

**DRAFT AREA 09 MID SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Area Archives 7111 Arlington Ave. #B Riverside CA
August 27, 2011 BOARD MEETING**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Cesar F. at 9:10am with the Serenity Prayer
In Attendance: Treasurer Joseph M., Delegate Linda C., Secretary Sharon K.,
Alternate Delegate Cesar F., Registrar Michael M. Guests Joseph H. and Pete B.

June Board Minutes reviewed and approved with addition to add Michael M. as in attendance. Michael/Linda

Officer's Reports

Delegate: Linda C. – I attended the last Area Board meeting on Saturday, June 18th and the Grapevine writers workshop on June 19th, the Archives Workbook workshop on June 25th, the MSCA Foro on July 17th, the La Viña Celebration on July 30th and 31st in Bakersfield, the Area Service Committee meeting on August 14th in Idyllwild, and the Additional Pacific Regional Forum in Woodland Hills, August 19th, 20th, and 21st where I gave a presentation on Varieties of Spiritual Experience.

I gave conference reports on the following dates: June 29, District 9; June 20, High Desert H&I; June 21st, District 22; June 22nd, District 21; June 26th, District 30; June 28th, District 24; July 1st, District 23; July 3rd, Districts 4 and 21 in Avalon (and thanks to District 21 for paying my boat fare!); July 6th, District 6; July 7th, Inland Empire Intergroup; July 7th, District 12; July 11th, District 7; July 12, District 17; July 14th, District 5; July 19th, So. Bay H&I; July 20th, District 8; July 24th, So. Calif. H&I; July 25th, District 25; August 1, Temecula Valley H&I; August 3rd, District 10; August 4, SOCALYPAA; August 9th, District 12; August 17th, So. Or. County H&I; August 23rd, All So. Bay Intergroup (2nd visit); and August 26th, Spanish No. Or. Co. Intergroup.

I received the final Conference Reports from GSO and began distribution of them at the ASC.

I confirmed with our Pacific Regional Trustee that he will chair our election assembly in October and announced it at the ASC.

In the matter concerning District 21's concerns about one of the group's adherence to the Traditions, as I reported at the last meeting, it has been resolved and the group is no longer violating any Traditions. Cesar and I visited this group on June 27th and I was invited to speak to the group, followed by good discussion.

There has been no further discussion concerning inviting prospective Class A trustees to participate with our area meetings. I will follow up with CPC and see if they have any ideas.

The Panel 61 Delegate from Hawaii, Linda M, stayed at my house for several days before the Forum and attended my conference report to the So. Or. Co. H&I with me.

I continue to send group registration information to the Registrar and pick up and mail contributions from the PO Box in Irvine each Thursday to the Treasurer and contributed my Forum presentation to the Delegate's Corner for the August newsletter and an article for the September newsletter.

I was asked by our chair to facilitate an invitation from the Southern California Convention Program Chairman to provide a panel for the Saturday slot from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on October 1st at the Westin Mission Hills Resort in Rancho Mirage. I have asked six past delegates to make presentations under the general heading of next year's conference theme: "Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in a Digital Age." The past delegates are: Joe B., Nancy J., Pete B., Marita H., Jim W., and Al P. I will moderate. None of us will get complimentary registration, however, if any of you on the board want to be readers on the panel, you may come in for that panel only for free. Let me know if you want to participate.

There is a current discussion among the Panel 60 and 61 delegates concerning why Alcoholics Anonymous membership has been stagnant for over ten years. This was also the topic of Chairman of the Board, Ward Ewing's closing remarks at the Additional Forum.

I distributed a summary of the application for required by the General Service Conference for the formation of a new delegate area and included it in my handouts at the Area Service Committee meeting. I attended the short meeting held at the Additional Forum of the Study Group ("Think Tank") which I believe was a kick-off meeting and will be followed up by more meetings soon. I look forward to this continuing discussion. Neighboring area delegates have mentioned to me that they would like to participate in some of the discussions, as we move ahead.

I received the Second Quarter Group Contribution report from GSO and forwarded it to Joseph for review. I will distribute the District reports at the September assembly. On a related note, I am serving as secretary for the Past Delegates' Reunion which usually takes place in February (except for International Convention years, when it is held a few days before the convention). The Reunion is an informal, casual get-together for current and former members of the conference, including GSO staff members, trustees and directors, as well as all current and past delegates. The next one will be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada on February 3, 4, and 5th.

Alternate Delegate: Cesar F. – Part of OC Spanish Speaking convention Sept. 16 – 18. Visited La Vina anniversary. Met with Interpreter Ad Hoc Committee and presented agreement. Helped Linda with a membership survey of a Spanish speaking group. Visited a District 21 group meeting in Norwalk to talk about General Service. Visited several groups with Linda C. for her report back.

