

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

AREA SERVICE ASSEMBLY (ASA) MINUTES

**Hosted by District 23 on 21 May 2017
2460 University Avenue
Riverside, CA 92507**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Ramon at 10:15 a.m.

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by Dolores in English/Victor in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Alice in English/Someone in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Steve in English/Fernando 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 (Rich), seconded (Scott), and unanimously approved to accept draft minutes from the 8 January 2017 ASA as written.

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

Delegate Joe C: Joe's formal Conference report back to the Area was today.

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 our last meeting: Attended the Area 09 Executive Board Meeting April 16, 2017, held at 7111 Arlington Ave. in Riverside. The Regional Directory deadline has passed and over the past month there have been quite a few entries that have been entered (52 changes entered since April 9, 2017). I've had the opportunity to work with Vandra L. the new District 18 Registrar and Lindsay W the new District 12 Registrar, over the past month. Our aim was getting caught up with Group Registrations, we should be very near to that goal currently. We are currently beginning to prepare for the upcoming Area Election in October and over the next few months I will get to work with Ed L., our Area Secretary, to form an eligibility list for the Area Officer positions. Status of the Fellowship New Vision Database for Area 09: Total Entries = 3544 +15; Active Groups = 1843+19; Merged Groups = 204; Unknown Groups = 309-8; Inactive = 1180; Incomplete = 0; Pending Active = 7+4; Pending Inactive = 1; and Invalid Mail Contacts = 0. The seven Pending Active Groups are: Happy Endings Group in Hermosa Beach of District 01; Lucky Ladies Group in Corona of District 08; Men's Wednesday Night Step Study Group in Sun City of District 17; Saturday Survivors Group in Temecula of District 17; Brothers And Sisters In Sobriety Group in Costa Mesa of District 18; There Is A Solution Group in Costa Mesa of District 18; and Grupo Solo Por Hoy Un Bravo Tu in Adelanto of District 25. Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

Treasurer Accounts Payable Diane C: No report.

Treasurer Accounts Receivable Leandro C: Hello 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, and Diane is responsible for all the payments. We work together, especially last month because contributions are increasing. There were a total of 220 contributions, for a total \$8,359.86. Contributions in April 2017 were up by \$2,000 compared to April 2016. Also from May 1 to 19, 2017, we received 99 contributions, for a total of \$3,602. As of this morning, our total is \$30,289.13. 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: I attended the Area 09 officer Board meeting on April 16, 2017. There were 241 people registering at the Pre-Conference Workshop, which must be a record in recent history! Of the 59 new people registering with me, I added 45 new email addresses to the MailChimp account, another record! Thanks to Patrick S of District 18, I was able to distribute the 2017 Area 09 Workbook to emails of 886 members.

Area Chair Ramon D: Since we last met, I attended the April's Area Officers Board's Meeting. I spoke on A Vision For You at a Spanish Group in District 22. Attended the H&I Southern California Conference and the second half of the Area's Pre-Conference Workshop. I also appointed two of our members to be the Area's liaison to the next 4 Area Sharing Session, hosted by Area 05. I will be absent from my duties as your Area Chair for at least a month, as I will be having a surgical procedure that will require me to observe time off. Our Alternate Delegate, Jesus O. will be your contact until I come back sometime in early July, if not sooner. Thanks for allowing me to be of service. And God bless you all!!!

Old Business:

- **Introduce Audit Committee:** Jim B introduced the Audit Committee as Julio and Nancy. The Audit Committee met and the audit revealed that there were no discrepancies. Jim B indicated that he will provide a formal written report at the June meeting. Joe made a motion that approval of the Audit Report be tabled until which time the report is submitted and voted upon, which was seconded, and unanimously approved.
- **Introduce Facilities/Archives Ad Hoc Committee:** Diane introduced the committee as follows: Patrick S, Becky F, Carlos I, Mitchell B, and Jeryl T. We need an additional member from the Riverside area to volunteer and see Diane. (Joseph H joined the committee later in the day).

New Business:

- **Literature Committee:** Delete Article VIIG.1 as follows "...and with Area adoptions of the GAP Guidelines, Article VIIG.1 will be omitted. The vote on this proposal was unanimously approved.
- **New Communications Co-Chair:** Don S. Chair of the Communications Committee identified Andrew A as a nominee for the Spanish-speaking Co-Chair of the Communications Committee, which was approved with a simple majority.

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Archives Raul C: We have a meeting every third Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Archives repository in Riverside, and the facility is open to everyone every Saturday. Sara from District 4 came in to scan materials and we ask all to volunteer to scan more materials.

