

Mid-Southern California Area 9 Assembly Committee Minutes

West High School, Torrance, CA Hosted by District #1

Sunday March 16th, 2014

Assembly Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Delegate Cesar at 9:05AM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Delegate gave his report (see below) and had open mic time for people to discuss their PRAASA experiences. At 10AM the ASC broke into Standing Committee groups. Our Chairwoman Sharon called the ASC to order at 12:01PM.

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by Megan in English/Juan in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Mike in English/Rosendo in Spanish.

Introductions: Past Delegates, New DCMCs/Alt. DCMCs, New DCMs/Alt. DCMs, New GSRs and Alt. GSRs, Guests, and Area Officers.

Approval of minutes from the February ASC. Motion made by Dawn, seconded by Julie and were passed without any amendments.

Officers/Directors Reports (following reports are written reports):

Delegate Cesar: My name is Cesar and I am an alcoholic, and it is my honor and privilege to serve as Panel 64 Area 09 Delegate. My sobriety date is Jan, 6 1996 and my home group is Grupo Libertad in Santa Ana, CA. WELCOME ALL GSRs attending here today!! Since the last ASC, I have attended District 5 on 2/13, participated in a Group in Santa Ana on 2/14, on 2/15 I attended the 4 Area DMC Sharing Session in Upland, the Area Officers Meeting on 2/16, a 2/18 meeting with Joe our Alternate Delegate, participated in a Group in Indio, on 2/23 attended the Intradistrict meeting (where all the Spanish speaking Districts meet), participated at District 22 on 2/25, attended District 23 along with all Area Officers on 2/28, attended an ad hoc committee at the Archives for the background summaries on 3/1, on 3/2 attended the Special Meeting, then March 7, 8 & 9 I attended my 13th PRAASA, on 3/14 visited a group with District 25 in Fontana and am attending here today. Next weekend I will be attending the first General Service Area 58 Foro; this event will be in Spanish, similar the one we have in our Area. If you are interested in going, there are some members who are going to be attending in support of this event. I have received a lot of information, including the following:

- Rod B.'s last report; I will ask our Secretary to Eblast it to the Area.
- Quarterly Contributions report.
- Information on the International Convention July 2-5 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia.
- La Vina noticias.
- Registration and flyers for the Pacific Regional Forum July 11-13 2014 in Boise, Idaho.
- Lots of information on the General Service Conference April 27-May 3, 2014, which I will be attending.

Thank you Joe C. for putting together the ad hoc committee for the background summaries!

I already have 3 Districts scheduled to give a report back when I get back from the Conference.

PRAASA: I would like to give special thanks to all who attended PRAASA and those who participated; Hero, Ashly, and Anthony. Area 09 was the Area with the 2nd most registered members - 128. This PRAASA had 1830 registered members in attendance. My experience was that I got to meet all the Pacific Regional Delegates. The Area 58 Delegate was not able to attend, but the Alternate Delegate was there to represent his Area and did a terrific job. All the Delegates met for first time on Friday 11am for lunch. When PRAASA officially opened, I had the opportunity to give a 2 minute Area highlights. On Friday I participated with my topic "The Membership Survey - What Goes Into it, and How is it Useful?". After that, our Friday round table meeting that night went until 11pm. On Sat I attended the Delegate's luncheon at noon, and then our last round table. At

6pm I attended the Banquet with 2 speakers. Sunday I was at the "Ask It Basket" questions, and then the event was officially adjourned by the Area 08 Delegate Dean B.

At this time I would like thank you all for your support, and for your unselfish love and service. It has been a delightful experience and I am grateful. May God bless you all, Service is a Legacy of Love - Cesar F. Panel 64 Area 09 Delegate

Alternate Delegate Joe: Since our last ASC, I went to the 4-Area DCM Sharing session in Upland, our Board meeting in Santa Ana, met with Cesar twice in Santa Ana, led a panel in Tustin, went to an Area Committee meeting for Area 5 in Covina, went to District 23 in Riverside, held an Ad-Hoc agenda summary committee meeting in Riverside, went to the Special Meeting in Irvine, went to PRAASA in San Diego and got my hair cut yesterday in Villa Park.

