

Area Fall Assembly  
September 28, 2019  
Farmington Utah

**Kristen Area Chair** opened meeting at 9:00 am in usual manor with moment of silence. Cameron read preamble Kristen read anatomy statement. Please registrar with Joleen. New members at meeting. Introduction of area officers. Area officers excused Registrar Cheryl and Wade immediate- past delegate. Standing chairs introduction those excused are Mike Grapevine, and Mark Literature. 12 Concepts read by Mike F.

**Mieshell Area Secretary** read minutes from August Workshop in Cedar City Utah. Motion to approve made by Allen seconded by Terresa

**David R Area Treasures** report, over budget for Assembly and Agenda chair's budget, made motion to add \$150.00 to budget. Jo made motion to approve, and Rusty seconded. Sense of the meeting was positive. Literature went over the budget by \$64. Over but this was for resale and will be replaced by sales. Luanna made motion and Kurt seconded motion. Approved with no discussion.

Presented budget for 2020 Motion to approve budget as a whole. Lisa B made motion to accept and Laura seconded motion. Motion passed as read.

**Matt Delegate report:** Matt submitted delegate report and is in archives.

**Sheryl Alternate Delegate:** Since we last met, the Guidelines Review Committee has been reviewing our Area 69 Guidelines in an effort to have them be current and as user-friendly as possible. I appreciate the time spent by the committee members and the suggestions they have forwarded on. I will be giving a report on the proposed guidelines changes in a few minutes so the Area can further discuss them and give the committee feedback.

#### Reports from past events

**Kevin BTG workshop,** Made report of his trip to Workshop.

**August workshop Janet H** Successful workshop thank you for letting us be a part of Area 69.

Break

#### Upcoming events

**November 2,3 2019** district 6 workshop flyers here moved to Salina North Sever Rec Center given by Kirk

**December Area Committee meeting** Tom December 7 2019

**February 2020** Committee meeting Jo District 3 Have a venue in Spanish Fork, Fair Grounds. Will provide lunch.

**National Corrections Workshop** Kevin S. November 1-3 in Huston Texas

**Roll Call Tressa** Registrar. 79 members were present for roll call

**Cheryl Registrar report:** I wish I was able to attend the Area 69 Fall Assembly with all of you. As I mentioned at the meeting in August in Cedar City, I was having a home built in Parowan, UT. My lovely home was completed and I was able to start moving August 21st. This was my third move in two months. Well to

say the least I over did it and injured my lower back two weeks ago. I have been seeing a doctor for the past week and thought for sure I would be able to attend the assembly. Well I was incorrect and at the advice of my doctor was told not to make the trip, which is when I contacted Kristen our Area Chair.

**Assembly and agenda Chair Kirk** 2021 Bid Fall Assembly September 24—26 2021 District 7 Allen, Cody District 8 gave bids District 7 for 2021 Fall assembly

**Ben Archives:** I was able to go to Detroit 23<sup>rd</sup> national AA Archives Workshop. It was at the St Regis Detroit I learned a lot about archives works to help others. We are able to make unity work to keep our past alive. Topics like back up and back up and back up. Learned about the cloud and why. Aske me about staples. I made new friends in the fellowship. There were about 200 attendance, each workshop lasted about 1 hour and had 2 choices. My favorites are with past trustee and GSO Archives speakers. We made a field trip to Detroit Library. I'm glad my program keeps me teachable. I am going to talk to inter-groups and help with archive knowledge. There will not be a archives workshop in 2020 but will meet in Santa Fe Texas in 2021. Janet and I talk regularly. We have added a lot to Area 96 Repository.

**Janette Repository Archivist** Ben contacted me while he was at the Archive National Workshop and after his return, he even texted me some pictures. There have been several phone requests for information in the last few weeks, wonderful conversations. The display this weekend is just about Area 69 and commemorating our 75th anniversary in Utah. The official date is December 19th. Please stop and enjoy the display, you are welcome to pick up items to view closer. Please note the cups spell UTAH, thanks to Sheridan who took the time to arrange. The cups are mostly from Area events, there are about 100 cups in the repository. The display is only a small sample of what we have in our archives. Also, there are new copies of our "One to One" (\$15.00) and the "Time Line" (\$50.00) history of our area for sale. Thank you, Fall Assembly committee, for acknowledging our 75 anniversary and the space for the 7-table display.

**Area communications Jolene** Since the Pre-Fall -Assembly Workshop August. I have been working on Migrating the current website files and databases to the new c-panel. It took a long time to get the support team that works with the hosting company to answer some of my tickets, being the good alcoholic I am (ITS all about me, don't you know who I am) I sat on the phone one morning with support for 2 and half hours trying to get them to work on my tickets, since I done that they have been more responsive. I know from past work experience that this can mess up someone's stats for the whole week.

