

2024 July WSEA Quarterly

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Meeting called to order by Chair, Bryan B. at 8:00 A.M.

Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions read in English and Spanish

12 Concepts read in English and Spanish

Motion to record proceedings: moved and seconded. passed unanimously.

Review of Business- Chair Bryan B.

Introductions of Past delegates

Introduction of Panel 74 elected officers and standing committee chairs.

Review January 2024 Quarterly Minutes-Presented by Secretary, Catherine B.

Catherine asked to table the minutes because she does not have an accurate treasurer's report and it has been brought up that the numbers are off.

Lisa G. said that the minutes reflect what we did at the January quarterly, so that whether the report is correct or incorrect is what we should approve today.

Carole added that the reports that were given in January were correct. What the Secretary has is the total expenses and the total income. She also has the beginning bank statement balance and the ending bank statement balance, but when you subtract and add the expenses to the starting balance it is not going to equal the bank statement balance because there are outstanding checks.

Catherine said she would leave the treasurer's report off the minutes so that they can be amended.

Catherine continued to read the January Minutes.

Motion to approve minutes by D11, seconded by D4, passed with one opposed.

Roll Call Catherine B. Quorum established.

Not Present: PI resigned, D5, D6, D9, D16, D19, D23.

Trusted Servant Reports

Delegate - Lisa G.

Thank you all for the wonderful turnout! Special thanks to District 2 in Rainey for hosting in Spokane—your hospitality and cookie spread were amazing.

I'm grateful for your support and teamwork in Area 92. At the Pacific Regional Forum in Las Vegas, delegates praised our strong bonds, reminding me how special our area is. Service work can be challenging but rewarding—it's all about carrying the message with joy and attraction.

Recent Activities - Since the 74th General Service Conference, I've been busy:

- May: Report-back in Tri-Cities (District 4).
- June: Visits to Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, and Clarkston (Districts 7, 8, 22) and the Pacific Northwest Conference in Wenatchee.
- July: Pacific Regional Forum in Las Vegas with 918 attendees, including 588 first-timers.

Upcoming Events

- August 1: Proposed Agenda Item Workshop (Zoom).
- Report-Backs:
 - Aug. 4: Spokane Alano Club.
 - Aug. 10: Virtual.
 - Aug. 18: Pasco Groupo 12.
 - Aug. 24: Colville (potluck/report-back).
 - Aug. 25: Yakima.
- Sept. 30: PAI submissions deadline.
- Bridging the Gap Workshop, Missoula, MT.

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General Service Updates

- New Corrections GSO staff: Nick S.
- Trustee resumes (Class B) for the 2025 election are open.
- Grapevine/LaViña: ASL videos for deaf alcoholics, subscription offers, and story submissions.
- Literature updates: New AA Service Manual (fall) and Plain Language Big Book (Nov. 1, 2024).

Conference Highlights

- Finance Committee: Increased individual contribution limit to \$7,500.
- Plain Language Big Book: Approved with concerns about omitted terms like "phenomenon of craving."
- Delegate Role: Translation and correspondence distribution as Alternate Delegate Chair.
- Unity Focus: Emphasized AA's mission to connect and uplift each other.

Let's stay focused on helping the next alcoholic while connecting and growing together. Lisa G.

Alt-Delegate – Dan M.

Hi, I'm Dan, and I'm an alcoholic.

First, I want to say how amazing it was to attend the forum as a first-timer, star on my name tag and all. It was inspiring to be around people so committed to ensuring that AA works. You're all part of that, and I truly appreciate being here with you.

I've had the privilege of following Lisa around during her reports, and each one has been unique because of the people and the questions asked. These experiences highlight how vital our work is, and I encourage all of you to attend similar events when you can—it's invaluable.

As part of my duties as Alternate Delegate, I help arrange GSR schools. Recently, I had the chance to participate in one with Gary and Ben, which was fantastic. These schools are an excellent way to tap into the wisdom and experience of our past delegates. If you'd like to host a GSR school in your district, email me or fill out a request form. We'll do our best to make it happen.

Another aspect of my role involves assisting groups and districts facing challenges, often rooted in personality conflicts. These situations allow me to witness the traditions and concepts in action, which consistently amazes me. Even when I walk into a meeting thinking, *this might not go well,* the process works, and you can feel something greater come into the room. It's a powerful reminder of how vital our principles and democratic structure are to AA's survival.

