

Utah Area 69 Pre-Assembly Workshop
August 20, 2016
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Welcome Matt D., Chair: Meeting opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble, Anonymity Statement and Responsibility Statement. Lisa C. from Dist. 11 read the 12 Concepts. Defined Service Sponsor and identified those willing to serve in this capacity. Introduction of Panel 65 Area 69 Officers and Area 69 Standing Chairs.

Minutes of the 2015 Area 69 Pre-Assembly Workshop – Treesa J.: Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report Kurt J.: Approved as read. My name is Kurt and I'm an alcoholic. I am grateful to be your Area 69 Treasurer. My sobriety date is April 21, 1994. My home group is the Monday Night Men's group in Logan, Utah. We meet every Monday night at 6:00 pm at a cabin in Logan Canyon. Birthday contributions from post conference totaled \$194

- 7th tradition workshops
 - cache valley intergroup
 - district 2
- available reports
 - group contribution reports
 - 2016 expense reports
 - 2017 proposed budget

The Seventh Tradition states: "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the Seventh Tradition is essential at every level of A.A. service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. This keeps A.A. free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose — to help the alcoholic who still suffers. The amount of our contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world.

Although the amount of our contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world, we may want to remember that a dollar does not support as many services as it used to. ***Group contributions to Area 69 so far this year are slightly ahead of last year while expenses are slightly less leaving us in a good position for the second half of 2016.*** I love Alcoholics Anonymous. I love general service. Thank you for my sobriety and thank you for allowing me to serve. Kurt Jensen area69treasurer@utahaa.org 435-764-2122

Delegate's Report – Renae H.: Please visit the Utah Area 69 website at utahaa.org for entire report.

Registrar – Kristen D.: Hello Family. I am so sad that I am not able to be with you this weekend. I am spending the day with my soon to be new daughter-in-laws. We are having a bridal shower for one and a bachelorette party for the other. I would like to thank Sheryl for standing in for me. I would also like to thank the host committee for their hard work. The summer was somewhat quiet with updating address and making sure that GSO has received the information. I did go to a couple district meetings since our last assembly. I enjoy meeting with the different districts and getting phone numbers or new servants information. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I will see you guys in Vernal. Love and Service

Roll Call – Kristen D.: Sheryl filled in for Kristen. Attendance 5 Area Officers; 7 Area Standing Chairs; 2 Past Delegates; District 1: 1 GSR; District 2: 1 DCM, 1 GSR, 1 District Standing Chair; District 3: 2 DCM's, 1 Alt-DCM, 1 GSR, 1 District Standing Chair, 1 Central Office Rep; District 4: None attended; District 5: None attended; District 6: None attended; District 7: 1 DCMC; District 8: 1 DCM; District 9: None attended; District 10: 1 DCM, 1 Alt-DCM, 2 GSR's, 1 Alt-GSR; District 11: 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 2 GSR's, 2 Alt-GSR, 2 District Standing Chairs; District 12: None attended; Interested AA.: None attended; Total = 39.

Immediate Past-Delegate – Walter C.: It has been a lazy and relaxing summer. Therefore, haven't done much area stuff. I would like to thank those that have sent me their newsletter article (Treesa J.). Articles from the Area Officer's are needed by **September 16, 2016** for the Area Newsletter to be printed and available at Fall Assembly September 23, 2016 in Vernal. I apologize that an email was not sent.

Alt-Delegate – Wade J.: Since the last time we met, life has been busy. I have tried to attend a couple Spanish Meetings but no one showed up to open the doors. I have spoke with Carlos and Margarita and they are still holding the District 12 together. I have kept in contact with Carlos mostly on FB. My work position has changed and for the better. This position allows me flexibility to travel the state of Utah and attend District Meetings during the week that are not in the Wasatch Front. I met with Danny and Joe a couple times and Moab is doing very well and are self-supporting. I visited with Mike in District 5. Also, had dinner with Dave our CPC Standing Chair and John our PI Standing Chair.
Please let me know if I can visit your District and attend a District Meeting.

Area Chairperson – Matt D.: Thank you Host Committee!!! This is a beautiful facility and you have all done an amazing job!! District 11 has asked me to chair their elections this year. It will be a great pleasure to participate in my Districts elections. Shared information on Area position change for Assembly-Agenda Chair and conducted Bids for Pre-Assembly Workshop in 2017 and BTG in June 2017.

Area 69 Standing Chair Reports

Assembly-Agenda – Josh B.: Josh had a new work opportunity and has been transferred to San Diego. Matt conducted the voting for upcoming events.

