

Mid-Southern California Area 9 ASC Minutes

August 9, 2015 – Hosted by District 3

Wilmington Senior Citizen Center 1371 Eubank Ave. Wilmington, CA 90744

ASC Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Sharon at 12:00pm.

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by Lisa in English/Luciano in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Judy in English/Constancio in Spanish.

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

Approval of minutes from the June ASC.

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

Delegate Cesar: My name is Cesar and I am an alcoholic, I have the honor and privilege to serve as your Panel 64 Area 09 Delegate. Since the last ASC, I was able to visit District #14, North Orange County Intergroup (Spanish), District #24, District #21, South Orange County Intergroup (Spanish), District #10 Anonymity Workshop, Area Officers Meeting, District #5, District #23, District #25, MSCA #09 FORO, District #6, #18, & #7, District #8 & #11, La Vina Anniversary Santa Clara, CA, the Arizona Area #03 FORO, District #10 & #15, District #12 and here today – a total of 2,255 miles!

The La Vina 19th Anniversary, in Santa Clara, CA, was a very successful event; they were able to get La Vina Registrations in the total of 1,192! We had, as the main speaker, our Pacific Regional Trustee, Joel. Also Paz, the AA Grapevine Director was there, as well as Irene D., the La Vina editor. Next year the 20th Celebration of La Vina will be in Area #03 Arizona.

Here some of the highlights from the previous board weekend meeting, a full report will be available soon. From the AAWS report: The construction process to bring AA Grapevine, Inc., onto the 11th floor of 475 Riverside Dr. and to remodel and upgrade the AAWS/GSO offices begins August 10th, and construction is expected to be completed in November. Large groups won't be able to tour during the construction period; other visitors will be welcomed but will have limited access. Do what you can to make members of the Fellowship who will be travelling to New York during the construction period aware of these limitations so that they won't be disappointed if they visit GSO.

There is new Archives content on **aa.org**, including a digital exhibit on "A.A.'s 10th Anniversary", updates to the A.A. Timeline, and audio of a talk by Sister Ignatia on the Audio Archives Library - please take the time to look at these updates. The AAWS Board agreed to grant the license to print literature in Russia to the R.S.O., resolving the situation in Russia regarding our literature. Bob W., the U.S. Trustee-at-Large, visited Russia this year in connection with this situation and determined that the R.S.O. is the more fully developed of the two structures in that country. The Navajo translation project is back up and running. This project had slowed down earlier this year, but has gained momentum again thanks to a strong Navajo-speaking committee effort. On the financial side, net revenues for the six first months of 2015 were about \$7.5 million, which is about 8.5% less than budget; expenses of \$7.7 million were about 5% less than budget.

AA Grapevine report - The Language of the Heart is now available in audio as an MP3 Download and as an MP3 CD. The Carry the Message effort has forwarded 593 subscription requests to the areas for possible fulfillment at the local level. Grapevine circulation is 77,734. This is a decline from the average circulation in 2014 of 79,954, but it is better than the budgeted circulation of 76,061. La Viña circulation is 10,310,

compared to an average circulation in 2014 of 10,515 and a budgeted circulation of 10,607. Total Grapevine income for the first six months of the year is about \$945,000 compared to a budgeted income of about \$950,000. Total costs and expenses were about \$854,000, which is about \$138,000 less than budget. The overall result is a net profit of about \$92,000, compared to a budgeted loss of about \$42,000. The La Viña shortfall is about \$18,000 lower than expected for the first six months of the year. The AA Grapevine board and staff continue to focus on the future, including working to deliver a "mobile friendly" version of the magazines and exploring the possible use of SMS text messaging as a way to engage the Fellowship.

