

***** APPROVED MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 MINUTES *****

AREA SERVICE ASSEMBLY (ASA) MINUTES

Hosted by District 20 on 11 September 2016

12741 Main Street, Methodist Church, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting was called to order by Chair Ramon at

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by Kevin in English/Manuel in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Casey in English/Pablo in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Mike in English/Jose in Spanish.

Introductions: Past Trustees, Past Delegates, New DCMCs/Alt. DCMCs, New DCMs/Alt. DCMs, New GSRs/Alt. GSRs, Guests, Past, and Current Area Officers.

Approval of minutes Unfortunately, the draft minutes of the 15 May 2016 ASA were not available as hard copies for a vote today. We will need to vote these in at the October ASC meeting. There was a motion and unanimous vote to suspend voting on the May 2016 ASA Draft Minutes until the next ASA on 8 January 2017, at which time hard copies will be available. Electronic versions of the Spanish and English Draft Minutes of the ASA were successfully eblasted this morning.

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

Delegate Joe C: I am very reluctant to say this, but I believe things are starting to slow down a bit. I feel like I have been running since February. Since our last Area meeting, I gave a Conference report-back to District 14 in Hemet, attended our regular Board meeting in Riverside, spoke at the Garden Grove Alano Club, attended a Traditions workshop in Anaheim, and attended a special election in Area 8 in San Diego. I picked up the final Conference report in both English and Spanish. I am disseminating these to the DCMC's only at this point. I'm pretty sure I will have some left over. But, for now, please see your DCMC to receive a copy. We need help with Spanish translations. I know there are several people in our Area that are fluent in both English and Spanish. Please, we need your help. That is all for now. Yours in sincerest love and service, Joe C, Panel 66 Delegate, Mid-Southern CA Area 09.

Alternate Delegate Jesus O: No report.

Registrar Ryan B: Hello everyone my name is Ryan, I'm an alcoholic and your Mid-Southern California Area 09 Registrar. Since our last Area function: I've had the opportunity to participate in a Traditions Workshop on August 27th. Assisted with Area 08's Special Elections on September 10th. I'm looking forward to coming to District 24's meeting on September 27 and talking about generating interest in General Service. Our current state of the Area 09 is as follows:

	Total	English	Spanish
Total	3503	3286	217
Active	1785	1635	150
Pending Active	5	5	0
Unknown	330	321	9
Merged	203	199	4
Pending Inactive	2	2	0
Inactive	1178	1124	54

We are down to 7 invalid mailing addresses from 164 in January. Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

Treasurer Accounts Payable Diane C: No report.

Treasurer Accounts Receivable Leandro C: Good Morning, my name is Leandro and I'm an alcoholic. I would like to congratulate you for attending the Board meeting today. I'm in charge of receiving your contributions and Diane and I are doing the best we can to keep informed of what happens with the area money. In the month of August there were a total of 192 contributions, for a total of \$6,390.70, which is more than the budget anticipated for 2016. The Food Kitty for August was \$615.00 and for the Coffee Kitty for August was \$54.50. For the month of September 2016, from the 1st to the 11th, we received 90 contributions for a total of \$1,976.04. It promises to be a good month of contributions. As of this morning, our account total is \$25,149.90. That is all for now. Thank you for your patience and I hope to see you all very soon. Leandro C.

Secretary Ed L: I attended the Board meeting on 8/21/2016 in Riverside. I sent the 2016 English version of the Workbook to the Communications Committee to be published on the MSCA 09 website, and to Jesus and Veronica for a Spanish translation. I will soon provide all final, approved minutes of 2015 and 2016 to Rainer so that they can be posted on the website. I worked with other officers to finalize the 2017 calendar of events, which was printed and distributed today. Emailed August Newsletter, prepared by Cesar F, to all members on August 17th. On September 8th on Joe's behalf, I eblasted a solicitation for young people's stories to be published in upcoming literature, and sent a copy of the General Service Board's 2016 Strategic Plan. My apologies for not having the minutes available today; both the English and Spanish draft minutes were eblasted this morning during the ASA. We will have to vote on these at the October ASC. On a personal note, I have been elected, as of September 1st, as a member of the Grapevine Editorial Advisory Board, which is a four-year term. I will also be speaking at a Grapevine writer's workshop in San Diego on October 8th.

Area Chair Ramon D: No report.

Old Business:

- No old business was brought forward to this ASA.

