

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2016

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM – Steve N.
Secretary - P. J. O.
Treasurer – Jen B.
C.P.C. Chair – Lina R.
Grapevine Chair – Paula D.
Intergroup Liaison – Dean B.
Literature Chair – Lisa B.
Men’s Corrections Chair – Al M.
Public Information Chair – Janet B.
Technology Chair – Rich M.
Treatment Chair – Rich M.
Workshop Chair – Wendy S.

GSRs/Alt. GSRs and Visitors present at meeting:

Janet B. – Alt. GSR, Attitude Adjustment Group
Sandy H. – GSR, Crystal River Group
Jen B. – Alt. GSR, Crystal River Group
James C. – Alt. GSR, First Thought Wrong Group
Al M. – GSR, Holder Way of Life Group
John H. – Inverness Wednesday Night
David V. – GSR, Monday Night Men’s Step Group
Rich M. – GSR No Name Group
Tammy P. – GSR Rainbow Group
Wendy S. – GSR Real Happy Hour
Bruce P. – GSR Resentment Group
John H. – GSR Sober Nooners Group
Dean B. – GSR Sober Sand Gnats
Gail K. – GSR, Won Rebos Group
Lisa B. – Alt. GSR, Won Rebos Group

Visitors: Lynn D.

Welcome by DCM:

Steve N., DCM, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.
Serenity Prayer
Declaration of Unity
Responsibility Statement

Recognition of New GSRs: Tammy P., new GSR for the Rainbow Group.

Roll Call: P. J. O. took roll call and Minutes.

Roll call: All officers were present and 13 registered groups were represented by GSR or Alt. GSR.

Everyone had received copies of the Minutes of the January 31, 2016 meeting. Lisa B. advised that the listing of free literature in the Literature Report for January needed to be revised due to problems caused by electronic transfer of data into the minutes, and she had included the correct listing in the February report. In response to a question from Lina R., Steve explained that the meeting with officers referred to in his report took place basically to prepare the agenda for the next meeting. Lina also pointed out that the use of “World

Services Conference” in April was inaccurate, and that it was actually a General Services Conference. This also is found on the website. Steve explained the origin of the terms and acknowledged there should probably be changed to reflect correct usage. Upon motion and second, the Minutes of the January 31 meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Jen B., Treasurer, presented the final Report for January, 2016, being the Income and Expense Sheet and Contribution Report. Copies were distributed to everyone. The Income and Expense Sheet showed a beginning balance of \$2524.41, income of \$441.38, expenses \$1497.10, and an ending balance of \$1468.69. Jen pointed out that there was an income item that needed to be removed (50/50 Income), which she would do and submit a corrected report to the Secretary for attachment to the February minutes. She will also clarify an issue regarding Workshop income, which would have to be from the basket. Upon motion and second, the Treasurer's Report for January, 2016, was accepted. Jen also presented a preliminary report on income and expenses for February, 2016.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives Report: Denis S. (Read by P. J.)

This month I attended the second annual Florida State Archives' Workshop in Winter Park near Orlando. Archivists and others from all over the State were in attendance. The keynote speaker was Gail L., who is the Akron Archivist. Gail said that Archives are a spiritual entity used to carry the message and not so much a collection of artifacts or memorabilia. The Area 14 and Area 15 Archivists were in attendance.

Accessibilities Report: None

CPC Report: Lina R.

After a false start (Do not pray for humility – it will be delivered =) I continue to pursue drafting a DVD to be used by the Citrus County Sheriff's Department in their continuing education. I will have more to report next month.

Love and service,

Lina R.

District 28 CPC Chair

Public Information Report: Janet B.

We got off to a rocky start this month. Most upsetting was the absence of our schedules in the Share Club auditorium at Citrus Memorial. I put new ones in. I went over to the EMR and not only were the Where and Whens missing but also our double holder with the identification of NCI on the front. I found an empty holder that now has our new blue schedules in it but I'm not sure for how long.

Zona Long told her office manager we were soliciting –so out they went. I tried to explain they were there for information to help their clients, but the nice manager could not do anything.

The Visitors & Convention Bureau in Crystal River was also lacking schedules but I just waltzed in and held up the blue folders (blue is the color there) and said just replacing these.

