



Meeting at the Wasatch Presbyterian Church, 1626 South 1700 East, Salt Lake City

November

2004

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 other 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.

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AGENDA FOR DISTRICT 02 GSR MEETING NOVEMBER 18 7:00 PM

7:00 – 7:15 PM

Open – Moment of Silence

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Concept XI (see page 10)

Tradition XI (see page 10)

Introductions

October Meeting Minutes – Thom B., Recording Secretary

October Treasurer's Report— Paige C. –Treasurer [7th Tradition]

7:15–7:30 PM

Officer's Reports

Corresponding Secretary – Pete G.

Literature – Pete G.

PI/CPC Liaison – James H.

Treatment – Taylor K.

Corrections – Charlie T.

Newsletter – Doug R..

7:30–8:00 PM

Old Business

Vote on proposal to amend the District 2 Guidelines (see pgs 2 & 3)

Open Service positions (We still have vacancies for two DCM's, 4 Alternate DCM's,

Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Literature Standing Chair)

Proposed Amendments to Guidelines

Per the District 02 Guidelines, page 12, GUIDELINES AMENDMENT PROCEDURE:

“Any proposed amendment to these GUIDELINES, must be submitted by a District 2 voting member in writing to the DCMC or sitting DCM at least 7 days before the next DCM meeting. The chair will have the proposed amendment on the agenda and available at the following GSR Meeting. If the proposed amendment is passed by at least a 2/3 majority of those present, according to Election Procedures, it will go into effect at that time”.

The following Amendments/Additions to the Guidelines have been submitted and need to be voted on:

- “That the following Standing Committee be created:

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Chairperson Responsibilities

1. Obtains agenda, minutes, chair reports, etc. from necessary parties.
 2. Compiles GSR meeting agenda, minutes, chair reports, treasurer’s reports, motions, amendments, important dates, workshops, and any relevant information into a printable newsletter on a monthly basis.
 3. Photocopies newsletter and distributes at GSR Meeting.
- - Submitted by Treasurer, Paige S., on August 19, 2004.

- “That, due to the fact that there is currently no procedure in place for handling motions at the district level, District 02 adopt the following adaptation from Appendix D of the Area Guidelines:

DISTRICT MEETINGS STATEMENT OF PROCEDURE

Purpose

The purpose of this Statement of Procedure is to provide consistency in the manner in which **District 2*** conducts its meetings, allowing business to be conducted as informally as possible consistent with the rights of all participants.

1. Chairperson’s Responsibilities

- a. The chairperson is responsible to see that each meeting is conducted in an orderly fashion following the printed agenda. The chairperson may announce changes to the agenda and ask for a **simple majority**** vote to approve. Significant changes to the agenda shall require a two thirds majority.
- b. The chairperson at any time may call for a “sense of the meeting” to facilitate the proceedings.
- c. The chairperson is responsible for scheduling time on each meeting agenda for new business to be brought before the committee.

2. Types of Motions***

- a. A **Standard Motion** is any motion that has a direct effect on the District Budget or Guidelines, individual AA groups, the Area, or AA as a whole.
- b. A **Housekeeping Motion** affects ONLY the group who is voting on it and never has any direct effect on the District Budget or Guidelines, nor will it affect individual AA groups, the Area, or AA as a whole. Example; Where the meetings are held, procedures that effect only that meeting, how many breaks to take, when to have the next meeting or adjourn, etc.
 - i. A Housekeeping motion follows all procedure for standard motions below (Section 3) except items b and c UNLESS it is referred or deferred in which

case it needs to be written down. If there is no discussion, the chair may call for a vote immediately. Housekeeping motions require a simple majority to pass.

Note: If there is considerable objection to voting by simple majority, the chair may call for a simple majority vote in order to determine if a 2/3rds majority vote is needed. If simple majority is needed, the vote is taken and passes or fails with no discussion. If 2/3rds majority is required, the vote is taken based on the procedure set forth in Section 5, "Voting Procedures".

