

Minutes Utah Area 69 Pre-Assembly Workshop
August 15-16, 2015 – Hosted by District 2
Sons of the Utah Pioneer, 3301 E. 2920 S.,
South Salt Lake City, Utah

Welcome Matt D., Chair: Meeting opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble, Anonymity Statement and Responsibility Statement and welcomed new GSR's and all interested members attending 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 Post-Conference Assembly – Treesa J.: Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report – My name is Kurt and I'm an alcoholic. I am grateful to be your Area 69 Treasurer. My sobriety date is April 21, 1994. My home group is the Monday Night Men's group in Logan, Utah. We meet every Monday night at 6:00 pm at a cabin in Logan Canyon. Behind the scenes I have been making progress automating the expense and budget reports. From the beginning I have been entering bank transactions into an electronic checkbook program. Starting with this event, the expense reports and some of the fields in the proposed budget were generated from a data exported from the electronic checkbook. When I get done I hope provide the next treasurer with automatically generated reports based on transactions entered on the cloud.

Also starting with this event, you will find a new and improved(?) expense report printed on rose colored paper. For this and the next event, I will be supplying copies of both the old and new expense reports. After that we will move forward with the new expense report. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or concerns about the new expense report.

So far this year Area 69 has received over 220 contributions from over 120 groups and individuals for a total of \$14,607. Thank you to all of the groups that contribute to Area 69! 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.

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Delegate's Report – Renae H.: Dear Friends, I have a very full heart today for each of you, and have so much gratitude for my sobriety and the gifts that you, and being a member of Alcoholics Anonymous have given me. I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to serve the Utah Area 69 Fellowship! I'm sure it has been a very busy summer for all of us and I hope that this report finds you all well, happy, joyous and free! Since we met in May of this year at the Post-Conference Assembly in Moab (District 9), I have had the pleasure of visiting most of the area districts sharing highlights from the annual week long 65th General Service Conference held in New York City this past April. The purpose in doing so, is to share with and inform GSR's (Group Service Representatives) and DCM's (District Committee Members) that were unable to join us at the Post-Conference Assembly, so that they may continue the chain of communication to the groups and A.A. Members. In June I traveled to Districts 10, 3, 11, and District 2, and in July I visited District 1. I also had the opportunity of attending the 2015 International Convention to celebrate A.A.'s 80th birthday celebration held July 2nd-5th in Atlanta Georgia where approximately 57,000 attendees gathered together from all over the world---all of whom share the same love for Alcoholics Anonymous as you and I! This convention is held every 5 years and the 2020 International will be held the first week of July in Detroit, Michigan. It was truly a spiritual experience as well as an A.A. playground of informative and thoughtful presentations on Service, Fellowship concerns, Traditions, Concepts, Committee work, Public Information, Internet and Technology etc., and very, very importantly, a strong emphasis on our Tradition of Anonymity. In August I had the privilege to attend a District 5 Traditions Workshop and BB-Q in Price that was most excellent! From there I traveled to District 8 and enjoyed their annual district BB-Q and GSR meeting where information, reports and fellowship were shared. I plan to attend the National Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend in September, and have also scheduled with District 7 to attend the District meeting, share Conference highlights, and to facilitate their District Elections. I want to thank you all for the invitations to serve your districts, and for all of the hospitality and support that you have shown and given me as your Area 69 Delegate!

Thursday, August 13th, I participated in a conference call facilitated by the Pacific Region (PR) Trustee Joel C., along with the 14 additional Delegates that make up the PR. Joel shared his report with us following the July/August 2015 quarterly General Service Board (GSB) Weekend he recently attended in New York. The following are some of the highlights of the GSB Weekend shared in his report.

GSO (General Service Office)

Phyllis H., our current GSO general manager, will be retiring in October, and this was her last board weekend as GM. Her parting words expressed her gratitude for having had the opportunity to serve, and she encouraged us to look to our GSO as the reservoir of our A.A. history and shared experience. Phyllis plans to return to the West Coast next year. Jim M., GSO staff member currently serving on the Public Information desk, will be leaving the office soon to pursue a career in screenwriting. He was one of the speakers at the A.A. meeting held on Saturday night during the board weekend, and his message focused on the transformation power of A.A. and the importance of identification. Eugene O., AA Grapevine controller, will retire soon, as well.

