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Mid-Southern California Area 9 Assembly Committee Minutes
December 13, 2015 – Hosted by District #30
Elks Lodge 6501 Barranca St., Twentynine Palms 92777, CA

ASC Minutes

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

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by Jeff in English/ Heraclio in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Tara in English/ Leandro 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 November ASC. Passed!

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

Delegate Cesar: My name is Cesar and I am a very grateful alcoholic. I have had the high honor and privilege to serve all of you as Area #09's Panel #64 Delegate for 2014 and what is left of 2015. My heart feels full, thankful, and excited because (thanks to you) I have had the opportunity to live this spiritual experience, yielded as the result of practicing the Program of A.A., and especially the legacy of Service.

In this last month as your Delegate, I have been meditating and reflecting since that last drink I took, the day I came through the doors of A.A., and when my name got pulled out of the hat to serve as Delegate. This road has been, without a doubt, the best thing that has happened in my life. I have met people and gone places that I never even dreamt about. I have visited almost all of the states of the Pacific Region because of PRAASA, Regional and Local Foros, La Viña's Anniversaries, and invitations from other Areas.

I was delighted to represent all of you in carrying the group conscience of Area #09 members to the 2014 and 2015 New York Conferences. There, together with the Delegates from the United States and Canada, and all the members of the Conference, we approved proposals and projects that will affect A.A. as a whole - always, with the purpose to reach out to the alcoholic who still suffers from alcoholism.

Within Area #09, I have visited , all 24 Districts (18 English speaking and 6 Spanish speaking at least twice giving my Conference Report backs. I have also visited almost all Intergroup Offices - 9 English speaking and 9 Spanish speaking.

With much enthusiasm and pleasure, I have traveled the entire geographical area of Area #09 which is the Southern part of L.A. County, Orange County, Riverside County, and San Bernardino County - 2063 registered groups and total membership of 61,774.

I want to thank all of the GSRs, DCMCs, DCMs, and Standing Committee Chairs for all of your support, and especially the Officers of the Area Panel #64, Registrar Jesus O., Treasurer Rozanne P., Secretary Barbara D., Alt. Delegate Joe C., and Chair Person Sharon K. I could have not served like I did without the help and support of these fine individuals.

I know that in our Area there is a great diversity of people with different ways of thinking, with ideas and projects. I encourage discussion, utilizing the methods and mechanisms we have in our Area, arriving at the best informed group conscience, being mindful to discuss responsibly and with respect for one another. If we must disagree, let us do it responsibly and respectfully. Once Area #09 makes a group conscience decision, we must come together, honor, and respect the decision made.

Lastly I wish only the best to our new Panel #66 officers Delegate Joe C., Alt Delegate Jesus O., Chairman Ramon D., Secretary Ed L., Treasurer A/P Diane C., Treasurer A/R Leandro C., and Registrar Ryan B. I have no doubt they will do the best for our Area.

I have talked to my Service Sponsor about being ready for rotation out as the Area Delegate. He has done a great job with me and I am thankful for his support.

And yes, **I AM READY!** No longer can I be Delegate for any other Area in the United States and Canada. I will continue to attend our Area events and support our new Delegate. At the same time, I am ready to go to the highest part of the Triangle which is where the home group is, to serve the coffee!

I know that it will be very hard to pay A.A. back for this debt I have and feel. I will live the rest of my life thankful to General Services for the person it has turned me into.

Again, thank you for my life, my sobriety, and my family, and may God bless all of you.

Service, a Legacy of Love, Cesar F., Mid-Southern California Area #09 Panel #64

Alternate Delegate Joe: Well, this is it. My last report for Panel #64 as your Alternate Delegate. What can I say? It's been a hell of a ride. This past Wednesday I participated in a conference call with the Delegates of the Pacific Region regarding PRAASA. It was an interesting call. I stayed quiet most of the time. I had forgotten that one of my roles as Delegate is to help plan PRAASA. I have some reading to do in order to get myself up to speed, but it looks like a lot of fun. I am beginning to get nervous. As the calendar draws closer to 2016, my nerves begin to get..., well, nervous. My emotions are all over the place. While I say goodbye to one Panel, I am saying hello to another one. One thing at a time though...First, I am starting to think about January. I'll need to write an article for the newsletter and prepare for an hour long talk at the Assembly. Also, in the meantime, I should be receiving my Committee assignment along with a travel checklist, preliminary Agenda items, Conference schedule, and other miscellaneous information. I will also be assigned to a Conference buddy. I'm anxious to know who it is. Lastly, I will meet with Jesus in order to keep him up to speed. I want to keep him as informed as Cesar did with me. That is it. I will miss the Panel 64 Board, but I am so very much looking forward to a new happy and joyous journey with Panel 66. May the lessons of leadership and responsibility meld us into fine human beings from this day forward. Joe C. Alternate Delegate Panel #64

Registrar Jesus: One more time, I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your Area Registrar this panel. It's been a great time with my fellow officers and the Districts we've had a chance to visit. Thank you for making it a great experience and I'm looking forward to the next two years.

