

FALL ASSEMBLY 2005 "BY THE NUMBERS"

Message from the Area 92 Chair

Well our election assembly has come and gone. I want to say a special thanks to our host committee in Lewiston. You did a wonderful job.

Our Friday panels were well attended and the GSR orientation had the largest amount of GSRs in attendance. The DCM and GSR roundtables were very active and the reports from both roundtables have been sent to all DCMs and is included elsewhere in the newsletter.

Our new elected officers for Panel 56 are: Dave McC., Delegate, Woodrow W., Alternate Delegate, Kitti P., Chair, Robin O., Alternate Chair, Rikki M., Treasurer and Diana M., Alternate Treasurer.

We had 90 GSRs and 27 Alternate GSRs at the assembly, which breaks down to about 30 percent of our listed groups in attendance. We have a better average than many other areas.

The motions that were passed are:

1. That Area 92 create a credit line of \$500.00 for the Area Translation Committee Chairperson to purchase and maintain Translation equipment, as deemed necessary by the Translation Chairperson, to conduct Area Business.
2. That Area 92 increases its contribution to the General Service Office for the Delegate's expenses for the General Service Conference from \$800.00 to \$1200.00 in keeping with Tradition Seven and self support. This will also be looked at each year by the Area 92 finance committee to see if we can send a larger contribution.

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DATE	INCOME	SOURCE	EXPENSE	SOURCE	BALANCE
1/29/05	1000.00	WSEA 92 Seed			1000.00
2/28/05					1000.00
3/31/05					1000.00
4/30/05					1000.00
5/31/05					1000.00
6/2/05	238.00	Registration			1238.00
7/1/05					1238.00
7/7/05			542.70	Officer Room Deposit	695.30
7/18/05	1,120.50	Registration			1,815.80
7/22/05			500.00	Idaho Impressions	1315.80
7/31/05					1315.80
8/4/05	191.00	Registration			1506.80
8/31/05					1506.80
9/1/05	878.50	Registration			2385.30
9/8/05	287.00	Registration	56.22	Reg Supplies/Copies	2616.08
9/10/05			16.67	Reg Supplies/Copies	2599.41
9/15/05			97.56	Reg Supplies/Copies	2501.85
9/15/05			4.59	Copies	2497.26
9/15/05			3.86	Copies	2493.40
9/16/05			699.50	Idaho Impressions	1793.90
9/21/05	875.00	Registration			2668.90
9/22/05			31.09	Reg Copies	2637.81
9/29/05	618.00	Registration	42.00	RTN Registration	3213.81
9/30/05	832.00	Registration	43.43	Reg Supplies/Copies	4002.38
10/1/05			162.91	Coffee/Hosp Supplies	3839.47
10/6/05	2446.00	Registration	8.64	Copies	6276.83
10/8/05	20.00	Registration	23.00	RTN Registration	6273.83
10/9/05	190.50	Registration			6464.33
10/12/05			300.00	Petty Cash	6164.33
10/14/05			44.07	Coffee Supplies	6120.26
10/15/05			65.00	Hospitality Supplies	6055.26
10/16/05			311.20	Trustee Transportation	5744.06
10/16/05			109.96	RTN Seed	5634.10
10/16/05	3496.00	Reg/Cups/Refr	644.04	Officer Room Pmts	8486.06
10/20/05	130.00	Cups/Refresh	7503.34	Banquet/Meals	1112.72
10/23/05			67.33	Reg Supplies/Copies	1045.4
10/23/05			69.00	RTN Registration	976.39
TOTALS	12322.50		11346.10		976.39

TOTAL EXPENSES BY GROUP

Rooms/ Transporta	Copies/ Off. Suppl.	Coffee/Hosp Supplies	Meals	Cash Paid Out	TOTAL
1497.9	305.72	1495.15	7503.34	543.96	11346.10

Submitted by Tom Shropshire, Fall Assembly 2005 Treasurer

DELEGATE'S MESSAGE

Hello Again. It's Gratitude Month once again and I started to reflect on the gratefulness I feel for so many things in my life. But none, not one, nothing would be possible without AA. Not just AA, but the triangle of AA, I believe to really feel the gratitude that comes from the program a member has to become immersed in each of the legacies. That did not happen for me until I became involved in General Service.

Well I really hope that you all had as rewarding of an experience at the Assembly as I did. Very soon my time is up and I will rotate off as the Delegate for Area 92. The spiritual principal behind the spirit of rotation can be found all over our literature. I can only imagine how Bill and Bob must have felt as they prepared to turn the Alcoholic Foundation over to the fellowship and walk away to be content with allowing the fellowship to grow into itself. Not unlike how our young Area has done over these past years. I found a quote in AA comes of Age from one of Bills talks' top of page 99 that seems to sum it up quite well. "I expect that many an old-timer still does not believe this Proposition (referring to the previous paragraph which stated - few obstacles have been tougher to remove than those which blocked the way to realization that AA's group conscience can be the only ultimate authority in our affairs.) He feels that he is older and more experienced than recent generations of AA's and that it was his guidance and leadership that brought them into the new life. We oldsters often construed our longer experience as a sort of vested right, even an unlimited license, to run AA indefinitely. Whenever we got sick, tired, or old, we naturally thought ourselves entitled to hand-pick our own successors. Who could know better than we?"

