

**Area 69 Fall Workshop
November 6-7, 2015
684 24th Street, Ogden, UT District 1**

Welcome Matt D., Chair: Meeting opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble, Anonymity Statement and Responsibility Statement. Several newcomers attended the meeting. Defined Service Sponsor and identified those willing to serve in this capacity. Introduction of Panel 65 Area Officers and Area Standing Chairs.

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

Treasurer's Report Kurt J.: Approved after discussion and corrections. 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. The Fall 2015 issue of Box 4-5-9 has a fabulous description of how our General Service Office uses your Seventh Tradition Contributions. On one of the tables in the back you will find a double sided printout of these two pages on green paper. Please take this back to your districts and your home groups to help share the importance of our Seventh Tradition. Also in the back you will find a printout on blue paper of all group and anonymous contributions to Area 69 for the year. Some may notice that the contributions printout used to include literature, grapevine, and event income. Those numbers are now included on the new expense report so they have been removed from this other report. Please review this list and let me know if there are any errors. So far this year Area 69 has received 295 mail and 32 PayPal contributions from 143 groups. Since we last met, Area 69 has received 75 mail and 3 PayPal contributions including 6 contributions from groups who have contributed for the first time this year. Today will find a copy of the approved 2016 budget printed on rose colored paper. That was an adventure... :) [recognize Finance Committee] Thank you all for your patience and feedback at the Fall Assembly while we worked through understanding and modifying the proposed 2016 budget. In the end we did together what we cannot do alone. I love Alcoholics Anonymous. I love general service. My life is changed and sobriety enhanced in so many ways thanks to you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Delegate's Report – Renae H.: Dear Friends, I absolutely treasure the time and opportunities that we have to come together and share experience, strength and hope in service to Alcoholics Anonymous! We are blessed in Area 69 (UT) to have such dedicated trusted servants committed to ensuring that the efforts to carry the A.A. message throughout our general service structure are as current, thorough, and effective in helping the alcoholic who has yet to be reached---find his way to our doors. I know that all of you have given many hours in preparation and action in fulfilling your service commitments throughout the year, and quite often this requires some real balancing skills with family, work, and taking time for your own recovery and 12th Stepping commitments. Thank you for your personal sacrifices and your love for Alcoholics Anonymous.

The month of November is typically a time where we often reflect upon gratitude...which for me, is often induced by the celebration of Thanksgiving, family, and abundance of blessings that I have in my life today because of Alcoholics Anonymous. When I came into my first A.A. meeting, I had no way of knowing what expenses, work, commitment and preparation had to be handled behind the scenes (AKA "Services") before it even became a "Group," and to have kept the doors open just for me (of course!) *in my time of need*. Short story is, that by being completely defeated by alcohol and its destruction on my life and the lives of those I cared about---I was willing to do what was strongly suggested by a sponsor...to go to meetings, read the Big Book and do the Steps with a sponsor, work with others, and get involved in service. I've learned slowly over the years about the 12 Traditions, the 12 Concepts, the General Service Structure, the purpose of the General Service Conference, the role and purpose of the Trustees and the General Service Board including its two separately incorporated service arms---A.A.W.S., Inc. and A.A. Grapevine Inc., and finally, about the many services our General Service Office (GSO) provides through these corporations and how they are made possible through the 7th Tradition contributions received from participating groups in the U.S. and Canada. That being said, we have arrived at a topic that is very important to the continued growth and financial health of our Fellowship not only in today's economic environment, but also looking forward to the generations ahead *in their time of need* for these vital services.

In October of this year, all of the U.S./Canada Area Delegate Conference Members receive a communication from the A.A.W.S. Board of Directors Chair, Chet P., (Chet P. also serves Alcoholics Anonymous as the "U.S. Trustee at Large") with the notification, in part, of the A.A.W.S. board's "spending a great deal of time focusing on the future of G.S.O. and how to best serve the Fellowship. Specifically, with respect to self-support, we realize that we could do a better job informing the Fellowship of how member contributions are used to carry our life-saving message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic." "To this end, we have created (the attached) "7th Tradition in Action" fact sheet which we trust will better convey to the Fellowship where and how the "dollar in the basket" is being used. (Power Point) He further explained that future plans include making "better use of Box 459, the A.A. Grapevine, the contribution acknowledgments, and aa.org to communicate to the Fellowship examples of the "7th Tradition in Action"---stories that we hope will better convey where and how the "dollar in the basket" is being used. Please feel free to send in your own 7th Tradition in Action story." Send stories to A.A.W.S. by email (wilsons@aa.org) or regular mail to Sandra W., 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1100, NY, NY 10115.

