

General Service Conference Submissions Solution (GSCSS) Ad Hoc Committee has met for 7 months, and we were considering solutions to allow Area 72 General Service Representatives to fully participate in the Conference process, contributing to the unity of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

Background:

See the attached document for information on the Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) and the Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) submission form and why it caused the submission date to change.

Currently, GSRs attend 1 voting assembly annually, which is after the deadline of September 15th.

Area 72 has had 43 motions concerning General Service Conference action in our history, 21 of them were passed by GSRs for submission to the Conference.

Effective, actionable agenda items must be submitted by the September 15th cutoff date.

Summary:

We started by gathering all the ideas and solutions proposed by different sources, including past ad hoc committees, research findings, and input from past and present delegates. In our research, we reviewed past ad hoc committees' data going back to 1992 including having a 2nd Assembly. Due to that research, this committee did not feel it was a direction Area 72 wanted to go. We explored what other areas in the Pacific Region are doing in relation to the issues or challenges being addressed. This provided valuable benchmarking information and helped identify innovative approaches. We summarized information from the 73rd Annual Conference Final Report and data gathered from other regional Delegate Areas about their Assembly schedule. We engaged with past and current Delegates to gather their perspectives, insights, and experiences. Their input provided us with valuable context and helped ensure that our recommendation was informed by a diverse range of experiences and viewpoints.

Committee's Recommendation:

Through the committee's research, we reached a consensus about the following recommendation,

- **Shift Dates of Area Committee Meetings and Assembly.**
 - **January Quarterly: No change.**
 - **April Quarterly: Shifted to March (consideration to avoid conflict with PRAASA)**
 - **July Quarterly: Shifted to June (consideration to avoid conflict with PNC)**
 - **October Area Assembly: Shifted to September (consideration to avoid Labor Day Weekend)**

Ideas Explored:

- **2nd assembly (In person or virtual) This idea had been explored before, so this committee did not move forward with this idea.**

Pros	Cons
Another opportunity for GSRs to meet others in the area - elected, appointed, and past delegates	Logistics – another ad hoc committee found that many area members were not in favor
More people would attend	What if there were technical difficulties
Lower cost (virtual option)	In-person fellowship opportunities are not possible (virtual option)
Opportunity for districts that don't have the physical infrastructure to host (virtual option)	What about getting everyone's questions heard and answered (virtual option)

- **Switch assembly to July and have a Quarterly in October**

Pros	Cons
Wouldn't change the schedule (on current quarterly schedule)	Committed for several years to contracts/reservations
Would give more time at the last quarterly to discuss topics from the assembly that may come up	More people are traveling in the summer. Could affect attendance
More time to wind down from the years business	Hotels/facilities are more expensive during peak season
More time for rotating in chairs to take it all in before a lot of work started	Less time to prepare for the assembly after the GSC and Delegate report backs
Turn this into a report back for the delegate	Conflicts with Regional Forums, International Convention, and 4 th of July

- **Mini assembly – to talk and vote on GSC items.**

Pros	Cons
Could be a hybrid event which would be beneficial as far as cost (travel, hotel)	Would depend on timing
GSRs are more involved throughout the year	Could increase costs for GSRs to participate
	Additional workload for Area Committee Members

- **Use July Quarterly to vote on GSC items.**

Pros	Cons
We would get agenda items in on time	Many people take vacations in the summer
We wouldn't have to change the schedule for Area 72	Not as many GSRs come to quarterlies usually.
Won't add any extra expenses	It would add more time to the schedule that exists already for quarterly business.
	Since the conference structure explanation, this is not a great idea.
	GSR would not have a vote on the agenda item

- **Use the Pre-Assembly or Pre-Conference to vote on GSC items.**

Pros	Cons
We wouldn't have to change the schedule for Area 72	We have to be together in order to have an assembly vote. We can't have a vote if we're all separate
GSRs are already involved with these events	There's no unity if we're in 4 or more different places
	Too much information at once

- **Move Area 72 annual assembly to September.**

Pros	Cons
This option has the least impact on our overall calendar	Puts more pressure on Area Chair and DCMs for Pre-Assemblies
The cost to groups would be very similar as it's the same season	Burnout potential with pre-assemblies in August and then Assembly in September

Potential moving of contracts should be more manageable as it's in the same season and year	Barrier to service if basically summer months are taken for two years
The Area should have all the information from the previous GSC and two GSB reports to help inform a group conscience	

