

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

Hosted by District 4 on 12 March 2017

El Dorado Park West #1
2800 North Studebaker Road
Long Beach, CA 90815

Meeting was called to order by Chair Ramon at 12:10 pm.

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by Art in English/Jose in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Samantha in English/Carlos in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Kandy in English/Juan 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 (Evan J), seconded (Cheryl M), and unanimously approved to accept draft minutes from the February 12, 2017 ASC as written.

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

Delegate Joe C: No report.

Alternate Delegate Jesus O: Attended the board meeting last month, registration workshop, and last weekend I attended PRAASA & enjoyed myself. I drove up with a couple guys from District 21. I attended the Corrections round table on Friday night and the Alternate Delegate round table on Saturday. We are doing good compared to some Areas in other states as Ryan mentioned. Thank you for sending me to PRAASA. I've been busy translating the ASC minutes during PRAASA and I've been trying to get the summaries completed. I do have all the moderators for the Pre-Conference Workshop next month. We have flyers up front in English and Spanish and the program will be on the website this week. Sorry that we haven't been able to complete the summaries. I've reached out to the committee chairs and others for help. I realize it's a lot of information, so Joe and I are trying our best to get the information out to the Districts. I know of two different Districts that are having Agenda Topics Workshops, including Districts 17 & 18 and I can send you information upon request. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

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 09 Executive Board Meeting February 19, 2017, held at 7111 Arlington Ave. in Riverside; participated at the Registration Workshop held on February 25, 2017 at 7111 Arlington Ave in Riverside. Thank you to Gilbert our Area Registration Committee Chair; attended the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly March 3rd through the 5th at McClellan Park. I had a wonderful time and was able to meet up with Area Registrars from Area 5, 8, 42 and 93; in preparation for the Annual Regional Directory, the Records Department has announced that the cut off for updates to the Directory are due in before May 12, 2017. The standard Group Change / New Group forms are the requested form of updates for submitted changes; I'm looking forward to attending the Pre-Conference Workshop next month.

Status of the Fellowship New Vision Database for Area 09: Total Entries = 3529, Active Groups = 1824, Merged Groups = 204, Unknown Groups = 317, Inactive = 1180, Incomplete = 0, Pending Active = 3, Pending Inactive = 1, and Invalid Mail Contacts = 0. The three pending Active Groups are: 712 Girls Group in Long Beach, Cedar Street Big Book Group in Apple Valley, and Smoking Jackalope's Men's Stag Group in Huntington Beach. Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

Treasurer Accounts Payable Diane C: No report.

Treasurer Accounts Receivable Leandro C: Hello everybody, good afternoon. My name is Leandro and I'm an alcoholic. I am the one in charge of receiving all kinds of contributions, and a large part of my responsibility is to verify that the contributions are from a member or group of Alcoholics Anonymous. Last month some Districts asked me for totals of income and expenses. And with the help of Diane, we developed a report you can find at the registration table. In February 2017 we received 173 contributions for a total of \$5,682.07, which is a little more than February 2016. In March, with only 11 days, there were a total of 96 contributions with a total \$3,396.98. This is the result we have as of today. Thank you for your patience. Leandro C.

Secretary Ed L: It is my pleasure to be here as Recording Secretary in my second of two years. It was my pleasure to attend the PRAASA Recording Secretary round table in Sacramento last weekend and also to sit in on the Grapevine round table. I continue to eblast information to about 950 present and past members of our Area. Recently, the outline for the Pre-Conference Agenda Items and location information for the Pre-Conference were distributed, along with draft minutes, agendas, and several workshop flyers. Please put your reports in the box by the door. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Area Chair Ramon D: Back from PRAASA and here with you this fine morning of March 12th. Since we met last I went to Apple Valley, California for a second time because it was believed that we had in error taken on their coffee pots, which was not the case. Jose our coffee maker and Mauricio accompanied me and the mix up has been corrected. I was invited to participate in a group study in San Clemente and to participate in the central Area Spanish Intergroup where I translated for our Delegate Joe C. I attended the Officer Board Meeting in February and went to PRAASA in Sacramento, California. And what an experience that was! I participated in two sessions with the other Chair Persons from the other Pacific Region Service Areas and they were very informative and especially for me to serve you better. Thank you for letting me be of service. Ramon D. Area09 Chair.

