

JULY 2009 QUARTERLY
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON
JULY 17-18, 2009

Jamie started meeting at 8:15 and welcomed everyone.

Opened meeting with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Jamie made a motion to record the proceedings. Motion carried.

Nancy T., Area Secretary, is unable to attend this weekend due to her daughter's wedding. Thank you to Holly H., who is stepping in to take the minutes.

Chuck read the 12 Traditions.

Joan read the short form of the 12 Concepts.

Octavio read the 12 Traditions in Spanish.

Mauro read the 12 Concepts in Spanish.

Jamie made announcements.

Rad, our Delegate, gave his report.

Standing Committee presentations were done as a group due to the limitation of the facility.

Joel S. from Spokane Central Office, and Jeff from District 2 ,CPC, gave a presentation that is given to professionals. They showed a slide show and offered to make that available to anyone.

Michelle, CPC Chair, read articles from Language of the Heart on Tradition 11 and 12 from Oct. and Nov. 1948. She then read an article on Bill's anonymity break.

The PI Chair, Rikki, started a discussion on anonymity and its importance. She showed different pamphlets that address the topic of anonymity.

Scott, Corrections Chair, read the long form of Tradition 11 and 12, then discussed the topic of anonymity in Corrections. He spoke about his personal experience with anonymity. Scott also spoke about a new form some correctional facilities are using.

Michael, Area Chair for Treatment, and Jerry W., who is the panel trainer for Treatment in District 20, gave a panel presentation for Treatment, starting with the 20-minute video Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous. The four-page outline of the presentation was provided to the DCM's. He showed a display rack of pamphlets to be taken into the facilities along with literature. He suggested creating literature boxes and have them ready to take into the facilities.

Ty B., the new Area Bridge the Gap Coordinator for Treatment, was introduced. He reviewed the program and gave suggestions to get the program started. Ty reviewed the handouts to each of the DCM's with guidelines and suggestions. Please try and appoint a district coordinator for bridges. Try to use the volunteers within six months. In addition, the coordinator should follow up with the bridges. Michael read from the Treatment Facility Workbook—the checklist of the 16 suggestions.

Rikki discussed anonymity breaks and referred to Concept 12.

LUNCH BREAK

Alternate Delegate—Mauro P.: On May 22 and 23, I attended the VII Annual Washington State Hispanic Convention, which was hosted by District 21 in Wenatchee. I interpreted for several English-speaking AA members that also attended the Convention. The Convention was well attended by the Hispanic districts from both Area 72 and 92. There were excellent speakers, and we had a great time. I was also able to spend some

time with our Delegate, Rad, at the Convention and had some good discussion on his Conference attendance. On June 28, I attended and participated in the 10th anniversary of District 21 in Quincy.

Chair—Jamie S.: The last few months have been very exciting. I have had the opportunity to visit many meetings and events. I attended the Delegate's report at the District 22 campout at Central Ferry and enjoyed seeing the great crowd. In June, Tom and I vacationed in Canada, District 1, Trail, Rossland and Caslegar, and attended PNC in Rossland. If you missed this year's PNC, you missed a truly spiritual experience. The Committee from District 1 treated us to an inspiring time. The panels were informative, and every panel member came prepared to share. Vic P., the Canadian Western Regional Trustee, gave a great talk and participated in all of the discussions. The Delegate's Ask-It Basket was the best I have attended. In 2011, this Area will host PNC, unless another area chooses to rejoin and wishes to host 2011. There is no PNC in 2010, as there is an International Conference. The weather, the golf, the fellowship and the meetings were beyond my expectations. If you want to find out more about PNC, go to the link from our Area 92 website, or you can go to pnc1948.org, which is the PNC website.

The Local Forum Committee is continuing to plan our bid for a Local Forum in September 2011. If you are interested in participating on that Committee, talk to Dave Mc., Wynter S. from District 7, me or Amy from District 14.

The discussion at the DCM Roundtable last night was service at its best. The DCM's talked about what Area 92 should be, how we can improve the way we serve the suffering alcoholic. It was a discussion about ideas and innovation. What a thrill! No one said, "We can't do that."

Thanks to District 2, Allen, and the Host Committee for this Quarterly. Thank you for letting me continue to serve you. In love and service, Jamie.

Alternate Chair—Joanne W.: Welcome everyone to the July Quarterly. I'm Joanne, your Alt. Chair. This quarter, I was able to attend the Yakima Steps 1-3 Workshop in May facilitated by Kenny D. of Seattle. I learned a lot and always enjoy hearing Kenny speak. I was able to travel to Bonners Ferry to look at that facility. What a beautiful trip! I encourage everyone to plan some extra time so you can enjoy the scenery. I was asked to speak at the noon Serenity Hall in Yakima. I have spent time on the phone/e-mail, with the future Assembly/Quarterly Committees. This upcoming Quarterly, all I have planned is attending the planning committee meetings for the April 2010 in Tri-Cities. On a more personal note, once again, I am having a house painting party in September. So, if you would like to be of service, let me know. I do have lots of fun stuff planned, lots of scuba diving activities.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer—Diana M.: We would like to thank the groups and districts for their contributions to the Area this quarter. I know we are all experiencing some tightening of the belt due to the slow economy, so we really do appreciate your contributions even more. As you may know, we have a lot of expenses in the second quarter of the year. You all have come through very nicely with contributions, so we were able to meet all of these expenses.

