

MINUTES OF FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING OF NORTH FLORIDA AREA
CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
JANUARY 01-09-93 OCALA, Florida

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING - January 10, 1993. Fred called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.-Serenity Prayer.

Roll call---D1-5, D2-0, D3-3D4-2, D5-11, D6-2, D7-3, D8-1, D9-10, D10-7, D11-2, D12-8, D13-2, D14-7, D15-6, D16-2, D17-5, D18-6, D19-5, D20-7, D21-4, D22-0, D23-3, D24-5, D25-4, D26-0, D27-0, D28-2, D29-2, D30-3, D31-5, D32-2

SECRETARY - Minutes approved as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Ken thanked everyone for keeping group contributions coming in and keeping expenses down. We lived within a budget. Our 1992 income was \$23,325, expenditures were \$20,204. Year End 12/31/92 Income & Expense Report, 1993 Proposed Budget, and first -time 1992 Final Budget Results handed out. Checking account: \$8,242.06, Prudent Reserve: \$18,957.52. Special thanks to the Delegate and Officers for prudently spending funds at the Regional Forum and refunding the treasury. Motion to accept Treasurer's report. Seconded. Carried.-No opposed.

DELEGATE -Tom thanked the assembly for this opportunity to serve. The April Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, Royal Crowne Plaza, New York City, April 18th-24th. Theme: "A.A. Takes Its Inventory." This is G.S.O., Area, Districts, groups, everyone! Tom read the five Conference Charter articles for consideration at the Sunday Workshop. To sum up ,what are they doing right ? What are they doing wrong? What can we do to improve?

Tom reported that he is on the Report and Charter Committee for the Conference, Ad Hoc Committee medallions and logos. The Committee Chair may ask for special meeting. Should we sell medallions? Show of hands, majority in favor.

Delegate-Tom D. Expressed his deep gratitude on behalf of everyone to Jackie M. for sharing her experience, strength and hope with the members of NFA. Jackie thanked everyone for allowing her to be a part of this assembly.

The Report and Charter Committee will be considering 1992 Advisory Action #2 Sponsorship material to be included in the A.A. Service Manual. Proposal for the Conference to adopt long form of 12 Traditions as by-laws of G.S.O. Consider adding material to the A.A. Service Manual regarding alternative district service structures. Consider delegate's eligibility as candidate for Trustee-1977 Advisory Action. Consider request to remove individual group contributions from Canadian directories. Consider Advisory Action to accept Bill's manuscript on "Twelve

Concepts for World Service" to insure original essays are used as Bill wrote them.

ACCESSIBILITIES MEETING-30

Chuck gave report-Lynn K. co-chaired for Richie E who is sick. December 9th a Service Workshop was conducted by Districts 9,10,11 and Bernie chaired the Accessibilities. Purpose-Meeting about the blind,deaf, homebound and wheelchair bound, who cannot attend meetings. Chuck spoke on how frustrating it is without having interpreters in A.A. meetings. The barrier is the expense. Cost can run between \$25 to \$45 per hour. Chuck can only get between 20-40% of the meeting lipreading. A professional signer will open the door for other deaf people to have a vision of hope, and to be happy, joyous, and free from the burdens of alcohol. Bernie who is visually impaired said that in 1976 nothing was available for the blind or illiterate. Now, we have braille and cassettes. Some A.A. members will read to the blind. Bernie states: "Attraction not exclusion." Bring down the barriers for all disabled who need A.A.

Judy suggested computer community bulletin boards stating where A.A. is accessible. Darlene-3 of 5 Clubs in her area are completely accessible for those who are wheelchair bound. Chris stated that tapes are better for the blind. Bernie says there are signers in Orlando but not enough in District 12.

There are many disabled out there who need the program as much as we do and the answer to that is;-Don't be afraid to approach them." Tell them A.A. is accessible for them and let them know it. Richie sent his love. Thanks to all on the committee for sharing and caring-see you in April like a blooming flower of spiritual growth.

ARCHIVES-12

Heidi thanked everyone for asking her to Chair the Archives workshop. Heidi highlighted a few paragraphs in the first chapter of "A.A. Comes of Age" and presented a 30-40 minute presentation using Bill W's words. The floor was then opened for discussion. 1st-"What do I need to do if I want to begin an archives in my home group?" Marie B. Conan, and Bernie T. helped the discussion with their personal experiences of traveling to Vermont and visiting the birthplaces of Bill and Bob. Bernie shared that he had managed to get a copy of the journal Lois kept while she and Bill were on the motorcycle and he will make it available to NFAC at the next quarterly assembly. Suggestions about what we would like to do at future assemblies as a committee was discussed and then we closed with the Lord's prayer.

