

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
***Mid-Southern California Area 9 Service Committee Minutes***  
**Murrieta, Ca.**  
**Feb.10, 2013 ASC Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by Cesar F. at 12:12 pm with the Serenity Prayer

**Readings:** Declaration of Unity Gloria/William, A.S.C. Statement of Purpose and Membership: Moses/Omar

**Introductions:** Past Trustees, Past Delegates, New GSRs, New DCMs, New DCMCs, Guests

**Approval of Dec., 2012 Area Service Committee minutes** Motion Julio/Catherine 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Approved

**Officers Reports (following reports are written reports):**

**Delegate Jeryl T.** Lots going on. Who is going to Praasa? Alicia has been hired to be an interpreter at Praasa. Praasa guidelines have been changed. The bidding process needed to be changed. The delegates got together and decided that we need a general order for the areas to host or bid to host Praasa. Also, you know about rotation; delegates rotate every two years. Ward will be rotating out and new chairman of the board will be Terri Bidient. Feb. 23 registration workshop will be held at the Archives in Riverside. Immediately after that we will have the first meeting of the summary background info. GSO wants our input on having 3<sup>rd</sup>. party persons sell our e-books. GSO wants to change the deadline for submitting agenda items from Jan. 15 to Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. 67 completed translations to other languages and 19 pending.

Since our last meeting, I have traveled to Compton, Fontana, Palm Desert, Victorville, Long Beach, Garden Grove, and the OC Intergroup, either to do visitations, assist in Group Business, help resolve issues on policy or speak on behalf of General Service. I also attended our area officer's Board Meeting in Tustin, prepared for my trip to Boise for Praasa and submitted a list of our Area's candidates for the PRAASA presentations and volunteers for reading, timers, moderators and secretaries.

I have already begun to schedule Delegate share back sessions with some of our districts and have booked my travel to and from New York for the 63<sup>rd</sup>. General Service Conference I will attend in April. I am struck with immense gratitude at the opportunities that have been availed to me with regard to the position that you have placed me in as Delegate of Area 09.

Directly following PRAASA, I have been scheduled to be the opening speaker at the Victorville Convention Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. and I will be participating in the Orange County Convention as well. The General Service Conference follows that, then, after our delegate share back assembly in May, I will be preparing to go to Redwood City for their Convention, followed by the Ottawa Convention in October, just before we elect my replacement at our Election Assembly that same month. I am getting closer to being a Past Delegate as each day passes.

I wrote the Delegate's Corner for the Area's newsletter and I am grateful to the Newsletter Committee, Linda, for printing it. It was very personal and provoking. Not for fight, but of

thought, thought of our future as an Area. We have much to think about in the very near future with some of the changes that are coming from, and will come from GSO with regard to how they do business, and how we will do business in the future. We have to be strong and united, or else we may not weather the storm that coming.

We have been asked to discuss whether or not Areas should be determined more by the amount of people it serves. That question alone makes one think that others are thinking about the possibility of creating new Delegate Areas or restructuring the ones we have already. We should definitely take a look at the possibility, seeing how the MSCA09 is the largest Area in the US and Canada, of how we would like to see our Area made up. At least before someone else makes that decision for us, we should at least have a mindset as to how we want to move into the future. Just food for thought.

I am ever so grateful for the opportunity to experience Service at this level. My time, energy and hope are always available for any of you who need me. Just ask and if it fits in my schedule, I'm there. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