In International news - Members of our General Service Board, usually the Trustees-at-Large and/or the GSO General Manager visit other AA service structures when invited to share our experience. Upcoming trips for the balance of the year are the Annual Italian Convention, the 19th Meeting of the Americas (REDELA) in Mexico City, the 18th European Service Meeting in York, England, the 11th Asia-Oceania Service Meeting in Dubai, and the 44th Polish General Service Conference. The International committee considered the idea of an interactive international A.A. data map that could include information by country about A.A. presence, available translations, zonal meeting, and World Service Meeting participation, and asked for additional information for consideration at their next meeting. International Convention - Registration for the International Convention held last month in Atlanta was approximately 57,000, including 784 registered attendees designated ASL. 93 flags were displayed at the flag ceremony, in addition to the Eagle Staff representing Native American/First Nations. In Literature - Subcommittees have been formed to work on three literature projects: the revision of the pamphlet, "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic" to include the entire LGBT community; revision of the pamphlet, "A.A. for the Woman"; and development of literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues. Our Pacific Regional Trustee Joel C., will be chairing the subcommittee on the revision of the Gay/Lesbian pamphlet; and also he will be serving on the subcommittee on mental health literature. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to serve as your Delegate, Service is a Legacy of Love - Cesar Flores Panel 64 Delegate

Alternate Delegate Joe: Since last ASC in June I have been to; District 14; Group in Santa Ana; Group in Anaheim; Anonymity Workshop with District's 10 & 15; District 21; Another Group in Anaheim; Board Meeting; Int'l Convention; District 5; District 23; Foro in Riverside; District 25; District 18; District 8 & 11; Concepts Workshop in Manhattan Beach; District 9; Group Visitation in Fullerton (twice); Group in Lynwood; Group in Paramount; Group in San Juan Capistrano; the Spanish Speaking Inter-district meeting in Hesperia; District 10 & 15; District 12;. And I am here today.

Registrar Jesus: I am trying to finish out the year strong with updates and reports. I hope to be able to help anybody that has questions about registration. Please give me a call or send me a text or email, I'll be happy to help in any way that I can. Please give me any changes you have so I can try and make them on the spot. That way, I can ask any questions if there is something missing, etc. Since our last meeting I've attended the Foro in Riverside, the Spanish H&I of South Orange County. Thanks to Ramon our corrections chair for his support. I've been attending district 21 with the GSR from my home group and I'm finally learning how to be a good GSR. Today I attended the Archives Committee meeting and also learned a lot. Thank you all for your service and support. God Bless you all.

Treasurer Rozanne: My name is Rozanne and I am an alcoholic. I am blessed and honored to serve as your Area 09 Treasurer. As a result of our very generous area, and some extremely large special contributions, we currently have \$14,955.79 in our checking account and \$5,002.71 in our Savings account. That means we have been able to bring our prudent reserve back to its normal amount and we have enough money to pay all our bills and reimburse everyone for their expenses. Please make sure you include everything on your expense forms today.

Please let your district groups and meetings know that I am going to be sending out the receipts from mid May through July. They weren't sent because I didn't have envelopes, but I have them now and will be sending them out this week.

Since our last meeting I:

Attended the District 15 Workshop and moderated one of the round tables

Spoke at the Laguna Beach Speaker Meeting

Attended the International Convention, was asked to speak on a panel for "Prayer under Pressure"

I also attended the Past Delegates Reunion activities with our past delegate Jeryl

I was asked to volunteer at the Media Room, which was very exciting as we got to see how GSO deals with the media at the convention. I also got to reunite with several GSO staff members, also a wonderful experience!

Attended the District 6 and 18 Delegate Share back

Attended the Concepts Workshop in Manhattan Beach where our non-director Trustee, Billy N and our past Delegate, Jeryl spoke on the Concepts

Attended the District 19 Workshop to discuss money, contributions and being a treasurer

Volunteered at the OC Fair AA Booth

Spoke at the Easy Risers Speaker meeting in Corona del Mar

The tax information has been given to our tax lady and will be picked up and submitted this week.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Rozanne T. - Area 09 Treasurer