AAWS (Alcoholics Anonymous World Services)

*The construction process to bring AA Grapevine, Inc., onto the 11th floor of 475 Riverside Dr. and to remodel and upgrade the AAWS/GSO offices begins August 10th, and construction is expected to be completed in November. Large groups won't be able to tour during the construction period; other visitors will be welcomed but will have limited access.

*There is new Archives content on aa.org, including a digital exhibit on "A.A.'s 10th Anniversary," updates to the A.A. Time line, and audio of a talk by Sister Ignatia on the Audio Archives Library.

*The Navajo translation project is back up and running. This project had slowed down earlier this year, but has gained momentum again thanks to a strong Navajo-speaking committee effort.

*On the financial side, net revenues for the six first months of 2015 were about \$7.5 million, which is about 8.5% less than budget; expenses of \$7.7 million were about 5% less than budget. We'll see detailed numbers when the final board minutes come out later on this month. A feasibility study launched this year by the Trustee's Finance Committee is focused on addressing our ongoing financial challenges. I will share the additional financial information with Area 69 as I receive it from GSO.

AA Grapevine

*“*The Language of the Heart*” is now available in audio as an MP3 Download and as an MP3 CD. Please let members of the Fellowship know about the availability of this item so that they can make use of it on those long AA road trips!

*The Carry the Message effort has forwarded 593 subscription requests to the areas for possible fulfillment at the local level. Please convey the gratitude of everyone at Grapevine for the efforts to get subscriptions into the hands of those who have reached out for help.

*The subscription challenge numbers are on aagrapevine.org so you can see how the states, provinces, and territories are responding to this effort.

*Grapevine circulation is 77,734. This is a decline from the average circulation in 2014 of 79,954, but it is better than the budgeted circulation of 76,061. La Viña circulation is 10,310, compared to an average circulation in 2014 of 10,515 and a budgeted circulation of 10,607. Total Grapevine income for the first six months of the year is about \$945,000 compared to a budgeted income of about \$950,000. Total costs and expenses were about \$854,000, which is about \$138,000 less than budget. The overall result is a net profit of about \$92,000, compared to a budgeted loss of about \$42,000. The La Viña shortfall is about \$18,000 lower than expected for the first six months of the year. I would call the financial picture at AA Grapevine, Inc., good for now, but subscriptions overall still continue to decline, albeit a bit more slowly than expected. As with the AAWS numbers, you’ll see the final numbers when the official minutes come out later this month.

*The AA Grapevine board and staff continue to focus on the future, including working to deliver a “mobile friendly” version of the magazines and exploring the possible use of SMS text messaging as a way to engage the Fellowship.

Trustees’ Committees

The main focus of the trustee’s committees at this board weekend was review and follow-up on the 65th General Service Conference advisory actions and additional committee considerations. The following are selected highlights from some of the committee reports.