Lastly, I hope, Highland Avenue Laundromat had no schedules. Ernie P. had just put them in. Our literature had been replaced by some religious literature. I am putting our own holder there with Where an Whens and I'll be checking back frequently.

Good news: we have a new location at the Path on Rt. 44.

There were no surprises for the rest of my usual locations. Crystal River Sheriff's Substation, Yana Club, the Centers and County Probation in Lecanto. Our 12 locations in the Inglis and Yankeetown area were covered, as were Dunnellon Library, with the help of Lisa who has informed me that our literature has now been placed in a laundromat in that area, and the Yahoo meeting in Sumter County.

In Inverness, locations at the Sheriff's Main Station, State Probation and Parole, County Courthouse, Court Alternatives Program, Central Motel, Lakes Region Library, Chamber of Commerce, the Lighthouse and the Board of Health were all filled.

Men's Corrections Report: Al M.

We have had a pretty good month. There were four meetings on Wednesdays. I met the new contact person that is taking Mr. Tucker's place; the new guy is Bob Hubbard. I am still trying to get some new people approved for coming in the facility. It has taken us a year to get things going, and although things are going fairly well we are still a little short on books and literature. We collect old Grapevines. We get the little books and the Twelve and Twelves. Jen advised that there is some money in the Corrections budget for literature. The average attendance at the last two meetings was around 20, and about 15 at the two previous meetings. I will try to get more guys in. The facility is privately run, so there is no recourse to the Sheriff for help in expediting things. I tried to get us in the youth facility; I worked very hard at it. They said yes at first and then a new person came in and they never got back to us; we had even had the background checks done. Paula D. will try to get him some Grapevines. Al said that La Vina is not so much an issue, as there are only a couple of Hispanics there.

Women's Corrections Report: None

Grapevine Report: Paula D.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to serve District 28 as the Grapevine Chair.

The District's Grapevine poster and free literature are on display at a place where multiple meetings are held several times a week.

The following is an example of what is in the Grapevine to illustrate how it carries the message through the Language of the Heart:



- Submit a caption for this cartoon.

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Grow your Grapevine Arbor Card is in the March 2016 Edition.
Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Literature Report- Lisa B.

February, short though it is, has been full of learning for the literature committee. Thank you for the opportunity to grow and share! On February 13th, I had the good fortune to attend our outstanding Hotline Workshop. It was good to see another of the fine offerings that District 28 is putting together. The Intergroup chair, Rick, developed an excellent piece of local literature. It is a notebook that serves as a thorough resource and guide for anyone taking the Hotline. Awesome job!

From last month's report, I have been apprised of the fact that the listing of free literature available from AA.org is quite misleading. Allow me to clarify the free offerings and how one may procure them. In the A. A. Literature Catalogue, one can distinguish free material by the "F" in its item number. Service material is available to A.A. members upon request from the General Service Office, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163; Telephone (212) 870-3400; Fax (212) 870-3003; service material can also be downloaded from the Website: www.aa.org. This material differs from Conference-approved literature in that it has not come about through Conference Advisory Action. It is produced when there is a need for readily available information on a specific **subject**. Service material reflects A.A. group experience as well as specific and timely information that is subject to change. Among the service material items is a play on a few of the Twelve Traditions as well as the Traditions Checklist from the Grapevine – both of which are well worth enjoying on your own -some rich offerings...for "free"! To avoid any

confusion, I am resubmitting a complete listing for all GSR's to see and to pass on to their meeting's literature chair.

Service Material from the General Service Office **These are not literature inventory items and cannot be ordered with your literature order. Some of the service material in this section is available on G.S.O.'s A.A. Website (www.aa.org) in the portal A.A. Literature or can be sent by email upon request. Contact any G.S.O. Staff member for a copy of the service material listed in this first section.**

A.A. Around the Globe: Brief history of the way A.A. members have helped spread the message around the world. SMF-165

A.A. Fact Sheet: What A.A. does and does not do, including the A.A. Preamble. SMF-94

A.A. Preamble: One sheet with the A.A. Preamble in large print. SMF-92

A.A. Tomorrow: Excerpts reprinted from the 1960 Grapevine book *A.A. Today* SMF-144

Area Map of U.S. and Canada: General Service Conference Areas. SMF-146

Anonymity Online: Excerpts from A.A. literature on protecting members' anonymity while accessing the Internet. SMF-197

