

**WSEA 92 ASSEMBLY, October 15, 2011, NELSON, B.C. CANADA**

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

Bob T. read the Twelve Traditions in English

Nancy from district 5 read the short form of the Twelve Concepts in English

Margarita read the Twelve Traditions in Spanish as well as the short form of the Twelve Concepts in Spanish

**MOTION TO RECORD PROCEEDINGS** was made by district 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> by district 14 and passed

**MOTIONS TO APPROVE THE 2011 APRIL PRE-CONFERENCE ASSMBLY MINUTES** was made by Fern, district 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keith, district 4 & passed.

**ELECTION PROCEDURE** – It was an honor to have Rod B, our Pacific Regional Trustee present to facilitate the election of officers for the next rotation. In addition, Rod gave a Pacific Regional Trustee Report later in the meeting. Rod explained the Third Legacy Procedure used for the election of officers and then facilitated the election. The election of officers took place while business was going on. Balloting was as follows:

AVAILABLE	1ST Ballot	2nd Ballot	3rd Ballot	4th Ballot	5th Ballot	AVAILABLE	1ST Ballot	2nd Ballot	3rd Ballot	4th Ballot	5th Ballot
<b>DELEGATE</b>						<b>ALT DELEGATE</b>					
Jeff S.	50					Ty B.	11	9			
Ty B.	7					Diana M.	10	8			
Carol E.	11					Carol E.	18	19	25	17	
Total Votes	68					<b>Dolores E.</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>53</b>	
2/3	45					Total Votes	67	71	70	70	
1/3	23					2/3	45	47	47	47	
1/5	14					1/3	22	24			
						1/5	13	14			
<b>CHAIR</b>						<b>ALT CHAIR</b>					
Ty B.	17	18	26	25	23	<b>Ty B.</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>48</b>			
Diana M.	9	6				Margarita V	12	8			
<b>Carol E.</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	Diana M.	9	6			
Margarita V	12	14	13			Fern W.	9	4			
Fern W.	9	5				Jerry N.	5	3			
Jerry N.	8	8				Total Votes	68	69			
Total Votes	70	72	72	70	69	2/3	45	46			
2/3	47	48	48	47	46	1/3	23	23			
1/3		24	24			1/5	14	14			
1/5		14	14								
<b>TREASURER</b>						<b>ALT TREASURER</b>					
<b>Fern W.</b>						Jill	16				
Elected by acclamation						<b>Mike S.</b>	<b>51</b>				
						Total Votes	67				
						2/3	45				
						1/3	22				
						1/5	13				

**FINAL RESULTS**

DELEGATE	ALT DELEGATE	CHAIR	ALT CHAIR	TREASURER	ALT TREASURER
Jeff S.	Dolores E.	Carol E.	Ty B.	Fern W.	Mike S.

District 3 made a motion to destroy the ballots, 2<sup>nd</sup> by district 12. Passed.

**TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS:**

**DELEGATE – Jamie S.** – Presented an abbreviated, informative report on the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the General Service conference of Alcoholics Anonymous. She brought several boxes with her containing copies of the 2011 Final Conference Report and encouraged all to take several copies for their districts and home groups. Jamie spent much of the summer visiting different districts presenting a Delegate Report from the General Service Conference. Jamie thanked the entire body “You have made my job easier. When I travel around the country and talk about what we do - we’ve only been an area for 16 yrs and people are amazed at how we provide service to the still suffering alcoholic and that’s because of you”. She closed with a reading from the pamphlet “A Birdseye View of Alcoholics Anonymous.

**GSR SHARING**

**AREA 72 WILL BE HOSTING PRAASA THIS YEAR IN BELLEVUE AND THEY PRESENTED A SKIT AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING**

**TRUSTEE’S REPORT – Rod B.**

As most of you know, groups are represented by GSR’s, groups are grouped into districts and represented by DCM’s, districts form areas which are represented by Delegates, areas are grouped into regions and in the U.S. & Canada there are 98 regions. There are 2 in Canada and 6 in the U.S. Area 92 is in the Pacific Region. The Pacific Region is made up of AK, OR, WA, CA, NV, ID, UT, AZ and HI. There are 14 areas in those states. Those are the areas that I represent as

