

## SPRING PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY, APRIL 10, 2010

8:00 AM – Jeff S., WSEA 92 Chair called the meeting to order with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS – Jeff S

International AA Convention, July 1 to July 4, 2010 in San Antonio TX

- Need volunteers for translation, those who speak a foreign language and are willing to act as translators should give their name and contact information to Jamie, WSEA 92 Delegate.
- Need volunteers for 3 remaining time slots in the Pacific Regional Hospitality Suite. Contact Dolores, WSEA 92 Sec.

Resumes for PI Chair position need to be submitted by 6pm this evening

Motions need to be submitted by 12 noon today with copies for the secretary and a copy in all mail boxes for DCM's & officers.

12 TRADITIONS IN ENGLISH read by Jean, 12 TRADITIONS IN SPANISH read by Octavillio, 12 CONCEPTS IN ENGLISH (short form) read by Nathan, 12 CONCEPTS IN SPANISH (short form) read by Daniel

**MOTION TO RECORD PROCEEDINGS made by District 20, 2<sup>nd</sup> by District 19, passed.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 2009 ASSEMBLY MINUTES made by District 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> by District 7** - minutes were approved

### **TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:**

**DELEGATE – Jamie S.** – Last few weeks have been busy and enlightening. She receives about 20 emails daily. Next she will go to the GSC (General Service Conference) in NY. Attended PRAASA in LA in March and it was an amazing experience. Presentations and panels were all very interesting. Pacific Regional Trustee, Madeline will be rotating out this year. Participated in District 24 Concepts Workshop on March 21<sup>st</sup> and reports depth and knowledge of the concepts is outstanding. Her assignment at the Conference is on the GRAPEVINE Committee. GRAPEVINE is currently running in the “red”. If every Home Group would purchase a GRAPEVINE subscription (for your group, treatment or corrections, etc) the Grapevine would be operating in the black. She also urged groups to purchase a subscription to the LA VINA, send it to one of the Spanish speaking districts home groups or to treatment centers, jails, etc. Jamie clarified the process this year for review of Conference Agenda Items. As soon as she received the full conference agenda in early February, she copied it on to a flash drive and sent it to all DCM's and Trusted Servants. The agenda doesn't come out until after the board meets on January 15<sup>th</sup>. She also sent out summaries of the Conference Agenda done by area 6. She tried to get it out as soon as possible so home groups could discuss it. May have seemed confusing but next year we will continue the process next year. We met in the City of Soap Lake on March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Standing Committee Quarterly to discuss the Conference Agenda Items. Everyone was invited and we had a great turn out, approximately 75+ people. Jamie asked us all to return the flash drives to her for re-use next year. She is conducting two informal surveys to gather information about the use of the GRAPEVINE in this area. One is for those who currently subscribe to the GRAPEVINE and the other is for those who have previously subscribed to the GRAPEVINE or have never subscribed to the GRAPEVINE. Jamie would appreciate everyone's participation and will have one for the LA VINA later today. Important to GSO that we obtain some information about the GRAPEVINE usage, she reported 10% or less of the people in AA use it.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE– Joanne W.** - Attended PRASSA in LA in March. It was a wonderful opportunity and was able to meet with all 14 other Alt. Delegates in our Region and compare notes as to job descriptions. Each Areas Alt Delegate has different tasks from nothing to PI Chair to Translation Liaison and other things. Only 1 other Alt Delegate who serve as the Area Registrar. WSEA 92 is the most diverse area in the Pacific Region. We encompass 2 countries and 4 states; we speak English, Spanish, French, Russian, Native American and American Sign Language. Such diversity brings the special challenge of communicating with each other by crossing language and cultural diversities, which is also the Theme of the Local Forum that we are hoping to be able to have here in Area 92. There is a need in our area and a responsibility to translate our area documents, specifically the Area Handbook, DCM Orientation, GSR Orientation, GSR School and our monthly Newsletter. The area needs members who can type the documents into Spanish (no need to understand Spanish); members to proof read and make corrections to the typed documents. Spanish/English bi-lingual members are encouraged to see Daniel, WSEA 92 Translation Chair during one of the breaks. None of this will happen if our bi-lingual members don't step up and help out. Busy w/GSR schools. The first one was in District 4 and had about 30 people in attendance from district's 4, 5, 11, 12 and 20. The 2<sup>nd</sup> one was in Spokane and attended by Districts 2, 3, 13 and 17. Attended a service workshop in Yakima and gave a presentation on General Service. Attended the Hispanic Local Forum Committee Meeting where all 4 Hispanic Districts were in attendance with about 20 members participating. After the GSR School in Tri-cities, Joanne was able to head over to the 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of District 24 and was able to catch concepts 10, 11 and 12. While unable to understand what was being said, there was a passion for A.A. that anyone can understand and she was able to listen to the language of the heart. She participated in the Combined Quarterly at Soap Lake on 3/27/10 where the GSC Agenda Item she presented was Report and Charter. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a GSR School in Omak, District 12 and in June, District 6&20 will be hosting a GSR School, date TBD.