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In a concerted effort to raise awareness of all these wonderful services our GSO provides us, I would like to invite *all the District's* DCMCs and/or DCMs to make copies of this "7th Tradition in Action" fact sheet to be distributed and communicated to every GSR in your district, and in turn, to be shared with every group possible within the Area 69 A.A. Fellowship. Our General Service Office (GSO) in New York is ever grateful to all the 7th Tradition contributions it receives, whether small or large, this is where "money and spirituality mix". We can participate in showing gratitude for our own recoveries and in ensuring the future of A.A. through our continued contributions and sharing this information with groups that may not know about these services or understand the spirit of the A.A. Seventh Tradition.

AWWS

The co-location construction project to bring Grapevine onto the 11th floor of 475 Riverside Dr. and to renovate and update the General Service Office space is proceeding on schedule and should be completed by the end of November.

New staff members Jeff W., on the corrections desk, and Sandra W., on the literature desk, have begun their assignments, and the new GSO general manager, Greg T., has also begun his new position.

AAGV

More outreach within the Fellowship is needed to slow (or perhaps even reverse) the trend of declining subscriptions, and AAGV has developed a list of specific actions requested in terms of organization-wide support. Grapevine circulation averaged 72,495 for the first nine months of 2015, which is 2,307 ahead of budget and 1,759 lower than the first nine months of 2014. Significant contributors to subscriptions being ahead of budget include 900 subscriptions purchased by International Convention attendees, the success of the Subscription challenge, and the Carry the Message effort. La Vina circulation averaged 10,310 through the first nine months.

The SMS project for La Vina has been launched, and the response has been very strong – members can punch in a code to subscribe and receive a weekly text message with the quote of the week and brief news about La Vina. The new Grapevine book, *Forming True Partnerships*, is out, and it is selling strongly. Pricing for the mobile-friendly version of Grapevine has been set at \$24 for a one-year subscription, and this new product should be available in the first quarter of 2016.

Archives

The trustees' committee **agreed to forward to the 2016 Conference committee a request to explore ways to encourage groups to write or update their histories.**

Conference

The trustees' committee **agreed to forward to the 2016 Conference committee on policy and admissions a request to consider the concept of admitting representatives from the service structure of other Twelfth Step Fellowships to observe the General Service Conference.** This came about because of a request from another Fellowship (Adult Children of Alcoholics) to observe. No action is being taken on that specific request for the 2016 Conference, as it was felt it would be best for the Conference to discuss and develop a conscience on the overall concept separate from a specific request. Also Discussion continues on the subcommittee on the Conference agenda process regarding the role of delegate chairs in the agenda item selection process.

Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibilities

The committee **agreed to forward to the 2016 Conference committee on CPC a subcommittee suggestion that the pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W." be retired because of**

length and outdated language. The trustees' committee also noted that this pamphlet remains an important piece of A.A. history and asked the subcommittee reviewing CPC pamphlets to ensure that any still-relevant information from the pamphlet was captured in other A.A. literature.

The committee recommended to the General Service Board that "Special Needs" be removed from the name of the trustees' committee and throughout the committee's Composition, Scope, and Procedure.

The committee also **forwarded to the Conference committee on Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibilities a suggestion to change its name and Composition, Scope, and Procedures, removing "Special Needs."** These actions sprang from an additional committee consideration from the 2015 Conference committee. The basic idea involves a philosophical shift away from singling out members with special needs in favor of focusing on barriers to access in receiving the A.A. message and ways to overcome those barriers.

Finance and Budgetary

Under GSO financial results, there is about a \$283,000 net loss for the first nine months of this year. Expenses are essentially flat from the same period last year, and total revenue (literature, contributions, and interest) is down about 18% from last year.

On the Grapevine financials, there is about a \$207,000 net profit for the first nine months for Grapevine; subscriptions haven't declined as much as anticipated, and some expenditures included in the budget haven't been needed. The La Vina shortfall is about \$99,000 for the first nine months (this is about \$19,000 less than budgeted). **The Reserve fund** is at about 10 months of operating expenses, and it is expected to decline to about 9 months of operating expenses once the co-location project is completed.

Final audited results of the International Convention aren't in yet, but it looks like there will be a loss in the range of \$220,000 (total cost to put on the convention was about \$6 million). This is due mostly to attendance being stronger than expected. The record-breaking numbers (about 57,000 attendees) meant that more people were housed farther away from the convention venues, which increased the expenses for transportation to bus people in from remote accommodations. I wouldn't call the financial situation dire at this point, but the board treasurer and all of the board members are definitely concerned about it.

International Conventions/Regional Forums

The committee recommended to the General Service Board that Al-Anon be invited to participate in A.A.'s International Convention in Detroit in 2020, and the board unanimously approved this recommendation. Al-Anon has been invited to participate in every International Convention since 2000.

Literature

Over 220 stories have been submitted for the three literature projects initiated by the 2015 Conference (revisions to "A.A. for the Woman" and "A.A. for the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic," and the development of literature for A.A.s with mental health issues). Included were over twenty stories from Spanish-speaking members. The members of the subcommittees working on these projects have developed scoring sheets to use in evaluating the stories, and are looking forward to reading the stories as soon as the Spanish submissions have been translated into English.

