



NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

February 16, 1990

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE NORTH FLORIDA AREA CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

JANUARY 13 - 14, 1990 - GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

DCM/OFFICERS' MEETING; 01/13/90, 4:00 p.m.:

Tom D [redacted], Chairman, opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. He welcomed everyone to the first quarterly meeting.

Attendance: 60.

Roll Call - Absent Districts 2, 4, and 10.

Judy P [redacted], Corresponding Secretary, passed out new copies of the North Florida area roster.

Minutes of the fourth quarterly meeting of the North Florida Area Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous were approved as mailed, with one exception as noted herein. On Page 13, G.S.R. Workshop, lines 6, 9, and 10, "Kelly" as identified with District 28, was corrected by Irene G. as D.C.M., District 28, as not being affiliated with her district. The minutes stand as corrected with this noted exception.

Treasurer's Report - Joan E. stated that group financial participation had doubled in the past year. We have over 502 registered groups in the North Florida area, with 257 groups financially participating in 1989. The Daytona Beach assembly in October, 1989 covered their expenses and the fourth quarterly assembly meeting of 1989 did not cost the area treasury any money. Our prudent reserve stands at \$13,125.21; there is a restricted amount of \$1,260.95 for use as the video/film library in 1990; ending cash checking (as of 12/31/89) \$5,347.99. We have reached the G.S.O. suggested prudent reserve of \$13,000 with much effort and diligence. We cannot stop now. It is very important that the groups continue to contribute on a regular basis to all levels of the service structure (i.e., the district, 'intergroup', area assembly, and G.S.O.). Tom D [redacted] also noted the importance of continued group contributions, as well as increased contributions from non-participating groups.

The projected budget for 1990 was discussed. (See attached North Florida Area Conference Budget for 1990 for further details.) For the sake of brevity it is not duplicated herein these minutes. Joan E. noted that hopefully group contributions are anticipated to continue to be received at the same level as in 1989. There is a specific category for delegate's expenses, which include the International Convention in Seattle (required for the delegate to attend every five years) and the G.S.O. Conference in New York in April. Joan E. noted that G.S.O. spends \$2600 per year, per delegate for each conference. The treasurer has suggested that we send an additional \$1,000, besides the \$600 currently requested by G.S.O., in order to defray the cost of our delegate attending the conference in April, 1990. This will come before the general assembly for a vote on the morning of January 14, 1990. The alternate delegate's reimbursed expenses for 1990 are set at \$400. Some additional monies have been budgeted for special projects hosted by the C.P.C./P.I. Committees for 1990.

Joan E. pointed out the possibility that we may need to purchase computer equipment later in 1990 or the beginning of 1991. She said that no provision has been made in the budget for this acquisition. Therefore, please note, that since funds have not been appropriated in the 1990 budget for computer equipment, monies from the current prudent reserve will be used. **INFORM** your groups that this is a great possibility, and to please not over react to the level of the prudent reserve, as the reserve serves many useful purposes in protecting the activities of the North Florida area conference. Currently, Judy P., Corresponding Secretary, has the one owned by the N.F.A.C.A.A. and she feels that it is inadequate to meet our needs. She also pointed out that the memory is almost full and she is intending to switch over to I.B.M. compatible equipment to accomplish the duties of her office.

It was noted that G.S.O. experienced a loss of \$800,000 the first three quarters of 1989. This is a huge deficit, which caused literature prices to increase. G.S.O. experienced this deficit due to lack of participation in group contributions. D.C.M.'s were asked to review with their groups the financial structure of the A.A. fellowship on the district, intergroup, area conference, and G.S.O. levels and try to govern their contributions accordingly. See the pamphlet, "Supporting the A.A. Support System" for further information on breakdown of group contributions to these service levels.

Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

Delegate's Comments - Jimmy G. noted that when G.S.O. is experiencing a deficit, they draw necessary funds out of the publishing company, which we own. The contributions have fallen off, literature has gone back up. A suggestion has been made that we should just forget about self-support through our own contributions. When Districts have too many groups, the communication breaks down. In a smaller District, contributions as well as communication increases. Jimmy G. asked those present what they thought about the literature situation and that he would like to have some feedback prior to his trip to New York in April, 1990. Should we set a realistic figure on our literature and leave it there; instead of moving it up and down. In an effort to save money, G.S.O. is moving the general service conference out of New York City. G.S.O. is also seeking A.A. members to write to A.A. inmates in prison. If you are interested in corresponding with an inmate, talk to Patty L. at G.S.O. or Bob T., the NFACAA Corrections Chairperson. Over the years, there has been a lack of participation by minorities at the international convention. In 1990, an effort is being made to have minorities participate more fully in the convention. There will also be a special focus on members with long term sobriety of 40 years or more. Jimmy said that if anyone knows of anyone that is going to the international convention in Seattle, Washington, July, 1990 who has 40 years of sobriety or more, then they need to let him know, so that these people may be recognized at the convention. Jimmy discussed the home group workshop questions that have been delineated by G.S.O. for group discussion. A copy of the workshop questions are attached hereto. "The A.A. Home Group" will be the theme for the 40th General Service Conference in New York, in April 22-28, 1990. Jimmy will be going to Atlanta, Georgia for the delegate's conference, the end of January, 1990. He will have more of a tentative agenda for the April '90 conference at the next quarterly meeting April 7-8, 1990 in St. Augustine at the Ponce de Leon Hotel and Resort. Floyd Z. said that the agenda is set. Reservations will be accepted until March 15, 1990. They require thirty (30) days prior to the assembly meeting. The District will host something on Friday night. Buffets will be available at decent prices. Room rates are \$60.00/single; \$65.00/double.