**AREA CHAIR – JEFF S.** - Jeff reported he has been putting a lot of miles on the “AA Magic Wagon”. He reminded us that the Area Handbook specified we hold our quarterly events on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month and to refrain from scheduling activities on those weekends. In addition he kindly asked districts not to schedule so much at the end of February and during March. That way we can do a better job at getting the GSC agenda work done as an area. He also reminded DCM's to send the minutes of district meetings to him. This is important because he is supposed to keep the Delegate informed. He will also forward them on to Mike B., Area Archivist for his records. Jeff also addressed funding/contributions and stated that the Area is generally broke and that he has seen or heard of huge treasuries at home group and district levels. He suggested that all check out the traditions, the service manual and the pamphlet; “Where Money and Spirituality Mix” and reminded everyone that an “INFORMED GROUP CONSCIENCE”, should be the guide in dividing resources. Jeff asked how many are receiving the newsletter and are reading the reports and sending in reports? Are your districts making use of the Area Committee Chairs for help in workshops, panels, literature or even just asking them for information? DCM's and

GSR's were invited to call Jeff if they need help or have questions or would like him to come to an event or make a visit. Jeff had a great time traveling this quarter, PRAASA, multiple GSR schools, Pockets of Enthusiasm, a Service Workshop in Yakima, the 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at District 24 with a "Concepts" Workshop and Combined Quarterly at Soap Lake. "Thanks for allowing me to be of service."

**ALT. AREA CHAIR – Scott R.** - Checking out October Assembly facility in Bonner's Ferry. We're looking forward to hosting the assembly. He's talked with Richard about the July Quarterly and everything seems to be on track. Scott's been spending most of his time the last couple of months on the Conference Agenda Items. Home Group had great fun with that.

**AREA SECRETARY – Dolores E.** - WSEA 92 Directories placed in DCM's & Trusted Servants mail slots. Minutes for January 2010 are completed and will be emailed out next week. Literature Chair is selling updated Handbooks for \$8. Handbook Committee met 2/13/2010 at Moses Lake Alano Club. Committee members are Tom S, Stan T, Paula T, Nancy T, Jeff S, and myself. Attended Combined Standing Committee Quarterly at Soap Lake on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**TREASURER – Ty B.**

Ty reported Tom and he wish to thank all the groups/districts for their contributions. We received a total of \$13,075 last quarter, compared to \$15,114 for the same period last. Total expenses for last quarter were \$11,237, which was an \$842 increase over the total expenses for the first quarter of 2009. We started the quarter with \$5,394 in checking and ended March 31 with a balance of \$7,232. Cash in checking increased \$1,838 during the quarter. Our checking account balance includes a working reserve of \$1,200 at the beginning of the quarter and \$1,500 at the end of the quarter. We will continue to allocate \$100 per month to the working reserve until we reach a balance equal to 16.66% of the sum of the prior two years gross revenues.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

At this point Jeff recognized the Past Delegates in attendance: Charlotte I – Panel 46, Gene D – Panel 52, Mike McM – Panel 54, Dave McC Panel 56 and Rad M – Panel 58 and made special note that Gene D is our area's nominee for Regional Trustee.

**ARCHIVES – Mike B.** - Mike reported he still has 4 openings on the Archives Steering Committee. One of the requirements as the Area Archivist is to maintain a six person steering committee and it is difficult to do if no one steps up. Only requirement is a member who has a desire to be of service and an interest in the history of our area and AA as a whole. If anyone has that interest, contact him and he will fill them in on the detail of these positions. Mike will be attending Inland Empire Roundup in Richland on April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup> with a full display of the Area 92 Archives. District 3 will be hosting the Are 92 Quarterly in Spokane in July and as you all know, the Standing Committees will be holding our Combined Quarterly at this event. Please contact your District Archivist and have him/her attend. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Regional Archives workshop will be held in Portland OR on 8/21/2010, hosted by Area 58 Archives. Many of our districts have new Archivists and this workshop would be invaluable to them in maintaining district archives. Please urge your District Archivist to attend.

**COOPERATING WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC) – Diana M.** - Diana expressed a desire to hear from some of the districts so that she can discuss with them workshops, setting up luncheons or helping with CPC need or questions. She's been helping the PI Chair with GSC Agenda Items since there was only one item on the agenda for CPC. She enjoyed the PI/CPC discussions at the Standing Committee Quarterly and got to meet a lot of PI people. Many of the districts are combining PI & CPC which seems like a good idea and can cut down costs. Agenda item A under CPC is to review contents of C.P.C Kit and workbook. Additional items for the kit include the DVD in all three languages on a single DVD and the informational service piece "Alcoholics Anonymous as a Resource for Drug & Alcohol Court Professionals". Discussed kit workbook by showing video entitled "AA Cooperation with the Professional Community". We discussed the video regarding the disclaimer at the beginning and ending about no AA members were depicted in the video. Also receive the PI/CPC Newsletter Exchange. If anyone is interested in receiving copies of these, let her know and she will send them on to you. She's purchased and given additional CPC service literature to districts CPC chairpersons. Some have not purchased or received their CPC kits yet. One of the items they did not get to discuss is that between conferences, ideas for changes to a workbook or to the contents of a kit may be received. These changes may be reviewed by the appropriate trustees' committee and implemented. Alternatively, the trustees' committee may choose to fwd the idea to the conference committee for review which can be reviewed during the next GSC.