3. Procedure for Standard Motions

- a. A motion can be made by any voting member recognized by the chair at an appropriate time in the meeting agenda.
- b. All motions must be read from a written copy which is then passed on to the **recording secretary and may be presented in the newsletter******.
- c. When applicable, the text of a motion should be accompanied by a statement of the current practice, and the budget impact if passed.
- d. All motions require a second for further action.
- e. The chairperson at his/her discretion can Entertain the Motion, Refer the Motion to an appropriate committee for study, or Defer the Motion till the following meeting **in order for GSRs to get their group's conscience*******.
- f. Following the chairperson's entertaining of a motion, a discussion is held where members of the meeting, when recognized by the chair, may address the motion, propose amendments, move to refer it, move to table it, or move to call the question.
 - i. A Motion to Amend requires agreement by the originator of the motion **and the person who seconded it*******; in the absence of such agreement, the proposed amendment fails; depending upon the outcome of the motion to amend, discussion then continues either of the original or the amended motion.
 - ii. A Motion to Refer is the motion of suspend discussion and consideration of a motion until the next meeting, and send it to a committee for the committee's study and recommendation; requires a two-thirds majority. If the Motion to Table fails, discussion continues.
 - iii. A Motion to Table is a motion to suspend discussion and consideration of a motion until the next meeting; requires a two-thirds majority. If the Motion to Table fails, discussion continues.
 - iv. A Motion to Call the Question is a motion to end discussion so a vote can be taken of the current motion; requires a two thirds majority and it cannot be debated. If the Motion to Call the Question fails, discussion continues.
- g. Unless tabled or referred to a committee, following the discussion, the chairperson calls for a vote on the motion.

4. General Rules of Discussion

- a. People who wish to speak raise their hands and are called on in order.
- b. The chairperson has the prerogative to set a fixed time limit for each speaker.
- c. If the discussion begins to exceed the time allotted to that topic on the agenda, the chairperson may exercise his/her discretion to establish a cut-off point or take a sense of the meeting to extend the discussion.
- d. No speaker may speak for a second time on a topic until all who wish to speak have been given the opportunity.
- e. Good meeting etiquette requires that each speaker make an effort o limit their discussion to points of view that have not previously been presented as opposed to restating opinions already expressed by others.

5. Voting Procedures

- a. The motion along with any accompanying text is restated by the chairperson.

- b. The chairperson has the choice of conducting a voice vote or voting by show of hands.
- c. For a motion to carry, a two thirds majority vote is required.
- d. When a motion passes or fails, members of the minority opinion may speak to their opposition, but may not move for a new vote. Following the minority opinion, the Chairperson asks if anyone on the prevailing side wishes to change his/her vote and make a Motion to Reconsider.
 - i. A Motion to Reconsider requires a second and only a simply majority to pass. A new vote on the original motion is held without discussion.
 - ii. No motion may be reconsidered twice.

* Changed from "Utah Area Service Committee"

** The words "simple majority" have been added for clarification.

*** All of section 2 has been added in order to clarify the difference between a standard motion and a house-keeping motion and how to handle house-keeping motions.

**** Changed from "Meeting Secretary" to "Recording Secretary" for clarification and added "presented in Newsletter" as that has become a primary means of communicating in District 02.

***** Added "in order for GSRs to get their group's conscience" to clarify what should be done if deferred.

***** Added "and the person who seconded it" for clarification."

- - *Submitted by Paige S. on August 19, 2004.*
- - *Amended by Paige S. on November 1, 2004.*

TIME

As part of my ninth and twelfth steps I do some volunteering at the University of Utah Hospital. The hospital is now undergoing an upgrading of their service and using a consulting firm. In one of the talks the coach said that if when we asked a patient if they needed anything we should add, "I have the time". I thought what a wonderful idea for the program. When a sponsee calls I now try to add "I'm glad you called I have the time". More importantly when I go to a meeting I tell myself "I have the time" so that when the meeting runs over I'm not impatient. When I'm asked to do something at an Area or District or Group level I tell myself the same thing and it changes the way I view the job.

Scott Peck in his book "The Road Less Traveled" says at one point and I paraphrase, "You can tell what someone loves by the amount of time they spend with that object" He gives the example of a teenager and his car. When I do my tenth step at night I can also use this method to gauge where I am with people, places and things. Unfortunately TV would win hands down most of the time.