Pre-Assembly Workshop Bid: August 19-20, 2017 District 10

Bridging The Gap Workshop Bid: June 10, 2017 District 11

Archives – Trina B.: My sobriety date is 01-15-94, my home group is Sister's In Sobriety and we meet every Monday night at 7:00 in Springville. I am very excited to attend the National Archive Workshop (NAW) in California this year with Janet. It will also be great because I can walk this year and participate in ways I couldn't last year. I look forward to meeting our trusted servants this year and I might be fast enough to catch up to visit with a few of them. My home district 3 has elected a District Archivist, Wendy. I look forward to working with her in this upcoming adventure. I am willing to fulfill any requests to visit your districts. I am grateful to the host committee for all the work they have put into this event. Thank you for giving me a change to serve and I will see you at the Fall Assembly for elections. Janet is here today as the District 7 DCMC, here is the Repository Archivist report.

Repository Archivist – Janet Hafen: It has been enjoyable filling the recent requests for information. It is always interesting and informative to read and locate information from the Repository. It also helps me to be reminded what is missing and right now we need documents from 1985 or 1986. Please make copies of information to be submitted or just pass it onto me or Trina. The Repository Archives has very little information and is missing Area Minutes, Directories, etc. Thank you. I am looking forward to the Fall Assembly in Vernal. The Area Elections are always exciting and I hope to see everyone there. The Archives will display anything that a hosting committee or individual would like to see. There is plenty to share. The National Archive Workshop will be hosted in Concord, CA September 8-11, 2016. This will be the 20th Anniversary. It does not seem like 20 years since the first NAW in Akron, OH. This workshop will be extra special because Trina will attend with me. Awesome!!! Thank you for letting me serve.

Communications – Doug L.: My name is Doug and I'm an alcoholic. It's been a while since my last report. A lot of things are going on with our website. I've started to trudge through the task of converting our current site into a duplicate Spanish site for our Spanish speaking members. We've had what I'd characterize as multiple "attacks". I've been bombarded by tens of thousands of emails from all sort of sites. Most of them not so appropriate! I'm still dealing with thousands of emails a week which makes it a very difficult task sorting through them for actual area business. So honestly I don't know that every request has been fulfilled. For that I apologize. For the next bit until I find a permanent solution if you send me a request, I will send an email to confirm your request. If you don't receive this email within two days please resend and or call me at 435-659-6468. Today we will be breaking into round-tables and if anyone has

any web/technology experience please join me so we can workshop some of these problems and plan a strategy for the future. Thanks for the opportunity to service.. BAM!

CPC – David R.: Hi, my name is David and I'm an Alcoholic. I am the Area 69 CPC Standing Chair or Cooperation with the Professional Community. We have some events coming up. September 10, 2016 and September 24, 2016 we will have a booth at Recovery Day at the Gavin Center downtown Salt Lake. Does anyone know of any other recovery days or events scheduled here in Utah? Please let me know if you would like my help. I am available to come out and talk to Professionals with you in your town or community. Yours in service, David. P.S. I am grateful to attend Forum and represent Area 69.

Corrections – Sheryl T.: Greetings fellow trusted servants! I want to start out by saying thank you to District 11 for hosting this event today. A lot of hard work goes into putting an event together and your service is greatly appreciated. The Area 69 Bridging the Gap Workshop was held in Salt Lake City on June 11, 2016. The Area 69 Treatment Chair, Shawn C., prepared the agenda for the the event. The workshop was well-attended and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and dedication to carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. It was a great day with presentations, speakers, discussion and sharing about BTG in Utah. There is a lot of work to be done at the district and Area level. On June 14, 2016 the Utah State Prison held an event called Con-Quest. A social worker from the prison invited Alcoholics Anonymous to have a booth there. The letter from the prison was sent to Central Office and it made it's way to me through Dan B. The volunteers were coordinated by John R. to man the booth. Kevin S., DCMC for District 10, helped out as did Erin B. My understanding is that a lot of Alcoholics Anonymous literature was given out and the volunteers were able to talk to inmates and prison staff about our lifesaving program of recovery. I am hopeful we will be invited to participate again next year. I received an email on Tuesday with a BTG request from southeast New York State. The male inmate will be released to the Clearfield, Utah area on approximately September 21, 2016. I brought copies of the request and contact information and would like to ask for a male volunteer from District 11 to help with this bridge. Please see me if you would like to provide this service. On a personal note, I celebrated 15 years of sobriety on August 11th. I am so grateful to have made my way to Alcoholics Anonymous. I know for certain that I have a purpose in my life – to continue to give away to a suffering alcoholic what I have been so freely given. Life continues to be an exciting journey as long as I do my part. I look forward to future events and continuing with our committee work. Thank you all for your service to Alcoholics Anonymous.