**CORRECTIONS CHAIR – Mark E.** – Thank you to those who showed up at the Standing Committee Quarterly. Good participation from some of the Districts in getting AA into jails, etc. His schedule is open for workshops this summer, w/love to come and help out.

**GRAPEVINE & LITERATURE CHAIR – Fred E.** - The job of G.V. and Literature Chair is much larger in scope than he'd envisioned. A large order was placed for this assembly. Corrections Chair has placed two large orders. The GRAPEVINE has a new CD out – "Home Group: The Heartbeat of AA" in both English and Spanish. There are 2 relatively new G.V. books – "A RABBIT WALKS INTO A BAR" and "VOICES OF LONG SOBRIETY". Several of those will be available at the next quarterly along with other G.V. books. The G.V. website is aagrapevine.org and you are encouraged to visit it. The cost of the books is reasonable with most priced under \$10. The G.V. subscription is \$27/year and \$51/2-years. Currently running a special: 7 months subscription for \$17. If your group or district doesn't have a G.V. and Literature Rep, it is a really great job to introduce the literature to your members and to become acquainted with the vast amount of literature to supplement one's sobriety. Fred announced he would be selling older cassettes for half price during the assembly. Both small & large literature orders may be purchased through Fred by sending him the order with a check/money order, thereby saving shipping charges.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Carol N.** – Thanks for support & news contributions. In the past 3 months the newsletter has evolved from a 14-page document to 24 pages. In March, to save money on the printing costs I changed the page format from 8 ½ X 11 to 11 x 17 printed on two sides and folded. The change saved the area \$0.25 per copy. January through March, 350 copies were printed with many left over copies. Reduced the print to 300 copies in April. The cost of each newsletter runs approximately \$1.00 and postage for a single issue is approximately \$1.10. The previous annual subscription price of \$12.00 proved inadequate to cover the \$25.20 cost so the new annual subscription price is \$24.00. Since there are a few extra copies available after each printing the extra \$1.20 is absorbed into the existing

printing costs incurred by the area. It is a pleasure to work with each of you. Your newsletter submissions are timely and provide valuable feedback for the entire area. "Keep those cards and letters coming."

**PUBLIC INFORMATION CHAIR (PI) - Tamara J.** - Over the past couple of months we have been blessed with the task of reviewing the conference agenda items and presenting them to you in order to get a conscience about the agenda items from the fellowship in our area. This conscience will be passed on to our Delegate to take to the GSC in NY later this month. Last month each committee was asked to present the conference agenda items at the standing committee quarterly in Soap Lake, WA. The goal of this combined quarterly was to share the background information pertinent for each agenda item with district committee chairs, DCM's, GSR's and AA members so they in turn could take the information and share it with their districts. We also facilitated loving discussion and recorded comments and/or concerns that came up around each agenda item to share with the area officers. PI and CPC had a great turnout and lots of loving, thoughtful, discussion ensued. I am going to be stepping down from this position. It's going to be really sad for me but a wonderful opportunity for someone else that is looking for an opportunity to serve. It's an amazing panel and you don't have to do anything alone.

**TRANSLATION CHAIR – DANIEL M.** - Local forum in Grandview included all 4 of our Spanish districts. Other meeting was the District 24 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary where they discussed The Concepts. I helped Jamie out with translation because she had to share on Concept Four. Also, I translated a little bit of work for Joanne. That's pretty much what I have been doing. Thanks for letting me be a part of the area.

**TREATMENT CHAIR – Michael B.** - Attended a workshop in Moscow ID, the Sunday following the January quarterly. Thank you to district 22 and all who attended. We had a workshop here in Kennewick on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to district 4 and all who attended. Attended district #6 and #20 workshop on 3/20 - great turn out. I plan to participate at a Treatment Presentation on 4/24 in Spokane with Treatment Chairs from districts 2, 3, 13 & 17. There will be a workshop right after the July quarterly with a potluck and Speaker Meeting Saturday night with Treatment Presentation. Guess who the speaker is? Upcoming fellowship events include Steak & Potato Speaker Meeting 4/6, Inland Empire Roundup 4/30 – 5/02, Touchet River roundup 5/28 – 5/30, Yakima Valley Campout 6/25 – 6/27, July quarterly followed by potluck, speaker, workshop Saturday night. Have 20 subscriptions to GRAPEVINE through your Area Treatment committee. I'll need the agency name, agency contact person, address and zip code. Please, only facilities we are invited to do panel presentations or facilities where AA meeting are held. I'm available to do workshops, panel presentations to district and home groups. Needed: Bridging the Gap contacts from all districts to help us with Area 92 bridge the gap from outside our area and from other districts. Please talk to your home groups and get A.A. members signed up and email me and Nikki (Treatment Bridge). Have 4 of the "old version" HOPE DVD and 5 of the new version.