Old Business:

- Joe C's pension plan floor motion – "That the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous implements a plan to fully fund the partially frozen defined benefit plan and in doing so move the pension plan assets from investments into a newly created fund used exclusively for the purpose of funding the plan." Joe further described this floor motion and his concerns. After discussion, Joe made the motion, which was seconded, to table this motion until the June ASC.
- Facilities/Archives Ad Hoc Committee (Diane). The committee will begin its work on March 25, 2017 with a presentation by the Archivist followed by the first meeting of this committee.

- Audit Committee (Ramon). Jim B has formed the committee and received input from the Treasurers and Archives Committee, and will make a presentation by May 2017. The Audit Committee is limited to three primary members (Jim B, Julio A, and Nancy J) and three alternate members if a primary drops out.
- Proposal by Literature Committee as follows: "...and with Area adoption of the GAP Guideline, Article VIIG.1. will be omitted" (Ramon). Bob L reported that the GAP Guideline, Article VIIG.1. is no longer applicable to the Literature Committee as the function will be implemented in the future by the GAP Committee.

New Business:

- None.

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Archives Raul C: Archive members, Mitchell B, Ryan R, and Raul C each attended PRAASA and the Archives Round Table. We are going to have a monthly meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be a Correspondence Workshop on March 18th. There is also an open house on March 25, 2017. From September 28 through October 1, 2017 there will be the 21st Annual National Archives Workshop in Canada with USA participation. Information may be viewed at aanationalarchivesworkshop.com, and all are invited.

Cooperation with the Elderly Community Mike M: There were 4 in attendance. Deborah of District 6 is working as a volunteer at the Huntington Beach Senior Center and is interested in planning an event to reach seniors at the center. She talked to Seniors In Sobriety (SIS) in Reno. The Archives presentation at the Huntington Beach Senior Center is still to be determined.

Communications Carlos R: No Report

Cooperation with the Professional Community Tanya D: We had 8 members in attendance at the Cooperation with Professional Community meeting this morning. We gave an overview of CPC to the new committee members and talked about what we did last year as a committee and what we have coming up. Area 09 CPC has been invited by AAWS to set up a booth at an event in late July, early August. This will be for the Disability Management Coalition held in Anaheim, California. We have accepted this invitation. More to come. We also talked about the CPC packets we are putting together for the District. We continued to correlate these packages and will be getting the final items prepared for these. Our committee has been very active and we look forward to having many stories to share. Thank you for letting me be of service. Tanya Duck, CPC Chair, Area 09 Panel 66.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish Luciano P: No Report

Convention Liaison English Karen L: There were 4 in attendance. We talked about reaching out to convention attendees. Some of them, even with longtime sobriety, don't know about General Service. We discussed PRAASA and our respective experiences. My personal message is that we share with others at conventions on sponsorship. Of the Three Legacies of our Fellowship, "Service" is a part of recovery. Conventions include April 7-9, 2017 at Holiday Inn, 14299 Firestone, La Mirada, CA; Orange County April 14-16, 2017 at DoubleTree, 100 The City Drive; and AA District 11 Mountain Spring Round-Up on April 22, 2017.

Convention Liaison Spanish Alex O: Attended PRAASA and had a great time. Thank you

Corrections Mike K: There were 9 in attendance. We finalized details for the Corrections Workshop on March 18th, which is scheduled from noon to 3:00 p.m. at Archives in Riverside.

DCM School English Hiro S: We explored how to spread the spirit of service to GSRs and AA Groups. “Enthusiasm” is taken from “en,” which means “in,” and “Theos,” which means “God,” so translated to “God within.” We reviewed the DCM group visit guide. DCMs gave their experiences of PRAASA, including DCM Round Table, YPAA, etc. We looked at DCM job description in the Service Manual. While the flu kept me from attending PRAASA, last month I presented on the DCM and Concept 1 at the Registration Workshop at Archives, and thoroughly enjoyed the presentation, particularly Mitchell’s fabulous Los Angeles AA history Power Point. All DCMs and GSRs are encouraged to bring themselves and two others to the Corrections Workshop on Saturday, March 18 at Archives from 12 to 3:00 p.m., Safety in AA Workshop on April 22 at the MWA Club in Long Beach from 2 to 5 p.m., and the Pre-Conference Workshop on April 9 at West Torrance High School from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