Members of the committee included:

Eddy M-M. – Area 72 Alt Chair

Maryland N. – Area 72 Archivist

Geene D. – Area 72 Panel 71 Past Delegate

Aimee B. – Area 72 DCM District 3

Frank M. – Area 72 DCM District 25

Dina M. - Area 72 DCM District 46

Lisa J. – Area 72 DCM District 24

Committee had support and assistance by:

Crystal S. – Area 72 Delegate

Lupita YM. – Area 72 Chair

Equitable Distribution of Workload & Why Deadline for PAIs is Now September 15th Instead of December 15th

At the General Service Conference (GSC), committee work is one of the most anticipated and important parts of the conference week for the 93 Delegates. However, the distribution of the agenda items to conference committees had been consistently weighted with several committees often getting the bulk of agenda items to discuss year after year, while other committees get few, if any, new agenda items. That imbalance has led to some committees working well beyond their allotted meeting times and other committees finishing their work with hours to spare. Seeking a better-balanced workload and a more equitable Conference experience has led to the three-year pilot known as the Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW). This final report will summarize each year's work, describe the distribution process, provide the year three survey results (attached), and present recommendations for the Policy and Admissions Conference Committee (P&A) to consider during their deliberations at the 74th GSC.

The goal of the three-year EDW Pilot was to “ensure that the Conference committees receive an equitable distribution of agenda items that require a depth and substance of discussion.” The term equitable was defined in the 2020 plan to mean that, “everyone gets their fair share of something, it's an adjective meaning fair or impartial. Something that is equitable does not unduly benefit one person more than any other person.”

The EDW pilot was developed in response to many comments and requests over the years pertaining to the imbalance of conference committee workloads. The subcommittee recognizes that should EDW continue beyond a pilot there will be more latitude to make improvements.

2021 Advisory Action of the General Service Conference

It was recommended that:

The Equitable Distribution of Workload Process, as detailed in the Report from the 2020 Trustees' General Service Conference Committee, be implemented for the 72nd General Service Conference (GSC) on a three-year trial basis, with a progress report to be brought to the Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions after each year of the trial.

Year one saw challenges to the workflow and the joint committee meeting communication, and scoring tool challenges documented in the report, as well as the significant challenges to Areas and to the group conscience process caused by moving up the deadline for submitting proposed agenda items to **September 15**. The TCGSC was encouraged to strive to address these challenges.

All proposed agenda items that come in after the September 15 deadline are considered for the subsequent year's General Service Conference.

**General Service Conference (G.S.C.)
Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form**

Annual deadline for submissions for a General Service Conference is September 15*.

What types of proposals, suggestions or ideas rise to the level of needing a General Service Conference “action” or “decision”?

Proposals that are important to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous, policy decisions or request for changes to Conference-approved literature and items that might require the collective conscience of the Fellowship. The trustees, corporate directors and staff bring together years of experience in A.A. service in making decisions about the appropriate process or disposition of proposed Conference agenda items. Warrantly Six reminds us “that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government...” *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* (page VI).

The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service states on page 42 that:

The Conference considers matters of policy for A.A. as a whole, and there are tried-and-true procedures for placing an item on the agenda in the most effective way possible. For suggestions that do not concern overall policy, there are procedures to ensure they are routed to the most appropriate part of the service structure.

The final agenda for any Conference consists of items suggested by:

- Individual A.A. members
- Groups
- Delegates
- Trustees
- Area assemblies
- Area committee members
- Directors and staff members of A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine

GSRs may have ideas for an agenda item, including some brought to them by group members. Experience suggests that they may want to discuss them first with their groups, then at district or area meetings. A district or an area can then forward it to the staff member at G.S.O. who is currently serving as Conference coordinator.

The following is from a process overview document “FAQs on Group Conscience Consideration for Proposed Conference Agenda Items.”

Q. What happens when a proposed Conference agenda item arrives at the Conference Coordinator’s desk?

A. The Conference Coordinator acknowledges receipt of the proposed agenda item and lets the sender know which of the following options is most appropriate and, if necessary, an explanation of why and how the proposed agenda item is being directed. Some of the possible routes are:

1. Forwarding to a Trustees’ Committee via a G.S.O. Staff Member or Department Head.
2. Forwarding to G.S.O.’s Publications Director or Group Services Staff person.
3. Forwarding to A.A. World Services, Inc.
4. Forwarding to Chair of the General Service Board.
5. Forwarding to the A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board/AA Grapevine Publisher.