Judy will send room reservation information with agenda, along with these minutes sometime the end of February, the beginning of March, 1990.

New Business - District 6 from the South Florida Area Conference, which is the northern section of Indian River County is requesting to join the North Florida Area Conference. This request only requires the approval of the area conference to be joined, and not the approval of New York or the departing conference, as such a request and action is stated in the service manual. This will be discussed with the South Florida Area Delegate and the South Florida Area Chairperson, prior to a vote by the general assembly of the North Florida Area. Corliss G. was appointed as Chairperson of the Credentials Committee for the upcoming elections in October, 1990.

Judy P. noted that she is missing seven districts' new group information forms. Group changes are sent to New York once per quarter. PLEASE get this information to Judy as soon as possible to expedite the communication between the area conference and the districts.

Computers - Judy P. will be switching to an I.B.M. compatible computer. She said that it will be at least a year before the process needs to be done. Joan E. suggested that the computer system utilize the Lotus 1 2 3 software and have a substantial memory in order to accommodate our growth. Proposals will be presented at the next assembly for computer purchases. Jimmy G. stated that he had instructed Sherry H. to write a letter on our behalf to New York, asking the delegates, during the delegates only sharing meeting, to discuss the following three questions: a. how many areas out of the 91 meet in a central location? b. how many have a central office? c. how many have a paid employee? This will help to address some of our own growth problems and possibly create some solutions before the problems increase.

The third quarterly area conference meeting will be held in Tallahassee, Florida, July 13-14, 1990 in between the International Convention and the State Convention at the SR 27 & I 10 Ramada Inn.

OPEN SPEAKER'S MEETING; 01/13/90; 8:30 p.m.:

Joan E. of Gainesville, shared her experience, strength, and hope of recovery in A.A. with us. The meeting was attended by approximately 302 people.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING; 01/14/90; 9:00 a.m.:

Attendance: 352 persons signed the registration roster during the two (2) day assembly. Tom D. [REDACTED], Chairman, opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call - Absent Districts 2, 10, and 27. By Districts, the number of GSR's in attendance (not including their respective DCM or Alternate DCM) was counted as follows: District 1 - 5 GSR's. District 2 - 0. District 3 - 3 GSR's. District 4 - 1 GSR. District 5 - 9 GSR's. District 6 - 5 GSR's. District 7 - 2 GSR's. District 8 - 0. District 9 - 7 GSR's. District 10 - 3 GSR's. District 11 - 3 GSR's. District 12 - 7 GSR's. District 13 - 6 GSR's. District 14 - 8 GSR's. District 15 - 5 GSR's. District 16 - 1 GSR. District 17 - 6 GSR's. District 18 - 6 GSR's. District 19 - 1 GSR. District 20 - 15 GSR's. District 21 - 2 GSR's. District 22 - 0. District 23 - 6 GSR's. District 24 - 4 GSR's. District 25 - 8 GSR's. District 26 - 2 GSR's. District 27 - 0. District 28 - 2 GSR's.

The minutes of the fourth quarterly meeting of the North Florida Area Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous were approved as mailed, with one noted exception, as stated on Page 1, third paragraph.

Treasurer's Report - Joan E. [REDACTED], Treasurer said that we may find it necessary to purchase two computers within the next year as our current computer is obsolete. An annual report was presented for the period ending December 31, 1989. The Daytona Beach assembly did not cost the assembly treasury any money. Other income - \$610 from the District 14 Gratitude Dinner. Joan E. said that we have reached our prudent reserve of \$13,000 as suggested by G.S.O. Joan gave special thanks to her husband, Jerry, for his assistance this past year in helping her carrying out the responsibilities of the office of Treasurer. Joan said that we will have to file an income tax return for 1989, because we have exceeded the amount of income allowed by IRS. Please note who is to receive contributions. It is printed on the Treasurer's Report. Again, when making contributions, make checks payable to NFACAA or North Florida Area Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, with your group name, district number, and group number included on the check. This is necessary so that groups get appropriate credit. Joan E. said that in 1988, 129 groups participated financially to the area conference; 257 groups participated in 1989. It is important to stress that contributions to the District, Intergroup, Area Conference, and G.S.O. be made in consistent manner. There was a deficit in the G.S.O. budget of some \$800,000, as a direct result of lack of financial participation by the groups in the fellowship. Joan asked that all GSR's and DCM's talk with their groups about contributions to GSO, review the methods of contributions, and stress the 'right of participation' in A.A. through group contributions. Any member who has questions regarding this matter should contact GSO, our Delegate, Jimmy G. [REDACTED], or their respective DCM. Literature prices were dropped as a direct result of group participation, but they are now on the increase. Motion made, seconded, and carried by majority vote to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Long standing member in service work, Rhoda C. [REDACTED], passed away in February, 1989. Past Delegate, Evelyn S. [REDACTED], also died this past November, 1989.