your Regional Trustee. A.A. owns 2 corporations, AAWS Inc and The Grapevine Inc. The General Service Board as in other corporations, are stewards of that corporation. There are 21 members on the General Service Board, 7 are non-alcoholic trustees and 14 are alcoholic trustees. At one point early on in A.A.'s history when they were putting this whole thing together there was not as much trust (the way I look at it) in alcoholic trustees as in non-alcoholic trustees so there were more non-alcoholic trustees than alcoholic trustees. I believe that changed in the 60's and that flip flopped so that there are now more alcoholic trustees than non-alcoholic trustees. I am one of the 21 trustees on the General Service Board. In the history of Alcoholics Anonymous, I am the first Native American trustee elected to the General Service Board. During the first 6 months of 2011 there were 1,043 visitors to the General Service Office. Where we hold our AAWS Board Meetings is in a large conference room adjacent to the Lobby of the General Service Office and there is a large glass wall, so you can see people come into the office and it is really amazing to watch visitors come into the office. To see the impact it has on them to be there at the General Service Office. When you first walk in there is the circle and the triangle and translations into different languages. It's very touching to see how alcoholics react to that and what a profound impact it has on them. Publications: In the first 6 months there were 904,368 total units purchased of which 169,000 were non-A.A. purchases. The board approved the translations into French & Spanish the quarterly Archives Newsletter "MARKING" at a cost of \$800 annually. Catalogue: For the first time in A.A. history the revised Catalogue for Conference Approved Literature and other Service Material will include information on ordering items from the GRAPEVINE. Perhaps this will help to increase GV subscriptions. The print circulation has declined in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. There are new subscriptions but fewer A.A. members are renewing. Contributing factors are the downhill trend in the print industry and the new and expanded engagements through the web. There are a couple of things that are specific to the GRAPEVINE that other magazines don't have to deal with, 1) no advertising – now if you told anybody publishing a magazine that they would have to do it with no advertising, they w/say you were crazy 2) unfulfilled subscription account – let's say you have a one year subscription and you get one month, they will take and set aside 11 months subscription cost for you, if you received 2 issues, they then set aside 10 months for you so that if you wish to cancel at anytime, you will be refunded money for the number of months you do not receive the monthly publication. So these are some things that may help you understand that this is all done for the benefit of the fellowship. Attraction rather than promotion is one of the mainstays of A.A. so we do not advertise. Grapevine Board has concerns and will continue to discuss how social media may or may not constitute affiliation and how it affects personal anonymity. This discussion will include a working definition of promotion, advertising, affiliation and social media. After discussions about social network media the GV board decided to take down the social media/icons present on the website. The board agrees that there needs to be a presence in the social networking/media but with recommendations that safeguards are involved. The GRAPEVINE continues to struggle. It important to remember the sacrifices and hard work of the Grapevine staff & board through these struggles. Some cost cutting measures have included some downsizing of the staff. Given all of these challenges the GRAPEVINE continues to offer you a quality magazine, our meeting in print, every month even with a reduced staff. On behalf of the General Service Board and the fellowship I would like to thank you personally for the efforts of the Pacific Region, their delegates and their areas as we continue to go through this difficult time in A.A. history. The results of the recent Grapevine Survey are perplexing to me. Ninety-four percent of 8,000 – 10,000 A.A.'s polled believe it is important that we have the GRAPEVINE, 6% of those actually subscribe. That's a very mixed message. What does that mean exactly? I would just encourage you to maintain your subscription; try to encourage others to subscribe to the GRAPEVINE. Trustees Archives Committee: Committee requested that the Archives prepare an informational piece on basic Archival principles and procedures which will be reviewed at the Oct board meeting. Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibilities: I am the chair of the trustees committee on CPC and Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibilities. The video HOPE – the trustees committees discussed a request from the 2011 conference committee to review the script of the video HOPE Alcoholics Anonymous keeping in mind their considerations. A sub-committee was appointed by the chair to undertake a line-by-line review of the script and bring back a report in Oct. Possible service pieces on carrying the message into treatment centers for the mentally ill and developing a poster for Special Needs were discussed and the committee tabled both items. Trustees committee on Corrections "IT SURE BEATS SITTING IN A CELL". The committee received a draft of this pamphlet and tabled discussion until the Oct meeting. The committee agreed to include considerations of a easy-to-read format re: reading levels as well as content that would appeal to the young incarcerated as well as the lifers. Trustees International Committee: Trips for the remainder of 2011 w/be review by the trip consultation team. Anytime A.A. trustees get an invitation to go to another country, they just don't jump on an airplane and go. There is a consultation team that looks at the purpose, rationale and finance of all that before the trip is actually taken. The following trips were discussed: The 10<sup>th</sup> National Convention of A.A. in Mexico, the General Service Conference in Germany, the 46<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference in England and the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sub-Saharan Africa Service Meeting. I'm also on the Trustees International Committee. I was on a conference call one morning with this committee and one of the things that we discussed was going to these other countries and one of the trustees challenged how we were doing that. There was much loving discussion. I'm proud to report to you that the general consensus was that wherever an alcoholic needs help, we're going to do what we can to go help them. 201 stories were submitted for the Spiritual Pamphlet. We are in the process of reading them now. At first we thought it was going to be a pamphlet but so many stories that it may be a booklet. We don't know that yet. There were 43 stories submitted for the A.A. and the Armed Services pamphlet. Looking at title now. On the horizon is the discussion of changes to one of our Traditions. Tradition Eleven: it may soon be a conference agenda item - to add to "at the level of press, radio & film" to include "other media". So that's something to be mindful of. Rod closed with a presentation on "Carrying the Message to Native Americans".

