

Area 39 Western Area of Missouri Alcoholics Anonymous Agenda for September 25th and 26th 2010

Assemblies are Closed Meetings for Alcoholics Only
Area Assembly is Non-Smoking - Host District 14

Assembly Agenda - Saturday

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| 10:00-10:10 | General Opening and Announcements - Upstairs |
| 10:15-11:30 | General Service Representative (GSR) workshop – Upstairs District Committee Member (DCM) workshop - Gamblers Room Area Committee Chair workshop – Conference Room |
| 11:30-12:30 | Lunch on your own |
| 12:30-1:30 | Committee Meetings: Bridge the Gap – Gambler’s Room Website – Executive Room Literature – Conference Room Cooperation with the Professional Community - Upstairs |
| 1:40 – 2:40 | Committee Meetings: Institutions Weekend – Gambler’s Room Webmaster’s Roundtable – Executive Room Special Needs – Conference Room Public Information – Upstairs |
| 2:50 – 3:50 | Committee Meetings: Correctional Facilities – Gambler’s Room Ad-hoc Committee – Executive Room Archives – Conference Room WAMO Convention – Upstairs |
| 4:00 – 5:00 | Committee Meetings: Treatment Facilities – Gambler’s Room Ad-hoc Committee – Executive Room Missouri State Convention – Conference Room Grapevine – Upstairs |
| 5:00 – 6:30 | Dinner on your own |
| 6:30 – 7:30 | Speaker – Conley B. Southwest Regional Trustee |
| 7:30 – 7:45 | Ask-it Basket |
| 7:45 – | Area Officers Reports, Past Delegate Remarks Committee Reports – Introduction of New Committee Chairs and Alternates for Assembly Approval |
| After Reports | Archives Film or workshop - Upstairs Late night closed AA meeting - Conference Room Area Officers meeting - Executive Room |

Assembly Agenda - Sunday

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| 7:30 - 8:45 | Area Committee and Subcommittee Chairperson Breakfast-Conference Room (Outgoing and Incoming Chairs) |
| 9:00 | Business Meeting - Cheri J. - Chair Reading of the minutes – Andrea M. – Secretary Area Financial Report – 3 rd quarter – Carl C. - Treasurer |
| Old Business: | • All Old Business is postponed until the January 2011 Assembly |
| New 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. ▪ Election of Regional Trustee Nominee from Area 39 – Quinn G. and Cheri J. ▪ Election of Area Officers – Ron H. Panel 57 Past Delegate <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delegate• Alternate Delegate• Chairperson• Alternate Chairperson• Secretary• Alternate Secretary• Treasurer• Alternate Treasurer |

Please hold your remarks at the microphone to 2 minutes or less.
Assembly Dates for 2011 – Jan 15 & 16 – Mar 19 & 20 – Jun 25 & 26 – Sep 24 & 25

Announcements

There will be a Committee Chair workshop at 10:15 in the conference room on Saturday Morning

Sunday will be a long day so we will be bringing some food into the meeting room instead of breaking for lunch –

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Minutes of the Western Area of Missouri Area 39 from June 26th 2010

Cheri J. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Carl C. gave the financial report for the quarter. If your group is listed as inactive and is an active group please talk to your DCM and get the correct address, email and meeting times to our Alternate Delegate so we can get our information updated prior to sending the information to GSO, thank you. Quinn G. alcoholic – Carl on the assembly hotel rooms when we cover those does that just cover the room or does that include breakfast? Carl – We pay 62.50 per room that does not include any meals, or any gratuity, phone calls or nothing. We pay a flat fee; I take a form around and ask all of these nice people if they want their room paid for so that Joyce can get the bill made out. Dave F. – still on that if we come in and get the 62.50 rate that does not include the breakfasts so if you're getting your room paid for and they are giving you guys breakfast cards then the hotel is getting cheated. Rob Z. – Carl I asked you this question last night but I think the assembly floor ought to be informed. My question was the area officers receiving mileage expense to come to assembly and I asked you if that was part of our guidelines. You responded yes it was and you showed me some balance sheets where we had done that practice in the past. I'm still not clear on when that was voted in and where it is in our guidelines. Carl – in answer to your question have I had the time to look at the area guidelines and find it no I haven't I was up until about midnight last night and no I haven't had the time to do that yet. What happened was in January all these folks get up and they say we want X amount of dollars to spend for the year one of the line items that was submitted and approved was mileage for people that requested that mileage. I'm going to check and see if it is in the area guidelines just to follow up for you. Rob – it's not. Carl – it is authorized by virtue of them submitting a budget with that line item on it and that budget being approved. Andrea alcoholic – I have one more thing to add to that I believe it was about 3 years ago the assembly floor voted to raise the rate we were paying for mileage and also in that vote it was stated that it was to be paid for area business that is required and that is why area officers sometimes ask for mileage. The financial report was approved without any opposition.