I am retired and have more time on my hands than I know what to do with and it's very important I use the gifts God gave me, sobriety, health and a willingness to serve. I think the Bible says somewhere "I'll know you loved me by how you love one another."

John M – dist2dcmc@utahaa.org
DCMC District two

PI/CPC Chair

Not too much to report this month. We established a relationship with a local Boy's and Girl's club. Thanks to Jen Y. for going to speak to the youngsters. I have now handed off all my literature to Mark P, and we begin the process of winding up my term. Valley Mental Health has enthusiastically requested that we deliver them some more literature, and want to meet to discuss setting up a meeting for their clients. I am doing a sizeable print run of the pamphlet "So you've been told to go to AA... And you hate the idea." It has been very successful. If you would like some for your meeting, please let me know and I'll try to get some additional quantities.

Best of wishes to everyone this holiday season.

In love and service,
James H. - dist2_picpc@utahaa.org

Newsletter Chair

At our last GSR's meeting I think I created more confusion about the email issue than clarity. At best I was confused! There are two separate issues, one is the ability to email the newsletter to those who would like an "advanced copy" and the other is the District Servants email accounts.

Anyone who would like to have an "advanced copy" of this newsletter please let me know and I will add you to the email distribution list. We don't need a motion or resolution to do that! Just send an email to dist2_newsletter@utahaa.org. Or you can sign the sheet that will be going around tonight.

The other email issue has more to do with my responsibilities as the Area's Web Servant. At our last Web Committee meeting we decided to use District 2, if they were willing, in testing how well received and utilized the Area 69 District Email Service would be. One of the concepts behind this service is to facilitate communications between the Districts and between the Districts and the Area. It also provides another layer of anonymity and makes it a service position rather than a service personality.

Doug R – dist2_newsletter@utahaa.org

Area 69 Committee Meeting

" Pass the Gavel "

Saturday – December 4, 2004

Roosevelt, Utah

See the Area 69 Official Website for more information • www.utahaa.org

Area 69 Fall Workshop **November 5-6, 2004**

My name is Pete and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege to serve District 2 as the Corresponding Secretary and as the Standing Chair for Literature. The Fall Workshop was held at the Cottontree Inn in Provo with excellent results. Attendance was less than normal but the amount of business and quality of the presentations and roundtables was high.

Area 69 Business Meeting.

Area Treasurer report was given and accepted. Copies of this are available.
Area roll-call was taken.

All Area officers were present. There were 2 past delegates.

Previous Events.

The Pre-Conference Workshop held in Salina reported return of the seed money and \$387 additional monies from this event.

The Fall Election Assembly reported 142 people in attendance. The event returned the seed money and \$3048 in additional monies from this event.

Upcoming Events

The Pass the Gavel meeting will be held in Roosevelt (District 8) in December. For dates and registration information log on to UTAHAA.ORG.

The Area Committee Meeting will be hosted by our own District 2. The chairperson had better get on the stick and get this event rolling. Any volunteers?

The Pre-Conference Assembly will be held in Washington, Ut in March. There will be Friday night roundtables for this event.

Delegate Report

Jodi provided an excellent report of GSO activities for the past months. Copies of her report are available.

Open Mike Time

A number of motions were presented and referred to ad hoc committees. This was not a voting assembly so the discussion centered upon formation of ad hoc committees for the upcoming panel.

Ad hoc committees formed.

Bridging the Gap – Jodi –chairperson, Keith – co-chair. Members are Mishelle (Dist 3), Charlie (Dist 1), Charlie (Dist 2), Grahmae (Dist 2),

Archives – Janet H. as chairperson. Members are Charlie (Dist 1), Keith (Dist 9), Pete (Dist 2), Athlene (Dist 10).

New Business –

Area 69 committee incorporate the website in accordance with the P/I guidelines. Moved to ad hoc committee.

Presentations

John (Dist 3 Intergroup) presented on Practicing the Principals in our Daily Lives.

Victory over alcohol is only part of the deal and part of the reward.

Victory over ourselves and our natural instincts is the real journey.

Julie S. (Dist 7) Am I Carrying the AA Message or my own?

Forward to the 1st edition states "To show other alcoholics precisely how we recovered is the main purpose of this book."

