

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

March 15, 2015
City of Banning Community Center
789 N. San Geronio Banning CA 92220
Hosted by District 14
ASC Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Sharon at 12:16pm.

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by Casey in English/Bernie in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Ashley in English/Dario 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: Due to a lack of Translation of the Minutes, a motion was made by Rich W, 2nd by Beka, to table approval of the February ASC Minutes until the June ASC in order to provide Spanish Translation to our Area members. Passed unanimously and Minutes tabled.

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 we last met, I was able to attend several functions in our Area; I attended the Board Meeting, I participated at the ACYPAA Conference in San Jose CA - such an amazing gathering! I drove along with our Webmaster Carlos R - I participated in 3 times during the event, and one was scheduled on Saturday at a midnight round table with the Delegate from Area 06, the Past Delegate Area 06 and myself. I was able to meet people from MEXCPAA; they are trying to put together an event with San Diego and MEXCPAA. On Sat. afternoon, I went visited some friends from Area 06 - they were having their ACM Area Committee Meeting in Petaluma, CA. They welcomed us very well to the point that I was felt like I was home. The total number of registrants was 2309. The new first-timers for that conference was over 500!

ACYPAA will be held in Orange County next year. It will probably be sometime in April.

The new host committee is having elections on April 11th from 11am-5pm at St. George's Church in Laguna Hills. Address: 23802 Avenida de la Carlota, Laguna Hills, CA.

PRAASA! I drove all the way to Layton, Utah, like many others from Area 09. I just want to take this opportunity to let you know that I experienced to most remarkable PRAASA that I have ever attended!! Great participation from our presenters, time keepers, and moderators for the round-tables. You guys and the 158 people registered from Area #09 made our Area shine at the event. I am so proud to my Area! Total Members registered at this years PRAASA was 1243.

I am planning to attend the Archives Open house, District #17 Pre-conference workshop, Literature Workshop, District #01 visit, and the joint Districts #01 & #03 Pre-conference Workshop.

Thank you Area Officers for your support and your service. Service is a Legacy of Love –
Cesar Flores Panel 64 Delegate

Alternate Delegate Joe: Since our last Area meeting, I met with Cesar to discuss the Agenda items. We discussed which items he wanted summarized and then went over the names of the people we wanted to be a part of the Agenda Summary ad hoc committee. This included some volunteers and some hand-picked. I met

with some of them over coffee and sent them on their way. I received the last one back at PRAASA. I typed them out and sent them to Jesus for translation. PRAASA was a really good this year. It was really good, but incomplete without Sharon. I spoke for Cesar at a Spanish speaking intergroup event in Santa Ana. Jesus translated for me. I spoke about what commitments mean to me, and then I spoke about what General Service is. I am prepared and ready to go for the Pre-Conference workshop. I just need to nail down a speaker. I will be attending the Foro planning meeting on April 3rd. It seems that District 23 is all ready to go, but I want to inquire about District 8's participation. I'll be moderating a table this Saturday at a Literature workshop and I'll be attending District 30's Pre-Conference workshop on April 4th.
 Joe C. - Alternate Delegate Panel 64

Registrar Jesus: Since our last meeting I went to PRAASA, the ASC, and spoke about Tradition One in Grupo Nuevo Amanecer in Long Beach on Wed the 18th. I will be attending District #15 on April 2nd, District #01 on April 9th and attended the Districts #10 and #15 combined workshop in Fullerton, CA. I'm still updating this year's new GSRs and the unknown meetings that Cesar gave me at the ASC. Some of them are unknown because they don't have a contact person and others that are sent directly to GSO and have no assigned District. I attended the Registration Committee meeting on Sunday and mainly discussed our experience in PRAASA. Jesus O. - Registrar

Area Chair Sharon: Since our last meeting I attended the ASC and was invited to attend a District meeting next month. As a result of my offer to help DCMs, I was approached by the DCMC of District #09. I also worked closely with giving insurance information for District #14 as well as for the FORO. I sat with the webmaster to get my gmail set up and attended the workshop that District #10 and #15 set up. I received the insurance certificate that our agent sent for the realty company for the Archives. I also forwarded the required insurance information for District #03. I was also invited to speak at the District #20 anniversary. Thank you for letting me be of service. Sharon - Panel 64 Area Chair

