

# Utah Area 69 2019 Post-Conference

June 7-9 2019  
Hosted by District 8 Vernal Utah

**Welcome** Kristen D. opened meeting in usual fashion, with the reading of the preamble. New members introduction. 12 Concepts Reading.

**Secretary Report & Minutes** of the 2019 Pre-Conference Assembly Mieshell D. Read and approved.

**Treasurer Report & Financial Report** David R. I am grateful to be in AA and in General Service. It has been a wonderful journey and an incredible blessing. The only thing I did to deserve it is drinking like a pig. My name is David R. and I am an alcoholic. I am pleased to be serving you as your Area Treasurer.

I feel lucky. I got to have a preview of the Delegates report. I went to District 3 to hear Matt tell about the conference. The district 3 people are wonderful, the food was delicious and Matt stood up and delivered a great report.

Area 69 has a new address for the Treasure. The new address is PO box 471, Fillmore Utah 84631. There is a flyer on the back table with the address. About 50% of the receipts I sent out before May had the number transposed on the PO box number. If you sent a check to PO box 741 and had a letter returned, I apologize.

Please put your group name and the address that you want the receipt sent to in the envelope or on the check. The group number helps too, because some of you call your group by a slightly different name that it was named in the first place. I have had several letters sent back. If you want to save the area money, include note that says "please email receipt to \_\_\_\_\_."

If you pay with PayPal, please put group name and number in the comment box.

When we get to the finance report, you will see that the budgeted amount on the seed money doesn't add up. That is because the total budgeted amount is for the 2019 Budget and the individual line items are the amount budgeted for the event. Some of the events for this year were seeded in 2018 and came out of them 2018 budget. Later this year we will probably see events for 2020. So just understand that this won't add up.

You will see on the report that we have \$4,500 in Savings. This is our prudent reserve. This number was set in the guidelines a long time ago and seems a little low. The finance committee is discussing ways to remedy this. Another thing that was set along time ago is the amount of seed money that we give to districts for events. The finance committee may come up with an increased amount for this in next years budget.

We will probably go over Delegate's expenses and have to ask for permission from the body to spend more, keeping in mind that funding the Delegate is first in priority according to the guidelines 7.2b. separating the delegates expenses from the officer expenses is new in the last two years, so we are still learning what to expect and learning how much to budget.

We also voted to send our delegate to the Special Forum in California this summer. This will cost between \$600. to \$1,200 dollars. After I get the bill for this, I will add that amount to the Delegates expense budget.

I am grateful for my association with all of you in Area Service. I look forward to these events and to seeing all of you.

Read the Finance Report. Was approved.

**Assembly & Agenda Report.** Kurt J. Bid for 2021 Post-Conference Assembly

**Reports from Upcoming Events**

**Area Bridge the Gap** – District 2

**Pre-Assembly Workshop** – District 7

**Pre-Conference Assembly 2020** District 5 Price I would like to thank AA and the Districts for having District 5 to be of service in 2020. For the conference to be held in Price UT I have put some flyers but they are to be further explained thanks for all your support.

**Fall Assembly** – District 11 District 11 is looking forward to hosting the 2019 Fall Assembly in Farmington, UT. Our committee is already working hard to make this a fun filled service event. We feel that the words fun filled and service event are possible in the same sentence and at the same gathering. District 11 has hosted this event at the Legacy Center complex in the past and had a bit of a struggle with the small size of the building.

During a recent venue walk-thru the committee and the Area Assembly chair decided to move our gathering to one of the larger buildings. This did increase our costs a bit, so we decided to charge \$5.00 for lunch. We hope the decision was a good decision for the Area and that the event will be a success.

I brought updated flyers so please disregard the flyers that were distributed at the preconference assembly. Friday night there will be an AA Jeopardy game with prizes for the winning team. This will be followed by an AA sharing meeting. We hope you will join us Friday night for fun and frolicking

Thank you for allowing District 11 to serve the Area.

**Past Events** Pre-Conference Assembly – District 11 & 12

**Registrar Report & Roll Call** Cheryl H. Good Morning how is everyone doing this Morning? I am Area 69 Registrar and I am here to serve you. I did assembly roll call and there is 83 voting members attending the conference.

I want to inform you that when a new GSR is added to an existing group, the packet (kit) is generated the next day. Sent directly to the warehouse who sends that request to the GSR.

If the GSR is with a newly added group record. The new group is listed as pending for 30 days. When the pending period expires, then the group receives their group # and is placed in active status. The GSR will receive the packet (kit) in 7-10 business days.

