

Mid-Southern California Assembly Minutes
September 13, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Mike M. at 11:41am.

Readings:

Readings: Declaration of Unity: Cesar & Terry. Assembly Statement of Purpose and Membership: Steve. Tradition 9: Wayne & Julio. Concept 9: Alex & Ryan

Paul motioned to approve May Assembly minutes, Don seconded motion carries.

Old Business

New Business

1. Cooperation with Professional Committee Chair is asking for additional \$650 to cover expenses. Bill motioned to increase. Bob seconded. Alex N. spoke to minority opinion. Motion carries.
2. Floor action that the MSCA 09 purchases a new computer for the Area Registrar not to exceed \$1,500. Call for Question. Minority Opinion was given. Motion carries.
3. Grapevine and La Vina are asking for a budget override of \$450 to get us through the end of the year. Call for the question. Budget override approved.
4. Proposal to Revise (Calendar Only) beginning 2010 Meeting schedule. Amendment to the MSCA 09 Guidelines. Alex withdrew proposal.
5. Area 2010 Calendar. Linda moved to approve the meeting schedule. Motion carries.
6. Area 09 By-Laws
7. Election of Candidate for Regional Trustee. Will move this to the Election Assembly.

Officers Report:

Delegate's Report– Joe B.,

- **2010 International Convention** - Registration opened on 9/1 and the site was so overwhelmed that the system almost crashed, by 9/5 there were over 10,000 people registered. Everyone should have received a copy of the registration form in the mail by now but if you haven't I have made copies available on the literature table. I am still looking for volunteers to help staff the hospitality suite at the Intl. convention.
- Read memo from Don M, Secretary to Trustees and conference finance committee.
- **GSO** - There are two new staff members at GSO – Mary S.C. will be starting 10/5 at the CPC desk and Jim M. will be starting on 9/1 on the Corrections Desk. Professionally, Jim and Mary both have teaching backgrounds. Jim's past A.A. service includes serving as P.I. chair for Area 48, H/M/B and Mary is a past delegate, Panel 56 from Area 56, Southwest Ohio. The general service office is looking for qualified volunteers to fill an 'Appointed Committee Member' vacancy. I have a couple of the résumé form with me if anyone here today would like to apply for this job at GSO.
- The treatment/special needs committee needs stories for the proposed new pamphlet on special needs. New Committee has been formed at the conference Treatment/Special Needs.
- Grapevine and La Vina - operating over budget. These publications need a lot of support.

- Past trustee, Jake H., passed away over the weekend of August 22nd in California. Jake served as a Panel 38 delegate from Area 28, Maine and was a Northeast Regional Trustee from 1991-1995.
- Talked about 50th Anniversary party in Santa Ana and October 11 MSCA 09 election. Talked about his position as Delegate.

Alt. Delegate: Mike M. First I would like to talk about my position and what the Alternate Delegate does. It is my job to assist and/or substitute for the Delegate when necessary. I'm required to attend all Area events and responsible for all special events, like the Servathon, Pre Conference Workshop and Our 50th Anniversary Celebration. I work closely with the Area Chair and assume their duties in the Chair's absence. Liaison with the Area committees and Intergroups. The first word I would use to describe what I do would be travel. In this panel I've been to every District and appeared with the Delegate or for him many times. Good dependable transportation is a must because you will travel at least a 1,000 miles each year (not counting PRAASA and Regional Forums) Last June when the Delegate was doing report backs, I drove about 600 miles and visited 12 Districts. You must have the time available to attend all Area events, Officer Meetings and District and other meetings as requested. This can be as much as 20 hours a week. Traveling to other Area's has been one of the highlights of the last two years. I have been to Area 5, 8, 93, 42 and 69. I've learned and been inspired by the work this mighty sea of alcoholics that we are a part of does. It is my pleasure to report that the 50th Anniversary event committee has met and found a location. The Event location will be October 10 at 1622 W. 6th St. in Santa Ana. I would like to thank the committee for moving so quickly to secure a location and plan the event. Several Districts are involved in this committee and we hope with the support and enthusiasm of this Area create an event that celebrates educates and reflects 50 years of service in Area 9. Please join the committee and add your hands, hearts, and minds to this event. We are meeting every Saturday at District 20 in Santa Ana at 5pm. Contact me, Michael or any Area office for more information. Coming up are our Area elections and the Servathon in District 9. I hope to see you all at both of these events. Thank you for the privilege of serving you and the groups of Mid-Southern California. Mike M.