Treasurer Rozanne:

March 2015 MSCA09 Treasurer's Report

BOFA Statement Account summary:

Beginning balance on February 1, 2015	\$ 6,055.94
Deposits and other credits	\$ 7,000.91
Withdrawals and other debits	-\$ 0.00
Checks	-\$ 6,473.77
Service fees	-\$ 0.00
Ending balance on February 28, 2015	\$ 6055.94
<i>BOFA Savings Account:</i>	<i>\$ 5002.52</i>

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
- I attended PRAASA, (treasurers and GV roundtable)
- I received the following Inventories: GSR school-Eng, CEC, Registration, Webmaster, Txmt, Literature, GV,PI-Eng., Exec. Board
- I'm still working on 2014 contributions to be uploaded to the website
- I gave Annie the 2013 documents for the Audit, I will need to pull the rest together for the taxes then give them to Annie, she is aware of this. Taxes due 5/15/15, we'll meet end of April/beg. May
- I got us an RDO machine from the bank, it will allow me to deposit checks w/o going to the bank

- I will be attending District 1 and District 18 District meetings
- I have the CDs from PRAASA

Thank you, Rozanne. Area Treasurer

Secretary Barbara: If at first you don't succeed in getting to the Area meeting, then try, try again. And if you don't make it THAT time, well ... Super sorry for my absences. January, I was sick with pneumonia, and then February I made it as far as Upland, where my car died (she IS 14 years old). I immediately, from the side of the road, called all Board members for help and although Joe was on his way, Jesus called Revo, who called another Joe, who came and got the Secretary goods and saw me safely off the freeway. I would rather have been in Hesperia – I spent 7 hours and nearly \$500 fixing my poor car. Good times. A huge thank you to all who helped me – especially to our Alt Delegate Joe, who once again filled in for me at the Area meeting. My heartfelt gratitude to him and to all of you for helping him. Please note, any mistakes made were HIS. Just saying ... I also missed the 4 Area DCM sharing session, as it fell on a work day for me. But I made it to PRAASA in lovely Layton, Utah and I am here today. Even tho you haven't seen me, I have been working – no, really! I hope you all are getting my emails and if you are NOT, please write our your email address CLEARLY and drop your info in the box up here and you can start getting them! I send out groovy stuff like the 2015 Workbook, all the information on today's gathering, the Agenda Items, and the Agenda Item Summaries, all of which are great tools to help carry the wonderful Service message and help make it easier to do our primary GSR job – keep our groups informed about what is going on in the world of AA and get their ideas and opinions back to our Delegate Cesar to keep him better informed.

I wanted to share with you a little about my amazing PRAASA experience – this was my 6th and every time I enjoy it more, understand it better, and get more out of it. If you haven't been to one, I encourage you to start saving now for PRAASA 2016 in Spokane, WA – wild horses couldn't keep me away; they are amazing events. Our District 04 DCMC Hiro likens them to ComiCon for AA – we are like the Trekkies of the AA world, getting our 'service geek' on with other like minded sober servants, for whom the obsession to drink has been removed – what a miracle! Loved the fellowship aspect, loved the weather – cool and crisp; could NOT be more different from how this weekend feels. Ugh. There was snow on the ground and we played in it but it really wasn't cold tho, which surprised me a little. One of my favorite parts was the banquet speaker, our Regional Trustee Joel, who very movingly shared his experience, strength, and hope with us. So amazing! I brought my sober AA member but not a GSR boyfriend, Andrew, whom some of you have met, to PRAASA, and watching Andrew watch Joel and see the miracle that service has helped bring about in Joel's life was wonderful – he bought the CD afterwards and Andrew could see what it is about sober servants like Joel that makes me do what I do – I want what they have. The other most moving moment for me was after panel #7 where one of the speakers spoke to the question of "Do our meetings and literature reflect our changing population demographics, including transgender and gender non-conforming alcoholics?" As my Area knows, this is a subject near and dear to my heart anyway – in fact, our District has just started a meeting specifically for gender non-conforming alcoholics - but at the open mic time afterward the panel spoke, a young man came up and introduced himself as a sober transgender. He talked about how difficult it was to feel accepted in AA and to get and stay sober when there were people who didn't want him in their meetings. He said he wished he could be in every meeting where a trans newcomer came in so that they could feel accepted and supported and so that they could know that there IS a place in AA for them, that they can get and stay sober in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. He turned from the mic and the room started applauding. And kept applauding. And then started standing up, and that young man got to feel the love and support of those 1200 alcoholics – he isn't different; he is just an alcoholic like you and me, trying to stay sober, one day at a time. I want EVERY newcomer who walks in to my homegroup to feel the love in that room that I felt at that moment at PRAASA! I need to remember the courage it took that young man to keep coming back where he felt unwanted and I will try everyday to make everyone, regardless of race, creed, religion, outward appearance, gender orientation, whatever, to make each one of them feel the love and support from AA that I feel – to

