

News from District 8 – North Idaho DISTRICT EYE

August, 2023



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The general service representative has the job of linking his or her group with A.A. as a whole. The G.S.R. represents the voice of the group conscience, reporting the group's thoughts to the district committee member and to the delegate, who passes them on to the Conference. This communication is a two-way street, making the G.S.R. responsible for bringing back to the group Conference Actions that affect A.A. unity, health, and growth. Only when a G.S.R. keeps the group informed, and communicates the group conscience, can the Conference truly act for A.A. as a whole. —AA Service Manual, pg S26

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District 8- North Idaho AA
Meeting Minutes- July 11, 2023

Call to order @ 7:01 p.m. followed by the serenity prayer (Catherine).

GSR statement read by Rolf

Secretary's Report: Minutes from June 13 need the following adjustments (& secretary was/has been out of town):

1. Under "Alt DCM report": Minutes did not capture Alt DCM's verbal report; instead it says that no report was given. Record should be adjusted to include David's report.
2. Under "Standing Committee Reports": At least 2 members said they gave a standing committee report, but the secretary's report does not acknowledge this. Let the adjusted report reflect that some information is missing
3. Under "New Business," it should say:
"Paula brought up the pink can money and discussed the latitudes given for distributing the funds. We need more authority to act. The goal is to open up the funding latitudes to include providing literature for P.I. and C.P.C. Discussion ended with a possible motion to be brought forward next month."

Unable to approve the Secretary's report, some discussion ensued about shortcomings of our districts' minute-taking and report-giving. Comments included "get your reports in by the 6th" (so they're not just verbal); "The minutes are different than the district eye; this body approves *minutes*, not the newsletter" (Benjamin) and "maybe we need a new recorder" (Ed; a recorder, with which a transcript used to be prepared, has not been in use). People's expectations of meeting minutes seemed to differ widely (if minutes are not a transcript, then they're more of a subjective summary?). Robert's Rules of Order was cited (Catherine) as was pg. 7 of the handbook (Paula). It was suggested that further discussion on this issue is outside the scope of the secretary's report and is off track at this point of the meeting (Ed). Motion to accept the adjusted minutes made by Ed; Jan R. seconded.

DCM report: read as submitted. She forgot to attend the DCM roundtable as planned that our area chair had hosted- "Sorry Benjamin!"

Alt DCM report: see DE submission

Treasurer's report: see DE submission. Rachel hasn't replenished pudents reserve because contributions are down and there's upcoming bills. Said she'd speak to the homegroups to encourage 7th tradition participation because some don't ever contribute. GSRs should attend to this topic, have their business meetings and "do the deal". Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Gloria, Loren seconded.

GSR reports: 10 GSRs were present but not all gave verbal reports. Reports read verbatim from the DE are not included here.

Kerri S., Alt. GSR for Primary Purpose: WSEA quorum motion repeated

Gloria (Sober Sisters): submitted report to Catherine

Our DCM Catherine also mentioned that 2 new women's groups, "YET" and "Grace and Dignity", have begun in Post Falls.

Standing Committee reports

Treatment: n/a

Newsletter: n/a

Central office: n/a

Public Information (P.I.): Chuck met with Paula about literature in preparation for setting up a booth at the Walk of Life event in September. He attempted to participate in the Area's monthly P.I. meeting but no one else was on the call. Apparently, Ricky was badly delayed by a traffic situation and wasn't able to act as host to open the meeting.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Laurie F. recruited a helper (Brittany) and has received and read the CPC workbook. She's on board to collaborate with Chuck (P.I.). Nathan said to write a report and submit it to the DE. Benjamin gave her Tracy's email (Area 92 CPC) and encouraged her to introduce herself, as there is an event next month in which she might get involved.

Literature: nothing new to report.

