

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

Hosted by District 2 on 11 June 2017

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

Meeting was called to order by Alternate Delegate Jesus at 12:05 P.M.

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by Kevin in English/Teresa in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Sarah in English/Roberto in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Colette in English/Hector 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, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept draft minutes from the 12 March 2017 ASC as written.

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

Delegate Joe C: Since our May Assembly, I visited a Group in Fullerton, spoke at the High Desert Convention regarding General Service, and attended our regular Board Meeting in Riverside. I also gave Conference report-backs to District 20 in Santa Ana, District 22 in Indio, District 12 in Laguna Niguel, District 19 in Apple Valley, District 4 in Long Beach, and District 5 in Tustin. I have many more report-backs left to do and I am looking forward to them all. If I am not scheduled to visit your District, please reach out to me and schedule a time. It is hard to believe, but we are already starting to prepare for our elections in October. Paul C., a past Trustee from the San Diego area has agreed to facilitate our elections. We are lucky to have him. He is a terrific inspiration and always has something insightful and wonderful to contribute. You should be hearing from Ed soon regarding eligibility for voting and also for being able to stand for a position. That is all I have for now. I am looking forward to seeing you all next month if not sooner. In sincerest love and service, Joe C. Panel 66 Delegate, Mid-Southern CA Area 09.

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: (1) Attended the Area 09 Executive Board Meeting held June 04, 2017, held at 7111 Arlington Ave. in Riverside. (2) 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. And, (3) Attended Joe's District 5 General Service Conference Report on June 8th in Santa Ana. Status of the Fellowship New Vision Database for Area 09: Total Entries = 3,549 (+5); Active Groups = 1,846 (+3); Merged Groups = 204; Unknown Groups = 309; Inactive Groups = 1,181 (+1); Incomplete = 0; Pending Active = 8 (+1); Pending

Inactive = 1; and Invalid Mail Contacts = 0. The eight Pending Active Groups are: Awesome Factory Group in San Clemente in District 12; Brothers and Sisters In Sobriety Group in Costa Mesa in District 18; Grupo Amor Y Fe in Garden Grove in District 24; Happy Endings Group in Hermosa Beach in District 1; Men's First Step Group in Cypress in District 10; Pearls Before Swine Group in Long Beach in District 2; Perfectly Dysfunctional Group in Temecula in District 17; and There Is A Solution Group in Costa Mesa in District 18. Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

Treasurer Accounts Payable Diane C: No report.

Treasurer Accounts Receivable Leandro C: Good Morning, my name is Leandro and I'm an alcoholic. I would like to congratulate you for attending the Area meeting today. I'm in charge of receiving your contributions and Diane and I are doing the best we can to keep informed of what happens with the Area money. During June 2017, there were a total of 181 contributions, for a total of \$7,113.73, which is better than June 2016. Furthermore, from July 1st – to 8th, I can tell you that we have received a total of 68 contributions, for an amount of \$2,187.90. It promises to be a good month for contributions. 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 and I hope to see you all very soon. Leandro C.

Secretary Ed L: Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I continue to eblast various pieces of information (agendas, draft minutes, newsletters, etc.) to about 850 present and past members of Area 09. You may remove yourself from the list, but we never do that for you; hence 850 people when between 150 and 200 usually attend. I am pleased to have recently sent both the English and Spanish versions of the 2017 workbook to everyone. I am indebted to Jesus for Spanish translations and Bob H for copying materials so they are available. I encourage everyone to take extra agendas and minutes back to your groups, so they don't get thrown away but also so you can introduce group members to General Service. I will be working with Registrar Ryan to identify eligible members for voting and standing during the October elections.

Area Chair Ramon D: Not present due to medical procedure.

Old Business:

- **Joe's floor motion on the pension plan:** After careful consideration and discussion with various AA members, Joe decided to withdraw his motion. Following discussion, those in attendance agreed in a unanimous vote to withdraw this motion.