To all GSRs and DCMs, I want to stress this: Don't be afraid to make mistakes. This is the best environment to try, fail, and learn. You'll always have people here to back you up and help you grow.

For example, when we struggled to set up a hybrid meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Larry stepped in to lend his expertise. It was a perfect demonstration of how we support each other, learn together, and, yes, figure out how to manage our time better!

Lastly, I think our panel is doing great. We're learning how to work together, and I hope that continues to grow. If you ever have questions or need help, don't hesitate to reach out—we're here for you.

Thank you for the privilege of serving.

Chair – Bryan B.

Recent Activities:

I attended the Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) in Wenatchee, the oldest AA conference, started in 1948 by Bill Wilson. The next PNC will be in 2026. At the conference, I chaired the business meeting, where motions were passed to:

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1. Cover travel expenses for the archives display in Portland when needed elsewhere.
2. Update handbook language to be gender-neutral.

I also participated in the Pacific Region Forum in Las Vegas with Lisa, Dan, and others. Key takeaways include:

- Open discussions about the resignation of the past board chair, with concerns raised about a lack of transparency in the process.
- Breakout sessions on topics like the area inventory process (Mark will provide more details) and virtual AA.

Observations on Virtual AA:

- There are two distinct groups: those who exclusively attend virtual AA and those who prefer in-person meetings. It may be worth considering literature to help bridge this gap.

Translation Work:

- We've identified inaccuracies in the Spanish-translated handbook. An ad hoc committee, led by Virginia and Miguel, is addressing these issues. New translation software is also being explored.

Thank you all for your time, support, and participation.

Alt-Chair – Fran L.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Area 92 Alternate Chair. This month, by the grace of God, I celebrated 17 years of sobriety, and I owe that to all of you. You've taught me how to show up, participate, and live a life rooted in recovery—a gift I will always cherish.

Unity in Action:

We talk a lot about unity, but it's our actions—reaching out to help one another—that truly embody it. Let's continue to strengthen and share that unity in everything we do.

Report Highlights:

Most of my updates are shared in the monthly newsletter, so I won't repeat information here. If you haven't read the newsletter, I encourage you to check it out—it's a great resource!

Recent Activities:

- Last night, I hosted the DCM roundtable for the first time, and it was an incredible experience. Putting faces to names and connecting with districts helps me better serve you.
- I've been working with hosting committees and recently visited venues in Post Falls and Spokane to support planning efforts.

Upcoming Opportunities:

- On the 3rd Wednesday of every month, we host a roundtable for hosting committees. Whether your district is considering hosting an event or simply wants to learn more, you're welcome to join and gain experience, strength, and hope.
- We're updating the Quarterlies and Assemblies Workbook to reflect hybrid meeting practices. This will include the invaluable contributions of volunteers like Larry and Tracy, who ensure both in-person and virtual participants can engage fully. Let's give them a big round of applause for their dedication.

Reflections:

As we prepare to conduct business today, I'd like to pause and reflect on Step 7: *"Humbly ask Him to remove our shortcomings."* Let's offer those shortcomings to our Higher Power so they don't hinder our work. Remember to check egos at the door and act with kindness, thoughtfulness, and humility for the fellowship as a whole.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your continued commitment to this beautiful program.

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Treasurers Report – Carole N. **This was reported by the treasurer from the podium and matched against the reports she sent out.*

Carole started with a reading from the AA guidelines on finance WHERE MONEY AND SPIRITUALITY MIX: *Members celebrate sobriety by giving time, energy and money in support of our Twelfth Step — carrying the message — the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship offers. Members assure that group expenses are paid by putting money into the basket (whether a real or virtual basket) passed at each meeting. It is each member's responsibility to support the*

services that have been requested by the A.A. Fellowship, to help facilitate A.A.'s vital Twelfth Step. Contributions are made in a spirit of sacrifice, and they honor A.A.'s code of "love and service." Contributions also underscore the spiritual nature of our Fellowship and our mutual love and trust. We have found that these contributions are as important to each member as they are to the service centers supported.

The first report given is the Treasurers Finance Report. (1a) This report is taken from the reconciled report after she reconciles the Quickbooks account with the Bank Statement. This report was given for the sake of full disclosure.

