

SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL SERVICE, DISTRICT 6
General Service Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 8th, 2013

7:00-7:30: Bridging The Gap Orientation

7:00-7:30: New GSR Orientation

7:00-7:30: 12 Concepts and Service Manual Study

7:30-8:00: Sub-District Meeting

8:00 – 9:15

A. Opening – Standing Items

- General Service Preamble (Teddy W [REDACTED] DCM chair),
Tradition 1 (Numa A [REDACTED]) and Concept 1 (Art C [REDACTED])
- Welcome of
 - New GSRs –
 - Numa A [REDACTED] (meeting place @noon)
 - Kirsten J [REDACTED] (Waterfront)
 - Steve J [REDACTED] (Waterfront Alt)
 - Zane G [REDACTED] (Any Lengths)
 - Scott K [REDACTED] (Join the Tribe)
 - Frederick Ca [REDACTED] (Living Sober)
 - Dennis H [REDACTED] (Each day a new beginning)
 - Colin J [REDACTED] (Friendly circle beginners)
 - Ryan G [REDACTED] (Friendly circle beginners alt)
 - Elizabeth Z [REDACTED] (like a prayer)
 - Daniel B [REDACTED]-M [REDACTED] (Each Day A New Beginning Sunday)
 - Buck B [REDACTED] (Blue Book Special)
 - New DCMs
 - Bradford W [REDACTED] (220)
 - Mike B [REDACTED] (285)
 - Ivan B [REDACTED] (245)
 - Rhys G [REDACTED] (250)
 - Kristina Z [REDACTED] (360)
 - Visitors – Dawn [REDACTED], Agustin [REDACTED], Perrin I [REDACTED],
Doug G [REDACTED]
- Recognition of Birthdays/Anniversaries since our last meeting
 - Rachel 6 years
- VOLUNTEER for a 2-Minute Presentation on Concept 2 at February meeting : Ian M [REDACTED]

- Approval of Minutes and Financial Reports : Approved
- **District Committee Members / Officers / Liaison Reports** (please submit written report to secretary prior to the district meeting).

Teddy: The DCMC Letter report highlights: Welcome to panel 63. When I arrived in GS during panel 55 the only thing I remember is being told, "Get a service sponsor", when I arrived. Teddy asks for people who are available to be service sponsors. If you are new I suggest you look around and try to find a service sponsor. Might have heard What's a DCM, What's a Panel, there are cheat sheets on table and in your service manual. No more elections tonight b/c we have been doing 3 months of elections. If you are interested in serving see Teddy after the meeting. If there is more than 1 person interest in position then we will have 3rd legacy.

GSR: Is the group contributions figure 25% from all of meetings. Where is it from?

Teddy: most groups contribute 5% of their surplus after rent and expenses. Most groups give 5%

GSR: Is this the same as central office?

Teddy: central office a different number We have some visiting guests who will be giving us presentations this evening who will give us some presentations

Paddy, our delegate will be sitting on the agenda committee at the GS conference, which means the committee, decides what the theme will be. Deadline for suggestion is Jan 15. If your group has an idea for 2014 theme talk to Teddy and we will get suggestion go see Paddy. There is a roster of trusted servants attached to packet if your name or data wrong fill out and give to Christina after the meeting.

That is all teddy has to say at this moment.

Riaz: thanks for letting me serve

Amber: We paid our expenses and rent group cont over \$640. A group sent us a \$41 check. End of month \$4204 of which is our prudent reserve. Visual in mailing is check request form. We

have a few DC outings and they get reimbursed for mileage and hotels for going to meetings. If questions please ask

Susan (Bridging the Gap): next orientation is 7 o'clock next month. If interested anyone is welcome. Need a sunset person to meet someone who is getting out of an institution near there and wants to meet someone

Christina for the panel: 1 copy of district sign in/up sheet find your name which is listed next to meeting (listed by sub district) make sure your data is correct. If you attended orientation your info will be by next month or 2. We will clean this up and will try to have list what will have easier to find your name and info by the next month

GSR: how do we register as a DCM?