**ALTERNATE TREASURER - Tom S.** - One of the duties of the alternate treasurer is to chair the finance committee meeting on Friday night. We had quite an extensive meeting last night and I want to share that with you. Some of my report is going to be out of sequence so I will share part of my report with you now and some of my other report a little later. From the agenda of the finance committee, the major item of discussion was the Ad Hoc responsibility to develop and investigate liability insurance for Area 92. Only a few items remained after the assignment of the Ad Hoc committee to the finance committee. A detailed report of findings to date was presented at the January quarterly to include everything that had taken place up to that time. From that point it seemed that the only thing remaining was cost and coverage that we needed to complete. This report is attached and after attending PRAASA in LA in March, I found that most of all other areas that attended PRAASA had a form of liability insurance in their possession. Most of them had insured themselves through the National Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (NANPO) ranging from full coverage allowed by law and for corporations to a basic liability policy to cover elected officers. While looking into the legal ramifications of not being insured, I contacted several professionals in the industry and the legal field to ask what would be the implications to the area officers in costs if they were sued in the performance of their duties. Should we have the expense of defense against lawsuits covered in the area and against area 92 officers? We found no legal requirement specifying we need to do so, however each one of them said it was a cost and a risk of doing business and we should really consider doing it. Though the area seldom engages in a contractual agreement with facilities where area assemblies' quarterlies are conducted, those districts that host those assemblies/quarterlies in the spirit of conducting area 92 business. We have seen more requests for proof of liability insurance related to rental agreements for activities to do business in AA because organizations want to assign the risk to someone and it has been recommended by their insurance carriers, to each one of those facilities to ask for that certification to make sure that they're protected. We asked for a quotation from NANPO and I have that in my hand and as a result of this presentation to the finance committee last night a motion will come forward later today regarding this. Cash flow from last qtr: Inflow is contributions to Area 92. This actually represents kind of a receipt. It reflects group contributions to the area between Jan through 1<sup>st</sup> of April. Total contributions for the first quarter were \$12,999.99. We talked in the finance committee about a prudent reserve. We don't really have that. We have a "working reserve". That's being reinstalled. We got into it last qtr and it was in late March when we received a large contribution that allowed us to put the working reserve back in order. One other thing I'd like you to take home and begin thinking about. AA World Services is introducing an opportunity for groups, districts and individuals to make contributions online. Districts must use their Area # & district #. Groups must use their Group ID#. What I want you to consider is that in the near future we would like to do the same thing, to allow groups, districts and individuals to make online contributions to area 92. It's not a motion today but be thinking about it and discussing it with your groups. WSEA 92 P O Box address for contributions will be listed in the area newsletter.

#### **GSR SHARING**

#### **DCM REPORTS**

**District 2 – Allen D.** – 30 groups represented today. Active committees are Treatment & Corrections and Social Activities. Last quarter activities include picnic and Alkathons. Planned activities include picnic on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, district picnic in August (we will invite our area delegate) and January Quarterly. Concerns/solutions are special needs funding and improved participation at our district meeting.

District 3 – Rykstr – Last quarter activities include Central Office Intergroup Inventory. Solutions meetings are still underway with good turnout and good ideas. Planned activity is the July Quarterly. Next district meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup>.

District 4 – Shirley F. – Number of groups represented today is 12. Active committees include Corrections, Treatment, Archivist, CPC/PI, and Special Events. Last qtr activities include GSR Workshop, Treatment workshop, Spring Fling Dance, Valentine's Day speaker meeting/dance, quarterly speaker meeting. Corrections chair attended Dist 6 service workshop + 2 quarterlies. Richland Fellowship has a speaker meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each mo. Planned activities include Inland Empire Roundup 4/30 – 5/02/2010, PIGNIC - Sept 11<sup>th</sup> @ Chiawana Park. Concerns & solutions are: would like to do a district inventory and looking into the process of putting together a District Handbook. Encourage GSR's to send event flyers to Shirley so they can be placed on the websites. Next district meeting will be May 8<sup>th</sup> @ Quinault Baptist Church in Kennewick.

District 5 – Bill B. – 7 groups represented. Active Standing committees are Treatment, Corrections, Archives, Grapevine & Literature, Newsletter and Answering Service. Last quarter activities were Rotation (resignation of DCM), schedule changes, working out some issues with county corrections people. Treatment meetings are going good. Communicating the need for CPC/PI chair and alternate DCM. Planned activities include Delegate's Report in May, Campout in July, Gratitude Dinner in November and Birthday Potlucks the last Saturday in the park. Concerns & Solutions are the need for an alternate DCM, CPC/PI and Special Needs Chair. The Answering Service & 12-Step Call Programs are doing very well. Next district meeting will be April 18<sup>th</sup> in Cashmere @ St. James Episcopal Church.

District 6 – Michael S. – 17 groups represented. Active Standing Committees are Corrections, Treatment, Archives, Grapevine & Literature and PI/CPC. Roundup & Service Workshops. Last quarter activities included a Service Workshop on 3/20/2010 in Yakima. Approximately 65 attended. It was a great experience for a first time event. We plan to make this a yearly project. Some planned activities are GMAA group is planning for their annual Memorial Day Clean & Sober Picnic. Usually attracts 400+ people. Next district meeting is 4/22 @ CWCO in Yakima.

District 7 – Fern W. – Fifteen groups in district 7, 12 active, 6 represented today. Active standing committees are Archives, Corrections & Treatment, Grapevine & Literature, PI, CPC and Newsletter. Last quarter activities included hosting the January quarterly (returned seed monies + \$240 to area), revised & updated district guidelines. Planned activities are Delegates Report & Potluck on May 8 @ Deary Community Center. Concerns: Need more time to review Conference Agenda Items. Currently have 2 standing committee's without chairs. District meeting is held 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month @ 1:30pm at various locations.