Q. What happens when it is unclear what committee should address a proposed item or where an item should be routed?

A. When it is unclear where a proposed item belongs, it is most frequently forwarded to the trustees’ Committee on the Conference for direction.

- If a proposed agenda item does not rise to the level of a Conference action could be programmed during Conference in a different way like a presentation/discussion or workshop.

This overview is general and includes many but not necessarily all the possible routes a proposed agenda item follows in the trustee, G.S.O. and Grapevine review process. There is no “one size fits all” procedure and, on a case-by-case basis over time, there may occasionally be inconsistencies.

(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.
(2) What problem does this proposed item address?
(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).
<i>Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.</i>
(5) What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?

(6) Provide a primary contact for the submission.
(7) Final comments:

Submit completed forms to the GSO Staff Member on the Conference Desk:

EMAIL: Conference@aa.org

POSTAL MAIL: Attn: Conference Desk
 General Service Office
 P.O. Box 459
 Grand Central Station New
 York, NY 10163

General Service Conference Submission Solutions (SCSSS) AdHoc Committee
Pacific Region Areas Info-graphic 2022/2023

AREA	PANEL	GEOGRAPHY	POPULATION (000)	ASSEMBLY (LIES)	AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS	GSC PAI	APPOINTEDS OR STEERING COMMITTEES	MISC: HYBRID LANGUAGE	DISTRICTS	GROUPS
02	72	Alaska 34K Coastline	713K					Virtual	9	[136]
03	72	Arizona 114K Sq Mi		4			Agenda Admin Website	Virtual	15 County 1 Linguistic	2.4K
05	73	CA LA		Qtrlies & ACM			17	4 DCM sharing w/ other Areas Hybrid	35, 6 are Sp	755
06	73	CA –						Hybrid ASL Esp	23, 5 are Sp	2K / 65K mem
07	72	CA Northern Coastal					7 Ele, 8 App 3 Stand	Esp	29 5 are Sp	878+9V
08	72	CA San Diego Imperial		5					3 Sp	634
09	72	CA, 4 counties		3	12		6 Serv. Comm. Mtgs // 19 Standing	FORO	24, 6 Sp	2087
17	73	8 islands							14	264
18	72	ID 62K Sq Mi		May Oct	3-Jan/Mar/Aug			Hybrid Area Convention	11	270
42	73	Nevada + ca		2-Tonopah Spring Fall	13 Area (Gen) Ser Com		No Ser Com So Ser Com 4 Mtg Ea	Virtual	22	576+ 16 Vir
58	72	Oregon		4 Feb Pre-Ass May PostConf Sep Elect Nov Rotate				Virtual	36 3 Sp	1003
69	73	Utah						Virtual	11+1 Sp	392
72	73	West WA		1 Oct	3 Jan Apr Jul		22 Appoint 9 Stand	Hybrid	44, 3 are Sp	1.1K
92	72	East WA, ID, OR, MT,		2	2 Quarterlies		Stand Comm Wkshp < Qtrly Mar PreCon		25, 4 are Sp	491
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Panel 72 | Alaska: Area 02 covers the entire state of Alaska. Alaska is the largest state. It has more coastline (34,000 miles) than the rest of the United States combined. We share a border with Canada, and we are only two-and-a-half miles from Russia. The population is 731,000 people. On a hot, sunny day in New York, there are more people at Jones Beach than live in all of Alaska. Eighty percent of our villages and towns are not on the road system and are reachable only by boat or plane. A.A. is alive and well in Alaska. The first contact with A.A. was in 1940; a simple phone call reaching out for help and A.A. was there to render assistance. Today we have about 178 groups, 9 districts and 5 Intergroups. Alaska itself is a remote community; therefore, we have a very active Remote Communities Committee. We have a statewide call-in meeting, and we organize Twelve Step weekend trip visits to remote villages. Because of Covid travel restrictions, this year we are planning to organize virtual visits and meetings in several remote communities to explain what our committee does and how we might assist them in carrying the message. Our corrections committee discovered a unique way to deliver A.A. pamphlets into a local facility. They found a willing social worker who said they could give the pamphlets to her clients. So, they met up in the parking lot, and the pamphlets were provided to the still-suffering alcoholics. Since the pandemic, our area has been rocketed into a tech dimension, which has helped us expand our reach to carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic. — **Tandy W.**