Activities: nothing new

Webchair: n/a

Unfinished business:

- **D8 inventory:** Ed re-read the action items from the inventory report and reminded the district that we need to tackle these items and need more time before our 7pm general meeting. No announcement was made that we were supposed to meet earlier this month, and the people that did show up found the room to be unsuitable (messy, lots of distractions). "We need to set up the room better" (Catherine); "We need to take 30 minutes before starting this (gesturing to the room and the meeting in progress) meeting to actually follow through with the inventory" (Ed); "We can't change the time of the district meeting! The handbook..." (Stan). Ed made a housekeeping motion made for us to meet August 8th upstairs in the main church lobby to discuss the action items for our district; Rolf seconded. Majority approved.
- **Literature / Pink Can:** motion to update verbage was given out.
- **Web Committee Change:** Catherine reiterated the need for web chair / tech committee for hybrid setup. Spread the word.
- Handbook: no notes taken

New business:

- Zoom account is up for renewal. Google Meets may be just as good, and free. All homegroups that do hybrid meeting should have their own accounts. Garret made a motion that D8 discontinue using and paying the \$15/month for Zoom. Discussion followed. Google Meets access is not extended to non-area officers (Benjamin). We should keep it, the cost is not enough to cut off access to this tool (Ed), Rachel quoted some e-mails from Helen (former chair of Web Committee), "it's needing to get paid for now though, through August 2024" (David). Garrett retracts his motion after hearing that there is possible ongoing need. Catherine clarifies that the Zoom log-on credentials do not work on just any computer; full functionality is tied to the initial account holder. Nathan suggests that it's an expense that we need to *maintain*, versus carrying on as if we are adding a new budget item... we don't want to shoot

ourselves in the foot when we do finally get someone in a web committee or tech support position. "Sounds like we need a D8 zoom account and D8 laptop" (Ed). "How is the Off 53 group using the D8 zoom acct still?" (Karen). "Is the Off 53 group fully self-supporting?" (Benjamin). Catherine said she'd give Stan a call and find out what they've been doing. Loren suggests a(nother) motion to discontinue Zoom. Rachel says we need to decide by Aug 6th. Benjamin explained the non-profit status of the Area 92 google workspace. Each homegroup should be autonomous in providing or no providing their own hybrid solutions. Loren made a motion to discontinue Zoom, GARrett seconded. Majority approved, none opposed, but there was not a count and some non GSRs look to have 'voted.'

- Literature / pink can motion: Nathan read it aloud, Curtis seconded. Discussion was minimal. Chuck (P.I.) said he wouldn't have enough resources to register and participate in the Break the Silence event if the motion doesn't pass, since he already spend \$160 of his budget on literature and literature racks. Motion passed, 9 votes counted for and zero opposed.

Open forum:

- Benjamin mentioned that our district is doing a progressive and helpful thing by including P.I. and CPC. in with Treatment and Corrections.
- Gloria asked all GSRs to solicit their homegroups for suggestions re: a theme for the 2023 Gratitude Banquet. Something from the first 164 pages.

Motion to adjourn made by Curtis, seconded by Ed; none opposed.

Meeting closed with the responsibility statement at approximately 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Emily W.

DCM Report – JULY 2023 – AUG 2023

Greetings AA's District 8 trusted servants. We are well into our summer months. I attended the July Quarterly in Pasco, hosted by our Hispanic District, 24. It was an informative meeting with almost all the DCM's in attendance. We went over several motions that will be introduced shortly for the GSR's to take back to their groups for a group conscience. We will be voting at the upcoming October Assembly that will be held/hosted by District 13 in downtown Spokane. Flyers are available. Our district still needs an active Web or Tech committee to assist us with our technical issues. Please spread the word in your meetings that we need help with this. Anyone with some tech experience to assist us with the hybrid meeting set up can do this job.

I am currently in CA for my High School Reunion so I will miss you all at the meeting this month.

To follow up from past month's financial reports, the Area and the District are still in need of funding. Please follow-up with your home groups regarding your 7th tradition contribution distribution chart.

Notes from (July 11, 2023) District Meeting:

We had 10 GSR's, 3 officers, 5 committee chairs and 2 guests for a total of **20 district members attending**. Next Meeting Tuesday Aug 08, 2023. Inventory action meeting prior to District meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Activities – Attended July – Aug 2023:

Finance Committee meeting: July 10, 2023

July Quarterly meeting: July 14 & 15, 2023, Pasco WA

DCM Meeting: July 25, 2023. Monthly DCM roundtable with Alt-Chair Benjamin G.

Upcoming Events: (Flyers that are available can be found on Area 92.org website or in the DE)

AA Traditions Workshop: Ongoing, weekly 4th Sat of the month. Spokane Alano Club, 12-1:30 pm

WSEA 92 Archive Work Party: Tues 8/8. 10 am to 3 pm. Archive Room in Hayden.