Delegate's Report - Jimmy G. [REDACTED] said that the theme of the conference in New York this year will be the 'home group'. Impress upon the newcomer the importance of having a home group. A set of workshop questions on the home group will be mailed with these minutes for discussion by the groups. Our money situation looks a lot better than it did about a year ago. GSO's financial picture is not as good. They have finally moved the general service conference out of New York City, about 35 miles, in order to save money. This will be in 1991 and 1992. The GSO Corrections Committee would like to find A.A. members willing to write to A.A. inmates. Patty L. [REDACTED] has more than 30 male inmates waiting for a member on the outside willing to share their experience, strength, and hope. If anyone would like to volunteer for this type of service work, please contact Jimmy G. [REDACTED], Bob T. [REDACTED], or GSO in New York. International Convention - July, 1990, Seattle, Washington. There has been concern expressed about the lack of participation by minorities. An effort will be made to have minorities fully participate in the program to the greatest extent possible. If you know of any minorities going to Seattle for the international convention, please contact Jimmy G. [REDACTED] or GSO in New York. At the international convention, they will also be recognizing persons who have sobriety in excess of 40 years or more. If you know of anyone who has 40 or more years of sobriety and they will be attending the international convention, please let Jimmy G. [REDACTED] know the name, address, and number of years of sobriety of that person. He is getting together a list to send to New York. Literature prices were dropped because they thought that the group contributions

would continue to increase and carry the fellowship through in support of the Seventh Tradition of self-support. However, there is some talk now that maybe we will not be able to be self-supporting through our own contributions. The suggested price for the Big Book is \$6.00 to \$6.50 and therefore, reduce the price of the 'paper' literature. Jimmy G. would like to see how the groups feel about how the literature situation should be handled. Please discuss this with your groups and be prepared to present your comments at the next general assembly meeting in April, 1990 in St. Augustine, Florida.

Tom D., Alternate Delegate, is still collecting information regarding a central location. He has received information from Ocala and Tallahassee. January, 1992 is the target date. If you have been requested to provide information to Tom D. regarding this issue, please get this material to him as soon as possible.

Tom D. announced that in place of the DCM Workshop on Saturday in St. Augustine, there will be a GSR Workshop scheduled for that time slot at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday chaired by past Delegate, Lou M.

John R., District 6 - South Florida area. This South Florida District is asking to be part of the North Florida area, because their District, representing some 14 groups, felt that the group conscience was not being heard in the South Florida area conference. John R. noted that this is something that was started about two (2) years ago. This request will be discussed by Jimmy G., with the South Florida area Delegate, Francis C. and also by Tom D., with the South Florida area Chairperson. It will be included as an agenda item and for a vote possibly at the next general assembly meeting in St. Augustine, Florida, April, 1990. Tom D. stated that groups should also discuss this matter with their membership and be prepared to vote their group conscience at the next assembly conference.

Fred W. talked about the 34th annual Florida State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, August 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, 1990 to be held in Daytona Beach, Florida. Registration will be \$18.00 before May 1st and \$20.00 thereafter. They will be mailing out registrations, hotel information, etc. within the next two months. If you do not think you are on the mailing list and would like further information about the convention, please write to: 34th Annual Convention, Post Office Box 4730, South Daytona, Florida 32121. It was noted that state conventions are A.A. There will be no outside vendors at this convention. The host hotel will be the Clarendon Hotel, where 250 rooms have been reserved at the rate of \$60 and up, plus 9 percent tax. The Marriott Hotel has 200 rooms reserved at the rate of \$75 and up, plus 9 percent tax.

Computers - the North Florida Area Conference will purchase new computers sometime this year. No action will be taken on this until later in 1990.

It was noted that GSO is asking for \$600 to cover the Delegate's expenses to the conference in New York in April, '90. This is an increase over what we have remitted in the past. It costs GSO \$2600 to fund a Delegate to the general service conference. Joan E. suggested that the North Florida Area Conference send \$1,000 additional for a total of \$1,600 for our Delegate, Jimmy G., to attend the April, '90 conference. Motion made, seconded, and carried by majority

vote to send \$1,600 to GSO in New York to cover the Delegate's expenses to the April, 1990 General Service Conference.

Tom D [REDACTED] announced the appointment of Corliss G., past DCM, District 14-Gainesville as the Credentials Chairperson for the upcoming elections in October, 1990.

Robert R., GSR, Thursday Big Book Group, New Smyrna Beach, Florida stated that his group conscience has asked him to bring to the attention of our A.A. members and the assembly Chairperson and Officers that in our last assembly they failed to stay within our Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Concept V in the matter of the assembly donating \$50.00 to Brevard Intergroup in memory of Fred J., DCM-District 12. Step 12 reminds us to 'practice these principles in all of our affairs', Tradition 12 states in part, '...ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.', and Concept V, '...the right of the minority to be heard' was taken away when the Chairperson did not open the motion for discussion. Robert suggested that we not let this happen again by being more responsible in our service areas. At our assembly when we want to help or support something, why not put a basket out for contributions. A motion was made that the general assembly of the North Florida Area Conference adopt a standing policy that no token of sympathy, etc. be sent to any deceased member of the conference, be they delegate, past delegate, D.C.M., or other trusted servant in keeping with those Steps, Traditions, and Concepts already mentioned herein. John C. suggested a petty cash fund for this purpose. Support for this suggestion was not tremendous. After discussion, the motion was seconded. However, the motion did not carry the majority vote of the general assembly, and therefore, was defeated.

