

Mid-Southern California Area 9 Service Committee Minutes
March 13, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Jeryl T. at 12:17pm with the Serenity Prayer

Readings: Declaration of Unity: David/Pedro 3rd Tradition: Marna/Salvador A.S.C. Statement of Purpose and Membership: Jim /Stefania Concept 3 Fernando/Carlos , GSR Preamble Tru/Antonio

Approval of 2011 February Area Service Committee minutes Motion/2nd – Willy/Rich Minutes accepted

- **Announcements:**
 - Several members shared about their PRAASA experience.
 - Ashley read summary about agnostic/atheist literature and several people commented on this.

Officers Reports (following reports are written reports):

Delegate Linda C. – Since the last Area meeting, she attended the South Bay H&I Committee meeting; the Area Board meeting; the 4-Area DCM Sharing Session in Fullerton; District 20 to discuss a group issue; District 22 in Indio; Coachella Valley H&I in Palm Desert; Spanish Intergroup in Indio; Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly (PRAASA) in Honolulu, Hawaii; North Orange County Intergroup in Fullerton; and the North Orange County Spanish Intergroup in Anaheim.

She presented her two-minute Area 09 Highlights at PRAASA in addition to sitting on the “Stump the Delegates” panel.

As a director of the corporation, she signed the lease for the copier, which is now housed at the Archives repository.

She received an updated communication from GSO General Manager concerning the eBooks Initiative and included the communication in her packet. In order for AAWS to retain full control of the eBook publishing process, GSO will develop its own capabilities for the sale and distribution of AA literature published in eBook form. GSO will also develop custom software called the AA Mobile App which will be used on handheld mobile devices to allow purchased copies of AAWS eBooks to be downloaded and read. Individuals seeking to purchase AAWS eBooks will be able to do so through GSO’s “AA Online Store” via a link that will be prominently located on the home page of the AA Website and also through the AA Mobile App. She said the first phase of this project is underway and is expected to be complete by early 4th Quarter 2011. When completed, individual will be able to purchase English, French, and Spanish versions of the 4th Edition of the Big Book and the 12 and 12.

She reminded everyone to also remember to buy registration tickets for the La Viña Anniversary in Bakersfield on July 31st.the registration buys a subscription to the magazine and will help insure La Vina’s future.

She received the Final Report for the Alcoholics Anonymous 21st World Service Meeting in Mexico City, which was held October 17-21, 2010. There were 53 delegates from 32 countries, including Portugal and Estonia who were first time attendees. It serves as a forum for the worldwide sharing of experience and ideas on ways to carry the AA message of recovery. The event alternates between New York City and other locations around the world. The theme was “Sponsorship: Our Responsibility”. Attendance is limited to elected delegates from the participating countries. Our elected U.S./Canada delegate, Jo-Anne L., gave an excellent presentation on “The Role of Trustees-at-Large. If you want to purchase a copy of this report it is Item # F-150.

She continues to pick up the donations at the Irvine post office and mail them to Joseph on a weekly basis and thanked Cesar for his excellent service and support.

She brought flyers for the Pacific Regional Additional Forum, which will be held in Woodland Hills in August and asked that everyone put it on his or her calendar. It is free (no registration) and will be another wonderful opportunity for all of us to become more informed about general services and what is going on at GSO.

She received the year-end report from GSO for contributions from our area. Percentage of groups contributing to GSO in 2010 was 40.38% (as compared to 39.45% in 2009) The total Area 09 contributions for 2010 to GSO were \$151,000. . She mentioned that the Forum pages of our website (www.area09.org) are being visited and commented on. There are several questions for discussion and she encouraged us all to “take a look.”

She pointed out the both La Viña and the AA Grapevine are now available in digital format: we get it two weeks early and it helps to bring down the cost of printing. She asked that we consider converting our subscriptions to digital if that is a good way for us to receive it.

She received the Pacific Regional Trustee's report from the January board meeting and posted it on our website. She will provide a copy of it for anyone who requests one.

She mentioned that she was very impressed with District 18's Performance Report...it would be great to see similar reports from all of the districts!