Secretary Barbara: Since our June ASC, I've stayed busy, as always. On June 28th we had our Board meeting – but no pupusas; what up with that? On July 1st I headed off to the AA International Convention in Atlanta, GA. It is an AMAZING experience and if you have never been to one, start saving now for Detroit in 2020! I was awestruck to hang out with 65,000 alcoholics and one fiancé because I GOT ENGAGED! Also took my 10 year AA birthday in Atlanta – I feel beyond blessed ... but I am sure this too shall pass! I sent out an Area wide Eblast regarding the FORO July 12th in Riverside. I unfortunately missed the FORO this year, but I heard that Pacific Region Trustee Joel was amazing and a big thank you to the hosting Districts for making Area #09 look so good! On July 18th I attended the YPAA Concepts Workshop in Manhattan Beach – that was a great event! Our own immediate past-Delegate Jeryl T spoke, along with Bill N, our current General Service Trustee from AAWS. I learned a ton of stuff, which helps me to remember that no matter how far I come in AA, I always have so far to go. I sent out a ton of emails to the Area – if you are not getting my emails or if your information has changed, please write your information clearly and put it up here in the basket because it is heading towards October, which means Area Elections! Yes, all this fun can be yours! I need to make sure I have all your information correct (especially for District Officers) so please come see me during lunch, shoot me an email, or contact me somehow so we can make sure all your information is correct, current, and up-to-date so that everyone who is eligible to vote gets to and so that we are clear on who is eligible to stand for an Area Officer position. Please and thank you. I remain your humble Secretaria, Barbara D.

Area Chair Sharon: My name is Sharon and I'm an alcoholic. Wow! I can't believe that I only have 3 area meetings to facilitate as your Area Chair. Where does time go? I want to thank those of you whose groups, districts, and individuals responded to the Area with contributions. We have a group of generous alcoholics in our Area and I'm grateful to be a part of it.

I'm looking forward to our Area Elections. It is always an exciting event and I look forward to seeing what our Panel 66 will look like. We have a full agenda today and I look forward to seeing what the outcome looks like at our September Assembly.

I hope that many of you that are eligible consider standing for an Area Office position. This is my fourth panel as an area officer and I wouldn't trade the experience for anything. If any of you are considering standing for Area Chair I would be happy to discuss with you. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Sharon K - Chair

Old Business:

- 2016 Calendar – presented by Area Chair
- Executive committee recommends the Area discontinue lease of copier – presented by Executive Committee
- Executive committee recommends MSCA 09 create a Guidelines & Policy Committee to begin with Panel 66. – presented by Executive Committee
- Executive committee recommends the creation of a 2nd Area Treasurer position to begin with Panel 66 – presented by Executive Committee.

New Business:

- District 12 request for Sound Equipment use for Sponsorship Workshop – Judy B. DCMC
- PRAASA 2019 Update

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Archives Tony: No report

CEC Karen: We as a group came together with 5 members in attendance – although no book or Committee Chair present, as our Chair had a previous commitment today. I was notified of this yesterday and asked to fill in. Since we didn't have the CEC book or workbook, we had only a working knowledge of prior reading of the material and I shared this information with the group. Made suggestions and had group discussions on our anonymity while still carrying the message in to doctors offices, senior centers, hospitals, etc. It was also suggested that each member go back to their own District and home group and ask members to join CEC at their own grassroots level.

Communications Kris: No Report

CPC Maryka: The MSCA CPC Committee agreed upon and end of the year project. We will be creating, designing, and producing CPC 'starter kits' for each District in our Area. These kits will be wonderful to help assist the 2016-18 Panel #66 District CPC Chairs in kickstarting their efforts to carry the message of AA to professionals throughout the Area!

CPC Spanish Juan: No Report

Convention Liaison Marilyn: No Report

Corrections Ramon: Our Committee met with 6 in attendance plus our Higher Power. The date for our workshop on Correction Correspondence is set for November 14th (Saturday) from 10am – 2pm. Today we discussed the making of flyers to invite members to the workshop. We are also beginning to work with Area #05 on a prisoner contact release project. We have extended a request to the Area #09 Officers to assist us with this important project. The Committee had a conference meeting with our Alternate Delegate Joe C and he informed us of a series of actions to be taken to inform GSO in New York of these proposed programs of contact upon release. Area #05 asks us to determine the extent of our participation and degree of cooperation.