Concepts Checklist: A checklist on the Twelve Concepts for World Service intended as a starting point for discussions. SMF-91

Conference-Approved Literature: Explanation of what "Conference- approved" literature means, and reprint information. SMF-29

Country-to-Country Sponsorship: Experience on carrying the A.A. message worldwide. SMF-168

Estimates of A.A. Groups and Members: Updated annually from G.S.O. group records and information provided by international A.A. offices and groups. SMF-53

Fellowships Similar to A.A.: Partial list of Fellowships with contact information. SMF-38

Frequently Asked Questions About A.A. Websites: Informational sheet in question and answer format. SMF-101

How To Conduct A Sharing Session SMF-111

Is Your Group Linked to A.A. As A Whole?: Benefits of listing your group with G.S.O. SMF-104

List of General Service Conference Area Websites: Partial list of websites developed by General Service Conference areas. SMF-82

Loners-Internationalists Correspondence Service: Description of the LIM bulletin and Loners, Homers, Internationalists, Port Contacts and Loner Sponsors. SMF-123

Memo on Participation of A.A. Members in Research and Other Non- A.A. Surveys SMF-143

Online Meetings: Partial list of online A.A. meetings in English, French and Spanish. SMF-124

Origin of the Serenity Prayer – A Historical Paper: The origin of the Serenity Prayer compiled by A.A.'s first archivist. SMF-129

Presentation: What A.A. Is and What It Is Not (to Treatment Administrators & Staff). SMF-126

Presentation: What A.A. Is and What It Is Not (to Treatment Clients). SMF-128

Regional Map of U.S. and Canada: General Service Conference regions. SMF-118

Researching A.A. Group History: Guide from Archives. SMF-169

Responding to Disasters – "How can we help?": FAQ about how to help our A.A. family in distressed areas. SMF-196

Services Provided by G.S.O./A.A.W.S. SMF-176

Shared Experience on Coping with Influx of New Members SMF-142

Sharing from D.C.M.s to a D.C.M.: Excerpts from shared experience collected for new district committee members. SMF-174

Sponsorship – A Vital Stepping-Stone to Service & Sobriety: Shared experience on service sponsorship. SMF-110

Structure of the Conference (U.S. and Canada): "Inverted triangle" chart of the structure of the Conference. SMF-179

Suggested Guidelines For Changing Regional Boundaries SMF-125

Suggested Topics For Discussion Meetings SMF-56

Suggested Workshop Format SMF-112

Synopsis of 1963 Royalty Agreement: Between Bill W. and A.A. SMF-171

The A.A. Message in Print – Summary of Distribution: For the Big Book and Twelve and Twelve in all formats. Updated annually. SMF-140

The A.A. Preamble: Background Information SMF-127

The General Service Conference Structure (U.S. and Canada): Flow chart of the General Service Conference structure with conference and trustees committees. SMF-116

The Twelve Concepts For World Service: Short Form. SMF-114

The Twelve Concepts For World Service: Long Form. SMF-195

The Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous SMF-121

The Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous: Short Form. SMF-122

The Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous: Long Form. SMF-195

Traditions Checklist: A checklist on the Twelve Traditions intended as a starting point for discussions. SMF-131

Twelve Traditions Play: Script. SMF-130

Use of The Circle/Triangle Symbol: Background information. SMF-113

Worldwide A.A. Individual and Group Membership: Estimated annual figures, 1935 - current year end. SMF-132

Service Material for Deaf: A.A. literature that has been revised so that it can be read easily by people who have been deaf since birth or early childhood or for signing purposes; developed by hearing-impaired members and American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters. (English only)

A Brief Guide To Alcoholics Anonymous for Signing Purposes: Translation of the A.A. pamphlet. SMF-138

A Newcomer Asks for Signing Purposes: Translation of the A.A. pamphlet. SMF-139

Do You Think You're Different for Signing Purposes: Translation of the A.A. pamphlet. SMF-156

How It Works for Signing Purposes SMF-137

Is A.A. For Me? for Signing Purposes: Translation of the A.A. pamphlet. SMF-158

Is A.A. For You? for Signing Purposes: Translation of the A.A. pamphlet. SMF-136

The Twelve Steps for Signing Purposes SMF-134

The Twelve Traditions Long Form for Signing Purposes: Developed for video of the Big Book in ASL. SMF-135

The Twelve Traditions Short Form for Signing Purposes: Developed for video of the Big Book in ASL. SMF-133

This Is A.A. for Signing Purposes: Translation of the A.A. pamphlet. SMF-157

The Serenity Prayer for Signing Purposes SMF-181

Transcription Notes To Assist Signer/Interpreter SMF-159

These materials are published flyers, leaflets, pamphlets, catalog, etc. that are available at no charge and upon request from G.S.O. These can be added to any Literature Order. (*) Indicates A.A. Conference-approved.