Old business: Erica made a motion to set and determine a certain amount for a prudent reserve. The archives committee came back with a report that stated at the March 2001 assembly there was a motion made by Hobo "to set our prudent reserve at a six month operating expenses to fluctuate from year to year" that motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the assembly. So we have set and determined what our prudent reserve is supposed to be. The motion was dropped by the assembly as a prudent reserve has been set. (Please note that the report compiled for this issue is in the reports section)

New Business: Carl C. Area Treasurer – I requested this as your area treasurer for two reasons. One the value that we receive having the past delegates attending and working with our current delegate is beyond what we could pay for their room. I there have been situations where I was responsible for things and I needed training and it's on the job with these folks it's like any of the positions that you have here it is all on the job. These folks back here have the knowledge because they've been there and done that so what I would like to do is put a line item on the budget that the past delegates would get together and determine who can go and give me a figure in September and it can just be a rough figure it may never even get spent, that is not the point the point is that we as an area are responsible for paying for anyone for doing any work on our behalf. In addition to that I'd really like them to come up with a figure because they know what they've spent and it's better than me putting some ambiguous figure out there. For those of you who don't know our delegate is accompanied by our past delegates to SWRAADA and they share with our delegate don't fall in this pitfall don't fall in this one and I want this to allow us to have a line item on the budget so that the past delegates have an avenue to get some of their expenses reimbursed. Some people not knowing what SWRAADA is asked what it is? John A. Panel 47 area 39 past delegate. The South West Regional Delegates Assembly is held every year in March in Oklahoma City. The people that attend that Regional Assembly are the regional current delegates, their alternates and all past delegates from the South West region. Now there are some past delegates who do not attend because they can't afford it, there are some who don't attend it because their done with service you know the game. The regional trustee is there also and all the past regional trustees and directors attend that event. But that event is strictly set up once a year to assist the regional delegates in preparing to go to the conference. Now when we meet we do not tell the delegate how he should vote on anything