New Business:

- Ramon indicated that we need a new coffee person, as our current person will not be able to carry on with this service.
- HASBYPAA request for Area 09 letter of recommendation to host 2018 ACYPAA Convention. Julius Y was here to represent ACYPAA on the above request. There was a motion for Area 09 to endorse the letter of recommendation for HASBYPAA to host the 2018 ACYPAA Convention here in southern California, a second, and unanimous vote (no one opposed the motion) passing this motion. As Chairman, Ramon will draft the endorsement letter and provide it to Julius Y.
- The 2017 Calendar was modified to address corrections and distributed to Area members this morning. Following discussion of those in attendance, the draft 2017 Calendar of events was unanimously approved as submitted.
- Rich W asked about the status of the Audit Committee's review of the 2015 budget, expenditures, etc. Mitchell B, Audit Committee Chair, indicated that the committee is still working on the 2015 audit and expects to have the audit completed later this month. Mitchell B does not see a conflict of interest, as was appointed as MSCA 09 Archivist subsequent to his appointment to the Audit Committee, but is either willing to step aside or is willing to work with the GAP Committee on the 2015 audit. So, he and the Audit Committee will meet with the GAP Committee to finalize the 2015 audit.

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Archives Raul C: We last met on August 3rd at 10 a.m. and elected Mitchell B as our new Archivist, Mary G as our Treasurer, and Cesar F as our Secretary. With Pee B leaving, we have been meeting each Saturday to learn how to better sort and catalogue items, set up displays, present our travel displays, and present our Power Point presentations. We took our travel display to the Big Bear Conference on August 20th and to the 202 Club in Anaheim for a 12 Traditions Workshop on Saturday, August 27th. We will attend the Inland Empire Convention on November 4, 5, and 6 in San Bernardino. Heritage Day will be hosted by District 12, December 4, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Canyon Club, 20456 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach, CA 92651.

Cooperation with the Elderly Community Mike M: No Report

Communications Carlos R: We reviewed the motion to be presented at the October ASC, reviewed outreach to Area Committee Chairs and DCMCs to update the website information. We assigned subcommittee responsibilities. We plan to introduce a motion to change the Guidelines at the October ASC, which will formulate a co-chairman organization. There will be a presentation at the Servathon to encourage updating the website.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Tanya D: No Report

Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish Luciano P: No Report

Convention Liaison English Karen L: Three were in attendance. We talked about the South Bay roundup. A new GSR came to our table, and we suggested that he go to the GSR School, which he said was too crowded. We as a team shared our experience, strength, and hope with him. What we do best at conventions is attract members into service and how vital it is to AA and our own personal recovery. We shared important pamphlets and books like Language of the Heart. We have a Southern California Convention in San Diego on September 24th. My personal favorite is the Inland Empire Convention in November in San Bernardino. SOCALYPAA is scheduled for October 14, 15, and 16, 2016.

Convention Liaison Spanish Alex O: Same as Karen

Corrections Mike K: There were eight in attendance. Our goal continues to be to increase awareness of existing GSO processes for corrections correspondence and prerelease contact. Our objective continues to be to plan and execute Area-wide workshops for corrections correspondence and prerelease contact. Immediate action is to request Hiro to spotlight corrections in his DCMC School at Area ASC in October. We intend to contact all Area 09 Central Offices to see if January and February events conflict with our workshop. We are planning for an Area-wide workshop for corrections correspondence and prerelease contact.

DCM School English Hiro S: There were 22 in attendance. We began with the Serenity Prayer and opened with a discussion of a strategic plan and Delegate's 9/11/2016 share-back session. Welcomed Sharman, new DCM. Main theme was carrying the spirit of enthusiasm as DCMs. On November 12, 2016 from 2 to 5 p.m. in Long Beach at the MWA Club, District 4 and 2 will be hosting a "Third Legacy Service Participation Workshop." DCM School Chair Hiro S will be speaking on the Warranties at Distrito 24 on 9/20/2016 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at 330 N State College BLVD, Suite 207 in Anaheim and on Tradition 11 at District 5's 4th Sunday Tradition Workshop on 9/25/2016 at the Orange Friendship Club.

DCM School Spanish Juan B: We've been reviewing the committee guidelines.

