Hello Area 92

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Area 92 Newsletter
Mission Statement
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!

I would like to remind everyone about our area assembly starting in 2 weeks on Friday April 8th through the Sunday April 10th. This assembly will be held in Coeur d'Alene Idaho at the Best Western Inn. I have attached the registration flyer for those that may not have it.

We will be holding a special election for the Area 92 Alternate Treasurer at this assembly and would like to give all the membership notice of this, for those that would like to make themselves available for this elected position of the Area 92 Committee.

Below is the Job Description from our Area Handbook. From Page 13 and 14:

6.6 WSEA 92 ATTERNATE TREASURER

The WSEA 92 Alternate Treasurer is the custodian of WSEA 92 contributions. The Alternate Treasurer is responsible for managing the financial income and outflows of WSEA 92 transactions and may share a portion of the Treasurer's duties for receipt of group contributions or similar areas of responsibility. Coordinates with the Treasurer in encouraging contributions at the Group level' Keeps abreast of the financial needs of the WSEA 92 and the financial problems of the groups. Is available to participate in service functions to discuss our Seventh Tradition and to provide information on WSEA 92 finances. Serves as the WSEA 92 Finance Committee

Chairperson, engaging a finance committee to review, and when necessary, research all WSEA 92 financial matters'.

Qualifications:

- A solid period of sobriety (minimum 3-5 years). .
- The time to serve and the ability to travel within WSEA 92.
- Experience in accounting, bookkeeping, and the use of QuickBooks Online' .
- Have "Basic +" computer skills. .
- Experience in Group, institutional, and/or WSEA 92 affairs. .
- A sound understanding and appreciation of the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts.
- Communication skills and leadership qualities.
- An understanding of parliamentary procedure.

Duties:

As Alternate Treasurer

- Records all income transactions. .
- issues and files receipts by district. .
- Posts checks for the current fiscal quarter by group, district, and group number'.
- Endorses checks, and makes all bank deposits.
- Ensures accuracy of group check(s), receipts, and WSEA 92 ledger' .
- Assists the Treasurer with managing finances for a separate savings account as a prudent "Reserve Fund".
- Works with the finance committee in reviewing finances quarterly to determine the feasibility of sending additional funds to GSO to support our Delegate.

As Finance Committee Chair:

- Will chair the Finance Committee meetings. .
- Prior to the yearly General service conference, the Finance committee Chair will facilitate discussions regarding Conference Agenda items relating to AA finances and financial policy'.
- Assists Treasurer and Finance committee in preparation of the yearly WSEA 92 audit and budget' .
- Participates in and chairs Finance Committee meetings at WSEA 92 Assemblies and Quarterlies.
- Chairs Finance Committee conference call meetings when needed'

Expenses reimbursed by WSEA 92:

- 1. WSEA 92 Quarterly meetings and two Assemblies
 - a. Travel
 - b. Meals
 - c. Lodging
 - d. Registration
- 2. Meeting to select Appointed and Standing Committee Chairs

- a. Travel
- 3. Communication Expenses
- a. Postage, envelopes and copies
- 4. Travel for banking business (deposits, etc.)

In addition we are still looking for an Area Secretary and a Chairperson for the Public Information Committee. Job Descriptions can be found in our Area 92 Handbook, which is also online at area92aa.org

For any Questions or additional information, please feel free to contact me at any time

See you at the Assembly, Best regards!

Benjamin G. Area 92 Chair WSEA 92 / AA chair@area92aa.org

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Area Elected and Appointed Reports

Area Delegate

Greetings WSEA 92 Fellowship

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you helping me prepare for the 72nd General Service Conference in Brooklyn, NY. The enthusiastic participation I found at the workshop in Ephrata, and the number of agenda review meetings has been overwhelming! Representing our great Area and Alcoholics Anonymous is a humbling responsibility. With the support you have demonstrated the past few months I am eager to meet that responsibility. Thank you so much! Washington State East Area 92 is without doubt, "unified in love and service"!

Our Pre-Conference Assembly, April 8,9,10 is just a few days away. I'm anxious for us to join together in the fellowship of service; to listen to all the Groups share their viewpoints and experience on this year's agenda items. Concept I in action!

Also, a special THANKS out to our good friends from Grupo Comunidad in Pasco inviting Area Chair, Benjamin G.. Translation Chair Johnny A. and myself to participate in their Concept study workshop. It was a Sunday afternoon of information, fun, food and fellowship. A welcomed break from the hectic Agenda Item review process! :0)

My wife and best friend, Tina and I will leave for New York April 20, you will all be with us in the spirit of fellowship and service...

"Bill believed the wisdom of A.A. was found in the Group conscience that came out of church basements, and not from the pulpit; that it was directed from the Groups through the delegates and Conference structure, rather than the other way around."

.... Dr. John Norris 21st GSC 1971

Ben N. WSEA 92 Delegate - Panel 72

Area Alternate Delegate

It was great seeing so many members participating in the Standing Committee Workshop in Ephrata and reviewing the Conference Agenda Items. I'm continuing to attempt to keep up on all the information being forwarded to me by the delegate regarding the upcoming conference. I've also continued to attend the NAAD, North America Alternate Delegates meeting held once a month as well as the North America Registrars meetings also once a month. Both groups have been very helpful with a questions and answer period for those of us new in our positions.

I'm also continuing to attend the New Service Manual workshop meeting weekly to better understand some of the changes in the new service manual. If you or your group or district is interested in hosting a GSR School please contact me or schedule a time on the GSR school calendar on the website. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you either in person or virtually this weekend in Coeur d'alene.

Diana M Area 92 Alt Delegate

Area Chairperson

Greetings Area 92!

This has been a busy month in preparation for our upcoming April Pre-Conference assembly.

In March, I attended Pre-Conference workshops in Libby Montana, Ephrata Washington and Spokane Washington. I also participated with District 25 in a Concept workshop in Pasco Washington. The pace of activity has been worth wile and I have met a lot of new people in this last month.

Nearly every evening I am writing something, preparing some document or presentation for the Assembly. In addition to phone calls and video conferences with the Area Committee, I still manage to get to meetings on a regular basis and meet with sponsees as needed.

At the Pasco workshop with the Hispanic Districts, I was invited to share on our 10th concept, which is about defining authority and job descriptions in A.A. Our AA Service Manual, Area Handbooks, Charter and Bylaws are examples of this 10th Concept in action. We find in this time we are redefining a lot of our business processes. It is an honor and privilege honor to serve at this time as a trusted servant, ever reminded to place principles before personalities.

I am looking forward to our assembly this weekend and the Pre-Conference Discussion with the groups of our Area 92!

Best Regards to All!

Benjamin G. / Area Chair / Panel 72

Area Alternate Chairperson

Hello Area 92!

It felt so good to load up 3 cars full of people and travel to Ephrata for the March Standing Committee Workshop, I would like to extend a big Thank you to all who attended, both online and in person. I thought it was a great turnout and showed just how Unified we all are. Thank you District 19 for an amazing lunch and facilities. After Ephrata, a few of us traveled over to Yakima to District 25 for a Concepts workshop, I would like to Thank Toribino, Cireneo and Jorge for inviting us to participate, the Carne Asada was delicious.

By the time you read this we will probably be at the April Pre-Conference Assembly, hosted by District 8 Coeur d'Alene but, I would suggest comfortable clothing and lots of snacks to prepare for the long discussion on the Conference agenda items. The July Quarterly will be hosted in Libby Montana, by District 26, the registration forms are on the website as well as in the newsletter, and we will also have copies at the April assembly. There is a time restraint on the block of rooms for July, so make your reservations ASAP. You will notice there is no Zoom login on the registration forms, that will be distributed later for those registering for the Hybrid Option.

The October Assembly will be held in the Tri-Cities, hosted by District 4. This will be an Inventory assembly so start thinking of questions now and start discussing possible submissions with your Homegroups and Districts. I am still attempting to make contact with Vicki, with hope the registration forms will ready to go by July 2022 Quarterly.

We will be taking bids for hosting the April 2024 Pre-Conference Assembly at the 2022 April Assembly, talk with your District and see if they are interested in hosting, If you have any questions about hosting an Assembly or a Quarterly, Please feel free to reach out to me at any time, we would love to come your neighborhood!

In Love and Service,

Lisa G., Alt Chair, Panel 72

Area Treasurer

I hope you are all well as we enter headfirst into Spring. I am so excited for Spring. When I was drinking and into my first years of recovery Spring was not my friend. Spring was filled with memories of loss and grief. I would look outside and wonder why everyone was so happy in the sun and I was not. I know now that I suffered from the disease of Alcoholism and depression. Living in the solution is where I truly love to live.

