

***** APPROVED MINUTES *****
Mid-Southern California Area 9 Assembly Minutes

Sunday, January 11, 2015
Senior Citizen Center 1371 Eubank Ave.
Wilmington, Ca 90744 (Hosted by District #21)

Assembly Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Sharon at (I missed the time ☺)

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by Anthony in English and Victor in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Jim M in English and Carlos G in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Nicole in English and Martin 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 Motion to approve by Carla and seconded by Gary. Passed unanimously.

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

Delegate Cesar: Hi everyone! My name is Cesar and I am an alcoholic, and it is my honor and privilege to serve as your Panel 64 Mid-Southern California Area 09 Delegate. I hope that all is well and that you had a restful and wonderful Holiday season.

Since the last ASC, I was able to attend the Area Board meeting, the Spanish Intradistrict meeting, and the La Vina Ad Hoc Committee that it was held yesterday in Riverside, CA.

One year has passed so fast; during 2014 I was able to visit all Districts, some Central Offices, Coordinate Committees and some other groups, including my home group. I am looking towards serving the Area this new year which is my second and last year as your Delegate with the same energy, enthusiasm and love. I do it because 19 years ago I walked in to the doors of AA, with nothing in my hands, not knowing what to do or what to expect. I just wanted to have a small break with my drinking problem, but I found you. Since then I have kept coming back and practicing these AA principals. I found a new way of life, my dignity is back, and I don't ever want to go back - I want to stay here. General Service is a safe place for me and that's why all of you are my inspiration on service.

The 65th General Service Conference – April 2015

I received my Conference work book kit, with all the forms to fill out for my next trip to New York in April. The preliminary Agenda is here; I made some copies English and Spanish. The Final Agenda Items and the background material will be available after the Trustees Board meeting that is going to be at the end of this month. I submitted 3 proposals to the Conference Coordinator for possible Agenda Items, and the 3 proposals have been forwarded to the Trustee's Committee for discussion at an upcoming meeting. The Committee Secretary will contact me directly to let me know when this will be considered and the outcome of the Committee's deliberations.

1. The Trustees' Committee on Public Information develop a piece of literature in regards to anonymity in social media.
2. Develop a mental health pamphlet which includes personal stories from alcoholics with mental illness and input from health care professionals who are at the forefront of contemporary psychiatric and psychological medicine.
3. To amend the p-49 pamphlet entitled Bridging The Gap to align itself with the Treatment Committee Workbook in regards to the term "Treatment", changing all mention of the word "Treatment" in said pamphlet to a general term allowing the emphasis to be placed on where the gap is being bridge to, versus where the gap is being bridging from.

2015 International Convention

A misinformation that is circulating in some groups that the 2015 International Convention has "sold out." As you know, that is not the case.

Please note the following:

- Registration is still open and The Georgia World Congress Center (Convention Center) in Atlanta has ample space to welcome and accommodate more registered attendees than we have ever had in the past.
- We have ample seating in the Georgia Dome for everyone who has registered and for tens of thousands more registered attendees.
- There is plenty of housing available in Atlanta and outlying areas as our Convention hotel block has been extended and will continue to expand to meet the needs of our attendees.
- We have added Dorms to our housing mix for those who are interested in lower room rates and information can be accessed through a link on the housing page from our website.

General Service Office Manager position available after October 15, 2015. The deadline for submission of resumes is April 15, 2015.

PRAASA 2015 will be held in Layton, Utah, from March 6-8 2015. Registration is available on line and hotel reservations as well. Hope to see you all there!

Thank you! Service is a Legacy of Love, Cesar Flores Panel 64 Delegate

Alternate Delegate Joe: Well, here we are, 2015! Since our last ASC I attended our Board meeting. And that is about it! It has been a slow few weeks and I am grateful for the rest. My batteries are recharged and I am looking forward to an exciting year. The busy time is right around the corner. The Conference items should be released next month and the real work will begin. Already my calendar is beginning to fill up. If you are new to General Service, welcome. You have begun at just the right time. Your matter and your opinion matters. If you are a General Service veteran, welcome to you too. Let us make this a meaningful year. Thank you - In Love & Service, Joe C. Alt. Delegate

