

**APRIL 2009 PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY**  
**WINTHROP, WA**  
**April 3-5, 2009**

Jamie opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Motion to record the proceedings carried.

The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read in English and Spanish.

The minutes from the October 2008 Assembly were accepted with the following correction: Verbal background given by Jamie to Motion #1 regarding the \$818 spent for tax attorney advice was not included. Also, Dave Mc. was nominated as Trustee at Large nominee rather than Trustee at Large.

Jamie asked for a group conscience to omit oral DCM reports in order to make time for the Pre-Conference Agenda discussion. The body agreed with this. Oral reports can be submitted by DCM's if there isn't time to give them orally.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Delegate-Rad M.:** Fellow WSEA 92 Members, since our last meeting at the Assembly in Spokane, November was relatively quiet – Thankfully, as my work load increased. But in December service heated up again and I was able to visit many of our Districts before the end of the year.

**News from GSO**

- As of 1/1/9 Phyllis Halliday officially GM at GSO – see 2008 Box 459 Holiday issue
  - Dave's application for TAL was accepted and the 2009 GSC will be voting
  - In 2008 GSO welcomed 1,291 visitors
  - There has been (2) meetings of the GSO Board and (4) meetings of the AAWS Board
- Here are the financials for 2008

GSO (\$ in millions)

Gross profit for literature - \$6.9  
Contributions - \$6.4 – 1.4% down  
Total revenue - \$13.4 – also 1.4% down  
Total expenses - \$13.7 – 9% up  
Net loss - \$305k

Grapevine (\$ in millions)

Gross profit - \$1.7 - up  
Total expenses - \$1.9 – up  
Net loss - \$95k

La Vina (\$ in thousands)

Gross profit - \$121  
Net loss - \$76

- The 20<sup>th</sup> World Service Meeting was held in New York 10/26-10/30  
Theme: Service-Gratitude in Action  
WS Delegates from 36 countries and regions were represented  
21st World Service Meeting - Mexico City, October 17-21, 2010  
Theme - Sponsorship: Our Responsibility  
See 2008 Box 459 Holiday issue
- FAQ sheet is now available for the 2010 13<sup>th</sup> International Convention celebrating AA's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Sad news – General Service Trustee and AAWS Director John Skilton did not recover from a heart attack that he suffered several days ago and is no longer with us.

**Area News**

- It was gratifying to see the new enthusiasm for service at the January Quarterly in Wenatchee.

- Received Final Conference Agenda 2/15  
950 pages with over 60 Agenda Items
- Agenda Selection 2/20 at Dave's house in Spokane  
Gene Davis – Panel 52  
Mike McMurtrie – Panel 54  
Dave McCallum – Panel 56  
Jamie Shropshire Area Chair sitting in for Mauro who sent his selections by email
- Agenda Review Spokane 2/21 at Alano Club
- Agenda Workshops were held in:  
Spokane - 2/22  
Richland – 2/28  
Cashmere – 3/15  
Grandview – 2/29
- PRAASA - 3/6-3/8 Oakland CA  
Ginger  
Brenda from the “There is a Solution” Group in Kennewick District 4  
Jeff - Sharing Our AA History” Saturday morning “Changing our Perceptions” panel  
Good to meet fellow PR Delegates  
Mostly prep for GSC for Panel 59 Delegates  
2010 will be in LA CA at the Radisson Hotel/LAX
- Combined Committee Quarterly 3/21 Lewiston ID  
Best turnout I've witnessed in a long time.

**Alt. Delegate-Mauro P.:** Thank you to everybody for the get well cards and kind words the last few months. In the month of March, I spent some time with our Delegate, Rad M., working on organizing the Conference Agenda Items Workshop for the Hispanic Districts 16, 21 and 24. The Workshop was hosted by District 16 in Grandview, WA on March 29. Unfortunately, I could not attend the workshop, but made sure that the Hispanic Districts got the background materials in Spanish. From what I understand, the workshop was a success. Thanks to Rad and Virginia R. from District 16 who provided the translation. I also accompanied Rad to District 24's annual Concepts Workshop in Pasco on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March in celebration of their anniversary.