The committee **agreed to forward to the 2016 Conference committee a proposal for the development of a plain language version of Alcoholics Anonymous.** The intent is not to replace the Big Book, but to develop another version that could be particularly useful in carrying the message to alcoholics in remote communities where English is a second language, as well as helping to make the A.A. message accessible to those with lower literacy levels.

Public Information

The new PSA, "Doors," is performing very well. It has been picked up by CNN Airport Network and is playing in at least nine major airports.

Trustees' Planning Session

Most of this meeting was spent on strategic planning and on discussion of a preliminary report of the feasibility study that was initiated this year in response to a suggestion from the trustees' finance and budgetary committee. The feasibility study projects that if contributions continue to stay basically flat and sales continue to decline (including literature sales on the AAWS side and subscriptions on the AAGV side), that we may see significant budget deficits within a few years. The treasurer is refining projections, and there is a desire to hold sessions during Conference week to discuss ways to reduce expenses, increase revenues, and/or make improvements to our structure in order to respond proactively to the situation.

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Area 69 Utah is currently in 3rd place with a whopping 30.75% increase in **new** Grapevine subscriptions this year in the ongoing US/Canada (that's 93 Areas folks!) Grapevine Subscription Challenge! Missouri leads with a 39.68%, followed by Rhode Island at a 36.25% increase. The prize will be a special section in a 2016 issue of **Grapevine** or *La Viña* featuring members' stories from the state, province or territory with the greatest percentage growth in new* paid subscriptions or subscription gift certificates.

The A.A. Grapevine Magazine is often referred to as "our meeting in print" and has been a very useful tool in offering hope in recovery and aiding in sustained sobriety for many members unable to attend regular meetings for any number of reasons. Many may live in remote communities and are unable to travel great distances. It serves members actively deployed in military services, as well as people who are incarcerated in jails or prisons, or those who may otherwise be in a lock down facility due to mental health issues or may have physical health care needs. Regardless of where it's used, the Grapevine magazine is one of the most effective and powerful resources our Fellowship has to reach and to share the message of everyday recovery to other alcoholics. The A.A. Grapevine is solely supported by income received through the sale of its magazine subscriptions. The GV Subscription Challenge began January 26, 2015 and will end December 20, 2016. I think it would be really cool for our Utah Area 69 to have articles submitted by our members---highlighted in a 2016 issue of the A.A. Grapevine...don't you?!

In a closing note, I had the pleasure of attending and facilitating District 7's elections meeting October 10, 2016 in Cedar City, at which the district's Guidelines and general service positions and responsibilities were thoroughly discussed. I always appreciate the welcome and hospitality (food!) of District 7! I also want to thank District 12 for inviting Area 69 to join them at their Annual Spanish Convention held October 23-25, 2015 hosted here in Utah. We were warmly welcomed by all. I really enjoyed spending Saturday afternoon in a La Vina workshop, followed by a two hour panel of topic presentations. We were greatly aided in hearing the enthusiastic messages of experience, strength and hope with the help of translation equipment and Tito's (member of District 12) wonderful interpretation skills---it was a great experience! Thank you Area 69 for the great opportunity to serve this blessed Fellowship as your Utah Delegate! In Much Gratitude, Love, and Service, Renae H.

Roll Call – Kristen D.: In attendance were 7 Area Officers, 8 Area Standing Chairs, 1 Past Delegate; District 1: 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 6 GSR, 1 Standing Chair; 1 Central Office Rep.; District 2: 1 DCMC, 2 DCM's, 2 GSR's, 1 Standing Chair; District 3: 1 DCM, 2 GSR's, 2 Interested AA; District 4: 1 DCM, 1 Interested AA; District 5: 1 DCM, 1 Alt-DCM, 1GSR; District 6: 1 DCM, 1 Alt-GSR; District 7: 1 DCMC; District 8: 1 GSR; District 9: None in attendance; District 10: 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 4 GSR's, 1 Standing Chair; 1 Central Office Rep.; District 11: 1 DCMC, 1 GSR, 1 Alt-GSR, 1 Standing Chair, ; District 12: 1 GSR, 1 Standing Chair; **Total = 60**

Registrar Standing Chair – Kristen D.: I have been busy making sure the all of your information is correct. I am happy to say this was the first mailing that I only received 5 letters as opposed to the usual 10-20 that are returned. Please make sure that if you have moved that I get your new information. Since the last time we met, I have had the chance to go to District 1's GSR Meeting. I also attended District's 2 Workshop (How to Rock like a GSR). They did a wonderful job. Josh handed me a bunch of new GSR forms filled out. They have been added to SDO and our records. District 2 is on fire! It is amazing to watch. I received a letter from GSO that I will not be able to access the data base from November 20 until after the first of 2016 while they update those Area's that are having elections. Please, if you have updates get them to me ASAP, or else they will not be updated until after January 1, 2016. In love & service