She had two very informative sessions with the other 14 Pacific Region delegates and the Pacific Region Trustee (Rod B) at PRAASA. They discussed many items of similarity and variety between the ways different areas handle things, how often they meet, what percentages of members attend, how background material is handled and disseminated and other helpful sharings.

She is looking forward to attending some of the districts' and nearby areas' pre-conference workshops and especially our own on Sunday, April 10th. She hopes that there will be a large turnout and lots of opinions about the agenda items.

She thanked the extraordinary efforts and work of the ad hoc committee on summarizing the agenda items. She looks forward to hearing feedback from them about the process and how it might be made simpler and/or better next year.

The deadline has been extended on stories for the pamphlet "AA and the Armed Services" If you have a story, or know someone who does, the new deadline is July 15, 2011. This is an excellent opportunity to include stories from armed service members who are currently serving or have more recent experience in the armed services and recovery in AA. Send stories to Literature Coordinator, GSO, Box 459, Grand Central Station, NY, NY 10163 or email to: literature@aa.org.

There is a vacancy on the GSO staff and applications are now being sought. GSO staff members rotate through various assignments and correspond with AAs on all aspects of recovery and service. They also represent the General Service Office at AA functions throughout the US and Canada and provide support for the General Service Board and annual General Service Conference. If you are interested in finding out more, there is information in the current issue Box 459 or you can contact Director of Staff Services at GSO. She included a copy of the application in her packet this month. The deadline for receipt of applications is April 15th, 2011.

She congratulated DCYPAA (the Desert Cities Young People in AA) on being awarded the SOCALYPAA3 Conference, which will be held in Palm Springs November, 2011.

She asked for feedback about how she is serving (or failing to serve) the area as a whole and individual members, groups or districts. She is looking forward to the Conference in May and to continuing to serve with this wonderful, enthusiastic area!

Alternate Delegate Cesar F. – went to North OC Central Office, District 20 and 22. Looking forward to visiting Districts with Linda C. Pre-conference workshop is next month. Summaries are translated and want to thank ad hoc committee. Mentioned roundtable chairs for pre conference workshop.

Treasurer Joseph M.:

Cash in bank 2-28-11	\$ 8,012.94
Prudent Reserve 2-29-11	<u>333.99</u>
Total	\$ 8,349.93

3-13-11

Starting Bank	\$ 7,543.52
Minus Checks Written	<u>(\$1,459.26)</u>
Total	\$ 6,084.26

Plus deposits in transit	\$ 1,829.88
Monies received	<u>\$ 1,495.01</u>
Total incoming	<u>\$ 3,324.89</u>

Bank Balance	\$ 9,409.15
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Contributing Entities:

344 Contributing Entities
300 Registered Groups
40 Un registered Groups (13% of total)

4 Districts

Panel 60
829 Contributing Entities
682 Registered Groups
143 unregistered Groups (18% of Total)
4 Districts

We should be able to put \$4500 back into the Prudent Reserve

Registrar Michael M. – explained what PRAASA meant to her. Volunteered at the registration table at PRAASA. Went to CEC, Registrar, and CPC roundtables. The other Area Registrar's have the same challenges and are going to see about getting an email database of North America Registrar's. Talked about agnostic/atheist pamphlet. Also 4 Area DCM, PRAASA, and Board Meeting. 5 new meetings – High End Group – District 4, Last Group – District 18, Plug in Jug Group District 9, Rancho Santa Margarita Big Book Study group – District 12 and Serenity Sisters in District 30

Secretary Sharon K. – Gave a report on Concept 2 at District 21 in Spanish. I was so nervous and new to learning the concepts. Thank you to Jesse for translating for me and thank you to District 21 for tolerating my "I don't know" answers on concept 2. I attended the February board meeting. I eBlasted to the DCMCs an update needed for their DCMs so I can include in the roster. I am getting ready for the elections and will soon be providing eligibility lists of GSRs eligible to vote. Thanks to District 18 for providing me support this am at Registration table. Eblasted several notifications about PRAASA. Also I had the opportunity to test out the new copier with the minutes.

