# "To those they Serve"

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To Report directly "to those they serve"; to publicize AA events; to be a forum for sharing and comment.



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### **Greetings Area 92!**

Greetings Area 92! Our upcoming Area Assembly and Area Inventory represents a time of evaluation and expression. I hope that many Groups of the Area will voice the conscience of our Area! I continue to look for Journalists, Writers and Artists that might be interested in doing feature articles and contributions for the newsletter. Contact me if you would like to be on the mailing list. Thank you for the opportunity to be of Service!

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# **Area Delegate**

Greetings Area 92,

We are nearing the end of not only summer, but the closeout of the 70th General Service Conference (GSC) activities as well. The fourth Area 92 Report-back (in English) was conducted on Saturday, Aug 9th. and the fifth and final Report-back (in Spanish) is scheduled for Sunday Sept. 20th. Truly, delightful experiences.

Importantly, the Area 92 G-suite shared drive has "anonymity protected" soft copies online, of all of the materials related to the 70th GSC including slides, reports, presentations, and videos. Any member may request PDF copies of specific materials from their respective DCM.

This compendium includes a PDF of the GSC Final Report issued by the GSO in Mid-August. Also, for those members who are unable to make use of PDF's, a limited supply of hard (printed) copies have been delivered in bulk to all Areas over the past couple of weeks. Alt. Delegate Ben N. and I will be routing a portion of these to each District's DCM over the next few weeks for distribution at the DCM's discretion.

The 71st GSC is well underway and a set of virtual meetings is already scheduled for the 135 voting Conferees for mid-September. There are a couple of pressing matters to be addressed. First, numerous Agenda Items from the 70th GSC have been forwarded to the 71st Conference and are now being reviewed by the appropriate Trustees Committees. Second, the Conferees will be participating in structured discussions to share their thoughts and ideas on ways to effectively address the large volume of 71st Conference business. Some of you may recall that one of the Policy and Admission Committee's Agenda Items from the 70th GSC, addressed the topic of "Equitable Distribution of Workload". Many have expressed the sentiment that if this Agenda Item has validity, shouldn't we consider it now? And thoroughly.

Finally, GSO's Strategic Planning and Visioning was to have been given suitable Conferee discussion time in the 2020 GSC. However, the Pandemic forced us to reduce the Conference time so dramatically, that only the most essential items could be addressed. Accordingly, some Virtual meeting time is now being allocated to engage the 135 voting members in at least, introductory discussions on the planning initiative.

So, as you can readily conclude, we have a tad more to do. Thank you once again for allowing me to serve you and Area 92, With much love and gratitude.

Gary P.

# **Area Alternate Delegate**

September 4, 2020 Greetings WSEA 92 AA Fellowship!!

# First Assembly for many...

At the beginning of this rotation a good friend and mentor presented me with a thumb drive containing early General Service Conference Reports. As September's Standing Committee Workshop and October Assembly draw near, I would like to share one particular passage from "Sense of the Conference" in the 1952 General Service Conference Report. Moved by this, I believe this holds true some 68 years later....

"Three conditions are necessary for true fellowship: The possession of a common ideal involving a complete release from selfishness and division. The discharge of a common task big enough to capture the imagination and give expression to loyalty. And the comradeship, the "togetherness" thus involved as we find out the joy and power of belonging to an organic society and engaging in a whole-time service. We can find it at its fullest where the ideal is highest and most exacting, where the task extends and integrates every ounce of our strength and every element in our being, where the comradeship is so solid and deep that we respond one to another without conscious effort, realize the unspoken need and react to it spontaneously and at once."

This always inspires and reminds me of the spiritual nature of coming together for the good of Alcoholic Anonymous...to "realize the unspoken need".... Excited for the September Workshop and October Assembly, I am reaching out to Area 92 DCMS, GSRS and friends to come together and experience "togetherness" in the fellowship of service.

Please let us know if we can be of any help with preparing for these upcoming events. I have attached the 3 motions forwarded to the Assembly per a few recent requests.

### Update on the North America Alt-Delegate Unity monthly meeting:

I was unable to attend the first monthly Alt-Delegate Unity (dubiously nicknamed "the Altered") zoom meeting. I will be sending along a recap of that sharing session if available. Scheduling got off to a rocky start with setting a date that would work for most, but that has been resolved. I will be attending the next session sharing our Area's experiences, and look forward to reporting on the "pulse" of AA from Areas throughout the United States and Canada. Stay tuned!

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service to others."

.....Mahatma Gandhi

Always grateful to serve, Ben N - Alternate Delegate Panel 70

# **Area Chairperson**

September 5, 2020

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer as it starts winding down. I have been able to attend a local AA meeting being held outside with masks and distancing. I feel so good to be sitting in the presence of other AA members as there is something spiritual happening. The closeness felt is missing on Zoom.

Don't get me wrong, I really appreciate the Zoom meetings because they are better than nothing and which we will be required to utilize during the winter especially in Winthrop.

The Area Committee is continuing to meet virtually at least once every month. The DCMs Sharing Session was the last Tuesday of August. Their discussions were regarding wanting to do workshops, either in person or virtually. District issues and questions were presented which allowed for the DCMS to share each of their own experiences. Hopefully this will be a platform for DCMs to come together to resolve group and district issues by open discussion with other DCMS. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 29th at 7pm.

The Standing Committee Chairs met with me on August 3rd to discuss all their activities. They are very active so please read their newsletter articles for further information. I'm looking forward to meeting with them again September 7th. We will probably be discussing the upcoming SCC workshop on the 19th.

The Hosting Committee for the October Assembly has decided we will be having the Assembly virtually on October 16th -18th. They are working on getting a flyer out to you. I will be meeting with the Elected Committee on September 14th to discuss upcoming events and the October agenda which will be sent to you soon and posted to the website.

I was invited to attend the Web Committee during August to discuss website updates. The Web Committee is continuing to meet weekly and if you are interested in becoming a member please contact the Alternate Chair, Gary H.

