

May 2006

Meeting at the Wasatch Presbyterian Church, 1625 South 1700 East, Salt Lake City

GSR Preamble

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.. We realize the ultimate authority in A.A. is a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups as a whole.

(Reprinted from Box 459, vol. 35, no. 4, Aug/Sept 1989)

AGENDA FOR DISTRICT 2 GSR MEETING

May 25 7:00 PM

7:00 – 7:15 PM

Open – Moment of Silence

GSR Preamble

Responsibility Declaration (Page 9)

Concept 5

Tradition 5

Introductions

Officer Reports

April Meeting Minutes – Dawn. (Page 2)

Treasurer’s Report – James H

Corresponding Secretary – Charlie T.

2006 Post-Conference Host Committee Report – Michaelene R.

7:15–7:35PM

Chair Reports

Archivist – Lanna Y.

Corrections Chair – Jean B. (Page 3)

Grapevine Chair – Dawn G. (Page 4)

Literature - Michaelene R.

Newsletter – Doug R. (Page 5)

PI/CPC Chair – Jim D.

Treatment Chair – Jay G.

7:35–8:00 PM

Old Business

Elections of DCM for sub-districts A, B & E

Elections of ALT-DCMs for sub-district C & E

New Business

Bridging The Gap Ad-hoc report & status

PI/CPC chair attendance concern

Invite the Area Delegate Mike O. to our June meeting

Workshop topic – Dawn Marie

Table of Contents

GSR Preamble, Meeting Agenda & Table of Contents	1
GSR Meeting Minutes (04/27/2006)	2
DCMC Report	3
Standing Committee Reports	3
Report back – 2006 Post-Conference Assembly	5
Upcoming Events	8
University of Utah School on Alcoholism	8
Step, Concept & Tradition Five & Currently Serving	9

April 27, 2005

District 2 GSR Meeting Minutes

Aaron the GSR for the Basic Young People's Group read concept 4.

Pete the area 69 literature chair, tradition 4.

Doug the area 69 web servant read the march minutes and they passed.

Thom gave a sincere thanks to all of those who serve and is very grateful for everyone helping with Post-Conference.

Michaelene the district 2 literature chair, is still having a difficult time filling racks due to transportation problems. Any help would be appreciated. There is also a host committee meeting after this meeting for Post-Conference

Graham a long time service representative discussed Bridging the Gap and how helpful it would be to have a Bridging the Gap chairperson. He also expressed how important it is to be available, if you are two or three days after the person gets out of jail, then it won't work. It is imperative that we are there for the first twenty-four hours.

Jody a past delegate went over the guideline review committee recommendations and asked that we be ready at the Post-Conference.

Lana the District 2 archivist needs any kind of help she can get. We are starting from scratch, anything we feel is important, to the groups or to the District.

Dawn the Grapevine standing chair announced that she finally got a grapevine subscription and that if anyone would like her to go out to their meetings she would be more than happy.

Jay the treatment chair published his report in the newsletter.

We are still in need of three DCM's, is there anyone qualified and willing to stand? No.

Thom also asked if there was someone willing to keep contacts for BTG in Dist. 2 one person with the knowledge and time to bridge the gap. Does the body feel it's necessary? The question was asked if Jay had any kind of list of people ready to get out? There is no list for people getting out. The question was called again if we feel there is a need for a BTG coordinator.

Terrie said it is very important but feels that we need to coordinate better

Eleanor is still willing to stand for the position

Doug let's table it and create a sub committee.

Thom called for one DCM and 2 GSR's to come up with guidelines' research it find out the financial impact will be. Tony, Sara and Pete stood for the sub-committee.

Defray the treatment chair to go to the BTG workshop, passed

Workshop topics were tabled until the next GSR meeting. Let's wait and see what the new topic will be. Motion to close at 8:15pm

Officer Report From our DCMC

May is one heck of a moth to be involved in General Service. To those who helped with the Host Committee, and all our trusted servants who made my position easier, my deepest thanks.

These last two weeks have been, at times, running from pillar to post in order to get the tasks at hand accomplished. Although we have had a great deal to get done, there have been many who have suited up and showed up to help it happen. From those who helped behind the scenes, to anyone who just showed up for a service commitment. Our love of service truly has shown bright.