DCM School Jim: With 15 members in attendance, we discussed what to say when visiting groups, with emphasis on how to present the 7th Tradition. The Committee has decided to hold a DCM Workshop in late November or early December.

DCM School Spanish Jose A: No Report

Finance Rich W: We had 7 voting members and 3 guests at our meeting this month. We reviewed the Treasurer reports and were happy to see the contributions! The Area Treasurer was not able to attend. We had some questions on the reports which we will research with her when able. We are distributing the budget requests to the Standing Committee Chairs for the 2016 budget and are requesting them to be submitted back to the Finance Committee by the September Assembly.

Grapevine Ed: Attended FORO, which was a real success, with 2 sessions and 14 people in attendance, including Joel, our current Pacific Regional Trustee. Also attended the 19th Anniversary Celebration of La Vina in San Jose, setting up the Grapevine display. Two amazing days where language was not a significant barrier! Special thanks to Cesar, Raul, Paco, Ramon, and Mauricio. We are still working with the Grapevine staff at GSO to provide subscriptions to 6 Mid-Southern California inmates through the 'Carry The Message' program. As of the July FORO, Hawaii was in 1st place in the New GV Subscription Drive, with and 18% increase in subscriptions. California was in 2nd place, with a 16% increase in new subscriptions. Grapevine Online is on \$20 annually (a \$15 savings!) through August 31st – spread the word! I went to the International Convention in Atlanta over the 4th of July weekend and volunteered at both the Grapevine topic meetings and booth. Please note the Conference action that states in the absence of group level GV Rep the GSR should serve as such, carrying the Grapevine message to the group.

GSR School English Gary: Today, with 15 members in attendance, the Committee went over the importance of your home group having a GSR. What a GSR is and does was discussed, and we introduced new GSRs to the Concepts III, IV, and V. Also went over the Conference Committee flow chart and the Area and District maps. Also discussed ways to give an effective GSR report.

GSR School Spanish Amador: No Report

La Viña Victor: No Report

Literature English Kitty: No Report

Literature Spanish Mauricio: No Report

Public Information Deborah: No Report

Registration Casey: Our Committee had 2 in attendance; we opened with the Serenity Prayer. At the start of the meeting, there were no other Committee members present, so I started reading the Big Book from my phone. Later Sandi from District #19 joined me – she intends on being the District Registrar. I was excited to share information, as Sandi had many questions about Registration. I answered her questions to the best of my abilities and shared my experience, strength, and hopes with my position as Chair. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Thank you for letting me be of Service.

Special Needs Gene: We met with 2 members this month. Discussed transportation access through public transportation for differently abled members to get to their local meetings. Loners International meeting forums are facilitated through www.aa.org – there are handouts available for online meetings. We discussed the use of California Relay Service System to be able to communicate with our hard of hearing members without the use of the TDD System.

Treatment Facilities Dawn: 8 Committee members met at worked with our Area Webmaster to complete work on the 'Treatment Committee' tab for the Area website. Committee decided to postpone the bulk mailing to local treatment centers about 'Bridging the Gap' until the Area funding is available.

Coordinate Committee Reports:

HASBYPAA – Harbor Area South Bay Young People in AA meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 3pm at the San Pedro Alano Club at 2001 S. Pacific Avenue in San Pedro. For further information, please contact Ariel W at 562-972-0185. We are bidding for ACYPAA (All California Young People in AA) to host the Conference in our Area in 2017. Upcoming YPAA events include an 80's Movie Night & Pizza Party on August 22nd - meeting 7:30 – 9pm, fellowship & pizza at 9pm, movie at 10p – 8421 Orangewood Ave, Garden Grove 92841. Also HASPYPA "Game to Believe" Game Night to be held in September with date & location TBD.