**Chair-Jamie S.:** Thanks to everyone who worked on the Assembly. What a great Assembly and a great location. During the last few months, I attended the Standing Committee meeting at Lewiston. There were over fifty people there and everyone took part in making it a huge success. I think that the two hours spent at Quarterlies contributed to the attendance and interest at the Standing Committee meeting. Don't forget about PNC and get your registrations in early. Also, if anyone is interested in helping with the local forum committee that is putting together a bid for September 2011, please see me, Wynter, Amy or Dave Mc.

**Alt. Chair-Joanne W.:** My name is Joanne and I am your alcoholic Alt Chair. My home group is the Grassroots Group in District 5. This quarter has been a very busy time for me, in my personal life, AA life and with work. Sometimes I wonder if there is such a thing as balance. If there is I sure haven't found it. So as my sponsor has taught me I am putting one foot in front of the other and doing the next thing in front of me. I have been getting to spend a lot of my time in Yakima and visiting meetings there. I always thought that Yakima was a Wenatchee size town. Obviously I never got off of the freeway. LOL I attended the Yakima Valley Round-up for the first time and had a ball. It was great seeing friends that I haven't seen for a while and meeting new friends too. I was also blessed to be able to attend Pockets in Spokane, always one of my favorites. I had a great time with friends even though Robert forgot to tell us that he had canceled the reservations at the Black Angus and were eating in the hotel restaurant.

So my activities for this last quarter were: In January Rad and I drove up to Colville for the Home Group Workshop. What a great road trip that was. It had been a while since Rad and I have gotten to travel together and we had great fellowship and food. Thanks Colville. In February I traveled to Spokane and Coeur d'Alene to tour the facilities for the July 2009 Quarterly and Oct 2009 Assembly, I also got to drive out to Sandpoint to tour the Fairgrounds for the Oct 2010 Assembly and then to Yakima for the Yakima Valley Round-up. The following weekend I went to Tri-Cities for the Pre-Conference workshop and then on March 1st the girls and I got together to go to Yakima to watch Brad Paisley and Deirks Bentley in the Sundome. Slow month in March. I made it to Pockets in Spokane. I also got to give out a 30 day and 90 day coin to two of the gals that I sponsor at the Birthday Potluck. That is the best part of AA. Seeing others grow into what their higher power already knows that they can be. Upcoming events: Not much on the horizon yet. I will be attending the Steps workshop in Yakima on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. I am hoping to get together with the April 2010 Assembly Committee and tour their facility as well at the Oct 2010 Assembly and look at their new location in Bonners Ferry. I have also finished the "How to Host an Assembly/Quarterly packet" and there should be a copy in your boxes over there. As of yet it hasn't been translated into Spanish, but I have gotten it to Paul and am looking forward to being able to get copies to our three Hispanic districts. Please see Paul if you would like to help with that.

**Secretary-Nancy T.:** Hi Everybody, Nancy here, your alcoholic secretary, very grateful to be here with you all again, and especially in such a beautiful setting. Thank you District 12 for all your planning and organizing to get us here today. Great job! This past quarter, other than the usual of finalizing the minutes from the October Assembly and mailing them out with the pending motions to the DCM's, I participated in both the planning session and the Pre-Conference Assembly Workshop in Spokane in February. I filled in for the District 7 secretary at the District meeting last month as well and took the minutes for her. I am planning to head up to Tri-Cities next month with a few others from our District for the Roundup. It will be my first Roundup in my 8 years of sobriety, and if everything I have heard about them is even half true, it will be an awesome experience. I'm looking forward to it. And then we also had a short Handbook Committee meeting last month before the Workshop in Spokane. Just the usual housekeeping matters to remind you about. First of all, PLEASE make sure you turn in your reports. They are extremely helpful to me when preparing the minutes. If you have them electronically, you get bonus points. But please turn them in after you give your report. Don't worry if you forget, I'm not too shy to track you down later! Also, if you have any floor motions, they must be submitted by noon today. There's a box up here in front for both reports and floor motions. If you need to purchase a handbook, they are available for \$6.25, and if you just need the update pages, you can buy those for \$1.25. Just see Byron, and he'll be able to help you with that.