Thank you to all the DCMS that sent in newsletter reports as I really enjoyed reading them. Please keep it up. If you have any questions or issues you wish to discuss please contact me at <a href="mailto:chair@area92aa.org">chair@area92aa.org</a> or 509-429-1683.

Yours in service, Diana M Area Chair

# **Area Alternate Chairperson**

Greetings area 92,

As Alt-chair I find myself checking my email box 2-3 times a day. There are a lot of folks out there that are looking for meetings in districts throughout the area. DCM,s are doing their best to keep up with schedule updates but it is difficult in these crazy times. I did try and reach out to each individual DCM by phone because only about 1/5 of them are really into the digital thing. Email is not everyone's cup of tea, or drink of choice Ha Ha Ha....

Hopefully the DCM orientation in October will open up some avenues for the new panelist to our area. I am also pushing for the area to go live in 2021, the digital disconnect is not going well. We really need that physical feeling of unity. I know this because i attended a meeting in Coeur d Alene ID and it was fantastic..

Come on Washington let's get together again. That is all for now, see you in the rooms of zoom Respectfully yours Gary H. alt-chair@area92aa.org

# **Area Treasurer**

Hello AREA 92

I hope this finds everyone well. These have been very trying times and I admire the way that everyone has pulled together. Our elected officers continue to pull together to be all inclusive. Our committee chairs continue to do their jobs in creative and innovative ways, including several new grapevine subscriptions. I am proud to be a part of this team. My hat is off to the AREA 92 body for their continued support.

### Prudent Reserve Balance as of August 31, 2020 is \$2,500.24.

Our monthly bills were paid and additional bills/expenses included:

Yearly UPS mailbox renewal \$ 288.00 Zoom Services (August-December) \$ 100.00

Our beginning bank balance was \$19702.97
There were deposits and additions of \$4679.42
Checks paid \$0
Debit Card \$598.76

This leaves our ending balance at \$23,783.63

In addition, corrections were made to my second quarter report. I am including the report for your review. The next quarter report will be presented at the October Assembly.

Thank you all for the honor of allowing me to serve as WSEA AREA 92 Treasurer. I will continue to be a vigilant steward of your treasury monies. Please do not hesitate to send an email and request a report or answer to questions you might have. End of Summer Blessings and virtual hugs to all. (I still miss my hugs and peeps!) Please continue to stay healthy and safe!

Please send all contributions to:

Washington State East AREA 92 PO Box 103 1314 S Grand Blvd. Suite 2 Spokane, WA. 99202-1174

YIS Jan R WSEA 92 Treasurer (208) 416-9507

### **Area Alternate Treasurer**

Greetings Area 92

The contributions for the month of August 2020 were **\$3,679.42**. Thank you to all of the individuals, groups and Districts for your contributions. I have emailed out the detailed August contributions report to the DCM's. This report will include all of the Districts in the Area. If you would prefer to only get your own District, let me know and I will modify it. I also want the District GSR's to make sure your DCM's are getting this information out to you. If you are not receiving it, let them know or email me and I will get you a copy.

Please send all contributions to:

Washington State East Area 92 1314 S. Grand Blvd. Suite 2, Box #103 Spokane, WA 99202-1174

Or

# PayPal (accessed from our website Area92aa.org)

Please include your **Group Name**, **Group ID Number** and **District** # on the contribution(s) to ensure that I give proper credit to the contributing groups or if this is a personal contribution, indicate "personal" in the memo line.. Contributions can also be made on the AREA 92 website by PayPal. It is set up to generate all personal/group information. **If you use PayPal please be complete with your information.** 

You will get a receipt for the contribution amount minus the fee. If you are in need of a receipt, email me with your information and I will gladly send them to you.

I have received a couple of checks from an organization that, long story short, I have had to return to them. I will be composing a letter to send out to Area 92 soon so watch for it to see if we can solve a mystery.

Be safe, healthy and God Bless

YIS
Cindy H.
Area 92 Alt-Treasurer
alt-treasurer@area92aa.org
Finance Committee Chair

# **Area Secretary**

Good Day Area 92,

It's hard to believe it's September. Summer is winding down. I hope all of you have been safe and healthy. It's has been work, as usual preparing for the October Assembly. I will be reaching out to the DCM's regarding your district's reports. It has been made even easier for you to hand in your district reports. I unfortunately have stepped down from the secretary position for the PNC in order to focus on my area position. I encourage all who would like to do some service work to get a hold of Allen D our PNC Chair.

YIS Ann Marie, WSEA 92 Secretary

# **Area Archives Chair**

September 2020 Greetings Area 92,

September is the month for the National A.A. Archives Workshop, being held virtually this year. The workshop will take place on Saturday September 26th, 2020 from 10am- 1pm pacific time via Zoom. The meeting I.D. # is 918-6728-6250, password is: 151526. This is going to be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Archives. I know I will be attending, as I need all the help I can get! I am also looking forward to participating in the 2nd Virtual Standing Committee Workshop, our theme for September is, "A.A. in the Digital Age", the other standing committee chairs and myself have been working hard on trying to "switch it up a bit" with our workshops, with the hopes of getting more involvement, we would welcome any ideas for topics for future workshops, come join the fun, hope to see you all on Zoom.

Also, I am interested in starting a monthly meeting for all District and Group Archives Chairs/Archivists, my thought was kind of an open forum type agenda to discuss different ways of preserving and storing archives, tips and tricks, or anything else that comes to mind. Let's get together!

And lastly, as I was reading this year's Final Report from the Conference, I was saddened to see that the 2019 G.S.O. Budget showed a net profit of \$501,221 but the actual for 2019 is a loss of \$379,655. Income was \$62,512 less than budgeted in large part due to lower than anticipated sales of our new book, "Our Great Responsibility": A selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951 -1970. This little book is filled with our rich history, I found it interesting, there was an agenda item to create a history book, and here we have one no one is buying?