Mini-convention in Central Florida, Orlando September 28-30, 1990 at the Court of Flags Hotel. For further information, call the Central Florida Intergroup Office, attention - Howard.

John C. discussed having the Traditions Meeting agendaed as part of the area assembly conference. Currently, there is no place on the 'official' agenda for this meeting. There was a call for a motion from the floor to have the St. Augustine Saturday April 7, 1990 agenda arranged to accommodate the Traditions Meeting. It was noted that DCM Floyd Z., District 6-St. Augustine host had arranged for the showing of conference-approved videos during the time the Traditions Meeting had been previously scheduled at other conference meetings. Beth G. suggested that the Traditions Meeting and the video viewing be conducted simultaneously on Saturday morning. It was also suggested that a smaller committee be assigned a hotel room to meet in during the regular agendaed assembly, and assign a larger room for the Traditions Meeting. Dan S. suggested that we put the Traditions Meeting back on the agenda schedule. It was noted that the Traditions Meeting is not part of the area conference agenda, because it is not part of the business of the area assembly and therefore should not be scheduled during the regular business portion of the conference meeting, which is from 11:00 a.m. on Saturday through 12:00 noon on Sunday. Phyllis D. suggested that St. Augustine consider the possibility of using one of the meeting rooms for the Traditions Meeting prior to 11:00 a.m., along with the video viewing. Tom C. mentioned the possibility of increased hotel rates if we change the schedule. Charlie asked if we are going to take away any host district options in scheduling meetings prior to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. The answer is

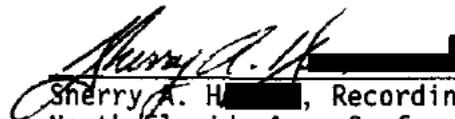
"no". Floyd Z. said that he would try to schedule a Traditions Meeting in St. Augustine, but that it will not be a part of the regular North Florida Area Conference assembly agenda. Floyd Z. said that in this regard, he is doing what the assembly told him to do. Jimmy G. suggested that after the speaker's meeting on Saturday night, the host district schedule the Traditions Meeting or any other meeting they want to have. When you take a job, there is work involved; no matter the job. There are times to have the meetings we want. We are here to do the job we are elected to do by our groups. If as a result of our carrying out the responsibilities we have, we experience fun and fellowship; simply as a by-product, but it should not be our first priority.

Tallahassee, Florida - District 5 will host the third quarterly meeting of the North Florida Area Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous on July 13 - 14, 1990 at the Ramada Inn, north located at I10 and SR27.

Tom D. thanked District 14-Gainesville for a great! assembly and their tremendous effort to make the assembly a pleasant and successful experience for all those who attended. THANKS! GAINESVILLE...

The general assembly meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m., with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


Sherry A. H., Recording Secretary
North Florida Area Conference of
Alcoholics Anonymous

TRADITIONS MEETING; 01/13/90, 9:30 a.m.:

Chairperson: George C. Attendance: 110.

George stated that, thanks to the capable committee who volunteered to help, we had a tremendous response at this assembly to the Traditions Meeting. Tradition 4 was presented. A brief historical background was presented on how the traditions came about, based on the conflicts and tribulations our predecessors experienced. Jim B. gave a presentation on how Tradition 4, the tradition of autonomy, affects groups, other groups, and A.A. as a whole. If your group does not contribute at any level to A.A. is that being autonomous, or does that affect A.A. as a whole? A.A. groups that have discussion meetings relating to topics other than alcoholism; is this being autonomous or does this affect A.A. as a whole? If there is a Traditions Meeting in St. Augustine in April, 1990, the theme will be Traditions 1, 3, and 5 and how those Traditions are tied together with the Concepts.

ACCESSIBILITIES WORKSHOP; 01/13/90, 11:00 a.m.:

Chairperson: Tom C. Attendance: 40.

The Accessibilities Committee looks at anything that gets in the way of an alcoholic participating in a meeting. Tom C. resigned for the sixth time since 1983, but retracted his resignation when he discovered he was moving within the North Florida area. There was discussion about ways to provide meetings to homebound A.A. members and others incapacitated and unable to get to meeting.

Non-traditional meeting places have provided for special meetings in the woods, at the beach, etc. There is a "meeting in print" published every two months and sent to homebound A.A. members. It includes names and addresses of other homebound individuals, so that mail can be exchanged between homebound A.A. members. Suggestions were considered for mothers unable to leave young children, i.e., rotate at members' homes, rotate babysitting, etc. It is the group's responsibility for carrying the message to persons with AIDS. This issue must be dealt with at several levels. Interpreters for the deaf are needed and must not be excluded from closed meetings. Contingency plans were suggested for groups so that an alternative site is known in advance in case the meeting room is unavailable.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES WORKSHOP; 01/13/90, 11:00 a.m.:

Chairperson: Bob T. Attendance: 58.