New Business:

- **Area funding of donut funding:** Jesus' proposal to provide between \$160 and \$175 to purchase donuts at Area events was presented and the floor was open to questions.
- **Andrew A elected as new Communications Co-Chair:** Jesus announced that Andrew A has been elected as the new Communications Co-Chair.
- **Increasing the amount in Area 09's Prudent Reserve:** Todd W described the proposal to increase the Prudent Reserve from \$5,000 to \$7,500, which was then open to questions.

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Archives Raul C: Archives has a meeting every third Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in Riverside. During the Big Bear event on August 18 through 20, Archives will have a display at 39707 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. We need a volunteer for sorting and scanning materials. We are also planning on Heritage Day.

Cooperation with the Elderly Community Mike M: There were 2 in attendance. This was the first organizational meeting for a new chair. We recently received the CEC workbook, which will be copied and distributed.

Communications Carlos R: No Report

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. I attended the Pow Wow in Indian Wells this past weekend. About 35% of the attenders at the Pow Wow were first time attenders to the event. This was a great opportunity to reach newcomers. The emphasis was on selecting the future Chair and discussing responsibilities and finances. We need a new banner for English/Spanish. Mauricio gave me a Spanish flyer. Maad Dog Daze is scheduled for August 4 in Cathedral City. The South Bay Round-up is scheduled for September 2nd. The Southern California AA Convention will be at the Westin in Cathedral City the end of September.

Convention Liaison Spanish Alex O: We met with 4 members today. We are planning to attend the 20th Convention on September 22-24th, 2017. I'm here to support my committee and I'm also here for the food. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Alex

Corrections Mike K: There were 5 in attendance. The future of the committee was discussed. Relationships between our committee and Southern California H&I as well as Area 05 Corrections have been established and are in need of maintenance. In the spirit of cooperation, services provided through GSO were explained as well as services provided through various H&I committees. Members were asked to think about whether or not they would be willing to stand for Chair at the Area elections later this year, or if they would stand for the Corrections Chair at their District.

DCM School English Hiro S: There were 15 in attendance. We discussed how to build enthusiasm in Districts and groups to ensure there are DCMs and GSRs. We double-dog-dare everyone to bring someone new to service (or returning) to the next District and Area meetings. Check unityandserviceconference.org for a workshop. There will be tacos and traditions on June 24 hosted by District 1. There will be a sponsorship workshop with "Dating Game" type questions and answers to promote sponsor matching. District meeting format indicates that everyone is on a committee where DCMs meet with GSRs. We will be attending the August Area Assembly.

DCM School Spanish Juan B: We opened the meeting at 10 am with the Serenity Prayer, followed by introductions of nine attendees. We had a new GSR attend the meeting and gave him information on the DCM school. We shared experience, strength, and hope with each other. We discussed our upcoming elections for a new DCM School chair according to the DCM School guidelines. We discussed possible solutions to prevent meetings from going dark due to lack of participation. Our next meeting will be at the all Spanish speaking District meeting on June 25th at District 24. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Finance Todd W: A total of 9 were present. The Finance Committee Guidelines were last updated in 1999, which will be discussed at the August Assembly. The committee approved that the Treasurer and Area Officers should move forward with opening a CD account of no risk and no withdrawal penalties in the amount of \$15,000. It is a good business decision to put some of the Area 09 funds in a more protected, secure account. The committee supports the motion to increase the Prudent Reserve to \$7,500.

Guidelines and Policies (GAP) Judy B: There were four committee members plus three visitors. Our main job is to write your motions when asked. This means that your motions are carefully considered for wording by several GAP members, that background materials can be provided, that guidelines and bylaws of the Area are checked beforehand for any conflicts, and finally that committee guidelines, Area Guidelines, and Area Bylaws are updated as necessary. We are here to be of service to each and every one of you as members of the Area committee. We are going to start contacting committee chairs for each committee's guidelines, in Word DOC format, to upload to the Cloud for accessibility and editing by the GAP Committee. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Judy B.

