

# 2018 Area 69 Fall Workshop

November 2 & 3, 2019

Hosted by District 6 Salina, Utah

**9:00 Kristen Area Chairperson: opens meeting.** Introduction of Area 69 officers and Chairs. Evan excused; Wade excused. Past delegate Walter and Rene. Tom read 12 concepts.

**Secretary:** Mieshell D, Read the minutes for the 2019 Area Fall Assembly. The motion to approve was made by Laura C, seconded by Tom K.

**Treasurer:** David R year to date report for Area 69 in detail. In archives. Motion to approve made by Jo, and John W. seconded

**Delegate:** Matt D

**Registrar and Roll Call:** Cheryl H

**Alternate Delegate:** Sheryl Thank you, District 6, for hosting the Area this weekend. A lot of time and energy goes into putting on an event and we all appreciate the time and effort of the host committee and volunteers. Since we last met, I had the opportunity to attend the October GSR meeting in District 10. District 10 has begun discussing whether the district should be divided into two districts. Matt, our Delegate, gave a history of the process District 11 went through when they split off from District 2. Bonnie, District 10's DCMC, had invited past delegates and other Area 69 representatives to attend and participate in the "loving discussion." The next step in the process will be the GSRs informing their groups about this idea, and bringing the groups' votes back to District 10. A change like this can take a long time, so it will be interesting to see what happens. I have been reading the new history book, "Our Great Responsibility." What a joy it is to read some of Bill W.'s previously unpublished talks to the General Service Conference between the years 1951-1970. I hope you will check the book out if you have not already done so.

**Area Chair Kristen:** I have been to a few districts over the last month. District workshops please if I can help in any way please let me know. I love coming and rubbing elbows with my heroes on the front lines. On a personal note God always shows up to take care of me and my daughter is doing well thank you for praying for our family.

**Area Assembly and Agenda Chair Kirk** Good Morning everyone, my name is Kurt and I'm an alcoholic. I am very grateful to be serving as your Agenda/Assembly chair for Panel 69. My sobriety date is April 21, 1994. My home group is Sober Solution. We meet every Saturday at noon. Everyone is welcome. We even have a place and toys for kids. If you are ever in Logan on a Saturday please come visit us. Been busy on the computer since we last met. As you may recall, our website must be transferred to a new server before June 2020. Just after the Fall Assembly we discovered that our meeting list web pages use a web server tool that is now obsolete. Since then I have been busy updating roughly 100 lines of text in roughly 100 files. If you do the math, that is 10,000 lines. Fortunately, much of it can be done with find and replace. But it is still going to take a little while... :) On October 19 took a trip with a couple of sponsee's to the District 2 & 10 DCM workshop. The workshop was well attended. We all enjoyed a morning of sharing and learning. I was impressed with the caring and commitment of all of those serving as DCM and even those considering standing for the position. DCM may be the most challenging service position is AA. It is certainly one of the busiest. I hope everyone finds an opportunity to serve as DCM. Worked with District 5 over the phone to get an outline of their program for the 2020 Post Conference Assembly. They are going to be very busy next year hosting both the Post Conference and Pre-Assembly Workshop. We will need to start planning for the August workshop even

before the Post Conference has started. As an alcoholic, my mind is always going full blast. Usually it's all about me. One in a while the outside world leaks in. At the Pre-Assembly Workshop, Charlie T. showed us a new way of using technology for A.A. He has a Bluetooth microphone connected to a smart phone which transcribes talk to text. To that we added a miniature projector to display that text on the wall of any meeting room. In this way we are trying to include those who are deaf or hard of hearing into regular A.A. meetings. I will be bringing this idea to some elder friends in Sun City, AZ – maybe it will be useful to those who lose their hearing a result of aging. Today we are trying another twist on this same idea. I have connected a smart phone to our sound system and the screen is casting to the projector on the side of the room. Yeah, some of us have hobbies not like anyone else... This is an experiment. I would like your feedback. Is it useful? Is it distracting? Is there some way to improve? Should we use it for the Workshop? And, yes, there is talk of transcribing the text to Spanish, this may be just a first step. Please let me know what you think. Agenda/Assembly is one of those positions where the rubber meets the road, literally. I am so grateful to be serving Area 69. I look forward to working with the host committees of all of our upcoming events.

Bid for 2020 Fall Work Shop November 7&8 in 20202 bids from District. **Tom District 2 in Tooele.** Will host the 2020 Fall Workshop.