**CPC Jill Fall Assembly Report** Since we last met, we had Recovery days in most districts of our Area. I know the one I attended was a lot of fun and a good time to make contacts with Professionals. I was given an opportunity to share my experience strength and hope with a Treatment center as a result of this. Clients were most fascinated with service opportunities available after they left Treatment. The seed has been planted. I have been able to talk with the staff of the Utah county outpatient program. There is an amazing exchange of information happening at the county level, it is slow but deliberate much the way AA itself works. Next year's Conference on addiction at UVU is being held March 13. U of U's Addiction update conference is April 10-12. There is also a domestic violence Conference in April (date unknown) Registrations will be opening for these events soon. Progress is happening and there is much to look forward to in the future. I am so grateful to be a part of it.

**Literature Mark B:** I have the pleasure of serving area 69 as the Literature Chair, and I'm here to tell you is having been quite a handful getting to know what this position entails and requires. Since we last met, I have received my order from GSO (on Saturday when I was already in Cedar City), but I think I have a good inventory for the rest of this year and going into next. I am going to be more vigilant with what I have learned, and also some of the ideas that have been suggested to me through discussions at the roundtables. The one thing that I am really wanting to focus on is different pieces of literature for the Spanish speaking community to get a more general feeling of inclusion. Trust me, as you all know, no matter what our

background is, if we are Alcoholic! Then we know how to drink. I am so sorry for missing this event, but I don't think you guys want what I have in this case...

Grapevine

**Kevin Area 69 Correction chair:** well have been involved with district 10 standing chair. The Utah state prison has invited us to have an AA table at their inmate release program. It been held at the Fred House Building every Tuesday for 9am until 12 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help talk to the inmates and hand out information about meets and pamphlets. If you are interested on volunteer please let me know or contact Jana district 10 standing Correction chair. The Prison administration have asked if AA could start a Spanish speaking meeting for the aa Spanish member in prison. I have talk to District 12 about this last month. They have to talk with their Spanish committee. District 12 DCMC Carlo will let me when this committee meeting is scheduled. He asks if I could bring some aa people to help support Spanish speaking volunteers and to get meeting into the prison. Ok moving on I was invited to district 3 Correction & Treatment workshop. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. That will be held on Saturday October 12 at St. Mary's Church. It will start at 10:30am -4pm. Please come and support and there will be food. I will be attending the 3rd Annual national Correction Conference in Houston, Texas on November 1-3 -2019 I also held the Opportunity to attend the BTG workshop in Sacramento, California. Thank you for allowing me to be of service and support me in my soberly.

**PI Evan Public Information area 69 panel 69,** it just so happens that I used to drink alcohol. I was homeless, I was in Jail... more than twice, everything especially life, was unmanageable. What a miracle that today I have the honor and privilege to serve alcoholics anonymous and the area 69 as public information chair. This first year our goal has been to get information to the public through advertisement on the public transportation systems. We have worked on, voted on, and developed placard cards intimate to the local communities as well as the state of Utah. We also have reached out to our libraries asking if they have or be willing to have our literature on their shelves. Another proactive movement has been reaching out to the local police, working on getting AA literature "AA at a Glance "service pamphlet in every Alcohol related discharge. The districts have been active and trying to get traction all the way up to the home group level. It's been said that "alcoholics anonymous doesn't have a money problem we have a participation problem; I personally can never repay AA for the life i enjoy today. So, come on in grab a chair and get comfy... A vision to come, a podcast using the AA archives handbook "oral history "interviews incapsulated on audio... experience, strength, and hope... We could listen to stories on a plane, on a boat driving across country, in the hospital, or on a bus! We lost 3 members in my homegroup this year and have no audio record of them only memories...

**John Treatment:** Kevin and I went to the National BTG workshop and Patriated at the event from stuffing packets, presentations, and panels. Area 69 was requested to host 2021 National BTG. We have a lot on our plate as an Area, but with the help from our districts and committees we can pull it off.

**Jolene Ad-hock committee presentation.** Two Motions one presented by Cheryl the Area Registrar the second by Jolene the Area communications chair. Presented the motion and it was seconded by Todd District 10 GSR Current practice: the communications chair uses a personal laptop and Internet to keep the website updated. Provide a laptop to the communications chair at each rotation it will be passed on to the new communications chair. Replace laptop every five years with a new laptop. Financial impact: \$500 to \$700 one time for a midgrade laptop. \$10 a month to help fund the internet expenses. Cheryl presented the motion and it was seconded by: not noted. Current practice: the communications chair uses a personal laptop and Internet to keep the website updated. Provide a laptop to the Registrar at each rotation it will be passed on to the new communications chair. Replace laptop every five years with a new laptop. Financial impact: \$500 to \$700 one time for a midgrade laptop. \$20 a month to help fund the internet expenses.