The 4-Area DCM Sharing session was, as is every year, a fun event to attend. I had the privilege to moderate a roundtable where we talked about the Labyrinths of Love and Service – From Group Resentment to Conference Advisory Action. It was a fun experience and I was grateful for the opportunity to participate. Our Board meeting was much less eventful than our first one in January, so not much to report there. Although, we kept getting interrupted by a drunk woman who was threatening to sue AA. So, that was fun. Cesar and I met twice to go over the agenda items in order to try and determine what agenda items we should include in the summaries. More on that in a minute.

Sharon and I went to Area 5's equivalent to an ASC in Covina. It was a fun and interesting experience. One thing I found particularly interesting was their utilization of a Policy Chair. From what I could glean, it was the Policy Chair's responsibility to review their guidelines and bylaws and to be available to research and/or answer any questions regarding any potential policy impacts.

District 23's visit in Riverside was an experience. I, along with most of the other board members were there at the request of the DCMC. Barbara asked me for a Kleenex. I found a stack of napkins, for which I grabbed one. I walked over to her and proceeded to tear it in half. Gave her half and kept the other half. Sharon looked at me like I had two heads and a tail. We then began to laugh at the stupidity of my actions which then turned into full flowing tears. I still have no idea why I felt it was necessary to give her only half a napkin. Too much on my mind...

We had our Ad-Hoc Conference Agenda Summary meeting at the Archives in Riverside. We met for about 2 hours for which we again went over the Agenda items. Cesar was present. If you participated in this committee, can you please stand (even if you were not there physically)? Once we determined which agenda items we would summarize, I then handed them out at random to the different people on the committee. Hopefully, you all picked up a copy. It is 27 pages long, which is a huge reduction from the over 400 pages of the conference material that we received. We were on a serious time constraint, and I was a thorn in many of committee members side's; following up, and following up some more. Thank you so very much to the committee members for getting these in.

The Special meeting in Irvine was a very interesting experience for me. It was definitely a learning experience for me. I feel that I got to watch Tradition 2 unfold before my very eyes. It was actually quite a spiritual experience for me.

PRAASA! PRAASA! PRAASA! I think we are going to be hearing more about that later, so I won't go into it here, but wow! Every year, wow!

Registrar Jesus: I've been attending as many Service Events as possible, including the Special Meeting. On March 3rd I was invited, along with Past-Registrar Raul, to District #2 for a pizza social and we had a great time. Food will always attract people so don't be afraid to use any means of attraction to encourage GSR participation. I want to congratulate all the Area members that attended PRAASA last weekend and for those who didn't have a chance to attend PRAASA we have another chance to represent Area 09 at the Regional Forum in July in Boise, Idaho.

I want to congratulate the district registrars from area 09 that attended the round table at Praasa for registrars. We are now on the same page or the same boat depending who you ask. We all have so much to learn and so little time.

Please be assured that any new information that you give me today will be updated this week. If we need more time to contract GSO to change and existing group status then we have to deal with the GSO Registration Desk directly.. We are still work in progress buy I will soon have updated information for all the districts. If you have new group forms or new GSR forms please come see me. Thanks you for allowing me to serve.

Treasurer Rozanne: My name is Rozanne, I am an alcoholic and I honored to serve as your Area 09 Treasurer. I attended the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session, PRAASA, Area Board Meeting, Area Meeting and the Special Meeting.

I attended the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session on February 15th. There were 125 people in attendance and Area 09 had the most participants - 43 people. There were a lot of new DCMs who had the opportunity to hear the experience of the many past DCMs. It was a great success. The final transcriptions of the notes are almost complete. I am waiting for one more. I'll get it translated into Spanish and send it out to each Area's liaison. Next year, we are the hosts, and I believe that our new Liaisons (John W and Paco) will do a great job. I will be happy to make myself available to assist.

March 7-9th I attended PRAASA in San Diego. It was a great experience; I attended all the Panels as well as the Treasurer Workshop. There were a lot of people who were new to their treasury positions and many were using QuickBooks. The best suggestion I got was to put the budget on an excel spreadsheet. It really worked well, I might add! I plan to review the other suggestions to see which would work best for us. It was a really good group with a lot of good ideas.