We asked for the opportunity to become an Area. There were many who thought that we could not do it on our own. Well surprise surprise, we have done it quite successfully. We have had our difficulties there is not the deep pockets of the big groups on the west side to bolster the basket but we have made it. We have not once cried for help we have not once been at any point of despair. Our leaders have come from continuing to be available while growing and maturing in each experience.

We have added the position of Translation chair to our service structure to insure that the Spanish-speaking members of our area are included in all our affairs. We have weathered the storm of exclusion of members by giving the Standing committee chairs to the right to vote in Area business meetings.

But even though at one point in the discussions I was not in favor of a second Assembly I did change my mind and must say that the experiment has been big success. I was honored to be the Area 92 Delegate but also the first to see the benefit of the Pre Conference Assembly working together to help the Delegate

be informed. But more than that to help the Area to be more informed.

I want to thank District 7 for a great Assembly and all of the hard work paid off we had a grand time. The elections are over and not to far from now we will be meeting again with a new Panel of Officers.

Only one more of these articles to write, it seems like I have been writing these all my life. Well it almost has been, since my life really stated with AA and I have been in Service almost the entire time.

In Love and Service, Mike
Panel 54 Delegate Area 92

DELEGATE ALTERNATE

Hello Area 92. I will start my report by thanking Jamie and all of the Assembly Host Committee for the excellent job they did hosting the 2005 Fall Assembly. Everything went smoothly and everyone I talked with had a good time and was glad they were there.

I am gratefully to the area for electing me Panel 56 Delegate. I want to thank Mike Mc. our Panel 54 delegate for his work and dedication to Area 92 and AA as whole. Mike will be an important resource in the years to come. As area 92 matures we are gaining a considerable base of past servants for the all-important position of "elder statesmen and stateswomen". These are the people we can turn to for their experience and their knowledge of the history of area 92 and the conference structure.

I will be working with Woodrow our panel 56 Alt-delegate as we move toward the New Year and get ready to fill our new service positions. Woodrow will be taking over the duties of Area Registrar. You can continue sending group changes to me until the first of January.

I am getting my bearings and preparing to serve as WSEA 92 Panel 56 Delegate. Please contact me with any thing you wish to discuss going in to this new Panel.
Much AA Love, Dave

CHAIRPERSON ALTERNATE

As pertains to my host committee participation, the committee for the Fall Assembly did a fantastic job and put in so much work! Thank you, thank you, thank you. The committee had so many volunteers, and the team effort, headed up by Jamie S was an inspiration to me. Spokane's committee for the January Quarterly really put out an amazing effort during the fall assembly so that they could present us with the registration flier. If you did not pick one up or your DCM doesn't have one for you, the flier is also available on the website, www.area92aa.org.

The flier was just completed for the Spring Pre-Conference Assembly in Colville, and their committee is looking forward to hosting us all in April 2006.

The committee for Fall 2006 is working hard and meeting monthly.

I was asked to participate on the GSR school panel September 24 in Coeur d'Alene, and I had a great time. We had a good turnout and ample questions/discussion.

I assisted our Chairperson with the GSR orientation on Friday night at the Assembly, and I hope the GSRs got as much out of it as I did!

Before I close I would like to say something in regards to my experience serving Area 92 as Alternate Chairperson. This has been one of many service opportunities that AA has offered me along the way in the time I've been sober. I cannot possibly express the depth of my gratitude to all of you both for providing me such an opportunity, but more for all the love, support, respect, encouragement, patience and tolerance that you've given and shown. I feel so much A PART OF! Thank you again, and may I learn how to be an ever more-humble trusted servant.

PS. The depth of my gratitude just continues to amaze me, as I am now also thanking all of you in Washington State East, Area 92 for electing me to serve you again as Alternate Chairperson for Panel 56 of the General Service Conference. I will continue to do my best to serve God and Alcoholics Anonymous, one day at a time. Thank you for your trust and respect.
Robin K. Ota

CPC CHAIR

Gratitude. That is to be my topic for this November issue of the Area 92 Newsletter. I cannot help but to be grateful for the kindness and participation of each of the districts in supporting the combined quarterlies over the past two years. You have given me hope to go on with service wherever needed to fulfill my need to be there for the still suffering alcoholic. Where can I find a greater opportunity to serve. I think none. For that I am truly grateful. Almost every alcoholism treatment tries to help the alcoholic maintain sobriety and together we can do what none of us could accomplish alone. We can serve as a source of personal experience and be an ongoing support system for recovering alcoholics. We might do that by involving ourselves in service at group level to carry the message into institutions and support the efforts of our districts/area committees in introducing the professional to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Just how do we do that, you ask?