Panel 72 | Arizona: Area 03 consists of the entire state of Arizona or about 114,000 square miles. We have about 2,425 weekly meetings. We've added a Spanish liaison coordinator to our area ranks to support the entire area with better understanding of the linguistic and cultural differences that we have and to give us ways to better communicate in our area. We have 15 county districts and one statewide Hispanic linguistic district. We have four assemblies per year, an Agenda Committee, an Administrative Committee and a Website Committee. Here are some area highlights: Arizona Area 03 will conduct the 21st Corrections Conference later this year. Corrections Professionals together with A.A. volunteers continue to open the gate of cooperation. We celebrated the 71st Arizona State Convention last year along with four area assemblies, all on virtual platforms. Literature and Grapevine/LaViña committees have started to attend in-person events and are doing well with literature sales!! Our Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee continues the virtual monthly roundtable with statewide and inter-area participation. In July 2021 we hosted a virtual CPC conference. The Sixth Annual Hispanic Woman's Workshop was in Arizona in

December of 2021. I listened in gratitude as I watched those women wield the power of A.A. with humor, grace and commitment to our Three Legacies. Area 03 continues to grow in carrying the message of A.A, and I am grateful to be a part of that. — **Kathy R.**

Panel 73 | California (Southern): My name is Doug and I'm an alcoholic! Mi nombre es Doug y soy alcohólico. It's an honor and privilege to serve as delegate for Southern California **Area 5**, Panel 73. I'm privileged to serve on the Treatment & Accessibilities Committee. My sobriety date is May 22, 1988. My home group is the Downey Rocky Timers which meets every Monday evening @ 7:30 pm in Downey, CA. Area 5, though small geographically, is one of the most densely populated and diverse in lifestyles and cultures. The Area is part of greater Los Angeles where many different languages are spoken. We have 35 districts, of which six are Spanish linguistic districts covering the entire area and cooperating through an Interdistrict Committee. There are 17 standing and ad hoc committees facilitating Twelfth-Step work. We hold quarterly assemblies and area committee meetings, participate in the four-Area DCM sharing session with our sister Areas: 8, 9 and 93, organize a Spanish language service assembly (Foro Hispano) and we hold a two-day pre-Conference workshop featuring Conference agenda presentations, roundtable discussions and report-backs. Area 5 is honored to host the Hispanic Women's Workshop later this year. Our area communications, quarterly newsletter and website are published in English and Spanish and live translation is provided at all area meetings and events. The first Spanish linguistic district in Area 5 was formed in 1978. We have moved to a hybrid Area meeting model and, for the most part, we've worked out the kinks. In-person attendance has improved as our members' comfort level has increased. We are dedicated to carrying the message to still-suffering alcoholics and their families. From the snow-capped mountains to the sun-soaked beaches, Area 5 has something to offer for everyone! Thank you! — **Doug S.**

Panel 73 | California (Northern Coastal): Area 06 stretches from the southern Oregon border through the coastal redwoods of Northern California, down the ragged Mendocino coast and into the picturesque valleys of California wine country, across the Golden Gate Bridge into San Francisco and east toward Berkeley and Oakland. Further south, Silicon Valley, the beach town of Santa Cruz, the agricultural capitals of Salinas and Gilroy, and the prosperous communities of Pebble Beach and Carmel. A.A. thrives here. In some rural communities, there is

just one group every 50 miles. In larger cities, upwards of 100 meetings are held each day. Post-pandemic, meetings remain committed to providing a safe refuge from alcoholism — whether online or in-person. The Area serves more than 2,000 groups and approximately 65,000 members. The Area has 23 districts, including five Spanish-linguistic districts. District chairs and area officers reflect the diversity of our community. Our Area includes LGBT members, non-binary and trans members, women — including Hispanic women, veterans, people with accessibility needs, the neurodiverse, immigrants, atheists, Jews, Christians, Muslims, Hindus, people of color, black and indigenous members, and cisgender white men. Post-pandemic, we have become a fully hybrid Area. All Area-sponsored events facilitate virtual and in-person participation, and they all include simultaneous interpretation between English and Spanish. At our Post-Conference Assembly, we also provide ASL interpretation. While there have been post-pandemic challenges, we remain united in our common mission to help the alcoholic still suffering. Our conversations can be spirited, but they are conversations of love and respect for one another and for Alcoholics Anonymous. For a drunk like me, the opportunity to serve A.A. in this capacity is mind-blowing. I was a low-bottom drunk who got rescued by our life-saving message, and I am profoundly grateful to have an opportunity to make sure an alcoholic stumbling in the darkness can find the recovery we share. — **Eric L.**

