I'm sure I have forgotten.



Some new young people's meetings we have in our district are the GPS Group at the Renton Kennydale Memorial Hall at 7PM on Fridays and the All-In Group on Sundays at 6:30 PM at the Renton United Christian Church

I look forward to growing with everyone in our district they are such a great group of people.

District 19 – (West Everett, Mukilteo) Tom F. – No report.

District 21 – (Grays Harbor County and part of Pacific County) Tami B. – We have a kicking website and it is current. Submit fliers to our webmaster. Our mission is to get folks from Area to visit us. Come hang with us, we'll have a potluck. We had a GSR School and talked about service in a lot of different ways. Some positions still open. Grateful to be here and participate.

District 22 – (North Olympic Peninsula) Lorrie A. – We try to bring two District meetings to Forks every year so people don't have too travel so far. We have 30-40 people at District meetings. Overall, we have good involvement from Chairs. Karla, I really appreciate what secretaries do. I have a great secretary and I need to thank her and tell her. Our District picnic is July 20th at Salt Creek. Treatment center patients in Port Angeles that we invite to speaker's meeting potluck. They come and are involved.

District 24 – (Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace) DCM Jerry F. - Great news all: Things are going great at District 24 thanks to the tremendous support we have at the district level. We typically have 40 or 50 people show up for our district business meetings. Our district business meeting starts at 7pm the first Wednesday of each month at the Mountlake Terrace Senior Center. We pre-function at 6pm with a Third Legacy Meeting and potluck or maybe it's a potluck and a third Legacy meeting. At D-24, we love AA and are grateful for the opportunity to serve and our excited to be around people who love AA service.

OSD-3: At D-24, we see this as the most important project of this rotation. We have been doing a lot to make sure that our district is actively participating in AA history.

In April, we heard a report about creating a group history for OSD-2. Gabriela R., whose home group is The Unity Group, gave a presentation outlining the steps she took to prepare a group history for the prior edition of Our Stories Disclosed (OSD-2). For example, Gabriela started by contacting the File Department at GSO which has a folder for every group known to GSO. In addition to information about group origins, the folder contains any and all correspondence from the group to GSO. She found out that the group has eight founders. Seven were still alive. She was able to contact all seven living founders. Two of the group founders filled out group history forms. Two of the group founders agreed to be interviewed. Gabriela then submitted this information to the district archivist, the area archivist and the GSO archivist. Finally, Gabriela prepared a group history which was published in OSD-2. Look it up, it's a good read.

Meanwhile, our Alt. DCM, Mike B., and our Alt. Archives, Rita N. Have been working hard to put together an "Our Stories Disclosed Workshop" for anyone and everyone in Area 72. The event is July 20, 2019 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Mountlake Terrace Community Senior Center 23000 Lakeview Drive, Mountlake Terrace, WA. There will be a panel including Don and Mary. Pizza will be provided and a potluck for everything else. This will be an informational meeting open to all Area 72 home groups, districts, intergroups and halsl who are writing their home group histories for the new third edition book.

Additionally, at D24 we are working hard to get out the word about OSD-3 to those home groups who do not attend the D-24 business meeting. Jonathon B. from Tug has put together a excel spread sheet showing the day and time of all unrepresented meetings. Andrew, Jerry, Jonathon, Lisa, Terry and others have been showing up at the unrepresented meetings to spread the meeting. As a side benefit, we have discovered several meetings which are on the schedule but no longer in existence. We have contacted Area 72s web guy Eddie and the various intergroup offices to get those meetings de-listed.

In June, we used the Third Legacy hour to have a mini-GSR school. Thank you Geene. The event was well attended. There were several GSR and alt-GSRs in attendance who had never been to GSR school. For me, it was my third GSR school and I'm happy to report that I am finally beginning to understand the job I was supposed to be doing four (4) years ago! Astri was also at the June meeting to give us a status report on Greater Seattle Intergroup and to remind us all about the history of GSIG.

We also had a presentation from Mary-Ann and several Ala-teen members. With the closing of the Edmonds Senior Center for remodeling, they wanted to make sure everyone knew where they had moved. Thanks Mary-Ann.

In April, we had a presentation about the Public Information booth at the Evergreen State Fair. This year the PI booth will be open from August 22 through September 2, 2019.

