

**APPROVED MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09  
AUGUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Sunday August 24th, 2014**  
Location: Casa Rozanne y Jeryl  
Costa Mesa, CA

**BOARD MEETING**

**Call to Order:** 10:01am by Chair Sharon, beginning with the Serenity Prayer

**In Attendance:** Delegate Cesar, Chair Sharon, Registrar Jesus, Alt Delegate Joe, Treasurer Rozanne, and Secretary Barbara. Minutes for June approved as written – motion made by Rozanne, seconded by Joe.

**Officer's Reports:** (submitted in writing)

**Delegate Cesar:**

My name is Cesar and I am an alcoholic; it is my honor and privilege to serve as your Panel 64 Delegate Area 09. Since the last Board meeting have been doing some visiting:

Thurs, June 12	District 1 (Conference Report)	Hermosa Beach
Fri, June 13	Group Trasmitelo	Anaheim
Sat, June 14	Area 08 (Dean's Conference Report)	San Diego
Sun, June 15	District 09 (Conference Report)	Palm Desert
Wed, June 18	District 11 and 8 (Conference Report)	Grand Terrace
Thurs, June 19	Central Office (Conference Report)	Indio
Sun, June 22	MSCA 09 Board Meeting	Costa Mesa
Mon, June 23	Conference Report Group District 21	Hawaiian Gardens
Wed, June 25	Participation Group Vision Para Ti	Fontana, CA
Thurs, June 26	Quinto Capitulo (Conference Report)	Costa Mesa, CA
Fri, June 27	District 23 (Conference Report)	Riverside
Tues, July 1	District 6 (Conference Report)	Huntington Beach
Wed, July 2	District 15 & 10 (Conference Report)	Fullerton
Tues, July 8	District 17 (Conference Report)	Sun City
July 10-13	Pacific Regional Forum	Boise, Id
Sat, July 19	Group Uno y los Que siguen	Garden Grove
Sun, July 20	MSCA 09 Foro	Indio
July 25, 26, 27	La Vina Anniversary event	Las Vegas, NV
Tues, July 29	San Juan Group (Conference Report)	San Juan Capistrano
Sun, August 3	La Vina event	San Diego, CA
Mon, August 4	District 2 (Conference Report)	Lakewood, CA
Tues, August 5	Victor Valley Gruop (AA Survey)	Victor Valley, CA
Thurs, August 7	Hemet Group (AA Survey)	Hemet, CA
Fri, August 8	5to Capitulo Group (AA Survey)	Costa Mesa, CA
Sat, August 9	Meet with Delegate Area 42	Rancho Mirage, CA
Sat, August 9	Participation at Group	Thousand Palms, CA
Sun August 10	MSCA 09 ASC	Anaheim, CA

**Pacific Regional Forum:** I am happy to report to you that they were over 500 people in attendance, with over 300 first timers at the Pacific Regional Forum. On that weekend we heard a presentation from our Chairman of the Board, Terry Bedient, a Financial Report from Class A Trustee David Morris, Our General Service Office, and the Grapevine. I gave a presentation with regards to Anonymity at Public Level.

**La Vina Event Vegas:** It was a really exciting event, and not only because it was held in Las Vegas. The total attendance was around 300, and a total 733 La Vina subscriptions were sold. The Delegate from Las Vegas and I developed a Questionnaire about La Vina. The Grapevine August edition has stories translated from the Spanish speaking members into English to honor La Vina magazine.

**AA Membership Survey:** At our recent 64th General Service Conference one of the Advisory Actions was the Membership Survey to be conducted by Area on a random basis as was done in 2011. General Service has randomly dispersed surveys to 25 groups in Mid-Southern California Area 09: 22 English-speaking groups and 3 Spanish-speaking Groups. Our Area officers and I have been approached all of these groups with the appropriate questionnaires to be filled out. August 24, 2014 is the deadline to complete and return these forms.

**Orange County Fair:** The Orange County Intergroup PI committee has been tirelessly working on putting an AA booth at the Orange County Fair - many AA volunteers have been attending that. I was so happy to introduce the District 20 PI (Spanish Speaking members) as well to participate. The Newspaper Daily Pilot on August 2, 2014 had an article from a dear fellow member of AA, breaking his anonymity with full face photo and full name, telling his story that he is been sober since 1985 in the program of Alcoholic Anonymous. I am working on finding him to give him some information about our principal of Anonymity.

**District 20 GSR workshop:** On August 17 District #20 put together a GSR workshop where topics were how to increase participation on Committees at District and Area level.

**District 24 Treasurer workshop:** This District put together an event where all group Treasurers were invited, 13 Group Treasurers were present, and they discussed how to make the groups more responsible about sending contributions to the Intergroup, District, Area and GSO.