Remaining Area Officer's Reports

Alt. Delegate's report – Wade J.: Please review the Area Guideline Proposed Changes. They are sitting on the back table. It is good to feel and hear the message of recovery. Since the last time we met I have had the pleasure of visiting a couple Spanish meetings and it is always a pleasure to spend time with the Spanish community. I had the privilege of visiting the Davis County Jail and participating in that meeting. Thank you Laurie and Kristen for the invite and all that you do behind the walls. Last weekend I attended the Spanish Conference. We attended the LaVina meeting and felt the passion they have to keep it alive and well. The evening event was a great time and I would like to thank them for allowing me to be part of the event and to me dear friends that were there with me. Thank you for sharing the day with me. Love in service

Chairperson report – Matt D.: I had the honor and privilege of attending the District 2 Workshop and the District 1 District Meeting. Joel C. has a conflict in his schedule but wants to visit Area 69 so he will be at our Pre-Conference Assembly in May 2016.

Immediate Past Delegate – Walter C.: Written report not turned in.

Standing Chair Reports

Assembly & Agenda Report Pete. G.: I'm privileged to serve you as the Area 69 Assembly/Agenda Chairperson. I want to thank District 1 for hosting this event today. I have enjoyed meeting with the host committees from District 11 in wrapping up the Fall Assembly and in preparation for the Area Inventory. Stayed tuned for some great information regarding the Inventory. I have contacted District 5 in regards to the upcoming February Committee meeting. I regret that they held their meeting on a day where I had planned some Home Group service but I look forward to following up with them during this event. I have contacted District 4 and passed on information to them regarding the PreConference event in 2016. The venue is set for this event in Fillmore so please plan on attending and enjoying the hospitality from District 4. District 10 has formed their committees for both the Post Conference event and for the Area 69 Bridging the Gap event. The Post Conference venue is being finalized and the Bridging the Gap venue has been chosen, awaiting finalization. The translation gear that we lent to Area 18 was much appreciated. Sharing what we have is what we do in this program. I received a phone call from Wade regarding the need to have our translation gear at the Eight annual Spanish-Speaking convention held at the Ramada on October 24. It was kind of a rush job but the gear and the gear-head was in attendance. I regret spacing off a meeting with District 10 but it kind of pushed everything else out of my head. Once again, I do apologize for leaving you hanging.

Being on the receiving end of translation always gives me a better appreciation of what our Spanish Speaking members must go through in order to attend our Assembly's, Workshops and Committee Meetings. I am always grateful to attend the Spanish Speaking Convention (this is my 3rd) because of the great energy I feel while attending. It is the Language of the Heart literally on steroids. Thank you for the invitation to be a 'part of'. During the Spanish-Speaking Convention I dabbled with a concept that we first viewed during our recent International Bridging the Gap event in Park City. That entire event was recorded using a digital recorder, then the recordings were taken back to a place in Chicago to be downloaded and distributed. I recorded the Spanish Speaking event on a digital recorder that I use at work. Unfortunately, it did not have very good transfer capability. I have reported in the past of the difficulties encountered with our present equipment. The recording that have been missed are irreplaceable. I don't want you folks to get a big head or anything but every word spoken has potential ramifications that grows down the road. After speaking with Kristen, who put forth the ad hoc committee idea regarding Area 69 electronic media upgrade, I invested in a digital voice recorder that has suitable transfer capabilities. Total cost is \$65 Piece of Mind – Priceless.

Bid Results: Fall Workshop 11-5-16 District 5 – Price area.

Archives – Trina B.: Miracles Happen!!! I left all of you in August and attended the Maple Grove Camp-out where I fell and shattered and ankle. I required surgery and an immediate change in life plans. I was unable to bear weight on my ankle for 6 weeks. I was so sad because I had made plans and paid to attend the National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop (NAAAW). I had faith and my HP came through for me. Working very closely with my doctors, my cast came off October 22 and I thought I would be able to walk. This didn't happen but I called a number on the NAAAW Flier and spoke with someone on the transportation committee. I explained my situation and Danny F became an angel in my life. He assured me that if I got there I would have help to get around. I have a strong belief in my HP. I picked up a scooter and my amazing husband took me to the airport. When my scooter tipped over, I started crying and said "this is impossible". My husband reminded me that my HP is always with me. The airports were amazing in helping me get from point A to point B. I arrived at the Ohio airport and Danny had sent someone to pick me up. I am so amazed at how this program works. The Conference was full of new information and experiences. On Saturday Danny F. and Edward C. picked me up and gave me a tour of all the places I couldn't travel because of the steps on the bus. My first steps were at Dr. Bob's

house. They let me in the back door. We also visited Dr. Bob's graveside. Amazing places I would have missed without the support of Danny F. He made my trip amazing!! The weekend was also amazing in all the things I learned as an Archivist. I was getting ready to take the shuttle back to the airport, and once again Danny F. had sent someone to give me a ride. That amazing man was Mark. This trip was all possible because of miracles, a belief in a HP and many trusted servants!!! I want to thank everyone for helping me, the defrayment and for allowing me to be service. Love you all