District 8 – David R. - All standing committees are active (Archives, PI/CPC, Corrections, Treatment, Newsletter, Treasurer & Literature). Last quarter activities included participation in standing committee quarterly at Soap Lake (all standing committee chairs participated). DCM has updated all group information sheets. District 8 will be hosting 12 Traditions Workshop on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1pm – 4pm. It will be potluck and we appreciate & welcome other districts to join us in planning & holding the event. Concerns: Would like more GSR's and Standing Committee Chairs to participate in area assemblies and quarterlies. Two assemblies a year is an obstacle to maximum participation. Next district meeting will be 4/13/2010 @ 7pm, 4<sup>th</sup> & Kathleen (Nazarene Chr)

District 9 – LaVon L. – Fourteen groups in district, 2 represented today. Current active standing committees are Corrections, Treatment and Literature. Last quarter activities include News year's Eve party, a Beginners Workshop and we updated our group information. Upcoming activities are Corrections Workshop, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup> Potluck and Gratitude Banquet in November. Concerns: Attendance at district meetings and people wanting activities, yet not really wanting to participate. Next district meeting will be 4/11 @ 6:30pm, First Congregational Chr in Walla Walla.

District 10 – Theo D. – 13 groups in district, 5 represented today. All standing committees are filled at this time (PI/CPC, Treatment/Corrections, CWCO, Newsletter, Webmaster, Archives, Schedule and Handbook). No winter activities. Upcoming activities include the Annual Spring Fling on 5/15 @ 7pm. Theme is favorite Super Hero or Villain. Please join us, DJ-Karaoke, singing/dancing. No concerns at this time. Working hard to get our PI-CPC committee up and going and active in our community. Next district meeting is Sunday, 4/18, 4pm @ CWU SURC Room 135.

District 11 – Philip B – 11 groups in district. We're getting district officers elected and filled in. Active standing committees are Literature and Corrections. Couple of activities, speaker meetings going on every other month. Biggest concerns are trying to keep the long term sobriety members involved in our groups sponsorship. Next district meeting will be 5/6 2 7pm in Sunnyside.

District 12 – Dale G – 24 Groups in district. Active standing committees are Archives, CPC, Corrections/Treatment, Grapevine & Literature and PI. Last quarter activities included a review and update of the District Handbook and a District Inventory. Planned activities: GSR School, 5/22, District Picnic and Delegates Report, on 8/1 and discussion of CPC – PI sessions. Concerns: Information flow from area. Are we understanding our responsibility – DCM's and standing committees. Would like specific directions for new officers on review process of GSC Agenda Items. Will do better next time. Next district meeting will be 5/2, 2pm @ the Wauconda Church.

District 13 – Richard M – 17 Groups, 4 Home Groups and 4 meetings (2 new). Nikki is our treasurer. Last quarter activities included Spring Quarterly Speakers Potluck, active work with Spokane Intergroup on inventory and solutions meetings. District 12 is in a rebuilding of home groups at the grassroots level. Looking forward to summer picnic. Concerns: Working with the home groups in their business meetings. The district meetings are well attended by GSR's and we had 5 GSR's at the GSR Workshop. We will be having a GSR Workshop for our district in the near future. Next district meeting will be 4/20 @ 5:30pm @ New Life Assembly Church on Sprague.

District 14 – Terry – District 14 is doing well. Our district meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. Our Schedules Chair is working on reformatting our schedule. We have so many meetings it is hard to fit them on an 8 ½ X 11 sheet of paper. Our corrections chair is working with the new Bonner County Sherriff to carry the message to inmates at the Bonner County Jail. We are looking at hosting a GSR School in June. The October Assembly Committee is meeting regularly. We hope to see you all in Bonners Ferry ID in October. Please come to the Campout this summer in Montana. They're awesome.

District 15 – Gary – 21 groups in district. Active standing committees are Corrections, Activities, Grapevine & Literature and Archives. District meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month. Went over last meeting do to GSC Agenda and then we took the topics back to home groups for opinions. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday is a Potluck & Speaker Meeting in Colville at 6pm on Third and Maple. Hog Heaven is upcoming, Aug 12 – 15. Second Round-Up will be Sept 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. District Meeting April 13th Colville, get all districts registered. Concerns: Getting more GSR's to assemblies & quarterlies. Need PI/CPC Chairs. We are getting more activity in the district. Trying to get GSR's & Committee Chairs to get alternates so we can get rotation in service positions. We are heading in right direction with God's Will. Next district meeting will be 4/13 @ 6PM, Health Education Center.

District 16 – Eduardo B – he is from Grandview WA. District 16 meets the last Sunday of the month. They do support groups, the groups are motivated. Teach and learn more about sponsoring. Corrections, PI, Grapevine & Literature. We invite you guys to visit us.

District 17 – Ronald R – 12 groups in district. Active standing committees are CPC&PI, Treatment, Activities and Archives. Jeff is our Treasurer. Last quarter activities included a Barn Dance with caller (over 80 in attendance) and GSR School. There is a new Women's Meeting, Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, average attendance is 25. Next district meeting is 6pm on 4/13 @ Corbin Senior Center.