- Bank Statement Reconciliation Summary (1a)
 - Statement Beginning Balance: \$19,007.76
 - Total Checks and Payments Cleared (30 transactions): -\$3,511.16
 - Total Deposits and Credits Cleared (50 transactions): \$2,577.29
 - Statement Ending Balance: \$18,073.89
 - Uncleared Transactions as of 06/30/2024: -\$1,395.96
 - Register Balance as of 06/30/2024: \$16,677.95

Notes:

When contributions are made via online portals or PayPal, transaction fees are charged. To avoid these fees impacting donors directly, the Alt-Treasurer records the gross deposit in QuickBooks and then makes a separate entry to cover the Area's transaction fees. While reviewing the reconciliation report, a few discrepancies were noted, but the total balances were confirmed as accurate. A revised report will be distributed to correct minor details.

Bank Statement Front Page Review (1b)

- This report includes a copy of the front page of the bank statement. A prior issue occurred when a credit card authorization form was mistakenly provided to a hotel, resulting in an erroneous charge to the Area account. This has since been corrected with an in-and-out transaction after supplying the correct form.
- Checking Account Register Review (1c)

The checking account register from QuickBooks reflects the activity for June, with an ending balance of \$16,677.95. Interest transactions were noted to typically include \$0.02, although this transfer did not occur in June.
- Budget vs. Actuals - Monthly Report for June 2024 (2)
 - Income: \$2,577.29 (Budgeted: \$5,208.33; Shortfall: \$2,631.04)
 - Expenses: \$2,629.98 (Budgeted: \$5,271.06; Under budget by \$2,641.08)
 - Net Loss: \$52.69 (Budgeted net loss: \$50.21; Over budget by \$2.48)
- Budget vs. Actuals - 2nd Quarter Report (3)
 - Actual Income for Q2: \$10,900.53 (Budgeted: \$16,727.99; Shortfall: \$5,827.46)

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- Actual Expenses for Q2: \$15,307.47 (Budgeted: \$18,241.60; Under budget by \$2,934.13)
- Net Result: \$4,406.94 in deficit, reducing the QuickBooks balance.

- Budget vs. Actuals - January to June 2024 (4)
 - This half-year report indicates the following:
 - Total Contributions and Event Overages: \$26,449.18 (Budgeted: \$33,450.18; Shortfall: \$7,001.00)
 - Total Expenses: \$28,122.07 (Budgeted: \$34,799.46; Under budget by \$6,657.39)
 - Net Deficit for First Half: -\$1,672.79

For reference, total contributions as of June 2023 were \$24,277.63 compared to \$26,449.18 at the end of June 2024. In 2020, the Area balance was \$19,017.00 when QuickBooks was implemented. With continued contributions, the balance grew to \$31,467.67 by the end of 2020. Since then, a combination of increased budget allocations and a significant contribution to GSO has reduced the balance by \$23,758.93, averaging a decrease of \$7,919.64 per year. At this rate, the balance may reach zero within two years.

New Contribution Initiative and Challenge

In response to these trends, GSO released a flyer emphasizing the importance of ongoing contributions. Inspired by this, the treasurer has developed a document titled "WSEA 92 - Your Seventh Tradition Contributions at Work" to distribute to GSRs and homegroups. This aligns with Bill W's statement in Warranty Two regarding the necessity of "sufficient operating funds and an ample reserve."

The Area has also launched a fundraising challenge. Members are encouraged to make a one-time contribution of \$9.95 to the Area, with the challenge running until December 31st. Contributions can be made via the Area website area92aa.org/7th-tradition or by mail.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report - A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report D14 Seconded by D13. Motion carried.

Alt-Treasurer Report – Rainey M. A cumulative Contributions report has been made available to the body. Please remember to send your contributions to the correct address:

WSEA92
1314 S Grand Blvd Suite 2
Box 103
Spokane, WA 99202

Do not send it to PO Box 103

I've been very busy as Secretary for the PNC, and as the Chair of the planning committee for this Quarterly. I met with our Corrections Chair to learn about the Pink Can Project he has in mind. He will tell you more about that in his report.

I participated in the 7th Tradition Workshop in Pullman last month. The two local Districts collaborated on the workshop which was attended by about 20 people. I was one of two speakers and one of four panelists. I think it went well and the food was great!