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE– Joanne W.** – (not present, provided written report). Hi everyone, it truly is with great sadness that I was unable to come this w/e. I have faith that my HP has something wonderful in store for me and Area 92 for the next rotation. Many of you know that I put my house and business on the market and was planning on moving out of the area but in this economy neither has sold so that means I will not be moving and that you all are going to be stuck w/me for a little while longer. I w/be making myself available for a Standing Committee position and am looking forward to continuing to serve Area 92 to the best of my ability. I have had some wonderful learning opportunities this last rotation and have truly learned what it means to put the greater good of Area 92 before my own wishes and desires and for that I w/be forever grateful. Having a service sponsor has greatly been beneficial. This last qtr has been slow as there isn't much for the Alt Delegate to do at this point. I was able to facilitate a wonderful Sponsorship Workshop in Spokane and w/like to thank everyone who attended as you all made my day! The questions and participation by everyone way surpassed all my expectations of this workshop. I then headed that evening over to Sandpoint ID to share my story. That's always fun. Thanks Terry and Kim for the food, fun and fellowship! In Nov I have been asked to speak at an Al-Anon workshop on Sponsorship in Moses Lake and have been asked to share my story at the Walla Walla Gratitude Dinner Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. I w/be attending the Gratitude Dinner in Dist 11 on Nov 18<sup>th</sup> and any other one I can manage to get to. My life is full of many wonderful things and ways to serve and I owe it all to you. Thanks for letting me serve and allowing me to be teachable and still loving me through the rough spots. YIS, Joanne

**AREA CHAIR – JEFF S.** – Good Morning! I have put a trip report for my activities over the past quarter in your baskets. It w/take much more time than the 5 minutes allotted to tell you where I've been, who I've seen and what happened when I was there. Hopefully, you all have been reading the newsletter to check on my progress. This is the sixth w/e in a row that I have been doing AA service out of town. There were a lot of miles driven, hotels stayed at and best of all, great folks to be with. I want to say that you all have done fine jobs and I have had a great pleasure serving with you. A lot of you have done your service in an exemplary manner, following the guidelines for Committee Chairs, DCM's and GSR's. I have heard it said that I was doing a great job, but what I believe is that because you have done such a fine job, you have made me look good. I truly believe that the mark of a good leader is the great people that surround him or her. You have been that and much more. We have demonstrated unity through good and tough times. We have given the Legacy of Service a good name. I believe we have helped carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous with our service. Through our Unity and Service, we have accommodated Recovery. So you see, we have been fulfilling all three legacies. You all have helped me

**ALT. AREA CHAIR – Scott R.** – Not present

**SECRETARY – Dolores E.** – As your area secretary I also chair the Handbook Committee. We did not meet last quarter. There was only a 2 word change to the handbook as a result of a passed motion at the 2011 Spring Pre-Conference Assembly in Winthrop. Last quarter I was able to attend the PNC in Bend OR and then the Local Forum in Richland. Thank you all for the opportunity to be of service to area 92.

**TREASURER – Ty B.** – Tom and I want to thank all groups/districts for their contributions to the Area this past qtr. We received a total of \$7,407 this last qtr from groups and districts, compared to \$7,042 for the same period last year. The Alternate Treasurer will review the aforementioned amounts in more detail in his report. Total expenses for last quarter were \$7,173 which was a \$1,586 decrease over the total expenses for the third qtr of 2010. Delegate expenses were increased from the same qtr last year as expenses for PNC and PRAASA were reimbursed in addition to regular delegate report expenses. Decreases in newsletter expenses were due to timing of reimbursement for expenses and officer/chairperson lodging expenses were \$-0- as the hotel for the July quarterly was prepaid in the second qtr. Archivist expenses increased due to expenses for the National Archives Convention which Area 92 reimburses once per archivist term. We started the qtr with \$4,174 in checking and ended Sept 30 with a balance of \$4,993. Cash in checking increased \$819 during the qtr. The checking account balance includes a working prudent reserve of \$3,000 at the beginning of the qtr and \$3,300 at the end of the qtr. Should you or a group member have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tom or myself. **Motion** to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Dist 18, 2<sup>nd</sup> by dist 3. Passed

**ALTERNATE TREASURER – Tom S.** - Good Afternoon. Thank you for allowing me to continue in area service. A financial income cash flow report of group/district contributions can be found in the district mail boxes. Our UPS mail contractor re-mails your contribution to the Alternate Treasurer on a bi-weekly basis. The last mail was received and deposited on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> and is included in this report as a 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr contribution. Next mail is expected on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>. A monthly list of contributing groups is listed in the area newsletter. This report includes all monies received. IE; SEED MONIES, BIRTHDAYS, BALANCE OF EXCESS FUNDS and INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS. Receipts for group contributions are located in district mail boxes. I am pleased to report that groups in all districts have contributed during the 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr except for one district however that district made a large contribution earlier in the year. Contributions remain OFF by about 10% for the third qtr, better than the 20% reported earlier in the year. 41% of Area 92 registered groups have made contributions during the first 3 qtrs of 2011. We began 2011 down from previous years and contributions continue to be down. At the July quarterly, \$200 seed monies were provided to the PNC committee and that money was returned in the third qtr. Pre addressed mail envelopes are located in the boxes. Some groups are still mailing contributions to past area officers. Some groups are making contributions to GSO, but not to Area 92. A THANK YOU goes out to those groups using the pre-addressed envelopes. Please remember to use your Group #, Group Name and District #. Thanks again for your generous support and for making my job a pleasure.

