

#### Minutes of Area 46 Election Assembly Sept 9 – 10 2017 Las Cruces NM district 4

Meeting was called to order by Teresa J Area Chair at 8:30 a.m. After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer she explained where committee meeting would be held and asked for cooperation in keeping noise to a minimum as we had lost our breakout rooms and would be using the big room for all meetings.

Committee meetings as well as GSR orientation, Gsr, DCM, trusted Servants and Past Delegates meetings were held from 8:45 – 12:35

Afternoon Session was called to order at 1:45 by Eloy M alternate chair. There were readings in both English and Spanish followed by introduction of all present.

**Secretary Report:** Summary of minutes from March 2017 Pre Conference Assembly presented by Rosie F Area Secretary Motion to accept Nicole R district 4 Second Mikel W district 8 Report accepted

**Treasurers Report** Kurt K District 2 reviewed current financial status and reported that D5 had returned \$9200 in convention overage. Said draft budget for 2018 would be presented later today. Motion to accept Christoph E District 14 Second Paul H District 6 Report Accepted

**Registrars Report** Presented by Bill L District 18 Ongoing revisions to area map which has not been updated since 2008 were shown. Thanks to Jeff H El Farolito editor and cartographer for help and support. Asked that all complete group change forms and turn them in by December Assembly so the GSO database can be updated and a timeline established for publishing of new Area Directory by March Assembly by incoming Registrar. Asked that we all maintain excitement for our current positions through the end of rotation As of noon today 123 Voting and 51 non voting members registered..

**Delegates Report:** Jim H Passed out Final Conference Reports during introduction today. Has 2 reports left to do to Districts. He and Teresa J will be presenters at the Service workshop being presented by District 17 on November 4. He will be attending SW Regional Forum in San Antonio the weekend of Oct 20 – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Encouraged folks to stand for elected positions tomorrow and remember we're all just bozos on the bus.

**Announcements:** Announcements were made of upcoming events. Fliers available on table next to literature. They can also be found in the El Farolito and at nm-aa.org The Big Book to be presented on Sunday during Sobriety Count down was passed at this time.

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#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Post Convention Report by Kristi S \$9200 in Convention overage returned to Area. Amazing unity in planning and thanks to all. Showed the signed banner going to Archives and presented a panoramic photo to also be included in Archives
2. Area 46 2018 Convention Report by Dave T alt chair for Convention D12. Chair has had to step down for health reasons. Planning is proceeding. Currently have venue (Crowne Plaza in Albuquerque) Most speakers have been committed. Next planning meeting is Sunday Sept 17 2:00 pm at Heights Club in Albuquerque. This is now a non smoking venue.
3. Assembly Report for December 2 & 3 Assembly by Jeff B District 18 Will have fliers available by October Assembly planning meeting.
4. Assembly Report for March 24 & 25 in District 7 Roswell Jennifer W as alt DCM reported that it will be held at Goddard High School
5. NMAASF held July 15 2017 Report by Jaclyn S Ad Hoc Assembly Development and Fun Committee. Was a great success. 166 registered. Panel by past delegates was emergency response to planned speaker having to cancel the day prior to event. They shared on their service journeys. It was both entertaining and informative. Total revenue \$1523.64 total expenses \$587.64 with \$836.00 contributed to Area. Seed money authorized was not used.

#### NEW BUSINESS;

1. Bids for Area Assembly Jeff from District 5 Just decided today. No venue but lots of options

2. Teresa J presented Ed C for disapproval as Finance Committee chair. Ruth G had to step down for health reason and Ed stepped up and has been doing a capable job. He was approved.

*Teresa acknowledged the loss and contributions of members we have lost since the Convention in June Royce S District 5 and Marcus B D10*

3. Presentation of proposed 2018 budget was presented in a precise and clear manner by Ed C interim Finance Committee Chair.
4. Bill L made a brief presentation on right of decision and informed group conscience. Hopeful for discussion and thought as to whether we should pre-release motions prior to Assemblies. This is a good time to be talking about “do we want to go in this direction?” “ what would it look like”

**Motions:**

1. To promote unity and fellowship at Area Assemblies, make Assemblies more informative and engaging and generate more enthusiasm for General Service in Area 46, the Assembly Development Committee shall be made an Area Standing Committee. The committee will be chaired by the Alternate Area Chair. Funding: Ongoing funding will be provided through the annual budget. No funds for travel expenses will be needed. Operating expenses for this committee will be on par with other standing committees (in 2017 most standing committees were budgeted \$30 to cover basic expenses) Changes to the AIP were provided in a separate hand out. Motion by Michelle B District 2 second Eloy R District 15. Discussion followed
2. Area 46 Special Needs Committee would like to make a motion to spend \$225.00 on bookmarkers. For a one time expense to cover typesetting and printing of 5000 bookmarkers. Funding to come from contingency fund. Motion Lawrence M Area 46 Special Needs Chair second Rosa ? District 14.
3. The Assembly Development Committee seeks the approval and support of Area 46 to send the pamphlet entitled “WE ARE A.A. – GETTING INVOLVED IN THE CONFERENCE PROCESS” and related background materials to the General Service Office for consideration as a General Service Conference Agenda topic in 2018. No changes to the AIP and no funding required.
4. The Bilingual Committee is requesting \$387.30 to purchase four receivers to replace worn out receivers. Funding will come from the contingency fund. Motion Ana G Area 46 Bilingual Chair second Alice M District 12

We left for dinner break and returned at 7:00 pm for food, fellowship and fun with a rousing game of AA Jeopardy. Sharing session Jim H Area Delegate and Yoli F SW Regional Trustee.

