

Mid-Southern California Area 09
Area Service Assembly Minutes
Sunday, January 13, 2008

Meeting called to order at 10:15am by Chairman, Craig S.

Readings: Declaration of Unity, Craig S. A.S.C. Statement of Purpose and Membership,
Robert S., Raphael G.

Minutes: October 2007 Assembly minutes were approved.

Many of the reports and activities at the Assembly were not recorded and therefore are not included in these minutes.

Delegate's Report– No report.

Officer's Reports:

Alt. Delegate: Mike M. He is only 13 days into his 2-year term and doesn't have much to report. He is preparing for an Orientation Day for new panel 58 Committee members on Saturday, January 26th at 9am. The two-hour meeting will be offering me an opportunity to learn and teach through this experience. Mike has visited District 1 and District 18 in their new location in Irvine at the Kaiser hospital. He looks forward to many more visitations and is grateful for the privilege of serving as alternate delegate.

Treasurer: Linda H. She has been to the Post Office Box three times in the 13 days of her term. She has met with the Finance Committee Chairperson and has made two bank deposits. She says she is still learning. She requests that all Panel 58 officers and committee chairs fill out expense forms and pick up their checks at the end of the meeting. She looks forward to serving for the next two years.

Registrar: Cesar F. No report.

Secretary Ruth D. She reported that she is almost finished updating the Area Roster. She is missing information for districts 15 and 19. Committee and District report forms are available on the literature table. She reminded everyone that even if they don't have oral reports, they might submit written reports to appear in the minutes of the meeting.

Area Chair: Jason S. No report.

Regional Forum report

by Bruce H.

GSO had some questions regarding the hotel cost. On December 28th Bruce received a call from Rick W. he currently serves as the region assignment for the regional forum. He stated the cost for the meeting room was too high. This happened eight months after the original presentation. The hope is that we will still be able to retain the Torrance facility however Linda D. (DCMC District 9) from Palm Springs has come forward with an alternative site.

New Business

Election/Confirmation of Panel 58: Delegate, Joe B. Alternate Delegate, Mike M. Chair, Jason S. Secretary, Ruth D. Treasurer, Linda H. Registrar, Caesar

Standing Committee Chairs: Archives Chair, Joseph H. CEC Chair, Rich H. CPC Chair, Michael M. CPC Spanish Co-Chair, Santiago S. Convention Liaison, Michael Mc. Convention Liaison, Jose A. Corrections, Patrick C. DCM School, Scott R. Finance Chair, Joseph M. Grapevine Chair, Kimberli A. GSR School, John H. GSR School Spanish Co-Chair, Paco G. La Vina Chair, Angela R. Literature Chair, Maggie R. Public Information Chair, Kay M. Public Information Spanish Co-Chair, Francisco D. Registration Chair, David T. Treatment Facilities, Al F. Area 09 Coffee Maker, Mauricio T.

1. Proposal: PSA “A Force of Nature” Motion by Linda H.

The Public Information committee of MSCA 09 strongly recommends the PSA (A Force of Nature (public service announcement)) as viewed by our PI Committee be discontinued. MSC Area 09 Assembly recommends this be forwarded to the 58th General Service Conference. **Proposal was NOT approved.**

2. Proposal” Area Communications Committee Newsletter Committee Motion: Russ D.

The Area Newsletter Committee proposes a reorganization of its committee to include responsibility for all communications media, all communications equipment and most translation efforts under a re-named standing committee called, the “Area Communications Committee”. This standing committee would have four Sub-Committees: (1) Newsletter Sub-committee: (2) Electronic Media Sub-committee: (3) Translation Equipment Sub-committee (4) Communication Equipment Sub-committee. It is estimated that this proposal would have no fiscal impact on MSCA finances.

Proposal passed.

3. Proposal: 2008 Area Budget

Motion: by Joseph M.