Living a life in the sunlight of the spirit serving others. Being a part of something so much bigger than me. I don't always do what, I am told but I do consider it these days. I smile when I walk into the sunlight and again, I can be thankful for finding my way to the rooms of AA where I live this amazing life.

Here are some highlights. I have sent the budget out to the fiancé committee to review and make suggestions for changes.

I have attended and participated in the March Standing Committee workshop in Ephrata with the help of the DCM's and a Alt DCM I am so thankful for their commitment to service and to our fellowship.

I also had the privilege of attended and participate in a concepts workshop in Yakima what amazing host. This was the first for me, I had never presented on a Concept II. Let me just say I love when, I get to experience firsts.

Here is a snap shot of our financial information.

January beginning balance of \$31,864.51 January Expenses were \$1,482.42 January deposits of \$ 3,259.74

February beginning balance of \$33, 218.61 February Expense were \$3,313.71 February Deposits totaled \$6,651,38

March beginning balance was \$38,809.29 March Expense were \$2,127.02 March Deposits totaled \$3,480.65

I I look forward to seeing everyone in CDA for amazing Assembly With much love and service Fran Your Area 92 Treasurer

Area Alternate Treasurer

Please send all contributions to:

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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.

PLEASE add your group name and/or district to your memo line or put a note in the envelope. The next Alternate Treasurer will need this information to make their transition as smooth as possible. Thank you very much for your support.

YIS Cindy H.

Area 92 Alt-Treasurer <u>alt-treasurer@area92aa.org</u> Finance Committee Chair

Area Secretary - open position

Area Archives Chair

Hello Area 92,

March Was a busy month for me. I attended PRAASA and chaired the archives round table discussion. We had 25 people attending, including 5 from Japan. We discussed topics ranging from how to preserve hats and fragile objects to copyrights and insurance questions.

I attended the Standing committee workshop in Ephrata along with 3 other women from District 12. Scott R. and I presented the PI agenda item summaries. The workshop was very well attended in person and on Zoom. Thank you District 19.

Last month I also attended a Pacific Northwest Conference planning meeting on zoom for an archive's presentation on the history of Spanish speaking groups and districts. I did not find much history on that. If any of our Spanish speaking friends have information on the history of their districts in Area 92 please contact me.

In past newsletters Lisa D. and I have stated the urgent need to relocate the repository. The Archives Steering committee met 4 times in March to put together a floor motion which will be presented at the Pre-Conference assembly this month to address this matter. We felt it important enough to put it out to the body now rather than waiting until July and October.

I met with Lisa D. at the repository on Saturday March 26 and we went through the traveling display. We took pictures and a video which I hope to present at the assembly on the 9. We will also have some items on display there.

YIS,

Valerie D.

WSEA 92 Archives Chair

Archives-chair@area92aa.org

Area Archivist

Hello everyone!

We have had another very busy month in Archives. Our team has been working very hard to prepare our motion to get funding approved so we can start looking for a new repository. As you know our collection is in decline due to the environmental problems not being in line with archival standards. I have been doing some more digging and have found a lot more examples of our documents bleeding on one another and distorting them (some of them are not even legible). I will bring these examples to display at the Assembly on Friday as part of our Traveling Display and so everyone can see what we are up against. I will also bring examples of other ways the archives are damaged and how the environment can exacerbate the problems. We are hoping to have a presentation together by Saturday also.

I have been sprucing up our display collection and there will be lots to see. I am highlighting some of our members but don't worry! If you don't see your work this time, I will be changing it every Assembly. So keep your eyes open! Please be sure to sign our guest book to show your support!

We really need to bring our Repository up to the standard by which we can take proper care of our archives. Remember, we are self-supporting through our own contributions. This means supporting our archives as well. We are way behind other Areas both technically and the way we support our history. I think it is time we make our history a priority. I really hope and pray that the body agrees with me. It would be a shame to lose any of our precious history.

See you Saturday!

Sincerely in Service

Lisa D. WSEA Archivist

Area Corrections Chair

Hello All,

Area Corrections has been primarily following up on the Agenda Items assigned to the Corrections Standing Committee in preparation for the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 8-10 in Coeur d'Alene. I want to shout out and thank all those that attended the Standing Committee Workshop, and special thanks to those that participated in the Corrections discussions on the assigned Agenda Items. We seemed to arrive, together, to an "informed" conscience and hopefully walked away a little better equipped to discuss with others to help them arrive at an informed decision on the Agenda Items.

As a Standing Committee, Corrections distributed a Google Form to collect information on facilities and service positions around bringing the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the inside. The rollout was not the best and I will own up to the fact that I could have put it out better. This is only to help Area support all the Districts in their attempts to carry the message inside. It is also to help any Area Corrections Chairs be able to contact different facilities, follow up on Grapevine/La Vina subscriptions provided by Area and any other literature not provided for by individual districts. As this Corrections "Database" or "Directory," if you will, is assembled. I will make non-secure information available to DCMs & District Corrections Committee Chairs so they can use our Area Google Workspace as a Resource we can all share.

Area 92 Corrections is still looking for a volunteer to fill the Bridge Program Coordinator position which is a very important service position in helping those getting a bridge from incarceration-to-the-Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. If anybody is interested in this position or would like to join the Corrections Committee, please let me know at corrections@area92aa.org!

I just got word that Coyote Ridge Corrections Center in Connell, WA and Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla, WA, are officially open for outside volunteers and they are working out clearances, training, and scheduling. I, myself, have done all the training and am ready to take a meeting inside. A side note for anyone interested in going inside, proof of vaccination is required in the State of Washington for all those volunteers wanting to go inside.

Last, excited to hopefully see many of you at the Pre-Conference Assembly in Coeur d'Alene; if not, hope to catch you on the Road of Happy Destiny...grateful to serve.

Marc Mc.

Area CPC Chair

Area Grapevine and Literature Chair

Area Newsletter Editor

Greeting my brothers and sisters,

March was a busy month getting prepared for the Standing Committee Workshop in Ephrata and I really want the thank District 19 and DCM Nate M for the wonderful event they put on. The facilities were great and the lunch was fantastic but more importantly was the warm, kind friendship given by the host volunteers. Cheers to you all on behalf of the Area. Thank you!

Doug M

Area Public Information Chair

Area Technology Chair

Greetings Area 92:

Our committee is looking forward to and preparing for the upcoming hybrid April quarterly in Coeur d'Alene. While integrating hybrid and virtual technology to the AA service structure is a daunting task it's not the only responsibility of our committee.

Communicating with the groups and districts to keep the meeting schedule current and accurate will always be an ongoing pursuit.

Coordination between the Area website and other Areas, central offices, and intergroups is another concern.

Also, under consideration going forward is a more specific definition of the role the Area should assume regarding technology to best serve the interests of the Area 92 Body going forward. Just one example, should the Area own its own equipment and make it available for Area business instead of leaving this up to host committees? As such we will be compiling a list of the various hardware needed to support this effort.

There are many other conversations and considerations that will need future resolution. Not many things in technology are static but it's certain what we are doing today will only be temporary until something better comes along. Another certainty is that the participation and approval of the body will be a requirement.

In Love and Service, Bryan B technology chair

Area Treatment Chair

Dear Area 92 Family Members,

I attended the Standing Committee Workshop (SCW) in Ephrata during March. Thank you District 19 for your hospitality! Our focus was on the agenda items.

One of the agenda items was talking about serving remote communities. A few months ago, I thought a remote community was a town geographically separated from other towns. We know but a little! Our Accessibility Workbook defines a remote community as one that is difficult to reach. It may be difficult to reach for reasons other than geography, such as culture, language, age, disabilities and other issues that may isolate a particular group. A remote community may be far away or it may be right around the corner.

I would like to challenge each District to identify a remote community (one) in your District that would benefit from a Grapevine subscription. Our primary purpose is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers and I am asking for your help in identifying those underserved remote communities. Please send your response to: treatment@area92aa.org and help me carry the message!

Yours in Service,

Michael O.

Treatment/Accessibility Chair,

Area 92, Panel 72

Area Translation Chair

Finance Committee

Website Committee

Hybrid Ad-hock Committee

Hybrid Ad-hoc Committee Report for April Newsletter

The Committee has met two times since the last newsletter. We considered two major questions.

1. The decision for the Area to meet virtually: We continued our discussion about circumstances that might require that the Area meet entirely online and how a decision could be reached under those circumstances. In the event we decide that hybrid is to be used all the time, circumstances for going entirely virtual would be beyond our control, such as government "shelter-in-place" orders.

Polling

We talked about polling the groups in the Area via their DCMs. This would require that DCMs respond promptly to the call for service action. The groups would respond, or not, and we would need to go with whatever number of responses we get. Establishing a quorum could require that somebody enforce response, which we do not do in AA.