Repository Archivist: Janet Hafen. There have been 4 requests for information out of the repository in the last month. Renae forwarded one from Canada, concerning traveling displays. That was fun to reply to. The others concerned Utah history. Glad Trina, is back and doing better. Looking forward to hearing about the Archive Workshop. Thank you for letting me serve.

Communications – Rachael F.: Hi my name is Rachael and I have the pleasure of serving as the Area Communications chair. Thank you district 1 for hosting this event. I apologize for missing the workshop and appreciate Treesa for delivering a report for me. The area website continues to struggle with Spanish translation, any help or suggestions are welcome. There may be changes that will help in 2016 but currently we need assistance in translating documents. Please pass this request along to the districts and if anyone is interested please have them contact me. I spent some time on the phone with the DCMC from district 7 getting the meeting schedule up to date. If you have an up to date schedule please call me or send it to me by email. I am trying to make the Utah AA website more user friendly and need help from AA members in Utah. There will be a survey sent out with the next area mailing. I will also be making it available on the website. I want feedback from members who use the website, I am interested in what they like, dislike and what changes would they like to see. Something I mention in all my reports, it is important that I receive meeting updates (cancellations, additions or changes) from the district DCMC, secretary to registrar. If an email comes from someone I don't know I will need to verify with someone in the district who has the authority to confirm the change. Also a reminder that when sending documents to upload to the website please send them in PDF format. There are times that I have received a document that is not in PDF and when I try to upload it the layout changes. If you have questions about this please let me know. At each area event we have a Service Orientation. The outlines for those Service Orientations are now available on the website under Service Materials. You can use these materials to explain to your district service members what happens at each event. Thanks for letting me serve Rachael F.

CPC – David R.: Good Morning. My home group is the Fillmore Group. We meet Monday and Friday at 7:30 pm at 90 N Main, Fillmore. I'll be attending the Cache Valley Inter-group Annual Chili Cook-off next Saturday to talk about C.P.C. And working with the committee. The next day I'll be flying to Seattle to attend the National Prevention Network Convention. With a day off to go fishing with my sponsor. I'm so grateful to be a part of this great walk. I'm grateful for my association with all of you. Thank you for influencing my life. Love you all. Yours in service

Corrections – Sheryl T.: Greetings Fellow Trusted Servants! Since we met in September, there has not been a lot of activity with Corrections. In September, I reported that there was a member in Moab, District 9, who was interested in learning more about Bridging the Gap. I had referred this member on to Shawn C., since the information being sought was about Treatment. I had also given the member contact information for Mark B., District 10 BTG Coordinator, and Dan B., BTG Coordinator for District 2. I will be interested in catching up with Shawn, Mark and Dan this weekend to see how our friend in District 9 is doing. I had been approached by a member in District 10 who had some concerns about the service work being provided at the prison. Since the prison is in District 10, I had a conversation with Aaron, the Corrections Chair in District 10, who was aware of the concerns. Aaron said that he feels the lifesaving message of Alcoholics Anonymous is being carried to our incarcerated members and did not feel any further action was needed at this time. Aaron remains open to speaking to anyone who has concerns about the prison meetings. I asked Aaron to let me know if I can be of service in the future. I have been invited to participate in a workshop next weekend in Logan. My understanding at this time is that the workshop will be about committee work. I look forward to taking part in the workshop, which will be from 2-4 pm. I'm told there will also be a chili cook-off in conjunction with the workshop. The workshop information is: Saturday Nov 14, 2015, at First Presbyterian Church from 2-4 pm, 176 W Center St., Logan, UT. Sounds like a great time to me! Thank you for your service and thank you for allowing me to serve Area 69 in this capacity! In Service, Sheryl T.

