

**AREA 39**  
**WESTERN AREA OF MISSOURI ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
**AGENDA FOR JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>st</sup> 2010**

**Assemblies are Closed Meetings for Alcoholics Only**  
Area Assembly is Non-Smoking - Host District

**Assembly Agenda - Saturday**

10:00-10:10      General Opening and Announcements - Upstairs  
10:15-12:00      General Service Representative (GSR) workshop - Upstairs  
                     District Committee Member (DCM) workshop - Gamblers Room  
                     Committee Chair workshop – Conference room  
12:00-1:00      Lunch on your own  
1:00-2:05      Committee Meetings:  
                     Website – Executive Room              Institutions Weekend – Gambler’s Room – *may be delayed*  
                     Literature – Conference Room          Cooperation with the Professional Community - Upstairs  
2:15 – 3:20      Committee Meetings:  
                     Bridge the Gap – Gambler’s Room              Webmaster’s Roundtable – Executive Room  
                     Special Needs – Conference Room          Public Information – Upstairs  
3:30 – 4:35      Committee Meetings:  
                     Ad-hoc Committee – Executive Room          WAMO Convention – Upstairs  
                     Archives – Conference Room              Correctional Facilities – Gambler’s Room  
4:45 – 5:50      Committee Meetings:  
                     Ad-hoc Committee – Executive Room          Treatment Facilities – Gambler’s Room  
                     Grapevine – Upstairs                      Missouri State Convention – Conference Room  
5:50 – 7:10      Dinner on your own  
7:15 – 8:15      Delegate’s Conference Report – Quinn G. - Delegate  
8:15 – 8:30      Ask-it Basket  
8:30 – 9:45      Area Officers Reports, Past Delegate Remarks  
9:45              Archives Film or workshop - Upstairs  
                     Late night closed AA meeting - Conference Room  
                     Area Officers meeting - Executive Room

**Assembly Agenda - Sunday**

7:30 - 8:45      Area Committee and Subcommittee Chairperson Breakfast-Conference Room  
9:00 - 10:00      Committee Reports  
10:00              Business Meeting - Cheri J. – Ares Chairperson  
                     Reading of the minutes – Andrea M. – Area Secretary  
                     Area Financial Report – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter – Carl C. – Area Treasurer  
**Old Business:**      ● To set and determine a certain amount for a prudent reserve– Erica B. – 401 Group GSR Discussion and vote  
**New Business:**      ■ Create a line item on the budget for Past Delegate Expenses to SWRAADA – Carl C. – Treasurer – Discussion  
                             ■ New GSR Information Packets – Cheri J. – Chairperson – Discussion  
                             ■ Allowing Class A Trustees and Nominees to attend Area Assemblies – Michael O. – DCM District 6 – discussion  
                             ■ Any other applicable business - ***If needed*** - Any committee or officer requesting funds for expenditures either over budget or for items not previously approved will be presented to the assembly at this time,

**Please hold your remarks at the microphone to 2 minutes or less.**

**Assembly Dates for 2010 - Sep 25 & 26**

**Assembly Dates for 2011 – Jan 15 & 16 – Mar 19 & 20 – Jun 25 & 26 – Sep 24 & 25**

# Announcements

The Gamblers Room may not be available at the normal start time of 1pm – therefore Institutions weekend sub-committee has been moved to the first round of committee meetings and the BTG sub-committee has been moved to the second round of committee meetings that start at 2:15pm. The hotel staff will have the room ready for us as close to 1pm as possible – *Cheri J.*

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There will be a committee chair workshop Saturday morning at 10:15 the conference room – *Cheri J.*

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When you sign in please fill out the complete form placing your first and last name address, city, state, zip code, phone number, complete group name, (not abbreviations) and your position.

If you need minutes mailed to you through the United States Postal Service please check the box to the far right on the sign in sheets.

There are separate sign-in sheets for Past Delegates, Area Officers, Committee Chairs, and DCMs. Please do not also sign in on the District sheets so our count will be correct, thank you! *Andrea M.*

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At this assembly we will need to elect 2 new people from the Western Area to be part of the Missouri State Convention Committee that meets in Jefferson City. If you want more information or are interested in holding one of these positions or in helping with one of the committees at the convention please attend the committee meeting at 4:45 PM downstairs in the conference room.