Delegates report Back: August 12, 10 am to 2 pm. Hybrid Yakima WA

Area Archive Open House: Sept. 9, 2023. 9979 Lyle Loop Rd. Hayden, ID

Standing Committee Workshop: September 16, 2023, Hosted by District 6, Yakima WA.

October Inventory Assembly: October 20 – 22, 2023. Spokane WA

Please let me know if there's are any upcoming events and/or send me flyers so I can include them in the District Eye Newsletter. If there is anything you need or anything I can help you with let me know. Please keep an eye out for my emails as my primary job is to facilitate communication between AA & District.

YIS

Catherine B

DCM 8

****Please remember to have your reports, changes or flyers into Carin C., our newsletter chair by the 5th of the month so she has time to put together the District newsletter. Her information is in the DE as well there is a form for submission. Please send completed forms to Carin @ newsletterdistrict8@gmail.com.**

Alternate DCM Report August

Greetings,

I do not have much to report this month, but I will share some experience, strength, and hope. I attended the District 8 GSR meeting last month. There was a lot of discussion on following up with the action items listed on a recent District 8 Inventory. After listening and reading the notes it became clear that guidelines are needed.

If all members would follow the guidelines in the District 8 Handbook the action items would be resolved within a few days. Of course, this means everyone, including the DCM, Committee Chairs, GSRs and A.A. members must follow the clear-cut directions listed in the District 8 Handbook. It also requires a discussion without rancor, dropping the "F...Bomb" and the use of profanity in general. Too often these days I hear the F...Bomb being dropped during A.A. meetings and District 8 GSR meetings. A wiseman once told me that, "the use of profanity is not a sign of a spiritual awakening." I am not a saint or a prude, and often enjoy the use of a good cuss word once in a while, but what I am describing is the F...Bomb being used loudly and often. This is unacceptable. We need to speak to one another in a civil tone, especially when trying to resolve a problem or apply a solution to a problem. It is okay to disagree, let us just do so in a spirit of honest solution seeking, without spewing profanity and bitterly lashing out at those with whom we disagree.

We must stay unified so that we do not die alone. This may sound dramatic, but it is a fact. The General Service Office, the General Service Board, and the General Service Conference have not been doing what they are directed by the groups to do, for a few years now. There are a few Delegates around the country that are holding these entities accountable to their respective Area. A Delegate is part of the General Service Conference; however, they also represent and carry the group conscience of their Area to the General Service Conference! **These** courageous men and women are starting to confront the GSB, GSO, and GSC to compel them to follow our 12 Traditions. It is starting to have a positive impact. This was possible only because these Delegates are unified! I can only imagine how quickly the entire A.A. Service Structure would get back on track, quit violating Tradition 10, and become united if all 93 Delegates were united! We have become involved in all sorts of outside social issues, and it has created a schism within the Fellowship. We might not agree on every topic, but with a common goal, adhering to our District Handbook, and the Service Manual, and being united under one God, we can solve any problem that comes down the trail.

Yours in service,
David R Alt. DCM

Treasurer Report

Thank you to the Daily Reprieve II and First Things First groups for their contributions. We received two checks from Daily Reprieve II as one was for June and the other for July. The beginning checking account balance was \$861.89. Total contributions received were \$309.93, expenses paid were \$259.71, and the ending account balance was \$912.11. The prudent reserve's balance is \$2,426.80.

Because David left me a phone message stating he'd received a letter from UHaul about possible rent increases, and because I never saw the letter, I personally went to UHaul last week to confirm our account remains in good standing.. As I previously shared with the body was the case, the \$909.65 we paid in April covers rent through November 14, 2023. Our rate was locked in by making the substantial pre-payment.

Yours in Service,

Rachel Hunt

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GSR Reports

Athol Big Book Recovery Group, Athol Community Center , Saturday 5-6 pm, GSR - Kim M. Athol Big Book Recovery Group is a Big Book study, open meeting where everyone is welcome. We read a paragraph or two and take turns sharing our experience, strength and hope with each other. We celebrate milestones in sobriety each week as they occur.

Best Avenue Group, Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA. Daily 12 PM. GSR: Brian B, The Best Avenue Group is an open meeting that meets seven days a week, 365 days a year at the Alano Fellowship Hall. Tuesdays are a big book study. Thursday meetings are chaired by a member with at least 20 years of sobriety. Our meeting topics are selected from GSO approved literature. On the last Friday of the month there is a speaker/ discussion meeting where a speaker shares for 20 minutes then opens up for discussion for the group. The business meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month following the noon meeting. We acknowledge and celebrate birthdays by handing out sobriety coins daily. We average about 30 people in attendance per meeting. Big Books available for sale. All are encouraged to join.