Treatment – Shawn C.: Welcome every one. I have the privilege to serve Area 69 as your Treatment, Special Needs and Bridging The Gap Chair. Thank you District 1 for hosting this event. I continue to work with District 8 treatment chair, Jerid, who balances service with a busy work schedule. There are many on the Area Committee who are doing a great job working with local treatment centers. Debbie A., District 11, has formed a small group of members to take meetings into Cole Creek Treatment Center. She is also supervising students at Job Corps meetings in Clearfield. Charlie T. is working with the hearing impaired to help them find sign language assistance and help in communicating Experience, Strength, and Hope. Franklin S. is interested in working with the BTG workbook. Thank you Area 69 for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Grapevine – Frank B.: My home group is the Monday Night Men's group out of Logan, UT. My sobriety date is October 28, 1990. It is an honor and privilege to serve Area 69 as the Grapevine Standing Chair. I would like to thank District 1 and the host committee for all the hard work they put into hosting this event. A big thank you to all District 1 trusted servants. The 70th Anniversary of the Grapevine Magazine shared in 2014 with the fellowship, invited members to have Grapevine incorporated into Grapevine programs and existing events. The 70th Anniversary has been well received throughout the fellowship and initiated a 2015 Grapevine Challenge for subscriptions to the Grapevine and LaVina. The state or province with the most subscriptions and with the largest number of new subscriptions (no subscription for 6 months) will receive a special section in the GV and/or LaVina devoted to AA in that state or province. The AA GV website continues to grow with an average of 43, 598 visitors each month. The GV will continue working to improve the website in 2015. AA GV created landing pages to improve the user experience for purchase of subscriptions or books. There are more improvements coming for the remainder of 2015/2016. Please take a moment to review the GV Budget in the General Service Conference Final Report. On a personal note, with my service position I have had great response attracting members of the fellowship to the GV Magazine and LaVina in remote areas of Area 69. There have been 27 GV Subscriptions and 3 LaVina subscriptions. I may add as well, 6 subscriptions came from a meeting I attended in Idaho. On another personal note, I celebrated 25 years of continuous sobriety on October 28, 2015. With love and service always, and thank you all for my sober life,

Literature – Doug R.: It's been fairly quiet since the Fall Assembly. I wanted to thank Josh for giving my report. My indigestion turned into Pancreatitis. One of my sponsee's took me to the hospital where they removed my gall bladder, which was the cause of the Pancreatitis. I thank my H.P. For pain medication. Never experienced pain like that! Anyway, I replaced the damaged books at my expense and I have about \$176.00 of income that I will get to Kurt this weekend. Thank you Janet for advising me to use plastic containers. I was also able to get the Literature Kurt requested. Thank you for letting me serve

P.I. - John W.: Hello fellow servants. Since the Fall Assembly I have been quite busy. Many groups have requested information about carrying the message to Public Facilities. It has been fun working with members and participating in learning and educating others on what we as AA members and groups do to carry the message to the Public and Professionals. I had the opportunity to attend a Professional Presentation in Payson with School Administrators which also included Professionals from a Treatment Center Public Information Committee. It was very educational for us all and there is a better understanding of what AA Does and Does Not do at the public level. I believe I learned more than they did due to the study of information I read prior to the presentation. On October 26, 2015, the BYU Recovery Days went well. Eric M and Stacy from Dist 3 hosted the booth. They answered a lot of questions and handed out a lot of literature. From that event, Area 69 has had 2 additional requests for presentations at 2 separate facilities I look forward to participating with our Area 69 CPC Chair at these presentations in District 3. The area has placed 3 literature racks in 2 hospitals and 1 library per requests for Public Information in their communities. District 7 has been helpful with this. Two advertising agencies requested information for prospective client. It has been cool to get this call. They actually asked before promoting the help keep AA's Traditions at the Public Level. I did mail each of them literature and spoke with GSO for additional guidance. Area 69 is still on track for participating at the event in March at the UVU. There is also several people already willing to serve at that event. The volunteers have been scheduled for BYU's event and they are eagerly looking forward to attending. Thank you for allowing me to be of service

District Reports

District 1 DCMC – Erin B.: Since my last report, we have been primarily preoccupied with this event. I think it's going well thus far and I happy to see you all here. At our last district meeting we discussed the Tradition splits along with Concept VII, the power of the purse. Our treatment chair, Lisa B., has been very active in service regularly filling pamphlet racks. Our CPC chair is a little perplexed regarding the role of his position. I think it's a slightly ambiguous position. That's really about it.

District 2 DCMC – Linda R.: District 2 is doing well. On October 27 we held our workshop....Party Like A GSR. We had a great turn out. The room was packed. We filled another DCM position with Dani. Our open positions are 1 DCM, 4 alt-DCM's, Archivist, and PI. That's it! Thank you for allowing me to serve!

District 3 DCMC – Doug L.: I'm pleased to report that District 3 is in great shape. All positions have been filled, but attendance has been down. Our finances are in line with our budget with ample prudent reserve. We are in the midst of a full audit of our finances. District three is having our Christmas party extravaganza on Dec 5 at Cirque Studios. All is welcome. I will have area post our flyer on the website.. Our District was involved with John w at the BYU recovery days it was a great success and we would like to thank John for his support. Bottom line ...Sobriety is alive and well in district 3. Thanks for the opportunity to serve, Doug L

District 4 DCMC – Mike G.: We are doing well. Finances are above prudent reserve. We will be purchasing some Daily Reflections for the jail meeting. Also, some members are still waiting for clearance to attend the jail meeting. We will be starting a Big Book Study on Monday Nights at 7:30 pm. The Fillmore meeting has moved to a new location at the Central Utah Counseling Center (90 North Main) and we meet Monday and Friday at 7:30 pm. Bring Pizza and your Big Book to Friday meetings. Thank you for letting me serve.