As for the budget, we currently have: \$ 5709.44 in the checking account

I am instituting a new process for receipts and expense checks:

I have two baskets, one for contributions and one for expense forms, my goal is for anything placed in the baskets before 12Noon, I will attempt to have the receipt or check available to you by the end of the meeting. Anything received after 12Noon; I will do my best to have it available by the end of the day.

I really need your assistance. Please make sure you put the group # on your contributions. If I don't have the group #, I can't process your contribution and many times I can't create a receipt nor can I give credit to the appropriate group.

Receipts...I have many receipts with me, if you need a receipt and haven't received it in the mail or email, please see me, I probably have it. Thank you for letting me of service. Rozanne T.

Secretary Barbara: Another busy month in this position while I continue learning what the heck I am doing. Enormous thanks to my fellow Best Board Buddies for dealing with my routine nervous breakdowns via text, email, and phone. Among the many, many communications with Area members and my Board, I have also sent out so many emails that Hotmail shut me down thinking I was spamming! If you are NOT getting the Area emails, you can fix that by giving me your email. I get a lot bounce backs so if you are sure you've given it to me and yet are not getting stuff, I may have put Zero for O or 1 instead of 7 so get with me please. Also for all District and Standing Committee Chairs - you can submit your reports directly to me via email! Eliminate these pesky papers! If you do have reports for me, email or submit up here. Questions? Yeah, me too, join the club! No, really if you have questions, please feel free to ask me & I will find an answer (or make one up!). Since last months ASC, I too went to the Board Meeting in Santa Ana - cut it way down to 4 hours - and the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session in Upland where at jumped in at the very last minute to moderate at the table regarding parallel service structures in AA which I would love to tell you about but it was SO long ago now I've completely forgotten it I have sent out an Email blast of Final Agenda Items, an Email blast of AAWS Highlights, submitted the Feb ASC minutes for translation & also sent out the Special Mtg reminder email on 2-23. Drove to Riverside in the rain for the Dist #23 Business Meeting - thanks to Dist #23 for making us so welcome - gracias - & thank you to our Alt Delegate Joe for 1/2 a napkin! We had our Special Meeting on March 2nd and thank you to all those who helped with that - I then I did the minutes for all that fun which I think are going to be on the Website, but frankly I don't know, I just did them as instructed. After we got the monthly translations, I sent out the Agenda and Minutes ... I was so excited about getting the Spanish translations apparently that I skipped the English version of the minutes but then Hotmail shut me down so I couldn't correct that error. As the majority of my term thus far has been, bit of a hot mess. But hopefully everybody got the corrected ones. The big news of course was PRAASA which was an amazing

experience, as always - walking around with my Area Officer badge made me feel so special it was almost worth all this crap (almost) - I was so glad to see so many Area peeps there! Layton, Utah next year, kids - plan for it! Thank you as always for letting me be of service - whatever comes beyond blessed, that's what I am. I just need to remember it! Yours in Love & Service, Barbara D

Area Chair Sharon: Hi everyone. It is a privilege to serve as your Area Chair. Since our last ASC I have been busy. I attended the 4 Area DCM sharing session which I learned an awful lot and it was well run. Thank you to our Area 9 co-chairs Rozanne and Jose for helping to put this on. Area 9 will be hosting this next year and I have appointed John W. from District 19 and Paco G. to be our Co-Chairs for the sharing session. This years event was very well organized and I know that they will be showing the way for our Area to host in 2015. I also attended District 23 with most of the board on February 28, chaired my 2nd Board Meeting (it was only four hours this time) and attended the Special Meeting and PRAASA.