Daily Reprieve, Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA. Daily at 5:30pm, Thursdays at 7pm. GSR- Garrett B. Alt GSR - Rolf M. This home group meets every day at the Alano Hall at 5:30pm. On Thursdays we have a 12 and 12 reading for an hour starting at 7pm. We alternate, a step on one week and a tradition on the next week. We have a speaker meeting the last Saturday of the month at 5:30pm/ potluck at 5:00pm. Business meeting 3rd Tuesday of the month.

First Things First, 322 Hubbard Ave, CDA. Fort Sherman Chapel. Tuesdays 7:30pm. GSR- open

Happy Hour, 5:15pm, First Presbyterian Church, Sixth and Lakeside, CDA. Daily at 5:15pm. GST - Nathan B.

Hello from the 5:15 Happy Hour Group! We meet seven days a week at 5:15pm. We are an open meeting and everyone is welcome. Join us for variety on Friday with a 15-minute speaker/ discussion meeting followed by a book study starting at 6:30pm and our renowned one hour speaker meeting every Saturday. The last Saturday of the month is a birthday meeting where we invite those that took coins in that month to share from the podium. That day there is cake!

Fort Sherman Group, 332 Hubbard Ave, CDA. 7 days a week, 7:45am.

This is an open meeting that also meets in a separate meeting via zoom at 7:45am, 7 days a week. There is a 12 & 12 study on Fridays. The last Sunday of the month is a speaker meeting at 7pm. This meeting is in person and also shown on zoom. The business meeting is the 2nd Saturday of the month in person at the Fort after the 7:45am meeting.

GMAA Good Morning AA, Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA . Daily 6:30am. GSR- Jim.

GMAA is at the Alano Club at 6:30 every day of the week. The last Saturday of the GMAA hosts a breakfast for coin takers. Also, the business meeting is held on the last Saturday after the regular meeting.

Keep it Simple, Journey of Hope Church, 3555 E 12th, Post Falls. Monday - Friday at 12pm. GSR - Loren M. Alt GSR- Rusty. Open meeting, Wheelchair accessible

Lady A's, Athol Community Center, 30355 Third St, Athol. Thursday at 9am. .Alt GSR Paula T. Open. Women only.

Lost and Found, St Lukes, Fifth and Wallace. GSR- vacant.
Noon - Monday to Saturday and 1PM on Sunday

Men's Recovery in AA, 405 N Second St, downtown CDA, Second Chance Ministry. Thursday 7pm. GSR - John D.
Men's Recovery in AA group. Men only

Mountain Men's Group. Gary M. GSR, Chris S. Alt GSR. Meet on Mondays at 7 pm at the VFW Post 1473. 32119 N 5th Ave. Spirit Lake, ID 83869. HWY 41 @ New Hampshire St.
Men/Open/WC.

North Idaho Young People in AA "The Misfits Group", First Presbyterian Church of CDA, Sixth and Lakeside. Monday 7pm.

The misfits are the Monday meeting of North Idaho Young People in AA (NIDYPAA), registered with national YPAA. We're a new meeting founded with the goal of carrying the message of recovery to the young and young at heart in AA. No age requirements to attend! We are informal and do our best to obey Rule 62. We are starting strong with a core group but have plenty of room for more members and open service positions. We appreciate your support!

Off 53, Hauser Lake Firehouse, Hauser and on Zoom, Monday 7pm. GSR - Stan B We are an open discussion meeting. We are a small , intimate meeting with a lot of great sobriety. Please come and join us. WE HAVE CANDY! Business meeting is the third Monday of the month at 6pm before the regular meeting.

Prairie Dogs, Belltower Funeral Home, 8015 Main St, Rathdrum. Wed and Fri 7pm.
GSR -Dave B, Alt GSR -Chuck F.

