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***Mid-Southern California Area 9 ASC Minutes***  
**June 14, 2015**

**Lakewood Community Center, Hosted by District #02**  
**4658 Woodruff Ave. Lakewood, CA 90713**

**ASC Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Sharon at 12:10pm.

**Readings:** Declaration of Unity read by Mitchell in English / Rodrigo in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Sandy in English / Amador 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** – Minutes approved as written for both February and March ASCs.

**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 our last Area meeting, I have visited 3 Districts, 2 intergroups, and 3 meeting groups to give my Conference Report.

I will be attending the 2015 International Convention in Atlanta, GA, July 2-5. Also the La Vina Anniversary event in San Jose, CA July 18-19, and Arizona Area #03 for the Foro.

**From GSO:** Update "AA For the Woman" pamphlet - In response to the 2015 General Service Conference Recommendation that the pamphlet "AA for the Woman" be revised by gathering current sharing from women in AA, including stories from women in the military, single mothers, and women of diverse backgrounds, the trustee's Literature Committee is seeking stories from women in AA.

Update "AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic" pamphlet - In response to the 2015 General Service Conference Recommendation that the pamphlet "AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic" be revised to include a wider range of AA recovery experience. The title of the pamphlet will also be revised to reflect this broader scope.

Develop literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues - In response to the 2015 General Service Conference Recommendation that the trustees' literature Committee develop literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues. The trustees' Literature Committee is requesting a wide range of AA recovery experience from members with mental health issues, and from those who sponsor such members, for inclusion in the literature on this topic.

Manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double, spaced, in 12-point font. Please include your complete name, address and email/phone information. The anonymity of all authors will be observed, whether or not story is selected for publication, for these 3 projects. Please email your sharing to: literature@aa.org and put "AA for the Woman", "AA and the Gay /Lesbian Alcoholic", or "The alcoholic with mental health issues" in the subject line of the message or you may mail it to Literature Coordinator, General Service Office, Box #459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. The deadline for submissions is **October 15, 2015.**

Service is a Legacy of Love  
Cesar Flores Panel 64 Delegate

**Alternate Delegate Joe:** The last time I gave a report was in March. We had the Pre-Conference workshop in April, and then we officers forewent our reports in May to allow time for Cesar's report-back from New York. Naturally, a lot has happened since then. I attended two Area 9 Board meetings, moderated a table

regarding Conference approved literature, attended a Foro planning meeting, attended District 30's Pre-Conference workshop, organized and chaired Area 9's Pre-Conference workshop, spoke at District 7 in Garden Grove, spoke at a group in Costa Mesa, did the GSR school at the last Assembly (I really enjoyed that), went to Area 8's Delegate report-back in La Jolla and spoke at a very large group yesterday in Santa Ana on the topic of AA and the Medical opinion. So far, I have accompanied Cesar to 6 districts for his report-back. Respectfully, Joe C, Alternate Delegate

**Area Chair Sharon:** Since our last assembly I attended the board meeting and went to the archives to pick up the agendas and motions for today.

The board got together and discussed the recent motions that came out of the recent May Assembly. It is always nice to see our group conscience present itself. As you may know the translation equipment motion passed and the Area will be getting new translation equipment. The Area voted for this and the funds will be coming from our prudent reserve.

What does this mean for our financial state? This means that we are going to need to carry the message to our groups and Districts what the Area is doing and get additional contributions. We should be communicating this anyway. We are going to be ok. We need to remember we are a nonprofit corporation and the prudent reserve is there for emergency situations. We are here to spend this money to carry the message. A lot of General Service work is carrying the message to the alcoholic who is not here yet.

Finally, as Chair, I'm responsible for setting the calendar every year, helping with insurance needs, and overseeing contracts for the Area including the copier and Archives lease. The Area Copier contract is reaching it's end in February of 2016 and we need to give 60 days notice if we wish to end the agreement. It is not up to me or the Board to decide to continue or discontinue the lease, it is up to the Area. I encourage you to ask questions today on behalf of your groups and discuss all motions with your groups and develop a group conscience to bring back should any of these motions carry to the September Assembly. A lot of time and effort went into these as do most motions.