**Area Archives** Ben H. I was able to make it to district 10 meeting we were able to talk about being right sized in AA development of a new district and changing the size of district 2. A ad-hock was developed. I was pleased to wake up a Saturday morning to talk at the DCM at central office in Salt Lake City. The importance of being in service and how being a DCM and DCMC has made a change in myself and others. Always asking for more archives and the ability to learn. I was with district 2 archives chair or how to find past archives in the district. I got a S.T.D. (starting the day) meeting. Looking for members who may have some information on these lost archives of district 2 will get archives for area by putting the word out and using the new pamphlet with Janett's new address placed in fellowship hall and Murray Alano club. We will be having Jenna place a flyer in district 2 newsletter. Central office archive got a worksheet for more archive's information. We got some archives from district 6 and I am so happy to be a part of.

**Area Repository Archives** Janett. The display this weekend is just about Area 69 and commemorating our 75th anniversary in Utah. The official date is December 19th. It is a lot smaller than at the Fall Assembly, but still interesting. You are welcome to pick up items to view closer. The Banner was donated from the Fall Assembly. Donations from the Fall Assembly included, notebook of paper work, registration, pin, 2 t-shirts and a set of CDs' from the 23 National Archive Workshop Ben attended. CD's from agenda items 2016, Area Newsletter, Conference Report 2019, 2 cassettes from the 12th annual Intergroup0/Central Office AAWS seminar in Columbus, OH, 1997. Also, a box of coffee cups and 3 plastic totes full of all sorts of items. I have new copies of the "One to One" (\$15.00) and the "Time Line" (\$5.00) history books of our area here today for sale if you would like one.

A reminder to all Standing Chairs to have their supply inventories ready for the Area Meeting in December meeting for Alt. Delegate Sheryl and archives. Since the Fall Assembly, I have recovered from being broad-sided and totaling my truck, I have new to me wheels. Life is good.

**Communications Chair** Joleen My name is Jolene and I am an Alcoholic. I want to give a big thanks to Devin, and Doug for their guidance during the migration process to the new website hosting data base and their knowledge of the system and who it works. In September we were stuck until one of the nice people in tech support provided us with information on what we were missing for the meeting data base to pull the required information. With this info Kurt has been working on making the changes. So, we are currently at the testing phase. I have asked Walter, Renee and Sheryl T for assistance. We will talk soon on what I need assistance with. We need to test the new site managing program to make sure it is working correctly. Before we switch the DNS for the new system to go live. For anyone that is not aware on why we are making this change, come and

see me. I will give you the details. During my testing I have noticed email addresses for the following districts 1, 11 and 10 these email addresses vary from the DCMC position to standing chair positions. I am going to mention this issue again with the meeting guide app not working or the addresses are showing up incorrectly. Our website is correct, so it is not pulling the corrected info to the APP. I sent an email to the meeting guide APP support in GSO, they found the issue being that Google maps has the wrong address. They have referred me to goggle to get the address fixed for the American Legion Hall in Kanab, UT. Google has the address listed as 68 W 400 S, Kanab, UT 84741. This has been reported to google. I have not heard anything back from them.

**PI Evan (Joleen)** My name is Evan I am an alcoholic, it is a great honor and privilege to serve as the Area 69 public information chair, I am writing this report from a beach in Mazatlán, Mexico ...I sure love sobriety!! The area pi committee has been strong geared up for the upcoming winter, we are still working with the local police departments on the plains of Aa at a glance pamphlet in all alcohol related arrest in Park City the numbers triple in the winter months ... We are also working on the development of a podcast which will have interviews of Aa members using the oral history guide from the archives work book ...The Public Information challenge we introduced last workshop was a huge hit ...we had a Zero % response, gotta love that participation. But well keep doing our part in trying to help the alcoholic still suffering. It's been said "it's a lot easier to stay sober than to get sober ", that's a good slogan to remember ...

**CPC Jill H;** Things are going well making inroads with professionals. With parts of our area. I am excited about it. On November 5 I will be making a presentation to the Utah County department of alcohol and drug prevention and treatment staff meeting. There will be a speaker sharing their journey through the county programs where he was introduced to AA through a special man that took meetings into the Foothill Treatment facility. This man then was willing to sponsor him into society and through his first 6 years of Sobriety. I would like to move this presentation onto other counties with the help of CPC members in these counties. I urge the districts to promote these CPC chair positions. The time is ripe.

**Grapevine La Vina:** Mike I would like to thank Treesa and Janet for filling in for this event. We have a nice supply of the new Grapevine Joke Book "Take Me to Your Sponsor". Please see me to get you copies for \$10. Per book. I purchased back issues of the Grapevine to be distributed to jail meetings and doctor's offices with in district 5. If there are any District Grapevine Reps interested in ordering back issues or new subscriptions pleas feel free to contact me or grapevingstore.org I will be contacting people in the district to schedule when I can visit. And please all of you district reps feel free to send your emails addresses to the Area Grapevine Chair on the ares website so that we can exchange ideas.