make them feel the love that I feel from my Area. I remain your respectful and humble servant – Barbara D – Panel 64 Area 09 Secretaria

Old Business:

- The six Spanish speaking Districts have decided that they really need a new set of sound equipment. – Six Spanish speaking Districts. Much loving discussion was had. Friendly amendment made by Joe C, 2nd by Katherine, to strike word “sound” and replace with word “translation” – amendment accepted and further discussion was had. Motion passes as amended and will be forwarded to Assembly for vote.
- Letter of recommendation for LACYCAA to host International ICYPAA conference – Nicole

New Business:

- No new business

Standing Committee Reports: (*Submitted In Writing*)

Archives Tony: No report

CEC Mike: We met with 6 in attendance – Kelly 14, Diane 12, Kathy 9, Karen and Christian. Discussed a group email list. Seniors in Sobriety has is online and has online meetings – discussed a possible tab to connect for the Area website? Also does Loners International have online meetings through aa.org website that we could link to? Our Committee Chair got registered with GSO and we are eagerly awaiting next month’s Pre-Conference Workshop in Buena Park.

Communications Kris: No Report

CPC Don B: 5 Committee members met, with Chair Maryka absent, and the upcoming GSO pamphlet on mental health was discussed. The District CPC Committees asked about how to form a committee and the information needed to deal with the public. We discussed the various pamphlets available for professionals, such as doctors, other health care professionals, teachers, etc. Area 09 CPC Committee may put together a display for the Area to use at events.

CPC Spanish Juan: No Report

Convention Liaison Marilyn: No Report

Corrections Ramon: 6 members met and discussed our Committee purpose of Correction Correspondence. Our Chair presented a letter notifying us that a new AA group has been formed at Adelanto Prison in Northern California. The letter is going to be forwarded to inmates by our friends at H & I. We also discussed the idea of hosting a workshop at the Area Archives to help AAs to correspond with inmates. GSO has informed us that there is a critical need for male volunteers to correspond with male inmates. Committee members are being asked to distribute the Correction Correspondence Volunteer Sheet and we will use that as a beginning list to invite participants to our upcoming workshop.

DCM School Jim: We met with 14 members today and discussed working with GSRs. The topics were Service Sponsorship, workshops, and teaching GSRs about how to give reports to their groups. The DCM School will not meet in April. We shared the importance of the Pre-Conference Workshop and encouraged all GSRs to acquaint themselves with the topics and to bring their group conscience to the Workshop. The DCM School is an ongoing workshop that presents new topics each month in order to help DCMs with plans and techniques for performing the functions of the DCM. The next meeting will be in May and the topic will be conducting workshops. DCMs, please come to share your experience, strength, and hope, whether or not you yet have experience conducting a workshop.

DCM School Spanish Jose A: No Report

Finance Rich W: 5 voting members and 5 guests present. We reviewed the Area Treasurer’s reports and are getting used to the new report format since switching to Quickbooks. We are grateful for the hard work our Treasurer is doing for our Area! We noted that group contributions are running behind our projections, we

there is no need for panic. Please do share with your groups, however, how important their contributions are to our Area's service activities. We reviewed the proposal to purchase sound equipment but since there was no specific financial information contained therein, there was not much to discuss. Our liaisons to the Standing Committees with work with the Chairs to get the inventory sheets prepared and turned in.

Grapevine Ed: A record 8 Committee members met this month! We reviewed the February presentation at District #05 in Santa Ana, which had 20-25 attendees. Plans were reviewed to submit the Grapevine Committee Guidelines (draft) in March 2015, to be considered at the June ASC. Request made to please return panel borrowed in January. Upcoming events include a meeting this Saturday in Joshua Tree with the Sunset Group.