As a result of the Special Meeting, I received several Ad Hoc committee requests and once I review these with the board will be letting you know whether we will be going forward with these requests. I also heard some discussion about Area 9 having an Area inventory. I took this idea to my Chair roundtables at PRAASA and asked them how they facilitate an Area inventory. I know our Area has had some sort of inventory in conjunction with the Servathon several years ago but nothing formal. What I found out as a result of this is that many Area's have it incorporated in their ByLaws/Guidelines and have it every several years. I also asked specifically how the Area inventory came to play for their respective Area's and all of them said that a proposal was brought forward and the Area voted whether they felt they needed an inventory or not. If the Area voted to have an Area inventory then, in some cases, the Chair appointed an ad hoc committee to create the format and/or questions. In all instances the entire Area participated in roundtables to do their inventory either on a separate day altogether or in place of business at their Area meeting. None of them had a select few doing the Area's inventory. I also found in some cases that their Area didn't feel the need for an inventory. Regardless of whether our Area decides to move forward with an inventory, I think it should be up to the Area and its groups to decide whether one is necessary.

I really enjoyed myself at PRAASA and was extremely pleased with our Chair roundtables and what resulted from those. I really learned a lot about how my respective Pacific Region Chairs handle difficult situations and got a lot of good advice. It's nice to know I'm not alone.

I also had the opportunity, thanks to a last minute invite, to get to know several new friends over dinner, one of which was the General Manager Phyllis. I also met Brouch H., a member of our National AA Website Committee. It's nice to know that AA is thinking of our digital future by forming such committees.

I look forward to hearing about everyone's experience about PRAASA later this afternoon and thank you all for letting me be of service.

Old Business:

- Special Needs Co-Chair – Chairwoman Sharon discussed that our Guidelines indicated that there is to be a Spanish language co-chair for Special Needs and currently we do not have one. Put word out to the Spanish community to encourage participation. No action taken.
- Archives Guidelines – Archivist Pete B discussed the changes proposed to the Archives Guidelines verbage (copies of proposed changes available to the ASC body in both English and Spanish). After much loving discussion by members, it was determined that the Spanish translation was not correct. Because of that, a motion was made by Ashly to table until June ASC due to these incorrect translations, seconded by Karen. Motion was approved with a majority and tabled accordingly.
- Term Limits Proposal – Alex brought forth the proposal that . After some loving discussion the question was called by Sandy, seconded by Steve but motion did not pass and discussion continued unabated. Motion did not pass.

New Business:

- Proposal brought forth by Hugo and seconded by Rich, a request to supply Area sound equipment and technical support for a non-Area event – the 11th Annual Inland Empire AA Congress in the City of

Barstow on April 18th, 2014. Mileage and lodging to be provided to Sound Tech to be paid for by the Inland Empire Congress. Chairwoman Sharon suspended the Guidelines with a majority vote to change this ASC into an Assembly for the purpose of voting; Rich made the motion to do so, which was seconded by Katherine. Discussion took place. Motion passed as presented.

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Archives Tony: At our regularly scheduled meeting on Sat 3/15, we had 10 members present. The Committee is working to develop a tri-fold brochure, will resurrect the Archives Workbook project started in 2012, and will complete the group history mural. The Committee revised the Guidelines that were presented at the March ASC. Plans are underway for our annual Open House to be held on May 31st. There will be District Archive Workshop for new Archivists on March 22nd at the Repository - located at 7111 Arlington Unit B, Riverside, CA 92503. We are open every Sat from 10 - 1 and by appointment. Our next meeting will be Sat 4/18 at 10am at the Repository and upcoming events also include the Open House on 5/31.

CEC Beka: Discussed packets and making a plan and areas to start; Doctors, clergy, etc. Again a possible plan to meet at Archives and are going to meet at Area meeting next month.

Communications Kris: No Report

CPC Maryka: We went over our invitations from GSO - the Nat'l Association of Drug Court Professionals, Anaheim, CA 5/28-5/30, 2014, the Association of Professional Chaplains National Conference starting 6/20/14. and the Consul General of Mexico Health Fair in October 2014. Went over the Conference Agenda Items. We read, discussed, and studied them at length along with the associated AA CPC literature. We came to a Committee conscience to pass along to our Delegate Cesar for the proposed changes to the 2 CPC pamphlets. For the "If You Are a Professional" pamphlet we voted unanimously to approve the recommended changes to the section 'referrals from Court and Treatment Facilities'. The Committee also unanimously voted against the proposed changes to the pamphlet "AA as a Resource for the Health Care Professional". Upcoming events include the NADCP Conference 5/28-5/30 and the Association of Professional Chaplains 6/20-6/21.