*Norma M.*

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If you are interested in serving on the finance committee please bring a copy of your service history and finance experience to give to the committee for review – there will be 3 openings available for 2 year terms to begin in January 2011.

*Charlotte P.*

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## Minutes of the Western Area of Missouri Area 39 from March 21<sup>st</sup> 2010

Cheri opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer. Amy Special Needs Chair made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as written, passed without opposition.

Carl C. gave the treasurers report. He noted two corrections There is a solution group was not on the list and will be returned to the donations list. A group in District 14 sent a money order for \$28.25 and Carl is unsure of which groups should be listed as having made that donation. John A. my home group, the Hope group, sent a check for \$300 and some dollars and our GSR got a call the other day that our check was found at a construction site down in Southern Missouri. So if you see it's blank on here we donated the money it's just floating around out there. Carl – I'm glad you brought that up I contacted the individual who found that check and he is bringing it to one of my smoke shops and I was going to talk to him to try and figure out how a check could end up in Southern Missouri. I don't think he's going to have any answers and I don't have any either but there are a lot variables in between we have a post office, country post office that I work with, we have probably about ten reasons why a check wouldn't be still in my mail box because I pick up the checks everyday except when I'm at assembly. If I come up with an answer I will give it to this assembly. Pat L. Archives Chair pointed out that the money being transferred is for SWRAASA not SWRAADA, Carl will correct this prior to next assembly. Pam GSR from Blue Springs Group district 7 first of all I thought we agreed to put \$250 dollars. Carl no it was \$150. Ok also from the minutes last time Wayne R. reminded Carl that the money that was returned from the State Convention and should be returned to the prudent reserve as that is where we took the \$1,000 from when they were short on funds. Carl will be looking into that issue and making any necessary transfers and I don't see any transfers. Carl – And you won't see that until this assembly says transfer that money from point A to point B. We're working to give the assembly some information before they vote on it, in other words I cannot transfer monies on my authority I have to have this assembly say so. Pam – Ok as long as it's being worked on. Someone asked what would be the cutoff date for June assembly so we as GSR's can make sure our groups donations are getting here in time to show up on the report because that is what we use as an audit to make sure our treasurers are doing their part. Carl – I try to do two weeks in advance of the assembly I have to have that amount of time. Now that is not Iron clad. How about June 1<sup>st</sup>? If we make sure the money is to you by June 1<sup>st</sup> is that acceptable? Carl – Yeah. Now is there a way we can donate electronically? Carl – no there is a fee for electronic transfers? No but I will go to the bank and I will sit down with the guy and get facts and figures as to if that is a possibility next assembly. Unless there is a group in district 12 that I don't know about Fair Play there is \$45 there that doesn't belong there. Carl will move the group once he finds out where they should be moved to. Motion to approve was seconded and passed.

Old Business: I propose that we raise the prudent reserve from current balance to \$13,000.00 at the rate of \$200.00 per assembly until \$13,000 level is reached by depositing into savings from checking. Motion by Carl C. In looking at what the ad-hoc committee that Cheri put together did and doing my own research we need to change our prudent reserve for the purpose of keeping us afloat should we have to dip into it. Now I've heard comments that well we've never dipped into it before and in my opinion we've never been in this kind of economic state in the United States either. Our goal here is to ensure, now where is the money going, from one of our accounts to the other account. In a moments notice the money could be moved back with an electronic transfer to do what ever we needed to do. But the collection of it in my opinion is essential so to ensure that we stay solid. Pam GSR Blue Springs Group District 7 it seems to me if it's so important to raise that prudent reserve in last times minutes twice the thousand dollars from the convention was mentioned that it needs to be put back it seems to me that it