all we do is set up mock conference meetings to help them understand the process once they get to the conference in New York. Kathy O. GSR Lake Ozark Women opinion alert it is my opinion is that this is a book keeping item currently and what should be done is present a figure in the budget that we vote on and just add it in I don't know that we need to make a proposal right now. I don't think we need to vote on it right now I think it needs to be voted on as a piece of the budget. Jay – Have you checked with the other areas in our region to see what they do to have their delegates attend this thing? Carl – No. Mike O. DCM District 6 I think it's worthwhile to encourage our past delegates to attend and like John said some probably can't afford it. I think the line item should be made available to ALL past delegates and not pick and choose who can come or go. And I don't think we need to worry about a whole lot of guys doing this because well you know natural attrition they die off. No really so the expense really would not be a large expense. Up till now quite a few of them have been taking care of themselves so I don't think it would be a large expense and I will say that it is a worthwhile expense. Rob I think in the service manual the primary responsibility of the area is the election of a delegate and so to prepare the delegate to discharge his or her duties and responsibilities on our behalf in New York I think it's essential that they receive some support and some guidance so I'm in favor of that. Jim B. alcoholic I just have a question about the wording as far as who determines which or how many past delegates go to Oklahoma City from our funds. Harvey M . my question is, and I think we have about 6 past delegates still living, are all 6 of those past delegates going to be able to receive funding expenses to go to SWRAADA? Carl C. the budget item in January dictates how much money is spent so before a single dime is spent the assembly has the authority to say yea or nay on the amount of money. Basically speaking it boils down to you have the authority for the dollar value, we don't have a dollar value right now because there's not a proposal. Cheri J my question is this is not to fully fund the past delegates but to pay for their room and gas and help defray the cost of them going is that correct? Carl yes that was my intention. Rob I agree that this is a fund that is to set aside to defray the cost lets say it's \$2,000 we have 9 past delegates that are alive so that would be about \$225 apiece if they were all going to attend SWRAADA. If it was 5 delegates they would get maybe \$400 if \$2,000 was the amount of money that the area approved. John G. It's my understanding that what is being talked about is we're giving them the opportunity to request funds you know all this discussion so far has been about the funds could we limit this to what is actually supposed to be discussed. Doug I make a motion that discussion cease. Motion was seconded minority opinion Brian H. My question is mostly procedural if this passes with no motion on the floor does it die or do we continue to do something with this item. Cheri – no if the discussion is ended with no motion on the floor it would have to be put on the agenda again and dealt with at a latter time. Jack my only response is our past delegates have the experience and we're talking about something we have no experience of and our past delegates won't talk so I think we need them to weigh in on what they need. Steve P. Panel 59 area 39 alternate delegate – I have been going to SWRAADA the past two years and it is a great thing you guys pay my mileage and hotel and some food and some stuff along those line and the two years that I went three of the past delegates rode with me. One of the past delegates each year roomed with me you know they are going to try to save money by sharing rooms and riding together if possible. Minority Opinion changes votes revote and discussion was continued. Steve P. I just need to clarify something because I'm getting my butt chewed just to make it clear the past delegates have asked for nothing this is not their idea. So when I said they aren't asking for much, well they aren't asking for anything, this was brought up by Carl and they have nothing to do with it. Carl C. Area Treasurer – I make a motion that we allow this line item to be put on the next budget in September. Ok I've written it out do you want me to read it? Cheri – Yes please read the motion as you have it written. Carl – Motion to add line item to budget that allows past delegate expenses be paid by the assembly past delegates to submit the dollar value during the budget process. Motion was seconded and voted on. Minority opinion: Steve P. Panel 59 area 39 alternate delegate – The only thing I oppose about that is that he only said pay their expense he didn't say anything about SWRAADA he didn't say anything about going to Oklahoma and stuff along those lines so it would seem to me that what is on our agenda to create a line item for our past delegates to go to SWRAADA would be a pretty good motion instead of complicating stuff. John DCM for district 8 one of our concerns is that when items are presented to the assembly that they are nebulous, expenses is a nebulous term. Specify exactly what we are talking about. Quinn G. I'm also in the minority about this because I think it needs to be rewritten to be more specific if you're saying expenses you know am I going to fly down am I going to drive all sorts of things can enter into that. Neal