**ARCHIVES – Mike B.** – Not present

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC) – Diana M.** – There was not too much going on in August from either the area or district which was good for me as that is the busiest time of the year as I work at a local hotel in Winthrop. August is our busiest season for tourists. On Sept 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> I attended the Local Forum in Richland. If you missed it I think you missed one of the best events I've been to in a long time. The panels were especially touching. I plan to share the CD's with my home group. District 17 hosted A CPC luncheon on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at which both Loyd and I spoke. The event was very well done and well attended by District 17. The district CPC chair has been asked to set up a booth at the next American Youth Suicide Prevention event with our literature and local contact information. The standing committee workshop in Yakima on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> was well attended. There were several people there for the first time. The Yakima districts are busy participating in community outreach programs. We discussed the contents of the CPC workbook regarding how to do workshops, luncheons and various types of postcards and letters to send to the professional regarding information about Alcoholics Anonymous. The next standing quarterly workshop will be Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lewiston, ID. If anyone is thinking about doing CPC work for the area please think about submitting your resume to the chairperson as it is a very rewarding position. I would like most of you to try it either at your district or the area level. As a service junkie I of course would like everyone to get involved and to experience the great rewards we get from service work.

**CORRECTIONS CHAIR – Mark E.** – not present

**GRAPEVINE & LITERATURE CHAIR – Fred E.** –

This has been a real pleasure. I have learned an incredible amount about our literature. I thought I knew a lot but I have learned so much since I've been in this Chair position. Asked all to go back to their districts and their groups and encourage members to subscribe to the GRAPEVINE. If we're going to keep that publication we need to support it. There are two new GV Booklets out that I just received the other day 1) Emotional Sobriety #2 and Step By Step. I want to thank Hugh for having literature here this weekend since it would have been a problem to bring literature into Canada to sell. We have new literature catalogues in the back. They are free for the taking, be sure to pick one up. Fred encouraged all to go online and look at [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) Fred encouraged members interested in GV & Literature to submit a service resume to our new area chair.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Carol N.** – Greetings Fellow Trudgers. Since the Quarterly, I have been pretty busy...First of all, there was the Local Forum, it was an amazing experience, from all the different perspectives, there was a resonant theme, if we approach each other with respect and love, our differences become so much less important than our common goal of sobriety and spiritual growth. After the Local Forum, I was thrilled to attend Oregon Area's Election Assembly. AA works well in Oregon and the love and unity was evident. This past weekend I attended Western Washington Area 72's Assembly to bring them information about the PNC similar to the display we have here. We are hoping to encourage those areas that have fallen away from the PNC to consider coming back and joining us. And now, I get to be with all of you again. The Newsletter has been plugging along, I have had some minor problems with the printer the last two months but I have confidence they and I will be back on track for the duration of my rotation. You all know the drill, if you want a flyer in the newsletter you need to get me a digital copy one month prior to the event. Looking forward to all you reports in the last few months of this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed being of service to Area 92. It has been my privilege and my honor to get to work with all of you.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION CHAIR – Loyd W.** – Loyd facilitated PI session at the Standing Committee Workshop in Sept and spoke at a CPC Luncheon in Spokane. In addition he attended a Host Committee meeting for the 2012 Pre-Conference Assembly in Spokane. He will facilitate the PI session at the December Standing Committee Workshop in Lewiston and will continue assisting with planning of the 2012 Spring Pre-Conference Assembly in Spokane. Loyd read a paragraph from the Final Conference Report from Trustees Committee on Pl. "What kind of things can you do locally?" PSA's, Press Releases, Fairs, Membership Survey, Electronically and other media. All of these things are happening in WSEA92. He encouraged all to read the Trustees report on Public Information on pages 50 & 51. Loyd reminded us all that we are not a secret society and discussed "How do we get AA's message out there and preserve anonymity."

**TRANSLATION CHAIR – DANIEL M.** – Not present

**TREATMENT CHAIR/SPECIAL NEEDS/ASSESSABILITIES CHAIR – Michael B.** – Not present. Di volunteered to give Michael's report. She is the bridging the gap coordinator for the area. Michael and she would like to do more workshops. There have been 62 bridges in our area since the last time we met.

**REGISTRAR – Joanne W.** – Hello, you may notice that you do not have any update forms in your boxes! That's because I'm not here! Anyway I w/be working on getting all the updates into the FNV this next week and sending you all updated reports. If I do not have an email for you I will send it snail mail. I have started receiving the results in from the District elections and will begin to input those changes on Dec 1. My hope is that the incoming DCM's District Committee Chairs and GSR's will have their packets by the time that they officially take office. So what do I need from you? New information of DCM's, Alt DCM's and all incoming District Committee Chairs: Full Name, address including city, state and zip code, phone and email if they have it. GSR information needed: Group name and number name of new GSR and Alt GSR, Address including city, state and zip, phone number and email if they have it. GSO should have the FVN transferred to the new Alt Delegate by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in January. I am hoping to have updated reports for the incoming DCMs, incoming treasurer, alternate treasurer and incoming Area Standing Committee Chairs at the Jan Quarterly. Before making these reports I will be able to meet with the new Alt Delegate to show them how to do them as there isn't a manual yet with the procedures. Again, thank you for letting me serve you and I miss you all this w/e.