Chair Jeryl T – no report.

New Business

- Jeryl confirmed Victor as the Spanish Co-Chair for Convention
- Executive Committee through the Finance Committee requests that \$300 be approved to fund Rod B, the Pacific Regional Trustee to attend our Area Election Assembly. Steve S. 2nd. Motion to forward to assembly passes.
 - Keith – we are restoring the prudent reserve (according to Treasurer), not enough money to cover food, etc. PI/CPC can't afford to advertise in the buses. Would be willing to pass a basket. Committee chairs have more money.
 - Bill W. – in the last 8 years did we ever fly in Phyllis or Madeline?
 - Linda – every time we flew them in
 - Martin J. – one of my meetings in my district spent \$740 on cookies and we can ask them to cough up some money.
 - Jake – concerned about how quickly these financial matters are coming up. As a GSR I got blasted for rushing to
 - Rozeanne – doesn't GSO provide expenses for the Trustee?
 - Jim C. – he has emergency funds that are available but the Area's are expected to pay his expenses if they bring him out.
 - Cesar – it is history to bring the Trustee out for the elections. Last panel we dropped the ball and didn't bring the Trustee out.
 - Alex – why spend so much money to bring someone out when we have good people here to do the job.
 - Ron – I would support this. My experience has been that the more connection we get with our Trustee the better he can do his job and the better. \$300 seems reasonable.
 - Jeryl – people have volunteered to put him up and pay meals.
 - Alex – don't have a problem with this but we should spend \$300 to teach people how to vote.
 - Joe B. – I think an opportunity to bring the regional trustee to our area is welcome at any time and encourage anyone that is challenging the budget to visit the finance committee during the budget process.
 - Mauricio – for me it is interesting. I've been involved in four elections. I've always found the elections to be interesting. This is the first time that I have heard of discussion regarding the person we want to bring here. So what we need to do is inform our groups the needs that the Area has. For me, personally, it is a privilege to have our regional Trustee here. Personally I am in favor of this.

Old Business

- District 18 proposal – To create a conference approved 12 x 12 in Farsi to be create an from an existing translation. Withdrawing the motion as GSO got us back to us regarding this.
- District 12 proposal – In order to facilitate and encourage increased participation in Area function such as the Servathon, FORO, and the Preconference Workshop, District 12 would like to suggest that the Area

budget for these functions include the accompanying lunch. That any shortfall from donation cans for these lunches would be absorbed by the Area. That no announcement concerning the deficit need to be mentioned at the function. Decision to send to the assembly carries.

- o Alex would like that this be extended to any area function including the Assembly's, thinks money should come from the groups. We should try to welcome them.
- o Jim would reduce the income by about \$1,500 per year. The way it exists right now we don't receive enough contributions to cover area meetings. Area budgets \$1,000 per meeting. Best solution is to encourage contributions from the groups to all service entities.
- o Nick – agrees with Jim. Nobody has to put money in the basket it is suggested. We should be responsible for paying for our own food. If we come up short we should be able to pass the basket again.
- o Jake – will this motion affect next month's pre-conference workshop? No.
- o Joe B. – my opinion is the Area should fund 100% to fund Area events. The fact that we ask Districts to cover our shortfalls is an embarrassment. Believe it should go to the assembly.
- o Marcelo – confused as to what is being talked about. Looks like it is only about the contribution to the can. I feel it should be more clear as to what and why we need this.
- o Michael – numbers of attendance have grown substantially. Food has risen substantially also.
- o Erin – District 12 we budget for the year. It is embarrassing to invite your groups and then ask them for a contribution.
- o Patrick – this could cost that much. While we are trying to be all inclusive. Should we put the onness on the Districts. If the District doesn't have the money to cover the funds, the Area should come in. Don't see the harm.
- o Ramon – District 2 hosted and our problem was the rent. We had to recover the food from our District funds. Most alcoholics will put money in the 7th tradition.
- o Bonnie – we just put on this particular event. Area told us here is what you have. We made that decision to help cover amount. Don't think cans are mandatory.