*PROS* Area 69 will be self-supporting the email account for the person doing the position will already be set up on the computer. \*Person doing position will not need to purchase their own computer or software to do the position. \*Entice more people into doing the positions. \*The Area website (Utahaa.org) Files will already be stored on the laptop and they won't be passed around VIA a flash drive, CD, DVD or other ways of exchanging computer data. \*The FTP information for the website will already be updated and ready and available to the communications chair. *CONS* \*Personal emails sharing from google docs. \***Recommendation from the Adhoc Committee** 1 mid-grade laptop and required software be purchased by the incoming communications chair for the following positions Communications Chair, by the end of this rotation, Registrar by the end of the rotation of panel 71, and review this new practice during panel 71 to provide the Treasurer, Secretary and Delegate with a laptop. These are the positions that would benefit from having a laptop with the software installed and data bases available for their positions. \*MS Office: Office home & Student 1 Device install \$149.99; this may be purchased for less during sales. Laptop \$500, Laptop case \$50, for storage \*The incoming communications chair will purchase and set up and get the computer ready for the incoming person in the position. \*The communications chair will collect the laptops and other equipment from the Chair or Officer that is rotating out at Pass the gavel, and get the current password for the accounts and change them by December 31st for the incoming trusted servant. \*Starting in panel 69 start defraying the Area Registrar and Communications Chair for their internet service at \$20 per month. \*KEEP in mind these laptops are owned by AREA 69 just like the PA and translation Equipment. \*This verbiage should also be added to the Guidelines for any position that receives and AREA owned device. Already in practice under 4.0 Area Standing Committee Chairpersons I. assumes responsibility for any and all PA, recording and translation equipment, PowerPoint Presentations equipment including laptop, computer, projector and peripheral equipment owned by the AREA. This includes transportation, storage and Maintenance of the equipment, or the arrangements thereof.

## 1200 break for lunch

## 130 reconvene

Susan read 12 traditions

District Reports

**#1 Paul district secretary:** We are working hard on figuring out which DCM's are going to which meetings. Our Pre-Conference Committee has finally found a venue that fits in our budget. The Ogden Alano Club. We are still working on what we are doing for the workshop portion of the event it will be centered on "using" literature to pass on the message. In coming upcoming months, we will be doing budget review and guideline review. Our treatment and corrections chair have been working hard to make sure literature and pamphlets are available to those facilities. And have been building awareness and monitoring for BTG in our district.

**#2 Tom DCM** Service is alive and well in district 2 right now. At our September GSR meeting a number of GSR's made gave reports on what happening in their groups. We were most excited to have the GSR from Tooele Young Peoples Group give a report since it has been awhile since we have had representation from that vital part of our district. We are currently involved in putting together a DCM workshop with district 10 and re really excited about the service possibilities of cooperation between the districts. We want to thank Bonnie the DCMC from district 10 for her outreach.

We held our District 2 Treatment Accessibility workshop in August. It was very informative. The district treatment committee did an excellent job at looking at providing AA meetings for senior citizen and the deaf community. Charlie T who has been working with a voice text computer app and using a wall projector was able to show large caption of the meeting on a screen. Karen and her friend from the deaf community came and spoke about reaching out to deaf AA's. It looks and though we will be able offer captioned meetings and ASL meeting again in the district very soon.

**#3 Randi DCM** Things in Dist. 3 are moving in a positive direction. We are almost complete with our guidelines review and changes. We were able to fill our treatment and corrections chair positions. We've had a steady attendance at our district meetings. Something that's made a big improvement with that is our secretary Lisa B., sends out a text reminder before every meeting to all our district committee members and registered GSR's. Overall the climate in district 3 has become more positive and inviting. That's something we've all put a lot of effort into and something I really appreciate.