CPC Spanish Juan J: No Report

Convention Liaison Marilyn: Committee members Dennis P, Kelly Y, Joe B, Patti P, BarbaraDee, Hugo V, Catherine C and Marilyn P all attended PRAASA this past weekend - good turn-out, guys! We are gearing up for our coming conventions, the first of which is Orange County, followed by South Bay. Registrations and some reservations have been made and paid for. I've called ahead to the first few conventions to be assured that we have tables secured, and we do. At today's meeting with, 3 members present, briefly discussed who will be attending which conventions. The pending events are the Orange County Convention 4/18 - 4/20 and the South Bay Roundup 5/23 - 5/25.

Convention Liaison Spanish Hugo: No Report

Corrections Steve: We met and discussed the verbiage of the 3 revised pamphlets: 1) AA in Your Community, 2) If You Are A Professional, and 3) Members of the Clergy Ask About AA. The questions we had were whether or not we want to stay consistent with our wording/message on "what AA does NOT do" between the pamphlets. We decided that we would like our wording to stay consistent but our Committee votes for NO revision based on the fact we don't have enough information regarding funds and costs of this project. We want info on financial impact behind any changes.

DCM School Jim: We discussed group visitations and what occurred at them. We found solutions to problems in visiting groups. We shared about the tools we use to help with group visitations. The DCM School is an ongoing learning experience, not a one-time event. We cover new ground each session. The goal of the DCM School is to have each member gain a working knowledge of all our principals, and how to apply them to solve group issues. The May meeting will focus on working with GSRs.

DCM School Spanish Jose A: We began at 10:15am with 7 members present from Districts 20-25, Spanish speaking DCMs. We discussed the way in which they are working right now. In addition, we had some questions regarding strategies to better serve their Districts. I also made myself available to visit any District business meeting that we might be of help to.

Electronic Media Saturn: No Report

Finance-Rich W: 5 members present at this months meeting, along with 5 guests. We approved the minutes from the Feb meeting and got a report from the Treasurer. We are transitioning into QuickBooks and she prepared the reports in Excel. We will be communicating with the Standing Committees to update them on their budget status and maintain inventory of any equipment. We are working with the Treasurer to get the 2013 taxes prepared. We reviewed the Conference Agenda Items for Finance and discussed the costs of the Conference and why it is the important for the Area to contribute to help pay for some of the costs. We had several guests that asked great questions and contributed to the discussion. Our next meeting will be at 10AM at the Area Assembly 5/18.

Grapevine Ed: Our Chair is now registered with GSO in New York. Spoke 2/15 in Big Bear, and on 3/05 in Fontana. Have 14 people signed up for the September 2014 - there is a sign up sheet at all Area events for those who are interested. 5 people have signed up for Grapevine speaking engagements. Chair attended PRAASA including both round table GV discussions. Had articles published in both February and March 2014 issues of the GV. Please see GV display for subscription sheet, catalogs of available GV materials and other resources - numerous books, and materials regarding this years GV 70th Anniversary celebrations. Upcoming events include working with Elizabeth S from District #6 in July and an event at Archives in Sept with Pete B. The GV notes from PRAASA will be forwarded to the Area Secretary Barbara once typed.

GSR School English Gary: Discussed what a GSR is and does. Talked about the upcoming Pre-Conference Workshop. Also discussed the difference between an ASC and Assembly and the difference between a Delegate and a Trustee.

GSR School Spanish Amador: 22 in attendance – Opened with the Serenity Prayer. We spoke about PRAASA and we reviewed Concept III. Most of the attendees took part in the discussion. We closed the meeting at 11:15am with the Responsibility statement.

La Viña Victor: This is my first report as La Vina Chair. I attended PRAASA and went to the 2 different round tables that they had. I heard the opinion of the attendees and I think we all agree that the magazine is a service tool. Today I met with 6 members of the Spanish speaking Districts. We discussed supporting the 18th La Vina Anniversary in Las Vegas this year and to encourage more subscriptions in our own Area. District 20 reported that they now have 6 LVRs, District 22 has 2 and District 24 also has 2. Finally, I only received 3 CDs from the past chair of La Vina and some magazine covers. Therefore, I will have to buy materials in order to have a display available. The La Vina editor told me at PRAASA that she can only send the free material that is available at GSO. Thank you all for allowing me this experience as La Vina chair.