GSR for Savannah Bootstraps My problem with this and it's one problem I have with this and it's the spirit of rotation. Should past delegates go to this thing forever? And if they want to go they can pay their own way but we should only pay for so many past delegates. I think there should be a limit on how many past delegates. There is a spirit of rotation in AA and I don't believe that our area should be responsible for sending somebody who was delegate 20 years ago and we could get into a lot of money here unless this proposal is written right. Minority opinion changed votes the motion failed. Carl I'm entering a new motion to add the line item to the budget that allows the past delegates expenses to be defrayed to SWRAADA to be paid by the assembly past delegates to submit the dollar value during the budget process. Dave F. Guys this isn't rocket science every committee in here turns in a budget in September and we vote on that in January all he's asking for is a line item to where they can put an amount in there and it can be on the budget that we will look at in January if it's out of line we disapprove it if it's in line we approve it. I mean we do it for everybody in here we're wasting all day on something where all he wants to do is put a line in there where they can write a number down. Neal the question is how big can that number get? Again we're voting something that can screw up the entire budget process I've seen it take nine months for us to get literature in a committee to take to the still suffering alcoholic because of budget problems. So don't tell me this can't screw up carrying the message. I think this is wrong totally wrong there is a spirit of rotation and I do not believe and my group does not believe, I think I can talk for them, in paying for every delegate that ever sat in that position. Andrea M. Alcoholic – I agree that there is a spirit of rotation but in the spirit of that rotation what the past delegates have kindly been doing out of their own pockets is helping our current and hopefully future delegates learn what they learned. They are passing on their knowledge they have doing it out of pocket and I believe that we should create a line item for it and we do have the capacity to say no we're not going to pay that much when the budget is brought for approval. We have the right to say no we're not going to pay \$4,000 bring it down to \$1,000 or \$2,000. We also have the right to say ok they want \$2,000 what is it for? Hotel rooms, mileage, food what are they spending that on we have every right to ask those questions when the budget is presented. Mike O. I heard what they are trying to say is that the assembly will pay travel and room for the past delegates to go to SWRAADA period. Bruce called for a vote. Item passed minority opinion Amy just to reiterate kind of with Neal I'd like to see a cap, set a dollar amount; I don't like seeing just a blank hole there. Mike O. I guess there is a good idea but I don't have enough information about how this will work, about how they will submit their information, about how the past delegates who weren't here will be informed that they have this opportunity. I don't see how it works today let alone who it's going to work next assembly when we submit budgets and even in January when we approve budgets. Neal – our primary purpose is to help the still suffering alcoholic I think we're wasting money on sending people that was a delegate 20 years ago to SWRAADA. My group sends their money to this area for it to be spent on helping the still suffering alcoholic that is what our money should go for. The line item should not be in there because once we get a line item you guys don't, maybe some of you weren't here 6 years ago to see what this place was like but I've seen how it gets this was a complete disaster. Minority opinion did not change any votes.

Our next agenda item is New GSR packets presented by Cheri J. At the beginning of this rotation Dave and I reinstated something that had been done over 20 years ago and that was to put together information packets for new GSR's. Those packets included like a copy of the western area guidelines, a map of the hotel so you knew where the meeting rooms were, GSO guideline on what each of the standing committees were supposed to do, contact lists for the incoming officers and committee chairs, there were several things in the packet. When I was a new GSR way back when it really helped me a lot and we did this as a test to see if it benefited the GSR's or not. This was not something that has been part of the assembly for quite awhile it has never been budgeted for so at this time I would like to hear discussion and comments from the people of assembly and those who received the packets to see if the assembly, the area should continue this practice. Dave F. DCM for district 14 you know I talked to my GSR's about this and when they came out, I think they were great packets, but I ended up with 11 packets for my district for groups that either non existent, dead, or just noon meetings that aren't even registered groups. I think if we're going to do this it needs to be just for the registered active groups rather than spending a whole lot of money I mean I ended up with 11 folders that I couldn't do anything with. Use active groups rather than meeting schedules. Sam alcoholic I agree I think the packets were great especially the map even though I've been here lots of times the map of knowing where you're to go

was great. The packets were very helpful to the incoming GSR who didn't know where to go or what to do. Debbie H. Cheri and I had also talked about putting the sobriety postcards in the packets, I did not receive a packet I've been coming down here longer than two years but I do know people who have received those in the past and they were very helpful. And then we're going to incorporate the sobriety cards which have all the websites and information on them as well and seem to be very effective.

Unidentified person – Unlike David we used the packets to go to groups who weren't active and we had something to say and give them to invite them to participate in the service structure it was a nice in route.

Eric R. My first assembly was what last September or October. I didn't know anything I had to rely on the people who came up with me so it would have been nice to kind of know what was going on. I did take it upon myself to read the guidelines but I don't like going into a place not knowing what is going on cause I don't like to ask people for help. So it would be helpful.

Andrea alcoholic – my question is that since you're going to be rotating on who is the New GSR packets going to be placed on who's responsibility is that? My concern is that some people who are rotating into positions like secretary already have enough work so I'm curious as to who is going to be responsible for these packets.

Pam GSR Blue Springs district 7 I thought the packets were nice I think it's the GSR's responsibility to check the websites. It's a trusted servant position I think those packets if I remember were quite expensive to put together the same could be done with just making some copies of the guidelines if you want to put a motel map it's not that big of a motel, what is expected in a GSR report just a couple of basics everybody at their groups I'm pretty sure has GSR the pamphlets and things like that. I thought there was a lot of redundancy of things that are readily available and I really didn't see a need for it.