- Who maintains the "hot line" where someone in trouble may find us?
- Who updates that meeting schedule that circulates throughout your district?
- Who makes available that meeting place that we find so convenient?
- Who drops those copies of the Grapevine magazine off at the medical clinic?
- Who carries the message into treatment

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Web Team Report

The web team met on October 14, 2005 at the Fall Assembly. There was higher than normal attendance, and all of the members were excited about this. The area 92 website address is www.area92aa.org.

We talked about how much has been accomplished in the last 2yr rotation. There is now a geographic map which you can click on that will take you directly to meetings for that city. A link to GSO is available. The Area handbook is able to be downloaded in both English and Spanish. Information/data/motions

are all current. Meeting information is as current as your district has sent in. In regards to updating your district's meetings on the website, please email an updated schedule to Rad M at schedule@area92aa.org or rwmiller@nwi.net, or you can snail mail a current schedule to Rad Miller at 1320 Terrace Ct. East Wenatchee, WA 98802.

You can peruse and/or download your very own newsletter on the website. There isn't actually a link to the newsletter on the website due to confidentiality. But if you type the address: www.area92aa.org/newsletter in your browser, you will go directly to the current edition of the newsletter.

Other than that, the web team is working on improving the calendar so that all area events as well fellowship events could appear on the SAME calendar as opposed to two different pages of the website.

Last but not least, Michelle C needed to resign as secretary of the web team due to her election as District 10 DCM, but happily for the web team, Bill P stepped right up to take her spot. Thanks, Bill! And welcome to new web team members: Kelly T and Paul B.

In love and service,
Robin K. Ota

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CPC CHAIR

facilities in the form of meetings?

- Who comes together with others to coordinate these activities?
- Who makes the initial contact with professionals to bring information to them?
- Who provides the literature found at meetings across this great land?
- Who speaks to professional organizations and institutions to carry or message?
- Who coordinates institutional meetings and provides transportation to them?
- Who shares their experience and provides sponsorship to the newcomer?
- Who offers a way to develop a life without alcohol?

The answer is obvious. WE DO. We do these and much more to make ourselves available and help provide for one more day of sobriety to others and ourselves.

Respectfully yours in service,
Area 92 CPC chair.
Tom S.

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CPC CHAIR

3. That our Washington Area East Delegate, Mike M., request the A.A. Trustees Literature Committee to consider the publication of an A.A. History Book covering the years 1955-2000. This book would begin where "A.A. Comes of Age" concludes. In order to reconsider this project, the Trustees Literature Committee will need access to earlier drafts of a proposed history book and the related correspondence now residing in the G.S.O. Archives.
4. That we include language to "Hosting Assemblies", Spring Pre Conference Assembly final report on attendance and financial breakdown to be submitted to area by June 1. Since Kitti is our new Chair she will be taking applications for the Appointed positions in Area. We need resumes for Secretary, Translation, Literature, Public Information, Cooperation with Professionals, Corrections, Treatment and the Newsletter.

If you are interested please indicate what jobs you would like to apply for, your service

resume, your phone number, address and email address and email it to kittipephrata@msn.com.

For myself, I've appreciated the opportunity to serve the Area for the past 4 years. As with service at the GSR and DCM level I have learned many lessons by doing service at the Area level and I am truly grateful for it. I still don't know what the future will bring but I am grateful for the past 2 years as Chair. I had a wonderful team of Elected, Appointed and DCM's to work with and I think our area is one of the best.
Sharon T.
Area 92 Chair

DCM ROUNDTABLE REPORT

Solutions to "lack of participation".

- 1.Call and remind members about District meeting.
- 2.Announcements at meetings.
- 3.Be positive.
- 4.Travelling district meeting.
- 5.Mail reminders.
- 6.Move time and place of district meeting to better suit the GSRs.
- 7.Let the GSRs know that they are important, invite them personally.

GSR ROUNDTABLE REPORT

Concerns voiced about members involved in service-due to lack of information.

Possible solutions:

1. Spreads the word positively about are functions (Quarterlies, Assemblies, etc.). Bring this message back to your home groups.
2. Encourage members early on, about all forms of service (making coffee, emptying ashtrays, being greeters at meetings, and in general "just getting involved").

During area elections (as GSRs), we should be paying attention to the people making them-

selves available for "area" positions. (How close are they to the suggested experience for the position they are volunteering for.)

Concern was voiced about no pre-assembly this year (were the GSRs getting enough information?) There was a lot of discussion about this: Possible solutions:

1. Get together with your DCM and address this at a district level.
2. Get information from the area website
3. Ask area officers to speak at a district meeting.

It was asked if the last quarterly in Wenatchee was effective. Concern was voiced that GSRs

aren't going to Quarterlies because of "no vote". It was mentioned that it was still very important to go as:

1. Even though GSRs don't vote, they still have the opportunity to "go to the mike" and speak to issues.
2. It was also noted that GSR participation and attendance was up.
3. It was suggested that we keep giving this five-year trial period a chance as in many ways it is working.

Suggestion was made that we (GSRs) should read the service manual and become familiar with the same (service manual) or with said service manual, as it were. So to speak.

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