Although the Post Conference is behind us, we still have the work of passing on what we

have learned about this year's General Service Conference. There are more opportunities to learn and serve in the months ahead, also. Next is the Area Bridge the Gap and National Bridge the Gap events. In between are several other Area events. Include one more this year that D.2 is also Host to: Pass the Gavel in Dec. a District sponsored workshop in Aug. and last but not least, the Fall Election Assembly in Kanab in Sept.

From being involved in General Service a few days, I have come to realize that service opportunities liken to our disease. There is always something I can and should be doing about it.

Our Conference theme for this next year puts it right in front of us: **"Our 12th Step Responsibility - Are We Going To Any Length?"** At Post Conference on Sun., the presentation panel gave much insight and experience as to how and why we should continue this endeavor. Regardless of how we are doing it, might we as a District continue to learn and grow in the most vital legs of our Third Legacy? Service!!!

Love in Service,

Thom B.

DCMC
dist2_dcmc@utahaa.org

Standing Chair Reports Corrections Standing Chair

We have been busy with meetings at the jail and still need a Bridging the Gap Coordinator. Last month the District set up an ad hoc committee to come up with what would be required for that position, and they are working on getting a budget for it set up also.

In District 2 we have a difficult issue with the jail because it is hard to know when people will be getting out. If we had a coordinator or volunteers that were available in the daytime for calls to connect people it would be helpful. Last night at the jail meeting I spoke with the women and one of their biggest hurdles is getting to a meeting immediately upon release, they feel very uncomfortable. I would like to ask meetings to sign up as "Bridging the

Gap" meetings and then we could give out a list of those meetings to the inmates and they would know that they will be welcomed there and given assistance with getting to other meetings. They could just announce themselves as in need of "Bridging the Gap" assistance when they introduce themselves as newcomers to that meeting. Many of them have been sober for quite a while during their incarceration but once they are released they really need help getting comfortable attending outside meetings.

Tony S. gave me a preliminary list (subject to change) of what they are looking for in a "Bridging the Gap" Coordinator:

- At least 1 year of Sobriety
- Willingness to be of service

- Contact with the jails and treatment programs (or willingness to establish it)
- Availability for calls most of the time
- We would supply them with a list of BTG contacts to match up with inmates and patients who have signed up

The Pink Can has been working but we are always in need of more literature for the inmates. We are using it for the Adult Detention Center and the Orange Street facility and the high turnover in these facilities makes lots of literature a necessity.

Jean B.

District 2 Corrections Chair
dist2_corrections@utahaa.or

Standing Chair Reports

Grapevine Standing Chair

Hey All,

Went to Post-Conference this weekend and learned that there are new GVR packets available. This will be helpful in explaining the Grapevine and getting to know the new GVRs'. So I am hoping to have a budget here soon to help move things along a bit, I am visiting Tooele group this week. They have paid four year subscription's in advance, that's awesome.

That's update from the Grapevine standing chair.

Love and Light,

Dawn Marie
Grapevine Standing Chair
dist2_grapevine@utahaa.org

Standing Chair Reports

Newsletter Standing Chair

Well I did it again. I lost every single email address that I had. I'm glad that you have all brought your group's sign-up sheets back tonight. I promise this time around I will not only keep a back up of the list on two separate devices I will keep the sheets themselves. So if worse came to worse I could always type them in again.

It's an honor to serve. Thank you for everything you do!

Doug R.
Newsletter Standing Chair
dist2_newsletter@utahaa.org

THERE are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is YESTERDAY with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. YESTERDAY has passed forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back YESTERDAY. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. YESTERDAY is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is TOMORROW with its possible adversaries, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. TOMORROW is also beyond our immediate control.

TOMORROW'S sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds--but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in TOMORROW for it is as yet unborn.

This leaves only one day--TODAY--. Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities--YESTERDAY and TOMORROW that we break down.

It is not the Experience of TODAY that drives men mad--it is remorse or bitterness for something which happened YESTERDAY and the dread of what TOMORROW may bring.

LET US, THEREFORE, LIVE BUT ONE DAY AT A TIME.

Past Event Report Back

2006 Post-Conference Assembly

My name is Doug and I am an alcoholic, it was my privilege to participate in the 2006 Post-Conference Assembly.

