

***Mid-Southern California Area 9 Assembly Committee Minutes***  
1729 E Baseline St. San Bernardino CA 92410  
Hosted By District 25  
May 17, 2015

**Assembly Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Sharon at 10:00am.

**Readings:** Declaration of Unity read by Mary in English/Sergio in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Todd in English/Gilberto Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Clifton in English/Jose 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 January Assembly.

**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.

- ▶ I was able to attend the 65th General Service Conference in New York. Joe C., Alternate Delegate took me to the LAX, and picked me up in my way back, too. The Experience was incredible! I saw people working very hard for us at GSO and at the Grapevine / La Viña. I heard passionate servants coming together in Unity to further carry the message to those still suffering. It was a powerful experience! I felt a great sense of responsibility for myself, and for all of us, to take care of AA for future generations. I have a full PowerPoint presentation and all the advisory actions that I submitted to the MSCA 09 Board and to some other members who requested it.
- ▶ I was able to visit Area 06 on May 9<sup>th</sup>; I attended the H&I Conference on May 15<sup>th</sup>; I visited the MSCA #09 Archives on May 16<sup>th</sup>; I am attending the MSCA #09 Assembly on May 17<sup>th</sup> today; I will be visiting District #20 to give my Conference Report; and I will visit District #24 for a Conference Report on May 26<sup>th</sup>. I am planning to visit all Districts, Central Offices, and groups, if they want me to come to give my Conference Report from the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual GSC.

I would like to extend my gratitude to you, MSCA #09 Area members; without you this would not have been possible. My heart is full of blessings and gratitude for this opportunity. It was my honor to serve on your behalf. Service is a Legacy of Love, Cesar F - 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 – Panel 64 Alternate Delegate

**Area Chair Sharon:** My name is Sharon and I'm an alcoholic. Seems like a long time since I last gave a report. Since our last Area meeting I have among other things, attended the Pre-Conference workshop. I have presented on Concept 5 with Jesus' help translating for the 30th anniversary of District 20. I was approached by SOCALYPAA requesting use of the translation equipment for their conference the weekend of Halloween. I've been in discussion with our copier company and numerous members of our Area regarding the end of our copier lease which is next February. I've been asked by our webmaster for certain past agendas to post on the website. He is doing a great job! I look forward to the June ASC and hearing from the GAP committee about the creation of this committee. I was asked by District 5 DCMC to moderate a table at their anonymity workshop with Districts 10 and 15 on June 27 which should be really nice. I was asked by District 23 DCM to follow up on a group issue with his District. Cesar and I will be doing this in the near future. Thanks for letting me be of service. Sharon K – Chair

**Registrar Jesus:** Since our last meeting I've been to the Pre-Conference Workshop in April. I was Joe's voice for his talk at Grupo 5to. Capitulo and for Sharon at District #20. Other than that, I've been helping our Treasurer locate unknown groups that send in contributions. In addition, I'm still updating and finding new and lost group GSR kits. I have been attending District #21 meetings for support and for the lessons. Thank you – Jesus - Registrar

**Treasurer Rozanne:**

**May 2015 MSCA09 Treasurer's Report**

<i>BOFA Statement Account summary:</i>	
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>	<i>\$ 5002.64</i>

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.

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:** Since our March ASC, I've stayed busy as your Secretary, as always.

- March 18 – sent email to the new folks who signed in at the March ASC and worked on the minutes.
- March 20 – worked on the Roster, Area email list, and minutes.

- March 21 – send more emails with upcoming Area events, worked on the Roster, and prepped the Board minutes.
- March 22 – Board meeting & all the fun that that entails.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> – no fooling, I sent an Email blast on the Pre-Conference workshop. Did paperwork for the Area.
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – I sent another Pre-Conference Workshop Eblast reminding everyone of the importance of this event. Also the Board visited District #01 for their District meeting to share our experience, strength, and hope with them. It was a great visit and I thank Maryka, the District #01 DCMC for asking us.
- Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> – The Pre Conference Workshop in Buena Park! Who was there? It was a great turnout of over 200 Area members to help Cesar get ready for New York!
- Sent out the Eblast for the May Assembly over the days of May 1 & 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Facilitated an awesome Roundtable at District #04's "How to do a Group Inventory" workshop – it had a wonderful turnout and I was grateful to, along with several other trusted servants, not only share MY experiences but hear and learn so much about and from the experiences of others at the Roundtable. Rocking workshop – kudos to District #04!
- Sent out another Blast about the Assembly, printed out the sign in sheets, did a bunch of last minute stuff to get ready for all this fun, and here I am – bright tailed and bushy eyed! Or however that goes. SO excited to hear all about New York – I love Alcoholics Anonymous and I am so grateful to be of service to you all.
- Remember – all this fun can be YOURS! Elections are coming up in October, which isn't too far away. Make sure ALL District officers know that they are eligible to serve the Area and make sure that your information on the sign in sheet with me is correct so that if you are eligible to vote or to serve, you know it and I know it and it is known, you know? Boy, I pity those who try to translate me.