Registrar Jesus: Met with both past and current webmasters-Carlos and Rainer wow-what a meeting. I've been attending the district 21 meetings to help Carlos with transportation for his GSR job and it's been refreshing. I gave them an updated list of their groups and registered most of their new and old GSRs. Attended the Registration committee and we are planning on having a registrar's workshop in April 25th or 26th more than likely on Sat. the 25th. Casey volunteered to print all the District groups and put them in a binder for the DCMs and DCMCs in English and I will do the same for all the Spanish Districts. Tony Archives asked to speak with me; Very upset because he didn't get a chance to give a Committee report. I was given the name and # of 2 groups in district 24 that are doing things other than AA gave them to Cesar to check out and we are in the process of investigating. I didn't want to submit a request either way to GSO until we have more info. Area 09 Panel 64 Registrar - Jesus O.

Treasurer Rozanne:

January 2015 MSCA09 Treasurer's Report

BOFA Statement Account summary:

Beginning balance on December 1, 2014	\$ 5,179.51
Deposits and other credits	\$ 8,823.92
Withdrawals and other debits	-\$ 916.26
Checks	-\$ 4,878.33
Service fees	-\$ 0.00
Ending balance on December 31, 2014	\$ 8,208.84
<i>BOFA Savings Account:</i>	\$ 5002.43

My name is Rozanne and I am an alcoholic. I am privileged and honored to serve as your Area 09 Treasurer. Our current status: BOFA Statement

Please make sure you review the 2015 proposed budget as we made adjustments to 3 items. We added a line item for Audio Equipment for \$800 as we are trying to update the translation equipment. This item is in addition to the \$600 for equipment in general. We also increased the budget from \$1,000 to \$1,200 for the Servathon and the Foro per our meeting in December. Also note that we received a notice of an increase in the rent for the Archives. Starting Jan. 2015, rent increased \$30/month. The change to the proposed budget is: \$ 13,560 from \$13,200. Please make that change on your copies and review these items in detail. Also note the treatment committee is requesting an additional \$500 for postage to send resources to the treatment facilities. Special Meeting is still on the budget.

We are due for our annual Inventory, so please make sure you get an inventory sheet from your Finance Cte. liaison or from me as they are due next month. Any equipment you have that belongs to the Area (i.e: the Area paid for it) must be inventoried. This includes laptops, printers, shredders and also items that were created for your committee, like posters or table tops.

This year I am going to do things a bit differently regarding checks and receipts. All expense reports and contributions that are received before lunch will be processed as soon as possible. Once the check or receipt is complete, I will let you know and you can come pick it up at a designated spot. Contributions from Nov/Dec are on the table where literature is.

Please remember to write legibly on all contributions and expense reports, and include your group number on contribution.

Any expenses for 2014 need to be handed in immediately.

All Committee Chairs please see me for an inventory sheet.

Could someone from Santa Rosa Fellowship Hall please come see me?

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

Secretary Barbara: No report – absent.

Area Chair Sharon: Hi everyone. Since our last Area meeting I have provided insurance for district 19 and district 17 as well as the 4 Area DCM sharing session. I attended the last DCM planning session and want to thank that committee for all their hard work. Could you please stand if you are on this committee so we can recognize you? The DCMC sharing session will be on Feb 7 in Hawaiian Gardens. I encourage all to attend even if you are not a DCM or DCMC. Additionally we have open positions for special needs chair, PI Spanish co-chair and Spanish convention co-chair. Also I am forming my audit committee so if anyone is interested please see me. Thank you for letting me be of service!

Old Business:

- Area 9 Assembly / ASC meetings be limited to a maximum of five hours.
Discussion; Motion failed; Minority opinion; No re-vote
- 2015 Budget – MSCA Area 09 Board
Discussion; Motion passed; Minority opinion; Motion to reconsider by Dawn P, seconded by Maryka; Motion to reconsider passed; discussion; friendly amendment made by Rich and seconded by Anthony to reduce Foro and Servathon back to \$1,000; discussion for friendly amendment; called the question passed unanimously; friendly amendment passed; discussion on original motion; question called passed; amended budget passed
- Archives Guidelines (tabled from September Assembly); discussion; passed
- Letter of Recommendation for HASBYPAA; discussion; passed

New Business:

- Confirmation of Literature Chair – Kitty N. - Confirmed
- Confirmation of CEC Chair – Mike M. - Confirmed
- Confirmation of PI Chair – Deborah A. - Confirmed

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Archives: No report

CEC Mike: We met with 2 in our group this month. Dian C of District #12 and Paul W are co-chairing CEC in their District. Dian is compiling a list of elder related facilities in their District to approach. We are looking forward to the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session in Hawaiian Gardens next month!