We received a letter from the IRS on May 15, 2009, requesting additional information, which I completed and faxed back on June 1, 2009. If anyone wishes to review these forms, please come see me.

We received \$9774.39 in total funds, and I will go over that when I give Byron's report; therefore, I will discuss the expenses. We had a total of \$10,029.67 in expenses. We sent \$1200 to GSO for the Conference, and the expenses for our Delegate going to New York will be shown in our next Quarterly report.

This last quarter we spent \$353.07 for copies and supplies, \$1,273.08 for lodging, \$494.42 for phone and postage, \$251.57 for meals, and \$2,607.02 on travel. We started the quarter with \$6,780.81 in our checking account and are ending it with \$6,525.53, which is a loss of \$255.28. So we are doing better than last year as far as inflows, but not for expenses. I will continue to do a breakdown of expenses by categories such as travel, meals, etc., for your benefit. If you wish to have other items broken out, let me know, as I can do so. At this time last year, our total inflow was \$23,439.55, and this year, it is \$24,888.88, which is an increase of \$1,449.33. Thank you very much for your contributions. Diana M., Area Treasurer.

There was a motion and a second to accept the Treasure's report. Motion carried.

Alternate Treasurer: The report was given by Diana. She reviewed the Alternate Treasure's report prepared by Byron that was passed out to DCM's. She reminded us to use the group contribution envelopes.

Archives—Mike B.: Good morning, everyone. I'm Mike, your alcoholic Archivist. I would like to welcome you all to the 14th annual July Quarterly of WSEA 92. Some of you have been here from the beginning, and for some of you, this might be your first one. Either way, keep coming back. Where else could you have so much fun and aggravation at the same time?

I recently received an invitation from Area 72 requesting Area 92 to attend an Archives Workshop to be held in Woodinville, Washington, on August 15 and 16, 2009. This Workshop will be similar to the one we held in Ellensburg last year. David C. will be the facilitator this year, too. For those of you that didn't attend ours last year, David was a past Archivist in Area 72 and is currently serving as a committee member and Archives Conservator for the National Archives Committee. He has an immense amount of knowledge of archival conservation. Area 72 and Area 58 supported our workshop last year, so it would be really nice if we returned the support to them at their workshop. I have put the flyer in your boxes for your information. You don't have to be involved with Archives to attend this event. I think you will find it very educational and informative. It will also give you an idea of what goes on in the Archives and how important it is to preserve our treasures. Please consider attending. I'm sure you won't regret it.

An Archives Steering Committee was held in May at the Archives Repository in Pullman. One of the items discussed was the possibility of moving the Repository. We do not have any more room. All we have now is a storage area. It is not big enough to open it up to members for research or viewing. We would like to find something in Spokane, as it is more centrally located and in a populated area where more would be able to visit and use the Repository. We would like to have a space big enough to not only store the archives, but have a permanent display set up and also have enough room to work. We would like to ask the Fellowship if any of you might have or know anyone

that would consider renting a larger space to the Area on a long-term arrangement at a reasonable price. Currently, I have been displaying as much of our archives as possible because we don't have a usable repository. But my pickup will only hold so much, and it has reached the max. If any of you can help us with this, please get in contact with me. Thanks for letting me be of service.

PI—Rikki: Rikki announced the Combined Quarterly.

Literature—Richard M.: Over the past quarter, the price of most of all of our literature has gone up. Big Books are \$8 now, and most of the rest of the literature is not 50 cents more per book. The Grapevine is now \$27 a year. Please remember, if every area in North America would have 100 more subscriptions to the Grapevine, we would not have had a shortfall in Grapevine, Inc.

This quarter, I've been collecting plastic jars for collecting pennies, nickels and dimes for home group subscriptions to the Grapevine. I will be giving them out at the Fall Standing Committee meeting in Walla Walla on September 26, as well as the Fall Assembly in Coeur d'Alene. If you don't have a subscription to the Grapevine, please do so today. I thank you in advance.

As we look forward to the end of this rotation, I thank you for all I've learned from you in serving you as Grapevine/Literature Chair. I look forward to serving AA and Area 92 in whatever way you want me to serve. Richard M.

Translation—Paul: I'd like to thank Mike Mc. for covering for me in April. I had to work that weekend. The equipment was used for a Delegate's report over the Memorial Day weekend. I'm glad it got there and back okay. I'd like to remind everyone that at the October Assembly, we will be holding elections, and I encourage everyone to think about how they can continue to be of service to the Fellowship. This would be a good time for the DCMs and GSRs to remind their groups about the three legacies left to us by the founders and to share their service experiences and to let them know what type of committees we have and the support those committees need. Perhaps help those that are interested to put together a service resume and offer to bring them to the October Assembly. Yours in Service, Paul B., Translation Chair.