A.A. Anonymity Card: Announcement for meetings open to the public. F-20

*A.A. at a Glance: Flyer condensing facts on the Fellowship. F-1

A.A. Birthday Contribution Envelope FR-5

A.A. Group Contribution Envelope FR-2

A.A. Guidelines: Yellow sheets that contain guidelines compiled from extensive shared A.A. experience and guidance from the Twelve Traditions and General Service Conference (U.S. and Canada).

A.A. Guidelines Complete Set: One set provided at no charge; additional copies at regular price. MG-20

A.A. Answering Services MG-12

Archives MG-17

Carrying the A.A. Message to the Deaf Alcoholic MG-13

Central or Intergroup Offices MG-2

Clubs MG-3

Conferences, Conventions and Roundups MG-4

Cooperating with Court, D.W.I. and Similar Programs MG-5

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Public Information MG-7

Relationship Between A.A. and Al-Anon MG-8

Serving Alcoholics with Special Needs MG-16

Treatment Committees MG-4

A.A. Literature Catalog: A.A. Conference-approved literature and other material along with A.A. Grapevine literature and material. F-10

A.A. Literature Order Forms F-60

*A Message to Teenagers: Flyer adapted from the A.A. pamphlet "Too Young." F-9

*Carrying the A.A. Message into Correctional Facilities: Basic information for members interested in corrections service; suggestions for speaking in correctional facilities. F-5

Central Offices, Intergroups, and Answering Services for the U.S. and Canada: Directory of local A.A. offices; includes Puerto Rico. F-25

Corrections Correspondence Service: Pamphlet for members interested in corresponding with members in correctional facilities; includes form. F-26

General Service Offices, Central Offices, Intergroups, and Answering Services Overseas: Directory of international G.S.O.s and A.A. offices. F-59

Information on Alcoholics Anonymous: Flyer for anyone new to A.A., and anyone referring people to A.A. F-2

Primary Purpose Statement Card: Blue card regarding "Open" and "Closed" Meetings. The 1987 General Service Conference made this statement available as an A.A. service piece for those groups who wish to use it. F-17

Problems Other Than Alcohol: Excerpts from pamphlet by Bill W. F-8
Self-Support Card: Green card explaining Seventh Tradition. F-42
Self-Support Packet: Yellow sleeve containing the following items: F-19
*Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix F-3
Self-Support Card F-42
Historical Background of Self-Support F-19A
Idea Starters F-19E
The A.A. Group Treasurer F-96
Self-Support Flyers F-19A-G
Services Provided by G.S.O./A.A.W.S. SMF-176
A.A. Guidelines on Finance MG-15
*Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix: Pamphlet describing suggested ways of apportioning group contributions to support various A.A. service entities. F-3
Serving Alcoholics With Special Needs: Leaflet for members interested in this service. F-107
Staff Assignments: Current assignments at the General Service Office. F-15
The A.A. Archives: Leaflet describing the importance of the Archives to the fellowship. F-47
The A.A. Group Treasurer: Description of the role and responsibilities of a group treasurer. F-96
*Where Do I Go From Here?: Leaflet for those coming out of treatment and correctional facilities. F-4
*Your A.A. General Service Office: Description of services provided by your G.S.O. F-6
*Your D.C.M.: Leaflet with suggested responsibilities of the district committee member. F-12
Your A.A. G.S.O., Grapevine and the General Service Structure: Companion leaflet to the video of the same name. F-102
My home group voted in favor of pursuing a fourth step workbook through the Conference Advisory Action process. I am circulating a paper to get the results from other groups at our February district meeting. If you have not gotten a group conscience, please email me results or have them ready for our March district meeting. Thank you for allowing me to serve and to be a part of our phenomenal program.