Our July 3, 2019 business meeting has been cancelled. Mountlake Terrace is using the community center on July 3rd for their annual fireworks extravaganza. In D-24, we are really lucky to have a wonderful and affordable place for our



business meeting and are very thankful to the Mountlake Terrace Community Senior Center for allowing us to have a meeting the first Wednesday of every month at the Mountlake Terrace Senior Center. Our business meeting starts at 7pm but we have a Third Legacy/potluck meeting that starts at 6pm. The Third Legacy meeting is being run by Joyce B. was our past Grapevine/Literature Chair. As part of our Third Legacy Meeting, we will be inviting Area 72 electeds and appointeds to tell us about their jobs, working on the Our Stories Disclosed project and reading the District 24 handbook. Our Area 72 Treasurer Frank was scheduled for July 3, 2019. Thank you Frank. We will have to reschedule so we can all learn about the Treasurer's job.

We have one open position at District 24: CPC. Our previous CPC chair, Doug V. has had to resign due to health and business concerns.

Our biggest ongoing issue is our Newsletter. We are struggling with the same issues as Area 72. What do we want our newsletter to be and how do we publish: paper or electronic or both. District 24 Picnic. July 27, 2019 is the District 24 Picnic! All are invited. Food-Fellowship-Fun. Time 12 pm to 5pm. If you want to help with set up show up at 10 am. Even better, stay late and help with the clean up! Raffles, Games, Bingo, Rootbeer floats! The district will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, coffee! And cold drinks. Bring a salad, side or dessert to share. Where: Edmonds City Park 600 3rd Ave. S., Edmonds, WA. Thanks to our picnic chair Guy H. and all the volunteers who are going to make this the best picnic ever. At every district meeting we will be talking about this project, asking about presales and encouraging our GSRs to report on any progress or lack of progress getting a history written. Accessibility. Bob O. is the Accessibility Chair. Bob went to the quarterly in Oak Harbor. He came back with surveys about home group accessibility and with signup sheets for volunteers to take meetings to treatment centers, the homeless, hospitals and/or homebound alcoholics. He also gave a report about how to obtain a sign language interpreter to your home group if you need. Archives. District 24 has a four year term for Archives. Our Archives Chair is Annie N. Our Alternate Archives Chair is Rita N. Both Annie and Rita attended the May Archives Quarterly in Tacoma. Archives is working closely with the OSD-3 project and wants everyone to participate in their group history. Treatment and Bridging the Gap. Our Treatment Chair is Lori E. Lori attended the April Quarterly and reported that she was inspired to volunteer to host the January 11, 2020 BTG quarterly. D24 has the good fortune of having a Detox center in Lynnwood. And we get to take AA Meetings into the Detox center six times a week. Our list of volunteers is coordinated by John H. Lori E. is working hard on covering our bridging the gap opportunities. She has been distributing volunteer sign up lists and I know she has already facilitated several bridges. Web. Our Web Chair is John K. Our Web Chair works closely with our Newsletter Chair. Thanks to the hard work of John and our past Web chairs, we have 10 years of our old newsletters on our website. It's our own little archive of D24 history. Young People in AA. Piper G. is our Young Person Chair. She is hoping to hold a Young Person quarterly in October. Piper missed the Quarterly but Jacob substituted and reported on the quarterly. It looks like Young Person chair at Area 72 may be on the motion calendar again this year. Public Information. Our Public Information PI/CPC Chair is Mark S. Mark hosted the May 2019 PI/CPC Quarterly. Way to go Mark. In addition, he is working on making sure the racks at the police stations and libraries in D24 are full of Literature. Mark reported on the Seattle Outreach project which has been successful in coordinating multiple groups' efforts to reach out to institutions like libraries and hospitals. Mark also reported on the continued success of the Virginia Mason project to bring recovered alcoholics into the hospital to talk to the still suffering alcoholic. CPC. Our CPC chair, Doug V., has had to resign. We are currently looking for a new CPC Chair. SnoKing. Guy H. is our SKIG liaison. Did you know that D24 has a local intergroup office? Led by the new Chair Margot H. and Alt Chair Guy H. (no relation), there are some exciting changes happening. The number of volunteers is increasing. The number of people attending the business meeting is increasing and they are now meeting the third Wednesday of every month at the Mountlake Terrace Senior Center. Greater Seattle Intergroup. Our liaison is Kimber. Check out their website at seattleaa.org. GSIG can also use help answering phones at night. You can reach out to nightwatch@seattleaa.org if you are interested. As I learn over and over, AA doesn't need me. I need AA. Happy, Joyous and Free, Jerry F. DCM for D24

District 27 – (Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties, Longview, Kelso, Ilwaco) Wesley R. – Accomplishments from the past quarter. An Activities committee has been set up by some motivated individuals to enhance the amount of fun the district offers. It has been a huge success with good attendance and an overall positive reception. The district funded me to attend PNC; I had a fantastic time and recommend it to everyone who has not yet attended. Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. Lack of volunteers. We are up to 7 vacant service positions at the district level. It seems that the same people involved each rotation. I'm concerned about overworking and burnout. Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. 2019 Assembly is hosted by my district, I'm hoping everyone will attend and have an enjoyable experience.