Finance Todd W: There were five in attendance with one visitor. We reminded everyone to start thinking and planning for the 2017 MSCA budget. We briefly talked about Area 09 hosting PRAASA in 2019. Past Delegate Jeryl T attended and gave us some input about PRAASA. Budget work sheets are available to all committees. The upcoming 2017 budget is our main upcoming event.

Guidelines and Policies (GAP) Judy B: There were a total of six in attendance. We have completed the changes to the Area 09 GAP Guidelines and Structure and Area Bylaws as approved on 9/13/2015 Assembly. They have been submitted to the Executive Board for their final approval and then they will be updated on the Area 09 website. Our tabled GAP Guidelines will be presented again at the October 2016 ASC. We met with the Executive Board to discuss being able to easily obtain, edit, and store documents. We welcomed the newest voting member, Jose A. We are looking forward to serving you if you wish to make a motion of if you have concerns about Area Guidelines, Area Bylaws, or your Committee Guidelines. We will be meeting with the Archives Committee and the Audit Committee on September 25th. Thank you.

Grapevine Elizabeth S: There were five in attendance. Districts 4, 5, 6, and 19 were represented. There is a new Grapevine book released on September 2, 2016 called "Our Twelve Traditions." We planned for the bulletin boards we will be making for each District about the Grapevine. We also want to congratulate Ed L as the new Grapevine Editorial Board member. Yay Ed!!! There is a Grapevine writing workshop on October 8th in Pacific Beach in San Diego at 4275 Cass St at Taylor Library. We will be making informational boards during committee time next month.

GSR School English Sharon K: There were five in attendance. We talked about GSR responsibilities including bringing report-backs to Groups, Group conscience, Area meeting structure, and service sponsorship.

GSR School Spanish Jose A: No Report

La Viña Luis S:

We formed the organizing committee of the 21st. Anniversary for La Viña in Area 93. On August 8 we were in the Hispanic Forum of area 08. District 20 will have a writing workshop in the group Nueva Luz for the 18th Of Sept. We will also support District 22 with a La Viña Writing Workshop on October 23rd. District 20 will have another Workshop on November 6th

and District 25 will have their Workshop on November 20. We are encouraging groups to elect their RLV and the importance of having their own subscriptions. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Literature English Scott R: No Report

Literature Spanish Victor R: I met with the PI committee today. Thank you

Public Information English Deborah A: No Report

Public Information Spanish Mauricio T: We are staying very busy with this commitment. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Registration Gilbert G: Distributed/discussed the following information's: Workshop Delayed until approx Feb (with some discussion). Outlined Presented with tentative location. Discussed Group Change Form and the (GSR or Mailing Contact) on that form. (Ambiguous) due to it being listed with Alt GSR/ (GSO has old mailing Information). Group Actual Name and Group Number important for Group Update Form. When should a group or meeting complete a new form, (Page 182-183 FNV). Returned forms/packets DCM Packets GSR Packets. Groups with some sort of Child Care Available and how to designate (Listing). Dist 5 has a signifier they use on their intergroup listing for Men's/Women's and/or Child Care Availability. (Best left up to the inter-groups/central offices). Participation Problem and the Third Legacy Workshop. How does this relate to Registration? (Update to information and data that is shared on our web-site and at GSO). Trustees will be reaching out calling groups using our Group Listing. (Accuracy ?). Budget due every September for the following (Copies, Mileage, Work-Shop's etc coming soon) budget is use-full for the following years estimate of expenses, i.e., 2017. Please add into budget as any line item no matter how small because that budget line item may affect the next Chair/Committee. (Agreed on a \$200.00 blanket line item). However we also need funds for Workshop at least one per year. Passed out flyer for Third Legacy Workshop on Service Responsibility,

Special Needs Gene H: No Report

Treatment Facilities Carlos I: No Report

Coordinate Committee Reports:

HASBYPAA – We are still bidding on ACYPAA. We recently got a panel with H&I in the Harbor Area. We are working on a November 19th “Game to Believe” event and a workshop in January. On September 24th we have a mingle and flow event scheduled at the San Pedro Alano Club, and the Game to Believe event on November 19th.

Inland Empire H&I - No Report

Harbor Area Central Office – No Report

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 1: We had five new GSRs at this month's District meeting. We confirmed Ethan C as our new Alt DCMC. Kevin D was confirmed as DCM for the Southwest Alano Club and stepped down as DCM for Lawndale/Gardenia. Alisa N was confirmed as Guidelines Committee Chair. After much loving discussion, a motion was made to add funds to the District budget to pay for the DCMC trip to the Pacific Regional Forum, which was defeated. The District is planning a Traditions Workshop with a date and place to be announced.