Also, when filling out the new group form make sure all information is completed. Thank you for allowing me to serve you and your groups.

**Alt-Delegate Report** I would like to thank District 8 for hosting the Area this weekend. It is a big job to put on an Assembly and we appreciate all of your planning and hard work.

At the Pre-Conference Assembly last month, we formed our Area Guidelines Review Committee. (List members.) Wade J. and I will be co-chairs of the committee. Wade has suggested that we have a conference call prior to our August event so we can discuss when we want to meet, and how we want to proceed with the task of revising our Area 69 guidelines. I have the committee members' contact information, and will be sending an email soon to arrange a date and time for our conference call.

On a personal note, I have chosen to retire from my job on June 28, 2019. It's a miracle! This opportunity would not have been possible without the "design for living" I have learned by being an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thank you all for suiting up and showing up this weekend to serve your groups, districts, and Area 69. Your participation is very important and appreciated. My sponsor always says, "The joy is in the service." I have found this to be true.

**Delegate Report** Back from 2019 General Service Conference Matt D. Good morning friends. I would like to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to serve and represent area 69 as your panel 69 Delegate. I flew in to New York Friday afternoon after a ride from Uber (my first time with Uber kind of scary. But that's another story) I checked in to the hotel and found my room on the 19th floor. After unpacking to try to let some of the wrinkles ease on my suits. I left to try to find some food out in Time Square. Time Square has everything. I walked around for a while looking at people and all the lighted billboards, both are amazing. I'm a simple man so my dinner was McNuggets, a diet coke and more people watching. Saturday all the other Pacific region delegates meet in the lobby of our hotel to start our walk to the docks on the Hudson River. We had plans to take the circle line tour around Manhattan. This was a true test of Kathi's (our Pacific Region Trustee) skills to keep us from

getting lost. These skills would be tested throughout the week. The tour around Manhattan Island was amazing. We saw the statue of liberty up close and Ellis Island. I was able to get some good pictures of the Freedom Tower. As the tour took us around the west side of the island the tour guide pointed out the building that GSO is in, after cheers from us Alkies we were all jumping to our feet to take pictures. In my drinking days I worked in New York and the tour went right by the building that I had spent so many years in. It was strange to see it with sober eyes. I didn't know that I was so close to the heart of AA back then and I'm sure I didn't care. We chose to sit on the top deck of the boat so we could get a better view, which we got (Teddy area 08, Ronda area 42, and I) but we also got some nice sun burns. I did wear a hat so I'm not completely dumb. After the boat ride we all somehow managed to find our way back to the hotel for a meet and greet with all 93 delegates. This is where we give and receive most of the delegate's pins. Everyone seemed to enjoy our pin from Utah.

Conference started on Sunday with Michele G. welcoming us and trying to make us feel comfortable. Greg T. general manager of GSO started roll call and there is that question of how do you answer present or here? I agonized about that for a while. When my time came, I answered "Here". Either one would have been correct because I am both. But I'm trying not to complicate things too much. That moment when I answered the roll, I had chills. How can a shy drunk from Bountiful be in this room and be entrusted to carry the collective voice of all the Alcoholic Anonymous members from the state of Utah? It's got to be a GOD thing. Sunday afternoon we had our first meeting in committees with our corresponding trustees committee. This gave us a chance to ask them some questions, like the plane language big book and the workbook for the big book. They told us that they had appointed an adhoc committee for this to work on them together. After they left to attend other committee meetings, we continued our meeting with discussion on the scope and procedure and how we wanted to vote 2/3 or simple majority. We also looked at the work load and chose to start our committee one hour earlier, hoping that would give us enough time to get through all our agenda items, knowing that we could stay late if need be.