Benn W [redacted] (email coordinator): I use email list, which Christina collects. If you want to be off the list tell Christina and she will tell me also if you want a packet printed. Let me know and give me your snail mail and I will sent you a copy

Andy [redacted]: I am alternate DCMC and do orientation. wanted to thank people who came to orientation. If new or never done orientation, please come at 7 we meet at 7. Also, if you could not come today, please see me after meeting and I will give you packet.

Mike B [redacted] (food coordinator): I am bringing pizza and water. If you have not paid, please pay. There are 2 cups please put \$5. If you paid last month don't worry about it.

- Housekeeping motions (if any) arising from reports: Teddy explains process.
 - 2013 Budget for disapproval if any

Amber: if anybody who has not copy of draft budget and want a copy they are up front (passes them out), pretty much same as last month. One thing we did not foresee which is that if we have money to do so we send 2 people. to Boise in March for. Tried to make budget larger but seems small to me. Because we had that amount were

going to run a deficit budget. We had increase with regards to PRAASA was \$1600. Underneath that is reimbursement for DCM's right now \$1350. We had it at \$1800-\$1850. We've had an unprecedented # to make themselves available. What is the figure to the right that has all this info you can see, but there is a line "to be reevaluated in June." We will keep an eye on it and check in June.

GSR: Why were items added for income for conferences and events and individual conferences and events added?

Amber: not unprecedented. We don't; know if we will get individual. Contributions. No pressure for people. To contribute but some might.

Teddy: Any objections?

Budget passes.

Amber: thank you finance committee for putting that together

- That the signatories on the Association's Bank Account with Bank of America be changed with immediate effect to reflect the current composition and identity of the officers of the Association:

Teddy: We are an association according to the bank and must change officers on account

- Chair: Teddy W [REDACTED]
- Alternate Chair: Andrew [REDACTED]
- Secretary: Riaz A [REDACTED]
- Treasurer: Amber W [REDACTED]

And that the Treasurer be empowered to execute all such instruments as may be required by Bank of America to effect such change.

This motion passes.

- That the date of the Agenda Topics Workshop be 3/16/13.

We need to ratify this date: This is a workshop we do in the district to support GSR thru process of agenda topics which affect AA as a whole so that GSR's can get an idea of what to take to their groups to get a group conscience on for GSR to bring back and then it ultimately it goes to NY.

Paddy: is it in the city?

Teddy: yes we have it here or at Urban Life Center generally

GSR: That one in November?

Teddy: that last one was Unity Day. We do 2 events. Workshop and Unity Day

GSR: DO we have coffee and things?

Teddy: yes we provide beverages and will be asking people. To bring food as a potluck. Any objections ?

Housekeeping motion passes.

- Presentation of Concept 1: Seems we did not have a volunteer. Teddy asks for a volunteer. Paddee Volunteer (shamrocks and serenity)

Paddy (reads concept short version) – authority resides with groups not w/ authorities. Bill traces how this upside down structure came to be. 1938 Alcoholic foundation 1954 renamed to service board. Lit, pub info, new groups get started; experience of getting group started etc. stuff AA groups couldn't do alone. Both board an office looked to cofounders for policy and leadership. Great res. From trustees, AA called GS conference. Groups themselves and AA members are in control not a founder or trustees.

- Visiting Officer/Formal Delegate Presentations:

What GSRs need to know at the start of the panel | Agustin
[REDACTED], CNCA Treasurer, Panel 63: How we do business in CNCA.

