

**Mid-Southern California Area 9 Service Committee Minutes
December 12, 2010**

Meeting was called to order by Jeryl T. at 1237pm with the Serenity Prayer

Readings: Declaration of Unity: Marita/Santiago , 12th Tradition: Nick/Raul, A.S.C. Statement of Purpose and Membership: Joe/Leandro Concept 12: Pete/Jesus , GSR Preamble Nancy/Alex

Approval of 2010 October Area Service Committee minutes Motion/2nd – Alex/Scott Minutes accepted

Officers Reports (following reports are written reports):

Delegate Linda C. –

There is an opening for a Nontrustee Appointed Committee Member for Trustees' Committee on Literature. She had the position description, qualifications and application forms for anyone who wanted to apply. Deadline is Dec. 15th.

Proposal to make the Conference Archives Secondary Committee a full Standing Committee was reviewed and discussed by the Trustees Archives Committee and they decided to take *no action*. Therefore, it will not be on the Conference agenda for the 2011 conference. She said we could revisit it again next year.

She said she had attended the Area 05 Elections in Rosemead, the Area 93 Elections in Simi Valley, Area 09 Heritage Day in Temecula, two Area Archives committee workshops for review of the Archives workbook, the Area 05 Foro in Pomona, the District 19 Traditions Event in Apple Valley, and the Area 09 Servathon in Laguna Woods.

She especially thanked everyone who participated in the "Mini Inventory" at the Servathon. A summary of the results is in the newsletter. She said there are many things we can actively do to improve our area and encourage more GSR participation.

She has lots more Conference reports in English for free for anyone who wants some contact her. They can also be purchased in English, Spanish or French either through GSO or at your local Central Office.

She contacted all Intergroups in our area to let them know they are welcome at our area meetings and will continue to stay in contact with them with visitations as often as possible.

She collected, compiled and submitted an Excel spreadsheet with all of the responses to the Grapevine survey. She said more than 9000 responses have been collected from the U.S. and Canada which will be submitted to the Conference Grapevine. She thanked everyone who participated.

She said that the La Viña survey is also finished and thanked those who participated in that survey as well. She thanked the Translation Committee for their wonderful work.

She continues to pick up contribution envelopes from the Post Office in Irvine and send them to the Treasurer each week.

She mailed the Electronic Delivery Surveys to GSO's General Manager, Phyllis H., before the deadline. She thanked everyone who participated in that survey, too.

She encouraged members to contact her, whether it is with suggestions, comments, or criticisms. She said they are all helpful.

She printed and distributed the quarterly contributions reports from GSO at the Servathon and at this ASC. If a district didn't receive them, contact her and she will send it. She said that according to the GSO records, the percentage of MSCA groups contributing to GSO in 2010 for the first nine months was

36.93% (compared with 36.72% for the same period in 2009). Total contributions from our area to GSO for the first nine months of 2010 = \$103,674.03.

She made a list of all the cities and towns in our area listed with its district number for anyone who is interested.

Her plans are made for attending the AAWS Board meeting in January as Archives Committee Chair. She pointed out that all expenses for this trip to New York are paid for my GSO. She will return on January 31 and will try to get report of the weekend in the newsletter; if not, she will post it on the website.

She said that she had handed out informational packets at the delegate's sharing session which included a sheet of "sound bites" for reports to groups and districts and that she had more copies of the "sound bites" if people needed them and would post them on the Area 09 website.

She shared an inspirational description of what the Grapevine's purpose was and said it applied to experience in service as well:

"The Grapevine should be in print what the meetings are in person: inviting, inclusive, fun, engaging. I don't have to like all of it, but I should like some of it."

She closed with gratitude for being able to serve as delegate and hope for a productive, sober and healthy new year.

- Ashley – how is the summary going to be compiled?
 - Linda – that is what is the sharing session is going to determine on January 23 at the Archives.