Monday morning, I gave my area highlights and just like PRAASA I went long and got the dreaded red light. I tried to edit them down after PRAASA but there is so many great things to say about Area 69. It's hard what do I leave out? After area highlights (some other delegates got the red light too) David M gave a finance report. What a whirlwind this guy had 60 slides and he could remember what was on each one. Thank God he gave us a printed copy. One thing that did come out of his report last year we talked about the \$7.40 challenge, well this year we are challenging \$8.06. This is the cost of services provided by GSO to each member for the year. I would love to see our Area get behind this challenge. On August 6th lets all send GSO \$8.06. Wednesday all the Delegates were to tour GSO. They gave us Metro cards for the subway. Another chance for Kathi to work on her cat herding skills. The tour was mind blowing. Everyone that works there are so nice. They would allow us in to their offices to take pictures and ask question. While I was in the Grapevine office, I snapped a picture of the cover art for June's grapevine magazine. Lunch on Wednesday was with the Pacific Region Delegates this is where we are to vote on which Area is to host the 2022 Forum. Three Area were interested in bidding for this event Area 03 Arizona. They went first and said they could host it at the same place they are holding PRAASA next year. Area 08 San Diego went next with their bid. She offered to hold it at the same place they held PRAASA at. I think its Town and Country Resort. She boasted that it had two swimming pools and near a golf course. She quoted \$300.00 a night room rates that shocked most of us. I was next with our bid. With some behind the seams work from David R. I was prepared with three hotels and two dates for consideration. From the history that GSO had provided me I was able to highlight that California has held 10 Forums since 1975 and is hosting a local forum next month. Arizona has held 2 and has PRAASA next year. I informed them that we have only had one Forum in 23 years. Not a special forum, not a local forum and that I thought it was time that the Pacific Region makes a 12 step call on Area 69. After some questions and two rounds of voting. We were awarded the 2022 Pacific Region Forum!!! I could not be more excited!!!

I'm sure there is so much that I have left out of my report. Like the smell of New York, the taste of the cheesecake, the excitement of Times Square, and watching singing waiters bring us ice cream. I hope I have conveyed some of what I saw, felt, and heard at conference. Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving all of you as your panel 69 Delegate

**Chairperson Report Kristin D.** I have been busy since the last time we met. On April 14<sup>th</sup> I celebrated 13 years with some close friends. I still can't hardly believe I have lived that long without alcohol. Very thankful to be free.

I attended the three-legacy workshop on May 11, and was asked to present on traditions 10-11-12. I had so much and would like to thank John W. for when he helped me out when my mind went blank.

I was not able to go to the conference with Matt due to work. I did a lot of praying that he would enjoy each moment when he was there.

Last weekend we decided to drive to Boise to see Area 18 assembly. We have some good friends in Idaho. We pulled up the program to see what was happening and we found out that Wade was the Saturday speaker. That was special treat.

I have received a few e-mails asking about different meetings that our Area has. I have been able to answer the e-mails fairly quickly

Once again thank you to the host committee for the work. Love in Service. Kristen.

**Immediate Past Delegate;** Hi my name is Wade and I am an alcoholic serving as the Immediate Past Delegate I would like to take this time to make amends for missing the Pre-Conference Assembly. Due to a family emergency, a well needed vacation. The last couple of months have given me the grit to participate in the BTG workshop in District 4. Thank you for that. I also attended a BTG workshop at the Draper Prison to communicate the program with the program's director. Last weekend I had the pleasure of being a guest speaker at the Idaho Spring conference. I so look forward to hearing Matt's report from the conference

Thank you for my life and allowing me to serve Area 69. Love in Service wade Jensen.

Elections for the Area 69 Forum in 2022. Matt, Wade, and Lisa

#### **Adjourn for Lunch**

**Reconvene Welcome back,** Kristin 12 traditions read

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#### **District Reports**

**District 1** Our current DCM and ALT DCMs have agreed to rotate chairing our meetings until the DCMC position is filled. Our district meetings are well-attended, although there's always room for more! We have two new GSRs, Dan W. from Wednesday Night Alumni at ORMC and Brian from Upon Awakening. We have many open positions that need filling; DCMs (5), ALT DCMs (4) and three committee positions; CPC, Grapevine, and PI. Paul H. recently filled our Secretary position after Sue left, and thanks to Shelly A. for standing for the Literature Chair last month. She was voted in with gratitude. Our Corrections and Treatment chair duo, Bryce R. and Janessa B. continue with their pursuit of carrying the message of Bridging the Gap to local treatment facilities and the Cache Valley Intergroup PI.

As of last month, we have passed new District Guidelines that our ad hoc committee has been working so diligently on; we thank them for their service. A long overdue budget was also passed.

We all hope you can join us for our Tradition Seven Workshop titled "Where Money and Spirituality Mix" to be held June 15, 2019 from 2-4 p.m. at the Alano Club in Ogden. This is a panel discussion led by treasurers from Area, District and the GSR level, followed by a Q&A session.

I am truly grateful to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous.