Treatment – Shawn C.: My name is Shawn, I am an alcoholic and I have the pleasure to serve as your Area 69 Treatment Standing Chair. "The primary purpose of a Treatment Committee is the same throughout the United States and Canada, to carry the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers. There is probably no better place for an AA member to find a suffering alcoholic than in a treatment facility or outpatient treatment setting. According to the AA 2007 Membership Survey, 33% of our members cited treatment facilities as a factor most responsible for them coming to AA. Carrying the message to alcoholics in treatment is basic Twelfth Step work – sharing experience, strength and hope – giving it away in order to keep it! (from Treatment workbook). I have traveled to several districts to give a presentation, explain my duties, share literature and let them know I am here to answer questions. I have received reports from Treatment committee members letting me know what they have one in their districts. I appreciate their progress and it is great to see the committee work they have accomplished. I co-chaired the Area Bridge the Gap Workshop with Sheryl T. I want to give a "Thank You" to all the speakers for taking part in the workshop and especially the speakers who were given short notice to speak. The topics ranged from Treatment, Corrections, and Bridge The Gap. The book "AA Comes of Age" was given to the member with the shortest time in General Service. Thank you Area 69.

Grapevine – Frank B.: Excused.

Literature – Doug R.: Brevity is not a character defect. We have literature. Thank you family for my sober life. Love you all,

P.I. - John W.: Good morning fellow trusted servants. We were invited and held two presentations; one at a Recovery Center and one to a Hospital Nursing staff. We also were invited to a PSA introduction and

review. These have happened since our last meeting for the Post-Conference Assembly. USARA at the Gavin Center, BYU Recovery Conference, Dixie Recovery Days, USARA Utah County and the Recovery Conference at UVU have all invited us back to represent AA. I am currently in the process of delivering Literature and scheduling people to host the booths for these events. CPC Standing Chairperson and District Servants as well as Central Offices are involved. These are exciting times in Area 69!!! It was great to meet up with our Alt-Delegate, Wade J. Thank you until we meet again.

District Reports

District 1 DCMC – Erin B.: Had a prior service commitment.

District 2 DCMC – Linda R.: Tom K. reported... We are having fun in District 2. On July 26, we held our "Party like a GSR Workshop" at Fellowship Hall. We had good time exploring our 7th Tradition and eating pizza. We want to thank our Area 69 Treasurer, Kurt J., and our Area Delegate Renae H., for joining us. It was a very informative event. We have continued our DCM-Run projects this summer in which all the DCM, (and many times GSRs and other district kids) get together at one of our many great district meetings. These have been good times and have done much to promote unity in the district. We have continued to see many new GSRs joining us in District 2 and have filled many of our service positions. Our open positions include 2 DCMs, 3 Alternate DCMs; a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary; and the PI and CPC standing chair positions. We are always looking for volunteers to help us carry the message inside the Salt Lake County Jail. We need men and especially women to reach out to other women behind the walls. Those who participate find this to be a very rewarding service experience. Finally, we are looking forward to holding our District Elections At Fellowship Hall on the 4th Tuesday of October at 7 PM. Come and join us in this fun and exciting adventure of district service.

District 3 DCM – Chris H.: Chris reported... Since the Post-Conference Assembly, I am no longer the sole DCM for our registered 41 groups. We've added another DCM and 2 Alt-DCM's. Together we are working to update information with the Area Registrar, supporting our GSR's, facilitating 2-way communication, synchronizing meeting schedules and event information, and improving our relationship with our local central office. Most of our committee chair positions are filled, including our new Archivist; Wendy. Treatment and Corrections have been not active. Fliers for the Pass The Gavel on December 3, 2016 in Provo are available today. Special thanks to Trina and Mitch for organizing the event. In service,

District 4 DCM – Mike G.: None attended.

District 5 DCM – Mike M.: None attended.

District 6 DCMC – John K.: None attended.

District 7 DCM – Bud A.: Janet reported... Good morning everyone, Unfortunately, Bud our DCM was unable to attend today. He is planning on being at the Fall Assembly in Vernal. The district is financially sound at this time. There are two meetings that have closed their doors, "Keep it Simple" in Milford, and the "Men's 12 x 12 AA Stag" in St George. Hate to see meetings close. The new "Freedom" group meeting at the Veterans home in Ivins is doing great, if you are down that way on a Sunday afternoon at 5:30 stop and join in. The Panguitch meeting is doing good and improving, nice to have a meeting there again. We have had 7 new GSR's over the past few months. It is always wonderful to have new people become interested in general service. Unfortunately we had a GSR who needed to step down. We have lots of open positions, with all the new participation, we are hoping for a great turn out in Oct for our district elections. District meetings have been really great for the past couple of months, attendance is up and every month there have been visitors. This month we held the "Twelve Traditions Checklist" workshop, part 1, the first 6 traditions, next month will be part 2, the last 6 traditions in Kanab. The GSR's did wonderful presentations. Those attending stated it was the best workshop the district has ever had. At our district meeting in July, the district voted to handle the after hour's calls for the Dixie Central Office on the district phone line for the next 6 months per their request. We will readdress this in Jan. Dixie Central Office: there have been lots of changes; John W. is the new Liaison

with the district; they have a new secretary Margo W; John M. is the new Treasure, Rick is doing the meeting schedules and David assist with the copies. Ron L will continue to assist in other ways for now.