would be a priority to but that thousand dollars back into prudent reserve and then deal with what needs to be raised. Carl I guarantee you that the \$800 and some dollars will be moved if that is what needs to happen. I just didn't have time to do the research prior to this assembly it will get done I don't push things aside and forget about them. Andrea Alcoholic I'm opposed to this increase because I think it's too much money. We're not supposed to stock pile money. I think if we get to the point where groups aren't contributing to the area none of us will be here so we don't need \$13,000 in our prudent reserve. Before the last assembly I asked Carl to go over the finances for the last five years and in those years we had five quarters, so one quarter per year, in which we didn't increase our checking account balance. That means our checking account steadily increases every single year with the exception of one quarter. Why do we need \$13,000 in our prudent reserve if our checking account keeps growing? Carl – That is a very good question and a very good answer is this the amount of money the checking account is growing some of which should go into a prudent reserve because you're looking at X factors. Ok when you're sitting here looking around going where did all the groups go? Granted there aren't going to be as many people but you still have to help people get up here. You still have to pay a hotel, you still have to pay to put a mailing out if that is what the people decide to do. You still have to send Quinn to everywhere and anywhere to determine what the problem is our primary purpose is to send that man to New York to help us out of our dilemma. All of that I along with the 5 treasurers who sat on that committee agreeing with me and I agree with them that that is about the right amount of money. If we're going to remain viable this is what I believe we need to do it's like an insurance policy you buy it so you don't need it. Doug Grapevine Chair – Our group didn't have time to discuss this before this weekend. Mike O. We should probably set the prudent reserve more to the budgeted amount and not what we actually spend that way we know we are covered. Brian H. GSR Live and Let Live District 6– I just want to remind the assembly that this amount wasn't just pulled out of the air it is the result of this assembly making a decision to have enough reserve on hand to send the delegate to New York and enough to hold another assembly to elect the next delegate so the number being pulled out of the air. Shannon GSR Parkhill – When I took this back to my group they were opposed because last year we came out ahead over \$1,000 and this just is too much money to be put into prudent reserve. Wendell DCM District 2 – I understand wanted a prudent reserve and I've been on the State Convention I understand the money it takes to do all of this what I'm opposed to is we're putting money into a bank account when we're not even paying for service of people who do the outside work that they need to do without questioning that. Russell GSR Alive Again District 7 My group like to keep a prudent reserve of about 5 thousand dollars and that is just of 120 alcoholics I can't see why an Area that serves what 214 groups couldn't have 13,000 for a prudent reserve. John G. GSR Independence #1 – A prudent reserve is good and necessary but at the same time I'll give an illustration of things that have happened at our group. We keep a prudent reserve and our group is responsible for repairs and such to our building and any time that something happens that major repairs are needed some how some way members of Alcoholics Anonymous come forward and put the money that is necessary to do whatever is necessary at the time and I think that big of an increase of prudent reserve just goes against the spiritual principles. It's a projection of negativity. Jim B. GSR 24 and 7 group district 6 – actually I think the prudent reserve term being used is perhaps a misnomer. But I'd like to echo the fact that all we're doing is moving our own money from one place to another and we are looking forward yes but we would be unrealistic and I don't believe we would be good stewards of the money that is contributed to the area if we did not put aside money for times that could be worse than what we're experiencing now. I recognize the fact that somehow yes things always get covered we're very blessed with a favorable 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report last year but there is no absolute guarantee that will be repeated in any quarters going forward. This money being set aside will merely allow us to not be in crisis. We may need to tap into it and there will be substantial funds