**District 2,** We are excited about hosting two Area 69 events this year. First, we will host the Bridging the Gap Workshop in two weeks from now (June 22). Then, the December Committee meeting which will be held December 7, 2019 at Saint James Episcopal Church in Midvale. Our event chairman, Kurt G., has done a great job in organizing Bridging the Gap. Amy, our chairman for the December event, is now setting a volunteer

committee. We have filled a third DCM position with Josh J. and a new alternate DCM Karen S. All of our Standing Chair positions are Full and very active in carrying the message. We have over 20 literature racks in the district. Volunteers for District 2 corrections are for the first time holding weekly meetings in medium and maximum pods at the Salt Lake County Jail. Paul F., with Bridging the gap is coordinating with volunteers to prospects to meetings upon their release. Further, we are also now working to bridge prospects coming out of treatment facilities. Paul D., our PI/CPC chair, has been working with Salt Lake City Library system to determine the need for Big Books and AA literature. In February the Salt Lake City Library Main Branch setup a display on the 3rd floor entitled "Recovery and Sober Living." The display has drawn good attention having given out meeting schedules and AA literature. They also offer the Big Book, the 12 x 12, and Living Sober on the shelves. The District 2 treatment committee is comprised of many dedicated individuals who are taking meetings, books and literature to treatment centers in the community. They are involved with VOA, First Step House, Decker Lake youth center, and many other treatment facilities. Currently, Brian C., and the committee have focused on accessibility. They are taking and books and reaching out to the senior community in the Salt Lake area and are looking at getting interpreters for the deaf community. The committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month at Fellowship Hall 7 PM. They are truly an amazing team. We will be holding our annual party and 7th tradition workshop on Tuesday July 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Lots of free food and good times. All are invited.

**District 3 Jo H.** District 3 is doing well. Lots of changes are currently underway. We have recently lost some of our standing chairs but we have some new volunteers interested in those positions. We are currently reviewing/rewriting our guidelines, this is going surprisingly well. We have decided as a committee to move the location of our meeting on occasion to better accommodate some of our GSRs. Our GSR attendance is climbing in December there were 3 GSRs in attendance recently we have an average of 10-12 GSRs in attendance. We had the awesome opportunity to have Matt give a delegate's report at a dinner hosted by Sisters in Sobriety on Monday night. It was a great event and we really appreciate our area servants that gave their time to come and visit us in Utah county.

#### **District 5**

**District 6 Teri DCM.** On May 4<sup>th</sup> our District held a BTG workshop. It was well attended with support from the Area, District 6 and District 3. Some good points were made about looking into re-vamping the BTG Workbook in order to bring it up to date.

Standing chairs are still getting familiar with their positions, and receiving their packets from GSO. Our CPC/PI position is still open.

Denzel stood for Alt-DCM and is excited to be of service, and I'm excited to have his help, knowledge and spirit!

One of our old times has been in and out of the hospital. She is home and doing better now! I'm happy to be of service Teri W.

#### **District 7**

**District 8** Meetings are going well attendance is down some, maybe because its summer. Thursday night meeting has started up again. 2 meetings a day Monday—Friday

We are in need of more people willing to hold service positions in home groups.

All of our district positions are filled.

#### **District 9**

**District 10** Our last GSR meeting was held Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> in attendance was 14 GSR's 1 Alt-GSR 2 DCM's 1 Alt DCM, 1 New GSR. And 1 new Alt-GSR. Treasurer (Sandy B) reported in coming income decreased from \$1,057.38 in April to \$699.09 in May.

Revised District Guidelines were presented to group in May and voted on in June passing unanimously.

We are still conducting GSR orientation attendance has dropped since the beginning of the year.

Standing Chairs are doing an awesome job. Open positions are CPC, 3DCM's 7 Alt-DCM's

I'm still super excited to serve the District Bonnie B DCM

**District 11:** My name is Mike, and I am an alcoholic; currently serving District 11 as DCMC. My home group is The Serenity Happy Hour Group. We meet on Sundays at 10:00 am at the Davis Hospital in Layton. Please come by for a hug when you're in the area. We'd love to have you.

Thank you District 8 for hosting this event. It is always nice to visit dinosaur land.

We have good attendance at our district meetings and most of our committee positions are full. Our GSR meeting is held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the South Davis Recovery Club in Bountiful. Central office SLC has been sending a Trustee to the meeting and it is a pleasure having Doug.

We have several new GSR's. But I am pretty sure that they are coming for dinner that the club has available!!

We are currently planning the 2019 Fall Assembly. There will be a few fun events Friday nights and I hope you will join us for the entire weekend.