Nancy – Box 459 there has been a call for information on literature already for Spiritual

Linda – our proposal is more specific to sponsorship

Alternate Delegate Cesar F. – has been participating through the year at most of the Area events. He thanked everyone for allowing him to be part of this wonderful Area. He looks forward to next year. The Ad-Hoc committee for the interpreters is very close to accomplishing what the committee has been asked to do. Thank you to Nancy J., Joe B., Alfredo A., Paco G., and Pete B. The 4 DCM sharing session committee has had three meetings. Even though Area 9 is the host this year, we have liaisons from Area 5, 8, and 93. Terry S. is our chair from the Area and Santiago DCM District 24 is the Spanish co-chair. La Vina had a wonderful workshop with the purpose of writing stories to submit to La Vina. Attendees included those from Area 6. Around 70 people attended and 36 stories were submitted.

Treasurer Joseph M. - as of 11-30-10 bank balance at \$4,749.07, prudent reserve at \$4,833.54 for a total of \$9,582.61. Start balance 12-12-10 was \$3262.02 and ending at \$245.80. 4 Districts, 630 registered groups, and 121 unregistered groups/meetings are contributing. Food & Coffee kitty \$382.66. Food cost \$365.16.

Rozeanne – when is the last time we can hand in expenses for December?

Joseph – before the end of the year.

Registrar Michael M. – not present

Secretary Sharon K. – she attended the Area 93 elections in Camarillo and the Area 5 elections in Rosemead and the board meeting on November 20. She also participated in my first Servathon last month. You may have noticed that we asked those of you checking in if you are willing to be a service sponsor. It is our hope to formulate a list of those available to give to new members of General Service. There were about 110 people here today. Thank you to those that helped me with registration. Additionally, I am available to eBlast the Area any information. If you want something posted on the website please email the communications chair Jesus. The email distribution list is available to you for area events. If you wish to have something emailed to the Area please forward to me. I am available to visit any of your Districts and/or Coordinate committees.

Chair Jeryl T – Not much to report. We are coming to the end of our first year as a board, and much has happened. But since you were all here, you don't need a recap. I am not much on blowing my own horn, so I will blow the horn of others:

The Delegate is on fire for service, and is everywhere and in everything. She is amazing. The Alternate Delegate is heading a committee to bring us current with other Areas with regard to our translators. He is also busy being the liaison to all the committees who have met today. Our Secretary keeps the most amazingly accurate and informative minutes of our events, which will live in infamy for all time, to be looked back upon in the future to see what we did to accomplish in this day. Our Registrar has headed up the most difficult of all committees, the bylaws committee, and has kept our board up to date on our commitments as well as our visitations. And the Treasurer, who has not lost a penny, has made it so easy to do our jobs within our budgets, because we always know exactly where we stand, and where the Area stands financially.

We are about to light a candle under each of you committees now with the Conference Agenda items coming out next month. It is our plan to involve all the committees, Districts, and Groups in the exchange of ideas, information and opinions, to properly inform our Delegate of the Consciences of our Groups for here visit to the Conference in May. This time, we want to be on point with our efforts to bring her truly informed Group Consciences to take with her to New York.

I am available to come to any District, any time you want me, to be informative, to be a cheerleader, to be a character or for any other reasons you feel you need me. Just ask, and make sure it fits into your agenda in your District. I am honored to be of Service.

Announcements

- Board meeting is open before for Q & A from the members and asked about people willing to be service sponsors. For those that are hosting meetings and you have your location please let me or board know as well as the newsletter chair. We also want to put this on the website.