My expenses this past month were \$26.91 for postage, \$30.67 for copies and \$5.60 for printing. My mileage for this weekend is 580 miles round trip. Thank you all for allowing me to be of service. It is what keeps me sober one day at a time.

**Treasurer-Diana M.:** IRS received our 501(c) application as well as the check for \$750 for the one-time fee for filing. Diana read the letter we received acknowledging this. As soon as we hear the final word, she will get that information to us. Diana reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the first quarter of 2009. (see report) Inflows are a little better than last year, but the expenses are up a little. Diana discussed the \$300 bank credit that shows up on our account in error, and will remain there until Washington Mutual does their audit to find the error. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made and carried.

**Alt. Treasurer-Byron S.:** I've passed out the group donation reports and receipts for the first quarter of 2009, as well as self-addressed envelopes for contributions. If you do not have enough copies of the reports for your district, check some of the other tables after the quarterly for additional copies. If you have any questions regarding your receipts, please come see me. If you don't see your group's donations, let me know. Please note that the inside of the envelope flap there is a label for your group

name, district number and group number. These help me to account for the correct placement of your contributions to the Area, and any information will help in the groups receiving their receipts. If you don't know your group number or do not have one, it's okay. But please do try to include the group name and district number. Thank you! Please see the Alt. Treasurer's Report for a detailed breakdown of group donations for the first quarter of 2009.

**Archives-Mike B.:** Good morning everyone. I'm Mike, grateful recovering alcoholic. I have the privilege to be your Area 92 Archivist. On March 21<sup>st</sup>, District 7 hosted the Combined Quarterly held in Lewiston. What a fantastic meeting. The turnout was great. Archives had about 12 in attendance. We all got an extra bonus by being able to view the District 7 Archives at their repository in downtown Lewiston. Carol S., District 7 Archivist hosted the Archives portion of the meeting at the repository, and afterwards, members viewed the Archives. I would like to thank District 7 and especially Carol for a wonderful Combined Quarterly. I recently received a request from Rad for some information regarding our transition from Area 72. We have all this information, it just needs to be organized a little better so I have been working on it so Rad will have the info he needs by the time he goes to New York. It needs to be put in chronological order and separated into categories such as Committee Reports, Delegate Reports, GSO Reports, and other correspondence. This is one of the reasons the Archives is so important at all levels of AA. Without preserving the history of this great program, how would we know where we came from? I know that a lot of you save items pertaining to AA and they usually end up in a box in your basement or garage never to be seen again. Why not donate it to the Archives where it can be preserved for future members to see and appreciate? Speaking of donations, I just received a very special donation to our Archives. It is a handwritten letter from Clarence Snyder, an early AA member who was involved with helping to write the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of the Big Book. He also had his story published in the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition and it was later reprinted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Editions under the title "Home Brewmeister". I have this on display in the Archives and I hope you will drop by and see it along with the rest of our Archive display. Two other items of importance to the upkeep of our Archives have also been donated to us. Rad, our current Delegate has donated a computer system that is being used right now to convert our cassettes to CD's. Dave D., a Steering Committee Member and District 6 Archivist from Yakima, has volunteered to do this little chore. Most recently, Gene D., Past Delegate from Area 92, donated a copy machine to us. This will also be a very useful item in our Archives. So as you can see, we are becoming larger and more streamlined day by day. Now all we need is a Repository large enough to contain everything and be able to work out of it. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, I will be holding an Archives Steering Committee meeting at the Repository in Pullman. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, we will have a Workday at the Repository to complete filing cassette tapes and start filing some of our correspondence and other documents. So if you are interested in doing some service work and have the time, please join us for a day of interesting (and I mean interesting) work. Well, that's all I have for now. Thanks for letting me be of service.