Inland Empire H&I - No Report

Harbor Area Central Office – No Report

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 1 Maryka: No Report

District 2 Tanya: Our District met on Monday August 4th at 7pm in Lakewood with 9 in attendance. We had a light meeting, possibly due to summer, I'm not sure. We did read and review the Executive Committee

recommendations to be voted on today. I got the group conscience. A motion was made to move our meeting to the 4th Wednesday of each month, which was seconded and passed unanimously. This will be pending approval of the facility that this night is available. Meeting adjourned at 8pm and upcoming events include the Delegate Report Back for October.

District 3 Dee Dee: No Report

District 4 Hiro: District Committee Meeting for August 5, 2015, temporarily held at the Atlantic Alano Club, Long Beach with GSR school from 6:30-7; District Committee Meeting from 7-8:30; Concept 3 study from 8:30-9:30 and 43 people in attendance. We found out from District 2, who were erroneously contacted by Harbor Area Central Office, that our normal location would be under construction this month, so we squeezed into the lovely Atlantic Alano Club. We had two new folks at GSR school, which was held in a tiny antechamber. Our YPAA representative reported that our co-sponsored HASBYPAA 12 Concepts Workshop was a great success, and recordings will be available shortly. GSR Korin B volunteered to organizing an Archives sorting field trip for the district. Our Accessibility and Special Needs Chair Jack R. will be arranging meetings to be brought to AA members homes who cannot get out to meetings due to acute or chronic illness or disability; he is currently taking names for sign up. We voted in two new chairs: Kliment for Public Information, and Moe for Treatment. Our Harbor Area H&I Coordinate Committee Chair Jason F reported that there are currently panels open at Los Padrinos and Calipatrai state prison. Also, the H&I Chili Cookoff is scheduled for September 19, and t-shirts, tickets, and raffle tickets are available now. We are looking forward to hosting Area 09's elections in October; and we will also hold our District elections that same month.

District 5 Ryan: We meet monthly on the 2nd Thurs at 7pm at Church of the Foothills in Santa Ana. This past month we had 32 in attendance for our Conference Report Back from Area Delegate Cesar F with Joe C, our Alternate Delegate. They shared about the 2015 Panel #65 Conference in New York in April. The presentation was well received and our District would like to extend our thanks to the Area Officers who attended. We are looking forward to reviewing our District Guidelines. The Ad Hoc Committee Chair Mitchell B is hard at work going over our Guidelines and they should be ready for full District review by September.

District 6 Ashly: No Report

District 7 Bill: 3 in attendance this month. Our DCMC is out of state, caring for her father & we wish her all the best. Our District is experiencing low attendance and is in need of Officers. Both the Roque Center and Serenity Hall closed with some of the meetings moving to the Garden Grove Alano Club (GGAC). The GGAC is nicely fixed up with many non-AA activities going on. Altho the meeting activity at GGAC is strong, there is no GSR presence.

District 8 Matthew: District #08 would like to extend our thanks and our gratitude to both Joe & Cesar (Alternate Delegate and Delegate for MSCA #09) for coming out and presenting the Conference Report Back.

District 9 John: Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday at 4pm at the Fellowship Hall in Palm Desert. We met with 24 members this month. The District #09 fundraiser Maad Dogg Daze ended today, August 9th. There is no District meeting this month. We are looking forward to Delegate Cesar's visit on September 20th. DCYPAA is putting on their first annual Wet & Wild Event, with more details to follow.

District 10 Carlos: We meet on the 1st Weds of each month in Fullerton with approximately 35 in attendance. This month District #10 joined forces with District #15 for the Delegate Conference Report. Also a District wide call for the prayers and good wishes for District #10 immediate past DCMC Sharon D, whose health is failing.