Literature English Bianca: We started with introductions and gathering of contact information. Much loving discussion of the Pre-Conference summary Item F – “the unofficial symbol (circle/triangle) being added to Conference Approved Literature” and Item G – “request to create a pamphlet for alcoholics with mental illness”. Discussion of the upcoming Area Literature Workshop, including roundtable discussion topics, speakers and flyers. Area Literature Workshop to be held on Saturday May 17th from 10am-2pm at the Archives at 711 Arlington Ave Unit B in Riverside, CA.

Literature Spanish Mauricio: We opened the meeting with 10 attendees at 10am. We discussed three out of six Conference Agenda topics. We are planning our Literature Workshop for May 17th from 10am-2pm at the Archives Location in Riverside. I will have flyers available very soon with info. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Public Information Sandi: We went over the 'member survey' section of background info, as well as a website 'hits' chart. With 6 members in attendance, we had a Q & A from all attendees. We are cooperating with the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee. Working on summarizing the PI portion (70 pages) of background material, as some of my groups in my District are concerned about the time frame and want input and I want them to know their input is valued. I just attended District #1's meeting on Thurs 3/13 and got to be of service for this ASC. My District just got our new location- District #18 (Costa Mesa/Irvine) and I got a new PI member there. Referred all to AA.org as it is without parallel! Currently working with CPC on upcoming drug court professionals and representing all of you and your groups. Looking forward to the workshop so we can have an informed Delegate at the Conference. Checking on status of a Vietnamese Big Book in the library. At the PRAASA PI roundtable we talked a lot about anonymity breaks at the level of TV. Much discussion about the PSAs - my idea is that the website address, AA.org, and the new slogan "we can

help" both need to be BIGGER. At PRAASA, my favorite part was the Trustee's slideshow ... but at least he knew to wear nylons with his high heels!

Public Information Spanish Martin: No Report

Registration: Pari had to resign, position now open.

Special Needs Jack: Still needed is a Spanish speaking Co-Chair. Working to form a Committee and make contact with the District Special Needs/Accessibility Chairs. On a District level we are hoping to do something called 'mobile meetings'. Working to expand awareness of Special Needs and what falls into that category. Meeting with Bridging The Gap and Corrections.

Treatment Facilities Dawn: The Treatment Facilities Standing Committee ("*Committee*") met March 16, 2014, 10:00 a.m. at West High School. Six (6) Members were in attendance representing three (3) Districts. The meeting was called to order by the *Committee* Chair with the plural version of the Serenity Prayer. The Purpose and Scope of the *Committee* was read. The *Committee* discussed its goal of compiling and/or revising an Area 09 temporary sponsor list to be sorted by zip code. Questions posed were: Is there an existing temporary sponsor list?

- If so, where is this list?
- If so, how current?

The following action items were determined:

- Check the Area 09 website for past minutes and information;
- Reach out to the past Chair; and
- Petition all Districts to provide the *Committee* with a list of treatment facilities in their District along with a list of members willing and available for temporary sponsorship. This list to include name, phone number and zip code.

The *Committee* discussed the General Service Conference Agenda Item regarding the revision to the pamphlet Bridging the Gap. After a group conscience, the Treatment Facilities Committee voted in favor of the changes to the pamphlet which addresses linking new release inmates to temporary sponsors.

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 1 Scott: The monthly meeting was held on Thurs 3/13 at 7:30PM at the Kiwanis Club in Hermosa Beach with 47 in attendance. Curt S did a Jeopardy Event presentation for the South Bay Roundup. We finished filling all the District positions except for 1 open DCM position, Dustin is our new District Archivist and Danielle is our Central Office Liaison. We had at least 13 members attend PRAASA – nearly half of them were there for the first time. On 3/29 Districts #1 and #3 are hosting a Pre-Conference workshop with our Delegate Cesar and Alternate Delegate Joe will share. The South Bay Roundup will be held May 23rd to 26th, Memorial Day Weekend.