there to do that. Our group is in support of this and we've discussed it at length in our last business meeting and they agreed with all the points that Carl has made as to why we should do this. Erica GSR 401 Group in district 2 We always go over the budgets anyone who was here in January we start making them up in September and I guess that is my thing I don't know if any of you have ever sat in a committee with Steve P. or Dave F. breathing down your neck when you go to set those budgets. I just think that raising the prudent reserve to being more effective would take off some of that, at least a little bit. Even to take off a tenth of the screaming that goes on about finances would be a good idea. My group did vote to set the prudent reserve higher. Wayne R. Past Delegate – Is this for discussion only today or are we voting today? Cheri – we are voting today. Wayne – OK I just have a few comments. Carl made a comment a moment ago and I'd like to bring it forward, he said he can't transfer that money until this assembly tells him to, when did that ever take place? The treasurer has always had the authority to take money from prudent reserve and back and vice versa. When did we decide that our treasurer doesn't have the authority to move our money from account to account? One time he says he can't move it without us telling him the next time he tells us he's moved it around. In our minutes when we paid that \$1,000 it was put in the past minutes it says that when the money comes back it should return to prudent reserve. My big point is a prudent reserve is very necessary but lets be responsible people lets quit acting like our government we're not printing money on our own. So let be responsible lets start thinking responsibly. If we know things are going bad we don't have to have a two day assembly. Our groups don't have to pay for every GSR to come up here it's not necessary for everybody to be here to send our delegate to New York. A lot of areas don't do that. You know we come up here because we learn a lot and we learn a lot of information but if times are getting bad our basic job is to elect a delegate to send to New York. There are a lot of areas that don't have this kind of assembly. Their GSR's meet with the DCM the DCM's meet and they make the decision. That is how simple it is you know we can make changes in our structure if finances get so bad that we have to we shouldn't have to depend on money. Lets think about it in a rational manner. You know AA is not supposed to own anything and I think that includes prudent reserve accounts too. Pat L. Archives Chair – I'd like to call for the question please. Those in favor 23, opposed 57. Minority opinion Carl – Wayne has some excellent points but I think it is Texas who has about \$40,000 in their prudent reserve, we're not stock piling money the percentage of what we take in verses what we should save you need to do if nothing else for the interest. Leo W District 16 GSR for Pickers and Grinners I think it's a psychological issue it's the \$200 per assembly not the \$7,000 chunk to jack it up all of a sudden. I think it's incrementally and fiscally responsible to do it at \$200 per assembly and that is why I'm voting for the motion. Mike O. I voted for the motion I just think we need to have a prudent reserve but it was overwhelmingly defeated so I will accept the decision of the assembly was this supposed to be a 2/3 or a simple majority. Cheri – This was a simple majority but it was well over 2/3. Mike O. I just wanted to clarify and could you say that the next time? Cheri – Yes Ok. Erica 401 Group GSR District 2 I voted for it because my group looked at it and the area has a smaller prudent reserve than some groups in our area. I think that it's very vital that our Western Area do go ahead and set a prudent reserve at some level because my group itself at any time could fall back and not be able to send in to Western Area because of our rent and how high it is and everything else. The first that goes when you have to cut back is you stop donating to the service entities because you have to remain self-supporting. So I think that is something we ought to look at too because if you look at the budget that was submitted today there is very little coming in from the groups per quarter. And yes we're going fine but costs is raising and I don't think that \$200 each assembly is too much to ask. Deb I ditto what Erica said because my group is the same way we have a line in the sand that when we fall below a certain checking account level that is the first thing we do we knock out our the contributions to the entities, I'm sorry to say but that is just like she said we've got to pay the rent. I do believe as

Carl does the it's only an insurance plan, look at it as insurance. Joe GSR Point Real Group District 16 This year and last year have been my first go around. I agree with raising the prudent reserve simply because in the last two years we've approved a budget that far exceeds any revenue that we have coming in and one of these days that is going to come to fruition if we continue to do that and what are we going to fall back on. Ed – I know in our group we tend to be if we don't see it we don't do it and the area being over there as far as our group is concerned. Consequently we would be more apt to not give to something we don't see or in direct contact with the GSR that's me can bring the message but it still is lacking in eye to eye contact with my group and that is the reason why I voted for a relatively high prudent reserve. Roger W, DCM District 9 we spoke about this at our district and they said vote for it. They said \$200 per assembly we won't miss it. It's prudent reserve we can go get that when we need it. Minority Opinion changed one vote so we revoted 26 for and 58 opposed.

Approval of the revised Bridge the Gap booklet. Kirby H. I presented this in January with the revision this has been about a 3 year project. There was some concerns from District 14 about people falling through the cracks that they already have some forms that they use I just wanted to say that the Bridge the Gap committee is not going to force any district to use this, actually the plan for this is to go places where bridge the gap isn't. I'm worried about where we aren't at all and have people falling off cliffs. There was also some concern about cost and it would be about \$1.50 per copy and that cost could even go down if we utilize the copier the area has. Having no discussion we went directly to a vote all were in favor no one was opposed.