I am pretty certain, Anna, our Area 92 Literature Chair would love to hook you up with a book, let's help do our part!

With a grateful heart and a love of Service, I thank you all.

Lisa G., Archives Chair

# **Area Archivist**

Hi Everyone, I hope you are having a wonderful summer.

It has been really hot here in Spokane and I have been taking lots of readings from our hydrometer. This is a device that gives readings on the temperature, humidity and dewpoint of the environment our archives are stored in. We have had some really high humidity readings this last quarter but this month they have been in the desired range. If they keep going up we may have to look into lowering the humidity since high levels can cause increased damage to our beloved archives over time.

I have been transferring documents from cardboard boxes into hanging file folders to relieve stress and keep them from bending and causing damage. Lisa G. and I are talking about a work party in October to really dig in and get an idea of how we want to tackle the huge task of cataloging and storing years of AA documents that need attention. Although an enormous amount of work has already been done there is still so much yet to do. We will put out an email to see who would like to come and join the party!

I am also looking forward to attending the National Area Archives Workshop on Zoom Saturday September 26th. I hope to connect with other archivists and learn things that will help me to be a better archivist.

Also, if you have anything at all relating to the Pandemic in Area 92 it is so important to forward it to me. I have sent out lots of PANDEMIC STORIES forms so I am hoping I will get a lot of those back so we can document your stories during this historic pandemic. I'm sure people in the future will want to know how we managed through this ordeal.

One last item. If you have been trying to reach Lisa G. (archives-chair@area92aa.org) or myself and did not get a response, it could be because of a glitch we were having for a while. It has been worked out so please try again.

Be Safe and Well,

Lisa D. Area 92 Archivist archivist@area92aa.org

### **Area Corrections Chair**

Greetings Area 92 trusted servants!

It has been a slow month with corrections. I am currently awaiting response to emails sent to facilities about restarting in person meetings. In a previous email I stated that we would be able to, however we must keep in mind the limitations of gatherings. If a county limits the number of people than it is more than likely that a facility will not allow in person meetings until those restrictions are lifted. You can't very well announce a meeting and then say not everyone can go.

Other than that I have been in the planning stages for upcoming events. District 14 has agreed to cohost the December standing committee workshop so I have been in communication with Jerome W., District 14 DCM. Currently he is trying to secure a location for a possible hybrid workshop. He should have a flyer available in time for the September 19 workshop.

In closing I remain grateful for this opportunity to serve. Till next we meet stay healthy and safe.

YIS Chris Jordan Area 92 Corrections Chair

### **Area CPC Chair**

Greetings Area 92!

It has been a busy month. The standing committee chairs have been meeting on Zoom to prepare for our next Standing Committee Workshop which is being hosted by District 13 and will be held September 19th on Zoom.

Michelle (Area 92 PI Chair) and I are having a zoom meeting on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 with the CPC and PI chairs. District 8 is also having a CPC/PI Zoom meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00. I have attended CPC Roundtables and Q&A's hosted by Area 03 and 58. It was exciting to meet new people service! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything!

YIS, Brande

# **Area Grapevine and Literature Chair**

Hoping this newsletter finds all my dear friends safe and in good health.

Busy, busy! I'm sure I am not the only one with their hands full. School starting back up virtually has been quite the task with 4 kids, but thankful I am here to do so.

Updates on what I have been up to is the committee I belonged to, the Inventory Committee had finalized its collection of questions and were able to do so with record timing. Couldn't have asked to belong to a better group with so much experience and thought on all things. So, thank you Scott, Allen, and Dave Mc. Recently stepped up when asked to fill in as PNC Secretary.

Working diligently with the Standing Chairs to build something new and innovative to share at the upcoming Standing Committee Workshop. I feel truly blessed to be a part of such an amazing group of friends and the support is overwhelming.

We do need participants to plan the PNC for June of 2021, many available positions open, so please contact me if interested and I will point you in the right direction.

If you are reading this and think you would be interested in participating or knowing more information, please do not hesitate to give me a call. I would love to hear from you. 509-406-2262

Yours In Service with a Heart of Gratitude, Anna V.

# **Area Newsletter Editor**

Greetings to all!

It is a privilege and honor to serve Area 92!

September has been a busy month so far! I am working with more databases in an effort to increase Area wide distribution of news and information. I will be participating in the Standing Committee workshop this month with the rest of the Area Standing Committee. I participated on a "Soberfest" Panel this year along with our delegate Gary P. and Past Delegate Mike Mc., in which we spoke on the topic of "AA in the Digital Age".

In addition, I was asked to be the Monthly speaker for the 5:15 group which meets in-person in Downtown Coeur d'Alene. It's always an honor and a privilege to share my personal story.

I also chair an in-person meeting for my homegroup meeting the Daily Reprieve on Thursday nights at 5:30 pm. We meet at the North Idaho Alano Club. I continue to sponsor and participate with the District 8 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy Committee. Thank you for all your support!

Yours in Service Benjamin G. Area Newsletter Editor / WSEA 92 / Panel 70 / AA

# **Area Public Information Chair**

Hi Everyone ... Michelle here ... your Public Information Standing Committee Chair. My summer has been quite enjoyable and I hope yours has too ... even with COVID-19 lurking in the shadows. I floated the Yakima River with Anna V and I have been camping with her and her family twice. I even got daring and went by myself once. I caught hell for it so I am going to purchase a gun and take some lessons so I can protect myself. The forest, river, lake and fresh air are intoxicating. I was an avid hunter and hardcore camper for 20 years so returning to the woods is quite familiar and comforting. Once a camper always a camper. I hope to get one more trip in before the end of the month.

When I went camping last weekend, I brought along my trusted PI Committee binder and my Box 459s to do some research for the CPC/PI break out session at the September 2020 Standing Committee Workshop. After doing my research, I was able to dive into a new PowerPoint presentation after arriving home. This is the second presentation I have worked on in the past three months. I enjoy the challenge; however, I would really love to see you all again face-to-face. Don't get me wrong, we get to see each other on Zoom but it's just not the same as in-person. Who knows what that will look like in the future?