#### **DCM REPORTS**

**District 1, Teresa S, DCM** – 24 groups in district 1, 5 represented today. Active committees are Host Committee for 2011 Oct Voting Assembly and PI/CPC. Last qtr activities included host committee meetings for Oct assembly, district inventory and nominations for upcoming November elections. Planned activities are the election of new officers and follow up on district inventory. Concerns & solutions: continuing to generate interest & enthusiasm for service. Next district meeting w/be at the Tralano club on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm.

**District 2, Larry Winner, Alt DCM** – 28 groups in district 2, 1 represented here today. Active positions are DCM, Alt DCM, Secretary and Treasurer. Last qtr activities were annual August picnic and in collaboration with the other 3 Spokane districts; a Delegate Report, Sponsorship Workshop and Traditions Workshop. Planned activities: Election of officers for the next rotation. Concerns & solutions: Unfilled service positions, low turnout at monthly district meetings and intergroup meetings. Next district meeting w/be at the Alano Club on Oct 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm.

**District 3, Margarita DCM** – 25 groups in district 3, 3 represented today. Active standing committees are Corrections (Clay) and Treatment (Rex). Last qtr activities were a Traditions Workshop facilitated by Past Delegate Rod hosted by districts 2, 3, 13 and 17, a Sponsorship Workshop facilitated by Joanne, Alt Delegate (great turnout- 60 people) and the traveling meeting (went to Wilbur & Ritzville). Planned activities: Continuing Traveling meeting (looking at meetings in town since winter is coming) Back to Basics on 11/2 and Minihaha 12/12. Election of service positions for the next rotation. One of the groups (Thurs Night Men's group) has asked that I attend and talk to the group about Service work beyond the Home group (this is a great opportunity for me). Gratitude Banquet 11/12 and Alkathons 12/24 – 12/25 and 12/31 – 1/1/12. Concerns and solutions: Positions are getting filled, looks like that is taking care of itself. Getting people to attend Assemblies and Quarterlies..when announcing the positions make sure they know it is more than one meeting a month. Next district meeting w/be at the Corbin Senior Center on Nov 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:45pm.

**District 4, Shirley F, DCM** – 20 groups in district 4, 3 represented today. Active standing committees are CPC/PI (Joseph A), Treatment (Robin), Special Events (Kasey M), Archives (Bob S), Corrections (Frank T) and Special Needs (John). Last qtr activities included the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic, Pignic (9/11), Service workshop (10/1), Up for Sobriety Picnic, chapter 5 Speaker/Potluck meeting, facilitated group inventory and Local forum (Sept 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>). Planned Activities: Gratitude Banquet on Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, Halloween Party on Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, Alkathon @ Alano Club Dec 31<sup>st</sup> and Potluck/speaker in W. Richland on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. Concerns & solutions: I believe we all struggle with apathy, the solution is to just keep reporting the positive of service work and leave the negative behind. Next district meeting w/be at the Quinault Baptist Church in Kennewick on Nov 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10:45 am.

**District 5, Paula H, Alt DCM** – 12 groups in district 5, 4 represented today. Active standing committees are Corrections, Archives, Newsletter, Treatment and answering Service. Last qtr we added a new speaker meeting (gives us 2 locations/1per month, we hosted the Standing Committee Workshop, held district elections and working on a group inventory. Planned Activities: Gratitude Banquet on 11/19, Birthday Potlucks the last Sat of the month and cakes and coins the last Sunday of the month. Concerns & solutions: Not moving district funds up to area and GSO. Have voted as a district to move money on more quickly and at a higher %. Need to fill CPC and Grapevine & Lit Chair positions. Next district meeting w/be at the Episcopal Church in Cashmere on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm.

**District 6, Michael S., DCM** – 19 groups in district 6, 3 represented today. Last qtr activities: Hosted area 92 Standing Committee Workshop with district 20 on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> with a good turnout. Had our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual open house & BBQ for Central WA Central Office on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Completed District 6 Handbook for final approval at Oct 20<sup>th</sup> district meeting. Planned activities: District elections to be held on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. Service workshop planning committee will begin meeting in November for 2012 events. Concerns & solution: Continue to visit AA groups on their anniversary with Birthday Cards signed by GSR's and officers. Communicate with standing committees to encourage them to send reps to our district meetings. Next district meeting w/be at Central WA Central Office on Oct 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm.

**District 7, Fern W., DCM** – 27 groups in district, 14 active groups and 7 represented today. Active standing committees are Corrections (Jerry N.), Newsletter (Susie B), PI & CPC (Annie O), and Archives (Carol W.) Treatment, Accessibility & Special Needs (vacant) and Grapevine & Literature (vacant). Last qtr activities: District Inventory was poorly attended – 2 major items to work on 1) Treatment Accessibility Special Needs committee has been sorely neglected for at least a decade. The district committee must see that this important service committee is active and 2) Ongoing sponsorship education effort. While district has many folks to volunteer as sponsors – many of those sponsors do not take sponsees through the Traditions and talk about the rewards of general service. We have elected new DCM, Alt DCM & Treasurer – incoming secretary has already resigned. Planned activities: GSR School, on November 12<sup>th</sup> in Lewiston ID. We invite the area to attend and all incoming GSR's and Alt GSR's of district 7 with their sponsors to the event. It will be followed by a potluck lunch and the district meeting. Area 92 Standing Committee Workshop, Saturday, Dec 3, 2011, 10am to 3pm @ United Methodist Church @ 1906 Broadview Dr, Lewiston. Potluck lunch will be at noon. Concerns & solutions: Responsibility is an ongoing issue. We hope that the GSR School and ongoing sponsor education effort will address the lack of responsibility in district trusted servants. District meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month at 1:30 pm at rotating locations