Communications Kris: No Report

CPC Maryka: Planned our Committees participation at the American Correctional Association's National Conference February 8-10, 2015. We will be representing Alcoholics Anonymous nationally at this conference. Planned and identified the need for an Area 09 CPC display. We, as a committee, will create, design, and execute the production of such a display in the coming months. Discussed the need to form a motion giving Area 09 support to our belief that GSO should provide pocket Big Books at National Conferences. The CPC Committee is looking forward to being of service Feb 8-10, 2015 at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center for the American Correctional Association Winter Conference.

CPC Spanish Juan: No Report

Convention Liaison Marilyn: No Report

Corrections Ramon: Our Committee met with 8 in attendance and discussed incoming correspondence. We also discussed the renewal and/or transferring of our PO Box to the Long Beach/Lakewood area. The Committee decided to sponsor 10 registrations to the H & I Conference in May 15-17.

DCM School Jim: With 10 in attendance today we discussed the functions of the DCM; why we need them, how they fit into our service structure, and what skills and tools are needed to do the job. Members shared their experiences and concerns with regard to these topics. Next month our focus will be on "I am visiting a non-represented group - what do I say?"

DCM School Spanish Jose A: No Report

Finance Rich W: No Report

Grapevine Ed: Our Committee is very quiet at the moment. Asked to attend round tables at District #15 on February 21st, but we are already committed to a symposium in Las Vegas, NV on that date. We remain available to all Districts and meetings, to attend and promote the Grapevine. Please visit our Grapevine table at all Area events and take materials back to the groups you represent. In the future we plan to attend as many conventions as possible to promote Grapevine, including the So Cal Convention October 2-4 in San Diego.

GSR School English Gary: We discussed the importance of attending your group's business or steering committee meeting, the District meetings, and the Area ASC or Assembly. Went over the contents of the GSR kit from GSO. Covered the Service Manual, along with Concepts IV, V, and III. Discussed the Conference action flow chart, as well.

GSR School Spanish Amador: No Report

La Viña Victor: No Report

Literature English Kitty: No Report

Literature Spanish Mauricio: No Report

Public Information Deborah: Invited by District #02 to do a presentation - date and time to be determined. We continued discussing the Spanish Bog Book availability in local libraries. Also discussed the lack of information available to young people in high schools. TV stations and radio station public service announcements (PSAs) - we discussed the buying of those spots. Also discussed a compilation video of existing PSAs for use at presentations. Discussed the budget of both the Area and Districts. Reviewed the new AA Literature booklet. We also discussed the feasibility of literature racks in local libraries. We will be doing a presentation for District #20 in Costa Mesa on January 23rd at 7pm at the San Joaquin Church and all are welcome.

Registration Casey: No Report

Special Needs Jack: No Report

Treatment Facilities Dawn: A G-mail account was created and synchronized to the Area email addressed for this committee. Going forward, this gmail account will be perpetual and passed down to future panels. Banner was received, presented and displayed. We received seven requests this month for Bridging The Gap (3 via mail). Six BTG presentations were made and three others requested! Temporary Contact List is growing but help is still needed in certain areas. List was created by Jodi C. breaking down the cities and ZIP codes. Thanks, Jodi, these are very helpful! Thank you to entire committee for all of your efforts! As reported back from the Servathon, this committee created and submitted a Motion to Cesar regarding the Bridging the Gap

Pamphlet. We briefly discussed the need to review the committee structure and possibly amending guidelines to include Co-Chair and Correspondence Secretary. Informed the committee that GSO communicated they will no longer be sending out pamphlet for the treatment facilities. They would prefer to send us 1,000 copies and we would mail them. We discussed how this will create a hardship on our budget.