#### **Alternate Delegate Sharon K.**

As I stand here over a year later as Alternate Delegate I have been reflecting on my service. Have I been of maximum service to the Area? Am I fulfilling my duties as a board member? Am I doing what my job description sets out for an Alternate Delegate to do? I am my own worst critic and my initial answer to this is no. Although I believe I have done a good job coordinating the Servathon, FORO, and pre-conference workshop, as well as filling in for the Treasurer and Secretary in their absence at Area meetings; I have a lot more work to do where the committees are concerned that I am liaison to. Especially the coordinate committees such as YPAA, H and I, and Intergroup. We have such a large Area it is impossible to be everywhere at once yet we try to. I love Alcoholics Anonymous and General Service. It gives me great pride when someone in the Area calls on me to ask my opinion whether it be how to handle a certain General Service situation, gathering information regarding potential tradition violations, etc. it is a privilege and an honor to service this Area. As Alternate Delegate I can tell you that you have the hardest working Delegate in North America. We have weekly and sometimes daily calls and I have never met a more passionate person for General Service. In the coming year I'm doing my best to visit more coordinate committees, districts, etc. I would also encourage anyone interested in standing for a board position to reach out to anyone of us. This service work isn't easy and it takes a certain kind of person to do this. I am meeting with the agenda summary committee on Feb 23 and hope to have the agenda summaries finalized by PRAASA. A lofty goal but we will see. We still have a literature Spanish Co-chair available so if you are interested please reach out to those of us on the board. I look forward to seeing many of you at PRAASA and thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**Registrar Raul:** My name is Raul and I'm an alcoholic. First of all, I want to thank all of you who attended the Registration Workshop on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Archives. Thanks to Kristen, Meg, Laura and Nikki who gave great presentations. If you have any questions please ask them. I'm still updating GSRs and contacts on the GSO database. I have attended one more Praasa and I went to the Registrar's round table. We had many good questions on how to work with and make things easier to connect all the groups. Thank you

**Treasurer Annie:** Treasurer's Report

February 16, 2013

Cash in checking 6,858.82

Prudent Reserve (Savings) 5,001.38

Total 11,860.20

DECEMBER 2012 2012 YEAR TOTAL

Inflows 5,674.88 Inflows 64,199.58

Outflows 8,405.63 Outflows 60,541.87

TOTAL - 2,730.75 Total 3,657.71

JANUARY 2013 2013 YTD

Inflows 5,730.96 Inflows 8,938.88

Outflows 4,894.62 Outflows 9,059.96

Total 836.34 Total -121.08

1. Financials

2. Finance Committee is having a workshop to train possible future area treasurers at the Archives February 23, 2013 (focusing on creating reports and entering deposits in File Maker Pro).

**Secretary Jesus O.** – First of all, I want to thank you for your prayers and good wishes while I was out sick. I was in good company and good spirits and thank you all that stopped by the hospital. I have not done much the past month, other than attend my home meetings and I've been e-blasting information to the area as needed. I'm still working on updating the minutes and posting them on the website and giving them to Archives. Again thanks to Sharon for filling in for me when I'm out for any reason. God Bless

**Area Chair Cesar F.** - A hello fellow member of the ASC, my name is Cesar and I'm an alcoholic. I have the honor to serve you as your Area panel 62 chair. Thank you district 17 for hosting today. Thank you Tony our coffee maker and our sound dude Jim for setting up before the meeting. The 4 area DCM Sharing Session hosting area is working on organizing the planning meetings. Our liaisons this year are Patrick, Rozane, Marcelo and Jose.

The March ASC new address is Cesar Chavez Park at 401 N. Golden Ave., Long Beach, Ca. 90802. The Pre-Conference Workshop hosted by District 25 will be held at the Knight of Columbus Hall at 1729 Baseline St., San Bernardino, Ca. This next Praasa will be my 11<sup>th</sup>. Praasa. Finally, I've been attending the area officer's meetings and preparing agendas for the area meeting and attending major area events. Thank you for your trust

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Proposal Martin/Joe 2<sup>nd</sup>:** That the finance committee; publish on the website: Each quarterly profit & loss statement as soon as it is available. In addition, publish the preliminary budget in October and the final budget in January.

**Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)**

**Archives Matt:** - The Archives Committee met with District Archivist and guest at the Area ASC on Sunday February 10, 2013. There were 7 members in attendance.