Prairie Dogs meet Wednesday and Friday nights at 7pm. Wednesday is a closed meeting and Fridays are open meetings. We have had a great turnout, lots of newcomers and multiple years. The last Friday is a potluck birthday celebration. Our business meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6pm, followed by our tradition meeting at 7pm. Big Book study Sundays at 3PM

Primary Purpose, Alano Hall, 425 Borah, CDA. Sundays @ 4pm. GSR - Jan R. Alt GSR: Kerri S. We are a Big Book study group. We recently added the 12 and 12 to the study, alternating between the Big Book and the 12 and 12 after completion of each book. We offer a foundation meeting for newcomers, which runs simultaneously with our study meeting, which is basically the first three steps and the first three chapters of the Big Book. Our business meeting is every quarter on Sunday at the end of the month @ 3:00 at the club on Borah and is a potluck. Come join us!

Rough Riders, Community Presbyterian Church, 1100 College Ave, St. Maries. 10th & College Ave. GSR – Hank A. Meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Meetings usually last more than 1 hour so everyone gets a chance to share. Our location along the lake makes the drive down a spiritual experience. An hour and half drive is always worthwhile. Please make the drive

SCW-Sobriety Capital of the World, New Beginnings Church, 16138 N Westwood, Rathdrum. GSR - Curtis A.

We meet Tuesdays and Fridays at 5:45 PM. Friday night is a candle light meeting. On the last Friday of the month we have a birthday/ potluck to celebrate monthly milestones, it starts at 5 PM. Our business meeting is the 3rd Tuesday following the meeting at 6:45

Serenity Sisters, 3079 E 16th Ave, Post Falls, Saturday - 10am. GSR - Karen. Serenity Sisters meets every Saturday at 10 a.m. at His Place Church in Post Falls. We are an open Women's meeting. We offer a 12X12 study on the third Saturday of the month. There is a Speaker Meeting at the end of each quarter. Our business meeting is the first Saturday of the month, following our normal meeting. The church requires that we lock the door at 10:15

Serious About Sobriety, 501 E Wallace, St Luke's Episcopal Church,, CDA. Daily at 9:00PM. Serious About Sobriety meets 7 days week. Come share your experience, strength and hope in the candlelight with us! Our attendance has been growing since reopening the meeting and we've been adding some new home group members. Business meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 p.m.

Spiritual Awakening, 32119 N Fifth Ave, Spirit Lake, VFW Post 1147. GSR -Toby. Hello! Spiritual Awakening Meetings are going well. We started up our potluck for the Wednesday night step and tradition meeting. Dinner at 5:30, Meeting starts at 6pm to 7pm. Saturday 8am - Open meeting business meeting every second Saturday of the month at 7:15am. Birthday celebration last Wednesday of each month at the 6pm Literature table is well received and supported.

Sober Sisters, 4000 N 4th Street, CDA. Monday 5:30pm. GSR Gloria P. Closed Women's Meeting. Reading AA literature. Will be starting the Little Golden Books. le; No more excuses and many more books. 10-15 Women attend. Business Meeting is the third Monday of the Month

The Way Out, Seventh Day Adventist Church, 12940 N Govt Way, Hayden. Monday and Fridays 5:30pm. GSR - Karen S.

The Way Out group meets Mondays and Fridays in person and on zoom at 5:30pm. Our business meeting occurs every-other- month on the Friday following the District 8 meeting. We have a regular attendance of some old timers along with some newcomers and we average about 10 - 18 people, split pretty evenly between those at the church and those via Zoom. Our enhanced camera and audio bring the zoom folks right into the physical meeting so it's a great experience for all. We mix up daily reflections, grapevine and other AA literature in our format. If you are new or are looking for a sponsor, this meeting is a great place for you to be! The meeting is held at the 7th Day Adventist Church, lower level on the north side of the building, 12940 N Gov't Way (Corner of Lancaster.)

Truly Grateful, 308 W 12th Ave, Post Falls, ID 83854. Thursdays at 7:00PM. GSR: Dot R. Meetings are attended by 20 to 30 plus each week. Topics are picked from the 12 and 12 and the Daily Reflections. We have newcomers and old timers each week. We are not a glum lot!

Upriver, Fernwood Bible Church-in the basement. Mile Marker 64, Hwy 3.
GSR- John B. Sunday at 3PM

Women in Emotional Sobriety, Alano Hall, 425 Borah. CDA. Saturday 10 am. GSR: Mindy
WIES meet Saturday mornings at 10 am at the Alano Hall. The first 3 Saturdays we
read out of the 12 and 12; one Step / Tradition at a time. The last Saturday of the
month is an open discussion on a topic chosen from the book Emotional Sobriety I, II,
or Language of the Heart. Mothers and children are welcome. Our Business meeting is
the 3rd Saturday, following the meeting, at 11:15. We always have a great meeting.
Please come join us.