Cheri – I knew money was going to come up. At the time when we did those packets we did not have an area copier so all of that stuff was printed out. And it was expensive. Looking at the way we do things now to put together 200 packets, I put together a budget for the 200 envelopes to put them in two cases of paper which is 10,000 sheets to copy stuff on, and a toner cartridge, because I figured we would use a toner cartridge doing that, doing that ourselves it would drop the price to somewhere around \$200 to provide the 200 packets. So it's about a dollar a packet.

Dave H. – who is going to do this Cheri? Cheri – you know what to get this going you know I come down on Friday nights and Carl and I spend time at the copier, if this is approved, and I have a motion to make, if this is approved I would say that starting in September and stuff, Dave is volunteering and maybe we can get some other people to volunteer to help sit at the copier and start getting these packets ready so they are ready in January. After we have that initial 200 set up if we use 50 at an assembly we can replace and get that 50 going once we get that initial batch it'll be maintenance on how much we hand out each September but you know I'm willing to help whatever service position I have. We have the people here who want to help evidently and I think it would be budgeted into the alternate chair position because their the ones that deal with the new GSR's and the workshop but I don't think we'd have a problem getting enough help to get all of that printed up and assembled.

Pat I was recently appointed to the GSR position for A vision for you in Raytown and I inherited the packet because the original GSR was unable to fulfill his commitment so he passed the GSR packet on to me and it was vital even though I only had maybe 5 or 6 days of it's use but I needed to know what I was supposed to do so I gained a lot of information so I think it's useful.

Jim G. GSR South Kansas City I think the GSR packets are a good idea I just think it would probably be a better idea to post them to the website that way the GSR's could print them themselves and it would cost the area virtually nothing and the GSR's could print off their own packets that way.

Roger DCM district 9 a new GSR from a group that is very close to this assembly today he was out there on his own came into the GSR thing through acclamation he had no one to lead him he had no sponsor to led him in that process of becoming comfortable with being a Group Service Representative. Got him to accompany me here, he has now become a regular attendee; he's been GSR for about a year and that packet was very important for him. I have a sponsee who has less than a year and my home group said you want to be GSR that is great we don't have one and the welcoming packet from the assembly was to him a valuable resource it made him feel comfortable welcomed and wanted and gave him some direction as to how to get around here and a little bit more about the process this is in addition to the regular GSR packet he got form GSO. I think that this beginning cost of a couple hundred bucks that's nothing I too will help I'll come down here on Friday night whenever you guys want to do this because that is helping the next alcoholic.

Rondell M. I'm in favor of anything that we can pass out that can be passed along to the next GSR's as they come in it seems like hopefully we won't lose it but I think anything that we get informational wise by

literature or by anything else is always helpful to GSR's. I would hate to see though something like this replace the hands on workshop orientation times GSR's have in January each year the one on one topics where they can ask questions and stuff like that. Like I said I'd hate to see this replace that but I see nothing wrong with this being in addition to. Russell the GSR that I replaced gave me a huge pile of information of which I made copies of all of it so I can pass it on give it to the GSR when I rotate out. And also other people in my district like Pam and Jay you know I've asked questions of people and I got all the information I needed right off the bat so you know I think if we're responsible to our groups then we can just pass the information we have on along and I don't see really a need for this. Sandy from Nevada group I have a question, or a comment about the GSR packets I don't think I got one. My question is sometime things happen within a group before they do the elections again is there a way that we can make a GSR packet available at any time? Jay – it's all great but who are we to set precedent for the next chair or alternate chair? Cheri – I'd like to make a motion. I move that the Western Area provide GSR packets containing Western Area of Missouri information to new GSR's attending the Western area assemblies. Seconded. Tony Englewood Winners I just think that it needs to be refined a little bit with a dollar amount and I'll go for it. Andrea alcoholic also it needs to specify who's budget that dollar amount goes under. Minority opinion did not change any votes motion carried.