- **Conference**
 - A subcommittee was formed to follow up on Conference agenda committee input regarding the agenda item selection process.
 - A subcommittee was formed to follow up on the Conference advisory action to create a plan to translate all Conference material.
 - The committee forwarded a request to AAWS for the development of an A.A. Guideline “that lays out what YPAA is, how it operates, what its relationship to the fellowship and service structure might be, and how young people would go about finding and joining their area YPAA.”
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibility**
 - After discussion of a Conference CPC additional committee consideration, the committee voted to remove the pamphlet, “Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W.,” from the CPC Kit due to concerns about language and relevance as a CPC tool.
 - In response to another Conference CPC additional committee consideration, the trustees’ committee formed a subcommittee to review the current selection of pamphlets in the CPC Kit.
 - In response to an additional committee consideration from the Conference TSNA committee regarding how to better realize the commitment to make A.A. available to all, as well as the need to focus on the concept of overcoming barriers in accessing, receiving, and carrying the A.A. message, rather than the limiting concept of identifying “special needs,” the trustee’s committee asked staff to explore options for renaming the committee and formed a subcommittee to revise the trustees’ committee’s scope and to move forward on revising and reorganizing the Special Needs-Accessibility Workbook.
- **Finance**
 - See the AAWS and AA Grapevine, Inc., sections above for a summary of financial results for the first six months of 2015.
 - Mid-year budget adjustments required as a result of Conference actions total \$184,000, bringing the budgeted net profit down to about \$13,000.
 - The Reserve Fund had a balance on June 30, 2015, of about \$15.5 million, which represents about 10 months of operating expenses. The upcoming construction project, which is to be funded through the Reserve Fund, will bring the total down.
 - The feasibility study sub-committee reported that it has a goal of having something that can be forwarded to the 2016 Conference for input. Areas of focus include apparent lack of growth of the Fellowship, apparent decline in literature sales, and increasing operating expenses.
- **International**
 - Members of our General Service Board (usually the trustees-at-large) and/or the GSO general manager visit other AA service structures when invited to share experience. Upcoming trips for the balance of the year are the Annual Italian Convention, the 19th Meeting of the Americas (REDELA) in Mexico City, the 18th European Service Meeting in York, England, the 11th Asia-Oceania Service Meeting in Dubai, and the 44th Polish General Service Conference.
 - The committee considered the idea of an interactive international A.A. data map that could include information by country about A.A. presence, available translations, zonal meeting, and World Service Meeting participation, and asked for additional information for consideration at their next meeting.
- **International Conventions/Regional Forums**
 - Registration for the International Convention held last month in Atlanta was approximately 57,000, including 784 registered attendees designated ASL.
 - 93 flags were displayed at the flag ceremony, in addition to the Eagle Staff representing Native American/First Nations.
- **Literature**
 - Subcommittees have been formed to work on three literature projects: the revision of the pamphlet, “A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic” to include the entire LGBT community; revision of the pamphlet, “A.A. for the Woman”; and development of literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues. As noted above, Joel C. will be chairing the subcommittee on the revision of the Gay/Lesbian pamphlet; and also serving on the subcommittee on mental health literature.

- For follow up on the Conference committee's additional committee consideration regarding systematic review of recovery literature, Michele Grinberg, class "A" trustee, has been appointed to work with staff to develop a plan.
- Nominating
 - A subcommittee has been formed to review options for filling an unexpected vacancy of a regional trustee with a full-term replacement.
- Public Information
 - Staff reported that the new P.S.A., "Doors," has been performing strongly. If you haven't seen the final version, it has been posted on aa.org
 - A subcommittee was appointed to review and develop the P.I. Comprehensive Media Plan. Included in the discussion that led to this action was the additional committee consideration regarding potential uses of social media and social networking platforms.

General Manager Search

We are delighted to share that Greg T. has been appointed to serve as the next General Manager of the General Service Office. Greg currently serves as A.A.W.S. Publishing Director, and is a past General Service Trustee of the General Service Board. His professional background is in book publishing, both as an editor and as a manager. His combination of solid service experience and relevant professional background promise to serve him well in carrying out this demanding and unique position. Joel C. shared his reflection that "it seems that this was the Board weekend of the subcommittee, with many of the trustees' committees forming subcommittees to carry on our responsibilities and to move projects forward. As I review the focus of those subcommittees, I see a strong connection between each of them and the efforts of the Fellowship to reach out to the alcoholic who still suffers. Thanks for everything that each of you does within your area to help us all focus on our primary purpose." As I/we look at this report and see the tremendous efforts of the General Service Office, the two active and separately incorporated service boards AAWS, Inc. and Grapevine Inc., and the work of the Trustees acting as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, it is quite evident that the love and commitment of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic is in good hands. These are the results of your 7th Tradition Contributions hard at work, making these services even possible. Thank you Area 69! With Deep Gratitude, Love, and Service, Renae H. Panel 65 Area 69 Utah Delegate

Roll Call – Kristen D.: In attendance: 7 Area Officers, 8 Area Standing Chairs, 4 Past Delegates; District 1: 1 DCM; District 2: 1 DCMC; 4 DCM, 5 GSR, 1 District Officer; District 3: 1 DCM; District 4: 1 DCM; District 5: No One; District 6: No One; District 7: 1 DCMC; District 8: 1 DCM; District 9: No One; District 10: 1 DCMC, 2 DCM, 2 GSR, 1 Alt-GSR, 1 Standing Chair; District 11: 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 1 Alt-GSR, 1 District Officer; District 12: 2-GSR, 2 District Officer; Central Office Reps: 1; Interested AA's: 2 **Total = 53**
Love in Service, Kristen D.