Old Business

- Proposal: Area 09 would like to suggest to our Delegate to propose to the General Service Conference Literature Committee that the piece of literature, now in development, which is "spiritual in nature" include sharing from our Fellowship that expresses the mutual respect we have for differences in spiritual perspectives and acceptance of each individual's personal spirituality. We would like to have included sponsorship experiences between the atheist sponsor and the non-atheist sponsee, and visa versa. Motion to send to assembly passes.
 - Suzanne shared her home group Indian Spirit group and our group is based on the spirituality and they thought it was a good idea to emphasize the spirituality. Several of GSRs for District 11 thought it was positive and would like it to move on.
 - Jake – would like to see it included and took to his group and our group is in support and was excited about the process.
 - Keith – can we suggest rather than instruct our delegate. Asked to maybe amend the verbiage. Ernesto accepted amendment.
 - Ashley – reason for verbiage is that by using the word instruct would mean the delegate would be required to bring it forward.
 - Ernesto called for question. Call for question passes.
 - Charlie spoke to minority opinion and thinks that we
 - Pete spoke to minority opinion and has concerns about the validity and thinks it is going to dangerous ground.
- Proposal to have Alternate Delegate be liaison to the interpreters. Motion to go to assembly passes.
 - Rich – what is the benefit to the Area? Cesar – we will have more informed professional interpreters.
 - Alex – Spanish did this as a courtesy in the beginning. Are we giving the translators 1099 form at the end? Jim – they are getting a 1099 at the end of the year. They are not employees they are contractors.
 - Jesus – why the alternate delegate and not someone like the Treasurer or Finance Committee? Cesar – ad hoc committee made decision because the Alternate Delegate is more free to move about the ASC and Assembly.
 - Martin J. – Does the position stay with the Alternate Delegate? Cesar – yes.

- Marcelo – I remember that previously the translation committee were in contact with the interpreters. I feel Alternate Delegate has enough responsibility and that this falls on the translation committee.
- Charlie – key word here is liaison not controlling and not causing any conflicts.
- Don – would there be any financial impact? Jim – no.
- Jose spoke to minority opinion. If we have a translation sub committee? Why don't we put this committee to work? In reality, this is what part of their function is. In actuality the Alternate Delegate is taking the place of the Delegate.
- Proposal to make the proposed changes to the Area Guidelines in order to make them compatible with the MSCA Bylaws as indicated in bold print and underlined. (see attached) Motion to move to assembly passes.
 - Pete – we are considering moving all these changes to the assembly? Have we not already done some of these already? Jim – the only place that it is in there is in the election assembly not for all assemblies. We also made sure they were all compatible.
- Proposed budget. Motion to move to the assembly passes
 - Linda – I am in favor of forwarding this to the assembly however one comment is that the way the funding for PRAASA is. I think it is important to send the Alternate Delegate as well. Currently the Alternate Delegate is not funded now. Would like you to keep this in mind.
 - Pete – earlier today we heard a proposal from the communication committee for the copier. Jim – we don't do that since it hasn't been proposed but should this proposal make it through we would then save about half and funds would be freed up from other budgets.
 - Alex – would it require the committees to use the copier? Jim – no it would be made available to committees to use if need be. Pete – The Archives would be willing to deliver print jobs to the ASC/Assembly. All you would have to do is email us.

New Business

- TRICYPAA – Propose to receive a letter of recommendation from Area 9 for TRICYPAA to host AACYPAA
 - Chris H. (co-chair) thanked Area 9 for support and past letters. The bidding for All California Roundup which has 21 CA YPAA committees requires:
 - Area letters of support
 - Bid Skit – knowledge of 12 steps and traditions. Theme is “Having had a spiritual awakening”
 - Facilities Contracts
 - H & I Newcomer participation
 - Round up future date is between Feb. and April of 2012

Announcement

- District 11 is hosting an Alcathon on December 31.

Standing Committee Reports (given from microphone and submitted in writing)

Archives Joseph H.

- October meeting minutes were approved
- Continued sorting parties from AA fellowship groups and districts
- 2011 Movie night schedule has been published and will be on the area website
- Archives workbook workshop continues reviewing for changes
- The Archives Committee has set a cut-off of January 2012 for submitting group histories be edited and published for AA Groups of Mid Southern California Area 9.
- The MSCA 09 Archives Committee fulfilled over 55 AA requests for the 2010.
- Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 4th District General Service workshop
- Archives Standing Committee meeting is on Dec. 18th starting at 11am
- Several AA groups are scheduled for sorting parties at the Archives during the month of December

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Communications Jesus: The Area Communications committee is proposing that MSCA lease a high-speed copier/printer to address the Area's high volume copying needs. The cost (on a 60 month lease) of equipment, maintenance, paper, toner, metering, is estimated to be \$350 per month. This cost would begin in March 2011, and until that time the proposed budget, addressing copying costs would be the budget in force. Copier for Area will be housed at the Archives.