Minority Opinion

- Jose - From what I understand Dist. Needs to be responsible for the cost of the rent, food, and everything else. The groups are already making their contribution to the District and the Area so we make use of what little money we have.
- Ron – voted against this because you are selecting three events and it doesn't seem fair. Used to be a time where you broke for lunch.
- AOCYPAA request for support from Area for bid package for 2012 ACYPAA convention. Michael/Tina to support letter that Bob Convention Liaison signed. Motion carries.
 - o Jesus – does Convention Liaison have authority to sign the letter?
 - Jeryl – I don't believe that he can sign for the area.
 - o Reynaldo – is the purpose of the letter to assist with the letter?
 - Brian – only purpose of the letter is to support the bid.

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

Archives Joseph H. Feb 19 – Archives Committee meeting approved Jan 15 minutes. Continual review studying of GSO Archives Workbook for future suggested revisions; new District 14 Archivist and Area Archives Committee member – David L. Upcoming events – Archives committee meeting March 19, Movie night – March 19 “Days of Wine and Roses (1958). District 15 sorting party on march 26th. H & I Conference April 15th & 16th Archives presentation. April 9th is 19th Annual Inland Empire “newcomers” Round up – Archives presentation

Communications Jesus: Training class for the high-speed copier/printer is Friday March 18th at 10am. Discussed publishing related events on the website and Area newsletter with a disclaimer. Kris C. is the new Equipment Sub-Committee Chair.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Bill – upcoming Health Fairs. Seal Beach Health Fair March 19th, Saturday CPC & PI 9am – 3pm. English and Spanish. Riverside County Regional Medical Center at Health & Safety Fair – March 26th 9-3pm English & Spanish

Cooperation with the Professional Community (Spanish) Martin G.: We are working (thanks to all of you), in conjunction with the area PI. Trying to carry the required information as to what is AA for the community. Thanks to all who made this work possible and without you there would be none. Thanks for providing me the confidence to develop this committee and thanks to all districts for their support. Martin G.

Convention Liaison Bob – To do two conventions in April – OCAAC Costa Mesa – service display, Area 9 & District 18 representative on 4/23 – 4/25. 8th Convention Inland Empire AA – 4/22 – 4/24 – service display Fairgrounds in Victorville (Spanish Speaking) Due to budget, next Convention October – San Bernardino Hilton. Budget spent for three conventions. Additional convention is Inland Empire 10/15 – 10/17 in San Bernardino – table, literature, literature racks. Paying room for one night, two meals, registration, parking (if any) Upcoming events Spanish Literature to Victor from Jose A.

Corrections Alex I am in Laguna Woods today. The corrections job is getting done. Something is coming soon thank you for let me do my service. I love you all

GSR School Spanish Reynaldo – Indio, CA 16 attendees. The meeting started at 10am with the serenity prayer. Readings GSR preamble by Jildardo and Service Legacy by Bill W. read by Delfino. New GSR's, Hugo new alternate GSR-group Estrella del Desierto District 25, Angel GSR group Los Rebeldes dist 22, Alt GSR Marcos group La solucion Dist. 22, Roberto GSR Dist 22 and Jose GSR group Buscando Sobriedad dist 21. We welcomed them and read Concept II when in 1955 the AA groups ratified the Report and Charter of the General Service Conference and the conference therefore was delegated full authority for world service.

DCM School Terry – Joint meeting with Registration Committee. Review best tools for visiting and registering all District Meetings for General Service Directory. Our greatest responsibility is to recruit our GSR. So worthwhile – we will do again in November 2011 or February or March 2012.

Finance Jim Compiling area property inventory. Updating FC guidelines. Compiling Area Committee Guidelines. FC floor motion: "The executive committee requests that \$300 be approved to fund Rod B., the Pacific Region Trustee to attend our Area election assembly in October 2011.

Grapevine Judy – discussed with committee when, where, time of proposed writer's workshop. The date is set for June 19th (birthday of Grapevine) at Archives 2pm – 5pm.

