

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

AREA SERVICE ASSEMBLY (ASA) MINUTES

Hosted by District 7 on 8 January 2017
12181 Buaro Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840

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

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by Terry in English/Gustavo in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by John in English/Teresa in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Bei-Min in English/Sergio 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 The draft minutes of the May and September ASAs were both considered by the membership for approval. Motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept these two sets of draft minutes as written.

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

Delegate Joe C: Mostly, I have been gearing up for the Board weekend in New York. I leave on Thursday. I have been receiving some sporadic correspondence from GSO and also Bill F., the Chair of the Trustee Committee on CPC and Treatment & Accessibilities. From what I can gather, the Board weekend works similar to the Conference. Each individual committee meets and makes its recommendation to the entire Board. The Board meets at the end of the weekend to discuss everything. I am attending as an observer and also as a participant, but I will not be allowed to vote. I'm a bit nervous, but anxious and excited too. I'm really looking forward to it. I will fly home Monday. Also, I have been waiting for our Communications Kit to be mailed from GSO. I think they are running late because the Conference Coordinator recently retired. I have been waiting for the kit to be mailed because this is when the new delegates find out which committees they will be serving on. Since I am a Chair, I want to call them and welcome them. I had the opportunity to attend a wonderful YPAA event in Culver City a few weeks ago. It consisted of a series of 3 panels. The discussion was raw and honest. The most memorable panel for me was on the topic of safety in A.A. The group had robust discussion on the topic and I have found myself still digesting what was discussed. Tonight I am scheduled to attend a conference call with the PRAASA delegate advisory board of which I am a member. That is all I have for today. Respectfully submitted, Joe C, Panel 66 Delegate, Mid-Southern CA Area 09, Conference Committee Chair Treatment & Accessibilities.

Alternate Delegate Jesus O: I attended the November Board meeting and helped translate the September minutes. I'm invited to speak about leadership in AA at the Spanish general service workshop in San Diego next Sunday and today I helped chair the GSR school in Sharon's absence. I registered for PRAASA yesterday and I want to encourage anyone who has hard copies of the registration forms to please share. Thank you for allowing me to serve. We don't have the location for the next Area meeting; I believe it's District 19, so please let us know if anyone has the information so we can pass it on to the Area members.

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: December 17: Attended the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session planning committee meeting in Santa Ana. December 18: Attended the Area 09 Executive Board meeting in Riverside. December 29: Participated in a video conference for the 4 Area DCM planning committee. January 5: Completed the Area Registrar Notebook project and have notebooks upfront for the District Registrars / delegated district officer. Please pick them up and use them at your discretion. Also this year we have included thumb drives that include Excel, Word and portable document format versions of the District's group listings. I am looking forward to participating in the upcoming Registrar Workshop. Status of the Fellowship New Vision Database for Area 09 is as follows: Total Entries = 3522; Active Groups = 1817; Merged Groups = 203; Unknown Groups = 319; Inactive = 1179; Incomplete = 0; Pending Active = 3; 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 for Area 09 Mid-Southern California. Diane is responsible for all the payments, and we work together especially towards the end of the month in order to report correct numbers. In December 2016, there were a total of 182 contributions, for a total of \$9,332.09. Contributions in January 2017 started a little bit higher because in the first eight days we received 55 contributions, for a total of \$1,383.83. As of January 8, 2017, we have a total of \$32,111.79. In 2016, a total of \$81,285.56 was contributed. That is all for now. Thank you for your patience. Leandro C.

Secretary Ed L: There were about 30 secretarial actions since our December ASC. I attended the ASC in Santa Ana and the Board meeting the next weekend in Riverside. My main activities in the past two weeks were to review and edit as to form the Guidelines and Bylaws. There were no substantial changes but spacing and grammatical errors were corrected. These two documents will be distributed to the entire membership within the next few weeks. I still continue to eblast various materials to more than 850 members, past and present, and will not remove you unless asked to do so. There were 22 new members in attendance today that will be added to this distribution list, so you should be receiving materials within the next week. If you do not receive anything before our February gathering, please let me know then and I will be sure your correct email is on the list. Please fill out reports and leave them back here at the table.