DCM School Spanish Juan B: There were 9 in attendance. We reviewed Concept 3 and we all shared our experience, strength, and hope with Concept 3. I attended PRAASA along with all 6 Spanish speaking districts and 2 alternates. We attended the DCM round table and we spoke about the 7th Tradition and how to motivate GSR participation and Chapter 3 of the service manual. Thank you for a great experience. Juan B. Chair

Finance Todd W: There were 9 in attendance. We discussed raising the Area’s Prudent Reserve from \$5,000 to \$10,000. We also discussed the coffee/donut kitty responsibility for Districts hosting Area events. We also discussed next year’s budget about increasing the Area meeting budget from \$1,200 to \$1,400. Six of us attended PRAASA. District 1 submitted a budget/expense accounting for the Pre-Conference Workshop in April.

Guidelines and Policies (GAP) Judy B: There were 3 in attendance. GAP member BOB L and our Registrar, Ryan B, have established an account to store and to have accessible to make changes our Area’s Structure & Procedures Guidelines and Bylaws. We are asking committee members to forward to us their committee’s latest documents in Word if possible. To do this, go to the Area website, select contacts and then use the email address under the Guidelines and Policy (GAP) Committee information. Our goal is to organize all Area materials into one place for ease of future use.

Grapevine Elizabeth S: As of March 1, 2017 there has been a price increase of Grapevine and La Viña books and other content-related items. Grapevine also started "Seasons of Service" on March 6th where your story could be selected for a section on service in 2018. I look forward to seeing you at the Pre-Conference roundtables in April! I will be at the Grapevine table. We signed up online for Grapevine packets. We discussed agenda items VID and VIE about exploring Facebook and Instagram. We talked a lot about how to protect anonymity. Remember there are apps on I-phones and Androids.

GSR School English Sharon K: There were 10 in attendance. We went over agenda items and GSR reports, Area meeting structure, service sponsorship, and business meetings.

GSR School Spanish Jose A: No Report

La Viña Luis S: There were 8 in attendance and we discussed the 67th Conference agenda items on La Viña and Grapevine. We talked about the spiritual value of Grapevine and La Viña in carrying the A.A. message. 1. We can carry the message to remote communities. 2. It can help us practice unity in the Fellowship. 3. We can carry the message by writing our stories. 4. It’s our meeting in print. Reconsider the 2010 advisory action on La Viña. We thought it should remain the same because the changes helped get more subscriptions. We would like to know the impact the La Viña Anniversary yearly event has had on subscriptions. We have been in communication with the La Viña Annual Anniversary Organizing Committee. The event will take place in Oxnard, CA, Area 93 hosting area on July 21st-23rd, 2017. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Literature English Scott R: No Report

Literature Spanish Victor R: I'm still attending Area meetings without much committee activity. The only highlight is that the new service manual has been published for 2016-2018. AAWS has free shipping with any new orders. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Public Information English Deborah A: There were 10 in attendance. Harbor Area will be hosting a booth at the Long Beach Gay Pride Fair on May 20 and 21, 2017. More information is available at the website. We are looking at July 2, 2017 for a Public Information Workshop in Spanish with English participation, with a location to be confirmed. We discussed the content of Agenda Item E. Google for nonprofit and Twitter for a better understanding of how to explain these to the groups.

Public Information Spanish Mauricio T: We had 10 attendees. We are planning a P.I. Workshop for July 2nd. We will need your help and participation in order to make it happen. I will bring more information shortly. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Registration Gilbert G: No Report

Special Needs Gene H: There were 2 in attendance. American Sign Language meeting that recently started in Garden Grove began with about four people and is steadily growing. The accessibility of the AA message for the Armed Services Veterans and what we can do for them was discussed at length. How can we meet their needs and reach out to them? Joe C gave a good insight on the subject that was very helpful. For the 2017 Conference on Treatment and Accessibilities, the topic is the AA message for Armed Services Veterans scheduled for 4/9/2017 at the Pre-Conference Workshop located at West Torrance High School, Torrance, CA.

Treatment Facilities Carlos I: There were 6 in attendance. We discussed the general mission of the committee. We had two new participants. We had a report back from District 12 Treatment Committee. We discussed outreach to the local Treatment Committees, support from the Accessibilities Committee with our round table at the Conference Workshop, and cooperation with local H&I Committees. We worked on literature from GSO, reviewing the Treatment Committee's website page. Two people were bridged from treatment to temporary contacts.

