

***** APPROVED MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 MINUTES ***
AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC) MINUTES**

Hosted by District 11 on 11 December 2016
Bradford's LGBT Center
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Meeting was called to order by Chair Ramon at 12:00 p.m.

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by Tim in English/Rodrigo in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Mike in English/Teresa in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Chris in English/Melquiades 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 Motion made (Scott R), seconded (Cheryl M), and unanimously approved to accept draft minutes from the October 2016 ASC as written.

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

Delegate Joe C: No report.

Alternate Delegate Jesus O: No report.

Registrar Ryan B: Hello everyone, my name is Ryan, I'm an Alcoholic and your Area 09 Registrar. Here are some of the things that have occurred since or last meeting: Attended the Area 5 Elections on October 23, 2016. Assisted Joe, Jesus and Diane in counting ballots. November 9, 2016 attended the Orange County Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous Elections. November 12, 2016 attended the Service & Responsibility Workshop hosted by Districts 2 & 4. Attended the Area 93 Elections on November 20th, 2016 in Simi Valley. Attended the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session planning committee meeting December 8th in Laguna Hills with Leandro. I am looking forward to compiling new notebooks for all Districts for the 2017 year, as was done January 2016. Status of the Fellowship New Vision Database for Area 09: Total Entries = 3,519, Active Groups = 1,805, Merged Groups = 203, Unknown Groups = 326, Inactive = 1,179, Incomplete = 0, Pending Active = 5, Pending Inactive = 1, and Invalid Mail Contacts = 0. Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

Treasurer Accounts Payable Diane C: No report.

Treasurer Accounts Receivable Leandro C: Good morning to everybody, my name is Leandro and I'm an alcoholic. My job is to be aware of all contributions to Area 09, Mid-Southern California. In November we received 203 contributions for a total of \$6,373.25. The results of November are very positive. In December, we had 70 contributions between December 1st and 9th, which included contributions of \$4,350.06. So, as of this morning, the total is \$27,673.52. If things keep going the way they are, we can certainly do more committee work to carry the message. That is all for now. Thank you for your patience. Leandro C.

Secretary Ed L: Between October 9 and December 11, 2016 I attended the ASC in Indio, eblasted bilingual versions of the October newsletter prepared by Cesar, distributed Servathon flyers produced by Jesus O, and completed 18 miscellaneous actions on behalf of Area 09. My sincere thanks to Jesus O for getting English-to-Spanish translations of ASC draft minutes and Servathon flyers completed in a timely manner and to Bob H for getting copies made and to Area meetings on time. If you are not receiving emails (still), please be patient and see me to make sure you are on my list and that I have your email spelled correctly. Please be sure to complete DCM and Standing Committee report forms, which are available up front with the checkerboard box to submit completed forms. At any given meeting, my registration list is only partially complete. If you want to be acknowledged as attending a given Area meeting and have not already checked in, please be sure to see me before you leave.

Area Chair Ramon D: No report.

Old Business:

- MSCA 09 Corporate Lease – Ramon gave a brief overview of the need to consider lease renewal for this facility. Several people expressed their concern that we are failing to implement our normal process, which has required us to change ASCs into ASAs; one other person said the Board should operate the Right to Decision and decide this issue for the Area. With a motion (Scott), second (Nancy), and simple majority vote the ASC was provisionally changed to an ASA so there could be a vote to determine if MSCA 09 members want to remain at the current office building location at 7111 Arlington Ave, Riverside or move to a new location.

Mitchell B then read the original motion: The Archives Standing Committee recommends that MSCA enter into a 5-year lease agreement with INVESTCAL Realty Corporation for property located at 7111 Arlington Avenue, #B, Riverside, CA 92503 (aka Archives Repository/MSCA Headquarters). Terms of the lease will be: 1) the monthly rent will remain at the current rate of \$1,025 from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, and 2) beginning January 1, 2019 the monthly rent will increase \$30 to \$1,055 a month will be in effect until December 31, 2021.”