**Public Information-Rikki M.:** Had a wonderful turnout at the Lewiston Combined Quarterly. I really thank you for coming. We went over a few things, but mostly on how to do a PI/CPC presentation or presentations at a health fair or function. Folks who are currently doing those shared with everyone how they brought forth their information. Tom S. and his district hosted the event, and we thank you immensely for doing that. Our Standing Committee Chairs met last night, and all of us would like to hear from the DCM's and GSR's and your Standing Committees on what areas you need help in most or would like to see more information on so we can base our next Quarterly meeting around those items for you, which will take place within the July Quarterly in Spokane on July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. We are also planning our September 19 Combined Quarterly, which we just confirmed will be in Walla Walla. We will have flyers out in time for the July Quarterly, and if done before, they will be on the website for Area 92. If you are a PI/CPC Chair for your district and did not get a packet at the January Quarterly, please see me so I can get you one. We are also continuing the placement of Big Books and 12x12's in schools and public libraries, as well as literature in doctor's offices, motels, laundromats, etc. If you are

also doing this and are short on literature, come see either Michelle or myself and we may be able to help you out with some of that. Also, if anyone is interested in a workshop for their districts in PI or CPC, Michelle and I would be more than happy to come to you. Please see us during a break if we can help you.

**CPC-Michelle C.:** The first thing I would like to say is a great big thank you to Tom S. for standing in for me when I was ill in January, and doing such a fine job at that. I was thrilled to hear that the committee meetings were so well attended and lively at the Quarterly and am looking forward to the July Quarterly. I attended the Standing Committee Quarterly in Lewiston on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Once again, Tom S. and District 7 did a fabulous job. I enjoyed the meet & greet, and found the panel presentation they did to be both informative and filled with wonderful ideas. I was once again delighted with the turnout to the combined PI & CPC Meeting and the dynamic discussion among all 16 who attended. We shared on how to put on a 'take a professional to lunch' presentation and the idea behind it, and other ways to carry the message to professionals. And after all that, I had the pleasure of touring the District 7 Archives. They have done a fine job of preserving and displaying their archival collection and I thank them for inviting us to visit and share in their history. This year there are several items on the General Service Conference Agenda for CPC. Along with the yearly review of the CPC kit & workbook they are;

- 1) Consider the draft Video Segments Directed to Professionals in the Employment/Human Relations Field and
- 2) Discuss specific possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in C.P.C. endeavors. (This is also a PI Agenda item) I thought this last item was interesting as part of the discussion at the January Quarterly CPC meeting included how Committees in our area were using the Grapevine in their PI/CPC work by purchasing subscriptions for hospitals/clinics and purchasing 50 packs for members to drop off in waiting rooms.

The latest report from the Trustees Committee on CPC/Treatment Facilities indicates that the committee considered the suggestion to discontinue the practice of showing full faces of anyone portraying an AA member in Conference Approved video projects. They requested that the staff secretaries on all the service committees collect sharing from the fellowship on this topic and bring this sharing to its August 2 CPC meeting. I would be interested to hear your input and forward it to the CPC Secretary at GSO. They will also be reviewing a draft of a one page informational service piece being developed to be used when cooperating with drug (alcohol) court professionals at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Lastly, they considered and approved the suggestion to include the A.A. Fact File in the CPC Kit and its list of contents. I received a request from a PI/CPC District Chair who needed Big Books to place in Schools. I was happy to oblige and want you to know if your district committee needs literature please let me know. While I don't feel it's necessary for me to keep large quantities of literature on hand I will be happy to order it for you from our Literature Chair.