- a. Amendment: to Increase CEC budget from 840.00 to total \$1250.00 (Motion by Michael M.) **Approved.**
- b. Amendment: Allocation of \$2300.00 for districts to attend PRAASA at \$100.00 per district. (Motion: Tara E. DCMC Dist. 10) **Not approved.**
- c. Amendment: Decrease of \$410.00 from its original budget of 1486.00 for Grapevine/La Vina. (Motion: Kimberli A.) **Approved.**
- d. Amendment: Increase Mileage from .35 to .40 cents per mile. (Motion: by Joe B.) **Approved.**
- e. Amendment: Increase budget for 4-area DCM sharing session from \$250.00 to \$375.00 (cost increase due to ASL Interpreters.) (Motion: Santiago S. 4Area DCM Sharing Session Coordinator) **Approved.**

Discussion: Joseph M. stated that the fiscal impact is better than expected. Kay asked if the budget is approved can items/amount be changed and the answer was, “Yes.” Don asked why Archives gets an increase and everyone else gets a decrease? Answer was that this was the way it was presented.

Budget approved with amendments.

4. Proposal: To have an Archives Standing Committee

Motion: Joseph H.

Approved.

- 5. Proposal: “What’s It All About” Pamphlet update** **Motioned by Maggie R.**
Suggested changes include: Front cover: add new revision date make sure Spanish version mimics English version on front cover in bold words in center of cover, correct Spanish words. Page 1, under service meetings, line 6 and 7, should read: “the study of available literature such as the general service manual will clear up etc.” Page 4, under pre-meeting activities, get rid of “H&I” and replace with “Corrections, Treatment Facilities”, “La Vina” and “Cooperation with the Elderly Community”. Page 5 under Forums remove “Special Forums are also held” as these will no longer exist. Under Servathon, add some wording so that it will read, “all aspects of service work to standing committee presentations”. Add under top of page heading, “open to all AA members”. Page 8 under Area Standing Committee, get rid of “H&I” and add “Corrections, Treatment Facilities, La Vina, and Cooperation with the Elderly Community”. Page 9 under “Central Office Intergroups” needs to delete a “Spanish central office located in Montclair”. This central office is actually in Area 5. Bottom of page 9 under Eligibility to Office 3rd line, change “13 English speaking and 9 Spanish speaking” to “all English and Spanish speaking.” Page 10 at bottom under “Elections” 3rd line to bottom “13 English and Spanish speaking” to “all English and Spanish speaking” as on page 9. At top of page in table get rid of “H&I and corrections” and change to “Treatment Facilities, Corrections, La Vina and Cooperation with the Elderly Communities”. Page 12 under “Abbreviations” CEC, Cooperation with the Elderly Community and TF for Treatment Facilities. Page 15 under District 23, add Ontario. Page 17 does not change committees on this page because it is GSO not Area 09.
Approved by a unanimous vote.
- 6. Proposal: Area Guidelines Revision for “hosting an Area Meeting” Motion: Maggie R.**
In the Area Guidelines, page 2, delete the line, “do not to exceed 300.00 per occasion” and, also, at the bottom where it states “in the amount over 500.00 dollars.” Place at the end of the last sentence “to refer to current MSCA guidelines budget and contact the area treasurer.”
Approved.
- 7. SLACCYPAA Request for bid letter for its convention. Motion Entertained by Jason S. The Chair, Jason S, withdrew request. And removed form the agenda. SLACYPAA Coordinate Committee Not present on the floor when the request was called.**
- 8. Proposal: Area Guidelines Revision: to accept and incorporate information regarding District 25 and on pg. 8 to remove “Newsletter Committee” and insert “Communications Committee”. Motion by Joe B.**
Approved.
- 9. Proposal to accept District 25, and update all related area publications. Motion by Joe B. Approved.**
- 10. Proposal that Mid-Southern California Area 09 approve the formation of District 25. Motion by Pete B.**
Approved.
- 11. Confirmation of Mauricio as Area Coffee Maker. Motion Entertained by Jason S. Approved**
- 12. Election of Linda C. as communications committee Chair. Motion by Nick M.**

Approved.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives – Joseph H.

1. Collection sub committee meeting was held at 9:30am to review Correction Committee Guidelines

(1) Review of access codes

(2) Updating of exhibits;

(3) The Archives Committee meeting started at 11am.

(a) Approval of November 07 minutes;

(b) Election of Archives Committee Treasurer (Pattie B.);

(c) The archivist reported the Archives Committee had 32 archives display and presentations for the year 2007

(d) 3rd option lease went into effect Jan 2008; (e) new flyer to be printed up in English and Spanish; Archives Committee has 4 display commitments (CIP; San Fernando, High Desert Convention, Inland Empire Round-Up)

2. April 5-6th 2008 archives open house with Amy Filiaterau, the GSO Archivist will be the speaker, planning for the Archives Open House has begun.

Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee - Michael M.

There is one new CEC district committee at District 12. Gerry L. chairs CEC presentation at District 5, too. New Seniors in Sobriety meeting at Carson Assisted Living Sun. night, 13th Jan. 2nd annual Committees in Partnership Workshop Jan 19th 8:30am to 4pm 2904 N. Brea Blvd. Ste. # 190 Fullerton Ca. 2008 3rd annual Seniors in Sobriety Conference on the Queen Mary Long Beach in May.

Cooperation with the Professional Community –

Eight people in attendance. Review of Charter and Guidelines for CPC. Question about how to get a CPC workbook: Answer: Through GSO and there's a nominal charge. Area will purchase if district has no money. Question: How do we begin CPC work at the district? Answer: Start with "Sponsor Your Doctor" pamphlet. Educate your doctor on AA volunteer to be a point of contact. Keep personal experiences and opinions separate from AA policy. District can do any method or "style" of carrying information to professionals as long as we (you) observe the AA Traditions.

DCM School – discussed duties of DCM's, emphasizing group visitations and updating of group information via the annual group update information sheets.

Literature – 2008

1. General Service Workbook.

2. For those interested in Literature Committee chair, it is suggested that the person have served 2 years as a committeeperson. Chair responsibilities include: Updating pamphlets, coordination with Spanish chair, dist. meetings. There is no interest within committee to take on responsibility so it is open to area body.

3. Discussed What's it All About brochure.

4. Area Guideline updates.

5. What's it All About brochure change. Opened up to questions.

6. Area guidelines review draft. 3 suggested changes (bold and underlined added bold, underlined a).
7. So You've Been Told.... brochure. Handed out. Comments that "hate" be softened. Add a revision date. (Notes taken by Mililani.)

Registration – Ben M. eight districts represented; largest registration committee turns out in over a year! Main discussion revolved around when group updates would be mailed to districts and final mailing deadlines. Specific comments pertained to the duties of DCMC's and responsibility to their particular sub-districts. Purpose of the Registration Committee was clearly stated by Area Registrar Cesar F. a district phone list was comprised and we hope to add more registrars during the upcoming months.

Special Needs - Members report several districts have new Special Needs reps. Discussed Special Needs literature and other materials available to assist AA members carry the message to the alcoholic with special needs. Rich W. thanked everyone for his or her support the last 2 years as chair of the committee. Participating in the Committees in Partnership workshop Jan. 19th.

Districts Call

No reports from Districts 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25

District 2 -. 2 in attendance today. Elections were held in Dec. and all offices except Registrar, Alt DCMC were filled. Bruce H. and Linda H moderated elections.

District 5 – 4 new GSR's in January. Presentation by Area 09 CEC Committee. We will be discussing, debating, formation of CEC Committee at Dist. 5 during our February meeting. We have 19 service positions at Dist. 5 and 13 are currently filled. 12 sub districts, but only 4 DCM's, leaving 8 sub districts unrepresented. Thanks to all participants/volunteers from District 5 for hosting this Assembly during this transitional period.

District 11 – Previous elections were spoiled and were held again on 12/2/07 the following are the new District 11 trusted servants 2008-2010
DCMC Barbara F.; Alt. Patrick C.; Treasurer: Charles; Secretary: Diane L.; Registrar: Amber F.; committee chairs: CPC: Patrick C.; Archives: Joseph H.; GSR School: Jay; Treatment Facilities: Jay; Co Chair: Diane H.; Convention Liaison: Ray H.; Special Needs: Jeanie G.; Grapevine: Iris R.

District 18 – Nine from district present today. Panel 58 Chair Jason S. attended district meeting. Alt delegate also attended and both shared extensively the importance of our service and how they and many others have benefited from PRAASA. Dist 18 concerns: 1. Abuse of email for non-AA issues. 2. No support for PRAASA 3. No registration data reported to GSO since August '07. 4. No treasurer accounting or any reports since Aug. '07. This was addressed as a result of concern expressed by DCMC Ben G.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm by Jason S. Area 09 Chairperson

Respectfully submitted,

Panel 58 MSCA Secretary –Ruth Dean