Treasurer: Linda H. Our balance at this time in 2008 was \$10,024.21 and it is 2009 and \$6,517.22 and will be less after expenses from already approved categories such as 50th Anniversary, and various District Assembly/ASC hostings. The finance committee will be meeting in October after the elections and some of the committees will have to accept the proposed budget for January 2010. Our contributions have roughly been cut in half year over year. We will have to cut out frivolous spending. We are in the process of getting bids for insurance for the Area and have received one bid. The insurance is due to expire October 21. Many of the bids required additional information which we have been submitting. I still have received questions on whether we should post the approved the budget on the website. Feel free to call me or email me if you have any questions.

Registrar: Cesar F. I want to thank Sharon the MSCA09 Area Secretary for allowing me to use her computer to do the District's record attendances. I have a hard copy for each District. On the copy it shows who is eligible to stand or vote at next month's Area election. I want to encourage all to stand for the Registrar position. It's been a privilege to work with all the Registrars and DCMC's in the past year and nine months. Bad news, for the third time the Registrar's computer

went bad. It's at Best Buy for repair. I have been reporting this since June at my Area Officer's meeting, ASC's and to some of the committees. What do you want me to do? Wait? Today we have 37 GSRs, 3 Guests, 88 Area Officers, Committee Chairs & Past Delegates for 130 total.

Secretary: Sharon K. It is a pleasure to serve as your Secretary for MSCA 09. Recently I assisted your Registrar Cesar in getting everything ready for the elections. This was a lengthy process and took about seven hours. In reviewing the by-laws that will be presented today, I realized that there is a lot that I should be doing in this position that I haven't been such as getting the names of qualified individuals ready for the elections. So this experience was beneficial. I emailed the list to the various DCMC's of those who are eligible in your district to vote on October 11. If you did not receive these please check with me I have a lot of emails from the roster that did not go through. The attorney has just arrived so that is all for now. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Area Chair: Jason S.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives – Joseph July 2009 Committee minutes were approved. Review and submit 2010 Archives budget to Area 9 Finance Committee (on 9/13/09). Collections sub-committee has started setting up collections intake process. At the Heritage Day planning meeting – seven in attendance planning for Heritage Day on 10/24/09 with District 8 hosting. Temporary loan of archives equipment and displays to the CPC committee for upcoming workshops on 9/15 and 9/26. Upcoming events include 13th National Archives Workshop (9/24 – 9/27). 15th Spanish Convention on October 2. District 6 Archives presentation. 50th Area presentation on 10/10. Inland Empire AAC 10/16 – 10/17. Heritage Day on Oct. 24.

Communication Committee—Linda C.

1. Communication Equipment Sub Committee: (Al, chair, not present)
2. Translation Sub Committee: (Jorge, chair) Discussion about need for translation equipment. Referred to Area Committee to approve. No action can be taken by this sub-committee.
3. Newsletter Sub Committee (Steve, Chair): No action. No newsletter in October of odd-numbered years. Continue to need articles which are the best place to announce accomplishments and activities to the area. We have decreased the number of printed copies. Please let me know if your District, English or Spanish, needs more or less copies.
4. Electronic Media Sub Committee (Henry, Chair): Gathering information for a new Forum topic (based on the 2010 Conference Theme. Will have preview for review by ACC soon.

Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee – Rick H.

Cooperation with the Professional Community –Michael M. District 22 is setting up two literature racks in a missionary and one at a church. District 20 CPC/PI workshop on October 3 from 4:30pm – 8:30pm. 1622 W. 6th Street, Santa Ana, CA. District 6 CPC will be placing two literature racks w/District 6 area professionals. District 17 & District 11 will be placing two literature racks in Rancho Community College & Veterans Administration. Chair and Co-Chair will be making presentations to District 22 - Sept. 15, District 25 – 9/28 and District 15 – 10/1. CPC/PI workshop on 9/26 expects 150+ attendees. Flyers are on back table. Please Come to Coachella. Discussed budget increase of \$650. Purchase of laptop projector, PSAs on buses –

Brea Police Dept. currently reviewing CPC PowerPoint for future presentation. Discussed 2010 budget and inclusion of monies for laptop & projection in January 2010.