District 28 – (Lewis County, Centralia) Derek S. – Ken outgoing DCM – We meet centrally in Mary's Corner. All our service positions are full. We have 20-25 GSRs at each meeting. We do service skits at group meetings we are invited to.

District 29 – (Puyallup, Eatonville, Orting) Kari K. – Accomplishments from the past quarter. My initial goal was visiting every mtg in our district this rotation and to practice unity, by turning it into a district road trip. I am pleased to report that we have been doing this and it has been a great experience. We have had great attendance and some of us are getting to experience meetings we have never attended. It's a great way to support one another and branch out.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. GSR sharing has just been our GSR's announcing their meetings times/locations. We have moved the GSR sharing up in our agenda to give them more time to share and had discussions on what GSR sharing is as well. Hopefully this will help our GSR's feel more comfortable sharing real issues they may be having at our district meeting and help one another with suggestions and solutions. Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. Some of the meetings in our district do not have a GSR attending our district meeting. I want to visit business meetings in our district, starting with some of those meetings to see how the district can be of service for their meeting and discussing things like group inventories, groups vs meetings, and various district committees. We have our district picnic on July 28th at Frontier Park starting at 9:00am. Please come, our GvLit Chair will be dressed up as a grape and if you sign up for a new subscription, she will sing "Heard It Through The Grapevine" and do a little dance.

District 31 – (Burien, Des Moines, Tukwila) DCM Jodi Beyerle, Alt DCM Larry B. - District 31 is stylishly continuing our quest for excellence. Thank you for this opportunity to share with you our current level of success.

We started this quarter discussing the topics and issues brought up during the pre-conference which was well attended by the trusted servants of our district. Having just had Alan in a local park to give his Delegate's Report to our district last weekend brought the process full circle and gave more body - a more complete understanding of his effort on our behalf.

In meeting throughout the quarter we grow more comfortable and confident working together on projects, like helping our archivist gather additional histories for our stories disclose, locating more home group members with the willingness to bridge possible future members as they are released from treatment, working with the area Corrections staff and helping GSRs understand the goings-on at our local Intergroup office.

We have open positions ready to offer to members that have a desire to serve or learn to serve at the district level. We have occupied positions doing things that might not gain national attention but will make a difference in our area.

District 31 continues to work to the goal of personal recovery by watching out for the people and places in need of the message of recovery. It's a daily thing. In loving service, Alt DCM31 Larry B

District 32 – (Auburn, Federal Way) DCM Morgan D. – Pete K. – Picnic is next Saturday Jul 20th at Game Farm Park.

Morgan and I will both be taking a seat in the water balloon toss chair to make some money for D32. Great way to work our any resentments! All positions filled. All is good!

District 33 – (East Kent, Black Diamond, Summit) DCM Janet Thoman – No report.

District 34 (Bellevue, Redmond, Mercer Island) – Dominique DCM - District 34 has had a great start to the year. All committee members have been working hard in their service positions. The G.S.R.s have been great about attending district meetings and attending various events. We are having a district inventory August 17th. Our treasurer gave a presentation about the e-basket. We will be talking about this again at our next business meeting. I and the alternate DCM are going to all the G.S.R.'s home groups to inspire home group members to attend their group's business meeting. In Service, Dominique Tryon DCM 34. **Carlos Alt DCM** – I attended the PNC last month and shared about it with D34. I was invited to facilitate the group inventory of a Hispanic group in Seattle. Fremont's Speak Easy Group is trying to host/start a women's Spanish speaking meeting. I have been helping with communication for this. I am helping the OSD III committee get some of the Spanish group histories.