Jeryl T then made a friendly amendment to the motion that we have only a one-year lease, which was seconded by Nancy. Raul C, who made the original motion, did not accept the friendly amendment. Scott R then called for the question, which was seconded by Nancy, effectively ending the discussion.

Following the above discussion, there was a vote to accept the Archives Standing Committee’s proposal as given above, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for approval, and was approved by those in attendance. With a total of 73 votes, there were 63 positive votes and 10 negative votes. One person changed their vote after the minority opinion was expressed. Following a floor motion (Don) and a second (Patrick) that was later withdrawn, Chair Ramon agreed to appoint an ad hoc committee to inventory Archives function. There was then a motion (Rich), a second (Scott), and unanimous approval to turn the ASA back into an ASC.

- Guidelines and Policies (GAP) Committee Guidelines – At the June 2016 ASC, there was an approved motion to “have Area 09 adopt the Guidelines and Policy Committee Guidelines as proposed in both English and Spanish versions,” which was to be discussed at a future ASC and voted on at a future ASA. This was the second ASC for discussion on the GAP Guidelines. Judy B proposed to forward the GAP Guidelines to the January 2017 ASA, which was unanimously approved.
- Motion to change Communications Guidelines (Spanish Co-chair): The motion was originally made at the October ASC and opened for any new discussion today. Don S proposed to forward the draft Communications Guidelines to the January 2017 ASA, which was unanimously approved.
- Special Needs Spanish Co-chair (vacant): In spite of Joe’s request, no one steps forward to fill this position.

New Business:

- 2017 proposed operations budget. Todd W presented the draft 2017 operations budget for consideration and vote. The 2016 Final Budget with changes was \$85,425.00 with a 2017 Proposed Budget of \$86,200.00 for 2017. Todd indicated that there would be a minor adjustment brought before the Board at their business meeting next week. The 2017 amount for Archives needs to be changed from \$13,300 to \$12,300, which is the number for 2016. Todd indicated that this and any other changes will be in the final budget brought forward at the January 2017 ASA. Don S motioned, with a second from Pat, and unanimous approval that a \$200/month stipend (total \$2,400) be added to the 2017 proposed budget to reimburse the webmaster for maintaining the website. We already have two independent contractors and this would constitute a third contractor, which would require a 1099 form, and is entirely legal. Rich motioned that the 2017 budget be amended so that each chair and co-chair have a minimum budget of \$400 per year, which was seconded by Scott, and unanimously approved. Pat S made a motion, seconded by Julius, that the Public Information budget be increased to \$1,100 to provide sufficient funding to purchase AA literature for the Orange County Fair. Todd asked that the PI Committee provide an accounting for how the literature money was spent for this event when it gets closer. Todd W asked for approval that the proposed budget, with the above amendments, be brought forward to the 2017 ASA for a formal vote, which was unanimously approved.

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Archives Raul C: We meet at Archives every third Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Last Sunday, December 4, District 12 hosted Heritage Day with good long timers. We need one volunteer for the San Bernardino convention. In our next meeting, we will discuss projects for 2017.

Cooperation with the Elderly Community Mike M: No one showed up today, which was pleasant and quiet.

Communications Carlos R: We discussed the motion for the Co-chairperson currently being considered by the Area. We are hopeful the motion will be approved at the January Assembly. The committee requested that the Finance Committee will have an additional budget line of \$2,400 (\$200/month) for a web master stipend. We were informed the Finance Committee asked

that this be presented as a motion to the December ASC. The Communications Committee will continue work on updating the Area 09 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: There were 4 in attendance. We welcomed Jeannie (GSR) from Redlands. Her experience with the Inland Empire AA Convention prompted her decision to join our committee. We are excited to have her. We shared our experience, strength, and hope with her. Our topic of expression was “How best to carry the message.” In 2017, our first convention will be in Woodland Hills on January 27-29. They always ask for Area 09 representation and we attend every year.