District 18 – Bryan M – 6 groups in district. Active standing committees are Literature, PI/CPC, Archives, Treatment/Corrections and Hotline. Last quarter activities included a Lip Sync and Chicken Drop. Planned activities include a Pig roast in Waitsburg on Memorial Day Weekend, Dr. Bob Birthday Party on 6/12/10, a campout at Lewis & Clark State Park and finalizing the district handbook. Concerns: We have very good participation at our district meetings but at present we need to extend ourselves beyond to include area meetings by more GSR's. Next district meeting is in Waitsburg on 4/11/2010.

District 19 – Bobbi J – 23 groups. Active standing committees are PI/CPC, Grapevine & Lit, Archives and Treatment. Last quarter activities included hosting the Standing Committee Quarterly at Soap Lake. I've spent a lot of time making all the meetings in the district and getting updated information to Joanne. Alt DCM has stepped down. We are trying to see if the district can come together to plan a Gratitude Banquet. Othello is looking for speakers. I will be volunteering in the Pacific Region Hospitality Suite at the International Convention in San Antonio. Concerns: Little participation at district meetings. It has been suggested maybe we should go back to being part of district 5. I put that in an email and at least someone stepped up to host the district meeting. Maybe more will show up and get involved. I've tried the "Happy, Joyous & Free" approach. I've tried the "disease concept" approach. I've tried "its fun & will enhance your sobriety" approach. We've tried a potluck, etc. Our next district meeting will be held at the Moses Lake Alano club on 4/18.

District 20 – Jerry W – 4 GSR's, 1 alternate GSR and alt DCM are here today. Active standing committees are Corrections, PI, CPC, Treatment, all are up and running well. Last quarter activities included district meetings, Yakima Roundup, Group Conscience, Home Group & Treatment Panels, Service Workshop, Handbook Committee and Standing Committee Quarterly. We have been doing presentations to the new Dr's college in Yakima (What AA does and what AA does not do).

District 21 – Gabby D - One group shut down and we are trying to find the reason they shut down but we can't do anything about it. The other bad news is that we may have to move our meeting from the current location. We don't know yet. We are looking to find a new place. District meetings will be rotating now. Also we're working on new agenda for new the committee. Also, we like to invite all of you to Hispanic Convention, May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Tacoma WA. Also, attended PRASSA. Very motivating, came back and we are here. Two topics I would like to share with you about what is in the literature. June & July about sending your history for the book and the International Convention. In September our literature, In December, the Family Afterward. They are going to do another one, which is special about the 12 Concepts. Our district is going to be joining our delegate with our local forum. Would like to invite you all to our Anniversary for district 21, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Informational meeting, then a little bit of food, a little bit of dance in Quincy. I would like to quote something I heard at PRASSA, "We're anonymous, not invisible."

District 22 – Kelly C – 8 groups. Four active standing committees. 15 groups and meetings total, 8 with regular district participation. Last quarter we had a Treatment Workshop, speakers at 2 treatment centers every other month, WSU Students at Risk (speakers), U of I Health Fair (literature rack and member participation). Discussing Corrections & Treatment "mock jail" meeting for additional training. Concerns: Hammering District Guidelines and reimbursements & budgets. We try to keep people rotating in and out. Next district meeting 4/11 @ 4pm at Gritman Hospital.

District 23 – Janine H - 13 groups; only committee is archives, she is the archivist. Last qtr activities were potluck last sat each month and studying Concepts at the district meetings. Planned activities include May 1<sup>st</sup> Steak Feed at Echo Valley, Birthday Potlucks move outdoors in May @ Chelan Falls, August Potluck is a family fund day and Campout is coming up. Next dist meeting w/be May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Apple Cup

District 24 – Mario C – I am the DCM of District 24. First I want to give thanks to the Area Committee/Servants for attending our districts' 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We involved all the Hispanic districts in our area and we participated in speaking about the Concepts. We were answering questions about AA to the best of our ability. We also participated in the meeting on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> on the Spanish Local Forum in Grandview. We are visiting 2 groups per month. District 24 is also supporting district 4 with the Hospitality and Clean-up Committee in this Spring Assembly. District 24 is located at 1525 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave in Kennewick, WA. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the last Sunday of the month. Contact number (509)551-8255. Alt DCM contact is Eduardo F (509)947-9805.

District 25 – Institutions Committee meets @ Co Jail 2 x a month. Activities for last 3 months, district committee and all GSR's for dist 25 visit our groups. W/topics related to the service manual of A.A. To keep motivating the newcomers and get them involved in our service. District 25 Committee meets 1<sup>st</sup> Sun of the month, a study meeting to keep learning from the Service Manual. Next business meeting w/be 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Contact number is (509) 985- 0822and the other one is (509) 952-6773.

#### **DELEGATE – PRE-CONFERENCE AGENDA DISCUSSION**

In preparation for the 2010 General Service Conference (GSC), Jamie sent the Conference Agenda Items and background information (on a flash drive) to all Area Trusted Servants and DCM's. We were to discuss the GSC Agenda Items with GSR's and home groups and then meet to discuss further at the Standing Committee Quarterly at Soap Lake on March 27<sup>th</sup>. From the Standing Committee Quarterly, Area

Committee Chairs and Trusted Servants reported on the discussions in an effort to obtain an area 92 group conscience on the GSC Agenda Items. These reports were presented to the body at this Pre-Conference Assembly and open for additional discussion. Specific agenda items were listed under the following committees or topics; Agenda, CPC, Corrections, Finance, A.A. Grapevine, Literature, Policy/Admissions, PI, Report and Charter, Treatment Facilities, Trustees, Archives and International Conventions/Regional Forums. In depth discussions on these issues last approximately 3 hours. Jamie indicated the process will be much the same next year.