Treatment Report: Rich M.

Rich offered that he would like to help out getting literature into the institutions.

There is nothing new to report regarding the Centers. The situation is still in flux.

There are rumors floating about a possible young women's facility. Nothing has happened yet.

NCI Liaison Report –Dean B.

Chairperson Rick T. opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Jen B. took roll. There were 9 groups represented and 12 members present.

There were no new representatives.

Secretary's Report: Jen B. read last month's minutes and they were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Steve N. for Paige B. January's financial report was read and accepted. February's Income Draft was gone over. We are below our Prudent Reserve! The 2015 Expense Report was explained and approved by audit February 25, 2016. The 2016 Budget was tabled for next month's meeting.

Trustees Report: Denis S. and Bill were absent. Janet B. had nothing to report. Sandy H. reported on the audit. Steve N. suggested that the audit be attached to the minutes for Bill's signature.

Sanding Committee Reports:

- Hotline: Dr. Bob had the hotline for the month of February. He reported 80 calls. 10 of which were wet calls, and 1 'talker'. The Hotline is been given to Jim M. for the month of March.

- Website: Steve N. reported that the NCI website experienced 454 visits with 324 unique visitors in February. Each visitor viewed an average of 4.55 pages. The bounce rate lowered to 42.51% and exceptionally good month for viewers staying on the site. 60.8% of the visitors were new and 39.7% were returning visitors. The most visited pages were Where and When, Meeting by Day, Meeting by Location, NCI Calendar, NCI Minutes, District Minutes, Journal, Newcomers, Is AA for You, and Information Links.

- Journal Report: Rick T. stated that the Journal is out and on the web.

- Events: Lynn reports that plans are under way for the Spring Fling, May 14, 2016, and Founder's Day Brunch, June 4, 2016.

Alternate Chair Steve N. responded to past questions concerning NCI funds as applied to 50/50 raffles, whether we lose or make money, etc. Basically the IRS doesn't care about us provided we are not making over \$24,000. So long as we are non-profit, have officers accountable, etc. We are not required to break even. Basically, we are doing it right.

Chairperson Rick T. was tickled to attend the audit and was impressed on the time and effort taken in going over all the details of 2015 financial report.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

The 7th Tradition basket was passed.

Motion was made to close, and we did so with the Lord's Prayer.

Thank you for trusting me to serve.

Workshop Report: Wendy S.

On February 13, the Hotline Workshop was presented at Club Recovery hosted by District 28 and Nature Coast Intergroup.

Rick T. reviewed the hotline manual, discussed his experience with hotline and answered some questions.

It was an interesting and educational event. A panel consisting of Jay B., Connie C., and John H. presented their experience with hotline and 12 step calls.

Paula D. hosted a role playing segment which elicited some discussion regarding interactions with hotline callers, as well as a few laughs....we are not a gum lot!

Wendy S. discussed the dangers of alcohol withdrawal and impending DTs.

The event was graciously hosted by our own Steve N.

Thanks to all involved, including Paige B., for a successful event. Our hope is that we can increase interest in hotline involvement in the general membership. Paige tells me that two groups have taken a week of hotline service. Each group should have a sign-up sheet for members who have an interest in helping.

On March 13th we will, along with intergroup, be hosting a pre-assembly presentation by Glenn, our North Florida area delegate.

We are open to ideas for future workshops. Please contact myself or Paige with your thoughts.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Technology Report: Rich M.

Rich advised that he had nothing new to report at this time.

Webmaster Report: Steve N., Webmaster

AAdistrict38.org website experienced 740 visits with 570 unique visitors viewing 1256 pages in February. Each visitor viewed an average of 1.7 pages. The most visited pages were Where and When, Calendar, Mobile, District Minutes, Meetings, Legacies, Contact Info, Archives, Specific Meeting Days, and Information Links. Google Analytics Information will be added in the coming month.

Alt. DCM Report: Paige B.

My name is Paige I am an alcoholic and an Alternate DCM with the privilege of serving District 28.