District 11 Don: Our meeting is monthly on the first Sunday, with GSR School starting at 11am and the business portion following at 11:30am, with 11 in attendance this month. We met at the Mountain Unity Group on Sunday, August 2nd. Reviewed plans for hosting the Area #09 meeting on Sunday, September 13th. We made a decision to not seek financial reimbursement the Area meeting expenses. This is being done to help assist Area #09 in meeting their financial obligations. The November 1st meeting was selected for District elections. We discussed the Area voting procedures for GSRs and reviewed the current topics being discussed at the Area level.

District 12 Kaili: No Report

District 14 Karen H: We meet on the 3rd Weds of the month at the Church of the Good Shepherd, this month with 11 in attendance. There was a group decision made to give a 1 time contribution to the Area. Vote taken and passed. Movie Night is being planned and a Committee was formed for this event. We had 2 new

GSRs in attendance. We have here today in Wilmington 7 members from our town of Hemet – we've never had this big a turn-out for an Area event. 2 cars full – yeah!! The District movie night will be held in September at the Arid Club and the movie will be borrowed from the Area #09 Archives in Riverside.

District 15 Leslie: No Report

District 17 Mary W: 40 District members met on July 14th at Merna's Café in Sun City. The District #17 Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee has revised the current edition and it will be presented to the members at next month's meeting, if it is to be so! Chelsea has remained in our District, so she volunteered to be re-considered for the Special Needs Chair, and she was unanimously accepted as such. Our District is eager and enthusiastic about getting AA information to and from our groups and is working out any issues and concerns within our groups. The Report Back from our Delegate Cesar F will be in August at Merna's Café and refreshments will be provided.

District 18: No Report

District 19 Gary W: District meets on the 3rd Sunday at 3pm (orientation at 2:30pm) at the Victor Valley Alano Club and this month we had a dozen members. District #19 is staying committed to our work on the CPC and PI Committees, as well as our other Committees. We are looking forward to the Report Back from our Delegate Cesar on Sunday August 16th.

District 20 Luciano: No Report

District 21: No Report

District 22 Juan: No Report

District 23 Rafael: No Report

District 24 Pedro: No Report

District 25 Refugio: No Report

District 30 Becky: Our District meets monthly in Yucca Valley – this month we had 5 members present. Our reps report meetings that are going strong – the Marine Base has its own building for meetings! Plans are fermenting for setting up hosting of the Area meeting in December. The location has been secured at the Elks Lodge and refreshments are being planned. We has hosted there before and are looking forward to hosting Area #09 on Dec 13th.

Recap of Actions:

- Approval of Minutes from June ASC, with minor amendment changing word Assembly to ASC in title of document.
- 2016 Calendar – passed with no discussion, to be forwarded to Assembly for Area vote.
- Executive committee recommends the Area discontinue lease of copier – motion withdrawn by Executive Committee and will not be forwarded.
- Executive committee recommends MSCA 09 create a Guidelines & Policy Committee to begin with Panel 66 – passed with no discussion, to be forwarded to Assembly for Area vote.
- Executive committee recommends the creation of a 2nd Area Treasurer position to begin with Panel 66 – discussion ensued and motion passed to be forwarded to Assembly for Area vote. Minority opinion heard but motion to reconsider failed, so motion does pass to Assembly for Area vote.
- Motion made my Area Chair to temporarily change ASC to Assembly for purpose of motion by District 12 to request Area Sound Equipment use for Sponsorship Workshop on Sept 19th – presented by Judy B. DCMC for District 12. Motion passed without discussion, at which point the Assembly was returned to an ASC.

Announcements:

- **Sept. 13 – Area Assembly** - Knights of Columbus 1729 E. Baseline St San Bernardino CA 92410
Hosted by District 11
- **Oct. 11 – Election Assembly** - Recreation Park 4900 E. 7th Street Long Beach, CA 90804 (Hosted by District 4)

Birthdays:

- Barbara 10, John 20, Manya 6, Joe C 21, Becky 37, Raul 35, Pricilla 8, Marilyn 36

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm, motion made by John, 2nd by Jose, and meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

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