CORRECTIONS-76

Kimberly-Co-Chair gave the report for Joe F the newly elected Chairperson. The main topics covered were the need for

more workshops in the North Florida area to ensure good communication between districts. Six key DCMs asked to form information network within North Florida. Goal for one statewide pass for all facilities. Discussion-more informational meetings to let prison and jail superintendents know what A.A. does and does not do. Show the movie HOPE. Don't get discouraged, you do the meetings for your own sobriety. We can only serve not save. An ex-inmate Eddie shared his experience and gratitude for A.A. getting him sober, in prison, as well as, out of prison. Various people in the meeting shared their experience with meetings going on in their districts and expressed their enthusiasm in having more workshops to spread the message of A.A behind the bars.

C.P.C.-45

Brian Chair, Steve M.-Co-Chair-Distributed sheets to write names, addresses, and group/district for future networking and mutual assistance. Passed out condensed outline of C.P.C. workbook and a sample C.P.C. talk sheet. Reviewed these in detail. This consisted mainly of goals, duties and what A.A. C.P.C. does and does not do. A bulletin board display is in the lobby with pamphlets, hopefully to give you ideas for C.P.C. displays in your districts. Strongly suggested everyone read "Speaking at Non A.A. Meetings" pamphlet. Information for obtaining C.P.C. Workbook and the Box 459 plus 200 free copies of "What is A.A.?" was presented. Questions to the floor and networking ideas from various districts determined the need for diplomacy when dealing with our professional friends. Remember to set a good example for Alcoholics Anonymous. Brian received a request to do a presentation to a medical conference being held March 3-9 on Amelia Island.

GRAPEVINE-27

Libby reminded everyone that a free list of materials from Grapevine will be attached to the 1st Qtr minutes. Encourage all GSRs to give their list to their Grapevine Reps to order materials for their groups and it will help to recruit new members/subscriptions to the Grapevine. The Grapevine is mailed in a white envelope-no one can tell it pertains to A.A. This magazine never grows old. Offers topics for discussion-meeting in print. Take along a copy to leave in your doctor, dentist, or lawyer's office. Encourage your friends to order the Grapevine. Jackie M , Southeast Regional Trustee attended this meeting and gave some wonderful ideas. Question and answer period followed. Give names and addresses of all Grapevine Reps to Libby at the next assembly.

INTERGROUP WORKSHOP-78

Theme of the workshop was making 12 step calls, Due to the closing of many rehab centers the 12 step calls at intergroup are increasing. Several people shared their experience and stressed never go alone on a 12 step call. Chapter 7 says one sure way

for us to stay sober is to help another alcoholic. Topics discussed:

1. Where is Intergroup in the Service Manual?
2. How does Intergroup fit into the A.A. Structure?
3. What problems do the offices have? Large cities vs. small towns? Read page S98 of the Service Manual-Intergroup is a part of A.A. How do others handle rides to meetings? Reminded everyone of Bill W. calling for help from the hotel lobby.

PUBLIC INFORMATION-66

Dave W , Chairman-Overview of P.I. probably the oldest form of service. Need groups input, what should we be doing? Want P.I. people to share in future workshops. Need to know how many Intergroups have P.I. Committees, who is doing what and build on that. The P.I. Workbook is available and also slide presentation, if no C.F.C in your area work falls to P.I. Discussion of Bill and Bob ,the Big Book, the magazine articles and P.I. in the General Service structure. Discussion on duplication of Public Service messages and what you can do . The workbook is the how to book. Dave has listing of media information available for everyones' use.

TREATMENT-47

Neal B , Alternate Chair-Took survey to see what is being done in treatment facilities in NFAA. This will give us an idea of where our needs and strengths are so we can develop a game plan for the next 2 years. Bob V gave a Bridge the Gap update. At this time Bridge the Gap has central locations in 36 areas across the country. There is a hearing impaired contact in all 50 states . We are looking forward to serving the North Florida Area by carrying the message to the treatment facilities.

GROWTH COMMITTEE-13

Bob L -We noted that although the area is growing we are not seeing an increase in numbers showing up at assembly. Dist. 5 and Dist. 14 reported using the LCM method and have seen very good results with 75-80% of GSRs at their district meetings. Discussed establishing guidelines for LCMs to include the right to vote at the assembly. "We do not have 2nd class citizens." We also touched on re-districting the area into more viable districts geographically and improve communication and service opportunities.