Discussion on allowing Class A trustees and nominees to attend area assemblies. Mike O. alcoholic – As it stands right now our assemblies are a closed meeting no non-alcoholics allowed. Also currently our staffer in New York is a non-alcoholic who even though we call and send her all our business and she helps us out she would not be able to attend this assembly. Talking with Quinn our current Delegate and he said at the last non-alcoholic trustees elections we did have a person from our area who's name was submitted and met with him at institutions weekend and another lady who was going through the education process to be involved to work with other alcoholics and she would like to be involved and possibly be a trustee. To make a long story short we have no way in place of inviting non-alcoholics in to understand our third legacy procedure or anything like that. A couple of years ago at the SWRAASA in St. Louis one of the number one topics that they had is that we're doing badly at encouraging non-alcoholics to participate thus part of our conference procedure might be compromised. The last thing in talking with Quinn in New York they are even trying to come up with a plan to where non-alcoholic concerned people are involved in AA, assemblies, world services and all like that. I am not going to put a motion on the floor because I think we should probably go back to our groups and get feedback from members as to how we open up closed meetings to allow non-alcoholic people in. Especially so it's not done willy-nilly to where you can bring your wife in, I think it can be done by request or invitation. I think it should be a great area discussion, debate and then a vote so there will be no motion from me today. Brian H. GSR Live and Let Live – as I understand it at the conference level there are provisions they sometimes have international jurists of members of AA in other countries. Basically the conference votes and decides on whether or not they're allowed to sit in and observe, is that how it works? Again perhaps calling on our delegates as elder statesmen. We're asking these people to serve as our trusted servants to work with us as trustees or whatever and they need to have some idea of how we do things for better or for worse. And yes there needs to be some sort of provision so it isn't I'm bringing in two friends, my wife, and the dog, but I think by invitation or with approval you know this is someone who is interested in serving as trustee I think is something we should be able to do. At least I'm going to be taking it back to my group and I'm going to be recommending that we support it we'll see what my group has to say. John G. Independence #1 – a closed meeting in Alcoholics Anonymous is a closed meeting in Alcoholics Anonymous period. You can go to a lot of groups and sometimes people will be in a closed meeting and they want to have a group conscience about making it open because somebody wants somebody else to attend. That is inappropriate behavior in Alcoholics Anonymous because you know in a group environment a lot of times the one person that is not okay with that happening is also the one person that is not going to speak out. There is a reason we have closed meetings and functions because they're closed. I'm not saying that this is a bad idea if you want somebody to attend this but the deal has to be to make this open and when it's open it's open. Pam K. GSR Blue Springs – to me this is more of a business meeting than a closed AA meeting and I know that in Roberts Rules of Orders there are rules that allow guests to be invited. I'm not sure of all the fine details but I know it's in Roberts Rules and maybe that is something we could do some research on to allow those special guests in when they would like to visit. John GSR Paseo Group – as we were talking