Agustin: we don't rush to take decisions as you know. When a new motion comes to an agenda, the chair presents it as new business. Then we have opportunity to ask as many questions as you can about the motion "why," "how we got to this motion", "what's its intent?" Also the chair affects this process. At the area meeting you will meet trusted servants in the area. After the discussions and opinions it becomes "old business" If you are still not ready to vote but not clear what exactly what the motion is about you can still decide to discuss the motion as long as you want. It is your decision. And then when you get ready to vote you can just vote it. Our 4th warrantee says every decision we take in AA should be discussed, voted and as much unanimity as possible b/c we don't just want a majority that imposes its will or decision. We want everyone to be agreed or happy with the decision we are going to take. But, We don't take decision about what will make people happy, but what is best for AA. That's why we discuss and talk and talk until we get clear what is the decision we are going to make. At the begging like I said, we don't rush. That's about all the GSR, DCM < DCMC in district an area officers and area and all that an committee meetings will decide motions. Thanks for letting me serve and if you have nay questions please ask me and I will be happy to serve.

Amber: I have a question what's housekeeping vs. regular motion

Agustin: good question! Yeah you see Teddy presenting housekeeping motion. The difference is housekeeping can throw out in a meeting, and if there is no objection it is just passed. In the other case it's a motion is presented as new business and it has to be discussed then it becomes old business then it is decided. Housekeeping can be done and decided in a meeting.

Teddy presents Doug G

Doug G, Past CNCA Delegate, Panel 53: What GSR's need to know at start of a panel: 2003 and 20-0-4 panel 53 delegate. 1995 new GSR went to SJ for first meeting in district 40 was GSR for deaf group I didn't know what to do but was nosy and curious. Went to an assembly and was amazed to see business of AA going on and enthusiastic. I was hooked to see love and service for no \$ and I was hooked. What does a GSR need to know? I sat in on orientation and was great by Andy. I want to welcome new GSR tonight. So you go to 1st AA meeting and they speak English but don't get it. If you feel that way you're in the right place. You will learn and then in 2 years it will be time to rotate. When we translated we are not professionals into Japanese: we are always amateurs. So always be an amateur. Yes we have a board of directors, 93 delegates etc. and make decisions, but if conference doesn't know how groups feel about things they make a decisions in a vacuum. Then your job is to get group conscience to share and then take to NY so they know what they are deciding on. Paddee wants to know how your groups feel about what is going on in AA. You are that crucial link between your groups and with the board who do the day to day business. As Augustin mentioned, you will be subjected over time to General Service. Items. You will want to take them to groups, area business or assembly business and you want to take business items to your group conscience and then later district meeting and you bring back result to group. It's a 2-way street that we facilitate. You will then hear stuff from say Vacaville from Paddee about what happened in NY and you take that back to your group. So they know what is going on in AA as a whole. We talk and we talk because we need to get a voice through informed group conscience to determine what God wants us to do to be of service to drunks and be of max service to them. We also have minority opinion to keep us in check. We have a calendar. Write down assembly and other important dates we have 4 district assemblies write those down. We have assembly in Boise: PRAASA in March if you can go in March. GO! 15 areas are coming together in Boise and will talk about the same things so you can educate yourself another more. Also have unity days conference etc. So keep a calendar so you know what is going on. I missed a meeting assembly meeting that is and my sponsor called me out about it. Get help from other GSR's with experience to learn Get a service sponsor.

Read a lot read everything you get because all will help you understand what is going on. It won't make sense at first but it will make sense. There is a whole chapter in the service manual for GSR so read lots because you will learn your role. Also get an alternate so you can have someone rotate in when you rotate out. I want to leave you with spiritual nature of what we do. Trying to find out through informed group conscience what God wants us to do to be of service and of maximum service to drunks out there Board doesn't dictate how AA will run to groups it's the reverse. Because groups are on the front line. We need tools and services to do that GS allows us to do that and gives us tools. If we needed to change pamphlets etc. we can bring it to GSR and we can Change it if it doesn't work anymore. Bring it do district and talk about it in a business meeting and if district agrees goes to area and if area agrees goes to NY. They need to know what we need on front lines here and your job is to make info flow 2 ways bring from groups and share back to groups. I had to get a group conscience even though my group refused, by taking them to coffee at Denny's We have to do this to ensure that others get it later on.

B. District Business [Business of the San Francisco District. Items here will either affect our local district or may be referred to the Area if items could affect AA as a whole.]