Also I would be curious to see how you form a group conscience. Is there any GSR or DCM that would like to share?

I want to thank the Board for its tireless efforts with the Area and it's support. I can't believe we only have six months to go!

**Registrar Jesus:** I chaired the Registration committee meeting this morning. We touched on many different topics; from tornadoes to group and district contributions and lack of contributions. Since our last meeting, I have attended a few District and group events. I was Sharon's and Joe's Spanish voice at the District and group anniversary meetings. I've been updating group information as needed. If anyone has any questions regarding their group number or group information, please let me know. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Jesus O.

**Treasurer Rozanne:**

June 2015 MSCA09 Treasurer's Report

**BOFA Statement Account summary:**

Beginning balance on May 1, 2015	\$ 6,659.04
Deposits and other credits	\$ 6,777.69
Withdrawals and other debits	-\$ 2,000.00
Checks	-\$ 3,786.46
Service fees	-\$ 0.00
Ending balance on May 31, 2015	\$ 7,650.27
<i>BOFA Savings Account:</i>	\$ 5002.64

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

Since our last meeting, I:  
Spoke at a meeting in Sunset Beach  
Attended District 1's meeting with Finance Chair Rich to discuss what we do in our Area positions  
Spoke at the District 19 Treasurer's Workshop  
Attended our Area Board Meeting  
Attended the Orange County Central Office's Bowling Event

I wanted to take a moment to let you know that in regards to the motion we passed to obtain audio equipment. The board discussed where the money will come from and the only place to take that money is from the prudent reserve.

I am almost done putting together the information for the taxes to be done. I am also done putting together the information for the Area Audit, I spoke with Annie today and I will be posting 2014's contributions on the web as soon as I talk to our webmaster. Thank you for letting me be of service, Rozanne T. Area 09 Treasurer

**Secretary Barbara:** I am blessed and grateful to be your Panel #64 Secretary. I'm sure you have all been receiving my emails, proving to you that hard at work, as always, serving our fellowship. If you do not receive emails from me, please make sure I get your email address – we send out all sort of wonderful information that you don't want to miss! Please also make sure your information at the sign in table is correct – elections for our Area are fast approaching in October so we want to make sure we have the correct information on everyone regarding eligibility to both vote and/or stand for a position. I am VERY much looking forward to the International Convention in Atlanta – remember if you are attending to swing by & visit the Pacific Region Hospitality Room! Please turn in your Standing Committee and District reports up here in front, along with any other information you may have for me. Thank you, as always, for letting me serve. Barbara D - Secretaria

#### **Old Business:**

- **Communications Committee Budget Override – Kris C. ... Per Carlos from the Communications Committee, motion withdrawn.**

#### **New 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. More information to be distributed to Area members via email.**
- **Executive committee recommends the creation of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Area Treasurer position to begin with Panel 66 – presented by Executive Committee.**

#### **Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)**

**Archives Tony:** No report

**CEC Mike:** Districts #12, #14, and #9 were all represented. GSR Gary from District #3 will pitch CEC to his District. We are reordering literature from GSO this month.

**Communications Kris:** No Report

**CPC Maryka:** 8 Committee Members met and among other things, we worked on planning a display creation for non-national conferences. Also we are planning to make CPC packages for new CPC committee members of the upcoming next panel. We researched any and all upcoming non-national conferences that we may possible assist at. Also we discussed making a calendar of possible annual events to present in calendar form to upcoming new CPC Panel.

**CPC Spanish Juan:** No Report

**Convention Liaison Marilyn:** We have had a busy and exciting season of Convention activities! We attended the International Women's Convention in Palm Springs. We met many wonderful women and shared our sobriety with women from around the world, although most attendees were from the US. This was a probable one time event and we were fortunate to be able to carry the message of General Service to this special event. Also we've been able to share this message with the Orange County Convention, H & I, The Desert Pow Wow and at the High Desert Convention. A special thank you to all who assisted us with getting our show on the road! Upcoming events include 3 events in August – the MAAD Dog Daze, Big Bear, and the South Bay RoundUp! Wow! We are looking forward to sharing the message of General Service with all.