What a month! The Hotline workshop, on February the 13th, went very well. Many thanks to the members of the panel, Jay B., Connie C., Paula D., John H., Wendy S. and Rick T., who presented various aspects of working with others on the hotline. The workshop generated a new crew of volunteers willing to carry the hotline and take 12-step calls. There are many opportunities to serve in this capacity. Please contact us at floridadistrict28@gmail.com if you or your group is willing to cover a shift or pick-up a twelfth step call. "There is nothing that ensures immunity from alcohol like intensive work with another alcoholic."

Glenn W., the Area 14 Delegate, and his crew will present the Pre-conference Agenda Review on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at The First Assembly of God Church in Inverness on Pleasant Grove Road. I cannot stress how important our attendance is. Districts 13, 17 and 28 are hosting this event and several surrounding districts are invited to participate. Carrying the message to and from New York is vital to the growth, health and future our Fellowship. Glenn, in order to accurately represent Area 14 members to the General Service Conference needs to hear from us. In turn, in order to effectively carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous we need to hear his message. Please plan to attend. The review is scheduled from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served and we plan to mix it up with fun and fellowship..."we are not a glum lot!"

The next Area 14 Assembly, in Gainesville, is scheduled for April 8, 9 and 10, 2016. Accommodations are reserved for those who need them. Please contact me at floridadistrict28@gmail.com by Monday, April 4, 2016. I look forward to seeing you there.

Remember in March, due to the Easter Holiday, we will meet on Sunday, March 13th at 5:45 pm.

Thank you for all you do!

Paige B.

DCM Report: Steve N.

District 28 DCM Report - February 2016

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as DCM for this District. I cannot believe the fantastic activity and service going on in this District. For that, I thank you all.

I had the privilege of MC'ing the Hotline workshop, on February the 13th, and we learned a lot while having fun. Our sincere gratitude to the members of the panel, Jay B., Connie C., Paula D., John H., Wendy S. and Rick T., who presented various aspects of working with others in 12 step work. The workshop generated multiple volunteers willing to

carry the hotline and take 12-step calls. It is obvious we learned the concept, "There is nothing that ensures immunity from alcohol like intensive work with another alcoholic."

Glenn W., the Area 14 Delegate, and his crew will present the Pre-conference Agenda Review on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at The First Assembly of God Church in Inverness on Pleasant Grove Road. I urge you to attend and join members from Districts 13, 17 and our own 28. This event can fill you in on what's happening with the rest of AA and getting your input to New York via our Delegate is vital to the growth, health and future of our Fellowship. Please plan to attend, listen, and give your opinion. The review is scheduled from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Items that will be discussed include:

Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2017 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2017 General Service Conference.
- C. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.
- D. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.

Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. Consider discontinuing the pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W"
- B. Consider adding text regarding A.A. and medications to the pamphlet "If You are a Professional..."
- C. Consider adding text to the pamphlet "Is there an Alcoholic In the Workplace?" regarding A.A. as a resource for small businesses.
- D. Review draft revision of the pamphlet "How AA. Members Cooperate with Professionals."
- E. Review contents of C,P.C. Kit and Workbook.

Corrections

- A. Review draft of video created to replace "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."
- B. Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.)
- C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

Finance

- A. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference
- B. Review the Conference approved level of \$5,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. Members.
- C. Review the Conference approved maximum annual contribution to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. Member of \$3,000.
- D. Discuss material from A.A.W.S. Self-Support Committee.
- E. Review Self-Support Packet.

Grapevine

- A. Review Audio Strategy status update.
- B. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2017 or later.
- C. Review A.A. Grapevine Workbook.

Literature

- A. Consider developing a plain language version of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous.
- B. Review A.A.W.S. report on "pagination" of Conference approved digital books.
- C. Review progress report on the revision of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Woman."
- D. Review progress report on the revision of the pamphlet "AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic."

E. Review progress report on the development of literature for A.A.s with mental health issues and those who sponsor them.

F. Review progress report on the development of a plan for the systematic review of A.A. recovery literature.

G. Review revised draft pamphlet "Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and its Services."

Policy/Admissions

A. Approve request for two observers from AA. in the Ukraine to attend the 2016 General Service Conference.

B. Review progress report on plans for French and Spanish translation of all Conference background.

C. Review report from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference regarding conference observers from other fellowships.