I just want to I share 7 years of sobriety with you on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Serving you has helped me to stay out of my own way and therefore kept me sober. So I want to thank you for my sobriety and the privilege of serving you.

**Corrections-Scott R.:** I have completed the Corrections meeting list which I will submit to the Area Secretary. As of this count Area 92 has 19 county jail meetings, 20 meetings being brought into area prisons. I have been trying to fulfill the requests for literature and have spoken to districts about home groups being responsible for a certain facility. I have found the Area Quarterlies and the Combined Quarterlies to be helpful in carrying the message.

**Treatment-Michael B.:** I'm Michael B., currently serving you as your Area 92 Treatment Chair. I can be reached at (509) 945-4397 or [duckmb1@localmet.com](mailto:duckmb1@localmet.com) or [duckmb1@yahoo.com](mailto:duckmb1@yahoo.com). I attended the Standing Committee Quarterly on 3/21 in Lewiston. I met with Districts 7 and 9 who requested presentations at future District meetings. The dates to be set later. Please visit [area92aa.org](http://area92aa.org). Go to

Area 92 information, then go to left side, Standing Committees, then to Treatment. You can download forms, thanks to Stan. We will soon be adding more information to your District Treatment Committees. I'd like to do workshops with as many combined districts as possible. At the last Quarterly in Wenatchee, Treatment was asked to present the panel training, and I'd like to invite all interested members to attend the Standing Committees at the Quarterly. Jamie says no charge if the Standing Committee is the only event you attend.

**Grapevine and Literature-Richard M.:** Grapevine Magazine is asking the Fellowship what the Grapevine Magazine means to us in one or two or three words, "Grapevine is..." I have flyers on this contest at the Literature booth. Also, remember the price of the Grapevine Magazine is going up in July from \$20 to \$27. Last year, the Grapevine financial report as of December 31, 2008 was behind budget by \$97,870. If we divided that amount by 93 Areas, it would reduce this budget shortfall to 53 subscriptions per Area. As our Fellowship has always taken care of our part, I hope Area 92 can help do our part. The literature has a great deal on the Experience, Strength and Hope book for \$5. This book has all the past stories from the Big Book issues of the First, Second and Third editions. Great stories. Great book. Great price. All the DCM's that have gotten their packages of free literature, please look through them and see what item your district would like and call me so we can order them for you. I'm always available to travel to your districts to help share what Grapevine/Literature is and what we have that can help your district. GSO gave our Area some foreign language Big Books at the Forum last summer, which we have on display at the Assembly. There were some duplicates, so we will be giving the copies to the Archives. Yours in Service, Richard M.

**Translation-Mike Mc.:** Standing in for Paul, who couldn't be here today due to his work schedule. There has been no requests for Translation equipment from the districts. Paul will be available, as well as the equipment whenever it is needed. Thanks to Mauro for stepping in this morning and interpreting for us.

**Newsletter-John S.:** Thanks to everyone involved in hosting this Assembly. He appreciates all the support from everyone who sends in reports for the Newsletter. He will offer assistance to any district who puts out a newsletter with questions or concerns they may have about what he does. It's not too late to start thinking about if you're interested in stepping up to be of service in the next rotation.

#### **BREAK-15 MINUTES**

Mike Mc. requests for someone to make themselves available to interpret today's proceedings, even if you can just fill in for a one-hour time slot.

**Registrar-Mauro P.:** Has been working on the Fellowship New Vision Database. There seems to be a lack of education on how that system works, so it can be complicated. Plans to come back at the July Quarterly with a full report on all the things we need to do to clarify some of the problems with the groups, etc. He is a little behind on the updates, but it almost caught up and it will be current in the directory in May.