**Corrections Ramon:** With 6 in attendance, we discussed the Committees responsibilities with regards to the Corrections community. We continue to work on the planning of the Corrections Correspondence Workshop; tentatively we agreed upon a November 2015 date, at the Archives Facility in Riverside. Also we continue to promote the pre-list of volunteers to participate in this workshop. Our Spanish contacts are working to distribute La Vina Magazine to inmates. Our Chair Ramon also continues to participate as an Area #09 liaison to H & I and So Cal Intergroup.

**DCM School Jim:** 5 attended as we discussed working with GSRs. As DCMs, we need to reach out to GSRs on a request basis, talking to them and encouraging participation. We ought to teach GSRs through workshops and regular meetings, encouraging good GSR reports, and making service opportunities available to the Fellowship. The Committee shared their experiences in doing these activities. DCMs are encouraged to attend DCM School. They are not 'one time' events; we provide ongoing information to aid DCMs in the performance of their duties.

**DCM School Spanish Jose A:** No Report

**Finance Rich W:** 4 members attending, plus 8 guests. We discussed the 2015 Budget with concerns that group contributions are below budget by approximately \$7,000. and \$18,000 below last year. We ask that everyone keep their groups informed that the Area needs their contributions so that our Board and Committees can continue doing their service work for the Area to help the still suffering alcoholic. We elected 3 new members to the Finance Committee, which brings us to our maximum of 10 members. Our Committee Chair Rich W attended the District #01 Business Meeting in May to share his experience, strength, and hope.

**Grapevine Ed:** 1 member in attendance this month at our Area meeting. I used between \$156. And \$173 (pending exact bill amount) to send 6 annual subscriptions to inmates in Southern California Prisons, as part of the 'Carry The Message' Program and per their requests. 2015 is the GV "Subscription Challenge". Please promote the Grapevine and let Area #09 be well represented in the subscription challenge! There is a subscription form where you may order up to 6 subscriptions per form, to be sent to different persons, to be used at the group level for newcomers, raffle items, etc. I would be interested in hosting another Grapevine Writers Workshop – just waiting for someone to ask!

**GSR School English Gary:** 10 Committee members in attendance. Today the GSR School discussed the importance of being a GSR. Broached the subject of the make-up of the Areas and Districts. We also went over the flow chart of a Conference Advisory Action.

**GSR School Spanish Amador:** No Report

**La Viña Victor:** No Report

**Literature English Kitty:** 9 members met and discussed paring down the workbook size to make it more user friendly. Mock-up of this to be reviewed at the August ASC meeting. Also looked at "What's It All About" on the MSCA #09 website.

**Literature Spanish Mauricio:** No Report

**Public Information Deborah:** With 6 Committee members present, we discussed the progress of contacting local school districts to get literature racks into high schools. We will be putting out a 'donate/sponsor a rack' flyer (in design process) to help implement this process and to give PI commitments to meetings. "Can You Spot the Alcoholic?" posters are being ordered to accompany the racks. I will be contacting District PI Chairs and reminding them to come to the Area meetings, so please make sure the information for your PI Chair is correct on the Area Roster contact list for your District. On July 6<sup>th</sup> at District #02 we will be giving a PI Presentation at the GSR Meeting.

**Registration Casey:** No Report

**Special Needs Gene:** Our Committee had 4 members in attendance this month and we discussed transportation access through public transport for differently abled members looking to attend meeting local meetings in their area. Also we discussed taking meetings to hospital patients and about online meetings.

Loners and Internationalists meetings are facilitated through [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) website and we discussed the use of the California Relay system to communicate with our hard of hearing members, along with the use of a TDD machine for the deaf. Upcoming events include a plan to visit a member currently confined to the hospital.

