

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

Hosted by District 3 on 13 August 2017
Boys and Girls Club of Los Angeles Harbor
100 West 5th Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

Meeting was called to order by Alternate Delegate Jesus O at 12:00 p.m.

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by Thao in English/Roberto in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Mary in English/Leopoldo in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Daniel in English/Oscar 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 (Leslie A), seconded (Beka M), and unanimously approved to accept draft minutes from the 11 June 2017 ASC as written.

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

Delegate Joe C: Since our last ASC I attended the 3rd Tradition Spanish speaking Group in Santa Ana, District 9 in Palm Desert, District 21 in Gardena, a Spanish speaking group in San Clemente, the Spanish speaking Inter-district meeting in Anaheim, District 25 in San Bernardino, District 23 in Riverside, District 10 in Fullerton, District 15 in Brea, the Foro in Riverside, District 1 in Hermosa Beach, a Spanish speaking group in Santa Ana, a Grapevine workshop in Costa Mesa, District 8 in Riverside, a Concepts workshop in Tustin, District 30 in Joshua Tree, a Spanish Speaking group in Santa Ana, a service Event by District 7 in Garden Grove, our Board meeting in Riverside, an English speaking group in Upland, a Spanish speaking Group in Santa Ana, District 17 in Sun City, an English speaking group in Apple Valley, and I'm here today.

The vast majority of my visitations were to provide Conference report-backs. Some of my visitations were for speaking engagements. I had a particularly enjoyable time at the Grapevine workshop in Costa Mesa where I had the honor and privilege of introducing Amy B. the executive editor/publisher for Grapevine. I also had a particularly enjoyable time sharing on Concepts 1, 2, 3, and 4 for District 5 in Tustin. Particularly rewarding to me was my participating at a service event for District 7 in Garden Grove where I was asked to share for around 20 minutes on my experience in General Service. I was the main speaker at meetings in Upland and Apple Valley. One last thing, I attended our first PRAASA planning meeting this morning prior to our meeting today.

Alternate Delegate Jesus O: Since our last meeting in June; I've attended the Foro. I've also attended a P.I Workshop in Santa Ana and a few more Spanish Report Backs with Joe. I hope you are all thinking about the area elections in a couple of months. Next month the officers will be giving a summary of their duties and responsibilities to give you an idea about what to expect if you decide to stand for an officer position. It is time to start preparing for the Servathon in

November this year. As you may already know part of the responsibilities of the alternate delegate is to organize the pre-conference workshop, help with the Foro and plan the Servathon. Hope to have a great one this year. 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 our last meeting. Spoke at the "Came to Believe Group" in Corona on July 2nd. Attended the Foro de M.S.C.A. 09 in Jurupa Valley on July 9th. Attended the "12 Concepts Workshop and Barbecue" hosted by District 5 on July 22. Attended the Area 09 Executive Board Meeting held July, 30th 2017, held at 7111 Arlington Ave. in Riverside. Continued working with Ed L., the Area 09 Secretary, on the Eligibility List for the upcoming Panel 68 Elections. Entered 68 Group changes. Status of the Fellowship New Vision Database for Area 09: 3,561 Total Entries (+12); 1,850 Active Groups (+4); 204 Merged Groups; 319 Unknown Groups (+10); 1,181 Inactive Groups; 0 Incomplete; 6 Pending Active (-2); 1 Pending Inactive; and 0 Invalid mail contacts. The six Pending Active Groups are: 11 AM Men's Stag in Hermosa Beach (District 01); Chapman & Lewis AA Group in Orange (District 05); Fireside Group in Riverside (District 08); Monday Night Noon Men's Stag Group in Hermosa Beach (District 01); Sobriety Night Live Group in Costa Mesa (District 18); and Spiritual Gangsters Group in Costa Mesa (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: My most useful recent function is to distribute eligibility statuses for voting and standing for Area officers in October 2017. A cover letter and Excel spread sheet showing attendance were sent to all DCMs, DCMCs, and some Registrars showing those eligible to vote (attend 1 ASA/AS since October 2016) and stand (attend 4 ASA/ASC since October 2016). The main concern was with Area Chairs who were not also recorded at the District level (I record your attendance on an Area spread sheet rather than District, so don't be alarmed if your attendance is blank on the District registration). I attended the Foro in July and the 21st La Viña celebration in Oxnard, which meant I got to wear translator headphones twice in the past month. I've responded to 30± requests since June 11, 2017 and our Board meeting in Riverside on July 30, 2017.