This assembly was a completely different experience for me. Not just because it's been two years that I started in general service and therefore have a little better understanding of the committee process, but I also served on the host committee. It was my pleasure to work with Dawn Marie on registrations. It was an incredible learning experience! Michaelene did a great job as Chair. It was great to work with Pete, the Co-Chair. Jodi E., the Facility/Program Chair did an excellent job, as usual, I'm learning so much from you! Walter did an incredible job with hospitality, loved the fruit & nut medley! And Sara did an excellent job as Treasurer.

My weekend started around 3:00pm Friday getting the pre-registered name tags ready and printing up more registration forms. There were 38 who pre-registered, 73 that registered at the door, making a total of 111 participants.

Registration started at 4:00pm. Dawn had arranged so many helpers that neither she nor I had to sit at the registration table. It was kinda fun hanging out at the registration table anyway. It's so good to see the people who have become my "Service Family".

A welcoming, ice-breaker meeting, "It's been Koosh" started at 6:30. Sara chaired a wonderful meeting. As we all know Sara's charisma is an amazing thing to see!

At 7:25 to about 8:30pm we were treated to a panel pres-

entation that discussed the outgoing theme "Sponsorship, Service & Self-Support in a Changing World". Our very own Thom B. was the moderator and three presenters from District 1 gave a wonderful overview of each topic.

Next was the Friday night speaker's meeting. Keith M., the Area's Treatment Facilities Chair was asked to share his experience, strength, and hope. I was very moved by his sharing on not only how the Steps and the Traditions have changed how he experiences life, but also how the Concepts and Committee work has taught him "how to play with others better."

It was the perfect way to end the first day of an excellent weekend. Thank you Keith.

Saturday morning started at 7:30am. As soon as I got the registration table sat up two people showed and said, "Dawn sent me down to sit at the registration table." Again Dawn had us covered all Saturday morning. Sara had gotten a few from her group as well so we were very well covered. One person that was fairly new to the program, Julius, was there both days. Thanks! Thanks to everyone that sacrificed a part of their Friday night and Saturday morning.

I was able to attend John McG.'s Meditation meeting before the business meeting began. It's a special experience to sit in stillness with our brothers and sisters in recovery. I highly recommend these meditation meetings, there a couple right here in District 2.

At 9:00 am the Area Committee business meeting began with a welcome from the Area's Chair-

person Julie S., she announced that the Newsletter Chair had resigned and if anyone was interested in taking over the rest of her term to please let her know. Later in the afternoon our very own Sara N. stood for and was unanimously affirmed to finish out the rest of this rotation as the Area's Newsletter Chair.

But I'm getting ahead of myself! The 12 Traditions were read. The minutes of the 2005 Fall Assembly and the 2006 Pre-Conference Assembly were read by JoAnn G., the Area's Secretary. Each were approved as read. The treasurer, Sheri P., who was celebrating her 7th year of sobriety that day, gave her report as well as the Financial report. The Financial report was approved as read.

Monte S., the Area's Agenda/Assembly Chair gave his report and then took bids for hosting the Post-Conference Assembly in 2008. District 1, 7, and 10 put in their request. After considering where the events were going to be hosted prior to that event the Area body voted to award the bid to District 1, so we will be somewhere in Northern Utah this time two years from now.

The rest of the Standing Committee Chairs gave their reports. Most of which are available on the Area's website. (www.utahaa.org) There are a lot of events coming up that the various chairs talked about, please see the "Upcoming Events" of this newsletter and/or there is a comprehensive calendar of Area 69 Service Events on the Area's website.

After the Standing Chair Reports were given each of the

Area's Districts gave their reports, including district 12 (the Spanish speaking linguistic district). There was a volunteer that interpreted the entire meeting for our Spanish speaking brothers.

After the District report Leslie H., the Area's Registrar took roll call. I was very impressed that District 2 was represented by eleven of us!

The Chairperson then read the Alternate Delegate's report. He, Ken B. was attending the Native American Gathering in Northern California.

Our Delegate then gave us his report on the 56th General Service Conference held in April. Excellent job! I'm very glad that our Area was represent by our very fine, capable, knowledgeable, and genuinely humble delegate; Mike O. His full report is also available on the Area's website.