Grapevine Elizabeth S: There were 5 in attendance. We talked about the new book on making amends. We looked at the 2018 calendar and at the different resources available at aagrapevine.org. There will be a Grapevine writer's workshop on July 15 from 1:30 to 4:30 in Costa Mesa.

GSR School English Sharon K: No Report

GSR School Spanish Jose A: 27 members attended our meeting, which we opened with the GSR Preamble followed by the reading of our GSR School Guidelines. We only have a few months left for Panel 66 and we encouraged our members to stand for GSR School chair. We welcomed a new GSR and his alternate from District 24. We reviewed Concept 6 where it states that the conference and trustees work separately throughout the year and work together at their quarterly meetings to discuss and solve world service issues. We closed with the Responsibility Pledge. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

La Viña Luis S: I've been attending Area meetings and we're planning a trip to Area 3 in Arizona for a La Viña writing workshop on June 17th. District 23 will be having a writing workshop on July 1 from 12-4 pm. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Literature English Scott R: No Report

Literature Spanish Victor R: No Report

Public Information English Deborah A: There were 12 in attendance. There will be a Public Information workshop in Spanish on July 2nd from 12:30 to 4:30 pm in Santa Ana with English participation. The Orange County Fair will have a Public Information booth; see flyers for info or visit oc-aa.org (events). The OC Fair needs volunteers from July 14 through August 13. There is a Community Resource Fair including PI at Santa College on June 17.

Public Information Spanish Mauricio T: You are all invited to our P.I. workshop. We will have interpreters available for anyone who speaks English. The flyer is on the website and we will be serving food starting at 12 noon (tacos). Please share this info with your intergroup and District. There will be guest speakers from different professional agencies on July 2nd at 12-4pm. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Registration Gilbert G: No one attended so there was nothing specific to report.

Special Needs Gene H: There were 2 in attendance. We discussed the American Sign Language group having 5 to 7 members at this time. They are getting an interim interpreter to have open AA meetings at 4:00 pm at the Garden Grove Club. The Veteran's meeting started on June 3

having a very good showing. Only Veterans are allowed to share at the Saturday, 2:00 pm meetings at the Garden Grove Club.

Treatment Facilities Carlos I: No one attended today. Although no one attended, the committee has been busy, completing changes to the treatment page on the MSCA 09 website; mailing Bridging the Gap info to six treatment centers; introduced two released inmates to temporary contacts; and referred one request from GSO to Area 93.

Coordinate Committee Reports:

HASBYPAA – There was only one member in attendance. We are bidding for ACYPAA. There are 25 members on the new committee. We are selling cookies to fundraise for a chili cook-off. “Alchi’s Got Talent” event will be held on 7/15/2017 at MWA835C 33rd Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

Inland Empire H&I - No Report

Harbor Area Central Office – No Report

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 1: There were 40 in attendance. We welcomed three new GSRs and one new alternate GSR. Our Traditions Workshop committee reported on our workshop to be held at St. Peters Episcopal Church on Saturday, June 24 at 10:00 am. Flyers are on the table at the back. Our second workshop on sponsorship is awaiting a date in August or September. The guidelines revision and ad hoc committee has finished their work and the suggestions have been distributed to the GSRs. District committee discussion and approvals are to follow. We are looking forward to our Delegate Joe C’s Post-Conference Report at our July District meeting. The Traditions Workshop is scheduled for June 24 and the date for the Sponsorship Workshop will be determined.

District 2: There were 8 in attendance. There was a Treatment Committee Workshop this past month promoting outreach to those in recovery and sober living homes in District 12. Area 09 Delegate, Joe C, gave his 2017 General Service Conference Report. We will obtain Corrections literature for use in H&I panels, and the local South Orange County H&I jail panels. Back issues and subscriptions of the Grapevine have been ordered for hospital and jail panels.