Convention Liaison Spanish Alex O: No Report

Corrections Mike K: There were 10 in attendance. The committee has chosen March 18, 2017 for an Area 09 Corrections Workshop focusing on Corrections Correspondence and Prerelease Contact. We plan to announce the location of the workshop at the January Area meeting.

DCM School English Hiro S: There were 5 in attendance. We discussed the unique position of the DCM and their incredible opportunity to be at the spearhead of increasing participation in AA as a whole, through their group visitations, contact with GSRs, running workshops, and other duties and responsibilities. The DCM School exists to help DCMs in performing their duties. The DCM School is not a onetime event; it is an ongoing program where we build upon knowledge and experience gained in previous sessions to improve our abilities to serve. All DCMs are encouraged to attend DCM School sessions. Learn to let us help you.

DCM School Spanish Juan B: We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and introduction of the attendees, which totaled 10. We studied the 9th Concept and discussed District concerns regarding internal meetings. We shared our experiences with DCMs who have longtime members in AA that are new to service at District meetings. The meeting was closed with the responsibility statement. I also attended meetings of the five Hispanic Districts to share on general service issues. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Finance Todd W: There were 7 in attendance. We presented the 2017 budget to the December ASC, pending any additional changes, to be ready for the Assembly in January.

Guidelines and Policies (GAP) Judy B: There were 3 in attendance. This is the 2nd AS to consider our proposed guidelines and to forward them to the January 2017 Assembly. We have been quiet as a committee in the last few months. Please remember that even though our guidelines have yet to be approved by the Area, we are a fully functioning committee and are willing and able to be of service to you. Respectively submitted by Judy B.

Grapevine Elizabeth S: There were 4 in attendance today. This month’s topic was “where is Grapevine needed?” We talked about different ways to subscribe, where to provide submission guidelines, and how to get the GVR packet online. Next month we’ll have copies of workbooks for District chairs.

GSR School English Sharon K: There were 10 in attendance. We talked about group business meetings and how to go about beginning ideal to your District and Area. We also talked about what each committee does and went over the proposals on the agenda.

GSR School Spanish Jose A: The meeting began at 10:15 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer and the GSR Preamble. We had a new GSR and one guest for a total of 18 attendees. We listened to the concerns of various GSRs of what is going on in their Groups, and then we reviewed part of Concept 12. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

La Viña Luis S: No Report

Literature English Scott R: No Report

Literature Spanish Victor R: No Report

Public Information English Deborah A: There were 6 in attendance. We discussed budget and participation in the Orange County Fair by supplying literature. Mauricio will be giving a Public Information presentation at the District in January. We are continuing to discuss the process of accounting for Big Book and 12 x 12's in area libraries, police stations, and schools. Upcoming events include the Public Information presentation in January. A Spanish Public Information booth will be set up at Santa Ana Street Market on weekends.

Public Information Spanish Mauricio T: We continue to work with our committee. The District 20 PI committee is very active. I am going to be speaking at District 7 regarding my PI service. Thanks to the support of the Hispanic Districts of IP committee liaisons and thank you for allowing me to serve.

Registration Gilbert G: There were 3 in attendance today. We agreed to host a workshop during the month of February 2017 on a Saturday to be determined with the following potential topics: forms by Ryan B; the DCM and Group presentations by Hiro S; and what do we do with dark meetings? These will be in a round table format.

Special Needs Gene H: There were 5 in attendance. We went over our literature relaying how it works. We are checking out if there are Spanish materials for Special Needs. Special Needs is intended to address both physical and mental needs. We had 3 new members in attendance.

Treatment Facilities Carlos I: We discussed outreach to local treatment centers and ways to partner with local H&I Committees; continuing efforts to build our data base for treatment contacts; PRAASA; future mailings to treatment centers; treatment committee mission statement; clarification of H&I and GSO's roles in treatment. District 12 has built a model District Treatment committee and how to organize workshops.