Have you seen the 7th Tradition Fact Sheet from the General Service Office, item F-203? You can find it at aa.org. It is fascinating! Here are some facts from the version of the service piece from five years ago:

- The G.S.O. Publishing Department has coordinated translations of the Big Book in 70 languages and translations of other A.A. literature in more than 91 languages. Further translations are constantly in process.
- Each year G.S.O. staff responds to over 90,000 emails, letters, and phone calls from A.A. members, suffering alcoholics, professionals, students, the press and others interested in A.A.
- G.S.O. maintains and updates the aa.org website that averages over 40,000 visits per day.

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- The Corrections coordinator at G.S.O. responds to over 6,500 letters a year, primarily from incarcerated alcoholics.
- The CPC assignment coordinates A.A. exhibits at over 25 national conferences of professionals in various fields each year
- The Public Information staff member responds to approximately 500 emails per month from the press and other media, A.A. members and the general public.
- Each year the Archives staff responds to over 1,500 requests for information and research

As Carole said, we are working on an Area 92 7th Tradition Fact Sheet that will tell you more about what exactly your contributions make possible. The DRAFT project we presented at the 7th Tradition Workshop in Pullman last month. It was well received.

Thank you from Area 92. When I pick up the mail or transfer funds from PayPal into the Area bank account, I bless every contributor and wish them safe travels. Thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

Secretary- Catherine

She has been working on upgrading the Handbook and Ricky has hard copies available. She also updated the motions past through present and was told it is not accurate and she feels that there were motions that were not added. The handbook is 38 pages long with the past motions it is over 100 pages. The handbook from March 2024 is on the website.

Archives Chair - Michelle

The Archive committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. At our last meeting, we continued discussing the September 2025 Standing Committee Workshop. I am responsible for co-hosting this workshop with Jean L., DCM for District 5, in Wenatchee on September 20, 2025. The location has not been determined at this time but we are asking you to "SAVE THE DATE" and add it to your calendar as an upcoming event in 2025. The Archive committee has agreed to support and assist me in my duties at the workshop. During our meeting, it was suggested that we have hands-on experience during our breakout session. If you are blessed with time, enthusiasm, the skills and knowledge necessary to train beginners, patience, love, tolerance, and a desire to carry the message of AA to the still suffering alcoholic, please reach out to me via email or text message at 509-517-9138. The ASC wants to catalog all items before scanning them. It was determined that there are approximately 35,000 uncataloged items plus new donations. Lisa D. feels that cataloging will be on-going and we should not wait on the scanning.

Lisa D. coordinated three work parties over the past few months. In April, we sorted and inventoried Grapevines. In May, we sorted the book collection, finished cataloging the pamphlets, and completed an inventory of the Grapevines. In June, we continued cataloging the book collection and completed three content lists.

The Regional Archives Workshop is being hosted by WSEA 92, Lisa D., Archivist, and Richard D., DCM for District 4, on August 24, 2024, at the First Lutheran Church, 418 N Yelm, Kennewick WA. It begins at 9 am, and will finish up at 4 pm. We will have a potluck lunch at noon. This workshop will include presentations and hand-ons learning of archive preservation and the storage of AA history. There are flyers in the back of the room, Jennifer has it for the zoomers and Larry has it here for us to see.

We had a small flood at the repository after some plumbing backed up on June 8th. The landlord couldn't get in our door but they knew water was going under the door. Lisa rushed out to the repository. There was a puddle of water just inside the rear door that had seeped under the bookshelf and a file cabinet. It also seeped under some plastic totes and our oversized traveling display boxes. The water was being mopped up by an employee, when Lisa arrived. She opened all of the affected boxes and made sure there was no damage. Allen D. also went out to the repository and assessed the damage. He took pictures of small amounts of standing water under the bookcase and file cabinet. Because we protected our books in individual boxes, they were kept free of any damage. The cardboard boxes were soaked and had to be discarded but the items inside were not damaged. The ASC voted to let our landlord have

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a key to enter the facility in case of future emergencies. They are within 5 minutes of the repository. It takes Lisa D. at least 30 minutes to get there.

The traveling archive display is available for AA service functions

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) - Lorri T.

Last evening in our Standing Committee Roundtable a request came from a DCM to know how many districts have a shared CPC/PI chair. So, I will be sending out an email to every DCM asking you to respond to the question: Do you have a combined CPC/PI Chair?.....or a separate position for each CPC and PI?..... Thank-you D2 for your inquiry. My report submitted to the Newsletter in August will have the results of this poll. At last evening's roundtable we had a simple majority of 7 combined and 6 separate chairs.