Delegated authority

The Committee looked at the meaning of delegated responsibility and commensurate authority according to Concept 10. According to the Area 92 Handbook, the Area Chair has the responsibility of making sure Area events run smoothly. However, in Alcoholic Anonymous, we rarely work alone. We considered the "Area Committee" which includes all the DCMs and concluded that would be unwieldly in terms of this kind of decision-making.

Together the Area GSRs and DCMs directly elect six (6) Area officers, thereby giving them an implicit vote of confidence. The Area Chair and Alt Chair are primarily responsible for Area business and the welfare of the Area. The Treasurer and Alt Treasurer are primarily responsible for Area finances. They are also Trusted Servants whose focus is the interests of the Area. The Delegate and Alt Delegate are primarily focused on communication between the General Service Conference and Trustees, and the AA groups themselves. A large part of their focus is the good of AA as a whole. Therefore, it seems reasonable that the responsibility for the decision about the format of an Area function would be delegated to these directly elected Trusted Servants.

Contracts for Quarterly and Assembly venues are signed well in advance of the event. Since emergencies are immediate and urgent, polling is likely to be impractical. *Polling would be advisory only*. The final authority would rest with the consensus of the six Elected Area Officers. Polling is referenced in the introduction to the Area 92 Handbook.

2. Standardizing language: With the advent of virtual meetings, we necessarily have a new vocabulary: host, zoombombers, online/virtual, virtual hand, poll, reaction, chat, breakout room, open a room, etc. This committee has been asked to identify and address some of these words.

Here are some words we thought to clarify:

A. Online and virtual

Online can refer to any number of activities carried out over the internet. A meeting held on the internet is a virtual meeting, in a virtual meeting room. It is common to refer to online meetings. No matter what platform they're held on, such meetings are in a virtual room.

B. Virtual Host and Host Committee

Before the pandemic, the Host was the Host Committee of an event. They hosted an event and gave a Host Committee report. In the virtual meeting world, we have a position called a Host that is similar but specifically different.

The Virtual Host is the entity that procures and manages the virtual meeting platform. Furthermore, the Virtual Host is specifically the person or persons who manage the virtual platform during the meeting. They are responsible for the functioning and management of the online meeting application.

We will still have a Host Committee, so we suggest differentiating one host from the other by calling the online application manager the Virtual Host.

C. Hybrid and simultaneous

A hybrid meeting is one that combines an in-person meeting with an integrated online component. Meetings may meet in person and online at the same time and not be hybrid. They are "simultaneous" meetings.

D. Caller

At a hybrid event, someone in person will need to watch the participants online for questions, answers, comments, etc. That person is known as the "Caller." (This comes from PRAASA experience.)

More terms will come along. We'll keep you informed.

In addition to those two discussion projects, we talked about registration for in person and online participants and came to no final conclusion.

We discussed the limits of our scope and what is in the purview of the Technology Committee. Two people from our committee met with two people from the Technology Committee to discuss exactly that. This Ad-hoc Committee will address *what* ought to be done and why. The Tech Committee will address *how* those things will be done. The two committees will be working together in some capacity.

The Tech Committee ought to be part of the site selection process for Area events. Just as the Area Alt Chair oversees the suitability of a venue, so the Area Technology Committee ought to oversee the suitability of a venue for hybrid purposes. That way, too, they will be informed as to what is needed to meet the tech needs of the event.

Recordings of Area Events that used to be done only by an independent audio company might now be done via the virtual meeting platform. The Ad-hoc Committee will talk about who should have ownership of and access to those

recordings. The Tech Committee will address the practical application of how Area events will be recorded, shared, and preserved.

I look forward to working with the Technology Committee. We will consult with the Tech Committee so that we have a better understanding of what is a reasonable suggestion. When we formulate any action items from our deliberations, they will be the product of both committees working together in service to the AAs in Area 92.

I also look forward to the concerned, thought-full, servant-minded discussions I've enjoyed with the Hybrid Ad-hoc Committee. If you are interested in joining this committee work, welcome. Please send any comments, questions, or concerns to dcm2@area92aa.org, or call me at 509-279-5640.

Area Registrar

Incoming GSRS Get Your Group Connected!

Is your Group Information up to date?? Please take five minutes to complete this form: https://forms.gle/QpmDbGzhxzYzYJSP8 and take advantage of GSO services: GSR Kit, Box 459, (quarterly news and notes from GSO), contribution reports, important announcements, and more.

Dianna M - WSEA 92 Alternate Delegate/Registrar Panel 70 <u>alt-delegat@area92aa.org</u>

District and DCM Reports

District 2

The District 2 DCM called for input from the groups/meetings on two items. One is the sending out of minutes - when and to whom and why.

We got enough feedback to come to a decision - minutes are for Archival purposes. It's okay to get them late. The DCM sends out "Notes" from the District meeting in time to be useful to those who do not attend the District meeting. Those who attend already have their own notes, and they are the only ones in a position to approve or amend the minutes anyway.

The other item requiring group input is the Meeting Guide App. The DCM asked each group to check their meeting and its presentation on the app - what appears around it. Then get back to the DCM with an opinion or suggestion. The four local DCMs have been concerned about the Meeting Guide meeting information. Eventually, the D2 DCM talked with the Central Office President with a suggestion that would clean up the data quite a bit.

District 2 hosted a GSC Agenda Item Discussion with the Delegate and Area Chair on March 19th. It was well attended with 25 people on line at one point, and as many or more people in person. It was a learning experience as far as a hybrid meeting was concerned. Next time we'll have a cordless microphone. I was dismayed to see people be unwilling to make the effort to go to the mic so that those online could hear their comments. A cordless mic would help a LOT.

The District 2 SCW Committee is working with the Area on the June Standing Committee Workshop. Marc M., Corrections Chair, is our contact. We're pretty sure we have a venue. Marc is designing the flyer. We're looking for more people to help when the time comes. Thank you to Lisa G., Area Alt-Chair, for gathering up and putting in print some guidelines / suggestions for hosting a Standing Committee Workshop. We need to have that in print!

Rock on, District 2!

Rainey M., DCM

District 3

District 4 Sadly No Report

District 5 Sadly No Report

District 6

Spring has sprung and my finches have returned to their nest neatly tucked into a wreath hanging on my patio door. I just participated in the DCM Sharing Session with fellow district DCMS, Benjamin, Lisa and Ben. It was a great meeting with many participants and lots of information shared amongst us.

District 6 is doing really well. We have 8 GSRs participating and all committee positions are filled. We are currently planning the District 6/District 20 general service conference workshop. It will be held on May 21, 2022 from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be a potluck lunch with the chicken and/or pizza.

Rock on District 6!!!

Michelle W

District 7 Sadly No Report

District 8

Greetings District 8 & AA's:

It has been a busy month working on getting ready for the upcoming Pre-Conference Assembly. Many thanks to Gloria P & Jeannie P for all their help and to the many volunteers and members of District 8 AA community. It is exciting to be back at an actual in-person Assembly, the first time in 2 years. I am looking forward to a successful meeting, fellowship and discussion to prepare our Delegate Ben N. for his journey back to NYC-GSO.

Notes from (March 8, 2022) District meeting:

We Had 19 GSR's, 4 officers, 6 committee chairs and 5 guests attend. Total of We welcomed new GSR's & Alt GSR's, Shon L. Alt GSR from the Bayview AA Group and Curtis A., GSR from Sobriety Capital of the World Group, Sam K. from NIYPAA as Alt GSR

Sam K. was nominated and appointed as the CPC Chair for this rotation. Welcome everyone and thank you for being of service.

Activities - Attended February & March 2022:

GSR & DCM school – hosted on zoom, February 12, 2022.

DCM monthly meeting: February 22, 2022. Meet with Area DCM's and Area Chair Benjamin virtually.

Standing Committee Workshop - March 19, 2022. Held in Ephrata, WA, attended on zoom.

72 GSC Agenda Item Discussion: March 26, 2022, held in Spokane.

DCM monthly meeting: March 29, 2022. Meet with Area DCM's and Area Chair Benjamin virtually.

Upcoming events: (Flyers that are available can be found on Area website or in DE) A**pril 8-10, 2022**: **Area 92 Pre-Conf Assembly.** Coeur d'Alene, District 8 host. Hybrid.

A.A.'s Single Purpose

Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

"There are those who predict that A.A. may well become a new spearhead for a spiritual awakening throughout the world. When our friends say these things, they are both generous and sincere. But we of A.A. must reflect that such a tribute and such a prophecy could well prove to be a heady drink for most of us-that is, if we really came to believe this to be the real purpose of A.A., and if we commenced to behave accordingly.

"Our society, therefore, will prudently cleave to its single purpose: the carrying of the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Let us resist the proud assumption that since God has enabled us to do well in one area we are destined to be a channel of saving grace for everybody."