- Nick - Electronic Sub Committee: Were asked to look into a copier to address the high volume needs of the area. \$350 per month would begin in March 2011. We have some additional research to do.
- Jim C. – Area website is being redesigned. www.rainer.us/msca . It's been modernized and will be up toward the end of the year. We have a new webmaster. Looks really nice. In the Districts we have the cities listed as well as a new map for the districts and area.
 - Ernesto – asked about having a different alias that also points to that website.
 - Jeryl – this is a temporary website.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Rozeanne: We met with Public Information committee total of 17 people. Discussed ways to address professionals in churches/hospitals for new CPC Chair offered suggestions how to approach them (letter, phone, email, most effective in person). English districts working with Spanish Districts to increase participation of English speaking members at Health Fairs, etc. Discussed where to put info (Big Book, Pamphlets, etc.) in libraries, schools, DMV. Discussed getting more participation from groups to be a part of CPC through visitations and passing along info from District/Area meetings. Upcoming event – May 2011 Joint CPC/PI event (more to come)

Cooperation with the Professional Community (Spanish) Martin G.: We met as together with the PI committee going over what it takes to work basically do twelfth step work. We are open to suggestions from you all. Thank for the opportunity to serve.

Convention Liaison Bob – 2 people were present. New Spanish speaking member Victor R. New on list 04/2011 Spanish Speaking Congress in Victorville CA. This committee needs money. The total of \$700 is good for two (maybe three) conventions only. Upcoming events planning on three or four conventions in 2011.

Corrections Alex Received GSO corrections activity updated. Went through topic of “corrections activity update” – Corrections correspondence service. Some people sign up for this and don't receive correspondence. People can use Area's PO box for correspondence. Activity update has “confidential” Area Chair's contact info for Southern California. Questions: How effective is our Corrections Committee? How do inmates find out about Bridging the Gap? Any rule changes regarding AA's entering prisons?

GSR School English Tony - 7 attended. Discussed service structure, giving reports to groups, keeping reports short, etc. Answered questions that GSR's had concerning their groups. Also talked about the importance of having a service sponsor. Thanks again to Steve for all his experience and starting the meeting today.

GSR School Spanish Reynaldo - The meeting started at 10:00 am with the serenity prayer followed by the Reading of the GSR preamble and concept 12. We learned a little more about the concept, we know that is very broad but we have to read these concepts for our own growth in AA. New GSR's Crescencio from District 24, Juan District 25. Ignacio welcomed the new GSR's. Total attendees 25.

DCM School Willy – co-chaired by Marita and Willy. 13 in attendance. Discussions centered around injecting enthusiasm to GSR's and others. Greater participation can be increased with fresh warm cookies.

Finance Jim Area property inventory underway. Compilations of Area Committee Guidelines underway. Review of Area telephone/internet reimbursement policies. A presentation was made by Nick M. of Communications Committee regarding their proposal for a high speed copier for the Area.

Grapevine Douglas – We discussed possibility of a writing workshop for the purpose of submitting stories to the Grapevine. Brief discussion of Grapevine sales. Next year launching a committee for Grapevine workshop to inspire stories for the Grapevine.

La Viña Mauricio I am pleased to report that we have good participation from the La Viña reps. From the Spanish Spiking Districts. New mailing address La Viña: PO BOX 15635, North Hollywood CA 91615-

5635 Tel: 800 - 640-8781 Fax: 818-487-4550 Or online: www. aagrapevine.org Upcoming events: 15th Anniversary of La Viña July 31, 2011 Bakersfield CA Starts at 10am

Public Information (English and Spanish) Keith Combined meeting with CPC.