**Web Team-Joanne W.:** I hope you have all been keeping an eye on the website [www.area92aa.org](http://www.area92aa.org). We have made some exciting changes this quarter. You can now go to the Central Offices page to get the mailing address for the contribution address for the Area and Districts 4 and 9. If you would like to have your mailing address included on this page please get me that address we are only posting PO Boxes and this page is accessible to the general public. You can now also get the District answering service and website address on the website. District 7-9-10-18-19 and 22 are participating in that. The Area Committee should by now be noticing fewer and hopefully none at all spam e-mails as we now have a blind e-mail page. But for me I think the most exciting thing is that we now have a Confidential Password protected page where you can get the Area Directory and minutes from past Quarterlies and Assemblies. I did a search on the web for shits and giggles to see just what I could access from the Firefox web browser and found miscellaneous reports, flyers and past minutes of our business meetings. Happily I did not find any Confidential information such as the directory, newsletter or Conference agenda items accessible from the Area 92 website. To get to the Directory you must type in

[www.area92aa.org/directory](http://www.area92aa.org/directory). You can not access this page anywhere from the website. When the Password box comes up the user id is (directory) and the password is bobbill. You will also find future Area Meeting Minutes on this page. I have been in contact with a few people from out of town looking for meetings that have moved and the like. Please ask your District Schedules Person to check the Area Website and get me the correct meeting information. There are many Districts that I haven't heard from in the year and a half that I have had this responsibility and I know that there are more meetings that need to be changed. We do still need flyers for upcoming events so please e-mail them to me at [duckie2water@verizon.net](mailto:duckie2water@verizon.net). Thanks for letting me serve you, Joanne W., Area 92 Alt Chair.

**Finance Committee-Byron S.:** Diana transferred \$100 to the working reserve category for the last three months. We discussed the Finance Committee motion that passed in January, which states \$100 a month will go into the working reserve category in our books. Diana will rectify and add \$200 to the reserve. Byron asked Washington Mutual Bank if Area 92 could have a savings account within our business checking account. Washington Mutual stated that Area 92 would have to open a separate savings account. Diana sent in \$750 to the IRS for Area 92's 501(c)(3) non-profit tax filing fee. Byron received a letter from the IRS that the monies were received. The Committee discussed Motion #1 and decided to let the Area 92 body vote on this motion without any recommendation from the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee discussed Meeting Agenda Item #2, which is: Address Area 92 Handbook, Page 9, 6.1, #5 under Area Delegate's expenses reimbursed by WSEA, which states: Pacific Northwest Conference, except in the years that an International Convention is held. It was brought to the Committee's attention that this statement in the Handbook is confusing. Diana did some investigating and found that the word "annually" after the word "conference" was accidentally left out. The Committee decided to have Byron ask the Handbook Committee to add the word "annually" after the word "conference" in this statement of our Handbook. It was also recognized that the same typo happened under the Chairperson's expenses description on Page 11, 6.3, #2. Byron will ask the Handbook Committee to add "annually" after "conference" in that statement of the Handbook. Also, we found that the parentheses were in the Chairperson's statement and not in the Delegate's. Byron will ask the Handbook Committee to remove the parentheses. We made this a motion with the Finance Committee. It passed unanimously.

**DCM Roundtable-Brian:** Jeff opened the meeting discussing the experience from PRAASA. Michelle offered assistance with any questions or concerns in the districts. There was a lot of discussion about how to get more people involved in service at the group and district levels. Discussed ways to cut expenses so more groups can participate. District 20 said they would be able to assist with district training.

**GSR Roundtable-Willy:** Joanne facilitated the meeting last night and passed out the orientation packets. Discussion on ideas of how to fill service positions in the home groups. Discussion on how to get over fear of being a sponsor. Received some good feedback on that, including possibly a sponsorship workshop. Had some discussion on a home group workshop.

**Host Committee Report-District 12:** 15 Area Officers and Appointed Chairs, 20 DCM's, 6 Alt. DCM's, 76 GSR's, 16 Alt. GSR's, 7 Past Delegates, 32 members and 12 other, for a total of 183. 8 have not arrived yet. Tomorrow's breakfast will not be delayed and will add potatoes at no charge.