Time amazes me in how quickly it goes by; we are already 25% through our Panel 74 rotation. Seventh tradition examples are at work in many of our districts. D9 implemented a booth Fourth of July. What a beautiful way to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous and the freedom to practice it. They developed a cheat sheet for use at this event with questions such as: What to say if someone asks 'Are you in A.A.?' 'Are A.A. & Al-Anon the same thing?'. D8 is acquiring information to develop a monthly professional meeting (lawyers, judges, parole officers). D12 had a booth at a Mental Health event. D22 has sent out a list of projects to be developed this rotation: Drug courts, Drug courts' placement services, Outpatient treatment, Monthly professional meetings, Police and sheriff dept. shift meetings, and Emergency departments. I participate in a monthly CPC/PI zoom meeting in our Pacific Region. This is a great resource for both PI and CPC.

Our CPC workbook from GSO (thank the 7th tradition for these) has valuable information in it about working within our traditions and anonymity. Also suggestions on getting started, A.A. Guidelines, and suggestions for committee goals and how to's. Discussion for a proposed agenda item is in effect for a template letter for court magistrates/judges. Our CPC workbook has templates for other professions though not for judges. A few of us will be attending the PAI workshop coming up on Aug 1st. Meanwhile I am also reaching out to other areas to see if their CPC Chairs have developed a letter.

Seventh Tradition has allowed me to spend \$34 for 5x7 postcards to mail out to healthcare facilities for a zoom workshop earlier this month. I will be spending another \$240 for literature. Our September workshop in Libby Montana is all about how our literature can help us carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. I am acquiring the AA Newsletter for Professionals, "About A.A." and mailing these out, letting professionals know they can subscribe digitally for free.

I have shared resources for District chairs, ideas, workshops for hospitals and nurses in our newsletter. These workshops were free with online access. Those resources were included in our Area newsletter and are still available to anyone who wants them, just let me know and I can forward them to you. Health fairs started popping up with the good weather. Some great ideas at these booths were to give away free water each with a QR code for more information about Alcoholics Anonymous. I have a rack filled with pamphlets for any district to use. Again just let me know and I will bring it to you. We all just heard our Alt-Treasurer's report today. I heard about the GSO CPC desk involvement in 25 booths for professionals. I am going to contact Michael, our GSO CPC Desk, to locate the next one. If possible I would like to go.

Corrections - Dale

Lots has been going on in Corrections. I use the newsletter as my main source of getting information out there. I have started a column called Keys to Corrections. Please check it out in the next newsletter. We have about ¾ of our Districts that have active correction chairs and that same amount attend the monthly corrections meeting online. D3 just had a meeting with the Juvenile facility in Spokane. There are about 8 or 9 Districts that have activity with juvenile facilities. WA State Penitentiary is having their second

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workshop in September. D3 for Airway Heights Correctional Facility just got the ok to do theirs as well. Coyote Ridge had a volunteer workshop. They encourage us to come in. The Pink Can motion is coming today and I look forward to discussing it. I also have been going to district meetings D3 and D12. I have an interactive map on all the jails and correctional facilities in our area on the website.

<https://area92aa.org/area-committee/standing-committees/corrections/>

Grapevine & Literature - Ricky

I attended the PNC and took literature and sold a lot of GV stuff. The pamphlets are .25 cents. I hold a monthly GV/L meeting. We are hosting the September Standing Committee meeting in Libby, MT. If you can't find literature in what I have brought, let me know and I can order it and mail it to you or bring it to the next event.

Newsletter - Jacqueline C

After several conversations and questions from last night's round table there was something missing that has to do with area92aa.org which provides us with resources and calendar events and how to contact all the chairs and the electeds. The newsletter is not on there, but if you go to area92aa.org/newsletter you can access the newsletter. The reason it's not posted on the website is to maintain anonymity. When you submit your reports to me, please don't submit it in an email thread. Start a new email and send it that way. If you have an event that's at the beginning of the month, submit it the month before. Also consider translating your flyers.

The newsletter will be presenting some information from the CPC workbook that has to do with anonymity. we will be looking at some of the sample letters that are in there, we'll be looking at pamphlets that are related to anonymity and will be looking at the long form of tradition 11.

ICCPA will be presenting an article in our Newsletter soon.
We were under budget for the first Quarter.