On August 30th Oregon Area 58 hosted a CPC workshop. They used the CPC workbook as their guide. They also had a Ask it Basket with a CPC member, a Past NY Delegate, a Past GS Trustee and the current SW Trustee. I learn more every time I participate in a meeting, workshop, assembly and quarterly.

The PI Committee now consists of seven members. We meet once a month on the second Tuesday of the month to set goals and discuss ideas on how we can use outreach during this time with COVID-19. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30 p.m. We meet together with the CPC Committee. We are always looking for volunteers to join our Committees. Do you represent your District? Are you interested in learning more about this type of service work? Let us know so we can help get you started. I am also participating in District 8's CPC/PI Committee monthly meeting.

The Standing Committee Chairs continue to meet to discuss the upcoming September Workshop being hosted virtually by District 13 on September 19th beginning at 10 a.m. Gary P. will briefly discuss "AA Resources in the Digital Age". Following his presentation there will be a one-hour break-out session for Archives, Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)/Public Information (PI), Corrections, Grapevine and Literature, Newsletter, Translation, and Treatment and Accessibilities. "How Are We Utilizing Technology Today to Carry the Message?" is the theme of my presentation. Please join us on the road to happy destiny.

In Love and Service, Michelle W. WSEA 92 Public Information Chair / Panel 70

### **Area Treatment Chair**

Not much going on this month. Sad to see summer coming to a end. Planning is happening all around us let's take a moment to see what is on the horizon.

We are working on a new workshop which will be held on September 19,2020 AA digital Age. We will be logging on at 9:45am

Please see area website events calendar for the flyer and zoom information. http://area92aa.org/

The area website is a great place to find information on up-coming events. It also has pages for all of the Area chairs.

Treatment & Accessibilities will be soon working on a face life for our page. Want to be a part of the redesign join us for the Standing Committee Workshop or at our monthly meeting held in Google Hangouts on the 29<sup>th</sup> of each month at 7pm.

This is the link to monthly Treatment & Accessibilities meeting via google meets/hangouts <a href="https://meet.google.com/vge-vxpv-dpy">https://meet.google.com/vge-vxpv-dpy</a>

Phone in at 1 475-441-8732 pin # 393956774

Don't forget that before we know it October fall assembly will be here. That flyer is also a guess where the area website. Yep check it out. Let's make 2020 a year about change, acceptance and a journey to recovery in a new way.

Because, I get too! See you all soon. Fran L.

# **Bridging the Gap (Treatment Committee)**

### **Area Translation Chair**

Greeting All,

Translation is busy translating Area documents into Spanish for our up-coming October Assembly. We want all information to be available to our Hispanic brothers and sisters in recovery. It would be very helpful to know how the DCM's of the Spanish Districts would like the documents, electronic files or mailed hard copies. Please let me know what would be best for your District. You can email me <a href="mailto:translation@area92aa.org">translation@area92aa.org</a>, call or text me at 509-319-7510.

Yours in service, Doug McGuire

# **Finance Committee**

See Alt. Treasurer Report

### Hello Area 92:

I hope this month's Newsletter finds everyone doing well. I apparently did not send the last months Finance Committee Report, into the Newsletter, from the July Quarterly when we last met, so I am doing it now. We did not meet in August, but will be meeting soon to review the below from July and get started on next year's budget work. The below was from the July Quarterly meeting:

"At last night's Finance Committee meeting, we reviewed the 2nd quarter financials. We also discussed the idea of asking to appoint a couple Finance Committee members to the Ad-Hoc Committee on Re-Opening. We felt this would be a benefit in having the ability to research and present different scenarios on the financial impacts that may arise when transitioning into in person and or hybrid meetings for Area 92 functions. Thank you, Carole N., for volunteering.

Finally, we discussed the desire to create a Finance Committee link on the Area 92 website. On this link, Area 92 members would be able to see the approved Finance Committee minutes, guidelines and either monthly or quarterly Area 92 financials. It is their desire to create transparency and useful information regarding Area 92 finances for the members of Area 92 to review. There were concerns about confidentiality and who would be able access this information. I will be reviewing Area 72s website to see how they provide this information and if they have safeguards in place along with talking with our Area 92 Web team.

I would like to add that this group on the Finance Committee Team has done an excellent job on reviewing what has been put before them so far this year, especially since we are all navigating through new territory with the COVID experience. I am privileged to have them on this committee and I absolutely know they are looking out for the best interests of Area 92 as a whole. Thank you very much".

YIS Cindy H. Area 92 P70 Finance Committee Chair

### **Website Committee**

See Alt. Chair Report

Hello area 92

Web Team has had its moments... It is not easy keeping up with the constant changes to meetings and the zoom calendar. Changes to the web site are sometimes quickly and sometimes slowly. Usually my fault for procrastination, character defect, I guess.

Rad M. is chairing an ad-hoc committee so we may try and create a new area position of Technical Chair, this is needed as we move forward into the more digital age, we face these days. Having only three members on the web team does not work, the area really needs your help with this. Please contact me if you're interested in helping out with the area website.

WE made some changes to a couple pages on the web site to dress them up a bit. Check it out for the newcomer to AA.

I have reached out over the phone and via zoom with the committee chairs to enhance their web pages so we may better serve the area as a whole. Particularly the bridge the gap page. Sean is our new chair for the GAP and is doing great, the link is complete and anyone who reaches out for help via the treatment page can now receive vital information. Thanks Sean.