Coordinate Committee Reports:

HASBYPAA – There were 13 in attendance. We are bidding for the ACYPAA Round-up from March 30th to April 2. We are planning for activities at the H&I Conference from April 7 to 9, which may include AA trivia night on Friday night April 7, YPAA panel on Saturday April 8, and a YPAA Saturday night dance.

Inland Empire H&I - No Report

Harbor Area Central Office – No Report

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 1: There were 39 in attendance. At our March District meeting, we had 39 in attendance, which included two new GSRs. We discussed and approved a menu and budget for the April Pre-Conference Workshop that we are hosting for Area 09. We signed up volunteers for the workshop and commissioned a flyer, copies of which I (Jim B) placed at the Secretary's table. We are excited to host this event and invite everyone to come. We had three attendees at PRAASA 2017 in Sacramento and they gave reports. Finally, we received reports from our Guidelines Revision Committee and Traditions Workshop Ad Hoc Committee. The Pre-Conference Workshop will be at West High School in Torrance on April 9th. The Traditions Workshop will be in June at a location and time to be announced.

District 2: No Report

District 3: No Report

District 4: There were 31 in attendance. We provided two Big Books and 12x12 in Spanish and two English Big Books for Mark Twain Library. GSR concerns include new location for Marina Pacifica meeting for Wednesday night discussion. Upcoming events include Gay Pride PI event on May 20, April 22 workshop on Safety in AA, and Corrections Workshop in Riverside.

District 5: There were 31 in attendance, with two new GSRs. A vote was taken to decide which events would utilize treasury surpluses. Three items were chosen, including workshop and barbeque, literature and financial donations to H&I, and an all-day workshop. If any other District is interested in participating, please let me know. Evan J.

District 6: There were 50 in attendance, including six new GSRs. Ryan stood to replace Dave E as the Secretary. District 6 continues to have 100% committee participation at the District level. District 6 members will be attending the March 18 Corrections Committee and service opportunity workshop at Archives in Riverside. Six of our members attended PRAASA and shared their experiences with us. Shelly is our new District Treasurer.

District 7: There were 12 in attendance. Currently, we are reviewing three workshop topics with our groups for a topic workshop in June 2017. We are also promoting participation in the various committees at the Area level. There will be a workshop in June with a date and topic to be announced.

District 8: There were 33 in attendance. Aran B was confirmed as the new District Registrar. Victor was confirmed as the Sub District DCM. We had 12 people attend PRAASA. Ray G (CPC Chair) contacted GSO and American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) to confirm that AA will host a booth at the April ASAM meeting in New Orleans. I (Robert H) attended the District 25 organizing meeting for the FORO in July. There were seven new GSRs. The 25th Annual Inland Empire Round-up is scheduled for April 15th at 3891 Ridge Road in Riverside, CA. The FORO Committee meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2017.

District 9: No Report

District 10: No Report

District 11: New GSRS were as follows: Mitzy, Loma Linda; Rose, Crestline MUG: Mark, Fontana Attitude Adjustment; Matt, Kaiser Wed/Thursday; Tamera, Etiwanda. Don presented the financials and reviewed expenses and donations. Discussion regarding unidentified money orders, Matt believes they may be Kaiser Wed and Thursday and will get confirmation. Motion made and seconded to accept and unanimous agreement for report. Saint Catherine's Catholic Church, 339 N. Sycamore Avenue, Rialto, CA 92376 – Not at the place we thought it was going to be but the location is very nice and the group wishes to continue having the Alkathon at this location. Hopefully Mother Nature will be a bit nicer to us next year. Group approved the cost of the rental car and conference CD's for PRAASA, not to exceed the budgeted amount \$1000. We discussed the need of a District **Mission Statement** so that we have a focus on our purpose. We discussed the continuation and expansion of our book program, hopefully expanding to include other AA conference approved literature. As in our Big Book program we would offer AA Conference approved books at a reduced rate to the GSR or group representatives as an incentive to attend District 11 meetings.