Remaining Area Officer's Reports

Alt. Delegate's report – Wade J.: Since the last time we met, things have been busy and for me that is great. I have visited District 12 with several friends and I am pleased to announce that they are moving forward with District Guidelines and the speaker tonight is from District 12. Tom I would like to thank you for visiting the District and the Spanish Fliers that you passed out. I had the pleasure of visiting the Camp out in Tooele. What a nice day that was. Thank you Linda and District 2 for that opportunity. I also traveled to Price to participate in their District Workshop. Thank you District 5 for such a wonderful Twelve Tradition Workshop and the insight I left with of the 12 Traditions. Area 69, I would like to thank you for sharing your lives with me and the life that I have. In love & service, Wade J.

Immediate Past Delegate/Newsletter Chair's report – Walter C.: Since we last met, I attended the BTG Workshop where my understanding and knowledge of Corrections and Treatment were raised a little higher. I attended the International Convention in Atlanta, GA. I will tell you a little more about that later. I have attended some Spanish meetings with the Alt-Delegate. There will be a Spanish Convention held here in Salt Lake City on October 23-25, 2015. I have signed up and hope to see you all there. The Delegate, Renae, has asked me and the Alt-Delegate, Wade, to prepare a farewell video for Phyllis. She will be stepping down from her position as the GSO General Manager. Please hang around before going to lunch so we can do this. Please have all newsletter articles to me by 18 Sept. Thank you for letting me be of service. Walter C., Immediate Past Delegate Panel 63 Area 69.

Standing Chair Reports

Assembly/Agenda – Pete G.: My thanks to District 2 host committee for putting on this workshop. Thanks to everyone here for supporting the event. It seems a long time has passed since we met in Moab. The Utah Bridging The Gap workshop was held in Provo in June and was well-attended. Many thanks to District 3 for their hospitality in hosting this event. Sheryl T and Shawn C., our Area Corrections and Treatment Chairs, put in a lot of work and made this a great event. This event was recorded and those CD's are available today and then they will be available from the Archives. Over the summer I have continued to work with the District 11 Fall Assembly host committee. They have a great handle on the Assembly and I have the Denny's menu memorized. I have grown much, literally, while working with this host committee. Meetings with the District 2 Pre-Assembly host committee have taken place monthly in preparation for this weekend's event. Per the Guidelines, the Pre-Assembly Workshop is held 1 year in advance. It is now time to bid for the 201 Pre-Assembly Workshop to be held August 20-21, 2016. Those Districts who are willing to host this event in 2016, please go to the mic. **The Bid for 2016 Pre-Assembly Workshop was awarded to District 11.** The 2016 Bridging the Gap Workshop is bid at this time. The BTG Workshop will be held June 11, 2016 and typically runs 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Attendance is generally between 50-60. The host committee provides the venue & hospitality room with Area 69 support. **BTG bids were from District 11 and District 10. Awarded to District 10.** Thank you for letting me be of service, Pete G.

Archives – Trina B.: Thank you District 2 for hosting this workshop. I don't have a lot to report on Archives. If any district would like a presentation on what Archives is or what we do, get with me or join us at one of the round tables. I am please to announce that one of my goals is going to happen – I will be attending the NAAAW in Ohio. This is the same weekend as our Fall Assembly but Janet has agreed to fill in for me. The plane tickets have been purchased and plans are well on the way. I have purchased a couple supplies for the Archives since we last met. I will be asking Kurt for an advance on my archives budget to purchase items at the NAAAW. Now for more exciting news, all requests from the Post-Conference Assembly have

been fulfilled by Janet. There were about 2 pages of requests and 3 phone calls. Archives are alive and well in Area 69. Thanks again for allowing me to be of service.

Repository Archives – Janet H.: See Trina's report.