A.A. Co-Founder Bill

W., 1955

In Love & Service,

Catherine B. District 8 DCM

District 9

Hello from District 9,

Things are progressing well in our District with an average of 15 to 20 in attendance. Most GSR's are coming and almost all the committee chair members are coming each month. Gratefully all of our committee chairs are filled except for Answering Service.

Our District is learning how to work together and we are making ground on some new changes. We have added Google Meets to our District meeting each month which happens on the second Sunday of every month. Anyone is welcome to join us. https://meet.google.com/sxk-bxib-uya

We have also implemented Google Forms as an electronic option for GSR's to submit their GSR Reports. We had some success last month but with anything new, it may take a little longer to gain traction. Thank you to my husband Marc Mc, who is also our Area Corrections Chair, for helping create such an easy Form on Google Work Space.

The March Workshop in Ephrata was well attended by members of District 9. Thank you to the following members who attended.

Alt DCM-Richard B. attended Treatment and Accessabilities Workshop

Treasurer-Ben H. attended Finance Workshop
GSR-Rick C. attended Archives Workshop
GSR- Gene A. attended Literature Workshop
Corrections Chair- Kevin N attended the Corrections Workshop

Marc Mc attended as the Area Corrections Chair and hosted the Corrections Workshop itself.

They all had great insight on the Agenda items when they returned. Thank you!!!

I continue to learn as the DCM. I have gotten a Service Sponsor in hopes of gaining further knowledge of how this all works. :)

Hope to see many of you at the Pre-Conference in just a few days!!

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

God Bless,

Judy Mc DCM

District 10

Another great month for District 10.

We celebrated: Stacy 5 years Julie 1 year Mary M 35 years Bill E 90 days Terry 39 years Kim 90 days

Upcoming events to look out for include:

District 10 Spring fling; Saturday May 21st 4pm at the Adult Activity Center and second weekend of August; Meet in the middle camp out

We would also like to commemorate Peggy P; she passed away sober on the 30th. We'll all miss her greatly. "No matter what"

Cody Lamaar @codylamaar

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District 11 Sadly No Report

District 12

AREA 92 NEWSLETTER District 12

Howdy!

We are so glad to be growing into the Fellowship we crave. Keeping Fellowship of the Spirit first and foremost. We started our month with a District Meeting hosted by the Twisp Group and bent the ears of 18 trusted servants, 11 Groups represented and 5 Committee Chairs represented. We have 32 meetings (in-person and hybrid) in Okanogan County. We have all Committee positions filled, except for CPC & Corrections. We also have some meetings that contribute to the District/Area or GSO and have no GSR's. That's how they want to practice Tradition 4 in their meetings. And you know what, they're thriving!

Our Hotline had 8 calls last month...1 from Arkansas too! Tammy our Hotline Chair has 2 volunteers per month lined up for several months!

Last month Angie, Archives Committee Chair brought to our meeting a box of archives material to share, including old schedules, minutes and gratitude banquet fliers! Sharon our Treatment Chair connected with D.P. of OBHC and is in talks of beginning again speakers & panels at their facility now that Covid has declined. We are doing a few minor edits to our District 12 Handbook, mostly due to being in person now a days. And we were made aware of a vote related to Archives that may be a cornerstone for the Area. But we'll have to wait until the Pre-Conference. Here, I Thank the GSR's for remaining available to your groups and summarizing the Agenda Items beautifully. The whole County Thanks You! And to the Groups that participated Thank You.

Well, we've come from a wonderful Standing Committee Workshop in Ephrata. We've come from PRASSA. We've come from Spokane Alano Club Hybrid Agenda Item Discussion. Some of us came from the 58th International Woman's Conference. Some of us are STILL going to the Service Manual Study. Some have come from Area 92 ad-hoc Committee meetings (D-2). Now. We're piling in the car to head to Coeur d'Alene, ID for our (drum roll, please) Pre-Conference Assembly! We've come from Agenda Items. A gathering of love and mindful passion centering on recovery. Our very lives depend on this.

A former Trustee, George Vaillant wrote:

"Bill W. spells out very clearly that Alcoholics Anonymous is not a religion. And he makes it clear that there should be nothing about AA that excludes anyone who's a suffering alcoholic. But how you get people who've grown up in one tradition to understand how the world looks to people who've grown up in another takes ongoing discussion. Universality is very hard to achieve. And AA, in its effort of world unity, is constantly having to evolve. It's not a question of changing. It's a process of growth." AA Grapevine Magazine, Inc 2001

We are celebrating these folks and their AA Birthdays years! APRIL - Diana 39, Cindy 12, Peter 7, Bob 39. MARCH - Anita 19, Gary 30, Ed 28, Lisa 14. FEBRUARY- Terry 39, Dave 8, Harold, Mike, Kelly 4, Wade 30.

I'll end with these reminders:

- -Diana is offering and willing to assist in rustling up a GSR School and/or a Sponsorship (service sponsor too!) Workshop for Area 92 in 2022. Interested parties contact Diana at dianasuemar@hotmail.com. Spread the word!
- -District 12 will host a Standing Committee Workshop on September 17, 2022 in Omak, WA. More details to come!
- -Camping anyone? Join us at Lost Lake on July 8-10. Contact Mike at serenity_cr@yahoo.com Jacqueline C DCM Area

92/District 12 (PS. I was voted in as DCM on 4/3/22!)

District 13

District 14

March was mostly consumed with efforts around the Agenda Items for the upcoming April Pre-Conference Assembly. After doing our part in helping develop summary sheets assigned to the district in February, March was spent communicating, communicating, and communicating. Access to the Agenda Items on the Area 92 website was shared, along with a spreadsheet listing of the items the groups could use if they chose, to help prioritize items for review.

I accepted an invitation to participate in District 26's monthly meeting where they reviewed the Agenda Items. It was great spending time with our district neighbors to the east and it was very helpful to get deeper insight on both the Agenda Items and the activities of their district.

Keeping on the Agenda Items theme, our Third Legacy Chairperson and I attended a multi-district hybrid Agenda Item review meeting at the Spokane Alano Club on March 26. For me, it was a smashing success. (Inside joke for those who attended...) It was another great opportunity to gain deeper understanding of the Agenda Items and the perspective of other Area 92 members.

We had a jammed packed district meeting on March 13. GSR attendance and participation was great, with two new GSRs joining up. Our Archives Committee Chair position was filled by Dennis A. stepping up to help fill a void the district has had since Covid hit. His past knowledge will be a great help as we put more emphasis on our district history. We are still recruiting to fill the PI/CPC Committee Chair position. We discussed how best to review the Agenda Items at the April 3 district meeting to be both efficient in getting through them, while making sure everyone got the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas.

As a result of working on the Agenda Item for revising the Native American A.A. pamphlet and listening in to a Zoom meeting lead by Don C, Colorado Springs, several district members expressed interest in looking for ways to engage with Native Americans in the district to help carry the message of recovery. We had a couple of online meetings to discuss ideas and have attempted some outreach communications. Any Area 92 members who have experience in working together with the Native American communities, please give me a call.

Finally, I continue to enjoy and learn from the monthly DCM/Alt DCM meetings and participating in the Technology Committee meetings. So long from District 14!

Andy C, DCM District 14

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District 25

From all of us in District 25 Greetings Area 92!

The district continues to work with the groups having unity with them. We have one standing committee and that is our Literature Committee. Saul is the Chairperson. During the month of March, we had a lot of work.

We were visited by the Washington State Hispanic A.A. Convention Committee which will be held May 27 thru 29 at the Red Lion Hotel in Pasco.

Grupo Solo Por Hoy will be celebrating their fourth anniversary on April 9^{th} at Aguilillo Banquet Hall in Yakima. Everyone is invited to their Public Information meeting about A.A. and this will be followed by a dinner provided by the group for everyone present.

Grupo 30 de Julio had Concepts Workshop on March 19. We especially thank our Area trusted servants Scott R., Lisa G., Fran L., and Johnny A. for participating with Concepts 1,2,3, and 4. and Virginia R. for interpreting. Thank you also for bringing the translation equipment. It was great sharing, learning, eating and just being all together in Unity. District 25 meets at Grupo Nuevo Camino every 2. Sunday of the month at 4:00pm.

Thank you everyone and Happy 24 Hours

Toribio N. DCM District 25

District 26

Hello everyone in Area 92. Everything in Northwestern Montana is going great! We can't wait for the Area 92 April Preconference Assembly! As I'm writing this report it's only a few days away. I hope we see you all there.

We're looking forward to the Gazebo Boys Camp-out on the 3rd,4th and the 5th of June. I hope you will come join us! If you like camping with sober alcoholics, fishing, boating and A.A. meetings you should have a good time. And I guarantee sunshine! Not really, but we can hope.