District 2: No Report

District 3: No Report

District 4: No Report

District 5: There were 25 in attendance, including one new GSR and a new Grapevine Representative. There will be a Traditions Workshop with Orange Friendship Club and North Orange County Central Office. Delegate Joe C will be giving a talk on Tradition 12 and DCM School Chair Hiro S will be giving a talk on Tradition 11 on 9/25/2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Friendship Club.

District 6: There were 47 in attendance. We highlighted the 9th Concept and 9th Tradition. All GSRs assigned to committees. We elected new DCMs and several Committee Chairs. We've had discussions at round tables to encourage underrepresented meetings to provide GSRs to represent their groups. There was a motion to reimburse \$900 for two members to attend the Regional Forum, which passed. We continue to discuss how to visit underrepresented groups.

District 7: District 7 is continuing to prepare for our workshop in October. We are also in the planning process of the Area Assembly in January 2017. Hopefully, we will fill the position of Registrar at our next District meeting. There is a Secretary's Workshop planned for 10/22/2016 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Alano Club in Garden Grove.

District 8: There were 37 in attendance. Peggy B took over as Treasurer and we changed signatures on our District checking account. Peggy B and Bob H are now the new signatories. We meet the third Wednesday of each month at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 5770 Arlington Avenue, Riverside, CA 92504 at 7 p.m. GSR School at 6 p.m. Peggy B, Bob H, Barbaradee F, Ray G, Steve S, and Phil G attended a meeting on September 7th discussing Area items for the next District meeting. We will be co-hosting the next FORO with District 25 on July 9th, 2017. The Inland Empire Convention is the first weekend in November 2016.

District 9: There were 10 in attendance. I attended the South Bay Roundup and had a wonderful time. The Ranch Recovery Center in Desert Hot Springs will no longer be having outside meetings due to conduct, safety, and sunny days. The 12:30 Sunday meeting has been cancelled due to lack of attendance. We are excited to have Joe C come next Sunday to report to us.

District 10: Six members of our District drove out to Archives for movie night on August 20th but it was closed. Instead, we had Mexican food and fellowship. We are planning to a Commitment Workshop for October 22nd at the Fullerton Alano Club.

District 11: Joseph H. – Attended Big Bear Conference, and will be attending a Panel for the VA in Long Beach Medical Center. Visit 3 Highland meetings are doing well, 2 Loma Linda VA meetings are well. Tamera – Etiwanda Sacred Heart Church meeting, the church secretary locked all the AA meetings out and changed the locks. Tamera was given a key and will make sure the room is open for their morning meetings. She is working out a solution with the church secretary. Mitzy – Loma Linda Sunday Candlelight stated that the group will not do as she instructs. She suggested the group form a steering committee and the members didn't agree. She expressed her opinion Regarding how the archives are handled and how they do chips, group Secretary does not agree with Mitzy. They are not interested in buying Big Books from District 11. They are going to send a donation to GSO in New York but are not interested in donations to any other AA committees. We recommended Mitzy find an Area 09 Committee commitment that she may be of better service to as she seems to be unhappy in her GSO service commitment. We also gave council to Mitzy that our 12 traditions are suggestions only, they are not rules and we are not the AA police, each AA Group has the autonomous right to be wrong by any of our opinions. Don S & Veronica M – Don was absent, Rose, Andrew and Tamera did attend the Yorba Linda ASC with Don and the motion for a co-chair was tabled to the September 11th meeting of Area for discussion and vote. Veronica M will be nominated at that time as the Spanish co-chair of the committee. Rose volunteered to serve on the Area Communications Committee. The webmaster

has returned for the Area 09 website and things are being updated. All info must come to Don S. in a pdf format, ready to post. The webmaster will upload the pdf. Contact Don S. with any further questions. K of C Bingo Hall, San Bernardino, CA. We need to get our volunteer committees anchored for the set up and tear down. Neisha and Tamera will take care of these committees. Please get with either of them for crew volunteer assignments. The lunch will be cooked on sight by the Taco Man and he will provide all serving needs. We need to take care of morning donuts and icing down the beverages in the service tubs. Saturday event for a speaker meeting and social event. Tentative location is the mountains, and we have a good location possibility at the Masonic Lodge in Twin Peaks. It holds 80 people in the down stairs dining room and at least that many in the upstairs meeting room. We would have full use of the facility, including the kitchen and the parking is good. Location is 26012 Highway 189, Twin Peaks, CA 92391. We need to pick a date so a reservation may be negotiated. We need to form a committee for speakers, hospitality, and publicity. This facility has ADA issues, no ADA access to upstairs. The bathrooms are not fully ADA compliant. The kitchen allows us to have a spaghetti dinner or an ice cream social, whatever we can afford. We have room for a social event after the speaker meeting. This would service a large area of the mountains because it is centrally located.