Norma I'd like to have the item on the agenda postponed at this time, so no discussion no vote at this time.

Angie read the attendance for the assembly total attendance of 137 which is down from the last area assembly. At the last area assembly we had 176 people. District 1 had 0, District 2 had 4, District 3 had 4, District 4 had 4, District 6 had 11, District 7 had 13, District 8 had 4, District 9 had 6, District 10 had 5, District 11 had 9, District 12 had 5, District 13 had 4, District 14 had 11, District 15 had 1, District 16 had 5, District 17 had 2, and that is a total of 88 GSR's we had 14 DCM's, 18 committee chairs, 4 past delegates, 8 area officers, and 5 visitors.

New Business: Quinn G. Panel 59 Area 39 Western Area of Missouri Delegate My motion as I have this written out for the secretary is that Area 39 reorder the Western Missouri Lapel pins (500) at a cost of \$488.70 for the delegates New York General Service Conference Trips 2011 to 2014. Cheri – Do you have your pin on you today? Quinn – No it's the lapel pin that I had on last night. Deb – Could you kind of explain what all that is about because there is maybe some newcomers who don't understand what it is for. Quinn – I'd be happy to. This was started approximately 10 years ago by Shirley R. one of our past delegates it's something that goes on at conference every year the delegates come and they exchange tokens of appreciation between the delegates either on the table or the pass them out to each other, and it can be lapel pins which is what usually is in the majority of cases or it could be pens, or pencils, or books, or bookmarks, or anything, our areas and I wear that it's that little lapel pin some of you have seen it and we've been doing it since Shirley R. was our delegate so it's been 10 to 12 years. As it goes it's one of the better pins that gets passed around the conference, I think and if you'd heard my delegates report last year I brought a tie that had all the pins on it from other areas. Steve P. I make a motion that Area 39 reorder the Western Missouri Lapel pins (500) at a cost of \$488.70 for the delegates New York General Service Conference Trips 2011 to 2014. Motion was seconded those in favor 68 and 4 opposed. Minority opinion Mark DCM District 11 I hear a lot of arguments about money, we just talked about prudent reserve and we're going to spend \$500 on pins and I just don't agree that this is carrying the message. Roger W. DCM District 9 Principles before Personalities principles for me for my district their going to want to know about \$500.00 of their contributions about how it's going to be spent. Their going to want a voice and that is the only reason I voted no. Jamie Alcoholic – Under my interpretation that I just asked a

few people that he switches these out with the other delegates and he gets to keep them to me that is like souvenirs he can purchase his own and we just went through the finances I'm kind of new here so it ain't the first time I've put my foot in my big mouth but finances cause every organization a lot of problems, it's a lot of money if he wants to bring them back and give them to the State Convention or the Western area here then that's a different story. Adam Alcoholic – I keep going back and forth on this and I keep going back to the Oscar awards and how they toned down the jewelry and the dresses because during this recession they don't want to appear all full of money. I think it would show respect and I think other delegates would understand yes we understand you're saving your area money. Minority opinion changed a vote so we revoted 59 for and 10 opposed.

Steve P. Panel 59 Area 39 Alternate Delegate I would like to ask for an additional \$70 in funds that was used in attending Southwest Regional Delegates Assembly in Oklahoma City in addition I would like to ask that that \$70 be divided by 3 which is \$23.33 and be distributed to John A., Rondell M., and Ron H. our past delegates to defray their personal costs to represent us at the Southwest Regional Delegates Assembly in Oklahoma City. Carl as your area treasurer I would like to mention that he doesn't have to do that according to our guidelines. Motion was made by Andrea M. that we give Steve the money as he requested that motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Carl C. Area Treasurer I would like to create a line item on the yearly budget to cover expenses incurred by the past delegates doing Western Area Business at SWAARDA. The idea here is this between the guys that show up here and don't take their room don't take expenses and work their butts off and then they go off and incur expenses making sure that the corporate knowledge gets passed on we're obligated to cover those expenses. At this point we have no mechanism to do so my motion is that we create one. Cheri as there is no further discussion at this time we will place this item on the agenda in June for a discussion.