We continue to make progress on preparations for the Area 92 July Quarterly being held here in Libby, MT. I believe that the registration has been posted on the website. Get a hold of me or the Area 92 Alternate Chair Lisa G. for with any questions you may have. Hope to see you soon!

YIS, Todd D.

Note; Minutes condensed with only Elected and Appointed Chair reports and motions. GSR and DCM reports have omitted to save printing costs. Doug M., Newsletter Chair.

VIRTUAL WSEA 92 ELECTION ASSEMBLY MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 15-17, 2021

DELEGATE: Gary P

Good morning. I'm Gary P. an alcoholic and serving as the Panel 70 delegate for Area 92. I want to add a welcome and another public thank you to Kathi F. for investing her time, energy, and deep experience in facilitating today's Panel 92 Election Assembly. This process of electing area wide trusted servants for our General Service organization is repeated 47 times this fall for even year rotations, and 46 times next year for odd year rotations. It occurs across the entire geography of the U.S. and Canada. The hard work and devotion that came from the district 4 host committee, from our Panel 70 Alt. Chair, from key web committee and technical support members, and from our colleagues at Tech 12, also deserves recognition. The attendance and participation, both last evening and today has been stellar. Finally, as most of you are keenly aware, the election process for the Area, is complemented by the eventual appointment of numerous trusted servants for Area standing and ad hoc committees, by the election of many GSRs from groups throughout area 92, and similarly, by the election of DCMs for the 25 districts by their respective GSRs. All of these trusted servants bring the essential services of Alcoholics Anonymous to life. This has been true since 1951 when Bill W. envisioned it.

So, thank you to everyone who brought today's election to fruition, and ensuring that vital A.A. services continue. During last evening's DCM Roundtable, the most common concern, regarded the struggles we have with developing interest among members to engage in service. An apathy if you will, that Kathi F. noted this morning, is also common across A.A. as a whole. She acknowledged that some of this may stem from pandemic conditions. It is clear, that we are not unique. One solution expressed by Ben that many of us share, was the value of "enthusiasm". Interestingly, this was the theme I had chosen to address in this final Assembly report. So, what is A.A. Service and why would we embrace it? In Bill's introduction to A.A. 's Service Manual - Combined With - The Twelve Concepts for World Services, he firmly establishes the object and potential range of A.A.'s services. The following quoted text is found on page S1 of that manual. And as Paul J. referenced last night, this language was copied almost verbatim into AA Comes of Age on Page 139. "Our Twelfth Step - Carrying the Message - is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles, it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die. Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us reach a fellow sufferer - ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service. "Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation, and intergroup offices, they mean pamphlets, books, and good publicity of almost every description. They call for committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. And not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions from within the fellowship. Vital to A.A.'s Growth These services, whether performed by individuals, groups, areas, or A.A. as a whole, are utterly vital to our existence and growth. Nor can we make A.A. more simple by abolishing such services. We would only be asking for complications and confusion. Concerning any given service, we therefore pose but one question. 'Is this service really needed? If it is, then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who need and seek A.A." Bill was also keenly aware that the approach and methodology of "Carrying the Message" between individuals within local groups, was not readily applicable in the General Service setting. Here are his observations from page S23. "Most A.A. members are primarily interested in their groups, in their individual sobriety and in helping other drunks one-on-one. And that is how it should be. While the work of general service has precisely the same objective - carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers - the connection is not always direct or obvious. Some stimulators are usually needed to get the attention of A.A. members - to show them that service can add a rich dimension to their sober lives and twelfth step work, and that their participation is vital to the future of A.A. While all of this was penned in 1951, certainly many of us could readily cite numerous examples of contemporary services that meet the object and full range of Bill's service vision. These would include; Accessing an ever-increasing complement of digital literature from AAWS and Grapevine/LaVina;

Making use of digital facilities that enable members and groups to make online contributions; Completing an online member registration with electronic payment for a wide variety of group, district, area, regional, national, and international events (assemblies, conferences, workshops, and forums) - and where appropriate attending virtually, and, as we are doing today, voting virtually; Finding a meeting in almost any location via "The Meeting Guide" app; Viewing the newest Daily Grapevine quote every morning; Contributing online to provide a "Carry the Message" subscription to the Grapevine magazine for someone you know, or, someone you don't know, potentially in a corrections facility. Viewing three new anonymity protected videos on YouTube, and as of last week, Watching a new aagrapevine.org/podcast episode every Monday with interviews of members about their experience, strength, and hope in a casual "meeting after the meeting" manner; Etc., etc., etc., etc. You can all certainly expand the list. Clearly, "Carrying the Message" remains A.A.'s singular service focus for both individual members and all General Service. So, why engage in this third leg of our triangle? Bill's conclusion stated earlier, was that A.A. service is existential! He understood that as our recovery is fragile, so too is our society and service organization. He invested 30 years developing the principles embodied in A.A. Steps, Traditions, and Concepts to perpetuate all three legacies. He realized that A.A. would not survive without service. Undoubtedly, many of us here today share his perspective. However, Bill expresses in many of his other writings, that he found A.A. service to be spiritually fulfilling. It seems to me that this was true for him not because the path was simple and easy - but rather because it was complex and hard. It was unpredictable, uncertain, unknowable at times. And while it had many protagonists, there were also antagonists. His writings in "AA comes of Age", "Language of the Heart", "Our Great Responsibility", and "The A.A. Service Manual - Combined With -Twelve Concepts for World Service", create a compelling record of the myriad challenges that A.A. encountered over the years from June, 1935 to his death in 1971. Truly, a potholed and meandering "road of happy destiny". Remarkably, and despite these many challenges, his writings disclose that he was drawn ever closer to both service and unity. He was submitting amendments to the Concepts for World Service until his last days. And, he persistently spoke and wrote about the many others who struggled, learned, and contributed right alongside him and how their mutual support was

crucial to reinforcing each other. Looking back over my years in A.A., I have been engaged in some form of service, and with many other A.A.'s. almost all of that time. My first real service experience, other than washing ashtrays and coffee cups and setting up or taking down tables and chairs, was as a "Booker" for the "New Elwood Avenue Group in Montclair, New Jersey, in February 1988. Those of you not familiar with A.A. in Metropolitan NYC may be surprised to learn that there are perhaps 5,000 meetings a week in a 60-mile radius of downtown Manhattan. 40% of those meetings, about 2000, are speaker meetings. The A.A. culture there is steeped in the spirit of "Carrying the Message" one-on-one in the manner and content of Bill's first visit with Bob. And none were more imbued with that tradition than the founding A.A. members in Montclair, NJ. Bill and Lois had lived there in Hank P.'s home while Bill was composing the drafts for the Big Book in A.A.'s first office in Newark, NJ. Those drafts were shared, discussed, debated and edited with the few local founding members, like Hank and Jim B. Bill describes the numerous discussions and debates that ensued regarding language and concepts and characterized his role as frequently being the "referee". With less than three months sobriety, I was asked to join several of New Elmwood Avenue Group's more "seasoned members" who were planning to attend an upcoming, quarterly "Bookers Exchange" at the Ironworkers Union Hall in Cranford NJ. This meeting drew several hundred groups from Eastern Pennsylvania, North Jersey and Staten Island who held weekly "speaker" meetings. The Bookers Exchange provides the opportunity for an attending group to commit one or two of their members as speakers at another group's meeting, in exchange, for a return commitment from that group to bring speakers to the original group's meeting. This "Bookers Exchange" was scheduled to start at 7:00 am, however I was strongly advised to be there by 6:00 am as the parking lot was limited. I still ended up parking more than two blocks from the facility. A large 18" X 18" poster on a 3 ft. pole would be carried by one member of each attending group. The poster displayed the name of the group, the location, the day of the week and the time the meeting was held. Our sign read in bold block letters, NEW ELMWOOD AVENUE GROUP, MONTCLAIR PUBLIC LIBRARY, MONTCLAIR NJ., MONDAY EVENING - 8:00 PM. With well over 1000 people in the parking lot and street in front of the meeting Hall, the signs were crucial to even finding one's own group. As you might imagine, many if not most of the attendees knew each other and were required to speak loudly to be heard over the din of all the others who were simultaneously dancing to the same tune. One of the members from each group was carrying a clip board with the groups master calendar for April, May, and June 1988, and a pen. When the doors opened it was a truly wonderful moment of pandemonium. The calendar and poster carrying members stayed closely together trying to secure a highly visible position where the poster could be elevated and readily seen throughout the Hall. The seasoned members (there were 5 from our group as I recall) fanned out carrying 3X5 cards with our meeting information already entered on one side. They were each targeting 1 or 2 groups that had the reputation for bringing speakers with the better A.A. messages. If they were able to book an exchange with one of their targets, they would quickly wind their way back to our master calendar keeper to ensure the selected dates were still available. We and numerous others groups had obviously developed some tactics to optimize our success in the booking process. Within 20 minutes, the several hundred groups had exchanged speaker commitments for the next quarter. I had been personally introduced to about 15 members from other groups with whom we had exchanged commitments, and 6 or 7 of them joined the 8 of us for breakfast at the Tic Top Diner, where there were at least 50 others from the hall. That breakfast lasted over two hours, and by the time I finally reached home, the day already seemed among the more memorable of my life. Importantly, the enthusiasm I felt, and participated in with others, was palpable. The following week I was appointed the group's booker and maintained that position over the next couple of years. A vivid and powerful memory. More importantly, the early 88' "Bookers Exchange" was only the beginning. This single service event opened the door to even more meaningful experiences. Over the next two years, many of us from the New Elmwood Avenue Group would climb into one, or two, or even three cars and drive to surrounding suburbs and remote communities all over the metropolitan NY area to deliver on our speaking commitments. Usually, a one-hour trip on the way out in the car, longer than an hour with the other group in their location, and much longer than an hour return (because it always included sharing over a meal at some diner). All with a wide variety of A.A. members, some new and some seasoned, sharing with each other their experience strength and hope, week-in and week-out. The dynamic, of A.A.'s symbiotic bond between recovery, unity and service has become the full A.A. spiritual experience to which I am attracted. It is enthusiasm that I am drawn to. And as with our founding members, it has persisted and grown, despite all challenges and obstacles, for over 3 decades. Remember, as Bill encouraged, A.A.'s who are in service "...add a rich dimension to their sober lives..." Just grab any "Carrying the Message" service to embrace, make yourself available, and enjoy the ride! Thank you all, for allowing me to serve Area 92, and much love to each one of you. Gary