Area Chair Ramon D: Since we met last, I was invited to speak in San Clemente on the Doctor's Opinion and to the San Antonio group in Norwalk, CA. I attended the December 2016 Board meeting. I attended to some of your requests and questions. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Old Business:

- Guidelines and Policies (GAP) proposed guidelines (Judy B): Judy referred to the proposed guidelines that have been discussed at two previous ASCs, which was then discussed by several members. Judy motioned that these proposed guidelines be adopted as presented. Catherine E made a friendly amendment (that Item B be modified to include the following clause:

“...processes all motions presented to the GAP Committee without censor or veto”), which was seconded by Julius Y, and approved by a simple majority with one vote of no, by Mitchell B who expressed his minority opinion. Phil G then made a motion to table the motion, which was seconded by Clifton, and discussed. The vote to table the motion had 7 supporting votes, with a clear majority (uncounted, with about 130 people in attendance) dismissing the motion to table. Judy’s original motion with this friendly amendment was then seconded and approved by a simple majority.

- Communications proposed guidelines (Don S): Don provided the proposed guidelines at two previous ASCs, which were intended to clarify the function of the Communications Committee. It identifies a Co-Chairman rather than an Alternate Chairman, and requires that both English- and Spanish-speaking entities be elected. The motion to adopt the Communications guidelines as presented was approved by a simple majority.
- 2017 Operations Budget (Todd W): After input by four members, the motion to adopt the 2017 proposed operations budget as presented was approved by a simple majority. Two members stated their minority opinions, which did not result in a reversal of the former approval.

New Business:

- Facilities/Archives Ad Hoc Committee: It is the responsibility of the Chair to identify ad hoc committees, in this case for an inventory on the healthy function of MSCA’s facilities, which houses the Archives, at 7111 Arlington Avenue in Riverside, CA. As Chair, Ramon D appointed Diane C to serve as the chair of this ad hoc committee. She asked Patrick S, Jeryl T, Becky F, Carlos I, and Mitchell B to serve on this committee, who all agreed to serve. Phil G asked that the Board address the conundrum of our ability to approve the small portion of the ASC minutes that was changed to an ASA for the Archives/Facilities lease at the February ASC. Do we need to wait until the next ASA in May 2017 to approve that portion of the ASC minutes that pertained to the provisional ASA?
- Appoint an Audit Committee (3 members, 2 alternatives): Ramon is in the process of determining the members of this committee. Rather than appoint anyone, he asked from the floor for those experienced with auditing to come forward and volunteer to serve.

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Archives Raul C: There were 12 in attendance. It is a new year and we have many projects. Next Saturday, District 18 will come by for sorting. On March 18, the Correctional Committee will have a workshop. The open house will be on March 25th. We need volunteers for scanning and sorting.

Cooperation with the Elderly Community Mike M: There were 4 in attendance. There was miscellaneous discussion with no real highlights. The next meeting in February will bring replacement literature for District CEC members.

Communications Carlos R: There were 6 in attendance. We discussed completing the process of amending bylaws and passing web master budget line item. The committee will deal with additional needed bylaws changes at the February ASC. We will also develop a critical path to prepare committee responsibilities for transfer to the next panel officers.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Tanya D: There were 6 in attendance. The committee received literature packets and began putting packets together for English and Spanish. We were invited to an event in July by GSO. There will be more information to come.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish Luciano P: We had 5 members and reviewed the workbook. Information was given on how the committee works with two newcomers. Information packets will soon be delivered to Hispanic Districts. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Luciano.