FINANCE COMMITTEE-12 Ken presented the 4th qtr. report and explained the unusual items. Ken explained a new report which is a comparison of the 1992 Budget to 1992 Actual. Ken presented the 1993 Proposed Budget. He also introduced the new Finance Committee Chairman, Dick G. General discussion regarding the budget. Brian requested an increase from \$500 to \$800 for special projects for CPC. After discussion, it was suggested that Brian come back with a proposal for spending the

\$500 that was already in the budget. Committee discussed and recommends inserting \$200 for duplication and \$200 for telephone/postage expense for the Area Chairman. Discussed and recommends that the treasurers' duplication expense increase by \$200.

SITE COMMITTEE-34

Discussion of hotels for 1994-95, Holiday Inn in Deland and Ramada in Ocala. The committee will be working on 4-5 proposals that will be presented at the October Assembly and voted on in January 1994. Thanks to this assembly for a great job, Dist. 12, 15, 23, and 29. Leave name tags at the door when you leave. Site committee will be making recommendation to the assembly tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS

Kathy P.-copies of Structure and Guidelines handed out to all DCMs. Make copies for all GSRs and everyone bring his recommendations for voting to the April Assembly.

Motion-Mark, Dist. 18-Moves that " this body consider adopting as policy; holding the business portion of the election assemblies on Saturday night in lieu of the speaker meeting, leaving Sunday morning exclusively for the order of elections. This to occur only on October of even years." Motion made. Seconded. Carried. No opposed. No minority.

NEW BUSINESS

Jackie M , Southeast Regional Trustee, thanked the assembly for asking her. This was her last official assembly before rotating out in April. "Work hard, love each other, and come to Louisville." Fred expressed our thanks to Jackie for her sharing her experience, strength, and hope this weekend.

Service Manual Workshop was presented by our past Delegates, Tom D , Jimmy G , and Tom L , assembly thanks you for the great job at this workshop. Tom D will chair this workshop at the next 3 assemblies.

Fred- The Site Committee asked me to propose that we sign a one year lease at this facility at the same terms we have now. The committee will not be recommending a new site until the October assembly and we would need to extend the existing contract.

Mark, Dist. 18-Motion-Move to extend our contract for one more year at the same rates we now have. Motion made. Seconded. Carried. 1-Opposed. No minority. Judy-Good choice.

Fred gave report on going to the forum in Virginia Beach. He discussed with the General Manager the practice of giving names and addresses to anyone in AA that asked. Fred raised some flack

over this issue and would like the assembly to direct our Delegate, Tom D , to ask for an action whereby the delegate would need to give permission before this information could be obtained through New York.

Motion-Direct the delegate when going to the New York Conference, to request an action that the delegate sign off on any label request. Motion-Made. Seconded. Carried. No opposed. No minority opinion.

301 registered at this assembly-thanks for a great job Districts 12,15,23, and 29.

1993 Proposed Budget-Ken gave short history of the budget process at the assembly-remember money is the facilitator of our 12 step work. Today we vote on the budget, so at future assemblies we can direct our attention to the work of the assembly.

Delegate expenses-Approved

Alt. Delegate-Discussion -Make correction on Budget to reflect that the Southeastern Regional Forum is the Florida State Convention this year. There is one official meeting for the delegate and delegate and alternate delegate workshops. Scott Dist. 24-We do not pay our alternate GSR to attend assembly along with GSR, so why use funds for Alternate Delegate?

Motion-Scott, Dist. 24-"To slash \$300 from alternate Delegate expense Southeast Regional Conference and 2nd part to slash \$400 Delegates meeting in Atlanta." Discussion followed on need to attend meetings going on at the sametime. We need both of them there. Motion-to approve the Alternate Delegates budget as presented. Motion-Made,seconded,carried. Opposed-5 Minority Opinion-Scott-Our groups do not send both and we believe in open communication.

Chairman Expenses-Add \$200 to duplication and \$200 to Postage-total Chairman Expenses should read \$1015 instead of \$615. Discussion on a motion to strike \$300 to attend Southeast Regional Conference-change to Florida State Convention instead of Southeast Regional Conference-explanation of Chairman of NFAA being a standing member of Advisory Committee of Florida State Convention and on alternating years serving as Chairman of the site selection committee. Motion to strike these funds-defeated-Motion to approve the Chairman's budget with correction of Florida State Convention-Motion made,seconded,carried;1 Opposed.

Alternate Chairman-Motion-To accept as proposed-Motion made,seconded,carried.-No opposed.

Recording Secretary-Motion-To accept as proposed.-Motion made,seconded,carried.-No opposed

Treasurer-Requested \$200 more for duplication and supplies to produce the reports we have at this assembly. Motion to approve

Treasurer's budget with addition of Duplication and Supplies to increase from \$600 to \$800-so moved-Motion-Made,seconded,carried. No opposed.