Public Information (PI) No Chair at this time.

Technology Chair - Dave G.

We meet every other Thursday at 7:00 pm on Meet. Everyone is welcome, so contact us at support@area92aa.org for an invite. Thank you to the committee, AV, Zoom hosts and all that are involved in the committee. We are having another Tech Talk sometime in the fall.

Translation Chair - Virginia R.

I have been at the standing committee monthly meetings every first Monday of the month. D4 Kennewick hosted a GSR school on April 27th And invited the Hispanic districts and interpretation was available. On May 11th District 4 hosted the first delegates report after the conference by our delegate Lisa G and interpretation was available there also. May 24th to the 26th was the Washington State 19th annual AA Hispanic convention where interpretation was from Spanish to English. It was a great event with great speakers sharing their experience, strength and hope. On June 9th I was able to be at my own home group's anniversary Grupo 12, Pasco) This group celebrates the birth of AA and the birth of the group together every year around June 10th. Most of the other four Hispanic linguistic District groups celebrate their anniversaries around this time of the year including a public information meeting followed by a dinner, a cake and a dance all provided for free by the group for the public, families and fellowship. This is one of the great ways that the Hispanic groups pass on the message of aa.

June 21st through the 23rd translation was available at the Pacific Northwest conference where Dora and I interpreted in both languages.

On August 18th linguistic District 24 will host our delegate Lisa G who will share her conference report.

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Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Treatment and Accessibilities - Eddie G

Last night I had the Privilege of meeting with two young ladies from SPOKYPAA. I gave them an invite to my next month's treatment meeting. The purpose of the treatment committee is to carry the message of AA when corrections can't. I am available to anybody wanting to learn more about treatment and accessibility in AA. my meeting is every second Wednesday of the month, please email me for an invite. Oregon area 58 will be having an online treatment committee meeting in October.

Area Sub-Committees

Registrar - Dan M

I am still getting a lot of people saying that they are not getting their printed kits. The Fellowship Connections is the database that GSO uses. The DCM's have access to this. Please go on and take a look at that. You can view what is on there and see your district and even get a report for your district. Check to see if the information that you got to me is in there. There are still issues with getting the GSR kits. AA provides that to you free of charge. All of this is available digitally. It saves money to go that route. Don't wait for your kit to do your job.

Finance Committee - Rainey M

The finance committee has been working on the motion that will be presented today. You may remember last October a request for additional seed money was brought to the assembly. We talked about the changing times and the needs of host committees for area events. That request was a one-time deal and was not a motion to increase seed money. We said at the time that the finance committee would address a more permanent solution and so we have. There are nine people on the finance committee and over the course of several months we have hashed and rehashed the situation and eventually come up with what we think is the best way to handle it in the future. So stay tuned you'll get that in the motion section. Carole and the finance committee have been working on two major projects that she already told you about, the \$9.95 challenge which is a celebration Of the 30th anniversary of area 92 and the Area 92 7th tradition fact sheet. These were projects that were instigated through the finance committee. Anyone is welcome to attend the monthly meeting On Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. contact alt-treasurer@area92aa.org for an invite.

Handbook Committee - Catherine B

We met last night and discussed updates and getting it out and getting it up To speed with all of the corrections. We decided to set a handbook committee meeting date monthly. Due to lack of people showing up for the monthly meetings we decided to have our handbook committee meetings quarterly at the assemblies and quarterlies. I've been doing a little research on translating documents. Google is supposed to be the most accurate app in translation but we are also looking at another platform called DeepL. To have the documents translated by a professional company, it's 10 cents per word and our handbook is about 14,000 words, so that would be \$1,500 to translate that. that does not include upkeep and maintenance. The Motions passed and failed is 17,000 words and that would be another \$1,700 to translate that. so the cost I have a professional do it would be about \$3,500, not including maintenance to update it.

Special Committee Reports

Central Offices-

Yakima Central Office - Anna

They are doing really well. Our Volunteers are fantastic, or literature sales are up and there is a fellowship appreciation picnic On August 10th at the YVC Larson Park.

Tri Cities Central Office - Mac

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District 4 said that they are trying to combine the Central Office and the District meetings.

Spokane Central Office - Dan

They rent space in the Alano club and offer a bookstore. He said that maybe we should consider giving our central office reps a voting position at Area events.