**July Quarterly 2009:** Flyers are out. Everything going well. See you all there!

**October Assembly 2009:** Flyers are out. Held at Coeur d'Alene Inn in Coeur d'Alene. Things are looking very good. Looking forward to seeing you there. Will have full registration form at the July Quarterly. It will also be on the website soon.

**January Quarterly 2010:** Carol will be the chair of the Committee, but haven't heard a report from her yet. Still on track to move forward with this, and information will be passed along as it becomes available.

**April Pre-Conference Assembly 2010:** More information will be passed along as it becomes available.

**October 2010 Assembly:** April 19<sup>th</sup> will be second meeting of the committee. Will be held at Bonner's Ferry fairgrounds. Things are still being hashed and rehashed. See you all there.

**PNC 2009-Shane:** I'm sorry I am not able to attend the Pre-Conference Assembly, but this weekend conflicts with my medical commitments. District 1 is very excited to host this year's PNC. The PNC came into being when Bill W. spoke in 1948 in Seattle. He envisioned then on how to put AA into the hands of the AA home groups. So, the first PNC was held in Vancouver in May of that year with that in mind. Since that time, the PNC rotated throughout the various Areas in the Pacific Northwest. This is not a regular roundup. Its focus is totally on service and how you can be of service. The panels and speakers will be looking at this year's conference topics and will talk on how they can be used at Area, District and the home group levels. The PNC hasn't been held in Canada for close to 10 years. The host hotel is the Prestige Resort, a 4 star hotel located in the historic ski and mining town of Rossland. We are planning golf games before and after the PNC. The committees are coming together. Hospitality and registration are working with our volunteer committee who is compiling a list of volunteers to work the weekend. The cost of the weekend is in Canadian dollars. With the US/Canadian dollar exchange changing daily and sometimes hourly, we decided that if you cannot send a check in Canadian funds, send it in American, and you will be reimbursed when you get to the registration desk. This year's speakers are Vic, AA's Western Canadian Trustee to New York, and our very own Chair, Jamie S. If you need more information, check out PNC's website at <http://www.pnc1948.org>. For me, the PNC has been the most exciting AA function I have ever attended and has helped me so much in my service to AA and in my personal life. Hoping to see you in beautiful downtown Rossland. Yours in Service, Sharon T.

**Local Forum-Dave Mc.:** The Committee has been working on the bid process. If you're interested in working on this committee, there will be a short meeting over the lunch hour today. There was some confusion about when the bid has to be in, and it is not due until April 1<sup>st</sup> of 2010. Right now they are working on reaching out to the surrounding Areas to see who wants to partner with us for this Forum. If we get the bid, the Forum will be in September of 2011. Looking at possible locations. Theme of the Forum will be Carrying AA's Message Across Cultural and Language Boundaries.

**Ad Hoc Committee on Liability Insurance:** No report.

**Announcement:** The Standing Committee Quarterly has been changed from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of September in Walla Walla.

**BREAK-15 MINUTES**

**GSR SHARING**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION—RAD M.**

**DINNER BREAK**

**MOTION #5 (Tabled from October 2008 Assembly)**

Move that each home group may designate a portion of their contribution, up to 10%, to WSEA 92 to be placed in reserve, and that the Alternate Treasurer set up a savings account in an approved banking facility and deposit such designated funds into that account until the full amount be accomplished.

District 9 moves, with a second by District 19, to take Motion #5 off the table. The maker of the motion speaks to the motion. There was discussion on the motion. Question called with a second by District 5. After a vote on the motion, the motion to stop debate carried. After a vote on the motion, Motion # 5 failed.

**MOTION #1**

Motion to pay \$818 for a tax attorney fee for a legal opinion as to the tax status of the area. Submitted by the Finance Committee.