District 8 DCM – Bonnie H.: Our district 8 groups have been doing very well in their attendance and contributions. The new secretary Ann Marie has been doing an awesome job!! On August 14, 2016 we had our Annual Barbecue. It was a great turnout and our Delegate, Renae H., was there to give us her Delegate Report. We are looking for GSR for Men's Group. Remember our Fall Assembly on September 23-25, 2016 in Vernal, Utah. I brought a few fliers today which are really small print. This is all that has been happening. Thank you,

District 9 DCM – Danny G.: None attended.

District 10 DCMC – Kevin S.: John R. gave a verbal report.

District 11 DCMC – Devin C.: Hello Friends, My name is Devin, and I am an alcoholic; currently serving District 11 as DCMC. Thank you for joining us for this event. District 11 always enjoys having Area 69 pay us a 12th step call. It's always good to be in the presence of people with a passion for general service. I want to thank the planning committee for working so hard to make this assembly a success Things are going well in our district. I am happy to report that participation in our monthly GSR meetings has picked up after being in a bit of a lull that I attribute to the busy summer months. We have had new GSRs join us from groups that have not had representation in the past. We welcome them to general service and hope they will continue to help us out. Our GSRs and district committee people are very committed to carrying the message of recovery to the next suffering alcoholic. We are looking forward to our district elections next month. We have invited our area 69 chairperson, Matt, to chair our elections. I am looking forward to seeing how the spirit of rotation plays out in our district. Our district is financially sound with an ample prudent reserve. Thank you for your service and allowing me to serve,

District 12 – : None attended.

Reports from Past Events

Post-Conference Assembly – District 10: John R. gave a report and expressed his appreciation and gratitude for all who supported these events.

Area Bridge the Gap Workshop – District 10: John R. gave a report and expressed his appreciation and gratitude for all who supported these events.

Reports from Upcoming Events

National Bridge the Gap Workshop: Sheryl had fliers for the 26th Annual Bridging The Gap Workshop Weekend September 9-11, 2016, Tucson, AZ.

Fall Assembly – District 8: Bonnie provided fliers and apologized for the small print that will be a struggle for anyone who has bi-focal glasses or need a magnifying glass. Please make checks payable to: District 8.

Fall Workshop – District 5: No one from District 5 for a report.

MOTIONS

MOTION 1: *TABLED 08-16-2016***

MOTION 2: *Discussion 08-20-2016*: AD HOC COMMITTEE HAS MET 3 TIMES. District 1 has expressed desire to implement by January 2017. This Ad Hoc committee needs to address the needs of Area 69 and any possible district changes. Once the Ad Hoc committee presents

proposed changes, the changes need to be discussed by GSR's and their home groups before any changes can be voted on at the Area level. If you have questions about your district, please contact Walter C., Doug L., or Devin C. It was suggested the DCM's discuss with their districts.
**Tabled 08-20-2016 for further discussion.

MOTION 3: Discussion 08-20-2016: Josh and Kurt have looked at equipment that is lightweight, affordable and would provide an area service position to include additional interested members. A sense of the meeting: "Purchase the 30-lb equipment using the Agenda/Assembly Chair budget and try it out at the Fall Assembly in Vernal". Sense of meeting was "YES". If the equipment doesn't fit the needs of Area 69, it can be returned within 90 days.
**Tabled 08-20-2016 for further discussion.

MOTION 4: **TABLED 08-20-2016.

MOTION 5: Discussion 08-20-2016: District 4 & 6 are looking to combine which does not enter into the same category as redistricting Area 69 and is therefore a separate motion. Questions: a) what if any are the ramifications, b) would there be new district numbers?
**Tabled: 08-20-2016 for further discussion.

MOTION 6: **Tabled: 08-20-2016 for further discussion later.

Open Mic

Read the service manual, the Conference Report, Area guidelines, research numbers of meetings that a district should be able to keep effectively informed and still be a part of the Chain of Communication. District Central Offices have a list of groups/meetings. There is an on-going effort to consolidate and maintain communication for Area 69.

Lunch: 12:00 to 1:30 pm

Workshop Begins.