about non-alcoholic attending our meeting we do have a non-alcoholic in this room right now and it's this kid back here so if you allow that to happen in here how come we can't do it somewhere else? You know how come we can't let some other people in. We are so anonymous till we are anonymous from ourselves. We carry this thing way to far and we try to get people to come in and help us to get stuff out to help the other people but we're so worried about ourselves. Andrea alcoholic – there is nothing that says we can't come to say a March assembly and say that we are going to invite a non-alcoholic trustee to the June assembly and take a vote on whether or not to allow that there is nothing that says we can't let everybody know in advance that this is our plan is that approved or not? John Panel 47 past delegate – I think what Michael is talking about is real innovative and it's probably good for us to look at and mainly because if we ever invited our Archivist from our General Service Office to come be a part of our assembly they are non-alcoholic. So a class A trustee that works their butts off for us at the conference level and through the media and everything else they are the face of AA if we invited them they're non-alcoholic. Recently we had a physician who sent his resume in to GSO to be considered as a class A trustee he went to institutions weekend he spoke on that panel he would be interested in coming to an assembly to see how it operates. The man loves Alcoholics Anonymous and wants to serve on our boards, we don't have boards here but our boards at the General Service Office. So it's a good way of helping PI and CPC work with the professional community. I think sometimes we just complicate the hell out of everything. Now my wife will not want to come to this assembly, I assure you, she thinks we're all nuts and most of the time I agree with her but somebody that loves AA and wants to serve our fellowship in a public way that can be our face to recovery or sobriety. So I think it's a good point that we speak about this. Rondell M. Panel 55 Area 39 past delegate – as Michael brought up here on the agenda I see is says here allowing a class A trustee to attend our deal. Class A trustees are part of the conference you even though they are not alcoholics they are still part of the conference they are voting members of the conference. So having a current class A trustee come to assembly should not be a problem. I don't see a problem with that they are part of the general service conference. Mike O. – I heard discussions about anonymity and the spirit behind anonymity is not secrecy it's humility. We are not hiding from these people. Also we just had a long discussion about are alternate delegates and past delegates going to this SWRAADA and help prepare our delegate to go be a part of the world services assembly up in New York by letting these guys come in we would let them see how our third legacy works, how we go over and over in fine tooth comb every little detail and yes because if they're going to be a part of this they going to need to know all of this. It would be similar to helping them prepare to become a trustee. Andrea had a question there is nothing in writing saying we can't do this but there is nothing in writing saying how we do do this. I mean other than myself and the guy that Quinn and them met, the doctor, there is no I mean I could throw a name out and we could vote on it and it would be straight up or down. Without the person being here to state their qualifications like when we qualify and all that we have no way of knowing anything about them. Real short we need a standard way of introducing these people into our assembly. Brian H. – one thing kind of touching on what Mike just said, there is some precedence for this. I don't know how many of you remember about three or four years ago a question came up about a GSR who needed a sign language interpreter and a question came up about would we allow a non-alcoholic interpreter to attend in order to help us get our business done and the assembly said that yes they would allow that. There is precedence of the assembly saying that yes they would allow non-alcoholics in the room if it is for the purpose of getting the business done. Bruce alcoholic as I'm reading the agenda here it is specific to class a trustees and nominees and we're talking about wives and pets and things can we stay specific to what the agenda item is. John G. – there are a lot of different ways of doing this and I'm not against someone being here so if I gave that impression I'm sorry but what I really am concerned with is the structure of how Alcoholics Anonymous works. It is possible to make this an open assembly but to have anyone who is on the outside of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous on an invitation only basis. Doug alcoholic – I make a motion that this discussion cease. Minority opinion Amy – I'm not opposed to ending discussion today but there is a caveat that I'd like to take this back to my group so we can discuss this again in January. Cheri – you don't have to do that it can be brought back. Amy – well I'd like it brought back as old business not new business. Steve P. – well I was kind of under the impression from our last little episode a little bit ago about whether or not this will die if we don't entertain this motion and just cease discussion because it was my understanding that it would die from the last stuff we were arguing about. Anyway I would hate to see that and that is why I voted no. Quinn

G. – I voted in the minority just so I could come to the mic and share a little information. The General service board when they meet in July this is going to be one of their main topics of discussion about how to attract a larger pool of class A trustee nominees a possible check list for people to use when they are looking for trustees. Just the whole process they're going to look at everything on that so this is going to be a big topic. And it's something you might take back to your districts and your groups, are we on the lookout for class A trustee nominees, do we even know what we're looking for in somebody that's a friend to Alcoholics Anonymous? I've had this discussion with some other people and I had no idea what I was looking for and it's something you might think about because it is 7 voting positions at the conference and they do have a voice and they do come to the mic. I'll have more information to share with you at the September assembly and I think it's something that is worth continuing to talk about. Mike O. like Steve I was under impression that if we end discussion now it's forever and I think we need to continue this. Minority opinion changed votes, revote motion to end discussion failed. Mike O. – can we put this on the agenda for January? Passed without opposition.

Jeannie Treatment Chairperson – we have a special line item that we need additional funds for the original, this had to do with printing costs of our sub-committee of Bridge the Gap, requesting \$22.22. Neal alcoholic – I make a motion to approve that amount for reimbursement for the printing costs. Motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Kirby H. Bridge the Gap Northern Co-chair – I make a motion that Bridge the Gap become a standing committee for placement on the January agenda.