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#### **District 12**

##### **Standing Chair Roundtables**

##### **Standing Chair Reports**

**Archives** stand chair. Ben W Thank you for letting me experience growth in archives. I want to thank Walter C. for taking time out for an oral report. I have the opportunity to do oral history with Renae next. Thank you I am willing to do oral history on all past Delegates. I was able to speak in 2 district meetings. District 2 will be having a archives workshop August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am. In district 10 I was able to talk about my time in archives and working to get stories to archive for the LGBTQ communities. I am looking for people in the LGBTQ community to write a story on past meeting-personal and area developments in LGBTQ community. I am hoping to create a loving space in area 69 archives for the LGBTRQ. We are generally people that would not mix. I was happy to talk to the central office archivist Laura for some time learning a lot of way cool historical facts. I was also in the Provo Central Office getting data and primary sources. I was able to see a lot of difference in some clubhouses in Utah; from Ogden, Orem, Heraman, Toole, Magna, Davis County, Murray and Fellowship Hall in SLC. One club house ha a porta potty and was very proud to tell me about it. I am happy to be able to work with Janet and have monthly meetings. The gift of archives is to be able to learn form the past and give something to the future of AA. Love you all Ben H.

**Archives Repository** Janet H. great to be back in Vernal again. After the vote to move the archives, they were successfully moved, 7 days after that vote. Went very well. I had help going through the archives and moved all items that had to stay climate controlled. I have room in the outside unit to put a table.

Ben has been really good about sending me photographs of the places he goes so I have been adding. He communicates with me regularly; he has a schedule he keeps for phone calls.

Contributions have been coming in I have received some this weekend. Thanks for letting me serve.

**Corrections:** Hello my fellow trusted servant Welcome to the Post conference. I am Kevin S. a recovering alcoholic and your area 69 Correction chair. I want to thanks district 8 for hosting this event.

I had the opportunity to be apart district 10 Correction and BTG chair to meet with the state prison administration to talk about BTG. We had a lot of feedback about how we can make it easy and more efficient for the inmates and the volunteers.

I also was part of district 6 BTG workshop. We had a good support of this workshop. I learned a lot and had fun. Now the treatment Chair John W.

And I am working on the agenda for Area 69 BTG. So we'll have it soon.

In October I was asked to help with a Correction and treatment workshop for District 3. It will be nice to talk about what my position does and how I can be of service.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. I am here for you and available to help.

**Communications:** Jolene H. I have made a fact sheet of all of the items found on the web site, if I put all the information found I would have a book so; the fact sheet is just the highlights. If meeting times, places etc. change send me the update. Thank you district 8 for putting on this event. At our round table today, it was suggested to report a problem to put all the changes at the meetings to state update meeting information. Todd on the committee has sent me an updated map to upload on the map to remove district 4, I will need to find the place on the hgm1 to replace it. If district information is incorrect send me an e-mail will correct it. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

**CPC** Jill H. It has been a busy couple of months. Much work needs to be done through the Cooperation with Professionals committee. After an exhibit Area69 put on with district 3 at the UVU Alcohol and Addiction seminar. I made a few contacts. As a result, the Vocational Rehab in Provo requested a presentation. That was done in April They were thrilled to have us commit to literature in both English and Spanish We have since been asked to present one for south Utah Count in Spanish Fork. I have been in touch with one of the teachers at UVU who is very interested in exposing her students to AA and possibly Presenting in some of her classes. Some education needs to be given some of our membership on this. Open meetings are for anyone interested in AA.

I was involved in a three-day exhibit at the national SOPHE Conference. this is an organization involved with health and safety education. We were invited through AAWS. Attendees were happy to see us there, as AA had been unable to attend the last few years. There was particular interest in our work with the Native American community.

District 7 Attended and participated in the Kane County Community Coalition for Suicide & Addiction, AA booth was staffed by local Kanab AA. Met with Josh Barker, Business Development, Wasatch Crest representative. Discussed southern Utah Treatment Centers. Printed ~250 # "Want to Stop Drinking Cards: AA, if you want to drink that's your business. If you want to stop, we have and can help: 435-674-4791/www.utahaa.org" for distribution throughout the District. Previously discussed the cards at April 2019, District 7 meeting. If your district doesn't have a CPC rep. let me know. I would love to come to your district meeting and help stir

up some interest. I feel blessed to be able to serve and look forward to the next adventure.  
**Grapevine:** Mike, thank you for this opportunity to grow. I wasn't quite sure what this whole thing entailed, luckily my wife's and Al-Anon she told me to pick up the guidelines so I did. I had the privilege to sit with two past delegates at the round table that was great because we came up with a bunch of good ideas to spark interest in the Grapevine. I'm looking forward to this position.

