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**Mid-Southern California Area 09 Assembly Minutes**

**Jan. 13, 2013**  
**Youth Center**  
**4658 Woodruff Ave., Lakewood, Ca.**

Meeting was called to order by Cesar F. at 10:20 am with the Serenity Prayer

**Readings:** Declaration of Unity: Casey/Jose, Statement of Purpose and Membership: Joe/Abelardo, GSR Preamble: Kyle/David

**Introductions:** Past Trustees, Past Delegates, New DCMs, New DCMCs, New Alt. DCMs/DCMCs, New GSRs, New Alt. GSRs

**Approval of September, 2012 Assembly Minutes**-Tabled until May, 2012

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

**Delegate:** Carrying the message to the man who is still sick is the goal of every aspect of AA's Service Structure, as well as being its primary purpose. My question is, "How well are we doing this as an Area?" I know when I go to New York in April for the 63<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference, we will be doing the business of AA by use of AA's Conscience to achieve that goal for the immediate well being and the future well being of those who still suffer who are still to come.

But what about us? I know we have committees whose purpose is to reach our hand out in the generalities of that committee's perspective according to each committee's title and purpose. I know we have the public to inform. We have Professionals to cooperate with, Treatment and Correctional Facilities to attend to and people with special needs. People who want to Register at a Convention to receive literature, especially the Grapevine and La Viña or just attend a GSR or DCM school to better communicate about our Archives while cooperating with the Elder Community.

My Job here is simple. I go to New York and represent the Area's Consciousness with dialog and a vote. I then return and travel the Area to report what happened there, to all who couldn't attend the conference. Your job is much more difficult. It requires a lot more time, sacrifice, money and thought than mine. It requires a lot more reaching out to those who don't come here once a month, for you to be effective. It requires reliance on the committees to get the job done. AA is run by Committee, and so are our service arms. If we are not being effective with our committee work, then we are not being effective at our work.

We sometimes don't have time to hear from our Service Committees during our monthly meeting, and when we do, it is at the end of a long day debating way too many "important" aspects of our Area's business, where many of us have already left exhausted or just checked out disgusted. How effective are we being then? We don't fund our Committees well enough to do a lot of stuff. We don't rely on them to carry our message to those who suffer, and we don't rely on them to bring us back the message of home by their exploits. How effective are we really being?

It is my hope that at the end of this day, we will put a lot of bickering , jousting, misdirection and misinformation behind us and prepare to move into our future with a new excitement and desire to be of service. It is my hope that the motions of the day will be thought about, debated and voted on with love, tolerance and a clear conscience so that we can move towards our future with a new determination to Carry our message To The Man and Woman Who Still Suffer from this hideous disease. Let us not be the dis-ease.

Then, on the lighter side, I have received my Delegates Communications Kit, containing items for the preparation of my trip to the 63<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference to be held in New York City, April 21<sup>st</sup> thru the 27<sup>th</sup>. I have received information about my conference buddy, Randy R., from Area 75 Southern Wisconsin. With this year's Conference Theme being, "The General Service Conference Takes Its Inventory", all of the Conference participants, and there are 133 this year, have been assigned to a group to discuss opinions on 5 topics in a round robin format. I have been assigned to Group A, and have received 5 questions that my group will be discussing. I will make them available on the Area 09 website ASAP, so that I can get any feedback or opinion from all of you and your Groups, to take with me to New York.

Interestingly, the 5<sup>th</sup> question is, "Should Delegate Areas be more consistently based on actual membership numbers?" That is something we have had much discussion on already, both with ourselves, and with GSO in passing conversation. In fact, a GSR last year had submitted a report and request that GSO look at the 6 California Areas with regard to misappropriation of its members being served in this region compared to the rest of the U.S and Canada. It is good to see that not only are we looking at this subject, but that a GSR could make a request, and it come to fruition so quickly. Thank God for the Think Tank. Many of the questionnaires you responded to from the input gathering will be a help to me in discussing this at the Conference.

In the month since our last ASC, I have attended the board meeting, spoken about the Third Legacy of AA, our concepts of Service at two meetings and an Intergroup Meeting in Orange County. I attended three District Meetings, and two new meeting indentified by GSO, and assisted in updating their info. as well. I have been invited by the Delegate of San Diego Imperial, Area 08 to participate in their Assembly in May to discuss my experience at the Conference and share about my Committee, Report and Charter, and I extended the same invitation to him, to come to our May Assembly and discuss his committee, Grapevine with us.

I continue to be available to you to visit your District, Committee or meeting and be of whatever assistance I can be. I appreciate you for allowing me to be of service, and I am at your call.

**Alternate Delegate:** Since our last meeting I have attended the last board meeting and went to say farewell to the District 9 DCMC. I'm getting geared up for Praasa and participated in a discussion about Praasa yesterday at one of our meetings. I'm getting ready for the Summaries Committee. I would like to thank Martin and Magdaleno for their service to the Area. We are looking to replace those positions in anyone in the Spanish Speaking Community is interested please let us know. It is the board's responsibility to appoint new trusted servants to office.

**Registrar Raul:** Last year when I took this position I don't know. My job is to register and update GSR and DCM information in the AA data base. If you are a new GSR pleas fill out the

info. Change form. Next month we are having a Registration workshop at the Archives location.  
Thank you

**Old Business:** 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.

**New Business:-**

1. Proposal to have Alternate Delegate be liaison to the interpreters.
2. 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.
3. Proposed budget
4. Request for letter of recommendation for TRICYPAA to host ACYPAA

***Standing Committee Reports (submitted in writing):***

**Convention Liaison English -Lois:** Reviewed goals of past year and committee fulfillment of goals. Conventions attended – planning committees attended in 2012. Discussed the next year's projected attendance of conventions and gatherings in 2013. Chair to speak at the Victorville Convention. Will attend planning meeting for annual Orange County AA Convention on December 19.