**District 8, Earl B, Alt DCM** – 37 groups in district 8 (over 100 meetings each wk), 3 represented today. Active standing committees are PI/CPC, Archives, Corrections, Treatment, Activities, and Newsletter & Literature. Last qtr activities: PI/CPC committee has been very active – sponsored luncheon with MD's and have placed Big Books in High School libraries and several churches. Treatment has excellent participation and we have provided GV subscriptions to Kootenai County Jail. We are planning our Gratitude Banquet on Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. Concerns & solutions: Need to increase contributions from groups. Need to try to involve more groups. Next district meeting w/be at the Church of the Nazarene on 4<sup>th</sup> St & Kathleen on Nov 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

**District 9, LaVon K.** - not present

**District 10, Rod H., Alt DCM** – 16 groups in district 16, 4 represented today. Active standing committees are PI/CPC, Literature and Handbook. DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Secretary, Alt Treasurer, Newsletter, Schedules, Webmaster, and CWCO. Last qtr activities: BBQ Baseball Game, Cle Elum Picnic/Speaker Meeting and district elections (DCM – Rod H, Alt DCM – Ty B, Treasurer – Duane M, Secretary – Sally E). Planned activities: Gratitude Banquet, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, Jeff w/be our speaker. October 2012 Assembly Planning Committee and "Take a Professional to Lunch" on Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. Concern is lack of participation in events. Next district meeting w/be at CWU, Student Union Bldg on Nov 20<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm.

**District 11, Joshua Lewis – acting DCM** - 11 groups in district 11, 1 represented today. Last qtr activities: We've been working on a District Handbook with the help of Joann and to fill the DCM spot. Handbooks are finished and we had elections this month and we now have a DCM who will start in the 2012 rotation. Planned activities: Get flyers & other information packages together for the home groups and take them out to them and personally invite people to the next district meeting. Mt. Adams group in Toppenish is going to put on their Gratitude Banquet again on Nov 18<sup>th</sup>. They are putting together flyers and will get them out to us. Concerns & solutions: the only concern home groups had in district 11 was me so they voted me in as DCM for the next rotation. We thank everyone who has given us a hand. We've enjoyed the experience so thank you again. Next district meeting w/be at Mt Adams Group on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm.

**District 12, Tony P, Acting DCM** – 22 groups in district 12, 7 represented today. Active standing committees are CPC, PI, GV&Lit, Corrections, Treatment and Archives. Last qtr we held monthly district meetings and a combined district meeting and picnic at the Okanogan Park & Swimming Pool. Planned activities: Annual Methow Valley Gratitude Banquet on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> @ United Methodist Church, Okanogan Valley Winter Round-up annual Christmas Party and a Concepts Workshop to be held sometime in Feb. Concerns & solutions: Finances. We established an ad-hoc committee to investigate the feasibility and affordability of establishing a 24/7 A.A hotline. Next district meeting will be on Nov 5 just prior to the Gratitude Banquet, where we will hold our district elections.

**District 13, Angela G, DCM** – not present

**District 14, Terry O., DCM** – 21 groups in district 14, 1 represented today. Active standing committees are toll free phone service, schedules, Literature, Archives, treatment & Corrections, Activities, PI/CPC and Activities. Last qtr activities: We held our election for the next rotation. We did not use any ballots as we did not have more than one candidate for any position. We elected our next DCM (Bonnie) who is here today. We elected a Secretary, Treasurer, Phone Service, Literature, Activities & PI/CPC chairs. We currently have opening for Alt DCM and Treatment/Corrections. We are planning a Halloween Party & Dance for Oct 29<sup>th</sup> in Sandpoint. Concerns & solutions: Participation in our district has become centered in one city. At our last business meeting we voted to begin a rotation of the business meetings among four cities. A few years ago we did away with our district guidelines. Using only the service manual we have been talking about possibly reinstating our old guidelines, rewriting them or writing new ones. Next district meet w/be on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> in Troy MT, Time TBD.

**District 15, Gary G., DCM** – not present. Sent Jeff a text that he was turned back at the border.

**District 16, Eduardo, DCM** – not present

**District 17, Ron R., DCM** – 16 groups in district 17, 3 represented today. Active standing committees are CPC/PI, Treatment and Archives. Last qtr activities: Jonathan spoke at a treatment facility, Sponsorship Workshop (Sandy R), Traditions Workshop (Sandy R), CPC Luncheon (Sandy R), Hospitality Chair for Legal Forum (Sandy R) and attendance at Standing Committee Workshop (Sandy R). Planned activities: Host Committee for Pre-Conference Assembly, conduct inventory and giving baskets for the Gratitude Banquet. Concerns & solutions: Solution – Chairs we have been able to fill for the next rotation are sitting in on meetings so when they have to give reports in Jan, they will know what is going on. Next district meeting w/be at the Corbin Sr. Ctr on 11/14 @ 6pm.