Around 12:30pm we broke for lunch. Since I live four blocks away from the host hotel I went home.

We reconvened at 1:30 with Julie S. welcoming us back and then Paul from District 10 read the 12 Concepts for World Service.

Grahame's motion about changing the February Area Committee meeting to an Assembly and pushing back the Pre-Conference Assembly to the first of April was presented and questions and concerns from the Area body where heard. No further action was taken on this motion.

John McG's motion about creating a Special Needs Standing Committee was presents, questions and concerns where heard. The question was called. The motion failed.

The motion that the Area accepts the gift of the Translation equipment was presented by the Chairperson. There where no questions or concerns from the body. The question was called. The motion passed. Thanks to the generosity of District 1 and 12 the Area is now the proud owners of some very useful translation equipment.

Since this fall's assembly is an election assembly the Guidelines Review Committee recommendations where presented. Jodi E., the Co-Chair, had created a wonderful PowerPoint presentation that made it very easy to go through each item. She also had copies of the printed version that she had presented at our March GSR meeting.

Some items where accepted and some where not. The final version should be available at this year's fall assembly and probably earlier on the Area's website.

After the guidelines presentation and voting it was announced that Sara N. had volunteered to fill in for the Area's Newsletter Chair. Again, after qualifying she was unanimously approved. Congratulations Sara! I know you will do a wonderful job.

A report back on the Pre-Conference Assembly was given by their host committee Chair Vicky.

Reports on upcoming events where then given. The 2006 Area first annual Bridging the Gap workshop will be held in Price June 17, 2006. The Pacific Region Forum will be held in Seattle, WA June 23-25, 2006. The Pre-Assembly Workshop will be held in American Fork August 19-20, 2006. The National Bridging the Gap workshop will be held right here in Salt Lake September 8-10, 2006. And the Fall Elections As-

sembly will be held in Kanab September 23-24, 2006.

Two ad-hoc committee reports where given. Janet H., the Area's Archivist was first. They seam to have ongoing issues that their committee addresses. Next it was LeAnn L.'s turn. She was charged with the task of looking at a motion that was originally presented to the Area by Eddie, District 1's DCMC. His original motion was to fund the Area's Web Servant to attend the Area's meetings and assemblies.

I, along with several other apt fellow servants served on this ad-hoc committee. Our final recommendation was in the form of a motion. Which is; That the Area 69 Web Servant position and Newsletter Standing Chair position be joined to form a Communications Standing Chair position. Where the Communications Standing Chair would be the Area's Web Servant / Newsletter Editor and would be responsible for three sub-committees; the Website Committee, the Newsletter Committee, and the Translation Committee.

Financial impact: NONE! The existing Newsletter Standing chair budget would be transferred to the Communication Standing chair budget along with the \$100.00 of the PI budget allocated to the website.

The reaction of the Area Body seamed very positive. The comments that where taken ranged from "Let's fast track this motion so we can vote on it at the Fall Assembly" to "If we wait we will have to vote in a Newsletter Chair for the next 2 year rotation and this motion couldn't be considered again until 2008." There was a question of qualification and yes you do need to know HTML and the basics of internet database utilization to qualify. The Communications Chair would be the Area's Web Servant.

This motion addresses an area that has not been addressed as of yet; the Spanish-English translation issue.

Even though I was on the committee that came up with this motion I am still very impressed with the hard work and creativity that this group exhibited. I really am falling in love with the committee process. It is amazing to not only see but to be a part of this process!

Before adjourning the business meeting there was a discussion about AA/Al-Anon cooperation. Monte S. and Leslie H. both presented some very good points about cooperation verses the illusion or perception of affiliation, which is against both fellowship's traditions (affiliation that is!).The business meeting adjourned at 5:11pm

The Saturday night banquet was held at 6:00pm as scheduled. Since the afternoon's business meeting agenda had to be rearranged the committee roundtables that where scheduled from 3:00 to 4:00pm took place directly after the banquet. This is where the GSRs, DCMs and DCMC set with their assigned Standing Committee where more of that wonderful AA committee work continues.