District 5 DCMC – Mike M.: District 5 is doing well and growing with more people showing interest to serve. We still have service positions that can be filled by the groups and district. The groups have done a great job in putting the district on good financial ground. We will keep doing our best to help the newcomers & community know Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well in District 5. In gratitude & service

District 6 DCMC – John K.: Attended – no written report submitted.

District 7 DCMC – Janet H.: First and foremost we want to give a big Thanks to Renae for attending our district elections in Oct... She did an awesome job of going through the district guidelines and covering each of the service positions thoroughly and the significance of general service work. Though the turnout was small, we had a good time. We were unable to fill positions, except for the district treasurer, Treesa was voted from alternate treasurer to treasurer, Allen was reaffirmed as secretary, and I was reaffirmed as DCMC for the next year. We do have persons interested in a few of the positions, but they were unable to attend that day. Hopefully as time passes we will fill the rest of the positions. It seems each month now we are getting new GSR's which is great. The groups in the district continue to contribute and the district is solvent. Last month we were able to reprint: the area guidelines, the district guidelines, purchase new service manuals and pamphlets, the district secretary supply box is in great shape and ready for new service people. Last month after reporting about the Fall Assembly, I went over the upcoming area inventory and shared with them that for the first time ever, the inventory questions will be emailed out to everyone and anyone can contribute their thoughts via email on how the area is doing. At the close of the Oct. district meeting the GSR's requested a workshop, which we will be holding in Hurricane in Nov. Bud A. DCM fro, the northwest section of our district is unable to attend today as he is back East, but planning on attending the Area meeting next month. Thank you for letting me be of service.

District 8 DCMC – Bonnie H.: (report read by Teri) This past month has been a short one! I have been visiting with the Groups at their business meetings. Saturday Night Survivors have a large attendance and many new-comers. Sunlight of the Spirit attendance has always been huge. They just had their awesome Halloween party for the little ones. Woman's Tuesday night is picking up their attendance. We are making our monthly rent and decided to buy books for the group but then checked the finances and

decided to wait on ordering books. Woman's Wednesday is doing very well. They were in the middle of doing a group inventory. I believe everyone is doing well with attendance and finances. I have been reminding our GSR's that it is important for them to become more involved. They are the head honchos for our groups. Thank you for letting me serve,

District 9 DCM – Danny G.: Not Present.

District 10 DCMC – Kevin S.: Hello Area 69 Trusted Servant, I am an alcoholic, DISTRICT 10 DCMC. I would like to give my thanks to DISTRICT 1 for hosting the fall workshop, Wow I am grateful to be of service and to be here with my fellow alcoholic. DISTRICT 10 is doing well . Positions still open: 1,3,5 DCM -- alt DCM 1,2,3 . We have treatment and CPC standing chairs still open. We had our GSR meeting on Monday (11/02/15) where we passed our 2016 budget. DISTRICT 10 has put together 2016 post conference and Bridging the Gap committee. We have a facility to host these events and we are working with Pete our area 69 assembly chair. Thanks for allowing me to be of service DISTRICT 10 DCMC KEVIN S

District 11 DCMC – Devin C.: Hello Friends, My name is Devin, and I am an alcoholic; currently serving District 11 as DCMC. I am the door greeter for my home group; 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 1, for your service in hosting this event today. Thanks to all of you who joined us at the Area 69 Fall Assembly in September. We enjoyed having you visit. Thanks to Laurie S and the members of her committee for making it a success After a very busy summer, I do not have a lot to report on today. We continue to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers through regular meetings, jail meetings treatment center meetings and the Bridging the Gap program in our district. Our new district Grapevine standing chair, Nick D been working to increase awareness of the Grapevine and its importance to the fellowship. I thank all of the trusted servants in our district for donating their time and energies to the fellowship. Membership seems to be steady at the meetings I am able to attend. Our district is financially sound. We'll be voting on our district budget for next year during our monthly meeting next Wednesday. Contributions are below last year's pace, but, we continue to meet our needs. Our planning committee is on track to host the next Area 69 Committee Meeting and Area Inventory in December. We're excited to have you join us at the Clearfield Community Church on December 5th for that event.