GSR School English Gary: With 10 members in attendance, we discussed what a GSR is and does. Also, we briefly discussed the Agenda Items for the Conference and the Conference in general. We went over the importance of attending your groups business or steering committee meeting.

GSR School Spanish Amador: No Report

La Viña Victor: No Report

Literature English Kitty: No Report

Literature Spanish Mauricio: No Report

Public Information Deborah: We met on March 15th with 9 members present. I attended the Workshop hosted jointly by Districts #10 and #15. Also traveled to Layton, Utah attend PRAASA 2015 0 I had an amazing experience! We had good representation from Area #09 at the Public Information Roundtable and gained a lot of knowledge from the other Areas who participated. Our Committee continues to contact local school districts and police departments about placing information. Also we are discussing the possibility of an "Adopt-a-rack" program for \$20.00 to 'sponsor' a public information rack for libraries, schools, etc. Hoping to get more GSR feedback from groups on this – flyers pending.

Registration Casey: The Committee met with 6 people this month – we opened with the Serenity Prayer and talked about our experiences at PRAASA. We discussed creating folders for each District, with group info and a change form on the backside. District Registrars present did like the example provided and requested. Discussed the anonymity concerns with the drop box which were brought up at the PRAASA Registration Roundtable. 4 of the 6 members present had attended PRAASA and we further discussed it and appear to be on fire for Service! As always, it is an honor and privilege to be of Service and I thank you for the opportunity to grow.

Special Needs Gene: 3 of us met this month and we discussed Access Transportation though public transportation for differently abled members to attend local meetings in their area. Also discussed taking meetings to homebound members. Online meetings, such as Loners and Internationalists meetings facilitated through www.aa.org were also discussed. Upcoming we hope to do a homebound visit in the SouthBay with members of District #07.

Treatment Facilities Dawn: Our Committee meeting had 7 members in attendance. We discussed the Bridging the Gap temporary contact list. Also discussed a Statement of Purpose to be placed under the Treatment tab on the Area website. The volunteer shifts at the H & I Conference were also discussed, along with strategies to reach out to the institutions that we are bridging from. Upcoming events include the H & I Conference May 15th – 17th, and the Bridging the Gap National Meeting.

Coordinate Committee Reports:

CoachellYPAA – 2 new Young People's meetings have started in Palm Desert; the Young Peoples Speaker Meeting and Friday Night Rule #62. Also we are meeting at noon on Saturday March 28th, followed by a volleyball tournament at 2pm and a 50/50 raffle – there will be meal deals for \$5.00 as well. All are welcome! Submitted by Zack S.

HASBYPAA – In the time since I last reported, HASBYPAA has worked very, very hard on their bid to host the ACYPAA Conference. Needless to say, we did not win the bid, but we are excited to continue our efforts, and will try again next year. We are having elections for all positions soon. Submitted by Anthony A.

ALACYPAA – We meet twice monthly in Marina del Rey and are continuing with panels and building events for the Young People in AA community. Planning is continuing for an LA event to be hosted with other YPAA Committees in March. Also plans for helping a YPAA Intergroup, as an informational resource for Young People in AA.

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 1 Anthony: We had 50-ish members meet on March 12th in Hermosa Beach. Several members of District #01 attended PRAASA in Utah. Due to difficulties with our District Treasurer and finances, we had to cancel our upcoming event, the Secretaries Workshop. When the topic of finances comes up, people's tempers have a tendency to flare up. Much loving discussion ensued, and as a result we had the resignation of a District officer, our Treasurer; a very memorable business meeting was held. Kind of reminded me of Taiwanese Parliament! Anyway, God speed Area #09! Upcoming is our Pre-Conference Workshop with Districts #01 and #03 on April 4th from 2-4pm at the Torrance Lomita Alano Club.

District 2 Tanya: With 40+ members in attendance this month, District #02 suspended most business in order to have a presentation by our Area Treatment Chair Dawn on the Bridging The Gap program. With planned this with a pizza party and had 3X the normal number of attendees. Our District PI Chair will be planning an event in our District in the future – no details yet.