Area Chair Ramon D: Ramon is still in the hospital following open heart surgery.

Old Business:

- Area funding of donut/healthy snack proposal: Jesus O led the discussion to forward the proposal to the September 2017 ASA for a vote. The proposal is to provide between \$160 and \$175 to purchase donuts/healthy snacks at Area functions such as ASAs, ASCs, Foros, etc. There was unanimous approval to provide this funding for donuts/healthy snacks.
- Increasing the amount in Area 09's Prudent Reserve from \$5,000 to \$7,500: Todd W led this discussion to increase the Prudent Reserve as indicated, which was in response to the Finance Committee's review of recent and current costs, which are at about \$7,200. Jeryl T asked that the motion be amended to show that the proposal was from the Finance Committee and not from the Board. The exact motion states: "Increase the Area 09 Prudent Reserve from \$5,000 to \$7,500." The motion was unanimously approved to forward this motion to the September 2017 ASA.

New Business:

- Proposal to provide up to \$1,200 in support of Hispanic Women's Workshop in December 2017: Ryan W. The proposal is "On behalf of our multi-Area Hispanic Women's Workshop scheduled for 12/03/2017, I am proposing that Area 09 approve our budget request of \$1,200.00 as its contribution to the 2017 Workshop."

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Archives Raul C: On July 8, Mitchell, Manuel, and I attended Unity Day at District 17. Mitchell talked about Archives, what we do, and what we have. July 15, members from Area 5 came to Archives and Mitchell gave them a tour. We are going to have displays next Saturday on the 19th and Sunday on the 20th at 39707 Big Bear, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. We will not be having a meeting this Saturday but will be at Archives on Sunday.

Cooperation with the Elderly Community Mike M: There were 6 in attendance. Last month the committee had two members and today there were six. The committee is still organizing. Today we worked with Beka who is a past chairperson. We reviewed appropriate literature and looked at the committee workbook from New York. We talked about the goals and operations of the committee. We plan on purchasing and distributing pertinent literature.

Communications Carlos R: No Report

Cooperation with the Professional Community Tanya D: Ethan reported that the Staff Meeting for OCHCA was attended by Robert D back on July 10th. This organization called NY and requested our presence at their monthly staff meeting. All went well. Ethan and Connor attended the DMEC at the Anaheim convention center. All went well. We had to purchase additional literature and had 120 visitors to the booth. The event had approximately 700 registered. We have a workshop on 08/26/2017 in Santa Ana - we will be passing out literature for each District to take to local professionals. We will be looking into two California events to be added: CASP (Oct 5-7) in Orange County - Ethan is to check on this and CPPSA (Sept 12-15) in Long Beach. - Howard is checking on this one.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish Luciano P: No Report

Convention Liaison English Karen L: Three members of our committee attended MAAD Dog Daze, where our table was hopping with excitement. Our past Delegate enthusiastically hung around the table, sharing his experience, strength, and hope. Jeryl was the banquet speaker and sharing about his service was his main topic, which emphasized the importance of service, which changed my life. The South Bay Round Up is scheduled for Labor Day weekend. The Southern

California Convention will be in Palm Springs on September 29 through October 2nd, where we will be hosting a General Service panel on Saturday, September 30th.

Convention Liaison Spanish Alex O: There was 1 member in attendance. Committee Chair Karen H and member Jim B represented Area 09 at MAAD Dog Daze convention in Cathedral City. The Southern California Convention in Rancho Mirage is scheduled for the weekend of September 29th at the Westin. Online registration is still open but the Westin Hotel is sold out. Other local hotels are filling up fast.