Thanks for letting be of service to you and go chiefs. Gary H. web team chair

# **Area Registrar**

Fellow WSEA 92 trusted servants,

The Registrar front has been "loudly" quiet as of late. To date, 71 GSRS have provided Group Update Information via the Area web site form. The form builds our database. The database is growing. Coupled with the ERP test report recently provided by GSO, we are now able to effectively reach the majority of active Groups in the Area with one click of the mouse. This is good news for now.... When ERP is functional, the ideal for the Registrar would be to use our growing database to keep current our Area's information with GSO, and maintain a comprehensive contact list for Area communication. That is the good news for the future....

\*For our Area database to continue to grow, it is vital for Groups to take five minutes to complete this form: <a href="https://forms.gle/QpmDbGzhxzYzYJSP8">https://forms.gle/QpmDbGzhxzYzYJSP8</a> THANK YOU!

Ben N - Alternate Delegate/Registrar Panel 70

# **District and DCM Reports**

### **District 6**

Hi everyone

From district 6 and myself, Thank You for taking the time to find out what is happening in our District.

Stay home stay safe, is still our goal and we are adapting to this new way of living.

District 6 continues to meet via Zoom on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM

It has been a great challenge to keep AA united in the Pandemic era we are facing,

People are angry and defiant with everything going on but we must be strong for those who aren't.

A number of groups are starting to adapt to starting online meetings. We cannot do this alone, so we continue to seek support for the still suffering Alcoholic and those who have suffered from Alcoholism.

At the last district meeting we talked about the July Quarterly via Zoom and how and what I could have done better to represent the District, we were grateful to District 20 for Co-hosting the event for Area and we very pleased with the speakers we had for the Friday session,

Not much more to share since the lockdown but we will survive,

Thank You

Eddie P. District 6 DCM

### **District 8**

Hello Fellow AA Members,

The 3rd Legacy committee is happy to be providing a choice for the upcoming Oct Area 92 Assembly. We have secured the Church of Nazarene for all day Saturday, Oct 17 in order for those who want to attend the Zoom meeting in person. Past DCM's, a past Delegate, past Standing Committee Chairs and other folks with Service experience will be available to offer support and answer questions for those who have never attended an Assembly in person or on Zoom, and for those who have and LOVE the fellowshipping. All are welcome.

I attended the 2nd PI/CPC committee meeting the 1st Tuesday of September. They are well on their way to getting the word out about what AA does and what it doesn't do. I am very excited for the commitment of both Chairs, for the future of these committees and for their great and effective ideas for educating and informing professionals and the public.

The 3rd Legacy committee will be meeting in the next couple weeks to create a plan to attend all District 8 registered group's business meetings to inform and educate them on the service structure and what the Standing Committees do. We will also be recruiting folks to help with the In Person Assembly event on Saturday, Oct. 17.

I am Responsible,

Natalie Forsyth-Walters

3rd Legacy Chair

# **District 14**

Hello to area 92

District 14 is alive and well in Montana, Idaho and Washington; continuing with our primary purpose of carrying the message. Our meetings have continued in any way that our members can find. As a District we continue to support our Home Groups and do all we can to maintain that connection in order to keep our service triangle inverted.

Our next District meeting will be a hybrid meeting to keep the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous open as wide as possible, as well as using social media to announce district meetings. We are reaching out to treatment centers and jails to make sure we are doing all we can to ensure the still suffering alcoholic knows how to get in touch with our members in District when they get out with an Ad Hoc schedule and phone numbers. As well as literature and our PI/CPC chair continues to reach out to the professional community and work with Area for ideas and support and though we are a small district we continue to do what we can to make a difference. It continues to be an amazing privilege to be involved in service work in the times of uncertainty, holding on to the absolute certainty that I am still an Alcoholic and I am not cured. Our daily reprieve comes through service work directed at reaching the newcomer who comes in to our meetings not sure if this AA thing is going to work for them or not, we continue to see newcomers come in and hang on for one more day, getting sponsors, a big book and a home group, Covid be dammed we find out we don't have to drink today, that is the message being carried to the newcomer today.

In the last two days I have had a chance to meet 4 newcomers 3 of whom talk about having a sponsor and reading the Big Book, I have no doubt more are out there taking there last drink and District 14 is doing all can to make sure they find us when they are ready. Our Big Book says "Many could recover if they had the opportunity we have enjoyed."

Thank you, Area 92, for your love and support Sincerely Jerome W. DCM 14

### District 24

Greetings to everyone at area 92 from all of us at at District 24! Our counties are still in phase 1 with modifications. District 24 meeting on August 23

was in person. One GSR, our treasurer, and Antonio who volunteered as secretary were present. Also 2 group members who are interested in what a District is joined us and that made for a great meeting! We are looking forward to our Delegate's Report in Spanish on September 20th. at 11 a.m. at Grupo Comunidad in Pasco. Districts 16, 21, and 25 will also join us. All district 24 groups are having in person meetings, following all safety protocols. Our fifth tradition passing the message is alive and well as all the groups have new people attending and continuing to attend meetings. Our 7th tradition in some of the groups is down however all are being able to meet group expenses and some are sending to Area, GSO and our Intergroup.

I joined with another AA member to translate a couple of the motion's forms. I also received, divided and distributed Spanish AA literature to the 4 Hispanic districts. This literature was given to us from Idaho and came to us through Doug our translator, thank you Doug. Thank you, Idaho, for thinking of us from all 4 Hispanic districts for the 12x12s, AA Books and Daily reflections.

Oh! And my son got married August 15th! It's been a Great month!

Thank you trusted servants of our groups, GSRs, District 24 and Area 92.

See you soon in person or by Zoom.

Yours in service,

Virginia R. DCM 24

# **District 26**

Greetings District 26 A.A. Members,

It's been another month and things continue to move slowly back to as "normal" as we ever we ever get. It's nice to see all meetings up and running. It is also great to see meeting numbers beginning to rival pre Covid sizes. Except of course for Thursday, Thursday night continues to sputter. I attended a Zoom round table meeting. It was poorly attended; there were only two DCM's, and we discussed the upcoming Quarterly and the new motion for the motion process. I attended the July Quarterly. There were 50-60 folks in attendance.