Coordinate Committee Reports:

SOBYPAA – Since the time we last met, South Bay Young People in AA had reelections for our Committee Officers. Many new members were present. Our very own elections circumvented our own bylaws and the tyranny of the majority prevailed! Elected to prominent officer positions were both existing members of SOBYPAA and new members, some of which were newcomers with minimal days of sobriety and a general lack of experience in AA service. With seemingly a completely new Board, the future if SOBYPAA is uncertain, but the end is always near. This will be my last month of my tenure on SOBYPAA ... God's will always prevails. Anthony A

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 1 Maryka: No Report

District 2 Tanya: On Jan 5th at 7pm, we met in Lakewood with 17 in attendance. District #2 is planning to have presentations throughout the year from various Area #09 Committee Chairs. So far we have signed up for the Treatment Chair on March 2nd. We also brought up the possibility of moving our meeting night so that the largest group in our District can participate. It will possibly be on a Wednesday or Thursday. Our Public Information Chair is planning on a PI event sometime in the near future, as well.

District 3 Dee Dee: No Report

District 4 Rich: Our District meeting on Jan 7th at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Long Beach was attended by approximately 35 people. Area #09 Secretary Barbara D conducted GSR School at 6:30p, prior to the District business meeting. During the business meeting we reviewed our final 2014 budget report and finalized our 2015 budget. We have a new DCM for the Rossmoor/Los Alamitos Subdistrict, Robert. Carla, our Literature Chair noted the new publications, the Many Paths to Spirituality pamphlet and the Sober and Out book. Luis L, our Archives Chair visited the Harbor Area Central Office Archives. Chiquita, our Grapevine Chair, is trying to connect with group GVRs to organize Grapevine activities and raise awareness. Sarah S and Alt DCMC Gilbert are working on a workshop re: Taking A Group Inventory. We have volunteers to participate and are looking for a venue.

District 5 Ryan: On the 2nd Thurs at 7pm our District met at Church of the Foothills in Santa Ana, with approximately 30 in attendance. This month District #5 went over the Area Assembly agenda items. Took time to read through F-6, the pamphlet on the services that GSO provides the fellowship. This was done in an effort to help GSRs discuss what their contribution to the General Service Office does. There was a problem reported by one of the GSRs; one of their sponsee's was in need of meetings with babysitting/child care. Our Intergroup liaison stepped forward and will see if getting a notation with groups that off child care added to the OC Meeting Directory was possible. 2015 financial forecast was passed and we look forward to being of service in the 2015 year! Upcoming events include a presentation from the North County H & I representative/Chair.

District 6 Scott: District #6 continues to meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month in Huntington Beach and the groups in our District are well represented. All of our District members have broken down into an individual committee and each committee is busy working. As a District, we are focusing on an individual committee each month and at the last meeting we discussed Literature. We are bringing up potential Conference Agenda items and discussing them in round tables in order to better represent the way in which we can get our groups better informed and pass on that informed group conscious. We approved our 2015 budget with amended increases for PRAASA reimbursement. We discussed one of the additional committee considerations from the 2014 literature committee referencing changes to the book Living Sober.

District 7 Lisa: On the 2nd Mon we met at the Garden Grove Alano Club with 5 persons in attendance. We are developing some new and exciting changes in the District! Working on filling all District officer positions and are also planning to stage an open house.

District 8: No Report

District 9 John: Our District business meeting is held on the 3rd Sunday in Palm Desert, this month with 4 in attendance. Our Ad Hoc committee is working on workshops for the coming year. We had 3 new GSRs and filled 3 Committees - Montana, H & I; Lorenzo and Chase, DCMs. Hiro, the DCMC for District #04 impressed everyone with his participation at our December meeting!

District 10 Carlos: We met on the 1st Weds of the month - 1/07 our meeting had approximately 20 in attendance. We accepted an invitation by District #15 to support their Area Committee workshop. We also voted to write a letter of support for OCYPAA in their bid to host the YPAA Convention. We began planning our Anonymity Workshop for June. The Agenda Items for the January Assembly were discussed. Also discussed ways that we can inform the members of how the District serves its members.

District 11 Don: Our District meets on the 1st Sunday of each month at the Arid Club; on Jan 4th we had 8 in attendance. We completed questions #09 and #10 on the District inventory. Reviewed the New Year's AlkaThon attendance and financial results. Over 55 people attended and it was a success! We set a deadline of February 1st to secure free transportation to PRAASA in Utah. All District GSRs are welcome to ride to and from PRAASA in the District provided van, as long as their home group provides them with at least \$100 towards expenses.