Cooperation with the Elderly Community Mike M: There were 4 in attendance. We are breaking in new members. The committee was introduced to the new Chair, Bill G. We obtained pamphlets to pass out at the next meeting.

Communications Carlos R: There were 5 in attendance. We discussed committee responsibilities and developed a plan to encourage updating the website for Area elections in October and Servathon in November.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Tanya D: There were 5 in attendance. "What AA Does and Does Not Do" was reviewed by committee members. Information was disseminated as to how committee members can receive their CPC workbooks. "What Does CPC DO?" was reviewed by the committee members in attendance. From July 31 through August 3 there will be a booth at the Disability Management Employer Coalition 2017 with one pass and two volunteer passes.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish Luciano P: No Report

Convention Liaison English Karen L: No Report

Convention Liaison Spanish Alex O: No Report

Corrections Mike K: We are continuing to establish contacts in each District to respond to direct inmate requests for contact upon release. Also, we are planning to send a committee member to Social H&I Intergroup in June. We received an audio recording of the Corrections Workshop held in March at the Area 09 Archives facility. Thank you to Mitchell B, the Area 09 Archivist, for recording our workshop and making copies for our committee members!

DCM School English Hiro S: There were 7 in attendance. We had a smaller DCM School today with two new attendees. One was a new DCM from a developing District. We focused on helping the new DCM get started, how to encourage individuals to get into service, the importance of service sponsorship, and visiting group meetings. We also discussed the DCM's role in safety in AA.

DCM School Spanish Juan B: No Report

Finance Todd W: There were 7 in attendance. The Finance Committee supports the Executive Board's future proposal to have Area 09 cover donuts for hosting Districts. The Committee plans to bring a motion at the next ASC to increase the Prudent Reserve. The Committee also took a look at the guidelines last revised in 1999. Thank you.

Guidelines and Policies (GAP) Judy B: There were 4 in attendance. The Committee, with the help of our Registrar Ryan and Archivist Mitchell, has started to input Committee Guidelines into the Cloud. We are asking that all committees help us by sending us updated Guidelines so that we can continue this process. If you need to update or revise your Committee's Guidelines, GAP is ready to help. You may contact us through the Area website.

Grapevine Elizabeth S: No Report

GSR School English Sharon K: There were 10 in attendance. We talked about Area service meetings and structure, service sponsors, and frequency of GSR reports as well as whether meetings have steering committee and business meetings.

GSR School Spanish Jose A: No Report

La Viña Luis S: The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer and the purpose of La Viña. We have all the literature of La Viña that we are ordering regularly. We have in literature a total of \$2,462. We continue visiting the groups and making raffles in the anniversary of the groups

and we put up the display. The H & I committee is supporting us with the sale of La Viña literature. Summary 1- The importance of supporting the organizing committee of the La Viña Anniversary of the Pacific Region. So that subscriptions continue to increase and we try to motivate members to attend the event. We will encourage more La Viña subscriptions and carry information to motivate voluntary contributions. The goal is that each Hispanic member in A.A. has a subscription to the magazine. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Literature English Scott R: No Report

Literature Spanish Victor R: There was only one in attendance, so no formal report at this time.

Public Information English Deborah A: There were 13 in attendance. District 5 supplied a lead to Irvine Police Department with needs for literature. District 19 is assisting in a DUI program. District 12 is working on providing literature racks to hospitals. District 1 is working on updating the website along with Central Office to make meetings more accessible. District 20 is presenting displays at street fairs and Cinco de Mayo. The Big Book is the main book most often stolen from libraries. There is a Child Development Fair on June 17 at Santa Ana College. On July 2, there is a Public Information workshop in Santa Ana with English translation. From July 14 through August 13, the Orange County Fair will have a PI booth, which can be at OC-AA.org * events * OC Fair.

Public Information Spanish Mauricio T: No Report

Registration Gilbert G: The Area 09 Registration Committee met Sunday May 21, 2017, there were 8 in attendance. Registrars: District 08, 11, 14, 17, 18, and 19. Guests: 1 GSR. Chaired by Area 09 Registrar filling in for Gilbert G. Area 09 Registration Committee Chair. Discussed the responsibilities of a Registrar and where to look for guidance: A.A. Service Manual, The AA Group Pamphlet, and District Guidelines. Fielded questions from the GSR guest. Discussed how/why a group would have a status of merged. Discussed the importance of registering District Officers. Discussed the possibility of using the Area 09 Website to post District Officer contact information. Meeting ended at 10:00 a.m.