### **INTERGROUP REPORT**

Loyd – PI Chair for Spokane Intergroup. Spokane Central Office is located on Riverside. Stocks and sells AA literature. They have monthly board meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Intergroup also coordinates a number of activities, Potluck, Picnic, Alkathon and Gratitude Banquet. Full complement of service chairs. The big news is we recently had an inventory, been going slowly through the product of that inventory. Past delegate Rad M. has been assisting us with this process.

### **AREA COMMITTEE AND HOST COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **REGISTRAR – Joanne W.**

Boy have I been busy! So far I have received the Group Change Packets back from districts, 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23, 24, and 25. While entering the new GSR information into the FNV I have also been checking the following things: meeting place, day and time. I am finding that while the GSR's are submitting a GSR change about 75% of the group information is wrong. Perhaps a meeting has moved locations, changed days or times. Please be sure to fill out the change forms COMPLETELY, this means spelling the city out too and zip, along with group service number. It is imperative that I receive the Group Change Packets ASAP so that I can get the updates made. The GSO cutoff date for inclusion in the Regional Directory is only a few weeks away. IT IS UP TO THE DCM'S TO MAKE SURE THAT I GET THESE IN A TIMELY MANNER. I am still waiting for districts 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21 and 22. Over on the table I have the Group binder with all of the group information in it. You can check to see if your group information is correct. If you need to make a change there are Group Information Change forms in English and Spanish. When it is filled out completely then place it in the top bin. Thanks for letting me be of service.

**WEB TEAM – Scott R.** (Webmaster) Met last night and had 8 members in attendance. Conversation began with issues of accountability and ownership of the website by the fellowship. We started out by talking about what everybody liked and didn't like. We decided to divide into 2 groups of 4 and one group was going to take a survey of the fellowship to determine the usage of the site, suggestions, what they like, don't like, would like to see. We'll have the survey out to the fellowship and the results will be printed in the Newsletter (May Issue). Then we will be able to review and address the information compiled at the July quarterly. The other group will sit down and look at the web team guidelines in the handbook and review them. Elected Terry O as the chairperson for this committee.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE – Tom S.**

Finance Committee met last night, agenda items were: ad hoc committee on liability insurance, website with address for contributions, prudent reserve, first quarter contributions and trends, Newsletter as a source for self support and spirituality, forwarding address for contributions to area 92, treasurers recommendations and reports and area secretary letter of election. First, I want to talk a little bit about the envelopes we passed out. Info on the envelope flap is really important. We keep track of the contributions for you. Contributions for the year - we began year \$5,393.95. All 25 districts made contributions. Number of registered groups 319 at that time, 99 total contributions coming from sources such as seed money, individual contributions, sale of handbooks, districts overages, quarterlies as well as groups. That's less than 30% of registered groups during the first quarter. So the total contributions for the first quarter was \$13,000. Average contribution during the first quarter was \$131. It was considered by the Finance Committee because it was a recent addition to the Handbook that the area secretary will provide the treasurer with a letter (after the new officers are elected) and that will be available to any banking institutions who request that information. It is spelled out in the handbook who those officers are.

**DCM ROUNDTABLE, chaired by Shirley F.** 25 – 30 in attendance. Jamie came in and gave a little report on the agenda of the GSC and the purpose of the Conference. There was some discussion of how the flash drive process worked for us this year, because it's new and alcoholics dislike change. Many felt it was too big, not enough time. We feel there is not enough time from when Jamie receives the information and gets it to us for us to get it back to our home groups and get back to this body with a group conscience. Maybe GS Board could look at meeting earlier so that we can receive this information earlier and our delegate can be more informed from our groups as she/he goes back to the conference. I think we'll have a better idea of how the process works next year.

**GSR ORIENTATION** – GSR Orientation was held on Friday. There was no report on this.

#### **ASSEMBLY HOST COMMITTEE REPORT – Registration for 2010 Pre-Conference Assembly**

167 Total Registrations, 15 Area Officers, 5 Past Delegates, 21 DCM's, 9 Alt DCM's, 16 GSR's, 8Alt GSR's, 43 Other. Moneywise, outside of the seed money, we had an income of \$8,300, expense of \$7,550. We will be giving the area back \$750 from overage.

#### **JULY QUARTERLY 2010 – District 3 DCM, Rykstr**

Looking forward to July Quarterly July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be at St. Francis Church. Huge facility with full kitchen. Right now, looking at Lasagna for lunch. Flyers ready. We encourage you to register early. He has list of hotels, etc.

#### **OCTOBER ASSEMBLY 2010 – District 14 DCM, Terry D.**

The host committee met last month. Facility secured, County Fair Grounds, Bonners Ferry ID. Catering secured, food available, arrangements for coffee made. Confirmed Ice Cream for Friday Night and Music for Saturday Night. P O Box is setup. Next meeting is next Sunday. Registration forms should be available soon. Bonner's Ferry. W/be increasing our meeting to 2x per month as the date gets closer. We're in good shape. Date is October 15, 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **JANUARY QUARTERLY 2011 - District 2 DCM, Allen D.**

Committee is just now forming and the quarterly will not be at the grange.