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: Ben N.

I think my feet have just landed ... Thank you all for placing your trust in me to act on your behalf as Panel 72 Delegate - WSEA 92. I will do my best! Thanks to Adam and the District 4 team for organizing this event. This has been an incredible experience. I often comment that general service work is a spiritual journey. This has never been a "job" or a "job", the best way to describe this experience is as an incredible opportunity for spiritual growth, and it is FUN! It wasn't too long ago, a former Pacific Regional Administrator, so touch me with this statement regarding service: "While sobriety time and experience are important, what's just as important, if not more, is availability and enthusiasm, because we don't do this alone. " Those words removed any fears or doubts he harbored in being reluctant to serve. Submit your resumes and discover this spiritual aspect of recovery! Thank you very much again!!! Ben N - Alternate Delegate Panel 70.

CHAIR: Diana M.

I am grateful to have been allowed to serve you as Area 92 Chair for this rotation. It's been challenging in ways I had not imagined. I came into this position with what I thought were all the necessary tools. I had studied the Traditions and Concepts with my service sponsor and was sharing them with others. Come to find out I was ready but things changed and even though I felt comfortable knowing the 36 principles that wasn't what was being asked of me once the pandemic hit. The Area 92 Committee stepped up to the task of figuring out how to do this online Zoom thing. Thank goodness for support from techy members, sponsors and service sponsors. I am blessed to have had the opportunity to have two lovely ladies come along with me on this journey. Both Jennifer and Cindy have served the Area gallantly, thank you both. Being able to serve the Area is an awesome responsibility but being able to bring along others is just an added blessing. This rotation has been an experience I will not forget. We have accomplished a new handbook, learned to hold meetings and communicate virtually, using both Google Meet and Zoom, to do a PNC virtually, create online GSR schools and provide you with quarterlies and assemblies online. None of this could have been accomplished without the help of all of you. During these past two years I have tried to fulfill my responsibilities as best I can especially in a very different and sometimes difficult situations. We were flying by the seat of our pants without an instruction manual. Weekly I have been meeting with other Area Chairs at the North American Area Chair Rap Sessions figuring out how to do this. We have been able to share many of our experiences. Area 92 GSR School information web pages have been shared and utilized by other Areas as they found them very useful. I want to share a section of "Our Great Responsibility" that was shared with me recently by a past delegate. Thanks Gene. The section is entitled, "1958 Construction use of trouble" page 125. AA. was born out of trouble, one of the most serious kinds of trouble that can befall an individual: the trouble attendant upon this dark and fatal malady of alcoholismThen, as Harry Tiebout has so well put it, the miracle stage is over and then comes this question of facing life, of living and growing and working together, of carrying this message to the world, of becoming citizens of the world, worth of the name: that, then is the problem. So now we have a different kind of trouble, Let me illustrate with the inside story of the production of the A.A. book. During the production of that book, I saw human nature at its most sublime, and I also saw it at its worst and most sordid. And I partook sometimes of the sordid end of the deal... We had quarrels about money; we had quarrels about prestige; we had the bitterest quarrels over the most magnificent passages in that book. And out of that conflict, out of that trouble, came an education, an application of divine principles that made the book what it is. If we hadn't had any trouble, we would have gotten any book. So, it takes the absolute and the relative, the divine and even the sordid, to make this very important product: progress. I found this reading helped me to remember all the accomplishments of this rotation and I thank all of you for allowing me to be a part of it, during both the bad and the good. Because of these many discussions we have accomplished something no other Panel has so congratulations to Panel 70. Here's hoping to see you all in person soon. Yours in service, Diana M, Area 92 Chair

ALTERNATE CHAIR Gary H.

Hello, my name is Gary and I am an alcoholic. I want to thank district 4 for your panels and hosting the assembly. Great kick off to our meeting. Also, tech 12 for stepping up and helping out our voting process. We certainly couldn't do it without your help. Wow, what a rotation this has been. First off we started live and in person. Then all the sudden BAM...shut down, don't go out, stay home, it's not safe. Well as an area we stepped up and got technical all at once. This thing called ZOOM came up and away we went. What a ride it has been. Our service structure jumped into the millennium right before our eyes. Actually, it has been quite convenient in some areas such as committee meetings without the burden of traveling. Now don't get me wrong, I love to travel and meet in person. So with that being said, it's been a lot of screen time with the committee host when it comes to preparing for the quarterlies and assemblies. A constant barrage of emails and text messages throughout the area and within districts has kept me busy. Checking my

email has become as constant as coffee in a meeting of alcoholics anonymous. The personal growth that I have experienced through this process has really helped me with accountability of my actions and my service commitment to AA. Some of that growth came in the form of getting to know the area geographics and each district committee member. This was in direct proportion to helping each district change their meeting schedules on the web site when all of our in-person meetings went virtual. That my friends was a big job for all of us. Each member was scrambling to keep current information up to date so we could still reach the still suffering alcoholic. It was a tall order and the whole area rose to the occasion. Great job to you all. I also had the opportunity to work with our area chair on agendas, announcements, and other documents that needed to be shared throughout the area. Diana and I have been at times in constant communication so we can better serve you in all our service needs. Diana has done a great job serving in these changing times of service. I'm glad I was able to assist during meetings when an occasional intermittent glitch would shut one of us out of the room. Sharing responsibility is a good way to keep the wheels moving. This is still a we program not an I program. Lastly, I want to thank everyone for letting me be of service to the area and I also want to thank the entire panel 70 for such a great job and wonderful experience of service in these trying times. I will miss the service arena during this next rotation however I won't be gone very far away from any of you. I will be here to help and assist any and all of you. In Love and service Gary H.

TREASURER Jan R (By Cindy H)

2 spread sheets were emailed to the body. Motion to accept the report: 1st by D6, 2nd by D8, approved.

ALTERNATE TREASUERE Cindy H.

Good morning Area 92 and Happy Fall. My name is Cindy and I am an alcoholic currently serving as your Area 92 Alternate Treasurer. Your Area Contributions for the 3rd Qtr. 2021 were \$10,759.35. If you did not receive the September and 3rd Qtr. report, please email me and I will be happy to send it to you. My report will be brief since we have lots of business to attend to. As this rotation is coming to a close, I just wanted to say what a privilege it was to serve Area 92 these past two years. The things that I have learned with this experience have only strengthened my connection to Alcoholics Anonymous and for that I am grateful. I'm excited for the next group of Trusted Servants and the adventure they are about to embark on. Lastly, I would like to thank all of the Groups and Districts who supported the Area with their contributions these past two years. With what we were all experiencing with Covid, it was not an easy task to navigate what was going to happen day to day, but you did not skip a beat and it showed by your unity. My hope is that we will soon be able to gather in person. There have been new doors opened to how we may do business in the future and to me that is kind of exciting. Embrace this time you have and remember we are all here to support each other. I am so grateful to be a part of this fellowship and this Area and a special thank you to the other Elected I served with and my sponsor Diana who introduced me to service. You all will hold a special place in my sobriety and my heart. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Be safe, healthy and God Bless Cindy H. Area 92 Alt-Treasurer, P70. alt-treasurer@area92aa.org

SECRETARY Ann Marie

Hello Area 92! First, I would like to say congratulations to all the newly Elected. I hope this next rotation serves you well. This has been life changing for me to serve as your Area 92 secretary. So many valuable tools to add to my spiritual sobriety. I didn't make myself available for this next rotation due to life changes. I'm very excited for my new adventure going into my 60's!! I will pop in from time to time, Area 92 will always be in my heart. The Handbook is well on its way to print in the next month. We've added the new Technology position and change in 5.0, changing the deadline for accepting resumes for Standing Committee positions to give the transition to new rotation into the next Panel more time to meet with prior Panel Standing Committee Members. The Motions have been updated on the website. The Handbook will be posted prior to the end of the year with hard copies, like I earlier stated, available. I can't believe it's been two years!! I truly believe serving as your secretary in Panel 70, that we did everything and beyond to keep us connected and we have spread the message to the still suffering amongst this challenging couple of years. Area work got done without skipping a beat. We accomplished all we set out to do. I'm so honored to have spent this time with you all. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and until we chat again, God Bless

ARCHIVES Lisa G.