Communications – Rachael F.: Hi my name is Rachael and I have the pleasure of serving as the Area 69 Communications chair. Thank you district 2 for hosting this event. Not much has been happening in the area of Communications. This a good thing since I have been a bit occupied with my sons wedding. Oh happy days!!! The Ad Hoc Committee is still exploring the possibility of creating a Translation position to help translate documents that are loaded to the website as well as helping the Alternate Delegate who visits district 12 on a regular basis. Currently the calendar on the Spanish side of the website is 1 year behind. We are still using Google Translate for the documents I receive. I am begging for and will accept any help that might come my way. I would love to have the calendar up to date. As it stands right now districts 1,2,11 and 10 all have a page set up on utahaa.org. This is where we can post guidelines, minutes, upcoming events and any announcements pertinent to that district. It is my goal to have a page for all of the districts and they will be set up the with the same format for easy navigation. I receive requests weekly to update, delete or add meetings to the schedule online. Each district DCMC should check the meetings and let me know if any changes need to be made. A request for a meeting change, addition or deletion needs to come from the DCMC, district secretary or 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. When sending documents to upload to the website please send them in PDF format. There are time 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.

Cooperation with the Professional Community – David R.: I was pleasantly surprised when I got my Grapevine in the mail. The current issue is called Operation Cooperation and is all about how AA cooperates with the professional community. I bout extra copies and will have them available at the Fall Assembly CPC Round table. On June 14th, I attended District 8 District Meeting and I was able to meet with their CPC/PI Chair Leif and also display a few pamphlets. On July 8th, I went to Banding to attend their only AA meeting. While the meeting didn't actually happen that day, I was able to meet with a local AA member. I fund out that most weeks the meeting does happen. I was also able to make a bridge for an AA member that was just released from the Millard County Jail. I was able to visit with the professionals that work at the San Juan Counseling Center. I have been in contact with the CPC chairs from Districts 1, 3, 7, 8 and Cache Valley Central Office. I love serving Alcoholics Anonymous and look forward to every meeting with Area 69. Yours in service, Dave R.

Corrections – Sheryl T.: Greetings Fellow Trusted Servants! I want to start out by saying thank you to District 2 for hosting this event today. A lot of hard work goes into putting an event together and your service is greatly appreciated. The Area 69 Bridging the Gap Workshop was held in Orem on June 13, 2015. The Area 69 Treatment Chair, Shawn C., and I prepared the agenda for the event. The workshop was well-attended and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and dedication to carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. It was a great day with presentations, speakers, discussion and sharing about BTG in Utah. There is a lot of work to be done at the district and Area levels. The 25th Annual National Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend is fast approaching! Frank and Pete and their committee have been working very hard to get ready to host this event. This is a great opportunity for everyone to learn more about how Bridging the Gap work is being done across the country. Everyone is welcome to attend. There are fliers available today so please take some back to your groups and encourage participation. See you there! On a personal note, I celebrated 14 years of sobriety on August 11th. What a miracle! I am grateful every day for the life I have now. It continues to be an exciting journey as long as I do my part. I look forward to future events and diving into our committee work. Thank you all for your service to Alcoholics Anonymous. Sheryl T. Area 69 Corrections Chair

Grapevine – Frank B.: It's an honor and a privilege to serve you as your Utah Area 69 Grapevine Standing Chair. I have been a subscriber to the Grapevine for 24 years and 7 months. It truly is our meeting in print. There has been little activity since I was confirmed at our Post-Conference Assembly in Moab. I have fulfilled a request for back issues to be taken into the Wasatch Youth Correctional facility in Ogden, UT. After working with District 1, pink can contributions were used to purchase two cases of back issues of the Grapevine print magazine. One order was taken into the Youth Correctional Facility and the other was split. One half went into the Box Elder County Jail and the one half went into the Weber County Jail. The Cache County Inter Group Literature Chair gave me 2 dozen back issues of LaVina Magazine and as per a request from Cache County Jail, I sent magazines into that facility. Subscription order forms have been given to groups I attend and placed in the racks at local club houses in Logan, UT. That is all I have been doing with the Grapevine and attracting our members to our meeting in print. I am still waiting to get a packet from GSO and some materials to add to my GV supplies & display. My intention s are to start spending my budgeted funds and to build up my inventory as well. To all trusted servants present today, if you don't have a subscription to the Grapevine, get one. Get two and give one away as a gift subscription. In your home groups. Attract the members to our meeting in print by using the Grapevine as a meeting topic or discussion and always remember the Grapevine as a tool for our Primary Purpose to carry the message to the still suffering alcohol. Thank you District 2 for hosting this event. Love and service always, Frank B.