District 35 (Issaquah, Sammamish) – Dan H. DCM, Jennifer Alt DCM – After attending our District 35 workshop "How to Chair A Meeting" on June 1st and participating in our "Service Manual Studies" Wednesdays with past delegates Gail & Eddie, I am humbled by District 35's commitment to service. There is no doubt these are valuable topics. Our workshop panelists kept us at attention, pulled on our heart-strings and offered insightful, thoughtful and humorous experiences about "chairing meetings". Thank you to our panelists Gail H., Travis S., Nick M. & Mary. And thank you Alyssa & Courtney S., our District 35 Events Chairs for a job well done!

The Service Manual Study at Gail & Eddie's home in Preston is awesome. After touring their famous Tree House and taking in the view overlooking the valley, Gail and Eddie took us on a wonderful journey through some of the history of



AA and delight us with some of their experience as Past Delegates. They complement each other very well and we are very grateful for this opportunity. Please feel free to join us on Wednesdays at 7-8pm. Thank you Gail & Eddie! Finally we will be hosting the Delegate's Report at the Pine Lake Community Club in Sammamish along with Districts 34, 36 & 38 on July 28th, 2019, 2-6 pm.

District 36 (NE King County, Duvall, North Bend) – John DCM – Not a lot of Big Books in the library. We are working to make sure King Co. libraries have our books but in a way that stays within our Traditions. District movie night, we are looking in to renting a movie theatre and showing the Bill W. movie. We have Echo Glen Juvenile Detention Facility in Snoqualmie. They have teens there who are alcoholic but cannot leave the facility. We're doing what we can to bring meetings in to them. – Go to snovalleyaa.org to learn more.

District 37 (North Clark County, North Vancouver, Woodland) – DCM Joyce K. – We meet at our Intergroup office and it has been under construction. It's remodeled now and we have about half the size. There will be an open house in August. I attended the DCM roundtable and thank you Geene, Heather, and Crystal. Made it to Pre-Conference in Centralia with four other members of my district. We hosted, with the Area, a treasurer's workshop. We also hosted Corrections and Treatment workshops. We've added two new meetings, one is a newcomer meeting near a treatment center. The treatment patients can come to the meeting. Our Corrections Chair was able to get the 10 inmate members of the prison meeting out to go to an outside AA meeting with 150 people in attendance.

District 38 (Kirkland) – DCM Brent S., Alt DCM Leonard – We have most positions filled, maybe one empty. We're hosting a Treatment Quarterly July 20th. We're organizing a district Picnic August 24th from 3-9pm. Things are good.

District 39 – (Kenmore, Bothell, Woodinville) DCM Michael G. – 23 Meetings/Halls in our district, possibly more we are still looking. 10 meetings still need GSR's. This year three meetings have moved. The 12x12 Hall used to be in Bothell and is now in Woodinville, 39 meetings a week at this Hall. Bothell Big Book moved to 18515 92nd Ave NE, 8pm Thursday nights. North Creek Study, Wednesday nights moved to 2717 180th Street SW. We went over Traditions and Concepts 5, 6, and 7 in last 3 months. District 39 has both Eastside and Sno-King Intergroup attend our meetings each month. We have 12 district chairs but have four open chairs at moment. Our Open Chairs- Treatment, Event Planner, Archives and Accessibility. Groups are coming together and planning as a district to look at a Gratitude Dinner. Groups are working on their histories. Group WIR is having a problem and discussion endorsing strict alcohol problems vs Drug addiction.

District 40 – (East Capitol Hill, Madison Beach) DCM Ford S. – Hello Area 72! District 40 been steadily growing! We recently filled our treatment chair position and have someone interested in doing our web chair. We started meeting in our new permanent home and were so grateful for Houston L. for hosting us in her building while we looked for the perfect home.

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. We are currently looking into meetings that have been listed on the Area Website that are not listed on the Intergroup Website and making sure they are still active groups as we had someone show up to a meeting that no longer exists.

District 40 has begun to look into ways to interact with all our meetings members more often than just the Gratitude Banquet and are thinking of hosting something similar to "Seattle Fall Conference" in the spring. I am truly blessed with an amazing Alt DCM and super star GSRs who are very excited about being of service!! Hosting the District YP Quarterly July 27th.

District 41 – (North Downtown Seattle, Magnolia) DCM Dan G. – Recently shutdown our ASL and PI funds and turned over those funds to Intergroup and Area. We meet monthly with about 12-15 people. We opened up our meeting to Skype three months ago and one person regularly attends that way. We have open chair positions for Accessibility, Corrections, GvLit, PI, and Archives. We do not have an Alt DCM. Traffic and parking are a problem for us and by group conscience we have moved our meeting to 7:00pm to try to deal with this. We recently put a PI Booth up at the Seattle Center for Pride Fest. Hosting a Pre- Assembly on 8/24 at Faith Lutheran Church.