Service Positions – Positions to be filled: Special Events/BTG Co-Chair/Grapevine/Literature Assistant/Coffee Maker/Intergroup Liaison/PICPC Liaison/District 16 Liaison/Assembly co-chairs/District Committee Members.

Teddy describes these during the 2nd vote for the PRAASA delegate.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- 3rd Legacy election to select 2nd PRAASA delegate.

Teddy: this happens March 1 -3 in Boise. I will ask Cheryl to come up and say a few things about the experience. As she talks you can think about whether you can go. District provides for

hotel, airfare and registration and you can think about if you are available and we can conduct an election to see who can go on behalf of the district

Cheryl P [REDACTED]: I was lucky to go last year it was awesome. I didn't know what I was getting into and I had that day off work and nothing to do that weekend and I Was starting to understand GS a little more and I wanted to know more and I learned so much more and had fun. It was a turning point in my participation. In GS. I got to room with Karen and learned a lot w/ her. It's a conference-type set up with panels and got to listen people talk on topics related to GS. It was like a learning vacations. It w a lot of work and I learned a lot but it was great.

Teddy goes round room to see who is and is not available:

Before doing this he explains 3rd legacy.

Dawn A [REDACTED] Karen volunteer to count ballots:

Available members:

Bryan H [REDACTED] -available b/c it will be novel and a great opportunity for service and I promise not to be on my phone the whole time. I've been sober a long time and would be time to do something a little more

Elizabeth Z [REDACTED] - I'm available but would rather not go.

Ryan - I want to get into this as a GSR

Susan - loved time I spent as GSR and would like to learn about AA at a national level

Mark - available b/c I'll be in that part of the country

Greg - getting a yr as GSR. Loved other assembly I went to, and I would love to do this too.

Ernest - are you willing to go to any length his sponsor asked him. I want to stay <expletive> sober. What do I need to do to help drunk outside. This is a great way to do that.

Doug G [REDACTED] explains 3rd legacy more thoroughly as votes are almost all counted.

1st vote: no one had 2/3 so no one is eliminated from the ballot.

2nd vote: Ernest and Susan is the top 2 so they stay.

3rd vote: 34-needed Susan got 33.

4th vote: Susan gets it with 39 votes.

Discussion Topics: [Brought to the district by groups, GSR's or any trusted servant and discussed until a motion is brought forward for consideration or the district decides to pass.]

- None

C. Area Committee Meeting Business [Business being discussed at the Area Committee Meeting. [We may obtain a district conscience on these items and/or you may obtain your group's conscience]

Teddy explains this is for the 1-month meeting for the area for all the districts that affect the area for CNCA. Sometimes we discuss this here if we want a district conscience to take to the area.

Some of you might want to form a conscience on in in your group. You can talk it to them about that

Presentation of New Business: None

New Business:

- o That the motion passed at the May 2011 Area Committee Meeting to allow for the option of receiving the CNCA Comments via email [1105-1] be rescinded.
- o 2013 Budget for disapproval if any

Old Business: None

Discussion Topics: None

D. Assembly Business [Business to discuss with your groups and upon which to share your group's conscience at the next assembly business meeting. The next assembly is April 6-7, 2013.]

Teddy: 4 times a year we meet 300-450 people we discuss business that affects all of CNCA. This is less procedural an more about organizing CNCA. This is the stuff we take to NY and you may want to have SOME of this stuff run through your group's conscience.

Presentation of New Business:


o That CNCA cease production, copying and mailing of hardcopy versions of *CNCA Comments/Comentarios* except when individually requested. – Web Committee

New Business: None Old Business:

o That Area Officer travel to each district be limited to twice per year, unless otherwise requested by the district. (Presented by District 07, Alameda North)

9:15 – 9:30

E. Closing – Standing Items

- 7th Tradition
- Group highlights out of “the hat”
- Pass the Basket for Food Contributions
- What’s On Your Mind
- Sample GSR Report – Alt. DCMC: Andy T 

9:30 Close