This workshop was a discussion group. Questions from audience. How do we get into prisons? What about literature? Bring it to the meetings. A.A. needs to give more contributions. Need state-wide approval to go into jails. Tallahassee is trying to start a sponsorship or temporary sponsor list, so that A.A. members can get to know inmates a little bit better before they get out of prison and vice versa. At prison meetings, Dave H. noted that inmates don't need to talk about time, but about a support system when they get out and there really is another way to live. In prison meetings, it needs to be made real clear what a sponsor does and does not do. The message is to start A.A. now, not when an inmate is released. Start living the program in jail. Some prisons have the motto, "...I am powerless over prison". What about talking about drugs in A.A.! Try to get people to get honest about the problem - talk about recovery. Individuals discussing personal problems in A.A. meeting - use sponsors as go between. The difference between an open and closed meeting should be brought up. Problems with disruptiveness in meetings because they will get punished if they don't go was discussed. Try a circle group instead of rows. To get women in prisons, try speakers meetings first, perhaps this will help get more females interested. George L., a trusted servant especially in corrections service work died in November, 1989. He served A.A. faithfully for 18 years.

ARCHIVES WORKSHOP; 01/13/90, 1:30 p.m.:

Chairperson: Hank J. Attendance: 12.

Chairperson Hank J. announced that this meeting would be another "hands-on" workshop-type committee meeting, whereupon those not members of the "Archives Gang" moved on to other pursuits. Eleven (11) committee members remained and resumed the sorting and evaluating process. As some wit would say, "separating the historical from the hysterical". Particular emphasis was placed on assembling the minutes of past meetings of the North Florida Area Assembly. The Committee can report that it has put together the file to include all minutes dating from 1969 to present except the following: first quarter-1969, first quarter-1970, first quarter-1979, first, second and third quarters-1980, and second quarter-1984. **NOTE:** Anyone who may have a copy of these missing minutes are requested to allow the Archives Committee to copy them. Thank you! Quarterly treasurer's reports, likewise, were sorted and are ready for inventory. The committee proposes to continue its recent practice of a "hands-on workshop" until it has completed sorting, cataloging, and inventorying all records in its possession. Secretary for the meeting was Annie O. - thank you!

PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHOP; 01/13/90, 1:30 p.m.:

Chairperson: George C. [REDACTED]. Attendance: 85.

Stated goals are to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers and to thoroughly inform the public. CPC - informs the third person who works with the alcoholic. A.A. deals with the recovery process and has nothing to do with being addicted, overeating, etc., but to help the alcoholic in A.A. rooms. John C. read the preamble. He stated that the preamble is to describe what A.A. is and what it is not. John C. also talked about the difference between the original and existing preamble to how the changes came about. The word 'honestly' was deleted in 1958. A Grapevine editor wrote this piece and then it was copywrited by the Grapevine. John C. said that personally, he can identify with other diseases (addictiveness, overeating, V.F.W., etc.) and other problems. A.A. says we cannot help you, but we will lend you our twelve step program of recovery. The meeting was then turned over to George C. who stated that the purpose of this meeting is to give a better insight into the preamble, so that when we hear it, we have a better understanding of its meaning. The preamble encompasses practically every tradition. The meeting was then turned over to Jim B. Jim then donned surgical gloves to cut up the preamble into twelve pieces. First, the preamble is an introductory statement of what the meeting is to be. Fellowship-in A.A. all is equal. We have a common disease and interest. A.A. is truly a fellowship. Share-A.A. must maintain a sharing attitude. We hold responsibility to share our experience with others. It is important to stay active, stay honest, and share. Experience-nothing but the facts. Strength-we get from each other. Hope-with hope, strength, and faith there is no room for self-pity or remorse. Solve Our Common Problem-we need each other. Desire. Self-Supporting-we build our own foundations. Not Allied-because we don't want to be dictated to by outsiders. Primary Purpose-to stay sober and help other alcoholics. George C. asked for those in service work to ask others to join in service work. He then made all aware of the literature and guidelines available as P.I. tools and how to get them from G.S.O. including Box 4-5-9, conference reports, pamphlets, G.S.O. quarterly report, the Grapevine, etc. The anonymity letter from G.S.O. will be distributed sometime in January, 1990 to all treatment facilities. The feasibility of submitting this letter to general circulation was also discussed. The P.I. theme in St. Augustine will be 'anything you ever wanted to know about A.A., but was too afraid to ask.'

SECRETARY/TREASURER MEETING; 01/13/90; 1:30 p.m.:

Co-chairpersons: Joe B. and Lori G.-H. Attendance: 46.

An open discussion of issues related to secretary/treasurer at the group level was held. The question was asked, 'what is the role of secretary and who controls the business meeting?' Discussion followed with experience shared from individual groups. Different groups use different routines. The booklet, "The A.A. Group" was suggested for guidelines and job descriptions. Discussion was also held about utilizing personal checking accounts for A.A. group business by treasurers. This seemed to be a "gray" area. Accountability was discussed. "What is a prudent reserve?" was answered with suggestions of 10 percent of operating expenses or three times monthly expenses. A final suggestion to use "The A.A. Group" pamphlet and group conscience was given.

GRAPEVINE WORKSHOP; 01/13/90; 2:45 p.m.:

Chairperson: Ken R [REDACTED]. Attendance: 33.