**Sunday Sept 10**

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Teresa J Area Chair. After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer there were readings from AA literature.

Teresa reviewed the voting procedures and minority opinion used in Area 46. A handout had been provided along with a copy of the bids and motions. She announced that there are 123 voting members and 51 non-voting registered

**BID:** Bid was withdrawn to allow the District to obtain a venue before resubmitting bid at next Assembly.

**Motions:**

1. Motion to make ad hoc Assembly development a permanent committee: for 35 against 46 no minority opinion  
motion fails

2. Motion to allocate \$225 from Contingency Fund for printing of 5000 bookmarks for Special Needs Committee For 57 Against 29 Minority Opinion was expressed. Jeff B D18 motion to reconsider 2n by Christoph D14 Vote to reconsider For 31 against 44 motion stands motion **passes**
3. Motion to submit pamphlet developed by Ad Hoc Assembly Development Committee to GSO for possible inclusion as an Agenda item at the 2018 GSC For 79 against 6 no minority opinion **motion passes**
4. Motion to allocate \$387.30 from Contingency Fund for 4 worn out receivers. **Motion passed unanimously**

#### **ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORTS:**

**Committee Chairs will submit their reports to be published in the October El Farolito.**

Jeffrey H El Farolito editor did report that we need to ask our groups to step up contributions to insure continue publication. The El Farolito is self supporting and does not receive funding from the Area at the start of the rotation

**GSR meeting:** Ryan B D4 good meeting. Some topics covered were "How to get more people to attend GC?" keep reports short, food, . "Do we use Roberts Rules of Order?" we can as each group is autoimius but more important that we observe the Concepts. Tabling a motion a good tool to allow for more careful consideration. Talked about need to keep group records up to date with Registrar. Quwstion are clubs and groups seDDparate? Yes

**DCM meeting:** Carrie N D4 25 in attendance representing 14 Districts. It's nearing the end of the rotation and all fel that it had been a positive experience and has helped them become better communicators and many of them are interested in continuing in service at the Area level.

**Past Delegates:** Ralph T reported only 3 PD in attendance. They mostly caught up with each other, called some of the past delegates and talked about the election to take place this afternoon.

**Ask it Basket:** What is the role of past delegates at Assemblies and Conventions? Some excerpts from page S46 of the A.A. Service Manual address this. It is suggested that Delegates do not succeed themselves as delegates or return to general service positions at the Area level but rather share their experience with world wide AA, accepting special assignments, conducting workshops when asked. They also attend SWARDA where past delegates from the Southwest Region share their experience with incoming delegates from the SW Region. It is hard to condense 3 paragraphs into a short report but it's there on page S46.

**Sobriety Countdown:** The signed Big Book went to Jarrod with 3 days and was presented by Diana T. with 40 years

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** Saturday \$398.92, Sunday \$383.80, Special Elf contributions \$483.00 and \$81.25 in AIP contribution.

At 9 a.m. Eloy M turned meeting over to Jim H Area 46 Delegate for the election process. The election was conducted by past delegates: Ray R, Ralph T, David L Jeff O and SW Regional Trustee Yoli F. Jim read the section in the AIP on Area elections. All voting members were provided with a copy of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy voting procedures found on page S22 of the AA Service Manual. Ballots were distributed and collected by non voting members from The Step House in District 5. 123 voting members registered. Those agreeing to stand were given a one time only opportunity to share their service experience and why they were willing to serve.

#### **Delegate:**

Standing: Teresa J District 12, Bill L District 18, Lawrence M District 14, Paul H District 6 **Elected on 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot** Teresa J

#### **Alternate Delegate:**

Standing: Bill L District 18, Paul H District 6 **Elected on 1<sup>st</sup> ballot** Bill L

**Area Chair:**

Standing: Eloy M District 3, Rosie F District 11, Kurt District 2, Paul H District 6, Sarah F District 18 **elected on 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot** Eloy M

**Alternate Area Chair**

Standing: Rosie F District 11, Kurt K District 2, Michelle B District 2, David D District 10, Lawrence M District 14, Sarah F District 18 **drawn from the hat after 4 rounds of votes** Rosie F

**Treasurer:**

Standing: Ally T District 13, Christoph District 14, Jennifer W District 10 **drawn from the hat after 4 rounds of votes** Alli T

**Secretary:**

Standing: Ana G District 17, Melissa R District 15, Sarah F District 18 **elected on 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot** Ana G

**Registrar:**

Standing: Michelle B District 2, Kurt K District 2, Paul H District 6, Robyn T District 10 **elected on 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot** Kurt K

Having concluded our business we hugged, cried and prayed.

Adjourned until December 2 2017 Assembly hosted by District 18