District 12 Judy: We are scheduling a Steering Committee Meeting for February. I have one item for the agenda, but it's a big one, and if you want to have input please attend. That item concerns this: how many people can we assist in getting to PRAASA? DCM Mary of sub-District D took the time to do the research for us and determined that the full cost for one person to attend PRAASA this year is \$992.00. Mary, thank you for doing this for us. DCMC Don from District 11 shared the guidelines they used in helping to determine some answers. Their District is willing to help if:

- 1) The GSR's group itself puts in \$100.00.
- 2) The member pays as much as possible himself.
- 3) The District then and only then will pick up the balance.

Perhaps we should consider these same guidelines at least as a starting point of discussion. Or you may decide to simply fully fund X number of people. Fortunately these decisions are for you, not for me, to make and perhaps you'll decide something entirely different. Our treasurer Tim will have a dollar amount to which we can refer. Whatever the decision, it needs to be made during February's Steering Committee meeting (5:30 to 6:30 p.m.) as PRAASA is in March.

District 14 Karen H: No Report

District 15 Leslie: On the 1st Thurs of the month in Brea, we met and had much loving discussion involving the amount of money to use to create a traveling Grapevine display for our District - we approved \$300. Also we had a fantastic presentation by Carlos, the Alternate Chair of Treatment regarding the Bridging The Gap program. We welcomed in 2 new GSRs. A sign-up sheet was started for volunteers for the Pre-Conference Workshop in April, to take place at the Union Hall in Buena Park. There will be a District Roundtable Workshop to take place jointly with District #10 at the Wilshire First Christian Church Hall in Fullerton on Sat February 21st from 11:45am - 4pm - all are welcome!

District 17 Charlene: Our District meeting is held on the 2nd Tues at 6:30pm in Menifee - this month we had approximately 30 in attendance. The Intergroup Pancake Breakfast date is to be determined at the next District meeting on Tues January 13th. We have a new elder group rep - a great Area rep with 1 year of service, Tara S. She revised and registered dozens of meetings and made corrections. Our hosting last month in Lake Elsinore may bring in new GSRs. Last month one new GSR attended GSR school. We are looking forward to serving District #17 with dedicated service workers and GSRs, planning for PRAASA and March events, and we host the Area again in November.

District 18 Patrick: We meet on the 2nd Tues at 7pm. We are talking about perhaps co-hosting a Unity event with OC Intergroup and flyers will be out soon.

District 19 Gary W: Our District business meeting is on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the Victor Valley Alano Club with a 2:30 orientation time - this past month we had 15 in attendance. District #19 is looking forward to hosting the ASC on February 8th! Our CPC Committee had a presentation with mental health workers and probation officers in our District, with a great outcome. It was reported that there was a great interest in AA. Our Committee was able to answer many questions and were able to be very informative.

District 20 Luciano:

District 21:

District 22 Juan:

District 23 Rafael:

District 24 Pedro:

District 25 Refugio:

District 30 Becky: We met on December 14th with 4 members in attendance. Most meetings in our District are doing well. The few meetings that support our District allows us to support Area #09 and it is substancial for 4 - 5 groups. To be announced - Katherine will be chairing an event (our first in 2015!) addressing the Conference items.

Recap of Actions:

- Approved the Minutes from September Assembly.
- Motion for the Area 9 Assembly / ASC meetings be limited to a maximum of five hours. – Failed
- 2015 Budget – passed; a motion to reconsider passed; friendly amendment to reduce Foro and Servathon back to \$1,000 passed; amended budget passed
- Archives Guidelines - passed
- Letter of Recommendation for HASBYPAA – passed
- Confirmation of Literature Chair – Kitty N. - confirmed
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Birthdays:

Euness (sp?) – 4 years; Mark 2 years; John – 22 yrs; Cesar – 19 yrs; Sharon – 14 yrs; Jesus (24?); Russell – 4 yrs (missed a couple because they I couldn't hear)

Meeting adjourned at (crap), motion made by (nuts), 2nd (oops) 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. with a lot of help from Joe C, Alternate Delegate.