Roundtable Reports

Standing Committee - Jacquie

These are the minutes from last night: Brian B Area chair facilitating. Purpose of this round table is to make the DCMs in the area aware of what's going on in our standing committees. We asked for a show of hands on what topics attendees would like to hear.

Oleta says she'd like to hear how our chairs are getting involved in the districts and Area and what the committees are doing to generate that excitement. Also concerned about the committee chairs missing and the meeting has begun, stating, a good meeting begins on time and ends on time. They went over the motions that were being presented tomorrow. There was some discussion about not discussing the motions until they are presented.

Then all the committee chairs each had time to discuss the question that Oleta proposed.

Lunch Break 12 – 1 pm.

DCM Roundtable - Lisa S

Fran was the chair last night and we had 26 people in attendance. Here are the topics and issues and what we came up with through our discussion and our suggestions.

1. We need to have practical GSR training. Currently training is more focused on service structure and GSO, area and District versus A day-to-day application of what the GSR role is. District 7 developed their own format for GSR training and it's more focused on actual day-to-day functionality. they're willing to share this with us or you can email dcm7@area92aa.org.
2. Lack of interest and participation in service. This is an ongoing topic. This is one of our solutions: Make district meetings more interactive. Move the DCM report to the beginning of the meeting and that will create more discussion on what happens in the Area.
3. We are no longer receiving GSR packets, and one district is making their own packets for GSRs for the incoming GSRs.
4. How can we improve participation at the DCM monthly meeting because there are only about six of us showing up. Some ideas were sending out a new invite, sending out a reminder and assigning topics ahead of time. Also trying to use a concept to work through our solutions so it engages our personal growth and is more spiritually based.
5. It was made very clear to us that our area committee is here to support us and ways to use this is to invite them to our monthly district meetings or call and email them anytime.
6. Get out to your group meetings and attend their business meetings.

GSR Roundtable - Mac

Dan led the meeting. Half of the GSR's were new. One of the topics we talked about is how to register as a GSR. Another topic was how to get people interested in general service work. Make sure you share at your GSR meetings how fun it is and how much of a good time you're having with it. We also talked about the service manual and how it describes what a GSR is. We also pointed out the GSR pamphlet that has a lot of good information in it. The GSR's job is to carry the message to their groups from the district and area.

Area Inventory Report - Mark A58 Past Delegate

From our area 92 handbook section 3.0 Item H: *WSEA 92 will allow two hours for a WSEA 92 Inventory during non-election October Assemblies. The WSEA92 Inventory Committee will be chaired by the most recent Past Delegate. They will perform the Inventory and will be funded by the WSEA 92 General Fund.*

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The inventory will contain three to five questions coming from any or all of the following: Home Groups, GSR Roundtable meetings, DCM Roundtable meetings, or from the WSEA 92 Committee. A follow-up report will be given at the following April Pre-Conference Assembly.

In keeping with tradition I will choose a committee made up of past delegates and a DCM. We will discuss all of the submitted suggestions and from those suggestions, we will pick 3 to 5 based on anticipated discussion within a 2-hour time restraint. I will submit the report to the upcoming Area newsletter and make a final report after the October assembly and submit that report at the April pre-conference assembly. In AA an inventory is a process that involves taking stock of our strengths, weaknesses, values, goals and possible failures.

PNC Report - Diana

If you are ever asked to chair a PNC, do it! It was a lot of fun and the first thing you need to do is get a great committee, and I had the best. We had about six areas in attendance and four languages. Our seed money that we received when we began was \$5,262.88. It looks like we're going to be able to pass on \$4,000. We have a limit that we have to pass \$1,500 on. That extra amount is to help with the cost of ASL. We had \$7,289 in registrations, \$5,069 in dinner and \$1,144 in mugs. Our online contribution was \$860. Our expenses were a total of \$13,430. There are still expenses coming in. The whole price of our venue and meals was about \$16,000.

Jaquie, our PI, sent the flyers out to about five areas, notified OIAA and she notified Box 459 and the Grapevine. She emailed the flyer to all of the Pacific Regional delegates as well.

We had 204 registrations, 176 in person and 32 online.

DCM Reports given by:

D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D8, D10, D12, D13, D14, D15, D17, D20, D21, D22, D24, D25, D26.