Working 'THE' program is better than working "YOUR" program.

The introductions to the Traditions in the Big Book lists "No society of men and women has ever had a more urgent need for continuous effectiveness and permanent unity."

Thom B. (Dist 2) Love and Tolerance is our code.

Anyone can be an alcoholic, so anyone can be a member of A.A.

We are alcoholics when WE say we are alcoholic.

Shirley O. (Dist 10). Spiritual Principals of our 12th Tradition.

Long Form – 12th Tradition "We are to practice a Genuine Humility ... Principals Before Personalities.

What if it was called "The WAY OUT by William G. Wilson"?

Gary (Dist 1). Final Responsibility and Ultimate Authority

In 1948, when Dr. Bob was diagnosed with a terminal form of cancer, AA began to realize that our older members were not going to be around forever. We developed the 12 Concepts for World Service. The ' Final Responsibility' gives the groups ultimate authority. That authority should always reside in the collective consciousness of the AA group.

James H. (Dist 2). Leadership – Responsibility for AA's Future.

Many AA's have problem with authority (no!). IN that light, it is wise to remember that we are all just 'Trusted Servants'. I loved James' notation about 'an incestuous circle of AA's who always seem to be in service.'" We need to keep bringing new blood into General Service or we will not have anyone to replace us. This is painfully evident in District 2 at this time (authors note).

Breakout Sessions

Concept 5 – Minority Opinion. Walter C. (Dist 2).

Concept 5 gives every AA a right to be heard, especially if they are not in the majority.

It gives everyone a voice and encourages them to use it.

It keeps AA from moving too fast and trampling anyone's rights.

It cools the emotional decisions and allows for rational voices to be heard.

It establishes that groups have the right to be wrong.

The Basket – Where \$\$\$ and Spirituality Mix. Thom B. (Dist 2)

Provides support for AA as a whole.

Allows us to be self-sufficient and therefore beholding to no one.

It promotes sound business practices. It allows us to carry the message to others.

It is an investment in our common recovery.

How It Works in our Home Group. Mike A (Dist 10)

Welcome the Newcomer – the lifeblood of AA.

Allows newcomers to be a part of. Gives everyone who wants one a job.

It supports and encourages the 7th Tradition. Generates Group Conscience.

Groups can support the newcomer by Staffing the Phones at Central Office.

It provides a sound structure for recovery.

Shifting Responsibility

This workshop was unique in that the 'old' and 'new' standing chairs for Area 69 had the chance to pass along their experience and welcome their replacement. The following notes were taken during the roundtable.

Treatment Committee

Grahmae passes off to Keith.

Specific responsibilities are to work with the Treatment facilities within Area 69 and also coordinate efforts with District Treatment chairs. Some District are just too small to allow for a separate Treatment chair but District 2 is lucky to have Jay G. fill this position. An important function of the Treatment standing chair is to aid in the Bridge the Gap program. This program provides temporary sponsors and aids in getting newly released members in getting to a meeting as soon as possible.

Literature

George passes off to Grahmae.

Primary responsibility involves providing AA approved literature to the Area. This involves learning all the literature that GSO has to offer. Literature chair persons are expected to go anywhere asked to go in order to carry the message of AA through literature. AA literature comes in over 65 languages, Braille and is constantly being added to or edited for better results. Another important part of this position is to provide service material to those in service. This includes special booklets, audio tapes or pamphlets explaining how to do your job.

Corrections Charlie G to Richard B.

Charlie has been tireless in partaking in the Corrections job over the past two years. His successor, Richard B. – Milford District 7 – is no less committed. I personally know Richard and have found him to be an extraordinary AA, committed to carrying the message wherever it needs to be heard. The Corrections chair is dedicated to providing Big Books to meeting within the prison walls, working on the Bridge the Gap program, providing meeting chairs wherever possible and getting additional literature into institutions.

Grapevine. Mishelle to John Mc.

Mishelle has had a very successful two years and has increased subscriptions of the Grapevine immensely during this time. Additional duties which John will assume will be to promote the Grapevine books that contain additional stories from the Grapevine and to aid the District Grapevine reps in carrying the message.