Young in Years, Christ the King Lutheran Church, 17th & Pennsylvania, CDA.
Mondays at 7pm. GSR- Ed A. Alt. GSR- Emily W.

Group conscience meetings are the Monday following the district meeting at
6:15 pm. We're actually one of, if not the, oldest meetings in CDA & have a light
hearted approach to AA. Annual CAMPOUT at Farragut State Park starts at
2pm on Thursday Aug 10th - Sunday the 13th @ 11 am. Speakers, dessert
potluck, BBQing, games, stories, music & families- all welcome ! Camping Fees
have increased this year but it's a lot of bang for your buck. Ongoing, our
homegroup celebrates birthdays with homemade cake on the last Monday of the
month, and we have potluck-speaker events every few months. We donate
quarterly to the district, area, central office, and GSO.

Standing Committee Reports

Cooperation with Professional Committees Report

Contacted the Area CPC Chair Tracey to get acquainted and have agreed to join the Senior
Center Fair outreach event on August 21st in Spokane Valley. The Area has a regular
meeting to explore ideas on how to carry the message to professionals. Will attend the H
& I meeting August 7th at 7:00 p.m. Alano Hall. Also, will be attending the District 8
Inventory review from May 6th, 2023 Inventory at 6:15 p.m. in the upstairs room at the
Nazarene Church before the 7:00 p.m. District meeting.--- Laurie F.

Newsletter

-Deadline for September District Eye is September 5, 2023.

Officers, Committee Chairs, and GSRs should send reports to

newsletterdistrict8@gmail.com GSRs,- for corrections to your meeting report -
email to above address.

In Service and with Much Gratitude - Carin, Newsletter Editor

8 GSR Report form for DISTRICT EYE NEWSLETTER

You may use this form to write up your group's monthly report for the district newsletter. **District** You are also welcome to email the information to the newsletter editor at **NewsletterDistrict8@gmail.com**.

In addition to your meeting day and time and your GSR's name, your report should include details about your group that might attract people to your meeting. Items of interest include sobriety anniversaries, birthdays, social events in your group and the average number of people who attend, including newcomers and out-of-towners. If you have any flyers for events coming up, include them with your report.

You don't have to change your report each month if you don't want to. If you want to make a change or update something and leave the rest as is, just let the newsletter editor know.

As a reminder: Submissions must be received by the **THIRD** day of the month to be guaranteed inclusion into the monthly newsletter. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

Group name _____

Meeting location: _____

Meeting days and times _____

GSR name: _____ Phone: _____

GSR email address: _____

Alt GSR name: _____ Phone: _____

Report submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Motion to Remove Hybrid for SCW - ENG:

Districts 14 and 26 move that WSEA 92 not require that Standing Committee Workshops be hybrid.

Background:

Unintended consequences of the approved WSEA 92 Hybrid Meeting Motion includes the following impacts on the Standing Committee Workshop (SCW) hosting districts and Standing Committee Chairs:

- Hosting districts are now required to provide facilities that have adequate WIFI capabilities for the main meeting room and breakout rooms. Sufficient breakout rooms for each standing committee are required. This is resulting in higher costs, without area support for hosting hybrid meetings.
- Hybrid meeting requirements can reduce the number of districts that are willing to host SCWs.
- Hosting districts are required to provide the hybrid meetings yet are not provided any area financial support for them. Area funding is not provided to pay for travel costs for the area technical support member(s) to produce the hybrid meetings. This cost is now the responsibility of the hosting district.
- Standing Committee Chairs are now required to provide their own computer and camera (if not built into the computer.) They are also required to both conduct a workshop session and run the hybrid production.

o Variability in equipment, WIFI bandwidth and user experience has in many cases resulted in less than satisfactory online participant experience.

Removing the requirement that Standing Committee Workshops be hybrid will eliminate the financial burden and facility constraints now being placed on the hosting districts. It will also reduce the personal burden on current and future Standing Committee Chairs to provide the equipment and run hybrid breakout sessions.

This motion does not preclude hosting districts from doing hybrid SCWs. That choice will be up to the hosting district.