Panel 72 | California (Northern Interior): Area 07 is the largest of the six areas in California, stretching from the Oregon border south to Kings and Tulare counties. Our naturally diverse area includes the beautiful Trinity Alps and Mount Shasta in the north, Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks in the southeast, and the length of the Sacramento Valley to the San Joaquin Valley. The area is comprised of 29 districts, five of which are Spanish-speaking and include District 57, our newest addition. Area 07 has seven elected officers, eight appointed chairs, and two standing committees to serve the area's 878 in-person and nine virtual groups. We have four area assemblies each year and eight area committee meetings. In preparation for our pre-Conference assembly, the area officers and appointed chairs facilitate multiple workshops on agenda items throughout our area. As delegate, I have the privilege of listening to each group's conscience at our pre-Conference assembly. Over a day and a half, the collective conscience of our area coalesces as we listen to GSRs share at the microphone. Area 07 has shown remarkable resilience during the pandemic. The last event our area attended in person was the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA)

2020, pivoting to a virtual platform the following week. Though we had hoped to return to our first in-person assembly in January, once again, our area showed that we could remain flexible as we made the difficult decision to stay on a virtual platform for the health of our members. It is an honor to serve the California Northern Interior Area 07 as the Panel 72 delegate. — **Jenn D.**

Panel 72 | California (San Diego/Imperial): [Area 08] Alcoholics Anonymous in San Diego/Imperial is active and present on Zoom and in person. It's great being able to share with our members from the ocean to the desert, and from the mountains to the Mexican border. The Naval Base in the south and the Marine Corps Base in the north bring new people here year after year — it's how I got to San Diego. All this makes our A.A. meetings quite diverse. Our three Spanish-speaking districts have offered meetings to men, and now women, since 2016. Because Area 8 is so diverse, we've been compelled to reach out to all the cultures and language groups represented in San Diego and Imperial counties. The love for A.A. flows in and out of our conversations throughout the year. With five area assemblies a year, we get to introduce the Conference agenda topics to our GSRs through well-prepared workshops and visitations. Our finance committee and area treasurer have consistently prepared budgets allowing Seventh Tradition funds to be available for additional Twelfth Step work through the committees and the groups. Area 8 continues to do its part in connecting with different communities that are underrepresented. These communities include indigenous people, LGBTQ+, Deaf and hard of hearing and Hispanic Women to highlight just a few. The newest we hope to reach is the Asian-American community. Because San Diego is renowned for its idyllic climate, 70 miles of pristine beaches and a dazzling array of world-class family attractions, many people visit San Diego each year. Area 8 wants the hand of A.A. always to be there and when the Meeting Guide app became available in early 2019, we were ready. This allowed more participation from visitors outside of our area. I love San Diego Imperial A.A. — **Monty C.**

Panel 72 | California (Mid-Southern): Area 09 was approved at the Eighth General Service Conference in 1958 and elected its first area officers in 1959. One of six areas in California, Area 09 spans four counties: Orange County, San Bernardino County, Riverside County, and part of Los Angeles County. The area includes Catalina Island off the Pacific Coast, portions of south Los Angeles, down the oceanfront from Manhattan Beach to San Clemente to the San Diego County

border, reaching up north to Barstow and east past Palm Springs and Coachella Valley to Blythe on the Colorado River. With the health restrictions during Covid-19, online meetings for the area, district and groups substituted for many in-person meetings. The area meets 12 times a year, including three area service assemblies, six area service committee meetings, a pre-Conference workshop, a servathon, and our FORO, which is a jointly hosted event by Spanish- and English-speaking districts. The area consists of 24 districts, six overlapping Spanish-speaking districts. Most of our districts have subdistricts with both DCMCs and DCMs. From the new Friendship Connection, there are 2,027 active groups in Area 09, with 17 new virtual groups, where approximately 62,600 members attend. Area 09 is comprised of 19 standing committees, including Remote Communities, Technology, and Young People. Coordinate committees include five Young People in A.A. Intergroups, 14 central offices (including six Hispanic offices), and eight Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Committees, with 34 local H&I Committees. We regularly distribute information electronically and on a newly redesigned website to more than 1,100 present and past trusted servants, with about 220 actively participating at any given time, through online and in-person events. Area 09 is committed to having the heart and message of A.A. available, both in-person and online, for those who suffer and those in service who carry the message of hope and love. — **Mitchell B.**