There was \$526 in sales of Grapevine material. The Grapevine has increased its price effective immediately to \$12.00 per year. The Grapevine is a totally self-supporting entity. It takes nothing from group or outside contributions. Ken R [REDACTED] introduced Dick C [REDACTED], past area Grapevine Chairperson. Dick shared his Grapevine experience with the group. 1989 was the 50th anniversary of the Grapevine. New products came out: Grapevine tapes, a special Big Book issue, a special issue for young people in A.A., and the 50th anniversary issue. Ken R. said the best way to do the job as Grapevine Representative is just to start, to keep it simple, and don't make a big deal out of it. Appreciation for the job will come as soon as you start taking action. There is a lot of Grapevine literature available and it is all conference approved. There is also a flier available and a service handbook describing the role of the Grapevine Representative (GVR). GVR's can be on a mailing list to receive a quarterly newsletter. The Grapevine contains meeting topics. A Tradition is the leading article each month. A GVR's job is to get the Grapevine out to the general public, libraries, doctor's offices, etc. Keep Grapevine current and bind a year at a time. December's issue contains an index of the whole year's topics. Groups can get bulk orders of the Grapevine. Take a little time at each meeting to give information contained in the Grapevine. Remember - a meeting in print. It has helped many members, especially when their sponsor is not available or there is no meeting scheduled. Provide anonymous subscriptions. Ken R. thanked District 14-Gainesville for their help throughout the assembly in assisting with the Grapevine table and sales.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP; 01/13/90, 2:45 p.m.:

Chairperson: Dan S [REDACTED]. Attendance: 51.

Al J. and Jennifer W. led the CPC meeting with Dan S. The Co-chairpersons welcomed about six (6) new people in CPC work, especially those from the Central Florida area (Orlando). Al J. from North Brevard presented CPC activities in his district which included presentation to professionals such as police officers, parole and probation officers, school administrators, doctors, and hospital staffers. Many presentations are conducted in conjunction with Alanon and Alateen. Jennifer reported CPC efforts to establish ground work for presentations in Alachua County schools. Dan S., DCM, District 21 and the North Florida Area CPC Chairperson expressed view of CPC as special type of community/public information as in CPC work, we must create our audiences of professionals by contacting them in the spirit of service and cooperation. Our purpose is to let the community know that AA is there and it works. Contact with the professional community is followed by sending the pamphlet, "About AA" to the professional group. "About AA" is the quarterly newsletter sent from New York written expressly for professionals in the community. CPC activities include arranging for speakers and panels for presentation to professional groups or at professional conventions. CPC activities may be as simple as leaving The Grapevine in professional offices and may be contact with other recovering alcoholics representing professions in the community. Two (2) years of continuous sobriety was recommended as an informal prerequisite for CPC work. Dan S. noted that Ocala is a new, anonymous PI/CPC team and he felt that he would hear a lot more from them very soon. Contact with professionals at their annual conventions held frequently in Orlando--GSO funds one (1) booth per year (approximately) and hopefully the NFACAA will fund and set-up one (1) booth per

year. The Red Cross professional convention will be held in May. Dan S. stated that the CPC Committee commends this august assembly in resolving our fiscal problems. But, we kind of miss the stress, bickering, and name calling, so the CPC Committee is going to create their own "budget" with our indulgence.

TREATMENT FACILITIES WORKSHOP; 01/13/90, 2:45 p.m.:

Chairperson: Bob VanA[REDACTED]. Attendance: 70.

Discussed different ways of getting meetings into facilities and taking meetings to outpatient services. Outpatient services seems to be a treatment of the future. A short discussion on the five (5) tier program in correctional facilities, self-support, and signing slips at meetings for people from treatment centers, probation and parole, and outpatient treatment. Talked about getting more attendance at the V.A. Hospital meetings. Made comments on making meetings attractive to people in treatment, dress code, and people with good sobriety taking meetings into facilities. Mentioned that some treatment facilities want to donate meeting rooms, free coffee, etc. because they want us there. It was stated that as long as we are doing something to support ourselves, a dollar per year or cost of Big Books, literature, etc. to stay within our Traditions. A member of the staff running the meeting at a treatment facilities is no good. Affiliation-must have outside people. Noted importance of getting your foot in the door and establishing a good working relationship with the director of the treatment facility where the meeting is being held. Chairperson asked each district to compile a list of treatment facilities in their respective districts and what type of meetings are being taken in to treatment facilities. Contact Bob V.A. at (407) 264-2411.

GSR WORKSHOP; 01/13/90, 4:00 p.m.:

Chairperson: Jennifer W. Attendance: 149.

Discussed the role of the GSR; e.g., inform groups about GSO and intergroup activities, provide checklist for group inventory, be Traditions resource, official group representative to A.A., get members involved in District functions, etc. Problem: How to get people to attend group business meetings in service work. Five (5) percent do 95 percent of the work. Next annual GSO conference topic will be the "home group". Loyalty seems to be to treatment facilities rather than a home group. Sponsorship is an important key in getting new people involved in service work. It is a sponsor's job to do this. Suggest local, district workshops to educate people on service work. As a GSR, share personal experience, strength, and hope on being in service work. GSR's shared personal benefits of doing service work as part of their recovery program. Problem: Time management in service work. 1. Delegate, ask for volunteers, and 2. Set priorities. If a group has infrequent business meetings, how does a GSR report to the group? Do it during announcement time. Hand out "Home Group" pamphlet to newcomers with date/time of business meeting included. Use as a topic, "how can service work keep you sober?" Ways discussed for groups to send more money to GSO--penny a day jar, birthday envelopes, etc. Negatives and positives of A.A. clubs brought up. One member said he is a GSR for one group, but belonged to another - problem? Chairman said you can't hold more than one job at a time in A.A.

DCM WORKSHOP; 01/13/90, 11:00 a.m.:

Chairperson: Fred McD [REDACTED]. Attendance: 82.