I've often said that I won't know what I'm doing in this position until I rotate out, I was wrong. I still have so much to learn and I hope I can pass on my experience strength and hope to our new incoming Registrar, Ryan. I think he'll do a great job. I want to welcome any new Registrars from the Districts and all the newly elected District Officers. Thank you for being willing to serve. Seeing you stand for a position in the District or the Area inspires the rest of us.

It has been my experience that all the new trusted servants are a lot younger and smarter than the old timers like myself. Hope you have as much fun as we have had the last two years. Last month we had a combined Board meeting with the new Officers and I think they were pretty impressed with the way we all carry ourselves, not! They will tell you that we are nuts and that we are passionate about the business of the Area and the business of the A.A groups.

It takes really special people to serve Alcoholics Anonymous, our fellow members and our Higher Power. It is an honor to serve among you.

We are in the process of Transferring/Rotating positions. Ryan is listing new GSRs and District Officers. He will need your contact info in order to list you in your specific service positions.

Thank you all for your support. Jesus O - Area 09 Panel 64 Registrar

Treasurer Rozanne: My name is Rozanne, I'm an alcoholic and your Area #09 Treasurer. We currently have \$19,353.98 in our checking account and \$5,002.88 in our Savings account. I had some problems with the receipts from late October through November, so if you did not receive a receipt for your contribution in the mail and you need one, please see me and I'll print you one.

The committee budgets are with the finance committee members, they are accurate through yesterday. Please make sure you provide an expense report for December today as I cannot guarantee payments for December after today. I will be transferring all treasury documents and information to the new treasurers over the next few weeks.

I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve you these past 2 years. It has been one of the most difficult things I've done, however, I have learned so much from all of you, and I do thank you for that. Congratulations to the new Panel, I have all sorts of confidence in you and expect great things to happen. I also want to say thank you to the Panel 64 Executive Board, we certainly have been around the world together and I'm grateful for each one of you.

Mostly, I want to thank my amazing husband, Jeryl. He has been with me every step of the way in this position. He was the one who patiently taught me QuickBooks, who sat up with me on those late nights entering the contribution checks, he made deposits for me when I was working and couldn't get to the bank, he entered checks for me when I broke my hand and couldn't do anything. As your past delegate, he went above and beyond for 2 years and he did it again these past 2 years to make sure that I could serve you to the best of my ability. I am eternally grateful to him. He is my heart and soul and he made it possible for me to serve. I have no words to express my gratitude to him.

As your outgoing treasurer, I would like to leave you with some words from our co-founders, please remember:

"In AA we have no VIPs, nor have we need of any. Our organization needs no title-holders nor grandiose buildings ... Experience has taught us that simplicity is basic in preservation of our personal sobriety and helping those in need."

AA Co-Founder, Dr. Bob, September 1948 "The Fundamentals in Retrospect" Spiritual Awakenings: Journeys of the Spirit

"A fine plan or idea can come from anybody, anywhere. Consequently, good leadership will often discard its own cherished plans for others that are better, and it will give credit to the source."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., April 1959 "Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need" The Language of the Heart
Thank you for letting me be of service, Rozanne T. Area 09 Treasurer

Secretary Barbara: This is it – my last report. I cannot believe we all survived this Panel! I would sincerely like to thank my fellow Board members for all your help and support these past 2 years – I am beyond grateful, as I could not have served our great Area anywhere near as well without you! I have learned so much about myself, about Service, and about sobriety as I have served my term with you. I am very much looking forward to serving AA in other capacities for a while, but I know I will always be involved in General Service, so this isn't good-bye. I love MSCA #09 – all of you! – and I wish Panel #66 all the best for their coming term! I know you will all do splendidly and I look forward to mentoring Ed as we transition the Secretary responsibilities to his capable shoulders. Thank you again for letting me serve as the Panel #64 Secretary – it has been quite an adventure!