District 42 – (NW Seattle, Shoreline, Lake Forest Park) DCM Ed D., Alt DCM Julie – Accomplishments from the past quarter.

Holding our district's annual inventory in June was definitely one of this quarter's highlights. Area Secretary, Karla L., facilitated. ;-) Area Treatment Chair, Linda Dyer, gave an impassioned Bridging the Gap presentation in May. D42 co-hosted a very well attended and successful GSR School, facilitated by Area Alt-Delegate Geene F., in April. With unanimity, we voted to once again financially, and substantively support our District 42 Picnic; September 7th, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm, Richmond Beach Salt Water Park, lower level at the gazebo. Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. Having held our district's inventory, we will form an ad hoc committee to address any concerns that may



have arose from inventory discourse. Running at only 80% occupancy, filling and holding our district committee chairs continue to be somewhat of an uphill struggle.

Time management from yours truly. Although I'm well intended, my meandering on a subject – in my opinion – is problematic for fitting all the business we need to attend to in ninety minutes. Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. As stated; address any concerns or overt changes that were discovered via the district inventory. Pedantically review our district handbook making sure verbiage and funds, i.e. expenses reimbursement, reflect the actual comings and goings of the current body of District 42. Continue to invite special presentations from office holders outside our district, i.e. Area trusted servants.

District 43 – (Gig harbor, Port Orchard) DCM Steven A. – District 43 is doing well. I truly enjoyed PNC. It was my first one. I learned volumes. I do owe our Delegate an amends however. I was asked to facilitate a panel, and I had forgotten. So I was all shocked when I arrived and found my name on the program. So Alan, I apologize in front of god and everyone. I can't say which panel I enjoyed more or learned more from. Each and every presenter was well prepared.

Our July business meeting was moved from July 3rd to July 10th due to the holiday. We as a district are working on filling empty trusted servant positions.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the July Quarterly.

District 44 – (North Tacoma, Gig Harbor) DCM Meghan K. – Accomplishments from the past quarter. In the last quarter, District 44 hosted a presentation regarding the new volume of *Our Stories Disclose*. The presentation got everyone fired-up to work on their group histories! We also started visiting the business meetings of groups to introduce ourselves and put a face to a service position. Lastly, we implemented topic-based GSR sharing. This allowed for our GSRs to share on a specific question, and should help them with the GSR sharing at the assembly in October. Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. Our attendance has been down, and we have some open liaison positions. It has also been difficult to manage the time at the district meeting while also keeping the interest of the GSRs and liaisons; however, keeping our reporting to a suggested two minute timeframe has really helped. Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. Next quarter, we hope to finish visiting the business meetings within the district and fill our remaining liaison positions. We are also going to explore how we can use the shared Google drives of both the Area and Puget Sound AA to create a digital archive for the district and local standing committees to support future rotations. Lastly, we would like to develop a standard end-of-rotation form for our district trusted servants when they rotate out of a service position.

District 45 – (SW Pierce County, JBLM, Steilacoom, Spanaway) DCM Donna Hills – Greetings from District 45!

All of the district's standing committee rep/liaison positions are filled. GSR attendance at district meetings are averaging 15 groups represented each month. We have 27 registered Groups and all but 3 have at least given us contact information so we can get information to them.

The district's financial health seems stable with the operating fund balance \$689.00 (\$108.00 to be reimbursed to DCM for PNC expenses & July Quarterly expenses for DCM & Alt still to be disbursed.) Twelve (out of 26) Groups have made contributions thus far in 2019.

Last month the district voted unanimously to pay the DCM & Alt for registration fees for Area/District related events, such as assemblies and quarterlies at the time of registration.

We have had a couple discussions on whether the groups were interested in submitting a bid to host either the Men's or the Women's International Conference in 2022: Most groups thought it would be great to have it in our Area, but not much enthusiasm to do the work.

Our District Registrar has been in contact with the Area Registrar. All of the GSRs and committee members' information has been sent to the area registrar. More GSR's are receiving their kits every month.

District Archivist Sarah N. has been busy: Three boxes of financial records have been put in storage unit for archives. Took all archive boxes and sorted and re-binned in 8 tubs with labels. In addition, items were repaired and others framed. More items need framing and there are opportunities for additional displays.