**Convention Liaison Spanish -Mauricio:** Good afternoon, today we talked about the different events scheduled for next year, most importantly we formed the Planning Committee for the Orange County Convention. On a different note we already have the hotel where The Spanish statewide California convention will be held at, The Double Tree Hotel by Hilton, Modesto, California, 1150 9th St. Modesto, Ca 95354, which will be held on May 24, 25, and 26, 2013. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve.

**Escuela de RSI -Marcelo:** Dear fellow members of the Area 9 I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve and to all GSRs who participate in our meetings. Today we discussed questions and concerns regarding AA as a whole and how concepts help to bring everything together. Today we talked about concept XII. Happy New Year.

**Finance Committee:** The committee discussed the budget presentation changes at the ASC today. The budget will be discussed at the ASC and presented to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will place the budget before the Assembly in January. Clean up of the Finance Committee archived paperwork at the Archives on Saturday, January 12, 2013. Tina represented the committee at the district 1 meeting in December.

**Grapevine -Catherine:** Subscriptions #28/#54; GV circulation #84,171; Profit #202,862 (101R). District GV Check-ins: 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 12, 15, 12, 22, and 24. Discussed collaborating with PI, CPC, and H&I to nine subscriptions – GV/LV out to people who cannot get to meetings/participate in their sobriety. Soldiers in recovery need GV/LV (AA Literature). Paco (La

Viña Chair) gave update regarding organization of committee/La Viña anniversary 7/13. GV/LV budget: Catherine and Paco discussed remaining money in the account: Upcoming Events: Writer's workshop: guidelines; GV materials to soldiers in recovery returning to USA from abroad; La Viña anniversary 7/13. We need to develop guidelines for the website.

**GSR School-Loretta:** This morning we reviewed the general structure of trustees on up to GSRs and Groups. We talked about how the Conference Structure operates. We reviewed the Area meetings and the difference between ASC and Assembly agendas and purpose. We reviewed today's agenda give the pros and cons on both sides of each issue. We meet at 9am at each area service committee and assembly.

**La Viña:** We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the statement of purpose. Districts represented were 20, 21, 22, and 24. They visit the groups and promote La Vina subscriptions and have other items available, as well. The 17th anniversary committee invites you to participate in the Theme and Logo competition. The last day to submit your logos is on February 15th. It can also be sent to lavina17aniversario@yahoo.com. District 21 will check with their groups to see if we can have a workshop sponsored by this committee for writing article to La Vina. If any of you is interested in a writing workshop we are available to help. District 24 Writing Workshop, January 26, 2013. District 22 February 17, 2013. The La Viña 17th Anniversary Committee Meeting will take place at the interdistrict location this month.

**MSCA09 Literature Committee -Scott:** Reviewed the 2013 workbook. Began to review the "What It All about" pamphlet. Revisions are needed. Looking into the costs of revising the pamphlet to the old colored cover pamphlet. Encouraging today's members to become literature committee members throughout this year. Literature workshop in May.

**Public Information -Bob:** PSA's person N/A: status? Libraries-Area person N/A: status? Spanish speaking radio/newspaper- yes (one district). DUI school Spanish speaking: yes. More fairs sought. Spanish speaking chair needs to be replaced. Discussing with District 24 personnel. Proposed P&I panel July/August- English/Spanish. "Public" invites all AA members and Panel AA members. Cost estimate: \$300. Seeking more/new fairs.

**Registration Committee -Kristen:** Discussed upcoming Regis Workshop. It will be on Saturday, February 23, 2013 from 10am to 2pm. There will be light lunch. All registrars, DCMs, DCMCs and RSK's should plan to attend. I'll have flyers for January and February.

**Special Needs -Jennifer:** Discussed guidelines for interpreters at meetings. We were advised to submit an area committee guideline proposal. Received and have been distributing pamphlets in Braille. We will be calling each Central Office in our area to request they purchase (just to have available) big books in Braille, audio and ASL.

***District Reports (submitted in writing):***

**District 4 -Barbara:** We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Resurrection Lutheran Church (Cherry and Carson) Happy to be of service in this new year.

Despite several absences due to illness we had about 30 in attendance and welcomed a few new GSRs. The main topics included, Praasa in Idaho and our hosting the March ASC.

**District 9 Robert:** We meet on the Third Sunday of the month at 4pm the Fellowship Hall in Palm Desert. 4 in attendance. Brian our beloved DCMC has moved so I am in place to serve as DCMC from Alternate. We will miss him. We are looking at books for soldiers again. We have opened a new chair, C.E.C in our Dist... Maureen has us in to 3 places and we have approved budget for literature and racks. We are excited for this service in our community. This district meeting we will discuss and approve budgets for Praasa. Opening nominations for Alt. DCMC. GSR participation is growing and for that we are grateful. We will fielding questions monthly from concept check list if time allows. What great way to start our new year in service.

**District 14 -Kelly:** We discussed the area agenda, which proposals we will be voting on in Jan. We advised them that the area split proposals were tabled. We encouraged the GSRs to attend the GSC-CSR's gave their reports. We discussed Praasa, who is going, DCMC and Alt. DCMC. Possible a few others. We have registered and have rooms reserved in Boise.

### **Recap of Actions:**

**Announcements:** Linda C. there is an opportunity to subscribe to the English or Spanish Newsletter on the website

### **January Birthdays:**

Annie 17, Jim 33, Joe 6, Sharon 12, Cesar 17, Chepe 3, Moses 15, Virginia 30, Judy 26

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Panel 62 Secretary –Jesus O.