Corrections Mike K: There were 5 in attendance. We are preparing a list of accomplishments for the past two years and setting recommended goals and methods for the next committee chair. We renewed our commitment to get more Correspondence and Pre Release request forms to inmates. We continue to develop the committee's relationship with Southern California H&I, asking their help getting Correspondence and Contact forms to inmates.

DCM School English Hiro S: As a Committee we read through flyer, F-12, Your D.C.M. We discussed some of the responsibilities associated with the DCM position: working with GSRs to generate interest; service sponsorship; sharing Conference items as soon as they are available; holding workshops on General Service to generate interest and seek commitments; etc. We then shared experiences on group visitations. The upcoming event is the ASA on September 10, 2017 in Hawaiian Gardens.

DCM School Spanish Juan B: Escuela de MCDs en Español Juan B: There were 4 in attendance. We discussed 2 pending items; first about the La Viña Anniversary that is going to take place in the Hispanic Group of Riverside on Sunday, September 3 from 9 am to 12 pm. It has the full support of all Hispanic districts. Item number two was about the election of the next Chair of the Spanish DCM School, based on the guidelines of the committee. We are ready for the inter-district meeting in District 20, on August 27, 2017. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Finance Todd W: There were a total of 9 in attendance, including 6 committee members. We will have the 2018 budget meeting on November 5th, a Sunday at 10:00 am at Archives in Riverside. The committee also approved the Hispanic Women's Workshop proposal for December. We are currently reviewing the Finance Guidelines, which were last revised in 1999.

Guidelines and Policies (GAP) Judy B: There were 3 in attendance. We see our committee almost ready to turn over to the next panel. We have one more basic task, which is to get our website onto the Area 09 site. The site will display GAP Committee Guidelines in both English and Spanish and meeting minutes will also be posted.

Grapevine Elizabeth S: There were 4 in attendance. We visited the website to look at available resources. Ed L discussed questions about the audio Grapevine. We discussed the different ways of subscribing to the Grapevine.

GSR School English Sharon K: There were 10 in attendance. We talked about service sponsors, GSR reports, ASC agenda proposals, committees, and eligibility statuses for voting.

GSR School Spanish Jose A: No Report

La Viña Luis S: In June, we attended a workshop for La Viña in Arizona Area 03. We also attended a La Viña workshop in Riverside with Grupo Hispano. We gathered nine stories that were recently sent to New York in June for potential inclusion in La Viña. In Oxnard, CA we attended the 21st anniversary celebration of La Viña. There were 50 to 60 Area 09 members attending the Oxnard event. According to the anniversary guidelines, Area 09 would be the next host since no other Areas accepted, and Area 09 proudly accepts the responsibility to host the 22nd Anniversary of La Viña next year. The Latin Districts are scheduled to meet at Grupo

Hispano at 3686 Chicago Avenue in Riverside to form the committee for the 22nd anniversary celebration. For more information, call Luis S at (760) 989-2651.

Literature English Scott R: There were 3 in attendance. We talked about 12 Traditions book, Safety in AA, and what constitutes cross talk.

Literature Spanish Victor R: No Report

Public Information English Deborah A: No Report

Public Information Spanish Mauricio T: We began at 10:05 am with the Serenity Prayer. There were 9 in attendance. The district 20 PI committee, will participate at the Centennial Park health fair in the city of Santa Ana, on August 19, 2017 from 11am to 3pm. We closed the meeting at 11:20 am with the declaration of responsibility.

Registration Gilbert G: There were 2 in attendance. We discussed the value of District Registrars to any District GSR orientation as a first contact to any new GSR. We went over some elements of the first contact as well as essential ingredients of a GSR School at the District meetings.