Newsletter—John S.: There is a delay in the deadline for Newsletter submissions this month to allow for additional submissions. He has been looking for ideas to save money on postage costs.

District 16, which is a non-geographical district, is requesting to create a new district, which would be District 25. Mauro took the letter requesting a new district. He will review it and meet with the groups.

Registrar—Mauro P.: I received correspondence on July 13 from Karen Hale, Manager, Administrative Services, that GSO was asked to update the new group and group information change forms to provide a field for e-mail addresses. The updated forms will be available in the very near future on the aa.org website. They are currently having the forms translated into French and Spanish. With the updated forms, there will be three different methods of submitting them to the GSO Records Department, via U.S. mail, fax, or print and scan for sending via e-mail. The printed forms that contain the carbon copies will be available at the GSO in all three of our primary languages, English, Spanish and French, approximately three weeks after they are posted on the aa.org website. The new forms can be requested via e-mail from the Records Department or by calling 212-870-3132. In the July issue of Grapevine, a small article on Page 11 stated

that the forms would be “interactive,” indicating users would be able to fill in and e-mail the forms directly to the Records Department at GSO from the website. That process is on hold for future development, and GSO will inform the Fellowship when that option is available.

Web Team—Joanne: Congratulations, Districts 16 and 25! Same ol’ thing. Please check the online schedules. There are a lot out of date. I hope you remember that our out-of-state visitors find your meetings via the website. I would like to encourage the DCMs to ask their schedules person to take on this task. You may also notice that there aren’t many Fellowship events on the calendar. That is because I’m not getting them. Please e-mail the flyers for your functions.

Finance Committee: Diana, Tom, Larry and Brad reviewed the motions for financial implications. None of the motions had any implications. They are looking for volunteers from the Finance Committee to schedule a budget review midstate (around Ritzville) on a Sunday in August.

DCM Roundtable report by Annette, Alternate DCM, District 18.

GSR Roundtable report by Wynter, GSR, District 7.

Host Committee—Allen D., Alt. DCM, District 2. Total registrations 115, including 4 Delegates/Alt. Delegates; 28 DCM/Alt. DCMs; 42 GSR/Alt. GSRs; 10 plus volunteers; 8 district officers; 16 Area officers; and 7 other. Registrations with onsite meals made bookkeeping easier. With the return of the seed money, we will have approximately \$450 surplus. Thank you to Holly and Nikki for organizing the Delegate panel; Moran Prairie Grange management, Judy and Gene; and the Committee members and volunteers!

October Assembly 2009—District 8. The Assembly will be held at the Coeur d’Alene Inn and Convention Center. Flyers are out. Rooms and meals may be high, but we are getting a lot for what we are paying for.

January Quarterly 2010—District 7. The Quarterly will held at the Lewiston Community Center. Flyers are out. Registration will be \$20 with lunch included and \$5 for ice cream.

April Pre-Conference Assembly—District 4: The Committee is forming and assigning duties. It will be held April 13-15, 2010.

October 2010 Assembly—District 14. Will be held at Bonners Ferry Fairgrounds.

PNC 2009—Marty, District 1: It is my great pleasure to report on the PNC and what a success it was. I would like to thank Dave, Patsy, Jamie and Deb for helping make it a wonderful event. Ever since Sharon T. brought this to our District meeting the first time, everyone in District 1 wanted to help. This event really exposed our district to different people and their ideas. To all 75 guests who attended, to all the panelists that spoke on the topics, and last but not least, to our two speakers, Jamie S. and Vic P., for their experience, strength and hope, thank you! There is around \$1,000 that we will be passing on to the next PNC in Oregon in 2011. Once again, thank you from all of us up here in District 1 for letting us have this opportunity to be of service. Thank you.

Liability Insurance Subcommittee: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion #1: Would like Area 92 to consider the formation of a 1-800 phone service to incorporate all of Area 92. Background given by Scott. No discussion on the motion. After a vote, the motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion #1: As a two-year experiment, General Service Representatives (GSR's) will be allowed to vote at Area Quarterlies. The motion received a second. Maker of the motion spoke to the motion. Discussion on the motion. Call for the question. After a vote, the motion failed. Further discussion on the motion. Call for the question. Motion carried. After a vote on the motion, motion carried.

Motion #2: The Standing Committee meetings will be held at the Area Assemblies and Quarterlies. The motion received a second. Discussion on the motion. After a vote, motion carried.

Motion #3: Two hours allowed at the Spring Assembly and July Quarterly for the Area Delegate to present GSO Conference review and Post GSO Conference Report. As a result, there would be no funded Delegate Workshops (pre and post conference). The motion received a second. Discussion on the motion. Motion to amend the motion to: Two hours are allowed at the July Quarterly for the Area Delegate to present a Post GSO Conference Report. Discussion on the amendment. After a vote, the amendment failed. After a vote on the original motion, the motion failed.

Motion #4 was withdrawn.

Motion #5: The next Delegates Panel prepare a bid for the 2014 PRASSA. Motion carried.

July Quarterly 2010 Bids – District 3.
Adjourned.