District 2: On 3/3 at 7PM in Lakewood we had our District meeting with 22 in attendance. We held a meet and greet pizza party - we invited unrepresented groups and anyone interested in General Service. This resulted in a 75% increase compared to the previous month and we are still working to double this in the next 9 months. I attended the 4 Area Sharing Session - it was great. I also attended PRAASA and had a great time. I joined the Bridging the Gap roundtable on Friday night - this gave me a lot of questions on why we don't have this, or is it called something different. I also attended the Registrar roundtable on Sat afternoon in an effort to get District #2 registration updated properly.

District 3 Alex: Our monthly meeting is at Wayside United Methodist Church in Lomita, held on 3/11 at 7:30PM this month, with approximately 30 in attendance. We had further discussion on visiting dark groups and are looking into purchasing more literature for our District. The PI Chair position has been vacated. Report given for Pre-Conference Workshop Chair. The Guidelines Subcommittee Chair gave a report; the Guidelines will be drafted and brought to the District for approval. On 3/29, in conjunction with District #1, we will be having a Pre-Conference Workshop at the Torrance Lomita Club. Our next District meeting will be held on 4/08 at 7:30PM.

District 4 Hiro: Business meeting held on Weds 3/05 at 7PM and we had just over 30 members in attendance. Our pre-district meeting GSR school at 6:30PM was run by Barbara D. was well attended, with

several new GSRs! The big question on everyone's mind was "what happened at the special meeting?" And those attending were able to convey that while no big decisions were made and it was painful for many, the Concepts were seen in action as the Area remained intact, and the power of the group conscience upheld. All of our Committees are now filled with 3-4 names (we copied District 6 and "voluntold" attendees to join). We prepared for PRAASA by deciding to budget assistance to all who want to attend. Upcoming events include the PRAASA presentation of Hiro on Fri at 2:15.

District 5 Ryan: Held on the 2nd Thurs of the month, this month we had a PRAASA report-back, sharing the great experience of PRAASA! There was also a report-back from the Special Meeting, which led to a motion, This was our first passed motion in our District. Unfortunately due to time constraints we did not get to look through the Conference Agenda items, although the background material was distributed to those in attendance. We plan to continue looking into studying the Conference items to help the GSRs better understand the material.

District 6 Ashly: Meeting held on the 1st Tues of the month with approximately 60 members in attendance. We created committees for hosting the Area Pre-Conference workshop to be held at 24112 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Woods, Clubhouse #2, gate #12. We also discussed the proposed changes to the Area Archives Guidelines; we had a presentation on both the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed changes, then we had roundtable discussions on this topic. Upcoming events include both the Area Pre-Conference Workshop and our District Pre-Conference Workshop.

District 7 Lisa: No Report

District 8 Matt: On February 19th 2014 at the Grand Terrace Lions Club our District meeting was held with approximately 30 members in attendance. The member's of District 8 passed their 2014 budget. We were able to set aside some money's to help our GSR's with their PRAASA expenses. We are continuing to encourage our committees to be active. We received a list of meetings in our district from the Area Registrar. We are separating the list into sub-districts such that the DCM's can visit all the meetings in their sub-district. Our next meeting will be held March 19th, 2014. We will be discussing the PI, CPC and Special Needs committees.

District 9 John: Went to the Special Meeting on 3/2. We had 7 District members at PRAASA. We are working on updating Guidelines and making a plan for visiting dark groups. We are also working with Spanish District #22 on preparations for the MSCA FORO which we will be hosting in July.

District 11: No Report

District 12 Judy: No Report

District 14: At our business meeting on the 3rd Weds we discussed PRAASA! Including discussion on how much we could pay for an extra room. Our District had 10 people attend PRAASA this year – yippee! We are also discussing getting a committee together to form CEC for our District.