I remain your respectful and humble servant – Barbara D – Panel 64 Area 09 Secretaria

### **Old Business:**

- Letter of recommendation for ALACYPAA to host International ICYPAA conference – Nicole
- The six Spanish speaking Districts have decided that they really need a new set of translation equipment. – Six Spanish speaking Districts
- Motion to remove from MSCA Area Guidelines Article I E.5. regarding Audit Committee and replace Article II. D. 3. c. under Area Chair responsibilities – MSCA Area 09 Board

### **New Business:**

- Communications Committee Budget Override request - \$1200.00/125% – Kris C.
- Confirmation of Special Needs Chair – Gene H.

### **Delegate Conference report back**

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

**Archives Joseph:** 2 person in attendance at the Area Assembly. Bob L, District #12/GSR doing a fact finding about what the duties of a District Archivist are. Gave a general description of tasks performed at the District level as an Archivist. Examples include collecting and preserving District minutes, treasury reports, and events throughout the year. Bring original District documents to the Area Archives Repository to help maintain the history of the District. Pete B, the Area Archivist, to assist District #12, along with assistance from Joseph H, Area Archives Collections Chair. All District Archivists also invited to attend monthly Archive Committee meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Upcoming events include Area Archivist Pete B's presentation at

the annual H & I Conference, May 15-17<sup>th</sup> and an Archives Presentation at the Mountain AA Conference August 14-16<sup>th</sup>. Also to be scheduled are a District Archive Workshop and the annual Heritage Day in the Fall.

**CEC Mike:** With Mike M, Karen, Judy, and John B in attendance, we evaluated the CEC awareness and activity at the District level. Plans to download the Workbook copies for the June Area meeting.

**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:** On March 21<sup>st</sup> the Grapevine Chair visited District #25 in Joshua Tree with the Area GV Display and gave a 20 minute presentation. In February the Grapevine/La Vina Standing Committee Guidelines were submitted to the Literature Committee, to be forwarded to the Area #09 Officers, for hopeful eventual adoption. Draft date February 6<sup>th</sup> – still pending discussion and adoption. Please help with the GV subscription drive – the Area with the most new GV subscriptions will be featured in the future GV volume! Upcoming events include the Sunshine of the Spirit Convention in Victorville on June 12-14<sup>th</sup> with the Area Grapevine Display. Also to use \$156.42 to purchase 6 subscriptions of the GV for 4 correctional facilities.

**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:** 14 members present at today's Assembly. We organized the literature for hand-outs to school districts. Discussed the revived PI / CPC Newsletter and contributing information to it. We will soon have flyers out with information on how to support getting literature racks into local schools.

**Registration Casey:** No Report

**Special Needs Gene:** Small group of only 2 people. Talked about on-line meetings, reviewed the pamphlets "AA for the Alcoholic with Special Needs" and "Problems Other Than Alcohol" and discussed group meetings for alcoholics with mental illness. Shared info regarding the upcoming MHA workshop for outside mental health issues.

**Treatment Facilities Dawn:** The treatment committee brainstormed and created a draft webpage - next step is to present to the Area webmaster for feedback. May 15-17 the Treatment Committee was present at the SoCal H&I Conference with a booth that highlighted the differences between H&I and Temporary Contact/Bridging The Gap. Our chair, Dawn P. was on the Treatment Panel and spoke of her experience with the Area Treatment Committee.