Panel 73 | Hawaii: I am grateful to serve Hawaii **Area 17** as their Panel 73 delegate. My home group is Defective Characters on the virtual platform which is connected to the service structure through West Hawaii District 8 and Area 17 Hawaii. I want to thank the PRAASA Committee and Area 05 for hosting all of us and bringing us together in service and unity to enhance our recovery. Hawaii consists of eight islands — Niihau, which is the farthest west, is home to Native Hawaiians who still speak the Hawaiian language more than English, and Kahoolawe, which is not inhabited but is a major part of teaching the Hawaiian culture and the old ways of the Hawaiians. The other six Hawaiian Islands is where A.A. is alive and well. From oldest to youngest, Kauai consists of one district — District 6; Oahu, the island with the largest population has seven districts — Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 17; Lanai and Molokai islands join West Maui for one district — District 13 along with two (2) other districts on Maui — Districts 5 and 11. The youngest island, Hawaii island, where I reside, has three districts — 7, 8 and 12 and has as much land mass as all of the other five main islands put together. One fun fact about Hawaii island is it still has an active volcano with lava

flowing in Halemaumau crater on the summit of Kilauea. Area 17 has 264 groups and five virtual groups that hold meetings at all times of the day. I am happy to represent Hawaii, Area 17, being 3/8th Hawaiian, 1/2 Portuguese and 1/16th of two nationalities I have no idea how it got into our family tree. A.A. in Area 17 has a lot of Aloha which grows love which was the spiritual answer for this alcoholic.

— **Thomas G.**

Panel 72 | Idaho: Area 18 is relatively small, but quite mighty. We are large geographically (roughly 62,000 square miles) and small in member numbers. Idaho Area 18 includes the entire southern portion of Idaho and a few small slivers of eastern Oregon, northern Nevada and western Wyoming. We currently have 11 active districts serving roughly 261 listed English- and Spanish-speaking groups.

Our Area 18 Committee consists of the area officers, special service committee chairpersons and the 11 DCMs. This year we have held our first area committee meeting in a hybrid format, which has proven to be successful thus far, particularly for our trusted servants living in the more rural areas with treacherous winter driving conditions. We have three area committee meetings, held in January, March and August. Idaho is small enough in numbers to allow for anyone interested in General Service to attend our area committee meetings where business is discussed, but no actions are taken. We save action for our two full-bodied area assemblies, which are rotated among the districts in May and October. We are unique in that we hold our assemblies in conjunction with an area convention, a practice that has become a challenge as we have traversed uncertain times. We continue to let our Higher Power lead us through each challenge along the way. Our pre-Conference process currently consists of district committee members drawing conference committees from a hat at the January area committee meeting, and when the conference agenda and background material are made available, the DCMs distribute their sections to their GSRs, groups, and members for collective study and research. The Saturday before the March Area Committee Meeting, Districts 2 and 10 traditionally host a pre-Conference workshop, where DCMs, GSRs and interested A.A. members share and discuss their findings to help the delegate become better informed. We continue to look at ways to further improve this process. We recently had an overhaul of our area guidelines, bringing our written guidelines into agreement with current practices. Idaho has seen greater participation within the LGBTQ+ community in the last few years, as we have had more and more inclusive

meetings added to our roster. We have had success in reaching out to treatment and corrections facilities, but we have the opportunity to improve our encouragement of Hispanic and Native American groups. Some new meetings that have been very successful focus on literature, both classic and newer. Our website continues to grow, and along with the Meeting Guide app, has been found to be an invaluable tool for newcomers. We do continue to adjust to our new pandemic reality. Like many other areas, we have seen a decrease not only in General Service participation, but also a decrease in participation on the group level as well. Fortunately, in Idaho, we are known for our tenacity and grit. We will make it through changes with determination, along with the guidance of a Power greater than ourselves. Idaho will continue to carry the legacy of those who have come before us by serving with love and enthusiasm! — **Candace C.**

