

# APPROVED MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 MINUTES

## AREA SERVICE ASSEMBLY

10 January 2016  
Rogers Senior Center, 1706 Orange Avenue  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Past Chair, Sharon at 0930

**In Attendance:** Cesar, Past Delegate then introduced the Panel 66 Board: Delegate Joe, Chair Ramon, Registrar Ryan, Alt Delegate Jesus, Treasurers Diane and Leandro, and Secretary Ed

**Readings:** Declaration of Unity read by Angela in English and Angela in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Gary in English and Martin in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Shelby in English and Refugio 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.

**Delegate Joe:** Joe thanked Cesar for his service, and helping him learn his current position over the past two years. Welcome to all the new GSRs, DCM, DCMCs, officers, and visitors. Joe's committee position at the Conference will be related to Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities. Joe is looking for a volunteer liaison for a workshop for Spanish speaking women on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> in Fillmore, California. Joe also has a published conference inventory from 2015. Joe then shared about the 14 Preliminary Agenda Items, which are not reiterated herein. These include suggested changes to everything from Archives to Trustees. They will be emailed by Ed to all Area 09 members with email addresses.

**Alternate Delegate Jesus:** Jesus introduced himself and indicated he recently attended the board meeting of the old and new boards, and has signed up for the 2016 PRAASA.

**Chair Ramon:** Ramon expressed his appreciation to all in attendance, for their tolerance, patience, and love.

**Secretary Ed:** Ed thanked Barbara for her service and helping him transition into this position. He then shared the unapproved minutes of 1 November 2015, the Election Assembly Minutes asking for any corrections. Rich made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jodi, and unanimously approved by those in the assembly.

**Treasurers Leandro and Diane:** Leandro introduced himself as the Treasurer responsible for receiving contributions. Diane is catching up on a few glitches and has boxes available for expense reports.

**Registrar Ryan:** Ryan attended Panel 64's final board meeting in December.

## **Committee Elections:**

The Archives Committee already elected **Raul C** as the Archives Chair and now seeks Area 09 confirmation of his election. After he introduced himself he was unanimously approved by the Assembly to serve as the Archives Chair.

The Finances Committee elects the Finances Chair. Past Finances Chair, Rich, introduced **Todd W** as the recently-elected Finances Chair. After introducing himself, Todd was unanimously confirmed by Assembly as the new Finances Chair.

**Committee Chair Elections:** The minimum suggested sobriety is five years. All commitments are for two years.

**Communications:** When Carlos, who has four years sobriety, stood for this position, a motion was made and unanimously approved to allow him to serve with only four years. With no additional people standing, **Carlos R** was unanimously elected.

**Cooperation with the Elderly Community:** Past Chair, **Mike M**, introduced himself and was elected when no one else stood.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community:** There are both Spanish and English Chairs for this committee. With only one person standing, **Luciano P** was elected as Spanish Co-Chair. With no one else standing, **Tanya D** was approved as the CPC English Chair.

**Convention Liaison:** **Karen L** was the only person who stood for this English position, and was unanimously elected as the new Chair. There was not a Spanish-speaking Convention Liaison for Panel 64. **Alex O** stood for this position was unanimously selected.

**Corrections:** There is not a Spanish co-chair for this committee but there may be an alternate chair. Mike K from District 6 and Roman from District 21 stood for this position. There was a unanimous consensus that whoever was not elected, the other person would serve informally as the Alternate Chair. The two men left the room, at which time **Mike K** was voted into this position.

**DCM Schools:** Scott R and Hiro S stood for this position. **Hiro S** was selected by a majority vote for the English Co-Chair DCM School position. Juan B and Amador ran for the Spanish Co-Chair, and **Juan B** was unanimously selected.

**GAP Committee:** GAP stands for “Guideline and Policy” Committee, which was newly formed in the fall of 2015. The function is to assist the Area in drafting, interpreting, and understanding motions as they are brought before the Area. Scott R, Judy, Jim B, Rich W, and Don (who was part of the *ad hoc* committee that proposed this committee) were the two people standing for this position. The majority vote was for **Judy B**.

**Grapevine/La Viña:** Members standing for the Grapevine Chair included Elizabeth and Scott. **Elizabeth S** was unanimously voted into this position. Members standing for the La Vina Chair included **Luis S**, who was elected to this position.

**GSR Schools:** Those standing for the GSR School in English included **Sharon K**, who was unanimously selected. **Jose A** stood for the GSR School in Spanish, and was unanimously selected.

**Literature:** There are both Spanish and English Co-Chairs for this committee. **Scott R** stood for the Literature English Co-Chair and was unanimously selected. **Victor R** stood for the Literature Spanish Co-Chair and was unanimously selected to this position.