**District 18, Virginia B. – newly elected DCM** – 6 groups in district 18, 1 represented today. Three active standing committees are Phones, Literature and PI/CPC. Last qtr activities: Labor Day Campout (A.A. 101), Twisted Sisters Campfire Potluck Speaker Meeting, district meeting on 9/11, held district elections (DCM-Virginia B, Alt DCM – Mike P., Secretary – Danika H., Treasurer – Bob R). Planned activities: Halloween Potluck Speaker Meeting 10/29, Pig Roast Planning Mtg Oct 29<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm, Lyp Sync in Feb, Chicken Drop in Mar, Pig Roast in May, and Men's Campout Feb 10-12. We continue to emphasize service. Hermiston Oyster Feed on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. Concerns & solutions: Lapse in district meeting after May motion to meet quarterly failed. Held meeting Sept 11<sup>th</sup> and had GSR's go to home groups and ask what home groups wanted to do: 1) remain a district? 2) combine with district 9 or 3) Become just a collection of meeting with no voice. This led to electing new officers for 2012-13 at Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> business meeting. Plan to take office immediately. Be responsible to educate sponsee's about service. Next district meeting w/be at Waitsburg Presbyterian Church on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:45pm

**District 19, Bobbi J., DCM** – not present. Kitty (member) announced Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Unity Gratitude Dinner, Speakers are Jamie & Tom. Al-Anon is also have their banquet w/Magdalena as speaker.

**District 20, Keith, Alt DCM** – 13 groups in district 20, 0 represented today. Active standing committees are Corrections, Treatment/Special Needs, Literature, PI/CPC and Archives. Last qtr activities: Regularly attended home groups meetings & G.C. Attended several other meetings. We hosted the Standing Committee Workshop with district 6 on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> in Yakima. I attended the Local Forum in Richland and the July Quarterly in Wenatchee. Planned activities: Will be holding elections on Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. Will co-chair the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Service Workshop. There w/be a planning committee with district 6 on Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at CWCO. Concerns & solutions: Increasing interest and participation for district 20 and standing committees if elected DCM will be attending more group consciences plus starting a month DCM report.

**District 21, Gabriela, DCM** – not present

**District 22 – Keith W., Acting DCM** – 17 groups and 2 meetings in district 22, 4 represented today. Active standing committees are PI/CPC, Corrections/Treatment/Special needs, Grapevine & Literature, District Web Committee and Host Committee. Last qtr we held a Service Workshop and a Delegate Report and we held our district elections for the next rotation. We send speakers to Treatment Facilities and we take meetings into the 2 county jails. Planned activities: Work on the next Workshop (4<sup>th</sup> Qtr Workshop), updating District Guidelines to reflect changes during the current rotation. We are preparing for the July Quarterly. Concerns & solutions: Having problems filling all the committee chair positions and are continuing to take this back to the groups. District minutes for the year 201 are incomplete. We have elected a responsible individual to serve as our Secretary and we are considering an Alternate Secretary. Next district meeting w/be Nov 9<sup>th</sup> @ Gritman Medical Center @ 4pm.

**District 23, Janine H., DCM** – 13 groups in district 23, 4 represented today. Archives is only active standing committee. Last qtr activities: Birthday Potlucks the last Sat of every month. We held a Family Fun Day the last Sat of Aug. Hosted a Delegate Report, campouts, hikes, picnics and swim party. We utilized the Pink Can and raised enough to purchase 1 case of Big Books for Walla Walla. Planned activities: Birthday Potlucks w/continue the last Sat of each month, district elections and a New Year's Eve gathering. Concerns & solutions: We current have no secretary and hope to have one for the next rotation. Next district meeting w/be at the Apple Cup Restaurant on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> @ noon.

**District 24 – Mario C., DCM** – not present

**District 25 – Saul G., DCM**, not present

**WEB TEAM, Mark T.,** Announced that 10 yrs ago in Nelson BC that we actually voted to have a website, so this is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that. Showcased the web site that is currently being worked on but is not yet complete. He is hoping to have it live within the next month or two.

**HOST COMMITTEE REPORT – Teresa** - thanks to everyone who was able to be here this w/e. It wouldn't be the same w/o you. Thank you to those of you who paid in CDN \$. We have 100 people registered, 10 Area Officers, 19 DCM's, 44 GSR's & 23 other. We received \$1,000 seed money from the area & that money has been returned. Hosting this Assembly has run into the red. District 1 anticipated a shortfall & prepared for this all along. We knew #'s w/be low as we didn't want cost to be prohibitive for anyone who wanted to attend. District 1 hopes you have enjoyed your visit & we thank you for supporting our bid to host this Oct 2011 Voting Assembly.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – Tom S,** First I want to address something. This is an area 92 function and we don't expect the hosting district to go into the red. In the past we've passed the can to make up the difference. Tom asked Teresa, how much is the shortfall? She replied approx 2k. Teresa explained that district 1 expected the shortfall and prepared for it. Jeff asked Ty (current treasurer) to review funds available should we entertain a motion to reimburse directly from the area funds. Ty indicated the area could return the seed money and there is enough money in the account to cover the remaining shortfall. A