Accessibilities-Discussion-Bernie-Don't accept this budget because it has been cut from last year. Importance of braille for the blind and signers for the deaf. Explanation from Finance Committee-see page 3 of budget under Assembly costs-signers \$200. Motion to accept budget as is-Made,seconded,carried, no opposed.

Archives-Heidi has checked on fireproof filing cabinets to protect our Archives. Moves for an appropriation of \$330.72 for 6 filing cabinets, this includes shipping costs. Further discussion-no archives table at this assembly, why? Archives are now at Marie's house. From the Chair: "we need to establish procedure for living in the committee system before bringing special appropriations to the floor." Request motion be tabled. Take this request to Finance Committee at the next assembly. Heidi pointed out that these are the prices the cabinets may be purchased at today. Motion-To accept a total Archives budget of \$720.72.-Motion made, seconded,carried. No opposed.

CPC-Brian had a point of discussion about needing more funding but after bringing request to Finance Committee and Service Sponsor, he will bring request to the floor in April. Corrections-Motion to approve budget as is-Seconded,carried.No opposed.

Grapevine-Motion to accept as is-Made,seconded,carried. No opposed.

Intergroup-Motion to approve-Made,seconded,carried. No opposed

Public Information-Motion to approve made,seconded,carried.No opposed

Treatment-Motion to approve.

Debbie W explained that she did not need the Hotel expense. Discussion followed with explanation for the need to show this expense on the proposed budget. We did not know whether the newly elected officers needed the expense at the time we voted, therefore, the Finance Committee included this figure. When the funds are not used they revert back to the Treasury. Scott-"Lets cut Bridge the Gap". Bob V.-Explanation of what Bridge the Gap is and why we need it. Motion-To approve the Treatment budget as it is at \$940-Made,seconded,carried,2 opposed.

Minority opinion-Alicia T -"I still feel we don't need the money on the budget for the room expense."

Officers' meeting-Motion to approve-seconded,carried. No opposed

Structure and Guidelines(printing costs)-Motion to approve,seconded,carried. No opposed.

Assembly Costs-Motion to approve-Seconded,carried. No opposed.

Approved Budget for 1992 of \$23,864.00.

Bob V. -Motion-"To create a free standing committee that would be called Bridge the Gap".

Fred-"We need to watch the need. Please go through the Growth and Finance Committee." Dan E. responded that a lot of insight and research goes into forming standing committees and we should follow the example of the Committee system in New York. Mark, Dist. 18, "New York follows us." Ron made the proposal that the Treatment Chairman should be making this motion if prudent at this time. Motion to table this-Motion to create a free standing committee for Bridge the Gap at this time.-Motion to table made,seconded,carried, No opposed,no minority.

Judy P. shared experience of creating Growth, Finance, and Site. This was a process that may well be worth repeating. Bill explained the "Concept of Right of Decision". Mark would like a sense of this body in regard to Officers' forum on Saturday night at the next assembly. Fred-"We will be there for the forum at 10pm on Saturday evening."

Floor-In regard to Structure & Guidelines, perhaps we should include the process for setting up committees. We need to research these areas and bring recommendations back to the next assembly. The Resource page will be included in the minutes of this assembly. Judy would like a sense of the body concerning names and addresses of all DCMs. Currently the DCMs do receive a copy of names, addresses, and phones numbers of, DCMs, Committee Chairmen, and Officers.

Bob V. would like to show a request to meet with Growth Committee Chairman.

Meeting Closed in the usual manner, don't forget to turn in your badges for the next assembly.

The next assembly will be April 2-4, 1993 at Ramada Steinbrenner's Yankee Inn, Ocala, Fl.

Kathy P.

Submitted by Kathy P.
Recording Secretary
01/20/93

NORTH FLORIDA AREA CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AGENDA
SUNDAY APRIL 4, 1993

Agenda for Sunday, April 4

OPEN
ROLL CALL
SECRETARY
TREASURER
DELEGATE

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
ARCHIVES
ACCESSIBILITIES
COOPERATION WITH PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS
GSR MEETING
GRAPEVINE
INTERGROUP
PUBLIC INFORMATION
TREATMENT

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GROWTH
FINANCE

OLD BUSINESS
Structure & Guidelines

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Complete catalogue and order form. _____

Traditions Checklist--8 1/2"x11",
four-page pamphlet containing checklist
questions for all Twelve Traditions. _____

AA Grapevine History--eight-page
pamphlet on the beginnings and early
growth of the Grapevine; Grapevine's place
in the AA Fellowship. _____