**Public Information:** Those standing for English Public Information Chair included **Deborah A**, who has been in that position as interim-chair this past year, and was unanimously selected to stay in this position. **Mauricio T** was the only person to stand for the Spanish Public Information Co-Chair to which he was unanimously selected.

**Registration:** This committee does not have a Spanish co-chair. Those standing for this position include **Gilbert G**, who was unanimously selected to this position.

**Special Needs:** Those standing for the English co-chair position included **Gene H**, who was unanimously selected to this position. No one stood to be the Spanish co-chair position.

**Treatment Facilities:** **Carlos I** stood for the Treatment Facilities Chair and was unanimously selected.

**Coffee Commitment:** Ramon indicated we do not have a coffee commitment person, and asked for volunteers.

**Sound Person:** Although Jose has offered to serve as the sound person, Ramon opened the floor for any additional interested persons. When no one else stood, **Jose M** was unanimously selected to be the new sound person.

#### **Old Business:**

**Audit Committee Presentation:** Ramon had previously asked four people to serve on the Audit Committee, including Mitchell, Dario, and Julie. This is an appointed task rather than an elected one, so these three were introduced and confirmed by those in attendance to this committee. Ramon would still like to have a fourth person added to this committee.

**Budget:** Attendees were invited to discuss the budget, which was previously adopted and is to be voted on at this Area Service Assembly. Two people asked why the budget for Convention Liaison and Archives was so high. Annie from the Finance Committee shared that these costs were necessarily high to accommodate travel to numerous conventions and function of Archives, respectively. The motion was made, seconded, and approved with a two-thirds

majority (100 yes votes and 2 votes of no; 1 person changed their vote after hearing the minority opinion) to adopt the 2016 budget as presented.

**Grapevine/La Viña Guidelines:** English and Spanish versions have been available since mid-2015. The motion was made (Gregory), seconded (Cubby), and unanimously approved to adopt these Guidelines are given.

**New Business:**

**Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous:** HASBYPAA (Harbor Area South Bay Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) asked that the Area provide an endorsement to host an ACYPAA convention in February 2017, with their proposal to be presented in April 2016. ACYPAA needs to provide a formal request at the February 2016 ASC agenda, so it can be considered during two ASCs, then voted on at the May 2016 ASA.

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

**Finance Rich W:** Area 09 Assembly confirmed the Finance Committee Chair as Todd W, who had volunteered and was elected by the committee in November. Committee thanks the Area Assembly for approval of the 2016 budget! Happy New Year!

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

**District 6 Scott:** Our meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. We discussed Concept and Tradition 12. The Registrar's report was given. Six new GSRs have recently joined the District. December minutes were read by Marya, seconded, and adopted. Marya in her Alt DCM report spoke about service sponsorship. Kim and Erica welcomed new GSRs in GSR School. Scott discussed new panel's board meeting on 1/2/2016, which focused on encouraging GSR's involvement with committees and Area assemblies. We also discussed the importance of the AA Service Manual. Under new business, Lisa motioned that we begin an AA Service Manual Study, which was accepted by all. Round tables discussed the January assembly with brief reports. There will be a "Servicepaluza" in the spring, with the date to be determined. We then had elections for committee chairs and Sub-District DCMs. Three GSRs celebrated December birthdays. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 with the Responsibility Pledge.

**District 7 Cheryl:** As we enter 2016, District 7 is hosting an educational workshop, February 27<sup>th</sup> (2-5 p.m.) at the Garden Grove Alano Club. Our theme is "Expanding your AA World," and we'll be highlighting AA's three elements of recovery, unity, and service. This is the first of two workshops we intend on hosting in 2016. Our goals are to increase the number of GSR's representing our groups and educate their members of the vital importance of General Service work.

**District 14 Todd:** Todd W volunteered and was voted in as the new DCMC for 2016-2017 at the November meeting. Our December meeting was a potluck meeting, as we celebrated those who participated in the 2014-2015. The District is looking forward to a great 2016 in service! Movie night in April or May is pending.

**Wrap-Up:**

**Recap of Actions:** Recap was given by Ed L.

**Announcements:** District 7 is hosting an “Expanding Your AA World” in February;

**January Birthdays:** Sharon with 15 years, Julius 3, Cesar 20, Jesus 24, Russ 5, Annie 20, Gail 2, and Paco 28.

**Closing Prayer and Adjournment:**

Next Meetings:

Feb. 14 – ASC: The Royal Event Hall 68030 Vista Chino #102 Cathedral City, CA 92234  
Hosted by District 22

Mar. 13 – ASC: Wilmington Senior Center, 1371 Eubank Ave. Wilmington 90744  
Hosted by District 21

Meeting adjourned at (2:15 p.m.), motion made by (Carlos), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Barbaradee) and meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

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