**Literature:** Mark I am very sorry I was unable to attend fall assembly, but I had something you people really didn't want. I have talked to some people to get some ideas on the attraction part, and if I may quote Evan, "Participation" I know for me I have seen a decline in getting people into service. What can we do? I have got an extension for the literature rack specifically for the Spanish speaking community. District 12, or anyone else who wants Spanish materials. I don't quite have it stocked all the way, but a good start is happening. I'd like to extend my gratitude to Cheryl, as she consoled me, and suggested things, and inspired me again. I hope to get out and about a bit more, but as I have my older brother to take into account and Paul is helping me as best, he can to help watch the medication side of him when I am gone. It's a challenge but one I know I will get through. I make a kind of challenge to people who represent their groups, come get a few pamphlets and share them in your meetings. I have been announcing in some meeting I attend, how "participation" has dropped off, and how important service work is to keep Alcoholics Anonymous alive for the future member that hasn't found the rooms yet.

**Treatment** John W. Since the Fall Assembly we have been fairly busy Both Kevin and I attended District 3 Corrections and Treatment workshop. It was a blast and went well. We all learned a lot and shared a lot. Seems some enthusiasm has been initiated in district 3. Dianna at GSO has been contacted in increasing amounts from treatment centers and other professionals across the nation requesting information on the BTG and has starting implementing the program in their communities. Here in Area 69 we have some new district treatment chairs and I think they're on fire. Looking forward to working with them. Several presentations and

literature requests have been made Our BTG workbook committee will meet today those not in attendance today we will have a phone conference calls. We are in Process of putting bid together for 2021 national BTG workshop. Anyone interested in being on that hosting committee get in contact with me or Kevin.

**Corrections** (Kevin) John W. Currently in Huston Tx at the National Corrections Workshop.

**District 11:** Mike F. We have good attendance at our district meetings and most of our committee positions are full. We are in need of a DCM for our northern region. The GSR meeting is held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the South Davis Recovery club in Bountiful. Our district efforts with treatment corrections and BTG, literature and Grapevine are continuing to move forward in a positive manor. We are doing our best to reach the still suffering alcoholic. We are planning a District workshop in January and will distribute a flyer ASAP.

**District 10:** Bonnie Our last GSR meeting was held on October 7<sup>th</sup> the room was full we had our Delegate Matt Kristen, Sheryl T. Past Delegates Rene and Walter. Along with Evan and Bend Tom DCMC from district 2. Meeting was spent of questions and discussion about redistricting. We formed and ad-hoc committee in conjunction with District 2. Rick V. our BTG coordinator reported that he had a few more bridges made with some clients form Salt Lake Behavioral who were going to Hawaii and one from the metro Jail. Janna C. corrections has some volunteers going into the prison and doing a big book and steps study. and the guys from that group are starting to teach each other. It is freaking amazing Unbelievable beautiful. We also put on a DCM workshop with district 2 that was extremely good. Thank you all who participated.

**District 7:** Sheridan To that end, we were pleased to welcome Matt to facilitate our elections last month, we had 8 open positions, and were able to fill 4 of them, with some interested parties that weren't able to make it to the elections, so hopefully they will make it to our next District meeting. The PI, CPC, both alternate, and a DCM position remain open. We are still working on updates to our guidelines, and a couple of DCMs are hoping to drum up interest in having a workshop for the GSRs in the near future. We are in the process of finding ways to save money on our district phone bill, and have developed an ad hoc committee to look more into possible solutions. All else is running smoothly!

**District 6:** Terry, Not too much to report. Looking back over our minutes for the last couple of months our district meetings have not been well attended. However, I'm happy to report. All the jails have volunteers taking meetings into them. Still looking for volunteers to help out the individual taking meetings into Gunnison Prison. Our standing char for Archives announced she will be stepping down after this rotation and looking for someone to train. We have two new meetings on our schedule in Tory and Lyman. Its posted on the Area website in our area. The district has been busy planning for the workshop this weekend. Hope everyone enjoys themselves. Thankyou for attending and participating.

**District 3** Jo. District 3 is doing well. We held our own treatment and corrections workshop last month and it was a great time. Thank you, John, Kevin, and Jill, for participating in that with us. We are gearing up for elections on Wednesday. We recently amended our guidelines to have a rotating committee, only electing half of our committee at any one time. Everything else seems to be business as usual, we have almost a full committee, only CPC/PI chair is open. Rusty, our treatment chair and myself are planning to make the rounds filling literature racks around our district between Christmas and New Year's. I am always happy to visit Salina it is one of my favorite places because of the Maple Grove Campout, if you haven't been, I highly recommend it.