Secretary: Sharon K.- attended Area board meeting on June 18 and Area ASC on August 14. Have continued to distribute eligibility lists to DCM/DCMC and DCM School chair at every area meeting. Will be contacting the Area Committee chairs to let them know their eligibility to stand for the board. Helped distribute checkin slips at the August ASC for conference reports.

Registrar – Michael M. – presented a early draft of a Safety in AA brochure. Talked about possibility of new Registrar COMPUTER? for Panel 62 Registrar. Has been doing several entries on updates in the computer for groups. Attended the August ASC and June board meeting.

Treasurer: Joseph M. –

Cash in checking	7-31-11	11,673.58
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	7-31-11	<u>334.07</u>
Total	7-31-11	12,007.65
Bank as of 8-24-11		12,932.10
To Prudent Reserve 8-29-11 (owed)		(4,500.00)
Suggested addition		<u>(165.93)</u>
Total		<u>(4,665.93)</u>
Balance in Bank 8-29-11		<u>8,266.17</u>
Prudent Reserve 8-29-11		5,000.00

Panel 60 contributing entities:

Registered Groups	765
Districts	4
Unregistered Groups	<u>155</u>
Total	924

Year to date contributing entities:

Registered Groups	583
Districts	4
Unregistered Groups	<u>85</u>
Total	672

Chair: Jeryl T. – not present

Old Business

- Interpreters Ad Hoc Committee: Cesar presented a preliminary contract agreement which he will have an attorney review to make certain that there are no concerns about independent contractor rules and regulations (He will contact Gil G. for review or reference.)
- Safety in AA: Michael provided a preliminary draft of a possible area pamphlet, which all present thought looked very good!
- August ASC Proposals: Reviewed and made arrangements to have 200 copies of each proposal and background available at the assembly in September.

New Business

- Archivist, Pete B reported on upcoming negotiations for the Archives repository lease and possible Archives Facebook page was discussed; no decisions were reached; discussion will continue.
- Motion to purchase digital recording equipment in total of \$185. Linda/Cesar. Motion passes Communications committee will purchase and give to Sound Dude.
- Discussed Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee; Joseph chaired the committee and submitted a report which recommended that the area should not pursue a program of disaster preparedness for a number of legal and practical reasons. Report is available upon request.
- Elections: Discussed the mechanics of the election assembly and made arrangements about various tasks which will assure a smooth election.
- Budget 2012: Treasurer requested that each officer prepare a suggested budget for their own offices and for the rest of the area expenses for reference.

Action Items

Delegate:

- Look for colored papers for elections.
- Prepare percentage of attendees at last assembly graph for next assembly
- Check with Rod on schedule after election to determine whether the board could take him out to dinner after the assembly.
- Make copies of the proposal concerning the expansion of the board to include a seventh member with background information for next Assembly
- Email board members District dates for election invitations.

Secretary:

- Email Check in sheet to ???
- Prepare invitations to give out to people who are eligible to stand for a board position.
- Email board members the criteria for eligibility to stand for board positions.
- Send recommendations concerning other thoughts on budget to Joseph by next Assembly.

- Email changes from the minutes of Panel 60 actions to Ernesto (Chair of the Literature committee) regarding the changes to the guidelines.
- Eblast all Districts asking for the dates of their elections.

Alternate Delegate:

- Email information on OC Spanish speaking convention to board members.
- Contact Gil G. to look at Independent Contractor Agreement.
- Present budget information to Joseph for contract limits for Interpreters.
- Add verbiage about mileage only paid to and from our Post Office location, 1099 information, and rate information to Independent Contractor Agreement
- Email independent contractor contract for interpreters to board members for review and comments.
- Send recommendations concerning other thoughts on budget to Joseph by next Assembly.
- Make copies of proposal concerning the bid for PRAASA 2016 and background information for next Assembly
- Email list of election dates for Districts.
- Cesar to find hosting committee room for board meeting at the Howard Johnson hotel in Fullerton for Saturday, September 17th (time to be determined after review of the convention program).

Registrar:

- Speak to Registration Committee regarding helping with the elections.
- Emailing Registrar's report.
- Send recommendations concerning other thoughts on budget to Joseph by next Assembly.
- Send Safety in AA brochure to board by email for review and comment.
- Send results of Ad Hoc committee on By Laws/Guidelines to Ernesto (Literature Chair) for inclusion in updated document.

Treasurer:

- Make copies of proposal concerning changing the bylaws to address preparation of summaries of the conference agenda items for the pre-conference workshop and background information for next Assembly.
- As he will be on vacation and unable to attend the next board meeting, email Treasurer's report to board members prior to September 17th.

Chair:

- Send recommendations concerning other thoughts on budget to Joseph by next Assembly.
- Email 2012 Calendar to secretary and bring 200 copies of the calendar to the assembly.

Motion to close meeting passed unanimously. Meeting closed at 12:30pm

Next meeting: September 17, 2011

Location: Howard Johnson 222 W. Houston Ave. Fullerton CA 92832 Time TBD