- Discussed methods of carrying the message to the Public through visitation to libraries, schools, churches, etc.
- Discussed Health Fairs – there is a Health Fair in Compton on Dec. 17 Friday that will be staffed, thanks to Marcelo in District 21. Welcomed new PI chair for District 19, Kim. She was kind enough to act as Secretary. District 22 now has a PI Chair.
- Discussed District Activities – District 9, 6, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24 were represented. District 20 has been active visiting libraries, churches, and family resource centers. The community newspaper “Rumores” continues to run a fantastic article on AA. District 20 also visits groups. District 24 mentioned a community paper including a copy of an AA Information Pamphlet in their publication. District 9 has bus ads running from Dec. – Feb. These ads are on 33 buses in the interior of Coachella Valley. District 19 speaking with local college about providing info; will also be contacting DMV, libraries, local newspaper. District 6 CPC will pursue getting advanced info for Health Fairs.
- Rozanne offered to act as Secretary and type up an agenda for the January PI/CPC meeting
- Have been visiting Districts (English and Spanish) and will continue to do so when requested.

Registration Angel – No committee meeting held due to lack of members in attendance. We did share with ourselves experiences in our responsibilities as Registrar’s. registration workshop coming in 2011 with date/time TBD.

Special Needs Scott no one attended meeting. If you need me to come out to your district call me.

Treatment Facilities – John request from District 15 to do an information request talk is being scheduled. Two new GSR requesting information. Questions answered – welcomed Paula & Julie new GSR’s. Upcoming events – visit to District 15.

Coordinate Committee Reports

TRICYPAA Gerrilynne – would like to request a letter of support for ACYPAA round up in Area 9.

Upcoming event – New Year’s celebration at Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove.

AOCYPAA Brian – BIDYPAA thanks you for the letter of support. SOCALYPAA will be at Desert City’s over Thanksgiving. New Year’s Event at Crystal Cathedral at 730pm. Our business meetings are 2pm – 4pm at the Canyon Club in Laguna Beach.

Spanish Convention Liaison OC – The date is set for September 16-18, 2011 to be held at the Howard Johnson Hotel at 222 West Houston Ave., Fullerton CA 92832 Tel (714) 992-1700 to reserve a room. We are doing fund raising events and special meetings for the event and invite you all to participate with any suggestions you may have. We are open to any suggestions and your support to make this convention a big success. Thank you Jesus S.

District Reports submitted in writing

District 6: Two new GSR’s – 1 in attendance here today. Organizing Archives field trip. 18 committed for late January / Early Feb 2011 to clean up and assist in filing. Hosting pre-conference workshop, location TBA next month.

District 7: Potluck at our meeting tomorrow. Archives presentation at last meeting by Pete B. which we enjoyed very much. Scott R. will be our guest speaker tomorrow. We will be having a Christmas potluck tomorrow evening at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to stop by the Garden Grove Alano club.

District 9: Started meeting with introductions and reading Concept 11. We have reserved the ABC Recovery Center in Indio for the ASC on Feb. 13. We have refilled the literature racks in our local libraries, and have purchased some literature for the library in Blythe. We have bus placards in 30 busses for Dec., Jan., and Feb. We continued discussing funding for PRAASA. Just a reminder if you have one district meeting a month there are only three meeting left until PRAASA.

District 10: Had our annual Christmas potluck with abundant food for all including some homeless people who wandered in. Truncated business meeting included discussion of 2011 District schedule and District

inventory starting in January. Still developing a group inventory skit. Past Delegate Dyanne G. was our holiday speaker – she was wonderful! Upcoming events: District inventory and shared experiences on timers in meetings.

District 11 Our new day and time – third Sunday at 11am is working well. Everyone of our GSR's has agreed to also choose a service committee to be a part of at the area level with the intention of being the chair at the district level. District 11 is hosting an Alca-thon at the Arid Club for New Years Eve night through to 6am New Year's morning. We have a new Secretary – Phil L. and a new Alternate DCMC John O. Also a new TRICYPAA liaison: Gerrilyne B. Suzanne will be sending a copy of the flyer for the New Years Alca-thon to our Area Secretary and to Jesus our Communications Chair. The address to the Arid Club will be on the flyer and is in the Inland Empire directory.