We discussed the continuing need to have the help of the District Archivist at the Area level to help us collect information within their districts. The Area Archives Committee is tasked with

collecting, preserving, maintaining and making available information about Alcoholics Anonymous in the Mid-Southern California Area. Each District is a member of the Area, therefore, it is important that each District elect an Archives representative to ensure that information in their District is being collected and preserved.

Upcoming Events:

- February 16th, 2013: Regular Archive Committee Meeting
- February 23rd, 2013: Displaying the Traveling Display at District 30's Movie Day
- February 26th, 2013: History of the Big Book Presentation at District 24
- March 12th, 2013: Displaying the Traveling Display at District 17's District meeting.
- April 28th, 2013 Archive Open House. With Presentation on the "Friends of AA" (Dr. Silkworth, Dr. Tiebout, Dr. Shoemaker, Father Dowling and Sister Ignacia)

**CEC Patricia** – We discussed more ways to get our info. out. District 12 and Sun City have been successful at reaching some elder facilities. Dist 14 is reaching out to get pamphlets in Doctor's offices. We are now looking for Health fairs we can attend. Thank you

**Communications Martin:** No Report

**CPC Katherine** – No Report

**CPC Spanish Jose** – No report

**Convention Liaison-Lois** – Reviewed the AA and Area Guidelines. Discussed components of successful Convention 2013 Convention Schedule. Each committee member's experience with conventions. 5 Spanish speaking members with Mauricio interpreting.

**Convention Liaison Spanish-Mauricio T.** – Today we spoke about upcoming events. I want to let you know that we can make reservations for the 38<sup>th</sup>. State Wide Spanish Convention to take place May 24-26. Thank you

**Corrections Julio:** Opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. 5 in attendance. We reviewed the Corrections Guidelines such as Duties and Responsibilities. We shared our experience in the Corrections Facilities and Requirements to participate inside correctional facilities because every facility is slightly different. Closed with the Serenity Prayer.

**DCM School Nikki** – We discussed the upcoming Registration workshop and confirmed meeting with Registration at the March ASC. The 4 area sharing session date has not yet been determined. We discussed having District guidelines and submitting materials to the area website and archives. Encouraged members to visit committee meetings. Thanks Nikki

**Finance-Tina** – Reviewed Treasurers reports, discussed the standing committee guidelines. Liaisons from the finance committee will contact those committee chairs. Discussed the area financial policies and we talked about having a Treasurer's Workshop. Thank you

**Grapevine-Catherine** – Today we reviewed the Committee Guidelines, MSCA09 Guidelines area under construction. Working on Grapevine rep. roster, Discussed supporting the La Viña workshop 2/7/13 in Coachella to organize the July Anniversary of La Viña on July 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. We would like to propose that MSCA09 for an ad hoc committee for committee guidelines so all current standing committees can be similarly formatted and useful.

**GSR School English Marita** – We had orientation with 2 guests 1 of them Spanish Speaking. We reviewed the Conference Process and how items were chosen for discussion at the

Conference & how your groups participate. Basic of GSR report, importance of area committee work and different between area committee and area assembly meeting.

**GSR School Spanish-Marcelo** – 26 in attendance. The Spanish GSR school still meets with all the district GSR's. Today we talked about concept 2 and also how important it is to delegate service. Why we should participate and Praasa attendance by all trusted servants especially gsr's. We talked about the relationship between Praasa and the General Service Conference. Thanks you for allowing me to serve.

**La Viña: Paco** – We opened with the Serenity Prayer and we read from The Purpose of La Viña. We had the 6 Spanish speaking districts represented and talked about what they are all doing in their districts. Dist 22 invited us to their article-writing workshop on March 17<sup>th</sup>, and we will also have the election of the 17<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary logo at that workshop. District 21 is also having a writing workshop on March 24<sup>th</sup>. I understand that there are only 5 Spanish speaking meeting in the state of Idaho and we are going to do everything we can to contact them and carry the message of La Viña to them. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Literature Scott** – Looking for a Spanish co-chair. We discussed the upcoming Praasa regarding this committee. Discussed the upcoming literature workshop May 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9am-3pm at the area Archives. Discussed a few topics for the workshop. We emphasized the how important it is to have literature reps., and we want to encourage the committee and area members to participate in the workshop. I was invited to speak at the Orange County Intergroup Association on Wed., 2/13/13 on the importance of our literature and its availability throughout our community for the still suffering alcoholic.