District 3 Dee Dee: No Report

District 4 Hiro:

District 5 Ryan: We met March 12th in Santa Ana with 24 in attendance. This month our District took time to discuss the events of PRAASA. There were 3 members of District #05 in attendance in Utah. Our District is working on merging our Archivist and Archives Committee Chair positions, as we currently do not have anyone tending to our District archives. Agenda items for Corrections and for Literature were discussed. Next month our District will be looking to discuss more of the Conference Agenda items in order to prepare for the Pre-Conference Workshop taking place on April 12th.

District 6 Ashly:

District 7 Pat: Our District meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm. We are continuing to re-organize under our new DCMC and working to complete a slate of officers.

District 8: No Report

District 9 Chase: We met on February 15th at 4pm with 12 members in attendance. 5 of our District members went to PRAASA in Utah. We welcomed 2 new GSRs and elected a new CEC Chair. Our District meets every 3rd Sunday of the month at Fellowship Hall at 4pm. A proposal was made to amend our Guidelines. We voted an approved District budget to fund member's trip to PRAASA.

District 10 Carlos: With 18 members in attendance, we met on the 1st Weds of the month. Audit Committee Guideline changes were discussed. The Alt DCMC Alicia gave a report about the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session. We also discussed the Service Workshop that was held by Districts #10 and #15. Discussed topics and date for our upcoming Anonymity Workshop and voted to invite District #15 to Co-host the workshop – the date was set for June 27th, 2015. Discussion continued on the issue of accepting special contributions to offset District costs for attending PRAASA.

District 11 Don: No Report

District 12 Kaili: We met this month with approximately 115 in attendance, including 3 new GSRs! We are in final discussion for our Memorial Day picnic. Discussion was started on the Pre-Conference Workshop, the Agenda items, and the Conference in general.

District 14 Karen H: Hosted this month's ASC in Banning, which required a lot of food, location, and volunteering planning – we meet monthly on the 3rd Weds and this month 10 were in attendance. Two of our District members went to PRAASA in Utah this month – the District paid for one of them. 1 new GSR attended the GSR workshop. 2 people from our District attended the Service workshop hosted by Districts #10 and #15. There is a Pre-Conference Workshop being hosted by District #17 on March 28th that we are hoping some of our members can attend.

District 15 Leslie: No Report

District 17 Mary W: Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of the month in Sun City, this month with approximately 40 in attendance. There was much discussion about PRAASA, as we had a large contingent that attended. No new meetings reported in our District. We also had no new GSRs and no new business. Tradition #11 and Concept #11 were read and discussed. Upcoming events include our District Pre-Conference Workshop on March 28th at 1:30pm at Unity Hall in Sun City – all are welcome!

District 18: No Report

District 19 Gary W: No Report

District 20 Luciano: No Report

District 21 Carlos: 7 members met at our District meeting this month. District #21 was present at PRAASA in Utah with 12 members there! Our members have been busy visiting two groups per week. On March 22nd, La Vina will be having a meeting to write our story on the group "Lennox" in the city of Lennox. On March 29th, our District is hosting our Spanish Intradistrict Meeting at the group "Llegamos A Creer" in the city of Compton. We wish everyone the best. Upcoming events are both the La Vina personal stories writing in Lennox on the 22nd and the Spanish Intradistrict meeting in Compton on the 29th.

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:

- Due to a lack of Translation of the Minutes, a motion was made by Rich W, 2nd by Beka, to table approval of the February ASC Minutes until the June ASC in order to provide Spanish Translation to our Area members. Passed unanimously and Minutes tabled.
- We had some wonderful sharing of PRAASA memories and moments by those who attended this past week in Layton, Utah!
- Motion made by the six Spanish speaking Districts, who have decided that they really need a new set of sound equipment. Much loving discussion was had. Friendly amendment made by Joe C, 2nd by Katherine, to strike word "sound" and replace with word "translation" – amendment accepted and further discussion was had. Motion passes as amended and will be forwarded to Assembly for vote.

Announcements:

- Pre Conference April 12 - 8530 Stanton Ave Buena Park, CA 90620
- Assembly May 17 Knights of Columbus 1729 E. Baseline St. San Bernardino CA 92410

Birthdays:

- Mike M 21, Kelly 10, Leandro 19, Karen 31, Jeryl 22, Martin 34 for a miracle of 137 years!!

Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm, motion made someone and by 2nd by someone else 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.