Erica 401 Group GSR in District 2 I make a motion that we figure out and set a workable prudent reserve for the western area 39. Motion was seconded. Doug – You know every treasurers report has a prudent that is showing on there right now it's currently standing at \$5,000 and some odd dollars if I'm not mistaken. I don't know why we have to continue to establish this, to me it sounds like we're trying to bring up a vote again on an issue we just voted on and it got turned down. Mike O. Could this be something that the finance committee investigate and make a recommendation on? Cheri – If I can interject for a moment when this came up last year we had an ad-hoc committee of past treasurers that put together recommendations I don't know that is a finance committee issue what I would have to do to is put together another ad-hoc committee to do the same thing over again. We had the ad-hoc committee a year ago and they gave a recommendation. Erica 401 Group District 2 it was brought to my attention that and the reason I made this motion was there was never a prudent reserve set. So that number that you see for prudent reserve has just been money that has been put in there and we're keeping it in there so they could at any time take that out and your prudent reserve is gone. Carl the issue of setting a value does anyone have a suggestion as to how to do that because the past treasurers and myself have researched so how do you want to set a value. Erica I'd like to withdraw that motion as written and make a new motion that we set and determine a prudent reserve as area 39. Pam R. I believe a prudent reserve was set in the 90's at 5,000 and then it was raised to 6,000 and then there were some problems with money disappearing at a certain point in time and what my request would be is that this be researched from former minutes from the 90's to get an answer. Mike O. the reason this got started and the reason it's important is because we are supposed to send money to GSO each year out of anything over and above our prudent reserve and without a number a value how will we know what we have over and above?

John A. – At the conference level you know we have non-trustee directors that have a vote, Class A trustees that get a vote, Class B trustees that get a vote, and all of the staff members get a vote. So you might who are they representing? How does their vote count? What are they representing? Which is going to lead me into something that I heard here this weekend that kind of bothered me. When did we start having a committee chair poll a committee to find out how their going to vote on today's issues so that they could vote the committees conscience? I'd like to hear some discussion on that because to me that sounds like lets get a block and we can vote with a block and get what we want on Sunday's business meeting. Cheri Alcoholic my home group is Live and Let Live and I'm past Achieves committee chair. And this is from what I was taught way back yonder. When I'm a GSR I take the information back to my group and I ask them how I want to vote or how they want me to vote. When I come back and I hear more discussion then I have the right of decision as their representative but I am voting for my group. When I was DCM we did the same thing. We discussed the upcoming agenda items and the district gave me guidance into what I was supposed to do as their voting representative. When I was committee chair for archives one of the things that we always did in committee was we took time to discuss what was coming up on the Sunday's agenda, you know some of the people that come in yes they all have a home group and yes they all have representation that way but as a member of that committee I felt like I was their representative I wasn't just voting for what I wanted. And that was something that I did I don't know if it was right or wrong that was something that I did because I've made a lot of decisions in my life and they haven't all been great so I prefer the guidance of whatever group I'm representing and that was something that I started. I don't know who else has picked it up and who hasn't but there you go. Pat L. Achieves chair I can't always understand stuff real real clear, I don't know I might have done some brain damage, aren't we trusted servants? And if we are don't we have a brain to use that God gave us? My question was first going to be when something comes up during the business of the day why can't we make a motion and vote on it then? For example I was going to get up here and I still am and I would like to make a motion Cheri – I hate to interrupt but we're still discussing John's topic. Pat – ok alright then. Mike O. – I think John is making a stink. You know we are trusted servants and we do have the right of decision but on the other hand I don't think there is anything wrong with asking for counsel from the committee or others involved in helping you. What they say is going along with spiritual matters is dangerous. And I hope all we do here to help the still suffering alcoholic a spiritual matter. I don't think there is any way to vote on this or anything but I do think it's something for our current trusted servants and we're coming up on elections our next trusted servants to think about. How do you want to get an informed conscience to make your decision? Quinn G. Alcoholic – I think for me it's that old saying to thine own self be true. If you read in the concepts for the position I'm in right now it says informed but not instructed so we'll just leave that to your interpretation. Hopefully nobody is swayed by anybody else when they are trying to come to their own individual consciousness on a vote on anything down here. And I don't believe we instruct any GSR how to vote to come down here you know the group makes their wishes known and the GSR comes down here and they may get other information that may change their mind. You know you can change your mind 10 times down here on an issue. My thing is have we fully discussed every question? Am I fully informed that is what I have to ask myself on everything that I raise my hand for maybe I need more information. That is why I said sometimes I think we rush things a little bit down here you know a lot of things in AA move very slowly and I don't see anything wrong with that. Kirby H. Bridge the Gap Northern Co-Chair – I was in that meeting and I assure you he was just wanting to get a feel for the group conscience of the committee before he cast his vote. I don't think there was anything menacing or a hidden agenda. Kevin L. Alcoholic – this whole discussion really comes about as far as people holding two positions, two voting positions. In my opinion it's not so much a matter who are you representing when you vote I think it's kind of a