Literature – Doug R.: Welcome and greetings. I have service manuals available today. Standing Chairs, please send me any orders you have before September 15. The ad hoc committee for Communications/Translations is coming to fruition. I was elected as Co-Chair to the Board of Directors at Salt Lake Central Office and still currently serve as their Central Office Web-servant. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Public Information – John W.: No report.

Treatment – Shawn C.: Thank you District 2 for hosting this event. I gave a presentation to Administration, staff and also a presentation to the clients at the Red Pine Treatment Center in Ft. Duchesne, Utah. The 2 presentations were basically the same but I offered BTG to the clients. I set up a pamphlet display and treatment BTG kits. First I shared my experience, strength and hope. Second, I shared a brief description of the service structure and then offered literature such as the Grapevine. I invited the staff and administration to future service activities. The staff and clients appreciated my visit to the Treatment Center. I hope to give more presentations in the future. Thank you Area 69 for the opportunity to serve.

District Reports

District 1 – David F., DCM: The news from District 1, as always, is improving. Though we have open positions still, there have been many interested AA's showing up and standing for positions. In the past 8 months we have had our Treatment, CPC, Literature Chair positions filled as well as a vacant DCM position. Our beloved treasurer, Frank B., stepped aside to serve Area 69. We were worried for a couple of district meetings about filling his position, a look of worry swept over the district officers. Who would fill the position? Sue, who held the position for nearly 7 years, stood and was unanimously elected. But, OH NO!! What about a secretary? No worries. Don M., a GSR stood and was unanimously elected. Because our district is relatively poor, as it should be, we will not be able to defray to the Forum in Hawaii next year but we will defray a DCM and Treatment chair to attend Forum next weekend in Casper, WY. That's news & notes from District 1

District 2 – Linda R., DCMC: We have been busy these past few months planning this event. We have a wonderful committee!! Everyone has been willing to take on responsibilities. I'd like to take a minute and have the committee stand and be recognized. We are seeing new GSR's showing up each month. Our DCM's are very active in getting to their meetings and searching for new GSR's and anyone else willing to serve their groups and district. We just filled our Treatment Committee Chair with Nick. So our remaining open positions are 2 DCM, 4 Alt-DCM, Archivist, and P.I. We have a super fun program planned so I hope you all stick around this evening and come back tomorrow. Thanks for allowing me to serve,

District 3 – Doug L., DCM: My name is Doug and I'm an alcoholic. I have the honor to represent District 3 as DCM. I happy to report that everything is going well in District 3. We are financially stable with ample prudent reserve. We've filled all but two service positions. We are actively represented in all our Jails and actively spreading the message through our growing population of treatment centers. We had the privilege to host Area 69 Workshop "Bridging the Gap". We thank area for the opportunity to serve. As a district we voted to audit our accounts for complete "transparency". I'm glad to announce Virginia V as our newest DCM. BAM! We are excited to have her. In short, District 3 is alive and well!!

District 4 – Mike G., DCM: My home group is Fillmore AA. We have our meeting at the Hospital in Fillmore at 7:30 pm. District 4 is doing well. Our attendance is a little down but our jail meetings have been full. We Need a GSR!! District finances are good. Thank you for letting me serve and thank you for my new life.

District 5 – Mike M., DCM: Not present.

District 6: Jim ., DCM: Not present.