Panel 73 | Nevada: Area 42 is actually Nevada and a little bit of California extending from Fort Bidwell, California, on the Oregon, Nevada and California border in the mountains all the way down to Laughlin, Nevada on the California, Nevada, and Arizona border which is in the Mojave Desert. Area 42 has 576 regular active groups and 16 virtual active groups with 22 districts. Area 42 is the only area I am aware of that has been divided into two sub areas. We have the Southern Area General Service Committee and the Northern Area General Service Committee. Each of these committees meet four times a year and the whole of Area 42 meets two times a year at our spring and fall area assemblies held in the middle of the state in beautiful downtown Tonopah, Nevada, the sobriety capital of the universe! We have two urban centers of Las Vegas and Reno, but a lot of our Area is made up of rural and remote communities. Covid 19 was a big punch in the face to our Area just as it was to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. The last few years have been a very tough time and everyone in Area 42 is very excited to get back to doing all of the amazing work that is done in a general service committee. Besides all of our amazing standing committees in the north and the south we now have what we call our Area Conference Committees. All 13 of the General Service Conference committees are represented in our Area Conference committees. These committees study the background information for every item on the General Service Conference agenda then they summarize every item for our area. They discuss the items as a committee and recommend to the delegate, alternate delegate and area chair which items they believe should be discussed in our area round tables and our spring area assembly. When the items are chosen that we will discuss, the committees put together presentations to

inform our Area about what is going on. Though the pandemic was a very tough time for all of us, it taught us all to use virtual communications, which we are able to use to very good effect in discussing General Service Conference agenda items through our Area Conference committees. Alcoholics Anonymous saved my life and general service has become a huge part of my program. Thank you all very much for being here. Thank you very much for saving my life. — **Jake S.**

Panel 72 | Oregon: Area 58 is comprised of over 1,000 groups within 36 districts, three of which are Spanish-speaking districts. I'm also honored and excited to announce that we have added American Sign Language (ASL) groups to our District 16. In October we held a virtual ASL-translated GSR school with around 20 people in attendance. I am so proud of the work they continue to put in! Most of Oregon's population is on the I-5 Corridor, which runs north and south on the west side of the Cascade Mountains. Portland, Salem, Eugene, Medford, and most of Oregon's other larger cities are in this section of our state. Our other groups are to the east and west and throughout the Cascades, which tend to be more rural areas. We hold four service assemblies throughout the year, which we have been having virtually. We are eagerly looking forward to returning to our process of rotating locations throughout the state. February is our pre-Conference assembly; May is our post-Conference assembly. September is our General Service Assembly (when our area officers are elected). During our service assembly in November, our newly elected area officers and service committees rotate into their positions. Area 58 is a GSR-driven area, which well demonstrates our "upside-down triangle." We are fortunate to enjoy outstanding leadership from our DCMs, service committee members, area officers, and our collective past area servants. Our area actively participates in PNC (Pacific Northwest Conference), PRAASA (Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly), and the Pacific Regional Forum. Many of our DCMs and GSRs are very involved in all these events, and as years go by their attendance increases. I'm honored to be a small part of our Oregon Area 58 family. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to come visit us (virtually or physically). — **Amber N.**

Panel 73 | Utah: Area 69 covers the entire state of Utah. A beautiful large metro area centered on Salt Lake City has 3 districts of about 80 groups each and 3 districts of around 35 groups. Down where the palm trees grow in southeast Utah there is a district with about 35 groups. The rest of the state has rural and frontier towns surrounded by the stunning scenery of largely unpopulated deserts and

massive mountains and has one district with around ten groups, one with eight groups, one with two groups and one with one group. Our dedicated and fun-loving Spanish linguistic district of about 12 groups covers the whole state. Our Area meets hybrid, virtual and in-person. Our Standing Committee Chairs present the agenda items at the Area Committee meeting in February and again at the Pre-Conference Assembly in April. We also have Assemblies in May and September, workshops in June, August and November and an Area Committee Meeting in February and December. GSRs and district standing chairs have a vote at all our meetings, but written motions are only decided at Assemblies. Our districts bid on events which are held all over the state. We usually have around 100 people at Assemblies and 50 to 80 at our other events. Utah has five intergroups with four central offices. We are part of the Pacific Region and hosted the Pacific Region Forum last year. Meeting practices and individual opinions vary from place to place in Utah sometimes widely, but we share a common problem and have a common solution and willing people are finding the solution to their drinking problem all over Utah. — **David R.**