Convention Liaison—Michael Mc.

Convention Liaison Spanish – Open

Corrections – Alex I have the honor to serve as Corrections committee chair. This is new from the GSO, Susan is the new person in Corrections. We need help with correctional correspondence. These forms are for use by AA members only. I copied 250 forms: to sign up to write to inmates for correspondence in Spanish, I am going to give them to all the Districts to take them to your groups to someone you know in the community. Help the ones that need help behind the walls. Next copies will be in English. Thank you for letting me be of service.

DCM School – Bill Went well and covered various topics including open/closed meetings, non AA literature in meetings and incorporating traditions and concepts.

Finance - Joseph M. There were 5 in attendance. Budget planning for 2010 is underway. Committee and executive member's requests are due today. Finance Committee would like to have the Area considering electing a Treasurer with a financial background for the next and all succession panels. Quarterly report through 6-30-09 is available on the literature table. Upcoming event includes budget preparation for 2010.

Grapevine – Kimberli A. Had three in attendance – Angela from District 17, Ryan from District 9, and Candy from District 1. We discussed ways to get the message out about the Grapevine, ways to subscribe, and ways to do a Grapevine display board or announcement at a home group or District meeting. Also discussed how to let groups know the history of the Grapevine and that it is conference approved. The Grapevine is written by AA members. The Grapevine website: www.aagrapevine.org. You can order material here. Remember to order your 2010 Grapevine calendars.

La Viña –Ángela R. **La Viña**

The La Vina committee had 14 members attend the meeting this morning. We actually discussed the possibility about making La Vina self-supporting. The 6 Hispanic districts of the area 09 are working on the challenge that our delegate presented to us; to bring the voice the groups and districts to the area of what we think and feel about our magazine La Vina in la Spanish speaking community. This is all my report for today 9/13/09. Thank you for allowing me to serve as the Area 09 chair for La Vina. Angela R.

GSR School – John H. Had 22 in attendance. Discussed the agenda for today. Reminded to sign-in at registration table. Discussed eligibility to vote at Assembly, at ASC's and at the Election Assembly. Talked about GSR reports and various ways of giving reports. Discussed the primary responsibilities of the GSR. Talked about the MSCA 09 and its place and function in the World Service structure. Talked about the Traditions, Concepts and specifically "Right of Decision".

GSR School SPANISH – Paco G. **La Viña**

We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. We reviewed concept IX; had to take some short-cuts due to the fact that this concept is seven pages long and we tried to go over it in the hour that we have for this meeting. We emphasized the fact that the foundation of our structure rests in thousands of GSR's, hundreds of DCM's and almost a hundred delegates. We had an attendance of 40 AA members and we closed the meeting with the declaration of Unity. Thanks to all of you that give me the opportunity to serve.

Literature – Ernesto Discussed converting "What's it all about" pamphlet to 8.5 x 11 and send to communications committee. Distributing some information to the Districts, any

additions/changes to the District meetings which will come out in the workbook at the end of January.

Literature Spanish –

Newsletter –

Newsletter Spanish

Public Information – Miguel am still trying to get together a committee. Was voted in the last Assembly. Trying to get my arms around the position and would like to be considered for the next panel.

Public Information Spanish – Francisco D..

Registration – Dave T. – In “the AA Service Manual” on page S45 the last paragraph gives an explanation of what the Registrar does at the area level. At the committee meeting we had, besides the chairperson, one other attendee. Suzanne, an enthusiastic future District Registrar. We talked about the responsibilities of the Registrar at the District level which is not outlined in the service manual. Items such as the Group Information sheets the GSO issues at the beginning of the year. Also discussed the Group Update and New Group forms.

Special Needs - Open

Treatment Facilities – Al F.

H & I – conference 2010 at Marriott hotel in Long Beach. Come to the planning committee meeting to get involved. Meeting is on the first Sunday of the month for October and November.
Announcements:

- Introduced 50th Anniversary Committee and was asking for contributions from the districts for the event.
- Southern California Convention on Oct. 9 – 11.

September Birthdays – Alex -13, Bruce - 24, David – 12, Esperanza - 20, Linda – 24, John – 27

Minutes submitted by

Panel 58 Secretary – Sharon K.

The Assembly Adjourned at 340pm

“I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there, And for that, I am responsible.”