**Board weekend notes from our Pacific Regional trustee:**

- Registration for the 2015 International Convention will open at 9:00am EDT on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.
- We are guaranteed a Hospitality Suite for Pacific Region at this point. There is no cost for room rental of Hospitality Suite room itself. Only costs associated are for food, beverage, AV screens, etc. Specifics for those costs will be available in coming months. Right now their focus is Hotel Room Reservations. There will be the opportunity to get "Group room block reservations" will be available.
- Members are now able to make recurring contributions through the Contributions on Line portal at **aa.org**.
- G.S.O. is moving forward with a plan for the production of in-house, Web-only videos as an additional communication tool.
- The Conference-approved video, "Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous," will be posted on **aa.org**, and the revised "Markings on the Journey Video" is now available (we saw "Markings" at the Forum).
- A literature price increase was approved, and I believe you have received the new pricing structure that will go into effect in October. The A.A.W.S. Board felt it was important to keep the Big Book below \$10.00 (the price that was initially proposed), so adjustments were made to the overall plan in order to price the Big Book at \$9.50. Shipping and handling rates on bulk

orders will go down at the same time that the literature price increase goes into effect in order to help Groups and Districts in rural areas not served by a central office.

- The new pamphlet, "Many Paths to Spirituality," will be priced at 30 cents.
- A.A.W.S. had a net profit of \$627,616 for the first six months of 2014, compared with a budgeted profit of \$41,946. This is attributed to strong sales of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the Big Book; it should be kept in mind that this is a one-time special item, and it should also be noted that the pace of sales of this item has slowed considerably since the initial large rush of purchases.
- A.A. Grapevine, Inc., had a net income of \$155,456 for the first six months of 2014, compared with a budgeted net income of \$27,185. The primary contributing factor was that all costs came in below budget (including editorial costs, circulation and business expenses, and general and administrative expenses). The La Vina shortfall was \$67,019, which is \$6,606 less than the budgeted shortfall of \$73,625. (By the way, we will likely continue to see the word "loss" in La Vina financial reporting after all, because of certain external requirements for reporting of accounting, but I prefer to use the word "shortfall" when reporting within the Fellowship).
- The reserve fund stands at \$14,079,035, which is approximately 9.4 months of operating expenses.
- In other GV/LV news, member photos are being collected for the 2016 Wall Calendar. *The Language of the Heart will be coming out in audio book format in fall of 2014, and there is a collaboration under way with A.A.W.S.'s International Convention staff to incorporate GV/LV info on the Convention Registration form.*
- The Trustee's Archives Committee approved a request from Paz Preciado (non-trustee).
- The trustees' P.I. committee has begun work on developing a new P.S.A.
- A.A.W.S. will be following up on the 2014 Conference Advisory Action regarding translation of Conference background material and will report further at the November General Service Board weekend.

Thank you for letting me being service,  
Service is a Legacy of Love.  
Cesar F. Panel 64 Delegate Area 09  
Conference Committee Public Information

### **Alternate Delegate Joe:**

I want it to go on record that I am a part of the best Board since, well, for as long as Area 09 has had a Board. Sharon, Cesar, Jesse, Rozanne, and Barbara, you are truly the best. Since our last Board meeting I have been very busy driving all over town with our Delegate Cesar. To date, we have been to all the Districts, except one. District 30 will be his last District report-back. The Foro took place in July and was very well attended, especially for being held in Indio. At the Foro, we began to take some inventory of the sound equipment. The equipment is outdated and borderline functional. At first assessment, it appears that it will require several hundred dollars to bring it up to date. The Pacific Regional Forum in Boise was my first. I learned a great deal about the staff and the general culture in which the office is run. We are still "website" challenged. God willing, I sincerely hope that we are able to have this resolved soon. I am beginning to prepare for the Servathon in November. I am really looking forward to this event. I really am anxious. The Conference reports should be out soon, so I will be studying and consulting with Cesar in order to select the round table topics. Lastly, I have the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee regarding our Special Meeting in February earlier this year. I am waiting for a few confirmations from some

members, however I feel confident in their willingness to participate. This will be a small and intimate committee consisting of 9 people including myself. I believe that I have selected a good cross section of our Area. The subject matter is delicate and sensitive. I consider this to be the most important assignment of my commitment and I am grateful to be a part of it.

Joe C. Alternate Delegate Panel 64

**Chair Sharon:** Since our last board meeting I have attended the FORO, August ASC, and District 1. I have also corresponded with several of our area members regarding desires to fill committee vacancies, our upcoming audit committee report, filling out membership surveys, and follow up to the school district regarding our August ASC. Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend the Forum but know our Area was well represented. Looking forward to attending elections for Area 5 and 93 in the coming months.