New Business Motions

Archives Steering Committee Motion - Allen D

WSEA 92 Archives Steering Committee requests that the last sentence of Section 2.3; Hosting the WSEA 92 Quarterly, Section C, be stricken from the WSEA 92 Handbook: The last sentence of Section 2.3.C reads "The host committee will ensure that there is a secure room to house the WSEA 92 Archives."

Discussion from Allen is that this is housekeeping motion and that the line we are wanting removed does not pertain to us since we do not bring archives to Quarterlies.

Since this came out of committee, it does not need a second. The floor was opened and the first person called the question. Discussion ended.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Motion - Rainey

Washington State East Area 92 Finance Committee moves that the Finance Committee be authorized to approve requests from Area host committees for additional seed money in the event they are required to pay a deposit to reserve a venue that exceeds the initial seed money loaned. (\$1,000 – Assemblies, \$300 – Quarterlies)

No second needed as it came out of committee. Floor was open for discussion. This motion is only to see if this is clear and concise and will move on, if passed, to the October Assembly.

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There was discussion on just raising the seed money costs over all and whether there is a cap on the seed money. The finance committee feels that if they raised the initial seed money then they might run into the same problem if a District needs more for a deposit on a venue. Carole, the treasurer, commented that this decision to give more seed money is done by the committee, not just one person.

After discussion on the language in the handbook, The maker of the motion did a friendly amendment and amended the motion:

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When seed money is not sufficient to meet the venue's deposit requirements the host committee can submit a Seed Money Increase Request Form with backup documentation (propose Facility Use Agreement or statement of the venue's deposit requirements) to the WSEA 92 Treasurer who will present it to the WSEA 92 Finance Committee for approval. Seed money is a loan and must be returned. If the Event registration fees collected through noon on Saturday of the event are not sufficient to repay the full amount of seed money loaned, the host committee will be prepared to make an announcement and pass the basket on Saturday, upon resuming business after lunch (Quarterlies) or dinner (Assemblies).

More discussion after this amendment ensued. There was no second on the friendly amendment although discussion took place. The question was called on the original motion. D3 seconded to end discussion.

The maker of the motion withdrew the motion prior to the voting. The motion goes back to the committee.

Corrections Committee Motion - Dale

The Area 92 Correction Committee proposes establishing a dedicated bank account for the Area 92 Corrections Pink Can Program:

- The Area 92 Treasurer will manage this account's finances, which will be used to receive Pink Can contributions from individual A.A. Members, Area 92 Groups, and Area 92 Districts, dispersing receipts accordingly.
- Costs associated with the Pink Can account will be covered by the Pink Can account.
- The Area 92 Treasurer's Area Assembly and Quarterly reports will include Pink Can Program fund transparency.
- The Pink Can account's purpose is to serve as a centralized clearing house for contributions from Pink Cans around Area 92 submitted electronically through the Area 92 website, or via standard mail.
- Based on requests and needs, funds will be utilized to purchase literature for Area 92 Correctional Facilities.
- The Area 92 Corrections Chair will utilize the Pink Can account's debit card for literature purchases.
- The Area 92 Corrections Chair and Committee will be responsible for allocating literature.

This motion came out of committee and does not need a second. After some discussion, the question was called by D2 and seconded by D14 and discussion ended. The vote on whether this was clear and concise and to move to October Assembly passed with 2/3rds majority. Minority opinion came from a no vote. It was asked of the body if that opinion would change anyone's votes. No votes were changed.

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Host Committee reports:

- July 2024 Quarterly - D2 - Spokane, WA. 122 registrations 66 lunches and they will be able to pay for the hour of overtime by passing the hat.
- October 2024 Inventory Assembly - D8 - Coeur d'Alene, ID. Registration has been set up. We have the speakers, did a walkthrough with Tech, and we are all ready.
- January 2025 Quarterly - D25 Has the committee in place and will be asking for volunteers. Had some issues opening a checking account.
- April 2025 Pre-Conf. Assembly - D26 - Libby, MT. We have the venue and meals planned. We are working on the registration. Our committee meets every two weeks.
- October 2025 Election Assembly - D17 - Spokane, WA Starting to form a committee. They have talked to two venues so far.

Bid for July 2025 Quarterly went to D10 Ellensburg - Passed unanimously.

We are accepting resumes for a PI Chair. Contact the chair or any elected officer.

Motion to Adjourn- Moved by D11 seconded by D20 and passed D20 unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 3:33 pm