I want encourage everybody to send in stories and photos because the Grapevine will take them all. Its our journal not someone out there just sending in stories its our stories so lets all get involved.

We talked at the round table about putting on some Grapevine skits, and presentations and try to get everybody into the Grapevine again.

I am going to go to the international Grapevine Convention, so I will work some things out to go. It is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grapevine lets help celebrate it.

If anybody needs back orders see me and we can take care of that. All kinds of things you can do with the Grapevine. Thank you for letting me serve.

**Literature:** Mark not much has been happening since we last met my head hasn't been where it should be, but I did increase my inventory, helped John get his display mostly updated. I still ran out of stock on the service manual and the new book by AA World Services. I will rotate the money back from the sales and literature. Right now, its going to be spend to fill my stock.

In our round table we came up with some good information. I have already set up with district 3 I will be attending their next district meeting. They have no literature chair so we will try to get a literature for district 3.

We will try to set up a randomly chosen pamphlet of the month. We also discussed what are the best places to get the literature from at the group level. There are lots of places to get it from Intergroup district or get hold of me.

We will stock some racks to get into some smaller groups I think that is really hits home.

I made a personal challenge to the committee that we might startup literature meetings. For me to call GSO to get all the new information I possibly can, to update my files. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Public Information:** good morning My name is Evan and I am and alcoholic. It is a pleasure and honor to currently serve you as your Public Information chair. We met last pre-conference assembly and voted on placard card inserts for the local transit systems we had 41 votes 11 for placard #1, 14 for placard #2, and 16 for bout. I have made some small versions of these placard cards to be place in our communities. I feel that Public Information can be a we project and Alcoholics Anonymous could use our service to get our message out.

MaryBeth from district 7 has been very active in her district and working with her community and providing information on AA. She has made an AA info business card to hand out. Also, she has been attending Unity meetings to achieve information groups conscious. We also had a couple of votes on placards titled FYI Central office is not AA it's actually referred in our service manual on page 5-Y2 "Working in harmony with your intergroups."

**Treatment:** John W. Hello fellow servants, last month we attended District 6 BTG workshop and ate a lot of good food. Had great participation. We did find some housekeeping items in our Area 69 workbook and flyers and re in Process to make those changes Kevin (corrections chair) and I are still in process of preparing for our Area 69 BTG workshop June 22 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at; 3301 east Louise Ave. Millcreek Utah. You are all invited.

Please try to attend, there are some treatment centers in District 7 requested literature racks and BTG presentations. If any of your groups or treatment standing chairs would like to give me a call. District 1 has requested for a visit in July or August. Looking forward to meeting with them.

National BTG workshop weekend September 8-9, 2019 Sacramento Hilton Garden. We plan of representing Area 69 and you are all Invited.

On June 29, at Brice Canyon UCYPAA Has invited us to give a presentation on concepts at their annual event and we will participate at that event. Last month several Area Servants participated at the YCYPAA field day and did a 12 traditions presentation. It was fabulous and fun. Thank you for allowing me to serve John W.

**UCYPAA** Mark, wanted to thank Area committee members who spoke at the last event. June 28-30<sup>th</sup> in Brice Canyon at Ruby's Inn and Camp-Park. Lots of activities happening.

#### Motion Discussion

**Motion #1:** We propose to add an Area 69 Standing chair Workshop. To occur annually, as afternoon session to the annual BTG Workshop. Even years could feature the CPC, PI and Communications chairs. Odd years would feature the Grapevine, Literature, Agenda/Assembly and Archives chairs. The full day workshop could be three sessions. The first for BTG, and the second focused on the relationship between BTG and featured chairs, and the third on the featured chairs business (independent of BTG)

**Current Practice:** BTG Workshop is held annually and presented by the Treatment and Corrections Standing Chairs

**Financial Impact:** \$525.00 estimated lodging and mileage for 2 to 4 standing chairs average depending on the year.

**Proposed** April 7, 2019

**Motion by:** Mark N. Grapevine standing chair, seconded by Kirk G. DCM District 2

Discussion

\*Shelly- it looks like we are extending the current workshop. Correct?

\*Paul- likes the idea of bridging the gap in all of AA.

\*Sheryl- did I hear you say it would be \$525 per standing chair?