District 14 Ice cream social and Traditions play were held on Nov. 21st at Golden Elk. A fantastic day of sharing & sobriety was held by all. Our meetings at Area has grown by three. We had 14 GSRs at our last gathering. Now the next step is to get them to attend service committee meetings at the ASC so they might vote for their respective groups and take part in AA as a whole. Upcoming events PRAASA in March and still trying to get unity within District in to send as many representatives as possible to PRAASA. This is not easy as it seems many members think it is a joy ride.

District 17: Updating guidelines – ongoing. 2011 District budget to be approved. New Corrections and Treatment Chair initiating Bridging the Gap.

District 19: Keith S came and shared at November District meeting. We now have a new pl liaison as a result. Thank you Keith. Growth seen at a snails pace but we are seeing more interest! Traditions event/play was a success although tough to get participation even with free lunch. Next event will be a "The 12th Step" workshop in June.

District 20: Our District is meeting the same day as before every Monday and visiting meetings within our district. We try to encourage members to get involved in service and we share information collected in the various area events. For example, the past Servathon, that we attended. We are also encouraging members to attend PRAASA in March, 2011 Honolulu, HI. That's all my report. Osualdo DCMC - Melquiades alt. DCMC

District 21: We are visiting two groups each week encouraging service, the Seventh Tradition and we are encouraging the groups to write their history and submit it to the Archives committee. One of our clubs/Alianza Latina has moved to District 55 in Area 5 and we have the first ever women stag meeting in District 21. The public information committee will meet at 804 Rosecrans Ave Compton CA 90221 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 PM. on December 17. Alt PI chair Federico H. went out to support District 23 in order to elect a PI chair and they showed a couple of AA films. La Viña district committee also visited a couple of meeting to promote Grapevine material and to report on the changes and history of the magazines.

District 22: Continues to meet on Tuesdays at 7 pm at the Old place, in Indio; in one of our meetings we study the concepts and in our business meeting we discuss topics and suggestions that the groups send in with their GSRs. On December 5 we held an AA event for AA old-timers with over 20 years of sobriety and it was very interesting. Also the PI committee is getting there. We have a volunteer and we need at least two more in order to form the PI committee. Have a save and sober Holiday Season. Today we had 9 people attending and we love you all. Victor M. DCMC, Bartolo Alt. DCMC.

District 23: Warm greetings from district 23; we hope that you are all joyous and free. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We meet 4 times a month on Friday evenings for the business meetings with the GSRs that show up to the district. On Wednesdays we visit the groups within our district. This past November 21st., 2010 our District celebrated its 20th anniversary and it was very uplifting for the gsr's and the AA's of this District. Thanks to those who joined us. That is all for the moment. Thank you for allowing us to serve. District 23

District 24: Good afternoon everyone. My report is as follows: at our business meeting the GSR's motion to remove the alt. DCMC due to his lack of interest in service. Martin G. from one of the meetings was elected as the new alt. DCMC. We also visit two groups every week in order to inform the membership regarding self-supporting service centers. In addition, we go out to speak if the groups invite us for special meetings and special service topics in preparation for their group anniversaries. We try to encourage and support meeting with low attendance. That is all for now. Thank you for allowing me to serve. God bless and have a great day. DCMC, Santiago R., Alt. DCMC, Martin G

District 25: We continue to meet the first four Mondays of every month and visit a couple of meetings per week on Wednesdays and Fridays. We talk to the members about service and make sure they are informed about what's happening in general service and Alcoholics Anonymous, as a whole. More

importantly: In November 27 the District held its third anniversary event. Thanks to everyone who joined us. In Jan. 2011 we will start working with District 17. Thank you Pedro L. DCMC Tomas B., Alternate DCMC.

District 30: Discussed guidelines, guidelines chair, asked do we need guidelines if there is no district? Which started a conversation about putting on more service events at District level. Finished up round up business from Oct. Round up brought together people in the District that normally don't mix. January because of discussion about service meetings, our District will have business meeting first then break for snacks then have a speaker for the last hour. Open to all AA members.