Coordinate Committee Reports:

HASBYPA – We are bidding for the All California Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous for 2018. On December 17, 2016 we are planning for “Doctor Bob’s Nightmare” at the San Pedro Alano Club at 9 p.m.

Inland Empire H&I - No Report

Harbor Area Central Office – No Report

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 1: There were 38 in attendance. At our November District meeting, the GSRs approved the budget for 2017. The budget was amended to send two people to PRAASA at District expense instead of four. The District voted to have a holiday party in December in lieu of a business meeting. Our party on December 8 was a great success. About 50 attendees brought food for the potluck. Jim S, former District 1 DCMC and former MSCA Alternate Delegate was the speaker. Attendance included about a dozen visitors and prospective GSRs. At the October executive committee meeting a strategic plan for 2017 was presented for consideration. There will be a Traditions Workshop in 2017.

District 2: No Report

District 3: No Report

District 4: There were 43 in attendance at our last meeting with 77 total for the year. We combined the DCM and GSR Schools with 7 in attendance. Three new DCMs were elected during the meeting. We provided DCM packets to two of the new DCMs. All new GSRs

received a map of District 4. We discussed the AREA ASC switching to an Assembly too often for comfort! There were 9 in attendance at the Concepts Study. Rich W celebrated 26 years.

District 5: No Report

District 6: There were +/- 70 in attendance at our recent meeting. District 6 continues to try to get full representation of all registered groups. We continue to have 50 to 70 GSRs show up at District meetings and have had 100% committee participation. We will begin working on a suitable location as we host this year's Preconference Workshop in April. Out District visited the Area 09 Archive to be of service and have a great time enjoying the day.

District 7: Cheryl M reported there are 70 registered in the District and 12 in attendance. Currently, our District is busy preparing for the Area Assembly in January 2017. We are also considering topics for scheduling of educational workshops for 2017. The District continues Group and meeting GSRs, as well as committee representatives for the various Area Standing Committees. We are planning for the January 8, 2017 Assembly at the Walton Intermediate School in Garden Grove.

District 8: No Report

District 9: No Report

District 10: No Report

District 11: No Report

District 12: Our District 12 Meeting in Laguna Niguel, CA on 12/1/16 was well attended and it became very evident that we have much work to do during the second half of our panel of service. District 12 was pleased to host the very well attended Heritage Day at the Canyon Club in Laguna Beach on 12/4/16. Tommy G, Patty O, Jim S and Alice C were excellent panelists and the Area Archives, Bob and Mitchell, brought a beautiful display of history and collectibles reflective of the history of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you all who participated in putting this wonderful event together for our MSCA 09 / District 12 members. The District 12 Guidelines updates are in process. The project was inspired to rename the Accessibilities Committee per the General Service Conference recommendations. The GSRs are reviewing current and proposed updated guidelines which include updated job descriptions in terms of what our trusted servants actually do to perform their jobs for District 12 roles. General Service opportunities / vacancies were filled. We are having challenges filling the Accessibilities Chair position as well as both male and female DCM positions for our four sub-districts. Per GSR request, Catherine presented a synopsis of the General Service Conference Strategic Plan at the November Meeting and the Webmaster has posted the summary on our District 12 Website. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Catherine E, District 12 DCMC.

District 14: There were 6 in attendance. Two from the District went to the Heritage Day celebration in Laguna Beach on December 4th. The next meeting is December 21st. We've started planning for a Secretary Workshop in spring of 2017.

District 15: No Report

District 17: There were 4 in attendance. District 17 is happy to report a new DCM – Becky F. We were also happy to fill the following standing committees: GSR School, Grapevine, Corrections, and Cooperation with the Professional Community. We are actively working on creating annual events to help bring awareness to District 17 and the 12 Traditions. We are working to visit dark meetings in our District. Our Registrar has begun to complete a list of our dark meetings and we will start next month to assign meetings for our members to visit.