There were seven (7) new DCM's present. WELCOME! Fred talked about team effort - "our staying positive for the good of A.A. as a whole." North Florida area map distributed by George C. Bob, DCM, District 8, said that some of the groups in his district have 50/50 raffles. He wanted to know whether this was in keeping with the seventh tradition of self-support through our own contributions. George C. read from Box 459 in reference to raffles. GSO has not made any decision in this regard, as it is up to the group conscience. There was a lengthy discussion on the issue of groups remaining autonomous in respect to financially supporting GSO, District, Area Conference, and/or Intergroup. Is this autonomous or does their action affect A.A. as a whole? These groups do not support anything. If they are not registered in New York, then they are just an A.A. meeting and not really a group. It is, however, an A.A. meeting if it says it is. As far as group finances are concerned, each individual should practice the principles of the program and not be affected by personal ideas. Fred mentioned the importance of having a home group. Jackie, DCM, District 22 brought up a problem regarding a club that caters to OA, NA, AA, and ACOA. Is this being autonomous? Fred suggested having a service workshop to discuss the service manual as it relates to autonomy. Bob P., DCM, District 9 suggested a group inventory. Issues of finances, direction, and group evaluation are addressed in the pamphlet, "The A.A. Group". Read it! Bob P. also addressed the issue of group members holding positions both on the group steering committee and the clubhouse board of directors. What comes first, support of the clubhouse or support of A.A.? Pain brings change in all areas of our lives. When we are practicing economics first and A.A. second, the pain that this incurs will bring change from within and bring us back to the principles of A.A. Remember, you can't serve two masters. Tom D [REDACTED] talked about the group's relationship with the club. He is President of the club in his area, as well as the group treasurer. He stated that he did not have any conflict of interest in regard to the positions he now holds. Dan E., DCM, District 17 suggested that we devote the first January DCM Workshop in 1991 to new DCM's recently elected the previous year, as an educational session. This was wholeheartedly approved by those present. Jim C., DCM, District 7 suggested a workshop of three to four hours, with subsequent workshops once or twice a year. He felt that this would contribute significantly to the particular office or entity. John C., PI Committee, said that the more he studies the Traditions, the more aware he is of Tradition Two in that the ultimate authority is a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience; our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern. We must follow God's urging and go and do what He wants us to do. The Steps and Traditions will work if we let them. Home group membership should be limited to one group. Education is important. We learned that increased attendance can be accomplished by "feeding" the people; donuts, etc. Have a Traditions meeting at your group, have your sponsor introduce you to the Traditions. There was discussion on re-agendaing the Traditions meeting and/or Concepts meeting during the regular assembly conference. Fred said that he gets a lot out of the Traditions/Concepts meeting. Joan E. said that the Traditions meeting was better attended than any of the other regularly scheduled workshops/meetings at the area conference. Floyd Z., DCM, District 6, which will host the April, 1990 conference stated that his District was not scheduling a Traditions/Concepts meeting in St. Augustine. During that period of time, the conference-approved video library will be shown. Fred McD. said that it was up

to the host district in scheduling meetings according to the standing guidelines and the parameters previously established by the assembly conference. Floyd noted that the assembly told the DCM's that it should be done on the district level. He said that the first year was tough to get people interested, but it is going strong now and that District 6 is going to start incorporating a Concept meeting within the Traditions meeting in his District. It was suggested that past delegates be used to educate group members on the Traditions and Concepts.

REMINDERS

*Attention district host committees-please have minute takers available to each committee meeting and workshop held at the quarterly assembly meetings, with the exception of the DCM Workshop, DCM/Officers Meeting, and the General Assembly on Sunday morning.

*Send copies of all roster changes, additions, deletions to:

Judy P [REDACTED]
Corresponding Secretary
[REDACTED]
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

*Send copies of all District and Intergroup meeting minutes and newsletters to:

Sherry A. H [REDACTED]
Recording Secretary
[REDACTED]
Gainesville, Florida 32607

*Your area delegate is:

Jimmy G [REDACTED]
Delegate
[REDACTED]
Jacksonville, Florida 32207

*Your area chairperson is:

Tom D [REDACTED]
Chairperson
[REDACTED]
Orlando, Florida 32810

*Your area treasurer is:

Joan E [REDACTED]
Treasurer
[REDACTED]
Gainesville, Florida 32608

Send all group contributions to Joan @ the address above, with checks made payable to NFACAA or North Florida Area Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, with your group name, district number, and group number included on the check.

NEXT NORTH FLORIDA AREA CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
QUARTERLY MEETING
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PONCE DE LEON HOTEL AND RESORT
APRIL 8 AND 9, 1990

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02/16/90

NORTH FLORIDA AREA CONFERENCE
BUDGET
1990

	Per Quarter	Annual
Group Contributions	\$ 4,750	\$ 19,000
Assembly Collections	1,125	4,500
Literature Sales	463	1,850
Interest Income-checking	65	258
Interest Income-savings	97	392
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TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME	\$ 6,500	\$ 26,000