**Public Information:-Bob**-We have a new PI Spanish speaking chair. We have a fair coming up on 2/13, 3/13, 4/13 and 5/13 thank you.

**Registration Committee Kristen** – We discussed the upcoming “get connected” registration workshop hosted by our Registration Committee in conjunction with our Area Registrar Raul and our DCM School Chair, Nikki. Date of the workshop is Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the area Archives in Riverside. We are encouraging all registrars, dcmc's, dcm's, gsr's and anyone interested.

**Special Needs Area 09.:** Contacted Jennifer C. via text. We are working on finding more interpreters ad addressing mental health issues brought to our attention regarding autistic members, AA's taking meds (sponsors telling them when they take meds). Our chair dropped off Braille Pamphlets at various locations including the Braille Institute in Anaheim. We want to carry the message to all those who still suffer regardless of personalities or handicaps and disabilities. Our goal is to incorporate all levels of special needs to all levels of AA. Thank you Karen H. Treasurer

**Treatment Facilities-Steve:** We discussed the workbook and our guidelines.

### *Coordinate Committee Reports:*

**Intergroup Alex –**

### **District Reports submitted in writing:**

**District 1 Curt:** We have 7 members attending Praasa and we are taking a rental van. We are holding a Pre-Conference workshop in early April. We now have a finance committee also. We plan to have a booth at the Marymount College on March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Health/Recovery Fair. Participating in the Jeopardy Game at the South Bay Round up on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**District 2 Gloria:**-The January minutes were approved with minor corrections. The Committee voted on sponsoring the district secretary, Gloria in place of the Alt. DCMC to Praasa. Revo gave further instruction on visiting meetings in our area without representation. The GSR school is available at 6:30pm before our monthly meeting. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**District 4 Barbara:** Around 40 in attendance. We had much loving discussion with regard to our hosting of the ASC in March. Venue has changed to Cesar Chavez Park in Long Beach. Also much discussion on our budget (tabled) and Praasa, which 3 of our members (including the district funding the DCMC) will be attending. Thank you

**District 5 Joe:** Our treasurer resigned and we replaced him with Joey P. We had a lengthy discussion regarding a potential proposal being brought forth from a GSR. Joy P, the GSR for district discussion. She was asking that AA take an official position on 12 step packets. Our district ultimately did not support the potential proposal. She submitted it directly to GSO and subsequently received a phone call from Eva. She will share on her conversation with Eva at our next meeting. See you all at Praasa

**District 6 Lois:** 75-80 in attendance-We have a concept study prior to the district meeting from 6-7pm. We reported on motion activity from the Jan. Assembly. District Derby-A friendly competition to see who can do the most visits-reports on traditions and concepts. 4 people going to Praasa

**District 8 Mike:** - We had a robust growth during 2012. Filled 3 out of 4 DCM positions for sub-districts. Held 2 committee round table sessions in 2012. Scheduled a special district event for Sept. 2013 to evaluate District groups and gsr's. We are posting committee members and officers on district 8's page of the area website. Thanks

**District 9 Robert:** -Discussed Praasa and we have 4 members attending; DCMC, Alt. DCMC, Treasurer and Secretary. Casey was elected our new Alt. DCMC, Alan R. our new Archives chair in attendance of area meeting for the first time. All service positions filled at the District. Prudent reserve now in place. We will be discussing further the motion for credit card application. PI and CPC chairs are very active. On Sunday Feb. 17 we will provide resources to transitional age youth of Riverside. Our public Info. chair. Recovery Innovations at 3839 Brockton Ave. 92501. Service event PI table May 31. Two West Coast Symposiums for addictive Disorders table and workshop at La Quinta Resort 49499 Eisenhower Dr. CPC Chair

