

**Mid-Southern California Area 9 Service Committee Minutes  
December 13, 2009**

Meeting was called to order by Delegate Joe B., in the absence of the Chairperson at 12:05pm.

**Readings:** Declaration of Unity: John/Juan A.S.C. Statement of Purpose and Membership: Angel/Rovaldo Tradition 12: Doug/Martin Concept 12: Greg/Jaime GSR Preamble: Colin/ Gildardo

**Approval of 2009 November Area Service Committee minutes.** Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> – Keith/ Linda C.

**Officers Reports:**

**Delegate's Report**– Joe B. – Received packet with video of Young People which was approved at the General Service Conference. Intl Convention has received over 26,000 registrations. Over 84% online registration. YTD circulation of gv 103,300 an increase of 3%. 9,775 la vina – decrease of 717. Grapevine financial results loss of \$95,500, LaVina loss of \$36,780 from 9/09. Literature – committee reviewed report from publications dept. The AA Member Medications & other drugs” and asked final draft be brought to next quarterly meeting. PI Committee agreed to forward to the 2010 conference committee the following text for inclusion in the pamphlet “understanding anonymity” :AA members think it unwise to break anonymity of any member even after his/her death but the final decision must rest with the family. AA members agree that the anonymity of still living AA members with regard to obituaries or any type of printed remembrance. GSC – following suggestions have been made for the Agenda and preliminarily approved – start earlier on Sunday 4/18/2010. Registration will start before lunch. Remote communities will be Saturday afternoon. Committee agreed to forward the following items to Trustees committee on Public Information: 1) no recognizable public figures voices be used in either audio or video productions 2) no music used in an audio/visual production will have a recognizable melody regardless of whether the performance is by original artist or not 3) requested a display of the upside down triangle on the AAWS board for consideration. As you noticed, the young people video had a very recognizable figure. This is something you can discuss with your groups and bring it back to Linda. Talked about quality of work on Grapevine and La Vina. He said, “On a personal note, this is it for me. It has been the ride of my life. You have shown me things about myself that I would have never known and am so grateful for the love and challenges for MSCA 09. I'm not going to disappear unless you decide to take the Past Delegates vote away from the by-laws. Want to thank fellow panel officer Linda, Cesar, and Sharon.”

**Treasurer:** Linda H. shared challenges faced during the course of the term on Panel 58 as well as concerns. The Archives rent is due to go up 3% in March 2010. We are currently paying \$938. The balance year to date is at \$2293.22 in the checking account. Expressed the need for the area to cut costs.

**Registrar:** Cesar F. I have the privilege of being your outgoing Registrar for Panel 58 and your upcoming Alternate Delegate Panel 60. I gave the old computers to AI – communications electronic sub committee chair. I also would like to thank all for your hard work on updating group information. I met two times so far with our new Area Registrar Michael M, Panel 60. Lastly I visited some districts elections and welcome all new GSRs & DCMs to general service. Thank you and I will see you around.

**Secretary:** Sharon K. I have been busy getting the Roster together for Panel 60. One of my new roles is to keep track of all of the members in Area 9. Starting January 1, we are a member corporation and the secretary's role is to keep track of the members. One of my goals in the next year is to provide more communication electronically. So it is important if you have an email address, please make sure that you give that to me. Thank you for letting me be of service

Joe opened up meeting for questions of the officers. Summary of questions:

- What is the procedure for group update forms? Continue to use the GSR for the group as contact information. You will receive the group information sheets from the Registrar the first or second week of February.

- Will the Young People Videos have contact information at the end? The videos have been developed in a way that local contact information will be inserted at the end.
- It is saying that permissions from 3 of the 4 segments of the Young Peoples Video have been received, what do they mean by that? Producers need to sign off the rights to AAWS and this has been done.
- Do I need to get permission from GSO to show the video? How do I get a copy of it? You don't need permission to show the video and it will be available on the literature catalog.

Linda C. presented recognition certificates for completion of service to area officers.

### **New Business**

Jim C. – Notification/Proposal:

- Notification: January 10, 2010 will be established as a Record Date for determining the members entitled to vote at a meeting of voting members in keeping with 4.8 (a) (ii) of the MSCA Bylaws. (No vote is necessary; notification only)
- Motion (Jim C./Scott R.) That the Area Assembly alter, by suspension, Article 4.3 of the MSCA Bylaws for that assembly only” (Motion will be presented with background material and explanation) Motion passes unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Finance Committee:

- Discussion of Area 09 Proposed 2010 Budget Motion: Scott R./Jeryl motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to table proposal January Assembly. Bruce spoke to minority – “I think the area is in financial difficulties and go back to our current Treasurer to inform the body of this and think it has fallen on deaf ears. Now we have the translators can't even get paid here. I think that sometimes we look at these budgets and really don't look at the long-term implications when we approve budgets. We have approved a lot of overrides. I noticed you didn't trim anything in regards to the area meetings but trimmed three committees that now can't function. Also we can only afford to put \$1500 to send the Delegate to the General Service Conference. That is the sole purpose of this area, to support the Delegate.” Motion carries.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Archives – Joseph H.** Discussed “brain storming ideas” for the Archives committee to do for the upcoming 2010 year. Elections of Archives committee was held on November 7, 2009. The new 2010 Archives Movie Night has been established. You can pick up for your Districts and AA meetings. Archives repository hosted District 11s meeting and elections on December 6, 2009 with the Archives Chair present. Upcoming events include 2010 Archives Open House scheduled for March 21. Archives presentations at the Victorville Convention March 12 – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Elected Committee members – Joseph H. (Chair), Matthew W. (Co-Chair), Raul (Spanish Archives Liaison)

**Communication Committee—Linda C.** WEB HOST: Will look into possible change of web hosting service during 2010 and will remain with SiteAction for one more year. It appears that the package offered for this year's service will be at a lower rate than we have been paying. WEB SITE INFO: Asked district officers and committee chairs to send email addresses to Web Coordinator so she can assign web email addresses for forwarding purposes SPANISH-LANGUAGE CO-COORDINATOR: Looking for a Spanish-speaking web-coordinator to assist with the Spanish language side of the area web page.

COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT WISH LIST: Asking all Area Committees to submit equipment “wish lists” for equipment that might improve committee's ability to do it's work more effectively; submit to ACC chair. NEWSLETTER: Joe B. will serve as new Newsletter Editor/Chair for Panel 60. Districts are asked to re-evaluate how many printed copies of the newsletter they want and let Joe know. Many districts print their own from the PDF copy on the website. BY-LAWS TRANSLATION: Translation sub-committee will work on getting accurate legal translation of the new Area Bylaws with a target date for completion by the February ASC.

**CPC – Michael M.** – Will be going forward with 150 PSA bus cards to be installed in 150 buses in Orange County for two months to begin on approximately Dec. 21, 2009. Please look for them when you ride the

bus. "All offered feedback for what else we could have done better or what we did that we shouldn't have for the past two years as CPC committee. Held a wrap up meeting of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee and voted to turn the remaining moneys over to the Area Treasurer in the amount of \$371.36. It's been one of the greatest joys of my life to work together with all the wonderful committee members for two years. Thank you all for your love, support, enthusiasm and collaboration. You all did a wonderful job of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholics."

**Convention Liaison Spanish** – Jose A. – "Thank you for allowing me to serve since our chair disappeared. We were the committee that was very controversial. I don't know if it was the money or we didn't serve well. I was able to keep myself busy these last two years. The new officers will start in January 2010. So in another words asking the support of the Hispanic committee for those who are interested."

**Corrections** – Alex O. "I went to the Servathon meeting in Indio, CA. it was the first time I participated and I'm very happy to participate. It was a surprise for me but it was nice. Thank you for making that possible. Like I said in Indio, let's participate in service our rotation is coming in January. Any committee servie will be for you. Please Participate."

**DCM School** – "We combined both GSR & DCM schools and talked about jobs of both functions. About 10 people.

**Finance** - Joseph M. Committee elected for Panel 60 – Jim B. chair, Annie D. Secretary. Budget override for interpreters consider and passed to board for approval. Financial status of area, as of 11-30-09 is down 11% in income, compared to 2008, with expenses down a smaller percentage. Finance committee guidelines need updating to align with new area bylaws. This will be an ongoing activity until it is done.

**GSR School SPANISH** – Paco G. we started with serenity prayer. Thanks for the host district from a good meal and nice place. There were 19 GSRs, 3 new GSRs. District 20, 21, 24 districts were with us. We tried to cover the six warranties. We read the reflection of today which speaks of service. We concentrated on the last paragraph of the six warranties and what was written on that paragraph was the experience you have given me. This has helped me to serve better and to continue with my work, thank you for allowing me to serve.

**La Vina** - Angela We would like to inform there were 22 present. We arrived at the same conclusion that we need to continue to work with La Vina. We have been cooperating and asking for subscriptions from NY. Personally I have been making subscriptions outside of the US. I also received from NY two CDs speaking about the 12 Traditions. I would like to say to all the members that helped me these last two years. That you all have helped me grow spiritually and we need to move forward.

**Literature Ernesto** – we are trying to get a general sense of how many districts actively use the workbook. You can use your workbook for planning your year. Need correct information when you have your district meetings and the address.

**Registration Dave T.** – no report. I'd like to thank you for allowing me to be of service at the registration committee level. The position will be vacant next month if anyone would like to stand as committee chair please feel free to stand.

**Birthdays:** Joseph – 13, Jim – 16, Marcelo – 13, Ramon - 5, Manuel - 15

#### **Announcements**

- 4 area DCM sharing session held Feb. 20, Flyers are on Area 9 website in English and Spanish. There are 8 topics of discussion. Planning committee meeting to be held at Hope Lutheran Church 6720 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles. Sat. January 10. 1-3pm.
- Pacific Regional Forum August 22 – 29. Shifts available for registration.
- Had 1<sup>st</sup> H & I fundraiser. 2010 conference is going to be at Marriott hotel in Long Beach. Planning committee 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month at Intercity Hall. Thanks for your support.
- District 11 is sponsoring 1<sup>st</sup> Alcaton on NY eve. Friday night there will be a dance.

#### **MOTIONS:**

- Jim C./Scott R. Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>. ASC recommends that the Area Assembly vote to alter, by suspension, Article 4.3 of the MSCA Bylaws for that assembly only. Motion passes unanimously.

- Scott R./Jeryl motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to move 2010 budget proposal forward to January Assembly. Bruce spoke to minority. Motion carries.

THE ASC ADJOURNED at 250pm with the Responsibility Pledge: "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."

Minutes respectfully submitted by Panel 58 Secretary –Sharon K.