Panel 73 | Washington (Western): Area 72 spans half of Washington: west to the Pacific Ocean, east to the Cascade Mountain Range, north to the Canadian border and south to the Oregon border. We have 43 districts, three of which are linguistic Spanish-speaking, and one online-only district. We hold three Area quarterlies a year and an annual assembly, which is typically attended by 700 participants, with over 400 voting members. We have nine standing committees, six additional appointed officers, and four steering committees. This year we impaneled our first Spanish-speaking committee chair, Javier. The area enjoys participation in PRAASA and the Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) which we hosted virtually in 2022. This last October, we held our first hybrid Assembly with 500 people in the room and 200 online. We also created a technology steering committee to help address technical needs in the area, used DirectPoll for voting, created an additional Spanish-speaking district, and approved our archivist with full right of participation at Area business events. Our Area participates in the National Corrections Conference, National A.A. Archives workshop, and NAATW, which we hosted in 2022. Our Area History Book, Our Stories Disclose, Edition III, a two-volume set, is in the final stages and should be sent to print soon. As we have our feet firmly planted in this new rotation, we feel a renewed energy in our Area and we are excited to serve. — **Crystal S.**

Panel 72 | Washington State (East): Formed in 1992 as the result of a “split” from Area 72, **Area 92** is relatively large geographically, yet sparse in population. With 491 active groups, our boundaries reach north to the Canadian border, west to the Cascade Mountain range, east into a small northwest corner of Montana, and south into a small section of Oregon along its northern border. We have 25 districts, four of which are Spanish-speaking and are designated as non-geographic linguistic districts. Our districts bid on hosting two area assemblies and two quarterlies, as well as standing committee workshops held the month prior to each quarterly event. At these workshops, area committees support our districts in breakout sessions sharing ideas and information regarding their Twelfth Step efforts. The March workshop focus is primarily on the GSC agenda in preparation for an “informed” discussion at the pre-Conference April assembly. As all of Alcoholics Anonymous, our area Fellowship stepped up to the challenge of the 2020 pandemic. We are emerging with a whole new opportunity before us in the use of virtual technology. Our new technology committee will help extend the hand of A.A. in carrying our message of hope. The potential to enhance communication with our Latino, Native American, and the many ethnic communities is an opportunity to be embraced. The advantages to this virtual component are just being realized. Exciting times lie ahead indeed! I am honored and humbled to serve the groups of this wonderful Area 92 as their Panel 72 delegate. — **Ben N.**

Panel 73 | California (Central): **Area 93** is made up of 24 active districts, 16 English speaking and eight overlying Hispanic linguistic districts. There are 1,500 active groups, 120 are Spanish-speaking and approximately 30,000 A.A. members. Our area birthday happened at the 50th General Service Conference as a result of a floor action on May 5th in 2001. Up to today, we have had six females and six males, 12 delegates. Their different backgrounds are evidence of our diversity, since the 51st General Service Conference. Our area’s territory begins in the Hollywood Hills at Mulholland Drive, geographically limits in the south with Area 5, which gave birth to our Area 22 years ago. The border goes northeast through the Mojave Desert to the foot of the Owens Valley and then west across the southern Sierra Nevada Mountains. It goes across the very productive orchards of San Joaquin Valley and farther west to the Pacific Ocean, touching the limits with our neighbors to the north in Areas 6 and 7. Finally, heading down the coast from Cambria, all the way to south Pass Santa Barbara and then east to the San Fernando Valley, comprising approximately 16,000 thousand square miles, serving

more than 100 cities and about seven counties. Area 93 has eight committee meetings and nine Area Assemblies within a panel. The Area also has a pre-Conference workshop, Budget-setting meeting, Spanish Forum, old-timers event and Hispanic women's workshop. We have 12 standing committees and recently created the Technology Committee. We are updating our guidelines describing the duties and expectation of our Technology Committee. In 2021 we hosted the first-ever virtual Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA). We have a big Spanish-speaking community which is why we close our area events with the Responsibility Statement in English and Spanish. We welcome everyone who wants to be of service to accomplish the unity of purpose that's CCAA93. — Pablo H.