Happy Fall! Thank you District 4 for hosting the October voting Assembly and congratulations to our Panel 72 Trusted Servants. I am excited to see who has made themselves available for the Appointed positions and look forward to serving Area 92 with you in the next 2 years. For someone who resides in a remote community and has experienced service work in my homegroup and district, I have found Area service has enhanced my sobriety so much more than I could ever have imagined. I need always remember that AA is much bigger than my town of Libby, MT. The amazing people I have met along the way, each and everyone of you have taught me how to live, to grow and most importantly you have taught me how to be a friend and a worker among workers. I have been places I never imagined, one time a few years ago we were in Hawaii for the Regional Forum, we were sitting out on our patio of the hotel, a guy came walking past, stopped and chatted with us and then asked if we were "friends"

of Bill's" to which we replied yes, the next thing I know we are on our way to an A.A. meeting in somebody else's hotel room. In that hotel room was one of the best meetings and the sincerest people I had ever met and that has been my experience no matter where I travel or what room I happen to walk into. It is so easy to get complacent and rest on our laurels, but the experience of service work is not one I think you would want to miss. My sponsor always reminds me of how selfish I would be if I didn't give back what was so freely given to me, it is my hope that AA will live on for many more years and be stronger than ever before, but we can't do that without the help of all of you who have come before so that those who come after have the same opportunity for hope and a better way of life as we did. We are but a small part of the greater whole. Grateful for the opportunity to serve, Thank you Area 92. Lisa G., Archives Chair

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY Brande G.

Hello Area 92! I hope everyone is doing well! I wasn't able to attend our last workshop because of a funeral for a family member. I am hosting the December Standing Committee Workshop with District 8 where the current chairs will pass the baton to the incoming chairs. I want to encourage all to be available. It is an amazing experience. Michelle (Area 92 PI Chair) and I are having a CPC/PI zoom meeting on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00. District 8 is having a CPC/PI Zoom meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00. I have also been attending Area 03's CPC monthly meeting. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything! YIS, Brande

CORRECTIONS Holly H

One of the great things about the last year was getting involved in the National Corrections Call. This month Mike L the West Central Regional Trustee, Director on GV Board, and Trustees Corrections Committee. Reported at the National corrections call that work is being done at AAWS and GV to get digital formatted material onto tablets in correctional facilities. The GV work is several months ahead of AAWS. They have material that's being utilized inside. AAWS and GV are working with 4 vendors: Adobo, American Prison Data Systems, GTL, and J-Pay/Securus. They have actual material in facilities on Adobo tablets. APDA is finalizing arrangement and are still in negotiations. JPay Securus is in 35 states including Eastern WA. The contract was signed in July, and they are for a waiting counter signature. When General Services has the details worked out, they will reach out to the fellowship to share about how we utilize the material on tablets and how we get people on the inside to have access to material. Second item of significance from the National corrections is the submission of an agenda item that GSC develop/form Conference Approved Literature in the form of a pamphlet on inside sponsorship. They have formed an ad hoc committee to discuss background information for the agenda item. The agenda item reads, "Consider a new pamphlet or expanding a pamphlet for alcoholics in custody." At the Area level, the monthly corrections meeting is tomorrow evening at 5:30pm, login information is on the events calendar. We will be getting updates from the districts and correctional volunteers to hear what is happening at the different facilities. Last month everyone was still in a holding pattern and there were little updates. The committee has voted to purchase 20 virtual registrations for the National Corrections conference Nov 12- 14. The full flyer with agenda is in our Area Newsletter. Anyone interested in corrections work and attending the conference please reach out to me and I will add your name to the list to receive the login information the week prior to the event. There will be and ASL interpreter and Spanish translation. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, Holly H

GRAPEVINE/LIT Anna V.

I am Anna an alcoholic, I am your Area 92 Grapevine and Literature Chair. I have been serving our area physically and virtually the last rotation and I want to thank you all for your support and letting me be a part of the last rotation and trusting me to do so. As your Grapevine Literature Chair, I have spent my time navigating how to do my job from my house. The sales have been minimal but more abundant lately which is great news. I was able to attend a few events

in person this rotation so far and YES, I still get the same feeling as I surround myself with others in service, complete awe and that I am exactly where I am supposed to be. That is why I do what I do. This rotation for my position I have had to rely heavily on my other standing committee chairs, be available to meet online to plan upcoming events, correspond to requests through email, prepare to share information for assemblies, quarterlies, and workshops. I share this information in hopes that you should know anyone can do this position if interested. Business can be daunting, but guess what, we did it, we got through Agenda Items, and we will get through business today. I thank each of you for hanging in there and being a part of this. Lots of work goes into to preparing for things but with a team it becomes fluid. Information and communication are so valuable for our area members. I am very proud of our area I am very excited for the incoming panel and cannot wait to be of more service with whomever takes over Grapevine and Literature Chair. Additionally, can I add how much the quality of my recovery has changed since I started, heck it has even gotten better in the last 9 months because of you all. My "job" has been easy, intense at times for a short period of time, but right back to easy always. I have gotten the opportunity to be involved in voluntary work. My first attendance to a Pacific Northwest Conference was virtually and I had the chance to be a part of that planning committee. I was also asked to participate in the Inventory process and my love for service just grew stronger, with people like Dave, Allen, and Scott all our past.

NEWSLETTER Benjamin G.

Hello Area 92! My name is Benjamin and I am your Area 92 Newsletter Editor, it is an honor and privilege to serve Area 92. Currently the newsletter hardcopy mailing list is 14 English and 23 Hispanic copies. The electronic mailing list is over 500 members/ The printing cost is around \$200.00 a month with a mailing expense of around \$75.00 per month. There are 7 Districts and 2 Individual members receiving these copies. Our Standing Committee Workshop September 18th, held in Chelan WA, was a Hybrid workshop and was a great success! Working with the other members of the Standing Committee this rotation has been truly a great experience. Lastly, I would like to invite members to step up and send in their Service Resumes for the Standing committee and Secretary Position. Service work has been a key component in my recovery. The blessings of being involved in service have given me a unique and priceless quality of life. I would like to thank God, my higher power and all of you for the opportunity to be of Service! Thank you and God bless you.

PUBLIC INFORAMATION Michelle W

Thank you – District 4 – Adam, Thank you – Jennifer, Christina & Gina Who – My position – enthusiasm – new relationships with the other standing chairs -TEAM- WORK. Why – The still suffering alcoholic – spiritual rewards – ensures one more day What – I made PowerPoint presentations to help facilitate activity within each district including getting in touch with the Clergy/Legal profession/Health profession/Hotels/PSAs aired Where Schools/Treatment Centers/Health Fairs/PICPC luncheon – Reach the still suffering alcoholic When – PICPC

monthly meeting - third Tuesday of each month.

TRANSLATION: Doug M.

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Greetings Area 92, I'm Doug M serving as your Translation Chair. Since our last Assembly, I've participated in the June Standing Committee Workshop in Libby, Mt, the July Quarterly and a Delegate report out for the Spanish Districts in Pasco at Grupo Comunidad. I've also secured and passed along a laptop to one Spanish District and trying to acquire more. I goal was to have a Zoom machine for each District and to keep an archive and record of District business to be passed along DCM to DCM. If you can help in this endeavor, please contact me.