Financial Impact:

No financial outlay is involved with this motion. Elimination of the costs associated with conducting hybrid meetings by hosting districts will be realized if the hosting district chooses not to do a hybrid meeting.

What will happen if this motion is not passed?

Hosting districts will continue to pay for production of hybrid meetings without compensation from the area who through the hybrid motion made them required. Standing Committee Chairs will continue to either have their own equipment to run their hybrid meeting breakouts at SCWs or make arrangements to have equipment available.

Secretary Motion - ENG

The Area 92 Handbook Committee moves that we add the following to the Area 92 Handbook as the first paragraph under section 8.0. The Area 92 Secretary is a vital service position and ought to be one of the first positions filled by appointment. In the event that no Secretary is appointed, the Area Chair must make arrangements to have an interim secretary take at least nominal minutes and to arrange for the collection and storage of motions and reports from Area trusted servants including DCMs, from GSRs and from anybody else that gives a report of any kind. The interim secretary should receive all motions in accordance with the Area 92 Handbook and see that all motions are delivered to the Area 92 Tech Committee for digital distribution to online event attendees. The interim secretary should store all motions for the use of the final appointed Secretary.

Background

As the current secretary I have personal experience with how terribly things can go wrong if no one is in charge of taking notes at the event itself. I was appointed after 2 events had already taken place and I was charged with having to listen to hours of event recording online and make minutes with very little knowledge of what was going on. I also had to try and sort through hundreds of emails to try and forward the reports that were sent to the secretary email. The recordings that are taken for historical purposes should be used for fact checking and not for minute making after the fact. This was a huge burden placed on someone that was volunteering for a position late in the service rotation. I want to do my best to set things up so that no one has to experience this burden in the future and also so that our Area can have accurate and useful minutes.

The PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP of NORTH IDAHO, District 8, moves that WSEA 92 establish a quorum for voting on motions during Area 92 Assembly meetings; whereby two-thirds of registered, eligible voting members are required to vote on motions.

Background:

This motion was presented at the last Assembly in Richland (October) with very favorable support and discussion. However, there was mention about officially writing by-laws and adding this to them.

Therefore, I withdrew it from the floor to be incorporated into the by-laws. We have offered to help in any way to make that happen, but as of yet it has not. Therefore, I would like to re-introduce it because of its importance to AREA 92

Quorum Motion- Final - ENG

Definition of Quorum:

A Quorum is the minimum number of members who must be present in a meeting to pass a motion. This requirement protects the organization by preventing a very small number of members from taking action on behalf of the entire organization.

Definition of Informed Group Conscious ("Principles Before Personalities")

"What is an Informed A.A. Group Conscience?" The group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before a definitive action is taken. This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of A.A. Principles. To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to

Minority opinions with an open mind.

On sensitive issues, the group works slowly-discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its

collective view emerges. Placing principles before personalities, the membership is wary of dominant

opinions. Its voice is heard when a well-informed group arrives at a decision. The results rest on more than a "yes" or "no" count-precisely because it is the spiritual expression of the group conscience. The term "informed group conscience" implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes."

We need full participation by as many elected and appointed standing committee chairs, GSRs

and DCMs as possible to arrive at a Quorum and an informed group conscience. We ought never vote on a motion that changes WSEA 92 policy without first ensuring there is a sufficient number of eligible voting members (GSRs DCMs, Elected and Appointed WSEA Committee Chairs) present in the body to help ensure a quorum and an informed group conscience.

Case in point: If a motion is presented late at night, when a lot of people have left, it is not a true reflection of an informed group conscious. Per instance: The recent vote on the new handbook began with 56 eligible voters. It continued late and many left. There was a money issue (reimbursement for gas

Mileage), which should be put to the groups first. It was passed with only 23 eligible voters present.

Methodology:

The Area 92 Chair/Secretary will take roll call on Saturday morning, of all DCMs (or Alternate DCM

If voting in place his/her DCM) , Area 92 Elected and Appointed trusted servants, and by a show of hands, all GSRs (or Alternate GSR if voting in place of GSR). The Area 92 Chair/Secretary will record the number of these eligible registered voters who are in attendance during this roll call. There will need to be at least 2/3 of this number of eligible registered voters present when a motion is voted on. In the event there is not a 2/3 quorum, the motion will carry over to Sunday.



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- **HULA HOOP CONTEST**
- **LIMBO CONTEST**
- **BUBBLEGUM BLOWING CONTEST**
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