Special Needs Gene H: The American Sign Language (ASL) meeting lost its interpreter and one member texted her contact regarding a volunteer position for the ASL meeting. The average sobriety length is up to two years. The veterans meeting is open to veterans and their families, with military-only able to share at this time. On June 3, 2017 Veterans in Recovery meet at 2:00 p.m., 9845 Belfast Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92844. There will be a service workshop in August at the same facility at a date to be determined.

Treatment Facilities Carlos I: No Report

Coordinate Committee Reports:

HASBYPAA - No Report

Inland Empire H&I - No Report

Harbor Area Central Office – No Report

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 1: There were 36 in attendance. At the April 13 District 1 committee meeting, the GSRs were given a final report on the April 9 Area 09 Pre-Conference Workshop we hosted. The final budget accounting for the workshop was approved. “Sponsorship” was selected as the topic for our late summer workshop after the groups were polled by their GSRs. At our May 11 meeting, June 24 was announced as the date for our Traditions Workshop. The Guidelines Revision

Committee at their April 26 meeting suggested changes to the Executive Committee. The proposed changes will be presented to the District at the June 8th meeting time permitting. Joe C will present his Conference report back on June 8.

District 2: No Report

District 3: No Report

District 4: No Report

District 5: There were 24 in attendance, including two new members. The 12 Concepts Workshop is scheduled with Joe C, who will be speaking on Concepts 1 and 2. All committee positions are filled with the exception of Archives. The 12 Concepts Workshop and barbeque will be July 22nd from noon until 4:00 p.m.

District 6: No Report

District 7: There were 18 in attendance. District 7 is in preparation of a workshop on July 29, 2017 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. that will have the theme, "Service: The many ways to stay connected." We will also highlight our 12th Step and service. We will have flyers at our next two Area meetings. We are happy to say that we are adding 2-6 new GSRs each month and much interest in committee work for the Area!

District 8: No Report

District 9: No Report

District 10: No Report

District 11: Rose H: 909-553-8827; Secretary will present February minutes for approval. Don motioned to accept the minutes as read and Andrew made a second. Unanimous approval. Don S. (for Tony L) 323-633-4699 will present February financial report. Don submitted the check register for review. The \$ 525.00 donation from "Running Springs" was confirmed to be from the Blue Jay "Attitude Adjustment" Group, and will be noted in all records as such. We have a current balance of \$3,804.11. C.J. made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, Andrew made a second. Unanimously approved. Tamera H (Etiwanda) 696-282, reported the group had an issue with a member getting unruly during a meeting, and was removed, by the secretary. Another issue from an old-timer regarding allowing Al-Anon literature to be read as part of the opening literature of the AA meeting, the old-timer felt this was a breach of our AA separation and not within our singleness of purpose commitment. Joseph H submitted a report that indicated there was discussion about the Delegate's report back and the date for that. My also combine the report back with District 8.

District 12: There are 252 total registered groups and 66 GSRs present at the business meeting. District 12 Highlights included: Sponsorship Workshop (4/22/17) was a grand success; fun; informative; many newcomers left with a new sponsor. Treatment Committee Outreach Event (5/18/17) to local treatment centers hosted nine facilities in a sharing session. Thank you, Jacqueline and Max for providing leadership. Thank you, Delegate Joe for supporting and briefly speaking at the event and for Mitchell from the Area 9 Archives for setting up the display of AA history. Central Office Guest Speaker, Vaun shared history of AA in Orange County & provided written materials for GSRs (5/4/17). Upcoming/future District events: Memorial Day Picnic (5/29/17) 9-3pm @ San Gorgonio Park 2916 Via San Gorgonio San Clemente 92672; Band = Rebel Angels; Baseball Diamond 11-2; Speaker 2-3pm; Potluck donations welcome; BBQ; Hot dogs; Drinks; Volunteers welcome. Area 9 Delegate General Service Conference Report Back – Joe C – to present his experience, strength, and hope at the 6/1/17 District 12 Business Meeting in Laguna Niguel (30071 Ivy Glenn @ Presbyterian Church). Respectfully Submitted, Catherine E., DCMC.