TREATMENT/ACCESSIBILITY Fran L Report unavailable

Area Sub-Committees:

Ben N - Registrar

I have to tell you how lucky I am to have served as WSEA 92 Alt-Delegate. I have learned that many of the Areas Alt-Delegate haven't much to do. Registrar, facilitating the GSR school, and working closely with our Delegate in the Agenda

review process has been an (busy) fun ride! I was fortunate to be involved in the breakout of the new GSO records database "Fellowship Connection" and experience its rapid improvement over the past two years. Past Delegate, Mike M said it best during the Ask It Basket session Friday night when asked what was one of his favorite positions. He stated: "Registrar because you get to work directly with Groups and get to know a whole lot of people".....that is so true! THANKS to all of you GSRS and Trusted Servants for helping me accomplish my job as WSEA'S Registrar. It has been an honor to serve with each and every one of you!! Ben N - Alternate Delegate/ Registrar Panel 70.

Web Team Gary H

Hello again area 92 my name is Gary and i am an alcoholic. As web team chair during our current rotation, it has been a great experience. I have learned so much from this experience, it has really helped me in my recovery and daily living. Without the opportunity to serve this rotation during these times I think I would have taken that first drink. The ability to be responsible has truly kept me sober during this time. The third legacy of AA has truly been a godsend for me. So as web team chair I had the opportunity to work with Jennifer, Susan, Rad and Mike. Together we tried to put forth the most attractive and informative web page within our financial means. The web team normally consists of six members who rotate each three years. So, the four of us have been meeting every other week for the current rotation. Usually, we meet for about an hour to an hour and a half. During this time, we discuss and review the web site so we may enhance, change and or update information that is pertinent to the area. Our team came up with new tabs for various themes so you can find what you're looking for with just one or two clicks of the mouse. Navigating the web page should be easy, not difficult. That is one of our goals, to help you get the information you may want within reasonable time. We all know how frustrating it can be, not everyone is computer savvy. We are here to help. If you haven't made a visit to the area web page, I urge you to check it out. Just play around with it, click on anything that strikes your fancy. If you don't see something please let us know, we are here to help. Remember it is your web site, we are just the servants who keep it up and running. Well on a personal note, this is my last report for a while. I have to step away for a little while so I can spend more time with my aging parents who need help on a daily basis now. I also have an adult child with disabilities who also needs her father's attention more than ever. This was not an easy decision for me and it brings many mixed emotions. I love service and it has kept me sober for many different reasons. I won't be far away. I will see all of you at area functions from time to time. Congratulations to all those having been elected to panel 72 I know you will all do a great job. In love and service Gary H.

Finance Committee Cindy H

Greetings Area 92, On behalf of the Area 92 Finance Committee, we would like to welcome you to the October 2021 Assembly. I would like to thank those who attended last night's Finance Committee meeting. Jeff (not sure what District, Virginia and others from District 24, Michael District 8, John District 22, Dave District 22, Pat District 17, Vanessa District 5 and Jamie District 13 along with FC members Carole N, and Monte W. We had a great discussion on the role of the Finance Committee, Area financial software being used, the budget, upcoming motion of Tech Chair and contributions. It was great to have their participation. Since we last met, your Finance Committee has continued to meet monthly, sometimes more. They have been assisting both Jan and I in reviewing the Area finances and keeping the budget up to date on the constantly changing decisions of Covid regulations and suggestions and how these might affect the Area business. They are currently reviewing the next year's budget and hope to have it ready for review by the incoming Committee by the end of the year. Since this is our last meeting together this rotation, I would like to recognize your Finance Committee, who has worked behind the scenes and given their complete dedication these past two years. They have been such an amazing group to work with and I have to say, serving as the Finance Committee Chair, was probably my favorite part of this position. I would like to give an extra "shout out" to Janey A. for her amazing minutes she took. I so appreciate you. A huge thank you and big hugs to Carole N, Monte W, Cameron J, Debbie T, Janey A and Dolores E., it has been a pleasure serving with you. In closing, the Finance Committee wanted to invite the incoming Treasurer and Alt Treasurer to our last couple of Finance Committee meetings to see how they function. Please email me with your contact information and I will send you the link. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Cindy H. Area 92 P70 Finance Committee Chair.

Handbook Committee Ann Marie

Hello again Area 92. We had less attended than we usually do for last nights discussion. The Handbook Committee has been meeting regularly to complete the grammar errors and hopefully after this Assembly, the potential motions that would be added to the Handbook. The Handbook Committee will be working towards a final print of the new Handbook.

We're working diligently with grammar corrections also so this will be ready for hard copies by the December Workshop. That is our goal. As for any further Committee meetings after end of the year, we will wait for an appointed secretary. There will be no motion updates, etc until then. This has been a long process! I want to thank Rad M for his patience, friendship, and help. I know my way around a computer but still had things to learn and I want to thank all the Committee members for your hard work. We do not do this alone. Defiantly a Labor of love. I have learned so much form all of you.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
Central Office's: No Reports
Inventory: Allen D
Report to be added

Audit Report Scott R and Debbie T

Internal Financial Review for 2020. Composition: Chair-Scott R. Past Delegate, Debbie Travis District 6 Scope: Conduct an internal financial review for 2020 Procedure: Compare QuickBooks entries to the bank statements

At the request of the area Alt Treasurer, I was asked to conduct an internal financial review for 2020. I was joined by Debbie T, past area chair who possesses over 20 years of accounting experience. The committee communicated through conference calls and zoom. The committee reviewed the recommendations from the previous internal financial review conducted in 2019. Although it appears that most of the committee recommendations have been implemented, there remains nothing in the area handbook regarding who or how the review is to be carried out. Therefore, because of a conflict in policy between the handbook and the scope of this committee we were unable to access hardcopies of actual expenditure documents to assure alignment with the handbook. We were able to compare bank statements to QB entries. The review of checks written in 2020 was accomplished by creating a spreadsheet of all the QB check register entries for 2020 and sorting them by check number. Once this was accomplished an item-by-item comparison of cleared checks listed on the bank statements was made to the entries in the OB check register. There were no discrepancies found. The review of deposits for 2020 was accomplished by obtaining copies of the monthly contributions reports and comparing those to the actual deposits made on the bank statements. Again, no discrepancies were found. A review of cash in bank revealed both the beginning and ending balances shown on the bank statements agreed with the QB check register balance. The committee feels there have been major improvements since the last financial review and feel confident in stating we are heading in the right direction. There were some concerns between the Treasurer and the financial review committee during the audit process that may or may not need to be addressed by the finance committee: The treasurer providing access to on-line banking information: The shared use of passwords to access financial information: Bring to the attention of the incoming treasurer bullet point number 4 of the handbook under duties - "Shall organize physical expense files and prepare electronic reports for the annual audit of WSEA 92 finances" • The composition of the financial review committee could be better defined in the area handbook • What is to be done with the annual reports after completion. Thank you for allowing us to be of service. Scott Roush and Debbie Travis

July Quarterly 2022 District 26

Lisa G we are on line to host in July. The memorial center to host. We are July 15-16, Country Venture in. Flyer by January 2022 Quarterly.

October Assembly 2022 Report unavailable April Pre Conf 2023 District 7

We are going to start talking about it. We have a Facility in Asotin. Next rotation will be handling that.

Unfinished Business NONE

New Business: Bid for October Assy 2023, District 2 bid, Spokane South hill

MOTIONS: 3

#1 Technology Chair Position passed discussion questioned called, minority heard motion passed Technology ad hoc Committee Motion (for the July 2021 Quarterly)

In order to coordinate existing and new technologies, the Technology ad hoc Committee moves that WSEA 92 establish a dedicated Technology Chairperson and committee as outlined in the attached proposed guidelines.

#2 Archives Motion: The Archives Steering Committee moves that Area 92 fund the purchase of Digital Scanning Equipment, for the amount not to exceed \$500.00.

discussed wanting more info on scanner and costs, felt amount wasn't enough. sent back to the archives committee. **#3 Selection Committee Motion**, PI and Archive Committee move to change handbook 5.0, selection deadlines of Elected and Standing Committee. Motion heard and passed, will be added to the handbook in Section 5.0.

Adjourn with the responsibility Statement: See you in January!



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District #26

July 15^{th} and 16^{th} 2022

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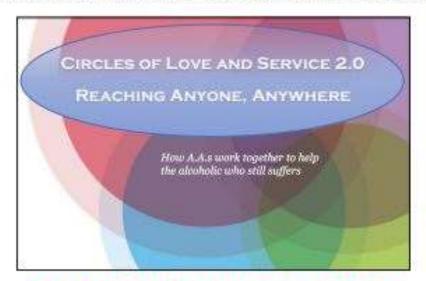
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WSEA 92 JUNE 2022 STANDING COMMITTEE WORKSHOP



SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2022

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

(Lunch Provided In-Between & POTLUCK)

Manito United Methodist Church 3220 S Grand Ave Spokane, WA 99203

CONTACT: Rainey M (509-279-5640)

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Zoom Meeting ID: 889 8342 5988 Passcode: 121222

PLEASE RSVP FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE (FOOD)

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Doug M. Newsletter Editor AREA 92 / Panel 72

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