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**#7 Sheridan DCM** Greetings fellow trusted servants, Thank you to district 11! District 7 is alive and well, albeit a little scorched. The district is financially sound, and we were able to defray two DCMs to attend the assembly, and a few groups were able to send their GSRs. We had a large fire behind the Alano Club in St. George, starting in our smoking area, surprise, surprise. The pond survived, though, the turtles are good, but the fish are gone. There are some plans to build a protective retaining wall around the pond, we'll see how that pans out. The most amusing part to me is that the new 'smoking area' was moved from the now fire-cleared area to over by the still dry brush. We moved it back. We have a new meeting that has been running over a year now, The Sunday Solution group, and they have asked to get registered and now have a GSR. It's a great meeting, outside by the fire in the Summer, and at Usara during the winter, if you're in St. George on a Sunday night, come check it out. The district recently renewed the subscriptions for The Grapevine and La Vina for all the district jails and are excited to welcome Matt for our elections in October. We thank everyone for coming to visit for the Pre-Assembly Workshop, it was a lot of fun, and I am personally grateful for all your support and willing participation. Our district voted to put in a bid for the 2021 Fall Assembly, and we won, so hopefully we'll see you all again there. In love and service, Sheridan

**#8 Cody** We are doing well attendance however is low we are struggling with getting people to serve at group level. We need GSR's and other group positions. All of our district positions are filled. We are having a lot of success with corrections men and women are going into the jail. Treatment has made a huge difference in helping out Red Pine treatment center in Ft. Duchesne. Teaching them the guidelines and traditions in their meetings so they are comfortable to attend outside meetings, and know to expect when they graduate so they feel welcome. We had our district BBQ in September Matt was kind enough to join us and give his report. We had a better turn out this year then the last 2 years which was really good.

#9 No one

**#10 Bonnie DCM** Our last GSR meeting was held Monday September 9th. In attendance was 16 GSR's, 3 Alt. GSRs, 3 DCM's, 1 new GSR and 1 Interested AA. Jana C. - Corrections Chair was asked by the prison to have a booth setup for inmates being released. It is held at the Fred House Training Academy east of the freeway from the prison every Tuesday from 9:15 to 11:30 or 12. She is in need of volunteers to man the booth. She is asking for a 3 to 6-month commitment. If anyone is interested please come see me and I will give you her phone number. Rick V. - Bridging the Gap Coordinator Is in need of volunteers also and is requesting help from District 2 & 3. Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Fellowship Hall. Standing Chairs are doing an awesome job. Open positions are 3 DCM's, 7 Alt DCM's. We had a quick discussion on how to create interest in fill DCM positions. Rick V. suggested a DCM workshop. Tom from District 2 agreed to join us in putting on a workshop. Workshop will be held at Central Office on October 19th from 10:00 to 2:00.

We also discussed the possibility of redistricting. I asked the GSR's to go back to their groups and start the discussion and bring back questions to the next GSR meeting. I have invited Matt, Kristen, Sheryl T. Past Delegates - Rene & Walter have all agreed to come join us for the discussion. If there are any other past Delegates that would like to attend please join us. I'm still super excited to serve the district!

**District 11 Mike F. DCMC:** I am extremely grateful to be a part of District 11 and I am proud of their efforts hosting this event.

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. Our district efforts with Treatment, Corrections, BTG, Literature and Grapevine are continuing to move forward in a positive manner. We are doing our best to reach the still suffering alcoholic.

**District #12 Carlos** Report given by

**Motion discussion**

**Motion #1** Motion no more discussion on motion 1, Motion was accepted.

**Motion #2** Loving discussion of alternatives for the newsletter.

### **Standing Chair Round tables**

Archives Matt, lot of fun brought back a sobriety calendar, to see what happened on your sobriety date. Did an activity on archives deciding what could be archives? Showed a picture of tools of archivists.

Jolene Communications report discussed moving the web site from old to new. Discussion on how google maps problem to update addresses. Guidelines on how budget is shared with the newsletter

Jill CPC talked about what CPC is, Different ways to get information into the professionals letting them know what AA is all about. Giving professionals a copy of Big Book so they can understand what AA about.

Kevin Corrections Good conversation about what going on with the jail and a data base volunteer scheduling pro. So, the members keep up on what's going on. Teaching new members about what his job entails. How to guide new people in doing their job. Lisa B. use the manual to chair meetings in facilities running their own meetings that helps them. District 3 workshop in 2 weeks. Doing a panel how to make the meetings their own.

Tressa Grapevine; Web site daily quotes quick and easy. Sign up to be a rep for your meeting. Calendars and photo contest calendar for the 2021. Short quick stories are a great tool that can be used in many ways.

Shelly lit committee what they can do for the meetings having a chair at each meeting.

Evan PI, went over the PSA's that have been released. Huge platform to put an ad on streaming rather than on TV.

John W treatment. Teaching treatment about the traditions and steps.

### **What's on your mind**

Brian treatment in the greater Salt Lake Valley. Utah young people mad a bid for WACCPYAA.

Amy DCM work shop Saturday October 19. Education create energy for DCM at central Office in Salt Lake.

Rusty District 3 Sat October 12 workshop

Jill. Holding event gratitude dinner theater in November.

Loving discussion on the motions for computers and internet.

Adjourn at 5:00 hope to see you tonight.