District 15 Leslie: District meeting held Thurs 3/6 at 7PM at Christ Lutheran Church in Brea with about 10 in attendance. We elected a PI Chair and our members all signed up to visit dark meetings with our visitation packet materials. Plans finalized for our upcoming Service Workshop event. Discussed the possibility of having an Electronic Media Chair. Both the Guidelines Committee and Budget Committee gave reports, and we reported on and discussed Tradition and Concept #3. Upcoming we have a Service Workshop co-sponsored with District #10 this Sat 3/22 at 1PM in Fullerton.

District 17 Mary W: Approximately 40 people present at the March 11th District #17 meeting. 2 committee chair positions were filled; leaving 2 open. We had a great turn out of registered members at PRAASA and the report backs that were shared were very informative and energetic. Everyone had a great time, to say the least! The Dist #17 Pre-Conference Workshop will be held on Sat April 5th, 2014 from 2pm-5pm at Unity Hall at 27732 Encanto Drive in Sun City 92586.

District 18: Our District met on the 11th (2nd Tuesday) at 7pm at 1845 Park Avenue in Costa Mesa. This was our first meeting at our new location and we had a recap of PRAASA and our District members experiences there.

District 19 Gary W: No Report

District 20 Luciano: We meet every Monday from 7:30-9:30pm and we usually have around 14 to 16 GSRs attending plus Standing Committees. Last month we had the Spanish Districts meeting with 76 people attending and we had four different round tables. We discussed General Service topics and current AA events.

We will be hosting the May Assembly and we are getting ready for that. We will soon make the location information available to everyone. That is all for now thank you. Today we had 18 members attending.

District 21 Carlos: We are still working visiting 2 groups per week on Monday and Thursday. We meet on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month; on the first Monday we have group reports, second Wednesday is the business meeting and on the fourth Wednesday we have a book study. Four of us went to PRAASA. District 21 is getting ready to host the all Spanish Districts meeting on March 30 at one of our groups in Compton, CA. We hope to see you all there - we'll have Menudo, Carne Asada and Chicken to eat!

District 22 Juan: We are still meeting every Tuesday for group reports and a business meeting alternating every other Thursday. We go visit a meeting once a week on Monday. We just elected our Local Forum Chair and we will be having our District anniversary on April 20th at the Bill and Bob Group. In addition, we just had a new meeting open up "New Vision For You" and we have a new GSR from another meeting the 5th Tradition Group, Julian R. Thank you.

District 23 Jacinto: We meet 4 Fridays out of the month and visit one meeting per week on Wednesday in order to encourage service and current events. We also speak on special topics at group anniversaries when we are invited. We recently had a visit from a group that is now part of District 25 but geographically belongs to our district. I'm covering for our DCMC Rafael as the Alternate DCMC. Thank you for the opportunity to learn from all of you.

District 25 Refugio: We meet four Mondays out of the month and visit a couple meetings per week on Wednesday and Friday. We speak on different topics when we are invited by the meetings. Seven of us attended Praasa. We have our committee positions filled including Audi-Video, Archives, PI, CPC, Newsletter and registrar and we have two Central Office Liaisons. We are looking forward to our next local event of the 11th Service Congress/Forum. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

District 30: No Report

Recap of Actions:

- Special Needs Co-Chair – Chairwoman Sharon called for a Spanish Co-Chair but no one stepped forward at this time.
- Archives Guidelines – due to translation issues, motion ultimately tabled until the June ASC.
- Term Limits Proposal – motion did not pass.
- Wonderful PRAASA report backs from attending Area members.
- A proposal brought forth to loan Area Sound Equipment to the 11th Annual Inland Empire AA Congress – guidelines suspended to turn ASC into an Assembly and motion made and passed as such. The motion to loan the Area sound equipment for this event was then passed by majority vote.

Announcements:

- Ramon made announcement regarding upcoming H & I Conference in April in La Mirada.
- Pete B made us aware of Archive Workshop coming up on this Saturday 3/22.
- Also on this upcoming Sat is a Literature Workshop being put on by Districts 10 & 15
- Memorial Day weekend South Bay Roundup
- Pre-Conference Workshop Dist 1/3

Birthdays:

Kelly 9 – Jim 25 – Leslie 5 – Scott 13 – Eric 2
For a monthly miracle of 54 sober years!

Minutes respectfully submitted by MSCA 09 Panel 64 Secretary Barbara D