**Treatment Facilities Dawn:** 8 Committee Members met and unanimously agreed to draft a motion for the Assembly to consider changing the Area Guidelines by adding a Spanish Co-Chair to the TF Committee. We also drafted and approved a proposal for adding Bridging The Gap to the MSCA #09 web page.

### **Coordinate Committee Reports:**

**HASBYPAA:** We meet at the San Pedro Alano Club on the first and third Sundays at 3pm with usually about 15 members in attendance. We are bidding for the ACYPAA Convention. HASBYPAA is active in H & I, with our Starview Panel every fourth Thursday. We are building our representation up at the District and Area level and are putting together upcoming events. On July 18<sup>th</sup> we will host a 12 Concept Workshop from 10:30am – 2:30pm with refreshments and snacks provided. Jeryl T, our Panel #62 Past Delegate and Billy N, the Panel #49 Past Delegate and current General Service Trustee and AAWS Director will both be speaking at the American Martyrs Church.

**ALACYPAA:** The All Los Angeles County YPAA meets on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, with approximately 15 in attendance. We were awarded our letter of recommendation from Area #09 in our bid to host the ICYPAA Conference. In addition, we have been co-hosting events with other YPAA Committees and will be planning new events for young people in following meetings. Our ALACYPAA GSR liaison will start to outreach to other YPAA GSRs to bring in more participation for young people in AA. There will be a YPAA presentation at the Area Service Committee. Please remember all are welcome at our July 18<sup>th</sup> event at the American Martyrs Church!

### **District Reports (submitted in writing):**

**District 1 Maryka:** We met on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in Hermosa Beach, with approximately 20 in attendance. Our Delegate Cesar F visited our District to give his report-back from the General Service Conference in April. Please visit our new and very beautiful website [www.aainthesouthbay.org](http://www.aainthesouthbay.org). We are proudly serving District #1 members as well as all AA members in the South Bay!

**District 2 Tanya:** At the monthly District meeting it was reported that DCM Tanya attended the Pre-Conference workshop in April and sat in on the round table discussion concerning adding the 12 Concepts in to the Big Book. Also at the upcoming Assembly in May GSRs can vote. Revo gave a District financial report. Our DCM Tanya sent via email to all in District 02 all meetings that are active by City so that GSRs can visit and give important information about what we do in District #02 & our upcoming events. Also we can see if they would like a GSR to represent their meeting. H&I Liaison Gloria gave a report; panels being filled and requesting more volunteers to go to Norwalk Metropolitan State Hospital. Also the H&I Conference is to be held at the Holiday Inn in La Mirada. Finance Joe felt that serving 250 people would be within our budget when we host next Area Assembly. Special Needs chair Nick O is ready to take AA meeting when persons are unable to leave home. DCM Tanya suggested to all GSRs to take Harbor Area Subscriptions to home groups. District Grapevine Rep Lorrie S gave a report; she attended Grapevine meeting at the Pre-Conference workshop.

**District 3 Dee Dee:** No Report

**District 4 Gil:** Our District meets the first Weds of each month in Long Beach. DCMC Hiro opened our meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Introductions saw more than 57 people in attendance! Area #09 Delegate Cesar F gave his awesome share-back presentation. He also made it available via email to anyone interested in the 65<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference! GSR School had 10 persons in attendance, with about 6 new GSRs, 2 visitors, and 2 returning GSRs getting a refresher course. 57 persons is a new record for a District #04 Business Meeting – thanks to everyone's hard work and service to our community of alcoholics! Upcoming events include our District hosting of the Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Area Service Committee Meeting, designated as the Panel #66 General Service Elections for the Area #09 Delegate and Board Members!