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

**District 1 Maryka:** No Report

**District 2 Tanya:** No Report

**District 3 Dee Dee:** No Report

**District 4 Hiro:** 12 GSRs attended GSR school (11 of them were new). We had over 40 in attendance at the business meeting as well. The sudden increase in new GSRs was due to the great work by our DCMs, as well as the successful workshop "How Is Your Group Doing?" on taking a group inventory, at which we had almost 50 in attendance! The structure of the workshop was 3 roundtables, each of which discussed 4 of 12 group inventory questions (culled from PRAASA); attendees rotated through all 3 tables, followed by sharebacks, a 15 minute speaker on group inventory, and punctuated by good food. Our District is proud to have the first gender non-conforming meeting registered with GSO. We also started putting together a planning committee to host the October Area elections. In our post-meeting Concept Study Group, we studied Concept #5 and the 'Right of Appeal', the guard against either the tyranny of the majority OR the minority. Weds June 3<sup>rd</sup> our District will be hosting the Delegate Share-back with our Panel 64 Delegate Cesar sharing all the news from

the Conference in New York! Also our District strongly supports the Harbor Area Central Office fundraiser, the Rule #62 Picnic on Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>!

**District 5 Ryan:** With approximately 20 in attendance this month, we met on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs in Santa Ana. This month our Archives Committee was very active! As a District, we voted to combine our local District #05 archives with the MSCA #09 Archives. Prior to doing so we will be having a sorting party to keep locally any information that we might have immediate need of. The rest will be stored at the Archives Repository in Riverside. Chris W volunteered to get the supplies (pizza, soda, salad – the necessities!) for the Delegates report in July. The GSRs who attended the Pre-Conference Workshop had an opportunity to share their experience of the event. Mitchell B is still reviewing our District guidelines; we will be going over the suggested revisions next month. Upcoming events include the District #05 Archives sorting party on June 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Archives Repository in Riverside, from 10am – 1pm. June 27<sup>th</sup> is the Anonymity Workshop with Districts #05, #10, and #15 from 12-3:30pm in Fullerton. July 9<sup>th</sup> is the much anticipated Annual Delegate Report-Back from 6:30 – 8:30pm at the Church of the Foothills in Santa Ana (the usual District #05 business meeting place).

**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:** District #11 met on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We reviewed PRAASA expenses and set a District budget for 2015. It was reported that our local Central Office in Colton will be holding an open house on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Their Annual Gratitude Picnic will be held on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>. This is the only fund raiser for Central Office and is an excellent opportunity for fellowship. District #11 will meet next on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Gratitude Picnic at Sylvan Park in Redlands.

**District 12 Kaili:** No Report

**District 14 Karen H:** We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds of the month in Hemet and this month our Alt DCMC Teresa led the meeting with 11 in attendance. New GSRs shared their experience of taking information that was on the agenda to their group and getting their group's group conscious on how they wanted their GSRs to vote. It was inspiring to see the pride they had for their service to their group! We then had a reading and discussion on being of service as a GSR.

**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:** We have a new GSR, Butch L from the Sunset Group and a new Alternate GSR Priscilla T. In our District we are experiencing frustration and confusion with regard to our meetings having an informed group conscious from our meetings that are under one group number with many meetings. We have several different groups that operate as "one group with multiple meetings" and we are finding it hard to get a fully informed group conscious. We have contacted GSO in New York for advise and been told that they too are experiencing this issue to the tune of approximately 3 calls per week. Regarding this problem, we would like to call it to the Area's attention and have an open dialog on this matter.

### **Recap of Actions:**

- Approval of Minutes from the January Assembly.
- Letter of recommendation for ALACYPAA to host International ICYPAA conference passed with no discussion and will be forwarded to the Secretary for drafting.
- The six Spanish speaking Districts have decided that they really need a new set of translation equipment and much loving discussion ensued. Friendly amendment made and passed to add phrase "not to exceed \$3170.00 for 50 headset units" to the motion. Further discussion had by Area members. Motion passed; minority opinion heard & motion made to reconsider, which also passed, so further discussion ensued. The ultimate result was that the motion passed.
- Motion to remove from MSCA Area Guidelines Article I E.5. regarding Audit Committee and replace Article II. D. 3. c. under Area Chair responsibilities was tabled until the September Assembly without discussion or dissent.
- Confirmation of Special Needs Chair Gene H took place – congratulations Gene!
- Communications Committee Budget Override request - \$1200.00/125% - motion tabled until the June ASC.
- Delegate report back from our Panel 64 Delegado Cesar F.

### **Announcements:**

- PRAASA 2019
- La Vina 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary announcement
- Area 09 PRAASA picture from this year – see Bill W.
- June ASC in Lakewood

### **Birthdays:**

Shawn 9, Don 13, Don 16, Melissa 29, Judy 21, Kitty 24, Ed 10

Meeting adjourned at 3:33pm, motion made by Rich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Juan, 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.