matter of should you hold two positions where maybe you're keeping somebody else from being able to serve in a position. John A. alcoholic – Actually it doesn't have anything to do with anybody holding two positions. I would just think that if it was a committee meeting we would be doing the work of that committee not going through the areas agenda for Sunday. We have a lot of work to do in our committee why are we going over this Sunday business agenda in a committee meeting.

Pat L. – I'd like to make a motion to transfer the left over funds from the Missouri State Convention to our prudent reserve. Seconded. Carl asked that this item be considered an emergency and take so we can vote now. (A 2/3 majority must be reached to consider an item an emergency) 58 to 14 motion considered to be an emergency. Steve P. Alcoholic – I'm sorry there really isn't a big rush on this just because our treasurer wants to get this done I don't think classifies it as an emergency vote. I think when we do this we abuse the principle of an emergency vote. Carl – the only the reason I was requesting this methodology, no matter what the methodology was to go ahead and have a vote on it, is it was talked about last assembly it was talked about here it's enough talked about. It's just moving money from point A to point B and if I heard them correctly before I had the authority to do that and didn't even know it but I choose not to take it even if I had it I wanted you all to say go ahead and do it. Dave F. alcoholic – You know this emergency vote thing is getting out of hand. On money and things, the money is in the account either way. What really pisses me off is we got people coming up here and complaining about this exact thing and then turning around and voting to do this. Now I gotta go back to my district and explain why we're doing this. The only thing we got to go on, without the research which you just stood up there and said you were going to do and get all the facts on the prudent reserve going back to the 90's and doing all this stuff. I agree that the money probably should go back in there but I need to go back to my district and let them talk about it. These emergency votes have gotta stop. We had an emergency vote to go to have a single treasury system and a 2/3 majority to unapproved it. I mean we gotta have some consistency in the voting. Erica GSR 401 Group District 2 – I'm against it for several reasons first off I understand that the money is there and everything and it's not going anywhere and we are rushing issues I think. The other thing is that the motion was to move it into the prudent reserve and we don't even know that there was ever a prudent reserve set so how are you going to do that? Debbie alcoholic – I guess I'm confused because Pam had indicated that I thought that we'd already decided that was what was going to happen with the money. Carl took the initiative not to do something that he thought needed to come to the assembly and be requested. So he has done that and Pam has requested it so I don't get it. Mike O. alcoholic – You know I do agree about the emergency but we lost that vote so it's time to call the question. The vote was for 65 against 4.

Cheri J. a year and a half ago at the beginning of rotation I came up with an idea, and Dave helped me, of making new GSR packets for an orientation packet. It hadn't been done in the Western Area and it was an experiment to see if it would work, to see if it would benefit the new GSRs. I would like for you guys to think about this, think about what was in the packet, think about if you think something should be added or taken out I will put it on the agenda for June so we can discuss it because I want full discussion about this. I didn't want to slide anything through so that will appear on the June agenda.

Also In September we will be having elections. Committee time will be dedicated primarily to setting the budget for the next year and electing their new committee officers. Sunday's business meeting will be dedicated to the elections. Last time we were here we started at 9:00 AM and finished around 5:00 PM. So we will not be addressing any other business but elections at the September assembly therefore anything that we do not finish up with in June will be carried over until the following January.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed without opposition.