The Thursday evening ADHOC committee continues to remain very active. We have been discussing the upcoming motions, so Todd can take them back to get a group conscience on them. Apparently, \$2400.00 was spent on the Zoom GSO conference. The Zoom conference did not cost \$2400.00, but since the body had approved to send our delegate the decision was made to just donate the money. This was done without consulting the body or the approval of the body.

Additionally, some three hundred dollars was spent for upgraded Zoom meetings, this was done without consulting the body concerning an increase in cost. It is well established that the body should consulted concerning matters involving significant amounts of money and changes in policy. However many in District 26 are dismayed by what can only be viewed as a lack of transparency at the Area level. Our DCM and GSR's and groups would certainly be happy to be afforded the opportunity to function as a controlling body by being allowed to provide an informed group conscience at least concerning financial matters.

A big thank you to Gary, for a well-done Delegate's Report on Zoom. I know, I enjoyed it, and I heard nothing but positive comments.

Sincerely,

Todd S.

District 26 DCM

# **Area 92 Inventory Committee**

First, I would like to thank all of the AA members in Area 92 who submitted questions to be considered for inclusion in the 2020 Area Inventory. The inventory will take place on Saturday afternoon at the October Assembly.

Also, I want to thank the Inventory Committee for their diligent work in combining aspects of several questions to produce the final three questions to be presented at the Assembly.

Allen D.

Past Delegate Panel 68

### **2020 INVENTORY QUESTIONS**

- 1. Is technology and computer software changing the way our Area does business, and how does it affect participation by groups and members?
- 2. Will the Area, Area Standing Committees, and Districts continue utilizing Virtual Conferencing after the Pandemic?
- 3. Are the members trusting our trusted servants, true transparency? Is there a breakdown in communication at all levels of service?

\*\*Motion 13.5 The Inventory Ad Hoc committee moves that Area 92 allow two hours for Area inventory on non-election October Assemblies. The inventory would begin at 3:00 pm on Saturday of the non-election October Assembly. The inventory would be chaired by a past delegate who would be funded by WSEA 92. The inventory would contain three to five questions which could come from any or all of the following: Home Groups, GSR Roundtable meetings, DCM Roundtable meetings, or from the Area Committee. A follow up report will be given at the following April Pre-Conference Assembly. The Area Secretary will send a copy of the minutes of the inventory electronically or via regular mail to the Area Committee, including DCMs and the DCMs will ensure that the information is forwarded to the GSRs by December 31 of the inventory year.

\*\*Please discuss these questions within your groups and districts prior to the October Assembly.

# **Website Committee Request**

Dear WSEA 92 Chair,

It is the desire of members of the Website Committee to present to the Area a request to form an ad hoc committee for the purpose of creating a new Area position of "WSEA 92 Technology Chair".

To that end we have prepared a mission statement that reads as follows.

To gather information in reference to the creation of an Area Technology Chair. To educate and inform the Area in order that they may make an informed decision about the addition of a new position titled "WSEA 92 Technology Chair".

Currently the Area members confirmed to participate upon approval include:

- Rad M. Past Area Delegate P58 (Chair)
- Jennifer W. Area DCC (Co-Chair)
- Mike McM. Past Area Delegate P54 (Member)
- Cameron J. Past Area Treasurer (Member)
- Gina H. Past Area Secretary (Member)
- Amelia K. DCM District 22 (Member)
- Dave G. GSR District 22 (Member)

We formally and humbly ask that you present this request to the Area Committee for its consideration and approval.

Sincerely,

WSEA 92 Website Committee

# WA State East Area 92 Alcoholics Anonymous

# PROFIT AND LOSS

April - June, 2020

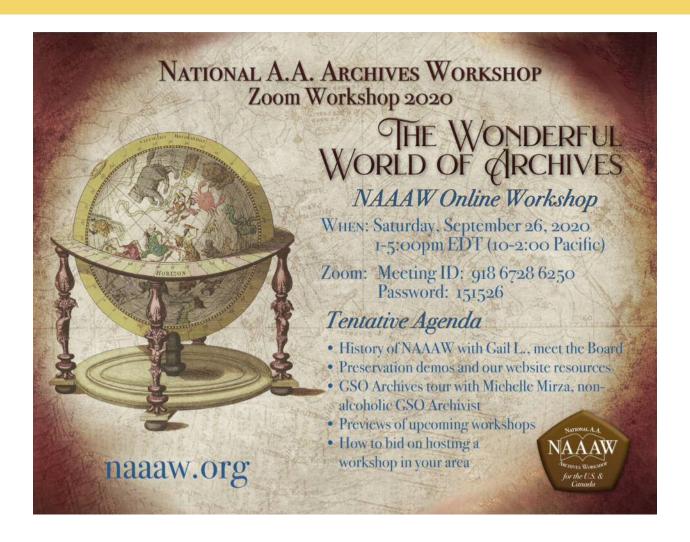
	TOTAL
Income	
Contributions by Individuals/Groups/Districts	5,285.97
Total Income	\$5,285.97
GROSS PROFIT	\$5,285.97
Expenses	
Alternate Delegate	
Copies/Supplies/Postage	135.56
Miscellaneous	0.00
Total Alternate Delegate	135.56
Archives Chair	
Archival Upkeep	504.00
Total Archives Chair	504.00
Area Expenses	307.74
Bank Charges & Fees	
Pay Pal	-1.14
Total Bank Charges & Fees	-1.14
Insurance	577.50
Pacific Northwest Conference 2021	2,943.16
Zoom	20.00
Total Area Expenses	3,847.20
Corrections	
Grapevine Subscriptions	867.15
Total Corrections	867.1
Newsletter	
Copies/Supplies/Postage	567.09
Total Newsletter	567.09
Treatment/Assessabilities	
Literature	41.97
Total Treatment/Assessabilities	41.97
Total Expenses	\$5,963.03
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -677.06
NET INCOME	\$ -677.06

# WA State East Area 92 Alcoholics Anonymous

# PROFIT AND LOSS INCOME

August 2020

	TOTAL
Income	
Contributions by Individuals/Groups/Districts	3,679.42
Total Income	\$3,679.42
GROSS PROFIT	\$3,679.42
Expenses	
Total Expenses	
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$3,679.42
NET INCOME	\$3,679.42



# General Service Representatives

# **5 EASY steps to get CONNECTED**



- 1. Go to Area 92 website: <a href="https://area92aa.org/">https://area92aa.org/</a>
- 2. Under the "Area Committee" tab click on "Documents"
- 3. At that screen (on the left) click on "Other Documents"
- 4. Click on "Group Change Form"
- 5. Complete and click "submit"

Your Group Info is now up-to-date with Area and GSO!