La Viña – Sunday, Feb. 13th, 2011-Good afternoon, everyone. Today there were 10 attendees at the meeting including chairs and la Viña reps. I informed them about the planning meetings we're having for the 15th. Anniversary of La Viña. This event will be held at 405 Galaxy Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93308 30 on July 31, 2011. We are working with 4 other areas and February 20th we will have a meeting in Fresno, Calif. That day we will choose the "logo" and will continue to report on the programming. Thanks to all Mauricio T.

Literature – reviewed and approved changes to the by-laws. Reviewed and discussed literature agenda topic items and background information. Attendees: 2) Literature District chairs

Registration Joe two significant events – Workshop at the Archives last month and talked about with the DCM school the registration process. Need to pay attention to getting new GSR's and groups registered and to fix what we haven't done in the last three or four years.

Special Needs Scott – There are a lot of hearing impaired meetings but they are affiliated with houses and aren't open to the public. We are going to try and get a couple of the hearing impaired to come and share at the Area to see maybe we can better assist them.

Treatment Facilities – John no meeting today.

Coordinate Committee Reports

H & I - So Cal Convention Hyatt in Valencia April 15 – April 17 and March 19 fundraiser at Intercity Fellowship Hall

AOCYPAA – ACYPAA March 17th - 20th San Francisco at the Marriott by SFO. Upcoming events. Business meetings 2nd & 4th Sundays at 2pm at the Canyon Club Laguna Beach. Open AOCYPAA elections April 3rd at 2pm at Newport Club. March 26th meeting and drag show and dance- 730pm at St. Georges Church in Laguna Hills.

SOCALYPAA – Southern California Young People of AA. We meet every Thursday at Betty Ford RDT Building at 6:00pm. All welcome. Organizing and planning of the third annual convention – Nov. Thanksgiving weekend in Palm Springs. We have had good support and are very appreciative to AA as a whole. Thank you and hope to see all of you at SOCALYPAA 3! Upcoming events: Nov 24 – 27 SOCALYPAA 3rd annual convention Palm Springs.

[Http://socalypaa.org](http://socalypaa.org)

District Reports submitted in writing

District 1: Three people gave their report about PRAASA. Our Registrar Dan gave a particularly awesome report on how to digitize our registrar. Continued/tabled our planning of our special event. We've really been focusing on Area participation and we have seen an increase in Area attendance. Upcoming events – special event more information to follow.

District 2: Chaired by Mona L. Alternate DCMC in the absence of DCMC who was at PRAASA. There were 10 members in attendance. Continue to motivate all groups to regularly schedule business meetings and to report/District in process to develop a consistent and methodical approach to the need of a visitation schedule, agenda/program.

District 6: Discussed upcoming per-conference workshop. We are hosting. Food will be gourmet soul food. Speaker promises to be best ever! Cesar will display culinary talents never before tried. Upcoming events: Roundtables RE: visitations – many districts struggle with this. Working on commitments to resolve this.

District 9: We started the meeting and read the 2nd tradition. We had about 25 members. Our district PI committee had a member speak at the Coachella Valley HS about the effect of alcoholism on her life and were asked to come back in April. Yesterday, March 11 there was a health fair at Grace Church in Desert Hot Springs where we set up a table and handed out pamphlets. We will be doing the same at a Woman's Health fair May 22. We are looking forward to having Jeryl come visit our District next Sunday march 20th. We are fortunate to have had two members attend PRAASA. Hopefully next year we will have more. Just a reminder there are only 11 meetings left until the next

PRAASA in Bellview WA. You may want to start saving/planning now. As always thank you for letting me be of service.

District 10: We are continuing our District inventory we sent two people to PRAASA. We have a new Special Needs chair. We will center future discussions around selected CD's from PRAASA 2011.

District 12: District was able to send two officers to PRAASA. Traditions & Concepts Workshop held 1st Thursday of every month at Geneva Presbyterian Church. El Toro Rd., Laguna Woods at 630pm (before the business meeting). All AA members are invited. Approximately a dozen representatives from District 12 in attendance at this ASC. Upcoming events. Memorial day Picnic, San Clemente

District 14 : Getting ready for our ASC in August in Idyllwild. PRAASA was an elaborate spiritual affair which was wonderful and exciting. The tapes which we got for our area, as a suggestion that we discuss the panels at the District level. Some of the issues that are of concern are some groups/meetings are holding onto large sums of Tradition funds and boasted that they spent more money on cookies than they do on rent. Each group is autonomous but \$1400 in prudent reserve is almost obscene. ASC August 2011, Ice cream social – November, Workshop – July/August, Elections in November.