District 3: No Report

District 4: There were 39 in attendance. Six individuals attended the GSR School including two new GSRs. There were four in attendance at the DCM School with one new DCM. Our District was pleased to announce that we had four birthdays since our last meeting. Area 09 Delegate, Joe C was our featured speaker, who shared with us most, if not all, of his New York share-back report with financial highlights, along with outcomes of General Service Conference Action Items. There is a workshop scheduled for November with the topic to be announced.

District 5: No Report

District 6: There were 60 in attendance. Several new GSRs attended as the result of group visitations with 100% committee participation by our GSRs. We continue to stress the importance of group visitations to unregistered groups in our District. We will be co-hosting the Delegate’s share-back session in September.

District 7: There were three in attendance. A “Twelve Steps of Service” workshop will be held on June 24, 2017.

District 8: There were 26 in attendance. We had three new GSRs attend the GSR Orientation. We voted to help District 25 secure the venue for the Foro with \$554. We will meet on July 21 when Joe C will give his report back. The Area 09 Foro will be in Pedley on July 9th and the Inland Empire Convention will be in November.

District 9: No Report

District 10: No Report

District 11: There were 4 in attendance. The June 4, 2017 District 11 meeting was postponed to July 2017. May 2017 minutes to be approved at the July meeting. District 11 approved a motion to merge District 11 with District 8. This proposal was made following conversations with Bob H (District 8 DCMC), Don S, and Joseph H (District 11 DCM). Presently, District 11 officers include Rose H as Secretary, Andrew A as Registrar, and Joseph H as DCM. There will be further discussion on the merger with District 8. Under new business, contributions to four entities from District 11 treasury (motion to be made at next District 11 meeting).

District 12: No Report

District 14: Todd W indicated there was nothing specific to report.

District 15: No Report

District 17: No Report

District 18: No Report

District 19: No Report

District 20: We continue to meet every Monday from 7:30-9pm. Our District just finished taking its own inventory on 5/20/2017. We celebrated our 32nd Anniversary on May 22 when our Area Delegate gave us his conference report. We plan on attending the La Viña 21st Anniversary Event in Oxnard, CA.

District 21: We continue to visit a couple meetings per week and we have our regular District meetings the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of every month. Unfortunately, we just had one of our groups go dark due to lack of member participation. Juan C.

District 22: We had 10 members attend the area meeting today. We are still meeting every Tuesday of every month. We alternate a business meeting and a book study meeting every other Tuesday. We are giving \$30 contributions to the Area and GSO. On Mondays we visit meetings that do not have a GSR to encourage them to elect a GSR. On Thursdays we visit the rest of the groups. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Gerardo.

District 23: We are working with our standing committees at the District and we are planning a Workshop on how to support La Viña and how to write an article for La Viña. We will have guest speakers and the Area committee has been invited. We are also in the beginning stages of planning for our elections this year for the new District board and standing committee chairs. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Dario.

District 24: No Report

District 25: We had 7 members attend today. We continue to visit a couple meetings per week and we are looking forward to the Delegate report on the last Monday of this month. We are all ready to host the Area Foro on June 9th. We are also getting ready for our District elections and Area elections as well. We will be attending the next inter-district all Spanish Districts meeting at the end of July. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Pedro.

District 30: No Report

Recap of Actions:

- Approval of Minutes from 12 March 2017 were passed without suggested changes.
- There was a unanimous vote to withdraw Joe's motion regarding pension plans.
- The motion by Jesus to provide a donut fund was open for questions.
- Jesus announced that Andrew A was recently elected as the new Communications Co-Chair.
- Todd W's motion to increase the Prudent Reserve from \$5,000 to \$7,500 per month was presented and the floor open for questions.

Announcements:

- Next Area 09 Event: July 9, 2017 Foro at the Jurupa Community Center, 481 Pedley Road, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509.

Birthdays:

June birthdays included Deborah with 12 years, Todd with 10 years, Alex with 12 years, Lawrence with 4 years, Jake with 7 years, Nelly with 16 years, and Mary Jo with 23 years.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 2:00 p.m., with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

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