District 12: There were nine new GSRs for District 12! GSRs were provided with General Service Conference Agenda Items from Joe C and the Area 09 website. The link was provided to GSRs for Google documents/Drop Box for background information, which is considered confidential. District 12 will request Area 09 help and assistance in facilitating a District 12 Inventory in July or August 2017. Laura W (Pacific Regional Events Coordinator) attended PRAASA 2017 and will report back at the April meeting. Treatment Committee is planning

workshops (May 18th sharing session) with Treatment Centers. H&I Committee collecting old editions of Grapevine/La Viña for panels and H&I activities. A Sponsorship Workshop is scheduled for 4/22/2017 from 0930 to 3:30 at the United Methodist Church at 24442 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Woods. H&I chili cook-off is scheduled for 4/30/2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Laguna Niguel Regional Park, 92677. Delegate Joe C is scheduled to present his report back on 6/1/2017 at 7:30 p.m. at District 12's Business Meeting at Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church.

District 14: There were 6 in attendance. At the meeting we discussed different possible District events, including workshops and/or a movie night. We discussed how to encourage participation in General Service. We voted on the location for the elections in October. Our District had seven people attend PRAASA, which was a great job! There may be a movie night in May.

District 15: There were 6 people in attendance including one new GSR. Our Treasurer resigned last month so we are looking for a replacement. Matt C and Jeff N are serving as the interim Treasurers. District 15's GSR meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church.

District 17: No Report

District 18: District 18 had nine people attend PRAASA, and everyone reported they had a great experience. Our next District meeting will be Tuesday, March 14, 2017. We will be hosting a Conference Workshop on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at our regular meeting location.

District 19: No Report

District 20: We have 26 registered groups. We meet every Monday at 7:30pm and we visit a couple meetings a week to encourage them on electing new GSRs and inform them about service. We are currently planning our 32nd District anniversary on May 14th. On Feb. 26th we hosted the all Spanish District meeting. Thank you for listening. Jose DCM and Gilberto Alt. DCM.

District 21: We are still carrying the message of service to the groups and we meet four Wednesdays out of each month. We still have much work to do and we are currently updating our District guidelines.

District 22: We are still meeting every Tuesday alternating a business meeting and a book study meeting. We currently have a couple of active standing committees; La Viña and The Local Forum. We had 16 people attend PRAASA and we all enjoyed it very much. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Gerardo DCM

District 23: We continue to visit groups every Wednesday and we are planning our District anniversary. We try to keep our standing committees well informed and I attended my third PRAASA where I enjoyed the round table a great deal. We will be hosting the May assembly in Riverside. We will have the all Spanish speaking District meeting this month, as well. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Dario DCM

District 24: We had 9 members attend PRAASA this year and participated in the DCM, La Viña, Literature, Young People in AA, and Finance round tables on Thursday night. We've since share a wealth of information with our local AA meetings. It was great to be able to participate in the early bird meeting with 125 other DCMs and Area 09 shared lots of Experience, Strength and Hope. We try to focus on the upcoming conference topics when we visit meetings, especially groups without a GSR. Thank you. Paco

District 25: We meet 4 Mondays out of the month from 7-9 p.m. We attended PRAASA with 7 members and 2 members from another District. We visit a couple meetings per week. We are co-hosting The Foro this year along with District 8 and we have the venue all ready to go. We will have flyers available at our next Area meeting. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Pedro DCM

District 30: No Report

Recap of Actions:

- Approval of Minutes from 12 February 2017 ASC were approved as submitted.
- After discussion concerning Joe C's floor motion about GSO pensions, Joe made the motion, which was seconded, to table this action until the June ASC.
- Diane C reported the Facilities/Archives Ad Hoc Committee will begin its work on March 25, 2017 with a presentation by the Archivist followed by the first meeting of this committee.
- Jim B has identified the three primary members of the Audit committee and received input from the Treasurers and Archives Committee, and is planning to present the audit report by May 2017.
- A motion was made and seconded to carry the proposal by Literature Committee ("...and with Area adoption of the GAP Guideline, Article VIIG.1. will be omitted") forward to the May ASA.

Announcements:

- The April 9, 2017 Pre-Conference Workshop hosted by District 1 will be at West Torrance High School, 20401 Victor Street, Torrance, CA from 09:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Birthdays:

March birthdays included Mike M with 23 years, Maritza with 7 years, Jill has 27 years, Terry has 3, Jim has 28, Casey 30 years, Sky with 6 years, Karen with 33 years, Frederico with 19 years, Leandro with 21 years, Kandy with 17, and Juan B with 16 years.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 2:50 pm, with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

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