Thanks for letting me be of service. Sharon Panel 64 Area Chair

**Secretary Barbara:** Since the June Board meeting, I have done much as the Area Secretary. My concern is, there is so much still to do! I feel inadequate to the tasks set before me sometimes, but I continue to stay sober and do my best to keep up with the rest of this amazing Board! You guys help me more than you know – thank you. So, in terms of duties done:

- Emailed Roster update request to Districts/Chairs 6/22
- Updated Roster with new info as rec'd
- Area Email blast that website up & with FORO info 6/30
- Area Email blast with GV workshop info 7/10
- Email to DCMC/Chairs from Cesar 7/17
- Area Email blast with AAWS Highlights, literature \$ increase, and Class A Trustee vacancy
- Attended Area FORO in Indio 7/20
- Area Email blast with August ASC info 7/30
- Cleaned up minutes and sent to Pete for printing 7/31
- Emailed Chairs & DCMCs to remind them they can submit their reports via email 7/31 – having trouble emailing the forms, working on that
- Area email blast with Agenda and Minutes 8/02
- Readied and printed Area Sign In sheets for the ASC
- ASC in Anaheim 8/10
- Worked on the Aug ASC minutes on 8/15
- Sent approved Minutes to Archives and to the non-existent Web Master/Communications Committee

Assisted our Delegate Cesar with finishing the 2014 AA Membership Survey and I am so thrilled to have been a part of that. I have also been of service to my District by teaching GSR School on both Weds 7/02 & 8/06. I continued working on the paperwork mountain – updating member info, answering emails, putting together minutes and all sort of fun.

I remain your respectful and humble servant – Barbara D – Panel 64 Area 09 Secretaria

**Treasurer Rozanne:**

August 24, 2014 MSCA09 Treasurer's Board Report

*BOFA Statement Account summary:*

Beginning balance on July 31, 2014	\$6,785.54
Deposits and other credits	\$6,024.03
Withdrawals and other debits	-\$1,647.15

Service fees	\$12.00
Ending balance on July 31, 2014	\$6,358.09
<i>BOFA Savings Account:</i>	<i>\$5002.22</i>

My name is Rozanne and I am an alcoholic. I am honored to serve as your Area 09 Treasurer.

Since our last board meeting:

I had our taxes completed and mailed in. The cost was \$350, \$25 for the tax board so we have \$125 left in the budget.

I attended the Pacific Regional Forum, the Foro, sat at the AA Booth at the OC Fair and attended the Grapevine Workshop in Huntington Beach and attended the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session transition meeting.

I have determined some of the Ad Hoc Committee members which will help to determine if we should have a Policy Committee (the members are: Catherine, past GV Chair, Steve C. from District 6, Jeryl T, Past Delegate and Myself). I will find out if the following people are available: Don D-11, Debra Abad D-8, Carlos Gonzalez D-21, Gildardo D-20)

The Finance committee handed out the Budget Request worksheets to all committees, but I think we should email them out to committee chairs anyway since they are due at Sept. Area Meeting.

Action Items from last month:

- Area taxes: Completed
- Website hosting fees: Paid "Go Daddy" for several years, Joe to take this action item and follow up.
- Ad hoc committee formation: In process – First Meeting either August 28 or September 4
- Process for overrides on committee budgets – Rich created the override form. Policy as in the "Area 09 Expense and Budget Policy" document.

Rozanne – Treasurer

**Registrar Jesus:** Since we last met in June, I've attended the Regional Forum in Boise, the Area Foro in Indio, District 24 to talk about our Servathon in Nov. along with Alt. Delegate Joe. I've helped Cesar with the AA survey and It has been a great experience. I want to thank my friend Carlos R. that is new to service for coming with me to the different groups that were selected to take the survey. I am humbled everyday by the things that God has in store for all of us when we attempt to do his work and His will. Jesus O.

**Old Business:**

- Newsletter
- Website situation
- Ad Hoc committees
- Interpreter equipment
- Committee Chair absence
- Membership survey
- FORO
- Treatment Facilities override

**New Business:**

- District 20 Letter
- Corrections Chair Applicant
- Set September Assembly agenda
- Donuts

**Action Items:**

**Full Board Action:**

- None

**Delegate Cesar:**

- To check with GSO regarding group issues in District #20
- To update GSO with the dark meeting information from the Membership Survey

**Alt Delegate Joe:**

- Website hosting fee investigation
- Work with Chair Sharon to replace translation equipment
- To talk with absent Committee Chairs regarding attendance

**Chair Sharon:**

- Work with Alt Dele Joe to replace translation equipment

**Secretary Barbara:**

- To contact District #20 regarding visitation of Ampliacion de Vida group
- Contact Bianca (prev Literature Chair) regarding retrieval of the Area Literature

**Registrar Jesus:**

- Follow up with GSO regarding Chair packets not yet received

**Treasurer Rozanne:**

- Review of Ad Hoc committee members
- To send Barbara Area Budget Override guidelines for distribution to Chairs
- Send Budget requests to Board members
- Follow up with Finance Chair Rich and Convention Chair Marilyn regarding budget override request

Agenda: Reviewed and set for September Assembly in Buena Park

Next Meeting: Sun Sept 21st at 10am

Casa Rozanne y Jeryl – Costa Mesa, CA

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm, motion made by Joe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rozanne and meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Minutes respectfully submitted by your grateful MSCA 09 Panel #64 Secretary, Barbara D.