Twelve Ways You Can Use The AA Grapevine To
Strengthen and Ensure Your Sobriety--
8 1/2" x 11" flyer. _____

The Grapevine Representative Handbook--
twelve-page pamphlet outlining the duties
of group and district GvRs. _____

Order forms for The Language of the Heart. _____

"Is There a GvR in Your Group?"--cartoon
flyer describing the duties of a group
GvR; registration form attached. _____

Guidelines for Writing Grapevine Articles. _____
"Who Writes the Grapevine? You Do!"--
cartoon flyer. _____

Portable AA Meeting Brochure -- reprint of
a 1981 General Service Conference
presentation on the Grapevine. _____

Grapevine Banner -- 7 1/4"x 29", says:
"The AA Grapevine, "black type on yellow
background. _____

Grapevine Poster -- 8 1/2"x 11", says:
"Let's Not Keep the Grapevine a Secret,"
black type on yellow background. _____

Interim Officers Meeting-10:00 a.m., February 7, 1993, held at Victor E. Club, Deland, Fl.

Fred opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Howard-roll: Tom D., Dan E., Fred, Corrine, Howard, Kathy, Ken, Richard E., Heidi, Brian, Joe F., Marlene, David, Debbie, Dick, & Bob L., Bob V.

Guidelines-We will ask to go section by section at the assembly. At the Saturday GSR/DCM meeting, everyone will be asked to bring their motions to change in writing. Standing Committee guidelines-These will also need to be in writing. Dave Webb did make a new map, thank you Dave. The boundaries may not be completely accurate and we will depend on DCMs to insure the accuracy.

Treasurer's report-Checking Account balance is \$6,599.22. Group contributions to date \$1,596.38, Assembly collection was \$976.27.

One year extension of contract with Ramada Inn will be signed at the Assembly. Discussion on group conscience on whether to rotate site in the future. Discussion on financial vs. participation level.

Committee Chairpeople gave their reports-Joe-Corrections gave his budget recommendations to Dick for Finance Committees. Corresponding Secretary gave information on Workshop to be held in Daytona, March 13, 1993, at the Moose Lodge-Beville Road off I-4. It will be on The Group, Intergroup, and Clubs. Dan E. gave information back to us on survey that was done in Washington area. Dan will be attending Delegates meeting in Atlanta for Tom.

New Business-Book of Resolutions-Fred appointed Heidi as Chairman of Archives to begin this project.

Bob V. gave presentation on his ideas for Bridge The Gap. Bob V. will meet with Bob L and the Growth Committee and the Committees directly involved; Treatment, Corrections, Intergroup, PI, CPC. A recommendation will be made to the Chairman at that time.

Brian presented his Budget Proposal for CPC for 1993..Brian will present his proposal to the Finance Committee for consideration. The Finance Committee will be making recommendation to the Chairman as to how this proposal would be possible from a financial view. Dick G. and Ken R will present the 1994 budget to the body in July 1993 and the budget will be presented for line item consideration at the October 1993 assembly.

Submitted by, Kathy Pi , Recording Secretary

NORTH FLORIDA AREA CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
SECOND QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY - April 2-4, 1993
STEINBRENNER'S YANKEE INN I-75 & U.S. 27 3810 N.W. Blycton
Road, Ocala, Florida 32675 904/3131
THE ASSEMBLY OFFICIALY BEGINS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1993 AT
10:00 A.M. AND SUNDAY, APRIL 4, AT 9:00 A.M.

(Whenever possible, make reservations at Steinbrenner's, our Assembly benefits through the number of reservations)

Friday, April 2

8:30 P.M. Discussion Meeting

Saturday, April 3

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration:

9:00 a.m.	Officers Meeting	Stallion Room
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Traditions	Unity Room

	Committee Meetings:	
	Site Committee	Service Room
	Growth Committee	Recovery
	Finance Committee	Stallion Room
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Public Information	Unity Room
	Accessibilities	Service Room
	Treatment Facilities	Recovery
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	LUNCHEON	
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Corrections	Unity Room
	Archives	Stallion Room
	Intergroup	Recovery
2:24 p.m.-3:45p.m.	C.P.C.	Unity Room
	Grapevine	Service Room
	Service Manual	Recovery
4:00-5:30 p.m.	Officer/D.C.M. Meeting	Service Room
	G.S.R. Meeting	Unity Room
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Dinner	
8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Speaker	Unity/Rec/Serv
Sunday, April 4		
9:00 a.m.-noon	General Assembly	

RESERVATION REQUEST FOR NORTH FLORIDA AREA CONFERENCE
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