District 12: District 12 created a Treatment Committee with Max H and Jacqueline S as co-chairs. Decision voted on to keep District 12 Traditions Day on November 6 and Heritage Day on December 4, 2016. District 12 is in the process of replacing the Registrar and has the goal of updating the new GSR/Group changes from March to July with Area 09 and GSO. District 12 old Grapevine issues drive to distribute to local area hospitals. Area 09 and District 12 sponsored Heritage Day on 12/4/2016 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Canyon Club at 20456 Laguna Canyon Road. District 12 Traditions Day will be 11/6/2016 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Laguna Niguel Family YMCA at 29831 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. Respectively submitted by Catherine E, DCMC.

District 15: No Report

District 17: No Report

District 18: There were +/- 35 in attendance. Pending District approval this week, our District will be moving to a new location beginning in October. Details will be forthcoming. We have the obligation of hosting the December ASC but have not yet found a location. A couple of options fell through so we're nervous but trying to trust that our Higher Power will guide us where we are supposed to go. Only upcoming event will be the Area 09 meeting in December. Hopefully we will be able to provide insurance certificate soon so we can reserve a facility.

District 19: There were 18 in attendance. Our guidelines were lost in the Alano Club fire some few years ago. Our DCM, John W, borrowed District 5's. We are currently reading them to adopt part or all of District 5's guidelines. Our Grapevine Representative, Deanna, has been busy with subscriptions and books for sale at many local meetings with great success. CPC and PI are busy putting pamphlets in public facilities. Our Traditions Play will be in November, and we are planning for the February ASC menu.

District 20: We continue to motivate the groups and visit twice a week and attend any invitations to speak about service at their planned anniversary meetings, etc. We are supporting the PI committee and the La Viña committee. On August 21st, we hosted the inter-district meeting with the attendance of 56 people. On August 28 we attended the 8th Forum of Area 08 in San Diego and 9 members attended from our District. Thank you for letting me serve. Jose F. DCM, Gilberto Alt. DCM.

District 21: We continue to visit two groups per week and attend the invitations that we get. We are motivating groups that do not have a GSR. This month we have the inter-district meeting in Compton, CA. Thanks for letting me serve. Juan Carlos

District 22: We visit groups on Mondays and Thursdays to motivate those that do not have a GSR. On Tuesdays we have District meetings where we alternate between business and book study meetings. We usually study the concept of the month or something out of the service manual. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

District 23: The District will have its birthday party on November 5th. We have invited a past delegate to speak and everyone is invited. We also had the CPC committee from the Area speak to us on how the committee works and their activities. Thank you for allowing me to serve.
Dario

District 24: No Report

District 25: No Report

District 30: No Report

Recap of Actions:

- Ramon announced that we need a new coffee person for future MSCA events.
- Approval of the Draft Minutes from the 5 May 2016 ASA was suspended due to lack of hard copies, and will be provided and voted on at the June 2017 ASA (which will also include the Draft Minutes of today's ASA).
- The HASBYPAA request for Area 09 letter of recommendation to host 2017 ACYPAA Convention was passed with unanimous approval.
- Following discussion of those in attendance, the draft 2017 Calendar of events was unanimously approved as submitted.
- Mitchell B, Audit Committee Chair, and others on that committee will meet with the GAP Committee to discuss and complete the 2015 audit report, which he expects could be completed later this month.

Announcements:

- Alicia reported there is a Spanish-speaking workshop for women coming up in October.
- Rich W reported there is an H&I chili cook-off in the Long Beach area next weekend.

Birthdays:

September birthdays included Mitchell with 7 years, Gilbert with 5 years, Lois with 55 years, and Kathy with 11 years.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 2:15 p.m., with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

Minutes respectfully submitted by your MSCA 09 Panel #66 Secretary, Ed L.