Convention Liaison English Karen L: No Report

Convention Liaison Spanish Alex O: No Report

Corrections Mike K: There were 7 in attendance. There is a Committee Workshop on March 18, 2017 at the Archives Repository at 7111 Arlington Avenue, Riverside from noon until 3:00 pm. Six panelists will share their stories on the following topics: one panelist on Correctional Facilities; two that participated from the inside with Corrections Correspondence and Pre-release; and two that performed service work with Corrections Correspondence and Pre-release. Information will be provided on how AAs on the outside and inside can participate in Corrections Correspondence and Pre-release. For additional event information, call Mike K at (949) 274-1338. If you want to volunteer, call Gregory C at (562) 437-6429

DCM School English Hiro S: There were 14 in attendance, including 3 new DCMs. Last month, Hiro S attended the Stateline Retreat in Las Vegas and met Trustee Billy N and Akron Archivist Gail, both of whom enriched my experience of the Concepts of World Service. Today, we enjoyed an overview of DCM duties care of the Service Manual; welcoming our new DCMs; normalizing how bewildering it can be; inviting participants to all activities below; delighting in AA literature including service guidelines, pamphlets, and Service Manual/Concepts; and studying Concept One, we are the life blood of AA World Service. Alice from District 18 described their Thursday 6:00 pm Service Manual study meeting (she will bring flyers and the format next month). Upcoming events include the Four-Area DCM Sharing Session on February 4th; on January 15, DCM School Chair will be providing a Concepts/DCM School talk at District 9's January meeting; PRAASA in Sacramento March 3 to 5; and September 29 District 19 will be going to the Serenity Now Group in Wrightwood to speak on Group Inventory and 12 Traditions. Any DCMs wanting to join me are welcome to come and participate in any of these events.

DCM School Spanish Juan B: We began the meeting with the Serenity Prayer followed by introductions and attendance of 10 members. We reviewed Concept II and we all shared on this concept. The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer. Grace for letting me serve. Juan B.

Finance Todd W: There were 4 committee members present and 6 new people visiting. There was final discussion on the 2017 budget. Manya W from District 6 is our new Secretary, replacing Kristie who resigned to perform a new fulltime job commitment. The Finance Committee wants to be of service to all members in Area 09 for 2017. Thank you.

Guidelines and Policies (GAP) Judy B: No Report.

Grapevine Elizabeth S: There were 4 in attendance. We talked about where to find resources on the aagrapevine.org website; how the app is on Android as well; about the difference between the app and digital subscription Android app is available. Prison stories are due by February 5th. Ed L gave us an overview of his recent call on the Editorial Advisory Board. In early March there will be a Grapevine tri-fold board craft-a-thon in Huntington Beach.

GSR School English Sharon K: No Report

GSR School Spanish Jose A: The meeting began at 10:20 am with the Serenity Prayer followed by the reading of the GSR Preamble and introductions. There was an attendance of 21 people, including one new GSR. There was a question about the LGBTQ brochure and information was

given to those present. Then Concept II of the service manual was studied and the meeting was terminated at 12:15 pm with the declaration of responsibility. Jose A.

La Viña Luis S: On January 20th, we were present in Van Nuys, CA for the election of the motto and emblem for the 21st Anniversary of La Viña in Area 93. We had Areas 03, 05, 06, 09, 58 and 93 attending and Area 06 won the logo contest: Rafa Grupo Despertar Feliz. We also attended District 23 on January 27th to bring information on how to hold a workshop on article writing. On Feb. 9, the Hope 23 District Living Group invited the coordinator of Districts 23 and 25, two members of District 20, and the Area to bring them information on La Viña. Thanks to the members that attended since I could not attend. On February 12th, we attended the ASC and met with the La Viña Committee. We talked about how we can take advantage of our meetings in Hispanic Districts and how we can support the organizing committee of La Viña's 21st Anniversary. Thank you for letting me serve. Luis S.

Literature English Scott R: No Report

Literature Spanish Victor R: Everything is still the same with this committee and we continue to attend Area 09 meetings. Thank you, Victor R.

Public Information English Deborah A: No Report

Public Information Spanish Mauricio T: We are working on a plan for a possible Public Information meeting in which everyone's participation is needed. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve. Mauricio T.

Registration Gilbert G: There were 5 in attendance. We confirmed a workshop for February 25, 2017 from 10 am to 1 pm at Archives with brunch to be provided. The name of the workshop will be "Responsibility in Service." We expect GSRs, District officers, and Registrars to attend. Upcoming events include Archives overview, forms and more, DCM and Group representation, and instructing groups on filling out cards.