District 7 – Janet H., DCMC: Good morning everyone, We have been sharing about Bridge the Gap, but it seems at this time no one from our district will be attending. Wish there was, maybe we will have a last minute surprise. We also have been sharing the letter Renae forwarded from the GSO Literature committee asking for stories for the new pamphlets. Hope there will be a good response from our district members. In Sept. the district meeting will be held in Kanab, we are having a workshop, then a pot luck followed by the district meeting. 13 main topics were suggested by the GSR's, at the July meeting, at the Aug. meeting, 3 main topics with sub-topics were selected by the GSR's for the workshop: "The AA Group and how it Functions": 10 topics, "The Role of the GSR": 6 topics. "AA's General Services – Structure". Also, a presentation on "Anonymity on the Web". The GSR's gave us so many great ideas, that it will take a couple of workshops to cover them all, which is awesome!! We have quite a few new GSR's and so there are lots of questions. Every attending member of the district meeting will be giving a short presentation with time after for sharing and discussion. Several months ago the district minutes and financial reports started to be shared in the Dixie Central Office Newsletter. We feel this has helped inform the groups better in the district. Our finances are currently in good standing. Actually the best in months!! Even though we don't have a lot of GSR's right now the groups are contributing. We were able to defray our DCM Bud for the Fall Assembly. The district is having a lack of participation currently, but it is improving; we have lots of open service positions. We are looking forward to Renae visiting our district in Oct. to facilitate our district elections; all district positions are open except the DCM NW – Bud A. At that time she will also present her Conference report. I brought updates for the Area Directory. Also information for the meeting list on utahaa.org, with me today. The meeting list for our district is not current. Thank you for letting me share. Thank you District 2 for hosting and this great location.

District 8 – Bonnie H.: August 2, 2015 we had our annual BBQ and district meeting. Our groups are doing very well. We are still looking for a GSR in our Saturday Night Survivors. Tuesday Woman's Group is looking for a lady to keep the doors open. I would like to give a shout out to Shawn C. for being there. I would like to thank Renae, our Delegate, for presenting her report. Grapevine Chair requested a Grapevine CD and we voted to keep the books. Other than that, everything went well. Thank you (23 years 7-17-15).

District 9: Danny G.: Not Present.

District 10 – Kevin S., DCMC: Would like to give my thanks to District 2 for putting on the workshop this weekend. District 10 is doing good. We have some open positions for DCM, Alt-DCM, and standing chairs for CPC and PI. Bridging the Gap has become very active in providing information to the inmates. I would like to give my thanks to District 10 trusted servants for volunteering their time for the National Bridging the Gap. Correction standing chair has asked for more volunteers for the State Prison. He would asked to have 2 volunteers for every meeting at all the facilities. Also, we formed a budget committee. Well, that's all I have to report. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

District 11 – Devin C., DCM: 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. In looking over the last report I gave, I indicated at that time District 11 was struggling to fill service positions, but, I was sure that HP would send us the individuals we needed and who needed us when the time was right. I am happy to report that we have all of our Standing Chair positions filled and are only short one DCM. I want to express my gratitude and respect to all those who stood for positions in District 11. People willing to dedicate their time and energy to carrying the AA message of hope to the still suffering alcoholic hold a special place in my heart. Since my last report, we have resurrected a dormant meeting at Hill Air Force Base thanks to the efforts of our DCM, Dave VB. We have also been approached by a local nondenominational church, requesting we start a meeting at their facility. Tammy L, Our CPC Standing Chair is working out the details with the church pastor. It is exciting to see new groups form. Our existing groups are seeing growth and stability in attendance, which is very encouraging. We seem to be successfully getting out the AA message of recovery in Davis County. Debbie A, our Treatment Standing Chair has been busy as well. She was successful in re-starting a meeting at a local treatment center that had ceased and has prospects for bringing meetings to other treatment centers in the area. She is busy scouring groups for volunteers to facilitate those meetings. Our district is financially sound. We are under budget for the year, and have an ample prudent reserve. The District 11 Finance Committee is working on preparing our budget for the upcoming year. With the National BTG Workshop being local this year, we will be able to have out Treatment, Corrections, and BTG Standing Chairs all attend the event. District 11 committees are busy finalizing plans for the Area 69 Fall Assembly as well as the December Committee Meeting, which will include the bi-annual Area Inventory. We are looking forward to hosting all of you nearer the end of the year. All in all, it has been an eventful summer for the trusted servants of District 11. Thank you for your service and allowing me to serve, Devin C

District 12 – Carlos G., : District 12 is in need of assistance from Public Information and hopeful to use information to open new doors or use current doors of communication.