District 17: Divided up Registrar's group sheets for visitation and updating info. PRAASA & 4 Area DCM sharing reports. Opened time (6 – 6:30pm) for standing committees to meet before the district meeting begins. Upcoming events. 3/19 – District Pre Conference Workshop. Co-Host FORO de MSCA in July.

District 18: Incredible meetings. We filled all of our service positions for the first time in four years. We broke into sub-districts and divided up the meetings that needed visitation. Then we announced that the Publications Director emailed us to request our help translating the 12 x 12 into Farsi and editing the Farsi Big Book. We produced a performance report, outlining registration and attendance by sub-district, and set goals and benchmarks. Upcoming events: hosting ASC March 13. We are holding a Secretary's workshop in late May. We are helping to staff at table at the OC convention.

District 20-District 20 normally meets every Monday from 7:30-9:30 pm for the purpose of staying together through practice the principles of the program and share AA information with groups. We also inform you that on February 5th a District 20 committee was present to Area Archives, in order to help a little. Also a we pass a basket to support the comrades who will go to PRAASA. So far we have 5 members of the district who plan to attend this event. See you in PRAASA by Osvaldo H. DCM and Melquiades alt. DCM.

District 21 GSR's-Motivation to serve, Seventh Tradition, Step Twelve, 2011 PRAASA days 4 to 6 March. Jose Roberto IP motivating the group visits. We take literature to a library in San Pedro and a barber in the Pacific and 6th Street. Big Book and pamphlets to a medical clinic in Long Beach and Paramount directories of meetings to a DUI school. We will be hosting June ASC at 21815 Pioneer Bl., Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716.

District 22-Coachella Valley 15 attendees. District 22 is conducting a meeting on Tuesday of each week on a rotating basis a study session and a business session as well. We visit all the groups that make up the Coachella Valley. We also attend groups invitations. It has scheduled a La Viña workshop with participation of other areas that are currently involved with Area 09 La Viña chair. Previous meetings were promoted each visit to the groups with the participation of the district to strengthen unity. Learn more about the workshop of La Viña soon.

District 23-Yours sincerely District 23. We hold our meetings on Fridays from 7 to 9pm. Groups visitations on Wednesdays. We inform about activities and needs that are in AA and General Services. The district works with an extra basket called PRAASA used to support members of the district that will attend PRAASA. This year there are two motivated partners to participate. Thank you for your attention DCM District 23

District 24-Good afternoon, everyone. I would like to inform you about the latest development in our last meeting on February 8 that was a pre-Area session there were no round tables. We discuss an old issue which was about a district anniversary committee. The committee is follows: Chair-Martin G. Ultimo trago Group, Secretary-Juvenal Gpo. Mi nueva vida and Treasurer Victor Group Que somos hoy. We also have a member who will share his experience as new GSR; Cresencio Group Ultimo Trago. Also approved in the last Tuesday of the month we will read the concepts and not the chapters and have already started with the Concept Two. This year we will have elections for new trusted servants panel 62. With other things being equal, we visited two groups per week and informed them of our service and motivate the Seventh Tradition. That's all at the moment. Thanks for letting me serve. DCM-Santiago R. . Martin G. DCM alt.

District 30: The District decided to have a pre-pre conference workshop next month (March). We were given an update on 2nd annual High Desert round-up in October. Pete B. gave us a presentation on the history of AA and it was the highest attended District meeting to date. Upcoming events: Pre PRE conference workshop 4th Sunday in March.

Birthdays:

Keith – 7, Joseph – 20, Judy – 6, Kim – 28, Brian – 4, Bill – 36, Ernesto – 26, Leandro - 15

THE ASC ADJOURNED at 4pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Panel 60 Secretary –Sharon K.