??? QUESTIONS ??? Contact: alt-delegate@area92aa.org - Ph# 208-755-2345

# **Area Contact Information**

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Treatment	Fran L.	treatment@area92aa.org	509-936-1045
Treatment Bridge	Sean S.	treatmentbridge@area92aa.org	509-378-1787
Website Information	Gary H.	alt-chair@area92aa.org	509-670-8860

# **Financial Contributions**

Our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition states: "Every A.A. Group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

Please send your contributions to:

Washington State East Area 92
1314 S. Grand Blvd. Suite 2, Box #103
Spokane, WA 99202-1174

# **Area Newsletter Submission Guidelines**

The Area 92 Newsletter- Published Monthly

The Newsletter is our primary mode of communication in Area 92 and relies on the submissions of each

of us: Our DCM's, GSR's, Elected officers, Appointed Chairs and Delegates, Past and Present, as well as any member within Area 92. Geographically Area 92 includes Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, Western Montana and Hermiston Oregon.

Submissions: Any Member of A.A. may submit information, questions, reports, ideas or discussion points to the Editor. All Submissions are subject to editing for Grammar, sentence structure and spelling. Any opinions expressed herein are not endorsed nor approved by A.A. as a whole nor is any article or activity published by A.A. as a whole except when Conference approved literature is quoted or otherwise copyrighted by A.A.W.S.

The Submission deadline is the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month at 5pm. Pacific Standard Time. Each submission should be approximately 250 words.

<u>Submission Methods</u>: Email to <u>newsletter@area92aa.org</u> or US Mail to Address below Area 92 Newsletter
212 Ironwood Drive Ste D #212
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814

This is the disclaimer and submission guidelines that will be found in each monthly Area Newsletter.

### Changes include:

- Submittal deadline has been changed from the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to the 5<sup>th</sup> of the Month.
- No Phone Text entries will be accepted.
- The Mailing Address has been changed.
- All forms of Mail Accepted, US Postal, FEDEX, UPS, DHL Etc.
- All entries and flyers should be clear and legible.
- Submission does not guarantee publication.

Thank you for your cooperation

Sincerely yours in Service!

Benjamin G. Newsletter Editor AREA 92 / Panel 70

# Missed an Issue???

Area 92 Newsletter Archive

Go to:

area92aa.org/newsletter

# Area 92 Service Opportunities - Your local AA needs You!

Volunteer for the committee that interests you

### TRANSLATION COMMITTEE

- Help arrange for Translation Services with our Hispanic speaking Districts in Area 92
- Helps with document translations needs for Area assemblies, workshops when requested.

Chairperson: Doug M. 509-319-7510

translation@area92aa.org



### ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

- Assist the Chair in compiling a chronological history and help them maintain the history of the Area.
- Help maintain an inventory.
- Be available to display the archives at Area 92 functions and other invited functions.

Chairperson: Lisa G. 406-334-7091

archives-chair@area92aa.org



# LITERATURE COMMITTEE

- Inform groups, district or area assembly members of AA approved literature, audiovisual material and other special items.
- Become familiar with the information on G.S.O.'s A.A. website (www.aa.org).
- Provide literature for groups, area, and district functions.
- Consider suggestions regarding proposed additions to and changes in Conference-approved literature and audiovisual material.
- Encourage A.A. members to read/purchase A.A. literature.

Chairperson: Anna V. 509-406-2262

literature@area92aa.org



# **CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE**

The purpose of a corrections committee is to coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics behind the walls, and to set up means of smoothing the way from the facility to the larger A.A. community through prerelease contacts.

Chairperson: Chris J. 406-291-0093 corrections@area92aa.org



# Service Opportunities - Your local AA needs You!

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### C P C COMMITTEE

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

Members of these committees provide information about A.A. to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession, including healthcare, E.A.P. and H.R. professionals; educators; members of the clergy; lawyers; social workers; military professionals; government officials; and those working in the field of alcoholism. Information is provided about where we are, what we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do.

Chairperson: Brande G. 509-868-4123



### PICOMMITTEE

### PUBLIC INFORMATION

The purpose of P.I. service work is to provide accurate A.A. information to the public when requested. P.I. committees visit schools, businesses and community meetings for this purpose. They also serve as resources for our friends in the local media, emphasizing our Traditions of anonymity, singleness of purpose and non-affiliation, as well as offering A.A. public service announcements to media outlets such as radio and television stations.

Chairperson: Michelle W. 509-388-6086



# TREATMENT/ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE

- With approval of the facility, takes A.A. meetings into treatment settings within its area.
- Encourages group participation. In some areas each group has a representative on the Treatment Committee.
- Coordinates temporary contact programs, such as Bridging the Gap.
- Arranges purchase and distribution of literature for these groups and meetings.

Chairperson: Fran L. 509-936-1045

treatment@area92aa.org



# WEB COMMITTEE

- The Area 92 website provides and maintains information about our local group meetings and services of AA. Maintains an events calendar which includes local and Area 92 events.
- Committee members exchange ideas on Web site design, format and content.
- Seeks feedback from AA Groups, GSRs, Service committees on Web site functionality/content.
- Posts newsletters, other AA resource links, etc

Chairperson: Gary H. 509-670-8860



alt-chair@area92aa.org

# Area 92 Standing Committee Workshop EVERYONE WELCOME!

Join this quarterly gathering of AA members to share inspiration and ideas on carrying the AA message.