Reports from Past Events

Post-Conference Assembly – District 9: No report.

International Convention, Atlanta, GA – Walter C.: The International Convention was held in Atlanta, GA July 4-5, 2015 at the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) and the Georgia Dome. The convention theme was "80 years – Happy, Joyous & Free". This was my first International Convention. I was energized and overwhelmed. I look forward to attending the 2020 International Convention in Detroit, MI. The attendance ranged from 56,000 to 70,000. In other words, A LOT OF PEOPLE. The Pacific Region Hospitality Suite went well. I would like to thank all who volunteered from Area 69. The Convention consisted of workshops and stadium meetings. Imagine an AA meeting with 56,000 people in attendance. Some of the workshops were: "AA and Native People" which was chaired by Rod B., "Unity: I am Responsible" with Monte S as a panelist, "Satisfactions of Right Living" where Mickey H. was a panelist. I have buttons that were passed out at the Hospitality Suite. Please stop by to pick one up and look through the souvenir books.

Area 69 Bridge The Gap – District 3: Doug L., District 3 has the opportunity to Host Area 69's Bridging the Gap Workshop. It happen June 13th of this year at the Meeting place for Living Sober group in Lindon. I would like to personally thank the Living Sober group for putting this together. They did an amazing job putting together a successful venue so the message could be delivered. We had roughly 40 participants. We would like to thank Cheryl and Shawn for putting together not only an informative but a fun day! District is waiting for final accounting from the living sober group. I apologize but will present the finances at the next area meeting. Again thanks for opportunity to serve. Bam!

Reports from Upcoming Events

National Bridge the Gap Workshop – Frank B.,: The 2015 25th Annual National Alcoholics Anonymous Bridging The Gap workshop weekend will take place September 11-13, 2015 at the Best Western Landmark Inn, 6560 N Landmark Dr., Park City, UT. The host committee has been busy coordinating an agenda format, putting together speakers and panel discussions that the host committee is responsible for. The National Committee chairperson has ensured that a hospitality room will be available for the host committee. Hospitality volunteers from the Area and Districts will be need to staff the Hospitality room. If you are available to serve please contact Matt D., the host committee hospitality chairperson. Thank you to all the districts throughout Utah Area 69 that contributed to the NBTG Host Committee Hospitality. It is a great honor and privileged to host this event. Please come to Park City and support his event and experience the National BTG Workshop weekend. There is a flyer on the back table with hotel information and a tentative agenda. There is also an article that was written by Pete G. that was put out in the Lifeline newsletter. All host committee contact information is in that article as well. Once again, volunteer trusted servants will be needed to help with registration and hospitality. Finally, the Workshop Weekend will consist of presenters and discussions on BTG. Topics include starting a BTG Committee, Creating a Volunteer List, and Making presentations to Facilitators. Participants will be all AA's interested in 12th Step Work through various General Service & Intergroup Committees like Treatment, Corrections, CPC, PI, H&I, etc. AA's from the US and Canada will attend sharing their experiences on BTG topics. Frank B., NBTG Host Committee Chairperson.

Fall Assembly – District 11 – Devin C.: 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. The Area 69 Fall Assembly will be held September 25th – 27th at Legacy Events Center, 151 South 1100 West, Farmington, Utah. We are ready to host the event. We have only to make the final payment to the facility and set up Friday before the event. Anyone arriving in town early Friday is welcome to come and help set up. We are looking forward to the event. As a special note, we encourage you to bring your AA Service Manual with you Friday and participate in "Service Pursuit"; a fun service manual game based on the game Trivial Pursuit. We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Fall Workshop – District 1 – Dave F.,: I am the co-chair of the Fall Workshop November 7 & 8, 2015. The topics include connecting with newcomers, each other and AA as a whole. The agenda can be found on page 1 of the General Service Conference Agenda Items. We were able to secure the venue on the cheap. There is no discount for pre-registration and also, there is no pre-registration.

Motions (see attached).

Fall Workshop started after lunch.