Jamie spoke to this and took responsibility for mishandling this issue. She apologized to the body for that. There was a second to the motion by District 11. After a vote, Motion #1 carried.

## **MOTION #2**

Add to the Handbook the following in Paragraph No. 1 under the heading Credit Line: \$500 for purchase and maintaining Translation equipment and pay expenses for bi-lingual member to attend all assemblies and quarterlies, to assist translation chairperson's duties.

There was a second by District 5. Mike spoke to the motion in Paul's absence. There was discussion on the motion. There was a Motion to amend the motion, which was seconded by District 15. After a vote on the amendment, the motion to amend carried. There was discussion on the motion. There was a Motion to amend the amended motion to insert "as needed" at the end of the sentence after "duties." There was a second by District 9. After a vote, the motion to amend the amended motion carried by 2/3 majority. Minority opinion was heard. There was a Motion to reconsider seconded by District 18. After a vote, the motion to reconsider carried. There was further discussion on the amendment. After a vote, the motion to amend the amended motion failed. There was another motion to amend to change the word "all" to "any," which was seconded by District 2. After a vote, the motion to amend fails. There was another motion to amend to omit the word "all," which was seconded by District 9. After a vote, the motion to amend the amended motion carries. There was discussion on the amended motion. Question called with a second by District 11. After a vote, the motion to stop debate carried. After a vote, the amended motion carried. It reads as follows:

Add to the Handbook the following in Paragraph No. 1, Section 8.9 Translation/Special Needs Committee Chairperson under the heading Credit Line: \$500 for purchase and maintaining Translation equipment and pay expenses for bi-lingual member to attend assemblies and quarterlies, to assist Translation/Special Needs Chairperson's duties as deemed necessary by the Translation/Special Needs Chairperson to conduct Area business.

Minority opinion heard. There was a Motion to reconsider, which was seconded by District 9. After a vote, the motion to reconsider failed.

## **MOTION #3**

Move that WSEA 92 fund the Area Alternate Chairperson to planning meetings for Area Assemblies and Quarterlies as needed for travel and accommodations if needed.

The motion was seconded by District 11. The maker of the motion speaks to the motion. There was discussion on the motion. There was a Motion to amend to drop the words, "if any" at the end of the motion. There was a second to the motion to amend. After a vote, the motion to amend carried. Minority opinion heard. There was discussion on the amended motion. There was another Motion to amend to change the words, "planning meetings" to "one planning meeting per Area Assemblies and Quarterlies." There was a second by District 7. There was discussion on the amendment. After a vote, the motion to amend failed. Further discussion on the motion. There was another motion to amend to change "planning meetings" to "two planning meetings" and also to change "fund" to "assist." There was a second by District 14. Discussion on the amendment. There was a motion to further amend to change "two planning meetings" to "up to two planning meetings." The motion to amend dies for lack of a second. Further discussion on the previous amendment. Question called. After a vote, the motion to stop debate carried. After a vote, the motion to amend failed. There was further discussion on the motion. There was another Motion to amend to add "not to exceed \$500 per year" at the end of the motion, which was seconded by District 17. Discussion on the amendment. After a vote, the motion to amend failed. There was a Motion to table Motion #3, which was seconded by District 1. After a vote, the motion to table carried. Motion will carry to the October 2009 Assembly.

## **MOTION #4**

Move that WSEA 92 require that all floor motions brought at Area Assemblies and Quarterlies be submitted by the maker of the motion with copies for each District table and Area elected and appointed officers.

There was a second by District 20. Maker of the motion speaks to the motion. Discussion on the motion. Question called. After a vote, the motion to stop debate carried. After a vote, Motion #4

carried.

**BIDS FOR APRIL 2011 PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY**

District 12 submits a bid, and they will host the April 2011 Pre-Conference Assembly.

Adjourned at 9:05 P.M. with the Responsibility Statement.