**District 5 Ryan:** With 18 in attendance, our District met on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Church of the Foothills in Santa Ana. This month we discussed several of the action items from the Conference, specifically the updates and revisions to the pamphlets. We are continuing work on preparing for the Anonymity Workshop and are exciting about participating in this event. Our Archives Committee Chair is organizing a sorting party for June 20<sup>th</sup> and we are working towards incorporating the District #05 Archives into the Areas. Upcoming events

include the Anonymity Workshop being hosted by Districts #05, #10, & #15 at the First Christian Church in Fullerton. On July 9<sup>th</sup>, our Delegate Cesar F will be coming to our District to give his Delegate Report-Back at 6:30pm at the Church of the Foothills in Santa Ana.

**District 6 Ashly:** No Report

**District 7 Lisa:** No Report

**District 8 Matthew:** No Report

**District 9 John:** Our District met with 20 members on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Palm Desert. Our Public Info Chair did a Wellness Meeting at the Joslyn Senior Center on May 27<sup>th</sup>, handing out literature and answering questions. Our CPC Committee put an AA Table at the West Coast Symposium For Drugs and Alcohol. Upcoming are MAAD Dog Daze, our 9<sup>th</sup> District Convention, Aug 7 – 9<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt in Indian Wells.

**District 10 Carlos:** With 18 in attendance this month, we met the first Weds at the Wilshire Church in Fullerton. The Alt DCMC reported on the May Assembly and the consensus of the GSRs was to support the new translation gear for the Area. Final Preparations were made for the joint Anonymity workshop. The workshop, hosted by Districts #5, #10, and #15 will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Tonight we registered 2 new groups and had 4 new GSRs in attendance.

**District 11 Don:** No Report

**District 12 Kaili:** No Report

**District 14 Karen H:** Business meetings for the District are held on the third Wednesday of each month, this month with 14 in attendance. We are planning for the visit of our Area #09 Delegate on June 17<sup>th</sup> and are sending out flyers announcing this event to surrounding local meetings in Banning, Anza, etc. as well as spreading the word here in our little 'hot' town of Hemet! We are happy to say we have seen an increased interest in GSR Service here in our little District #14 in Hemet! We encourage joining a Committee to both our new GSRs and visitors and we as a District maintain that we are an attraction rather than a promotion.

**District 15 Leslie:** No Report

**District 17 Mary W:** Our District met the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues in June with approximately 30 in attendance at Merna's Café in Sun City. Our Guidelines Ad-Hoc Committee is progressing through the paperwork gracefully and we are looking forward to a professionally edited version. There have been a few members who have stepped up to fill vacant Committee Chair positions – Brian J.S. is our new CPC Chair, Rod is Literature Chair, Ron is Corrections, and Tom S. is the new PI Chair. 4 Committee Chair positions remain open. We gave our grateful farewells to Chelsea and we are blessed to have had her in Service as our Special Needs Chair. We will miss her, yet Vegas isn't so very far away. Our District is working to locate a place to host the ASC on November 8<sup>th</sup> – effort is being made but it is progress not perfection.

**District 18:** No Report

**District 19 Gary W:** Our District meets the third Sunday of each month at the Victor Valley Alano Club and this month there were 12 in attendance. We of District #19 wish to thank Area Treasurer Rozanne for speaking at our June Service Event on the Seventh Tradition. We also wish to thank Area Secretary Barbara for her attendance at the event. We are very grateful for the help and support we have received and give big thank you's to all the District members and volunteers who worked tirelessly to help put this event on. God bless you all!

**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:** Business meetings are held monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 2pm. We had business reports given by our Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar – all is going well. District #30 is hosting an AA Archives event on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4pm at Faith Lutheran Church on Harlee Road in Joshua Tree. It will chronicle the more than 50 year history of the Mid-So Cal Area #09. We are also beginning work on our hosting of the ASC for the Area in December of 2015.

### **Recap of Actions:**

- **Approval of Minutes from both the February and March ASCs.**
- **2016 Calendar – presented by Area Chair.**
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### **Announcements:**

- Anonymity Workshop
- YPAA workshop
- Rule 62
- See other flyers

### **Birthdays:**

Todd 8, Sam 3, Debrah 10, Tanya 1999, AA 80,

Meeting adjourned at, motion made by 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.