The District 45 Picnic on May 18th was well attended and the food & fellowship was GREAT! Good job Sam K. (Alt DCM) & all that helped make it a success!! Our raffle exceeded our expectations with picnic expenses paid we had \$183.66 over established 'Seed' amount. We will decide at July meeting how to distribute overage. Sam is looking to book next year's picnic for the weekend after Father's Day.



D-45 Gratitude Banquet will be November 23rd at Dryer Masonic Temple in Parkland. We have already made the deposit & tickets should be available in August. We are trying to keep ticket prices between \$10-\$12.

July 14th is our Delegate's Report with districts 9, 29, 44 & 54. All are welcome to join us! 10am-3pm at Wildwood park Shelter 8. Bring finger foods to share & a camp-chair. This is going to be outdoors, so dress accordingly.

We are also working with the other local districts to host our Pre-Assembly on Saturday August 10th 9:30am – 3pm at First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup fliers are online.

We have been discussing The 2019 Area Assembly in October and reminding GSR's to make plans/reservations now and that their groups should be planning for this expense now.

At the April meeting we had a discussion topic from an Area survey request; "Which groups of people (ethnicity) are under-represented at your meetings or the meetings you attend?" Overall, the response seemed to be that most meetings had a mix, but that Asian, Indigenous (Native American) and Middle Eastern (Arabic) were the least represented. Fern Hill Group, our district's oldest active Group, had their 66th anniversary potluck in June. Ted P. from Port Orchard spoke and it was 'standing room only'. That meeting continues to grow and thrive!

Sam (Alt DCM) & I continue to meet with the other Pierce County DCMs & Alt-DCMs to work out scheduling for shared events and discuss what is working or not in our districts. On June 30th we met for a potluck and discussed the 'how-to's of being a DCM. I find it informative and fun to work closely with the other local districts! We share what is working and what gives us gray hair in our districts. Submitted with Love in Service, Donna H. District 45 DCM

District 46 – (Whidbey, Fidalgo, San Juan islands) DCM Linda Lockrem – I have been busy since the last Quarterly. I have visited quite a few of the groups in my district to thank them for their contributions and to ask if there is anything they need from us. They were surprised that I would ask that. I was surprised by how many do not understand our basic Service Structure and why they are important. So I explained that, where appropriate.

Our district has done two workshop so far this year. The latest one was on The God Word. It was very well attended even though it was outside and it was pouring rain. We were in a picnic shelter. I have gotten good feedback from the attendees. Our next workshop will be in September on Mental Health.

We are working with District 4 to set up a once a month Concept Study. It will be the third Sunday of the month at the Burlington Federal Bank in Burlington from 1-3. There will be three facilitators who will alternate. We are very excited about this.

This is our travel season. Our last district meeting was on Lopez Island. Our next district meeting will be in Langley at Maxwellton Park on the 3rd Saturday this month starting at 10. I have invited the Third Legacy Chairs from District 4 and District 11 to come and talk to us about Third Legacy.

I want to Thank Randy, Grapevine/Literature Chair for visiting us in May and Karen, Accessibilities Chair for visiting us in June. In service, Linda Lockrem District 46 DCM

District 54 – (Enumclaw, Buckley, Bonney Lake) DCM Colette F. - Our district has a new young person's meeting! So that's epic! We had a GvLit Quarterly hosted by our GvLit Chair Laura B. It was a huge success! Our CPC and PI chairs are busy making connections to serve our district in hospitals and treatment centers! Our men's stag groups continue to wow us with their consistent attendance at Intergroup and holding meetings at treatment centers! Our picnic is coming up July 20th, 12:30 – 4:30. See me for a flyer. Our district continues to grow and we have about 28 members currently. Looking forward to filling some of our chair positions that are still open and available like Accessibility and Treatment. I have confidence that somebody will stand up soon.

District 55 – (Sequim area) DCM Dana C. – No report.

District 56 – (East Jefferson County) DCM Anthonie C. – No report.

District 57 – (Spanish speaking groups north of King Snohomish Counties) DCM Angel R. – Good Afternoon, greetings from the groups in D57. We are working on Q & A workshops in different groups within our district. You are all invited and for more info contact me dc57@area72aa.org. We have a new group at 700 Strandell St, Everson, WA. It meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-8pm. We are ready to help D12 with the January 2020 Quarterly and the 2021 Assembly. We are also ready to help out with the Monroe Fair. Happy 24 hours.

Final Host Committee Announcements: Travis

Adjournment: Moved by 7, 2nd by 36, Approved



5:45pm: Closed with Responsibility Statement