**District 2** Tom: It has been a busy summer in District 2. We held 2 successful workshops. In July we had our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Workshop and pizza party which went very well. Area 69 past delegate Renae was our speaker and we had a good time and learned a lot. In August we held a treatment Accessibility Committee Workshop featuring the dedicated work of our committee and members of the deaf community. We have opened the door and still have much to learn. Recently we participated in a joint DCM workshop with district 10 in which all our DCM's attended and a number of great ideas were discussed in way in which we can reach out to the meetings and groups in both districts 2 and 10. Joining with District 10 has been a learning adventure which we hope to continue. Our standing chairs are filled with the exception of literature, which is currently open,

and all are doing very well. Our DCM's are doing a great job and have started informal get togethers to share ideas and help each other with their sections. It is a lot of work. In September, we devoted the entire district meeting to our GSR's and learned a good deal about some of the wonderful groups we have in Salt Lake and Tooele. We are trying to do more to encourage more service sponsorship and learn and as all share this gift of AA General Service together.

### Reports from Past events

**Fall assembly 2019** in Farmington Mike, District 11 is grateful we were able to serve the area in hosting the Fall Assembly 2109. We feel that the venue, weather and spirit at the assembly were all good. There were 71 registrations which, when all was said and done left the finances a few dollars short of breaking even. We are handing the area a check for \$1000.00 today, which pays back the area for their seed money.

### Reports Upcoming events

2019 Area inventory, Tom

2020 Febuary Committee Meeting Jo. Feb 22, At Spanish Fork Fair Grounds 5.00 lunch.

PRAASA 2020 March 6 to 8 in Az. Rooms are quite costly

District 1 Pre-Conference 2020 held at Ogden Alano Club. Registration 7.00

### Motions

**Motion #1:** Current guidelines reads Immediate Past Delegate to produce newsletter for Pre-, Post-, and Fall Assembly's

Motion Immediate Past Delegate do a newsletter at the Fall Assembly.

Rational- Being more prudent with Area Finance. Do a Recap of the year to get final information to Districts and Groups.

**Financial impact** should be no financial impact possible savings.

**Proposed:** June 8, 2019

**Motion by:** Wade J. Immediate Past Delegate, Seconded by Jolene Area 69 Communications.

**Motion #2:** To increase the seed money allotted for the following events as listed in section 7.6a of the Area Guidelines.

Assemblies from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Two workshops from \$500. to \$750.

Two committee Meetings from \$250 to \$350.

BTG workshop from \$250 to \$300.

Financial Impact: \$300. For the two Committee Meetings and the Bridge the Gap Workshop.

Assemblies and Workshops seed money increase will be returned to the area in accordance to our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition."

**Motion By:** Jo H. District 3 DCM Seconded by Jody D DCM District 11.

Originally Proposed June 8, 2019

**Friendly amendment Presented by Kurt J. and approved by Jo H the presenter of motion** made November 2, 2019

**Motion #3** Increase the contribution of Area 69 to GSO for defrayment of the Delegate from #2,200 to \$2,500.

**Financial Impact** \$300.

Proposed June 8, 2019

**Motion by:** Jo H. District 3 DCM Seconded Kelly C. GSR District 11

**Motion #4:** Change to Prudent Reserve from \$4,500 to six-month prudent reserve. To fund the amount an annual budget allocation of 2% into reserve until 6-months achieved

Estimated time frame at 2% of budget: 19.2 years at current budget of \$39,000 year.

Dollars annually of 2% would be \$780. Using current \$3,900 budget.

**Financial Impact** \$15,000 (\$15,000 -\$45,000) Based on current \$39,000 budget will change as budget grows.

**Proposed** June 8, 2019.

**Motion by:** Lisa B. District 3 (secretary standing in for DCM Randi) Seconded by Mieshell D. Area 69 Secretary.

**Motion #5** Current practice; the Registrar and communication chair uses a personal laptop to update GSO directory, area directory Area directory Area Website and send your group e-mails to Area 69 trusted servants. Provide 1 mid-grade laptop, case and required software to the communications chair by the end of panel 71. Provide 1 mid-grade laptop, case and required software to the registrar by the end of panel 73 rotation.

**Financial Impact:** \$1,400 for 2 laptops, 2 cases, and 2 MSOffice.

Proposed September 26, 2019

**Motion by:** Jolene Communications chair. Seconded by John W. Area treatment chair.

**Motion #6** Current practice: Registrar and Communications Chair uses personal internet (hotspot to update) GSO directory, Area website send group e-mails to Area 69 trusted servants.

Provide defrayment to the Registrar and Area Communications Chairs in the amount of \$20.00 per month to assist with internet expenses, as needed.

**Financial Impact:** \$480 per year (\$240 for Registrar and \$240. For Communications Chair.

Proposed September 26, 2019

**Motioned by:** Jolene Area Communications Chair Seconded by Todd S. District 10 GSR.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Reconvene at 1:30 for workshop.