Special Needs Gene H: We discussed highlights of the new ASL meeting starting on 1/7/2017. The member starting the meeting is deaf. It has taken him six months to get the meeting started. This was the first meeting to teach him how to run a meeting. The meeting is every Saturday from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at Garden Grove Alano Club. Pass the word to help this meeting get off the ground. This meeting is a long time coming.

Treatment Facilities Carlos I: We discussed the material for the Treatment page on the Area 09 website. We discussed how treatment clients are connected with the Treatment Committee and oriented new committee members. We discussed outreach to local facilities as well as educating Groups, Districts and local H&I Committees on the nature of our work.

Coordinate Committee Reports:

HASBYPAA – There was only 1 in attendance today. We have submitted our bid to host the 2018 ACYPAA, and are working on sitting up YPAA meetings in Hawthorne. An event is tentatively scheduled for 25 February 2017.

Inland Empire H&I - No Report

Harbor Area Central Office – No Report

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 1: At our executive committee meeting, we discussed getting our standing committee chairs involved with their MSCA 09 counterparts. We formed the agenda for our January 12, 2017 District meeting with extra time for standing committee reports. Per our District guidelines, our Finance Committee chair will be rotating out and a new chair will be elected at our January

meeting. Also on our agenda under New Business is to form an ad hoc committee to create a second workshop for 2017, to be held in the spring.

District 2: No Report

District 3: No Report

District 4: There were 39 in attendance, including 7 GSRs, 9 at the Concepts study, and 4 visitors. Our GSR meeting had a great speaker named Mauricio with Public Information. We will be hosting the March ASC at the following address: 2000 North Studebaker Road, El Dorado Park West #1. There will be a workshop on safety in AA on April 22, 2017 at MWA 8352, 33rd Street, Signal Hill, CA from 2:00 to 5:00 pm, with lunch provided, hosted by the Umbrella Group Marina Pacific. Many meetings have moved from Sea Port Marina. District 4 voted to send Big Books and 12x12 to the Mark Twain Library using our PI Chair, Jamie C.

District 5: No Report

District 6: There were 57 in attendance. We had a concept study at 6:30 pm. GSR School invited five new GSRs. A District member nominated a new GSR School coordinator where Debra was elected to this position. Under Old Business, our DCMC (Scott) discussed 2016 group visitations and asked us to share our experience. Members also shared their experiences at the December ASC. We continue to have 100% participation at committee level. Under New Business, we tentatively scheduled our second quarterly District Archives service visit. We discussed our participation at PRAASA 2017, encouraging all members to register and attend. Our second quarterly Archives visit will likely be in March. We may visit with the Area Corrections Committee. We are preparing for an upcoming Board meeting to discuss subsequent District events.

District 7: There were 12 in attendance. It was all about today! We will be putting on two workshops on the 2017 calendar.

District 8: There were 18 in attendance. Bob H became DCMC as Steve S had to step down. Matt stood for Alt DCMC. Victor is going to help Bob H with FORO as translator. PRAASA ad hoc committee for PRAASA reimbursement motion passed. The next District 8 meeting will be January 18 at 7:00 pm at 5770 Arlington Avenue, Riverside at the Wesley Methodist Church.

District 9: No Report

District 10: There were 15 in attendance. We talked about PRAASA and how to ask Groups to contribute to help our District members attend. A GSR asked for GSO/Area budgets to show her Group.

District 11: No Report

District 12: There were 78 GSRs in attendance at the meeting. Our District 12 Treasurer is earnestly working on the District budget for 2017. We asked committee chairs to submit budgets in writing to Treasurer, Joe C. The District is continuing efforts to update our guidelines to include what trusted servants focus on to perform their roles. The Treatment Committee with 12 to 16 active GSRs is actively working on agenda items to liaison with facilities and AA groups. We plan for a Sponsorship Workshop on 22 April 2017 in Laguna Woods. GSRs are encouraged to attend the Four-Area DCM Sharing Session in Encinitas in 4 February 2017.