District 18: There were 40+ in our recent meeting. I apologize for the small facility today and thank you for your patience! Our new District meeting place is awesome; please come and visit! We are looking forward to attending PRAASA.

District 19: No Report

District 20: We continue to meet Mondays at 7:30 pm and we visit two meetings per week to share about general service and upcoming events. We just had a new group form on November 15th. Our District will be taking its inventory on January 15th. We will be renting a venue for the inter-District meeting of the Spanish speaking Districts. We are currently signing people up for PRAASA and we attended Heritage Day. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

District 21: The District is working as usual. We visit two meetings per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. GSRs give their reports on the first Wednesday of the month; the second Wednesday is the Board meeting; the 3rd Wednesday is the business meeting; and the fourth Wednesday we study the concept of the month. We have 37 Groups and 18 of those Groups have GSRs. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Next inter-District meeting is December 18.

District 22: We meet every Tuesday and we alternate a business and book study meeting every other week. We visit Groups that do not have a GSR on Mondays to motivate them to send one. On Thursdays is Group visitation day for all Groups and we encourage them to send contributions to both the District and the Area. Our local Congress gave a contribution of \$375 to the Area for the 33rd Anniversary of the Congress. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

District 23: We visit Groups once day per week and we are working with the PI and CCP committees to have round table discussions of these committees. We are working and motivating people to go to PRAASA. We chaired the Riverside Intergroup Office Elections workshop last month. Thank you for letting me serve.

District 24: In these past few months I've really enjoyed my service position as DCMC of my District. We have 18 out of 24 Groups represented by a GSR. We have IP Chair, two H & I liaisons, and one to the Intergroup Office. The officers of the District are the DCM, Alt. DCM, Secretary; the Alt. DCM is serving as the interim treasurer and registrar. We are working well with the Groups and we are ready to go to PRAASA. We will be hosting the Hispanic Districts' meeting on December 18 and we will have round tables with topics such as sponsorship and Concepts 9 and 10. Thanks to District 10 for inviting us to share our experience with them. Our Spanish meeting at the Alano Club is no longer contacting us for help after five meetings. We contributed from the Seventh Tradition enough money to give them a subscription to La Viña for three years, a textbook, one Daily Reflections book, and Public Information pamphlets. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

District 25: Everything is going well in our Groups and District. We continue visiting two Groups per week to motivate the Seventh Tradition. We are planning the inter-District meeting that we will be hosting next month. We are in communication with District 8 as we will be co-hosting the Area Forum in July. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

District 30: No Report

Recap of Actions:

- Draft Minutes of October 2016 ASC were approved as final.
- Motion passed to accept the Archives Standing Committee's proposal as stated herein to renew a five-year lease for renewing the lease at 7111 Arlington Avenue, Riverside, CA.
- The Chair agreed to appoint an ad hoc committee to inventory Archives function.
- Motion passed to forward the draft GAP Guidelines to the January 2017 ASA.

- Motion passed to forward the draft Communications Guidelines to the January 2017 ASA.
- Motion passed that a \$200/month stipend (total \$2,400) be added to the 2017 proposed budget to reimburse the webmaster for maintaining the website.
- Motion passed that the 2017 budget be amended so that each chair and co-chair has a minimum budget of \$400 per year.
- Motion passed to increase the Public Information budget to \$1,100 to purchase AA literature for the Orange County Fair.
- Motion passed, with the amendments given herein, to present the proposed budget to the 2017 ASA for a formal vote.
- Accounts Payable Treasurer, Diane C, will provide Ed L with a revised budget that Ed will eblast to all members.

Announcements:

- Miscellaneous announcements were made regarding District events. Ryan will be printing out District notebooks to be distributed early in 2017.

Birthdays:

November and December birthdays: Ramon celebrated 12 years, Rich with 23 years, Ryan with 8 years, Alicia with 32 years, Gerardo with 25 years, Jim with 23 years, Joseph with 20 years, Bei-Min with 9 years today

Motion made, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 3:00 p.m., with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

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