Birthdays:

Jim – 17, Raul – 6, John – 12, Joseph – 14, Carol – 33, Marcelo - 14

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THE ASC ADJOURNED at 340pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Panel 60 Secretary –Sharon K.

SUGGESTED CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE MSCA GUIDELINES TO MAKE THEM COMPATIBLE WITH THE MSCA BYLAWS (CHANGES ARE INDICATED IN BOLD PRINT AND UNDERLINED).

***PREFACE**

Service to the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous shall be the primary purpose of General Service in the Mid-Southern California Area. In all our proceedings we shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Twelve Traditions and the Six Warranties, mindful of the ideals expressed in "*The A.A. Service Manual*" and the "*Twelve Concepts for World Service.*" The "Right of Decision," the "Right of Participation" and "Right of Appeal" shall always be observed.

In the absence of specific indications in these Guidelines, the Bylaws of Mid-Southern California Area, or direct Assembly action, the latest edition of "*The A. A. Service Manual*" may be relied upon.

***ARTICLE I AREA ASSEMBLY**

*** B. MEMBERSHIP**

1. **If they qualify as a member in good standing as per B.6.,** the following shall be full voting members of the Assembly:

- f. Chairs and/or Directors currently serving or in office within the past twelve months of those Coordinate Committees which are part of our Area structure but completely autonomous, including: Intergroups
Central Service Committees
Young People in A.A. Committees
Hospital and Institution Committees

2. The following shall be lifetime voting members of the Assembly:

All past **Delegates of the Corporation, and past Delegates from other areas who now reside within the geographic boundaries of the Mid-Southern California Area,** who do not qualify under paragraph I.B.1.

6. Members in Good Standing: Members as listed above who have attended at least one Assembly or Area Service Committee meeting within the prior 12 month period.

*** E. PERMANENT COMMITTEES**

2. Those Coordinate Committees which are part of the Area structure but completely autonomous including:

- Intergroups/Central Service Committees
- Young People in A.A. Committees
- Hospital & Institution Committees**

***ARTICLE II AREA OFFICERS**

*** C. AREA ELECTIONS**

1. Voting eligibility.
 - a. All voting members of the Assembly are eligible if they **are Members in Good Standing as per Article I., B.6.**
 - b. **The Area Secretary shall keep a current list of all Members in Good Standing, who will be eligible to vote.**
(Delete c.)

* C. AREA ELECTIONS (continued from previous page)

2. Eligibility to office.
 - a. The **current full term** Delegate and all past Delegates are ineligible for area elective office.
 - b. With these exceptions, the following are eligible:
 - (4) Chairs and /or Directors currently serving or in office within the past twelve months of those Coordinate Committees which are part of our Area structure but completely autonomous; including the Intergroups, Central Service Committees, **Hospital & Institution Committees**, and Young People in AA Committees within the M.S.C.A.
 - c. **In order to be eligible to stand for above offices, all must have regularly attended area meetings in the year prior to the election, as determined by the Executive Committee if necessary.**
 - d. **All persons standing for the above offices must be present at the Election Assembly.**

*D. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

4. Secretary

f. Collects and maintains on file a list of Members in Good Standing as per Article I., B.6. to be used to determine voting eligibility, meeting notification, and to determine a quorum.

*ARTICLE VI TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF THE AREA ASSEMBLY

A. This organization is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law of the State of California for public and charitable purposes, and not for the private gain of any person. This Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and/or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. In the context of these general purposes, the Corporation shall conduct charitable and educational activities with the public at large regarding alcoholism.

C. Upon winding up and dissolution of this organization after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed as follows:

1. **First, to a California nonprofit, public benefit corporation or other nonprofit foundation, charitable trust or charitable organization having as its express purpose and actual function the acting as an area assembly in the State of California under the Service Structure of Alcoholics Anonymous;**
2. **Second, but only to the extent such assets cannot be distributed pursuant to a California nonprofit, public benefit corporation or other nonprofit foundation, charitable trust or**

charitable organization as shall be determined in good faith by the voting members in good standing of the Corporation, which complies most closely with the manifest intentions and purposes of the original incorporators of the Corporation.