The following hand-written report was also provided: Our Sponsorship Workshop was a grand success, fun, informative, with many newcomers leaving the event with new sponsors on 4/22/2017. The Treatment Committee Outreach Event for local treatment centers hosted nine facilities in a lovely sharing session on 5/18/2017. Thank you Jacqueline and Max for providing leadership and for Delegate Joe for supporting the event. Thank you, Mitchell, for providing the Archives display. Central Office guest speaker, Vaun, shared the history of AA in Orange County and provided written materials for GSRs on 5/4/2017. For District 12, there will be a Memorial Day picnic on 5/29/2017 at San Gorgonio Park, 2916 Via San Gorgonio, San Clemente, 92672, with a band (Rebel Angels), baseball, and a speaker. Potluck donations for the barbeque, including hot dogs and drinks are welcome. Volunteers are also welcome.

District 14: There were 6 in attendance. The District now has Past Delegate Sharon as a temporary Secretary. We have reserved a location (by deposit) for the October elections. Some members in the District have started an H&I meeting for the Hemet/San Jacinto areas. GSR Bill is the District's new Archivist.

District 15: There were 8 in attendance. We held our monthly meeting where Mike M was voted in as our new Treasurer. We voted to have Joe C provide his report back session on July 6th, which is a regularly scheduled District meeting. We also announced the next ASC in Riverside. The Pre-Conference share-back session is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on July 6th at Christ Lutheran Church, 820 West Imperial Highway, Room 303, in Brea, CA.

District 17: No Report

District 18: No Report

District 19: There were 15 in attendance. We are still working on our guidelines and our June event. Joe C will have his share back with us on June 3rd. Rozanne of District 18 will speak on a Treasurer/Secretary Workshop at the event.

District 20: Our district has 26 registered groups with an average attendance of 14 GSRs, 3 district committee chairs, 2 liaisons, and 3 district officers and the district board for a total of 28 members. We meet every Monday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and visit two groups per week to inform them of what is happening in the fellowship. Last May 14th we celebrated our 32nd anniversary. On January 15 we started a district inventory and we finished it on May 20 with 29 questions total. Jose F. DCMC.

District 21: Our district continues to work as usual visiting 2 groups per week and we meet 4 Wednesdays of the month. The Back to Basics group sent their Alternate GSR on May 17th. We have a book study meeting on the 4th Wednesday with the concept of the month and we try to carry the message of the service to the groups. Thank you Juan C. DCMC.

District 22: Our district meets every Tuesday with a book study and a working meeting. We visit groups on Mondays and Thursdays. On Mondays we visit groups that do not have GSRs to motivate them to send one. We also attend the invites when they ask the district to participate. We have two active committees; the Local Forum and La Viña. 12 in attendance. Thank you. Gerardo DCMC.

District 23: No Report

District 24: The members of our 24 registered groups have significantly minimized negative and aggressive sharing towards GSRs, DCMs, coordinator, treasurer and secretary of our committees. Today we do not visit, we share with them whatever our delegate shares about the conference, transmitting what we hear, see and feel. I believe we have grown in understanding and effectiveness and the members of the groups have shown us a deep and sincere gratitude whenever we speak to them. They already send contributions to the different service entities. We

are taking La Viña and other literature to the places where we carry the message of recovery. On June 4th we will be celebrating our 22nd anniversary where past DCMCs will be participating from Panels 46 to 64. The last Sunday in June we are hosting the meeting of the Hispanic districts where our delegate will share the report of the Conference, 2017. September 10 we will be hosting the Area assembly in the city of Hawaiian Gardens. Thanks, Paco.

District 25: We continue visiting the registered groups of the district that total 17. We share the most relevant information of what is happening in the Area and of the upcoming events and encourage them to attend. Thank you for letting me be of service. Pedro DCMC.

District 30: No Report

Recap of Actions:

- Approval of Minutes from 8 January 2017 passed without suggested revisions.
- Diane C identified the Facilities/Archives Ad Hoc Committee as Patrick S, Becky F, Carlos I, Mitchell B, and Jeryl T. Joseph H joined the committee later in the day.
- Jim B identified Julio and Nancy as members of the Audit Committee, indicating that the audit is complete, and that a formal audit report will be submitted by next month.
- The vote to delete Article VIIG.1 as follows "...and with Area adoptions of the GAP Guidelines, Article VIIG.1 will be omitted..." was unanimously approved.
- Don S. Chair of the Communications Committee identified Andrew A as the Spanish-speaking Co-Chair of the Communications Committee, which was approved with a simple majority.

Announcements:

- Mike K needs a Corrections contact for San Bernardino.
- There will be a Public Information booth at the Orange County Fair from July 14 through August 13.

Birthdays:

May birthdays included Ed L with 12 years (and others I could not capture because I was up front).

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

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