EXPENSES

Delegate:		
Registrations -		
Seattle	\$ 55	
GSO Conference	600	
Reimbursed Expenses	2000	
Seattle Trip	1185	
GSO Conference	1000 *	
Alternate Delegate:		
Reimbursed Expenses	400	
	-----	\$ 5,240
Officers:		
Reimbursed Expenses	\$ 820 **	
Other Costs	2225	
	-----	3,045
Standing Committees:		
Reimbursed Expenses	\$ 900	
Literature	2000 (incl. Grapevine)	
Special Projects	500	
Other Costs	115	
	-----	3,515
Host Committee:		
Hotel	\$10,300	
Reimbursed Expense	300	
	-----	10,600
Other:		
Library Replacement		1,250
Fla St Convention Per Diem (Corrections)		400

TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES		\$ 24,050

NET INCOME AFTER EXPENSES		\$ 1,950

NOTES:

- * GSO spends \$2600/delegate. We would like to send \$1000 in addition to the "required" \$600.
- ** Up to this time, none of the officers have requested long distance phone reimbursements. I have budgeted \$10/month for 1990.
- ***The possibility exist we will need to purchase computer equipment beginning in 1991. No provision has been made for this acquisition.

DISTRICT #7	FOURTH QTR	YR-TO-DATE	DISTRICT #15	FOURTH QTR	YR-TO-DATE	DISTRICT #23	FOURTH QTR	YR-TO-DATE
Mount Dora	10.00	10.00	Back to Basics	11.00	11.00			
One Day At A Time	10.15	48.27	Primary Purpose	100.00	200.00	Turning Point	15.00	60.00
Happy Hour	60.00	132.50	Titusville Big Book		60.00	Womens Grp		20.00
Courage to Change		10.00	Indian River		10.00	Conscious Contact	13.05	71.65
Transition Grp	20.00	40.00	Gateway Group		125.00	Patrick Grp		74.80
Your Not Alone		16.00	Merritt Island	45.00	110.00	Sandpiper	45.00	165.00
Triangle of Mt Dor	10.00	30.00	DISTRICT #15		75.00			
Leeburg AA		20.00	St. Theresa's		25.00			
Clermont Group	14.90	86.60	Sunday Big Book	30.00	30.00	Satellite Beach		100.00
Lunch Bunch	30.00	30.00						
925 Group		10.00		175.00	635.00			
12 & 12 Group	30.00	30.00						
	175.05	463.37	DISTRICT #16					73.05 491.45
DISTRICT #8			Gateway Group	15.00	15.00	DISTRICT #24		
Way of Life	25.35	198.74	Lake City Group	5.00	15.00	Green Cove Springs	10.00	30.00
Road to Recovery	50.00	200.00	Happy Hour		5.00	Triangle	10.00	10.00
Ocean Side Grp		80.00	Live Oak Group		25.00	St. Johns River	50.00	100.00
Ocean Holiday		48.56	12 Step Group	10.00	20.00	Big Bass Group	55.00	200.00
Brighter Days		60.00	Serenity Group	5.00	10.00	New Beginnings	4.16	4.16
Highlands Group		25.00	Living Sober	15.00	45.00	Palatka Grp	15.00	80.00
10:00 AM Group		5.00	Hamilton Gratitude	50.00	50.00	Azalea City	18.00	88.00
Big Book Step Study	8.49	8.49		100.00	185.00	Interlachen		15.00
	83.84	625.79	DISTRICT #17					162.10 527.10
DISTRICT #9			Serenity Grp	31.13	120.78	DISTRICT #25		
Take it Easy	20.00	55.00	Happy Hour		29.74	Beaches Unity	75.00	300.00
Thurs. Sandlake	30.00	30.00	Winners Circle		419.51	PV-PV Group		75.00
Friendship	20.00	70.00	Young People	13.46	324.27	I Am Responsible	14.70	36.75
Oak Ridge Group		10.00	Lunch Bunch	51.39	164.93	Palm Study	10.00	30.00
Hoffner Group	25.00	25.00	"Unidentified"		10.14	Women Enjoy Sobriety	14.65	50.20
Holden Park		60.00	The Ocala Group		75.00	Sawgrass Dutch	3.70	7.80
Sharing & Caring	13.80	54.08	Eye Opener	45.00	145.00	Intensive Care Group		10.00
Blue Bottom Grp		135.20	Marion Oaks-12 Ste		5.00	Keep Coming Back	15.00	15.00
New Beginnings	20.00	40.00	Rainbow Group		10.00	Atlantic Beach Grp	15.00	15.00
Remember When		5.00	We Give Thanks	8.00	22.00			
Pine Hills Grace	150.00	630.00	The Grace Group		5.50	DISTRICT #26	148.05	539.75
	278.80	1114.28	Bellview Group		42.00	Big Book Group		20.00
			Women Alcoholic Gr	6.98	12.16	Panasofkee	25.00	50.00
			Happy, Joyous, Free	41.01	54.09	Old Center Hill	15.00	30.00
				196.97	1440.12	Wahoo Historical	50.00	150.00
UNIDENTIFIED BY DISTRICT			Contributions received after 12/31/89 are reported in next quarter			DISTRICT #27	90.00	250.00
"Reborn Group"	10.00					Williston Winers		26.00
"010-00853"	6.00					Bronson Womens' Grp	10.00	10.00
						DISTRICT #28	10.00	10.00
						Inverness		90.00
						Crystal River	12.46	234.81
						Lunch Bunch		85.81
						A Way of Life	15.00	185.00
						Crystal River Big Boo		10.00
						Floral City	50.00	50.00
							77.46	654.81