**District 11 Phil:** We are looking into conducting a Group Secretary/Treasurer Training Session possibly jointly with a neighboring district. We are sending our DCMC to Praasa. We are organizing the DCMC, DCM's and Resitrar to set-up a group visitation calander and doing visitations. We are restoring our monthly GSR School with an alternate or back up chair to help run it. We are beginning preparations to host the Sept. 13 ASC.

**District 12-Joe** – We are sending our Regional Events Coordinator and Dist. Secretary to Praasa. Qw need to rearrange sub-districts and the motion was tabled for the March business meeting. We have 4 sub-districts with male and female DCMs and there are 2 unfilled DCM positions. We have an upcoming Memorial Day Pic Nic. Every month we have a new GSR orientation at 6:30pm, Traditions Workshop at 6pm and a Concepts Workshop at 7pm.

**District 14 Kelly:** We discussed the area 09 motions that were voted on. 1. The Sevathon, 2. The MSCA Budget, 3. The GSR school guidelines. 4. The General Service Pre-Conf. on April 13<sup>th</sup>. We reminded the GSRs to educate their group treasurer to send group #, email address, phone #, etc. on their donation checks to the area, Central Office and GSO. 3 members of our district will attend Praasa and we are in need of a secretary.

**District 15 Nikki:** - We had 15 attending-We now have a new meeting location in Brea. We are passing around a Praasa can and encourage members to attend. Our alternate DCMC will attend this year. We plan to send many more to San Diego next year for Praasa 2014. We had discussions about AA members reading or quoting outside publications during meeting/shares. We are beginning to plan for a Sponsorship workshop in May to be hosted with District 10 more to follow. We have an Archives field trip planned for April 6<sup>th</sup>. for a district sorting party.

**District 17 Julio:** - 20 in attendance-we meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month. One of our DCMs Moses is resigning due to his job. He has done great we will miss him. We have open positions including; Corrections, Treatment Facilities and Grapevine. We are looking forward to filling this positions soon. Having a Archives presentation on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you

**District 19 John W:** Our district is growing w/reaching out efforts being made to out-laying groups and meetings in our High Desert inviting new GSRs to the District. On June 1<sup>st</sup> we will be putting on a secretary workshop from 11am-2pm. Discussion on Praasa and how many districts members are planning on attending.

**District 22 Maria-**We are working to present a La Vina Writing Workshop on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. with round tables to write stories for La Vina. We meet every Tuesday and study different topic of the Service Manual with the help of past delegate Al. P. and we visit groups every Monday.

**District 23 Victor-** Our district still meets 4 Fridays out of the month from 7-9pm. We try to encourage AA members to participate in AA service especially to attend area meetings. We tell them about the elections coming up in Oct. in hopes that they will attend. Thank you

**District 25 Juan:** We meet every Monday and we visit at least 2 groups every week and encourage the 7<sup>th</sup>. Tradition and Service and La Vina. We had a special visit by the 17<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary Committee for La Vina. We attended an inter-district meeting in Jan. There 5 people going to Praasa so far and we are looking forward to that. Finally, we will be hosting the pre-conference workshop on April 14, in San Bernardino hope to see you all there. Thank you for letting me be of service.

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#### **Announcements - Revo: H&I Conference**

**Birthdays:** Joanna 37, Carol 31, Shep 12, Curt 7, Nikki 15, Linda C. 33, Katherine 28, Mona 35, Jeryl 20, Patrick 4 and William 7 years.

THE ASC ADJOURNED at approximately 3:10 pm with the Responsibility Pledge English and Spanish

Minutes respectfully submitted by Panel 62 Secretary –Jesus O.