\*Mark- \$150 for 3 to 4. Three in one year, four in the other. So, it would be \$450 on the year there are 3, then \$600. on the year it would be 4. Kristin at this time do we need a friendly amendment? Could you correct the amount, make those changes and turn it into Mieshell?

#### **Open Mike**

\*Sheryl Alt-Delegate. Apologize for disrupting meeting earlier.

\*Evan: want to give you guys feedback for the placker cards for the transit system. Having a little trouble getting some traction on that, the advertisement on the transit the cost for 6 months is \$3,000. They are not willing to just give over those spots, Ill work on that. Also looking for any support.

\*Matt: this money your asking for are you asking the Area to pay for?

\*Evan: so were trying to get them donated. There are empty places, they are not really willing to just give them up. Not asking area for money we are asking UTA, local transit systems, to donate the space.

\*Matt: why isn't UtahAA.org on these and could that be put on there.

\*Evan: yes, it's a work in progress.

\*Matt: as an Area officer I would like to see UtahAA on there

**Wade-** Make a motion. 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.

Wade lost the paper so it will be read later, for a second.

**Jo-** Make a motion for the Finance Committee

#### **Motion**

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 \$1,275.

Two workshops from \$500. to \$650.

Two committee Meetings from \$250 to \$325.

**Financial Impact:** Increase budget of \$1,275. for workshops and assemblies.

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

#### **Discussion**

\*David this is an item we discussed on the finance committee, there have been 2 events that either went over, or did not feel \$500 is enough for a workshop.

\*Kirk in particular the February and December meetings because they are not generally self-supporting, it's really difficult to find venues for the amounts given.

**Friendly amendment** to motion #1, The amount should not exceed \$600. (for the chair expenses.) The number of standing chairs should be 3 to 4.

Finally, the Motion was made by Mark the Alt-GSR standing in for the GSR.

Read Wades motion and friendly amendment. With corrections.

Jo district 3

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

Financial Impact \$300.

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

#### **Lisa B. District 3, Motion:**

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.

**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.

#### **Discussion**

\*Cheryl What is the reason behind it do you see a need for increase.

\*Lisa: At as we are at currently prudent reserve is \$4.500 is just about a month and 2 weeks of expenses for the Area. If you have 6 months on hand you will have a good hand on the impact.

\*you and Mieshell do a friendly amendment to explain the reasoning behind this.

Friendly Amendment: Dollars annually of 2% would be \$780. Using current \$39,000 budget.

Jill thanking the 3 people helped me take care of my flat tire. I am grateful for the help.

\***Wade** after attending Idaho Spring Conference, they brought some things to my mind of what we are being negligent to Area 69, I'm not asking for a motion but I think this area should be looking at what we are asking people to do when they serve area 69. Currently we have 4 positions that require a computer. These people need a computer and internet to do their position. The point I want to make are we making it desirable for everyone to be of service? So, people can serve in what capacity they can even if they don't have money. Talking about the Area owning this equipment so having the correct soft wear to do their jobs. So, when you pass the work on to the next person you can turn over the computer and all equipment to the next person. I'm not making a motion but it is time that we think about this for the future.

\***Denzel** this morning we voted to up the budget to \$2,500 plus the \$600 so where does that take us? You are wanting to increasing a lot of money at one assembly I watch what happens when we take back to our groups and they say that's a lot of money. I struggle with the idea every time we turn around; we seem to raise our hands for more money. I think we ought to be careful because a lot of our old timer people in our groups put money back in our pocket thinking we are spending their money recklessly. Sometimes as trusted servants sometimes we just don't do. I ask for some prudent thinking on it so things don't get out of hand.

\***David:** Clarify a few things. we did bump up the Delegates defrayment to cover what he needs to do. If we Do not have the funds we knock down things like PRAASA and other things that we fund, but still support the Delegate, because that is the main reason, we are here to get the information to and from the Delegate.

Then on #2 we raised the seed money it goes out but comes back for the most part. It often comes back with extra so that makes up for the times its short. The bump up will not really affect the budget. Helps the districts to put on an event.

\***Matt**: at the conference they gave us a Big Book one of the 75-year anniversary ones. I already have one so, if any one needs it go grab it.

\***David** as far as prudent reserve GOS has a 9- or 10-month reserve. If they find they have too much money they try to fund projects they have put on hold but if they get under 9 months, they begin to cut back funding projects. Most other areas keep more than 1-month prudent reserve.