**SPRING PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2011 – District 12 DCM, Dale G.**

Sun Mount Lodge, April 15, 16, 17, 2011. Dates confirmed. Committee is formed. We'll have our notices out 6 months in advance.

**OCTOBER ASSEMBLY 2011 – District 1 - No Report.** Jeff reminded all to take care of criminal past as soon as possible for entry into Canada.

**LOCAL FORUM – Dave McC.**

Dave will be writing article for Newsletter to provide more detail. We've written a bid. Jamie submitted. From there it will go through some steps and decision will be made at the July Board Meeting. They give out 3 local forums a year and he doesn't know how many submitted. If we do get the bid we will have some work to do. Tentative date would be mid -Sept 2011, somewhere near the Tri-Cities. Have about 20 people signed up to be on the Local Forum Committee. We'll need to get a lot more people signed up. Let Dave know or our Secretary Wynter know if you would like to work on the committee.

**SPECIAL NEEDS AD HOC COMMITTEE - Mike McM**

Thanked JEFF for allowing him to be of service again. If you are having some workings with any special needs in your district, please get a hold of me. My telephone number is 509-458-3929. With the help of the members who attended the Standing Committee Quarterly, we were able to get through the Special Needs portion of the Conference Agenda and it was very nice. As a result of that there was a motion that was formed and I think we're going to be talking about that a little bit later.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE – Tom S.**

Finance committee has prepared a motion that we will discuss before we get out of here tonight. It includes in summary of most of the detail that is in the insurance report. Each district has a copy of that motion and if you don't have any questions now about the insurance report, I'm sure we will be able identify most of the questions and answers during the motion period.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion #1** – presented by Tom S. Alternate Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair

Maker of the Motion - The Finance Committee

Moves that:

**WA State East Area 92 purchase Liability Insurance for WSEA 92 and its officers**

Rational in support of this motion: This motion is the result of an ad hoc committee formed in January 2009 to investigate and report on findings related to need and cost which included reports from other delegate areas on their coverage. We have more requests for proof of liability insurance related to rental agreements to conduct area business in the area.

Coverage Options & Approximate Costs

- Liability Plus - \$265. For General Liability insurance protection with limits of \$1,000,000/\$2,000,000 per occurrence/annual aggregate.
- Directors and Officers Liability Plus - \$262.50 protection with limits from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 per occurrence depending on number of officers listed.
- We may also be required to add the facility to a required liability policy as an insured for each special event doing business as an area.

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by district 17

Discussion re: coverage and costs. Valerie D., district 12 asked for clarification "are we voting to place this motion on the October Assembly Agenda so that we can take this back to our home groups for vote or are we voting on the actual motion now?" Jeff (Chair) responded "That will depend on your motions during these proceedings. We are going to vote on it one way or another – that will be to accept it, to table it or to make it go away." Ryster, district 3 called for the question, 2<sup>nd</sup> by district 19. Vote to stop debate passed. Motion carried. **Minority Opinion** – Tom S. stated "It needs to be clear that we just took a vote here and that places this in order right now. As soon as this assembly is over, we go out and purchase insurance based on the information you have now, not on any additional information you may think need be and start providing for the protection of our area and officers, otherwise might vote might have been something different. Question from the body – Don't we have to take this back to our home groups? We can't spend money without taking it back to our home groups, right? Jeff (Chair) replied "you just did". **Motion to reconsider** made by district 18, 2<sup>nd</sup> district 7. Debate. District 7 called for the question. Vote to stop debate on reconsidering the motion passed. **Motion to reconsider the motion failed.** Jeff clarified "This motion will go into effect right after this assembly as stated in our handbook."

**Motion #2** – presented by Michael B., Treatment Committee Chair

Maker of the Motion - The Treatment Committee – from the Standing Committee Quarterly at Soap Lake

Moves that:

**That name, scope of responsibility and services of "Special Needs" be transferred to the "Treatment Facilities/Special Needs Committee" from the "Translation/Special Needs Committee" to create "Treatment Facilities/Special Needs Committee" and separately "Translation Committee"**

Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike B, Archives Chair. Discussion

**Motion to Table** the motion was made by Heather Dist 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> District 7. Passed and the motion was tabled.

**Motion #3** – Maker of the motion: Mike S, district 4

Move that:

**Area 92 purchase a projector for all area functions.**

- The budget for the projector would be limited to \$600
- Any additional expenses for the projector would need to be approved by the area, prior to purchase.
- The projector will be the responsibility of the  
Alt-Area Chair

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie S, Area 92 Delegate. Discussion

Rykstr, district 3 called for the question

Vote to end debate passed.

Vote on Motion #3 passed

Minority Opinion - None

**BIDS – APRIL PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2012**

Dist 17 - Spokane

Dist 8 – Coeur d'Alene

District was 17 selected to host the 2012 Spring Pre-Conference Assembly

**Meeting Adjourned**

Respectfully Submitted: Dolores E, WSEA 92 Secretary