District 12 – Tito R.: District 12 hosted their 8th Annual Spanish Conference. It was well attended!! Thank you Area 69 officers for supporting the event. District 12 has discussed contributions to Area 69 but it was suggested the district focus on their needs (rent, supplies, defrayments) first before making contributions. District 12 is also addressing the need and options of a Spanish-speaking Central Office. District 12 GSR Meetings are held every Monday night at 7:30 pm at 3646S Redwood Road. We would love having anyone attend. Thank you for letting me be of service

Reports from Past Events

Fall Assembly-: Hello, Friends, My name is Devin and I am an alcoholic. Our host committee chair, Laurie S, was unable to be here to present this report and asked me to do so for her. Thanks to all of you who joined us at the Area 69 Fall Assembly in September. We enjoyed having you visit. Thanks to Laurie S and the members of her committee for making it a success. We had a total of 67 registrants attend. For the event, we received an advance from the area of \$980.00. After expenses of \$1031.31 offset by registration fees, hospitality donations, and pass the basket donations of \$1252.60, we returned a total of \$221.29 over and above the advance from the area. Thank you for serving and allowing me to serve,

Reports from Upcoming Events

December 5, 2015 Area 69 Inventory-: District 11 December Committee Meeting/Area Inventory Host Committee Report. Hello, Friends, My name is Devin and I am an alcoholic. Our host committee chair, Todd O, was unable to be here to present this report and asked me to do so for him. The Area 69 December Committee Meeting/Area Inventory will be held December 5, 2015 at the Clearfield Community Church, 525 East 200 South, Clearfield, UT beginning at 8:00 AM. We are ready to host the event and fly-

ers are available today. If you can, please consider bringing a snack to share for the hospitality table. We are still assembling volunteers to be moderators and note takers for each of the discussion topics. As in the past, the moderators and note takers for each topic will rotate through the assembled groups so as to avoid excessive shuffling of bodies. We will be holding one more planning meeting between now and the event to make sure we have everything in order. We look forward to seeing you all in December. Thank you for serving and allowing me to serve, Devin C

February 27, 2016 Committee Meeting-: District 5 is looking forward to hosting the Area Committee Meeting February 27, 2016. We are in the process of booking a conference room in Price. We have trusted servants volunteering to help. We will have fliers out in the next 2 to 3 weeks. WE will keep in touch with Pete and try to make this a success. In gratitude and service

PRAASA March 4-6, 2016-: The website is up and you can register at www.praasa.org. The event will be held in Spokane, WA Area 72.

Pre-Conference Assembly April 1-3, 2016 District 4-: The committee has made reservations at the Fillmore Legion Hall, 80 S Main, Fillmore, UT. We are hoping to have Joel C., the Pacific Region Trustee as a speaker. We are still working on the little details. Fillmore has 2 hotels, the Best Western Paradise Inn with restaurant and golf course and the Comfort Inn. Please come help!! Thank you for the challenge.

Motion Discussion

Motion: Change Guidelines from Alt. Communications to Alt. Communications/Translation.

Current Practice: Area 69 Guidelines Section 4.4:

Purpose: Duties will include 1) promote unity in Area 69, 2) assist in coordination needs in Area, 3) assist Assembly Agenda Standing Chair with translation at events, 4) attend Assemblies and submit report, 5) assist Alt-Delegate in communication with Spanish community, 6) assist Communication Chair keeping Spanish portion of the Area website updated, 7) assist in the translation of Area reports,

Funds: defray \$600-\$700 per year (.25 a mile and \$40 night lodging) plus \$200 year operating budget.

Proposed: August 15, 2015 **Motion by:** Rachael F., seconded by Kristen D., Area 69 Registrar

Discussion: This is more than just providing translation at area events, it is also about translating area reports, fliers, motions, agendas, etc and also having them on the area website. It is a huge undertaking and time consuming for one person. We may all understand the language of the heart but we also want District 12 to feel a part of and that means understanding what is being addressed and sharing their input. Trusted servants who went to the mic: Wade J., Erin B -Dist 1, Renae H., David R., Walter C., Doug L., Tito R., Sheryl T., Kurt J., Trina B.

Open Mic

Motion: Erin B., District 1 DCMC

Purpose: Area 69 as a committee ask GSO to update the pamphlet "Young People and AA". It was last revised in 2007. Recently a story ran on "This American Life" about a woman who claims to have written a story in this pamphlet. Portions of the article are read during this radio show on National Press Radio (NPR). The woman further claims to have lied and that much of the article is untrue and she relapsed before the end of the radio show. This radio show diminishes the efficiency and impact of this pamphlet and it would be beneficial to replace this one story with a different story.

Funds: No financial impact.

Proposed: 11-6-2015 Motion by: Erin B. Dist 1 DCMC, seconded by Frank B. Area 69 Grapevine Chair.

Ad Hoc Committee: Concerning validity of woman's identity and story:

Erin B. -District 1, Jim C., Doug L., Frank B., Calvin L.

Craig N.: 33% of Utah groups are participating with contributions to GSO.

Doug L.: The shortfall at GSO (18%). Funding for the fellowship's 12th step work and GSO operations is hugely funded by sales of Literature then we add in interest and contributions.

Adjourned: 12:30 pm.