donation can was passed. Tom proceeded w/his Finance Committee Report. Thank you for allowing me to serve and I want to congratulate all those newly elected to serve. We've been talking in the finance committee for awhile about having an icon on the website that will allow online group contributions. That is not currently part of the new website design. The incoming finance committee will be tasked with the responsibility to develop a proposal and a cost associated with the webmaster for this. Prudent Reserve: There is no actual prudent reserve. That money does not exist. It is a calculation only. We have a working reserve and right now we pretty much use all of it. There is no other money banked anywhere. We are also tasking the incoming finance committee to pursue doing away with the prudent reserve calculation. We want to do that on or by the January quarterly. I will assist in that. The treasurer and alt treasurer met with district 8 and let them know their duties and reviewed finance information with them. As a result, contributions have increased from district 8. Ty and Tom would like to meet with other districts and do the same. 2012 budget will be co-produced by the outgoing treasurer and incoming treasurer and reported at the January quarterly. The finance committee also discussed seed money. History: When we switched to 2 assemblies a year, for some reason we started sending seed money from one assembly to the other instead of a 12 month period. Six months in not adequate time for a host committee to find a facility and so the finance committee has decided we will move that back to a 12 month period.

**JANUARY QUARTERLY 2012** – District 16 – no report. Jeff indicated he would follow up with Eduardo on Monday.

**APRIL PRE-CONF. ASSEMBLY 2012** – Sandy R. Chair of Host Committee. Flyers are here. Found a facility. Were able to secure w/her word but we are so glad to get the seed money. Spokane Epicenter.

**JULY QUARTERLY 2012** – District 22, Keith, Host Committee Chair. We are in the early stages of preparation. We are in the process of finalizing the Host Facilities and Housing which will be the Best Western, University Inn in Moscow ID. Also most of the sub-committee chairs have been filled and committee members have been given a copy of the Area Guidelines "How to Host an Area Assembly or Quarterly". Our next host Committee meeting will be Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> in which we will review the timeline and sub-committee responsibilities. All in all, our progress is following the timeline very closely.

**OCTOBER ASSEMBLY 2012** – Di – secured place. We have delegated duties out to different groups in our districts. We are waiting on Confirmation of our speaker. We will get flyers out once we have info finalized.

**APRIL PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2013** Fern – committee chair is in place but no committee yet. Have not secured a sight yet but working on it.

**LOCAL FORUM FINAL REPORT** – **Jamie S.** reported Local Forum took place Sept 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> in Richland. We had a wonderful facility and a great turnout. Panels were marvelous. If you did not have an opportunity to attend, there are recordings of panel discussions and speakers available. Panel topics were Spirituality, Hispanic Women, Native American, Special Needs and Gay & Lesbian. Goal is to reach out to populations that we don't reach very well. Thank you to all who attended. Dave M is working on a final report that will include a financial report.

**PNC 2012** – June 22 – 24<sup>th</sup> in Walla Walla Senior Center – Fern gave the report. Registration w/be \$15, great prices on meals, we have a host hotel and we have flyers here. Copy of a letter from Bill W written to an A.A. member in Portland OR about why conferences are a good thing. There is a little mistake in there, check it out and see if you can find the little mistake. There w/be a PNC meeting tonight after this meeting. Invitation to all to attend.

#### **ANY CENTRAL OFFICE REPORTS**

Terry, Mgr Central Office in Yakima. Central Office represents districts 6, 20 & 11. Recently sponsored a 4<sup>th</sup> Step Workshop. Oct 1<sup>st</sup> had a barbeque and open house. We also had a desert competition. As well as district meetings we also now have group meetings in the Central Office.

#### **OLD BUSINESS – NONE**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

BID FOR OCT ASSEMBLY 2013 DISTRICT 3 IN SPOKANE – AWARDED TO DISTRICT 3 – NO OTHER DISTRICTS VOLUNTEERED.

**DRAWING** – **Jamie S.** Three books. 1) As Bill Sees It, signed by members of the 2011 General Service Conference 2) GV Book, Emotional Sobriety and 3) GV Book, Step By Step

**ANNOUNCEMENT** – **Ty, Area Treasurer** – Re: Assembly shortfall. The area is committed to paying its own bills. We passed the can and collected \$765 and the area had added a check for \$1,153.95 and that has gone back to district 1 to cover expenses.

#### **FLOOR MOTION**

Maker of the motion is Mark T., Web Master

b. ii- The Website will not link to web sites not sponsored by bona fide A.A. service entities. (currently reads).

**Move to amend the above website guideline to the following:**

**The Website will not link to web sites not sponsored by bona fide A.A. service entities except where we are providing Google maps/directions, and Calendar on the Events Calendar meeting pages.**

Background:

When these guidelines were written 10 years ago, online tools such as Google maps were not available. Now that these valuable tools are freely available, we would like to use them for the benefit of the fellowship. It should be noted as well that other Area websites have been using this feature. 2<sup>nd</sup> by District 3. Discussion followed. Jerry called for the question, 2<sup>nd</sup> by district 12. Motion passed.

No minority opinion. Motion w/take effect at the end of this assembly.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted: Dolores Edelman, WSEA 92 Secretary