Includes individual committee sessions.

PLUS: Presentation on "AA Resources in the Digital Age" by Gary P. (Area 92 Delegate)

Sept. 19, 2020 10am – 3pm Please login by 9:45am

Zoom ID: 955 9098 1949 Password: 151109

Sponsored by
District 13 for Area 92

Contacts:

Michelle pi@area92aa.org

Jamie Jamiekane98270@comcast.net

# District 8 / North Idaho



3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy Committee (District 8) Invites you to attend the

# **Area October Assembly Workshop**

- Idaho allows Face-to Face IN PERSON meeting with Zoom.
- Masks & Social Distancing will be utilized.
- Join past DCMs, Past Delegates, Area Officers, and others who can answer questions and offer support for those new to area assemblies.
- Bring your cell phone, laptop or I-pad to use in order to cast your vote.
- Area Assembly Zoom meeting will be broadcast on a big screen with speakers and microphone.
- Bring your own lunch and snacks. Water and coffee will be provided.

WHEN: Saturday, October 17 8am until it ends

WHERE: Church of Nazarene 4000 N 4th Street CDA, ID 83815

For more details contact:

Natalie F. 208-819-8808 <u>nforsythwalters@gmail.com</u>

<sup>&</sup>quot;I am responsible... When anyone, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

# Hear Ye Hear Ye WSEA 92 October 2020 Assembly Is Coming October 16<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> A Virtual Zoom Event hosted by District 2

Panel speaker's on Friday afternoon to be announced and topics to be discussed will include "What's missing in our rooms?", "Practicing the Principles", and "Keeping A.A. Relevant". Sunday morning speaker and topic to be announced.

Topic: Area 92 October Assembly October 16-18 2020

Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/91691597851

Meeting ID: 916 9159 7851
Passcode: 922020
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Find your local number: https://zoom.us/u/ahOcY3INv

# October Assembly - Virtual

October 16 - 18, 2020

# Welcome to the WSEA 92 Assembly Hosted by District 2

We are glad you are here!

Friday, October 16, 2020

5:00 – 6:00 PM Introductions to October Assembly

Panels "2020, A Clear Vision for You"

Recovery - Who is missing in Our Rooms?

Unity – Practicing Our Principles Service – Keeping AA Relevant

6:00 - 7:00 PM Dinner--No Host

7:00 - 8:00 PM Web Team - Gary H Alt Chair

Finance Committee – Cindy H Alt Treasurer Handbook Committee – Ann Marie K Secretary Newsletter Committee – Benjamin G Newsletter

**Standing Committee Chairs** 

8:15 – 9:15 PM DCM Orientation – Diana M Chair

GSR Orientation - Gary H Alt Chair

9:15 PM Ice Cream Social

9:30 PM Ask It Basket – Gary P Delegate

# October Assembly - Virtual

# October 16 - 18, 2020

### Saturday, October 17, 2020

7:30 AM Open Zoom Room 8:00 AM Call to Order

> Moment of silence, Serenity Prayer Reading of the 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts in English and Spanish

**Motion to Record Proceedings** 

Motion to approve the Minutes of April 2020

**Assembly Minutes** 

Welcome! Review of business procedure

Introductions of Past Delegates

Roll Call - Secretary

Trusted Servant Reports (5 minutes)

Delegate Gary P-Unlimited

Alt. Delegate Ben N
Chair Diana
Alt. Chair Gary H
Treasurer Jan R - Ui

Treasurer Jan R -Unlimited (Motion to accept Treasurer's Report)
Alt. Treasurer Cindy H
Secretary Ann Marie K
Archives Lisa G

Cooperation w/Professional
Community Brande G
Corrections Chris J
Grapevine & Literature Anna Marie V
Newsletter Benjamin
Public Information Michelle W
Translation Doug M
Treatment/Accessibilities Fran L

### Area Sub-Committee & Ad-Hoc Reports (5 mins)

Registrar Ben N
Web Team Gary H
Finance Committee Cindy H
Handbook Committee Ann Marie K
Ad Hoc Committee Tech Jennifer W

11:00 AM GSR Sharing

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM DCM Reports (3 minutes)

DCM Orient/Roundtable Report District 2 DCM

GSR Orient/Roundtable Report District 2 GSR

Host Committee Reports (3 minutes)

October 2020 Assembly District 02

January 2021 Quarterly
April 2021 Assembly
Oct Election 2021 Assembly
Central Office
District 03
District 08
District 04
Any One Available

3:00 - 5:00 PM Area Inventory - Allen D Past Del

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bid for July 2021 Quarterly Bid for January 2022 Quarterly Bid for April 2022 Pre Conf Assembly Motions

- Motion Process
- · Amend description of Area Newsletter
- Amend Translation Chair workshops

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Floor Motions

Bids - October 2022 Assembly

6:00 - 7:00 PM Dinner

### **Breaks on Saturday**

8:00 am - Call to Order 10:00 am - Break 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm 3:00 pm - Break

### **Voting Members**

Only the GSR's, DCM's, Appointed Trusted Servants, and the Elected Trusted Servants may vote.

Substituting Alternates may vote in the absence of their GSR or DCM.

### Sunday, October 18, 2020

8:30 - Open Zoom Room

9:00 - 10:00 AM Speaker

10:15 AM return to business (if needed)

Adjourn with the Responsibility Statement

Zoom etiquette is vital to hearing the speaker. Please keep background noise minimal. Please mute by using the microphone icon on the Zoom app or by using mute button on your phone or by pressing \*6. To upmute do the same

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I am responsible - when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help I want the hand of AA always to be there and for that I am responsible