The Saturday night speakers meeting started at 8:30pm. Gail N. and Larry N. from Imperial Beach California where the special guest speakers. Gail is the current Alternate Delegate of Area 05, Southern California. Larry is a past Delegate of Area 5, and a past US Trustee-At-Large. Their stories where incredible and they where the clincher in my decision to buy the full set of recordings of this

event. Good stuff! Perfect way to end a very busy, very productive day!

There was an AA/Al-Anon social held in the hospitality room, but I was beat and went home directly after the meeting! I heard that it was very successful.

Sunday morning started out at 8:00pm. I had been invited to the Standing Committee Chair meeting by the PI chair. I was able to address some concerns regarding the website and to off its services to all of the chairs, including our new Madam Newsletter Chair Sara! She can be reached by her utahaa.org e-mail address (newsletter@utahaa.org). We discussed revamping the Newsletter page, I'm sure we will come up with something fabulous!

Next came the infamous Ask-it-Basket meeting. This is where a panel of the current and past Delegates are asked questions that have been placed in a basket throughout the assembly. We where honored this time to have Gail and Larry set on the panel too.

The "Kicking off of the new theme" panel presentation was presented next. The new theme is "Our Twelfth Step Responsibility - Are We Going to Any Length?" There where presentations on the following discussion topics:

1.) Inclusiveness in A.A.:

- A.) Our 3rd Tradition
- B.) Growth of the Fellowship
- C.) Reaching Out to All Who Want It

2.) Our Primary Purpose:

- A.) Attraction Rather Than Promotion
- B.) Working with Wet Drunks
- C.) Practicing These Principles in all Our Affairs

3.) Humility and Responsibility:

- A.) Expressed by Anonymity
- B.) Are We Resting on Our Laurels?
- C.) Raising Literature Prices or Footing the Bill?

The Sunday Spiritual Speaker's meeting started at approximately 11:05am. Jodi E. chaird. LeAnn L., the Area's PI Chair spoke. All I can say about that is that she brought tears to my eyes more than once. What a beautiful lady, I so grateful to call her a friend. It has been a wonderful learning, growing experience working with LeAnn the last two years on the website committee. When I hugged her after the meeting I said, "LeAnn you are pure Grace and Class." And she really is.

Her talk made me even more determined to buy the recordings! When I got them I found out that they not only included all of the speakers, including one who spoke at the Al-Anon meeting but they also included both panel presentations and the Ask-it-Basket meeting. What a deal! When I get tiered of listening to them I think I will donate them to the District.

What an excellent weekend! I am so grateful that was able to participate. This is the last Area event that I will attend as my home group's GSR. My 2 year rotation is over. I think I'm hooked on this service stuff so I will be hanging around in one capacity or another!

Upcoming Events Mark your Calendar

The University of Utah School on Alcoholism	June 18-23, 2006
Area 69 Bridge the Gap Workshop District 5 - Price	June 17, 2006
Pacific Region Forum Seattle, WA	June 23-25, 2006
Pre-Assembly Workshop District 3 – American Fork	August 19-20, 2006
National Bridge the Gap Workshop Salt Lake City	August 8-10, 2006
Fall Election Assembly District 7 - Kanab	Sept 23-24, 2006

Upcoming Events The University of Utah School on Alcoholism

AA meeting Sunday, June 18 room 319 Olpin Union Bldg 8:30pm
AA meeting Monday, June 19 room 318 7:30pm
AA meeting Tuesday, June 20 room 318 7:30pm
AA meeting Wednesday, June 21 Saltair room Olpin Bldg 7:30pm
AA meeting Thursday, June 22 room 319 7:30pm

The AA booth will be manned from 9am to 5pm except on Sunday – noon to 5pm

This is a great way to be of service! Volunteers are needed to man the AA booth and to chair meetings. If you want to be a part of, or someone you know does please contact the Area's CPC Chair at cpc@utahaa.org.

J walk down the path of life.

A fellow traveler gets distraught at some pebbles on the path.

Should J, too, get distraught?

Or should J stay calm, preserving my strength for the boulders that lie ahead?

The *District 2 Newsletter* presents news & notes from Utah Area 69, District 2 of Alcoholics Anonymous. Opinions expressed are not those of Alcoholics Anonymous. Please send your comments, suggestions, questions and/or article submissions to dist2_newsletter@utahaa.org or submit them at the monthly GSR meeting.