Special Needs Gene H: There were 3 in attendance. We requested a budget override of \$800 to the Finance Committee to fund an ASL interpreter for the "AA Meeting ASL for the Deaf" on Saturdays at 4 to 5:30 pm at the Garden Grove Alano Club. We discussed how to contribute to the ASL meeting in Garden Grove, which began on 1/7/2017 and is the only ASL AA meeting in Orange County. Perhaps Districts, the Area, and Intergroup can find the need for an ASL interpreter for this meeting for the deaf. There was \$500 left in the Special Needs and Accessibility committee's budget. The committee requests all GSRs to announce this AA ASL meeting to their Districts and meetings. Thank you for your support.

Treatment Facilities Carlos I: There were 2 in attendance. We mailed eight information packets to treatment centers. We bridged a member completing treatment in Orange County to a contact in Summerville, South Carolina. We passed on a request for panels to North Orange County H&I. We provided information about what Bridging the Gap does to a sober living home in Palm Springs. We discussed our treatment contact list, H&I outreach, VA and military outreach, and ways to increase our outreach to local community treatment centers.

Coordinate Committee Reports:

HASBYPAA – There were 2 in attendance. We are committing to bid for the 2019 ACYPAA round up. There is a young people's event on July 15, 2017. We are also planning for an event in mid-September 2017.

Inland Empire H&I - No Report

Harbor Area Central Office – No Report

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 1: There were 39 attendees in July and 27 in August. The District 1 Traditions Workshop on July 24th was well attended, with about 100 present. At our July 13th District meeting, our MSCA 09 Delegate Joe C gave his post Conference presentation. Our guidelines review ad hoc committee presented the first half of their suggested revisions to the GSRs at our August 10th meeting. We expect to finish next month. This will be the District's first complete review and revision of the guidelines since 2003. Our sponsorship workshop is tentatively scheduled for September 16th, to be held in Hermosa Beach. More details will be available soon.

District 2: No Report

District 3: No Report

District 4: There were 37 in attendance. There were eight at the GSR/DCM School with two new GSRs. District 4 is hosting a workshop on October 14 at MWA from 2 until 5:00 pm. I read a letter to the District from Area 09 Secretary Ed L regarding voting eligibility for Area officer elections in October, which listed all eligible voters for District 4. District 4 GSRs voted to have Rich W make chili and host a booth at the Harbor Area H&I Chili Cook-off. This is the second year in our history where we as a District have participated in the chili cook-off.

District 5: No Report

District 6: There were 60 in attendance at the August 1 meeting. The body met and discussed current group visitations to generate interest in becoming GSRs. The board emphasized the importance of 100% committee participation. Ryan W encouraged GSRs to attend the next Area meeting when she will provide information for the Hispanic Women's Workshop in December. The board distributed a list of approximately 70 group inventory questions to each sub-district. Each sub-district discussed and synthesized questions pertinent to our District for the October District inventory. GSRs are encouraged to take the questions to their groups. September 12 is the Delegate share back with District 7 and 18 at Huntington Beach Senior Center. At October's District meeting we will conduct the District inventory.

District 7: No Report

District 8: Area 09 Delegate Joe C came and gave his report back from the General Service Conference where we had five visitors from District 11. There were two new GSRs, including Amanda W from Riverside and Christine R from Corona. The next meeting is August 16 at 7:00 pm with GSR orientation at 6:00 pm. The Inland Empire Convention is November 10, 11, and 12, 2017.

District 9: No Report

District 10: There were 13 in attendance. There was a lot of discussion on Tradition 8. We put together a planning committee for a workshop in October. We had one new GSR. We are planning for a "What is the Program of AA" workshop on October 21st at the Fullerton Alano Club.

District 11: No Report

District 12: There were approximately 75 in attendance. District 12 funded Jim S to attend the Archives Workshop on 9/28 through 10/1 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. District 12 asked to support the new veteran and ASL meeting for the deaf in Garden Grove at the Alano Club. In a round table format committee chairs led eight tables in discussions regarding purpose and activities of committee. Read back was shared with GSRs. We are planning the fall elections for the new Board/Panel. Our Traditions Day is scheduled for November 5th, 2017 from 2 to 6:00 pm at the Canyon Club 20456 Laguna Canyon Rd, Laguna Beach, CA 92651. The speaker will be Jim S. There will be fellowship, round table discussions, trivia, traditions plan, drawings, etc. GSRs approved Bridging the Gap subcommittee of the Treatment Committee. Thank you, Mitchell, Area 09 Archivist for providing materials for audio recording of longtime members of AA and researching group histories.