D. Consider request that all Conference members be sent the same background material with the exception of digital media and works in progress,

E. Review dates for the 2019 General Service Conference.

Public information

A. Review 2015 annual report from the trustees' Public information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.

B. Public information Comprehensive Media Plan.

1. Review the trustees' Public information Committee report on the Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.

2. Review 2016 Public information Comprehensive Media Plan,

C. Review the July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 distribution and tracking information for the video P.SA "Doors"

D. Review 2015 report from the trustees' Public information Committee on the Usefulness and Relevance of Public Service Announcements.

1. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the English and French language versions of the video P.S.A, "Tengo Esperanza" at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, in addition to the distribution work of local public information committees.

2. Consider discontinuing the video P.S.A. "I Thought."

E. Discuss a request to reconsider the 2011 Advisory Action regarding the "Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or its Affiliates."

F. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

Report and Charter

A. The A.A. Service Manual, 2018-2017 Edition;

1. Review list of editorial updates.

2. Consider adding definition of "Service Manual" to Glossary of Service Terms.

3. Consider adding text in the Third Legacy Procedure chart in Chapter One.

4. Consider draft text for a section on "Local Forums" to be added to Chapter Nine.

5. Consider removing endnote #4 in Concept Twelve of the Twelve Concepts for World Service.

6. Consider request to revise text in the Concept Eleven essay regarding "male/female" distinctions in the Twelve Concepts for World Service,

B. Consider A.A.W.S, recommendation regarding an alternative publishing

schedule for The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service.

C. Discuss AA. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., Western U.S., and International.)

1. Consider that the category title 'ONLINE MEETINGS' be changed to 'ONLINE GROUPS/ONLINE MEETINGS' in A.A. Directories.

D. Discuss General Service Conference Final Report.

Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities

A. Consider removing "Special Needs' from Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities name and throughout the Committees' Composition, Scope and Procedure.

B. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.

C. Review contents of Special Needs-Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

Trustees

A. Review resumes of candidates for:

1. West Central Regional Trustee;

2. Western Canada Regional Trustee.

B. Review slates of Trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

C. Review slate of directors of AA World Services, Inc,

D. Review slate of directors of AA. Grapevine, Inc.

E. Review report from the trustees' Committee on Nominating on expanding the pool of candidates to serve the General Service Board and the Corporate Boards.

F. Consider option presented by the trustees' Committee on Nominating regarding the unexpected vacancy of Regional Trustees.

Archives

A. Explore ways to encourage groups to write or update their histories.

B. Review Archives Workbook.

International Convention/Regional Forums

A. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

B. Discuss report on the 2015 international Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Glen will provide background information on areas where there will be significant interest at the General Service Conference.

I also urge all of you GSR's and committee members to attend the next Area 14 Assembly in Gainesville on April 8, 9 and 10, 2016. The hotel, formerly the Paramount, is now the Wyndham. I look forward to seeing you there.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve.

Steven Northsea, DCM District 28

Old Business:

1. Delegate Pre-Conference Agenda. Copies were passed out to those at the meeting. (See DCM report above for details.)

2. Follow-up on Hotline. No separate report, but Steve advised that there is a downloadable PDF document available online that will give some assistance.

New Business: None

Announcements:

Janet B. advised that there would be a public discussion of AA on March 4 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Lakes Library in Inverness. This event is sponsored by the District P.I.

Committee and several of our members will be present to inform the public about AA and answer any questions.

Steve again urged everyone to attend the Pre-Conference meeting with the Delegate so we can have our voices regarding the future of AA heard at the Conference.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion and second at 6:50 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

The Principles of AA

AA gives us thirty-six Principles which, when practiced in all our affairs as a way of life, will enrich our lives far beyond our fondest dreams. These thirty-six Principles are grouped into three sets of twelve each. The Twelve Steps of Recovery awaken us to a Higher Power, a higher self with the ability to both give and receive love. The Twelve Concepts of Service are guidelines and tools for our passing on this love through Service. The Twelve Traditions of Unity teach us how to relate lovingly to others, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Tradition Two: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers? 2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?

3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?

4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?

5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?

6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

Concept Two: The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

Do we have an understanding of the history of the General Service Conference (the "Conference")?

What is a Conference Advisory Action? Does our home group's G.S.R., district committee member (D.C.M.), area delegate report back to the group on the highlights of the Conference and Conference Advisory Actions?

Is our group meeting its wider Seventh Tradition responsibilities?