Area Chair Sharon: Wow I can't believe the panel is over. This panel has been a ride for sure. I want to thank my board for their support. Cesar for being there for me through some pretty difficult panels. We were part of the panel that brought Area #09 to a member corporation. Thank you for your support., Cesar. Rozanne, thank you for your commitment to this Area and your support these past few years. As Treasurer you have done so much work for us, which many Area members don't realize all that goes on behind the scenes. The Treasurer is like a second part time job and she was instrumental with our GAP committee and helping bring a motion forward for a second Treasurer. Thank you Rozanne. Jesus, I have been on the Board with you these last two panels and really appreciate all of your support and I think you have taken me off several ledges. Your commitment to helping as Registrar as well as stepping in with translation has not gone unnoticed. Barbara, your support this past Panel has been wonderful. The humor you have brought to this Panel has been great. Who would have thought you could make the Secretary commitment appear to be fun and exciting? Because I know for a fact it's not. To Joe, your support has been amazing this panel. Thank you so much for the long conversations and pulling me off several ledges. I appreciate your friendship more than you know. I want to congratulate our new board for Panel #66. You are going to be in great hands. I look forward to transitioning Ramon into becoming your Chair. He will do great! This is the first time since Panel #58 that I will not be on the Board. I am looking forward to rotating out of being a Board member. I'm looking forward to what the future will bring and thank all of you for your support. Sharon K – Area Chair

Old Business:

- Grapevine/ La Vina Guidelines

New Business:

- Audit Committee Presentation
- Area Budget
- YPAA Letter of Recommendation

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Archives Tony: No report
CEC Mike: No Report
Communications Kris: No Report
CPC Maryka: No Report
CPC Spanish Juan: No Report
Convention Liaison Marilyn: No Report
Corrections Ramon: No Report
DCM School Jim: No Report
DCM School Spanish Jose A: No Report
Finance Rich W: No Report
Grapevine Ed: No Report
GSR School English Gary: No 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: No Report
Special Needs Gene: No Report
Treatment Facilities Dawn: No Report

Coordinate Committee Reports:

AOCYPAA - No Report
Inland Empire H&I - No Report
Harbor Area Central Office –

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 1 Maryka: No Report
District 2 Tanya: Our District met this month with only 6 members attending. DCMC Tanya led and there were no newcomers. Revo gave a verbal financial update. Our Archives and Registrar positions are still open at this time. Meeting began at 7pm and was over by 7:30pm.
District 3 Dee Dee: No Report
District 4 Hiro: No Report
District 5 Ryan: No Report
District 6 Ashly: No Report
District 7 Lisa: No Report
District 8 Matthew: No Report
District 9 John: No Report
District 10 Carlos: No Report
District 11 Don: No Report
District 12 Kaili: No Report
District 14 Karen H: No Report

District 15 Leslie: No Report
District 17 Mary W: No Report
District 18: No Report
District 19 Gary W: No Report
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: No Report

Recap of Actions:

- Approval of Minutes from the November ASC.
- We had some very heartfelt goodbyes from our outgoing Panel #64 Board members.
- Grapevine/ La Vina Guidelines passed to Assembly for Area vote.
- YPAA Letter of Recommendation – no YPAA members present, tabled until further notice.
- Area Budget discussed – Pete B made motion for a friendly amendment to increase Archives budget by \$2,400 (seconded by Tony); further discussion ensued, & friendly amendment accepted – discussion resumed regarding Area Budget as amended. Marilyn made a friendly amendment to increase Convention budget by \$1,600 (seconded by Barbaradee) which was discussed, & friendly amendment accepted. Yet another friendly amendment made, this one by William (seconded by Mary) to increase line item 'Checking Account Ending Balance (estimate)' to \$9,000 & friendly amendment also accepted. Motion to forward Area Budget as amended 3 times – passes to be forward to Assembly in January for full Area vote.
- Motion to turn ASC into Area Service Assembly passed to present Audit Committee report (Annie) for 2014 finances. Motion to approve the Audit, which passed, and Assembly turned back into an ASC.
- Presentation by Archives Committee.

Announcements:

- January Assembly in Huntington Peac
- Serenity Club in Corona having Marathon Meetings & festivities for New Years Eve.
- YPAA party in Garden Grove prev Crystal

Birthdays:

Ramon 11, Joseph 19

Meeting adjourned at, motion made by 2nd 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.