District 14: There were 8 in attendance. We will host a Secretaries Workshop next month on September 17th from 2 to 4:00 pm at the Arid Club in Hemet. We are also getting prepared to host the October elections in Banning. There seems to be a little increase in General Service support at the District level.

District 15: No Report

District 17: There were 28 in attendance. Delegate Joe C spoke at the August District meeting. District 17 participated in collaboration with Intergroup Central Office in Temecula and H&I for

Unity Day. There was special focus on safety in AA with past Delegate, Lisa P of Area 93 speaking on this issue. We will be hosting the Servathon in November and holding our elections in December. There is fair participation from groups electing GSRs and attending District meetings. The committee is encouraging groups to elect representatives for each committee such as Archives, CPC, PI, H&I, Treatment, Corrections, Grapevine, etc., and to attend District meetings.

District 18: There were 4 in attendance. Area 09 Spanish Women's Workshop Liaison Ryan W came and gave a presentation to our District meeting, which was very interesting and informative. Our District guidelines have been edited and presented to GSRs for review. Hopefully revision will be approved by the end of Panel 66. District elections will be November 14 and facilitated by Joe C. The joint share back with District 6 and 7 is scheduled for September 12 at the Huntington Beach Senior Center at 18041 Goldenwest St., Huntington Beach, CA 92648, with a potluck at 6:00 pm and Joe's report at 7:00 pm.

District 19: No Report

District 20: The district continues to work and meets every Monday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. We are working on revising our guidelines according to the needs of the district. We attended the Anniversary of La Viña. We distributed a flyer to the GSRs to encourage new GSR participation and the election of the new board of District 20, on October 4, 2017. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Jose F.

District 21: No report

District 22: There were 9 in attendance. We meet every Tuesday and alternate between book studies and business meetings. We participate in meetings where groups invite us to discuss specific topics. The committee of La Viña and the committee of Local Forum are very active; the local Forum is scheduled for September 17. Everyone is welcome. There was a contribution to the Area of \$15.00.

District 23: We are working on trying to encourage the groups to send their GSRs. This panel is about to end and it is important that new GSRs come out so that this continues on. We will have elections on October 20, 2017. Thank you for letting me be of service. Dario, DCMC

District 24: We continue visiting groups 2 or 3 times a week. We also attend group invitations that invite us with special topics. We have attendance of about 12 to 16 GSRs. We are hosting the next Area meeting in Hawaiian Gardens next month. Hope to see you all there. Thank you for letting me be of service. Paco, DCMC.

District 25: All District groups are alive and well. We already have the organizing committee for the 10th District 25 Anniversary. We continue visiting 2 groups per week and we already received the minutes and plaque of the Forum that we hosted with District 8.

District 30: No Report

Recap of Actions:

- Approval of Minutes from 11 June 2017 were unanimously approved as submitted.
- There was unanimous approval to forward the Area funding of donut/healthy snack proposal to formal vote at the September 2017 ASA.
- The proposal to increase the Prudent Reserve from \$5,000 to \$7,500 was unanimously approved to forward this motion to the September 2017 ASA for a formal vote.
- The proposal to provide \$1,200 in support of Hispanic Women's Workshop in December 2017 was approved by a majority vote.

Announcements:

- Next Area 09 Event: September 10, 2017 Area Service Assembly (ASA) at Hawaiian Gardens City Hall, 21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716.

Birthdays:

July/August birthdays included Raul with 27 years, Nancy with 33 years, Carlos with 17 years, Scott with 36 years, Diane C 2ith 5 years, Margaret for 20 years, and Ray with 34 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.