District 14: There were 5 in attendance. We are still looking for a secretary. We have someone who will take the District H&I Committee chair position, effective in January. We tabled discussion on presenting a Secretary Workshop to a meeting in January. Happy New Year!

District 15: No Report

District 17: There were about 10 in attendance. We are gathering projected budgets from our officers for attendance at PRAASA. We are hoping to have good support there in March. We are

working also on visiting dark meetings and bringing awareness to our District about contributions. We will be signing a contract to reserve a location for the Servathon in November.

District 18: There were 6 in attendance. We are still getting used to our new facility and trying to increase participation. We are also considering taking a District inventory. More will be revealed. We are looking forward to PRAASA.

District 19: No Report

District 20: The most outstanding thing is that we continue with our meetings every Monday and visit two groups per week. District 20 is already preparing for its 3rd anniversary. We will have more information by next month. We are also motivating members to go to PRAASA and there are already 20 registered members and 5 reserved hotel rooms. We continue to support the PI and CPC committees. Thanks for letting me serve Jose F.

District 21: We continue visiting two groups per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We also meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month with reports on the first Wednesday, business on the second Wednesday, a board meeting on the third Wednesday, and book study on 4th Wednesday. We are ready to go to Sacramento to the PRAASA event with about 8 to 12 members of the District. Today there are 7 companions present. Grace for letting me serve. Juan C.

District 22: We continue to meet every Tuesday alternative between board meetings and business meetings. We visit groups that do not have GSRs every Monday to encourage them to send a GSR. We have two active committees: La Viña and the Local Forum. We are sending monthly contributions to Area 09 and GSO of \$15. Thank you for letting me serve. Gerardo.

District 23: We continue to visit groups every Wednesday to bring information about the latest happenings in the Area meetings. We are encouraging members to attend PRAASA. We also invite Spanish-speaking committees to the District and group meetings. The La Viña committee was present in a group on February 9th. We attended the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session on February 4 in San Diego. Our 26th Anniversary is on October 4, 2017. Thanks for letting me serve. Dario.

District 24: We are making amendments to our guidelines in order to be more effective in our purpose. We have a temporary committee to plan our trip to PRAASA, as we are some of the attendees. Our groups are grateful for the way we inform you of what our Delegate is doing in the Area. The GSRs approved our quarterly agenda and our quarterly newsletter where we can better inform the general services groups. Our groups are contributing individually and in groups to the different service centers and sending their anniversary contributions. Several packages of AAWS books were purchased. We also invite inter-group representatives to engage in general services in the future. We will have an orientation for PRAASA attendees and future general service servers before the event. Thank you for letting me serve. Paco.

District 25: We had the inter-District meeting that was a great success. We attended all the Spanish-speaking Districts with 64 members in attendance. We continue to visit two groups per week in our visitations. New GSRs are still coming to our District. On January 30th, we had a board meeting and the minutes were not read to the GSRs. We visited District 8 on January 6 for the joint planning of the Area Forum. We will meet again with them on February 27 to continue planning the Forum event. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Pedro M.

District 30: No Report

Recap of Actions:

- Approved draft minutes for the May and September 2016 ASAs as submitted.

- The motion, with a friendly amendment by Catherine E, to approve the proposed Guidelines and Policies (GAP) guidelines was passed by a simple majority (after a motion to table the proposal failed with only 7 of about 140 people voting to table the motion).
- The motion to adopt the Communications guidelines as presented was approved by a simple majority.
- The motion to adopt the 2017 proposed operations budget as presented was approved by a simple majority.
- Diane C identified Patrick S, Jeryl T, Becky F, Carlos I, and Mitchell B to assist her in serving on the Facilities/Archives Ad Hoc Committee.
- Rather than appoint an Audit Committee, Ramon D asked for members experienced with auditing to contact him and volunteer to serve.

Announcements:

- No announcements.

Birthdays:

January birthdays included Alberto with 12 years, Jesus with 24 years, and Julius with 4 years.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 2:30 p.m., with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

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