\***Jolene**: make a motion for communication chair to get a computer for the work.  
Financial impact \$500 to \$700 for mid-grade laptop. Then approximal \$10 month for internet charges. Todd District 10 seconded.

\***Shelly**: I think this is an interesting idea if you are not going to dictate this if some one damages the computer how will this be handled?

\***Mark**: it is a great idea. As far as damage and look at all the expensive equipment that travels each time, we have an event.

\***Paul**: first time at a big event like this. When they talk about damage is there prudent reserve for things like that? I like the idea. Its good to know our money is going to good stuff.

**Motion: Current practice** the communications chair uses a personal laptop and internet to keep the web site updated. Providing a laptop to communications chair and at each rotation the laptop will be passed down to the new communications chair.

**Financial Impact**: \$500 to \$700 1 time for a mid-grade laptop \$10 a month to help fund internet expenses.

Motion made by Jolene communications chair Seconded by Todd from district 10 GSR.

\***Wade**: when I talked to the guys in Idaho they didn't just jump in and buy all 4 they staggered it. I would say the communications chair that would be at the top of the chart. We could set a plan that we don't do this all at once. Its something we start talking about. Make a plan to buy 1-2 this year then 1-2 the next year stagger the plan.

\***Jo**: this a question; there is a isolated area in District 3 that some of the groups there have expressed a desire to split from District 3 to District 11. Is there a process we have to file to get them to show up to make a decision we are sitting in limbo right now?

\***Wade**: each group has the autonomy to do what they want to do we are not going to mandate there are groups that send their money to another district so the groups can do what they want to do.

\***Mike**: wouldn't it require a redrawing of the area map?

\***Kirk** the motion Jolene made I'm going to ask the body to use caution as far as purchasing new computers. Being involved with computers for a living. Buying a laptop is not just a onetime thing if you have treasure doing the budget you need to purchase a finance program for his needs. Its not just a \$500 laptop but the software you need and the maintain of that computer. In addition, computers only last for a certain amount of time if they are well cared for 5 years if your lucky. So, you need to plan on a maintenance program but an upgrade program. I'm wondering maybe we need to put together a committee to discuss these issues

\***Tracy**: Being a new GSR I'm wondering what happens when your DCMC passes away, so what we have agreed what we are going to do at the district level is take turns chairing the meeting. What we need guidance as to what happens next should we wait until some steps up and takes over or what.

\***Matt**: I don't remember if this has ever come up before. I would assume in my home district that I would ask for people to stand to fill that position. In my home district we always wanted for someone to be that person that would be the person to be the voice. I would encourage district 1 to put a call out for some one to fill this position.

\***Jolene** for the communications chair there is no software for that job, its all internet based. I wanted to make an amendment to my previous motion. Current practice the communication chair uses personal laptop and internet to keep the website updated provide a laptop to communications chair to be passed down at the rotation. Then purchase a new laptop every 5 years  
At this time, I'd like to form a committee instead of putting a lot of motions out there. So, now I need to form a committee is its 2 people from the Area and DCMS's.

**Jolene and Cheryl**, then 2 DCM's or DCMC's **Mike DCM Thomas DCM** then 2 GSR's **Todd district 10 Shelly from district 1**. These are our ad-hock committee

Cheryl current registrar when I was elected to this position; I didn't actually have internet at my home. Devan gave me an extra laptop he had the programs on then I got the internet because I thought I could use it at a hotspot. But that didn't work because of the information.

\***Sheryl**: When it comes to spending AA money, I'm very conservative. Were talking about money a lot for new GSR's, my head is kind of spinning not too long ago we heard about how area 69 didn't have money we were in trouble, so we had very generous donations. Now I am hearing just this year I'm hearing let's spend some money. It is happening quickly. I think all of these things are a great idea. Seems like a lot of money I think it may be wise to prioritize things. Not do then all at once just a thought.

\***John**: I remember when I have been strapped, I was able to carry out my responsibility the money it just happens.

\***Walter** in the guidelines

\***Matt**: in my rotation I had the privilege to appointing 5 different people. I feel your area should hold a election to fill that position.

\***Tracy**: I feel we don't have the people that qualified to stand.

\***Charlie**: I too agree its better to leave a position open than elect someone who are not qualified.

\***David**; we are here to communicate we bring it to the mike and talk about this stuff. So that's something we can do take it back to the body of AA. No matter what the problem is that is the best thing we can do is to communicate what we need.

Kristen closed the meeting with a moment of silence and the responsibility statement.

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