

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

Hosted by District 01

West High School
20401 Victor Sr.
Torrance, CA 90503
December 9, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Chair Hiro S. at 9:08 a.m. There were 147 members who signed in for the meeting.

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by Gerry in English / Rolando in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Arnie in English / x in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Lynn in English / Rigo 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 Scott, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept draft minutes from the 14 October 2018 ASC as written.

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

Delegate Jesus O: My name is Jesus and I have the privilege to serve as the Panel 68 Delegate. We have received hard copies of the 68th General Service Conference Report to distribute in English and Spanish. The New Service Manual 2018-2020 released with a salmon-color cover. Graphics with organization of the Trustees and General Service Board included in the Service Manual. Paz Percaido (Area 03), a non-Trustee Director working on the Spanish-language website and former Advisory Board member for La Viña, similar to Ed L. (Grapevine) and Sharon K., not present today. Contributes with knowledge and experience. Spoke about the 1728 Meeting that happens before the Conference, sponsor non-alcoholic Trustees on the Twelve Steps, Traditions and Concepts (12 x 12 x 12 = 1728). Going through notes speaking on Tradition 9 – “Trusted and experienced servants animated by the spirit of service and serving something greater than themselves. They serve a spiritual movement.” From Concept 11 – Management of G.S.O. by the Trustees who appoint qualified people. They keep the day-to-day affairs working from New York as I can’t be there. Also from notes on Concept 11, rotation is an assurance I will remain teachable. “Love and Tolerance of others” is our code. Support covered in Warranties. Being of service – making coffee, being secretary, service and GSR, DCM, Area office or Trustee – all share the primary purpose – “To carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.” Attended the Spanish Forum in San Diego Area 08. Some areas are still struggling to involve Spanish-speaking members in Area events. Spanish-speaking districts at one time proposed a separate Spanish-speaking Area, which was not passed. Jesus contacted G.S.O. about Newton, Trustee-at-Large, presentation with an interactive PowerPoint of membership in A.A. Involved with Spanish side of the Board. Jesus asked for a copy but Newton said he could share the document, which is a work in process. Details of membership are

included in the print GSC report. Area 08 9th Spanish Forum last Sunday. Cesar, Melvin (Area 93), and fellow from Arizona on panel had questions from the attendees. First question was Why are Spanish speaking meetings lacking membership? Some of the English speaking meetings also not growing. A.A. is not growing, but at a plateau. What are we doing to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholics? Jesus answered a lot of the people sent by courts may not be ready, may need more DUIs before staying. Jane G., former Delegate Area 08, spoke about responsibilities of trusted servants and a presentation she gave at the 2017 MSCA 09 Servathon – that the treatment industry worth \$28 billion. A lot of people go to treatment. In GSC Report the Trustee Committee on Intellectual Property spoke about an outside website called AlcoholicsAnonymous.com, which is not an A.A. organization. The website redirects people to treatment. Raul C., Jesus’ sponsor, takes a panel every Tuesday to treatment center in L.A., a court ordered rehab. People are there to avoid jail. For some people in the rehab they are thinking about long-term recovery, but just court ordered compliance. Don’t know the percentage of people who stay in A.A. after release from rehab. Don’t know English-speaking, but Spanish-Speaking meetings in his district two or three new meetings. It takes a resentment and a Big Book to start a meeting. For Spanish, two members with a resentment and a coffee pot. Two or three meetings where Tradition Two took place. The new people kicked out the old-timers, who created their own meeting which was big. The meeting with the newcomers began to dwindle, then down to one or two. The old-timers talked about rent and want back to their old meeting location. The meeting dwindled, with lack of foundation or direction, and eventually closed. In Gardenia, a similar story. Newcomers kicked out old-timers and started meeting. In another district a similar story. Those kicked out moved down the street and started a new meeting. Members not conscientious about maintaining the meeting are not there. Making A.A. attractive now. Not as much formal sponsorship in meetings. Another question was “Why do Area Delegates think they are better than other alcoholics in A.A.?” The questioner said delegates only talk to themselves, and not to the “little people.” Jesus did not have an answer for those questions. He talks to people wherever he goes. GSC Report is bigger than last year. More than the summary from last year.

Announcement: Scott R.: For the new Service Manuals, do we get them or do we have to buy them to give out? Cesar: Is there a surplus of Service Manuals sent to Delegates to distribute? Jeryl: When he was delegate a surplus from the year before, then AAWS sent to delegates. The surplus may not be as much.

Delegate Jesus O.: My name is Jesus and I have the honor and privilege to serve as your Panel 68 Delegate. Since our last meeting I have attended the board meeting. I have given all GSC District shareback with the last on Oct. 28 to District 30. We had about 20-25 people show up. I attended the October ASC and distributed the GSC report. I brought a box for District 5 and a box for District 30. I took part in the Area 05 elections in Santa Monica October 23, with the board members attending. We are assisted with the Area 93 elections November 9 in Santa Paula. I spoke on the Traditions at an anniversary meeting in Torrance. I got the chance to address three nursing student visiting there, doing field study, and talked about CPC Committee and our interaction with professionals. I spoke at a meeting in Wilmington about the Traditions. I attended the PRAASA planning on the first Saturday of the month as observer and to give answer questions. As PRAASA hosting delegate for 2019, I am part of PRASSA advisory board, with delegates from previous years and Areas that will be hosting in upcoming years. This year’s

host was Nevada (2018), with next year MSCA09 in Irvine (2019), followed by Arizona (2020), Area 93 (2021), and Oregon (2022). Vera F., Oregon Area 58, chairs the PRAASA Advisory Board. The names of Vera and I went into the hat at the conference and she came out. In addition, Melvin, outgoing Delegate from Area 93, and I are translating PRAASA material and will have the information ready by the PRAASA Business Meeting. Spread the word about PRAASA for the 2019 will be the best PRAASA, ever. Fifteen Pacific Region areas get together from nine states. Come out and meet about 1,500 alcoholics or more attending PRAASA, some from every state and some for the very first time. Copies of the GSC report are available in English and Spanish. For the next meeting I will be out of the county visiting family in January and will prepare for PRAASA, Area meeting, and Pre-Conference, and the Conference. Thank you.

Alternate Delegate Ed L: My name is Ed and I am an alcoholic. In 2013, when my father passed away this was hanging on the rack. I couldn't bear to leave it there It says "Merry Christmas" on the side so, I guess, I can wear this once a year. To celebrate this year I realize that the next time we see each other it will be next year. This is a wonder way to finish out 2018. So, I want to thank the people who helped with the Servathon. Mitchell received all the minutes for that event that happened in Thousand Palms last month. I assume those are going to be available at some point? The minutes from the Servathon will be posted to the Area website after this meeting. The Grapevine at the Area level is hosting a writer's workshop working on March 9, 2019. I have been working with Lilly and Coty to develop that; we are excited about the workshop. The last writers workshop had 85 members, or so. We are looking to having as many as 200 members on March 9. So please consider Grapevine stories, talk to your groups about this and flyers will be available. I am also the secretary for PRAASA 2019 Planning Committee this past Saturday. I am happy to report that as of Saturday there were 109 people registered. There might be more now. We are anticipating as many as 2,000 people at that particular event in Irvine. As Nancy shared with you earlier, if you go onto our website under "Area 09 Events," there two are places to where you can sign up as a volunteer and another place where you can register, for both the banquet and for the registration for PRAASA. So please be aware of that and please participate in that. It sounds like there will be several hundred volunteers. We need volunteers, and we can use as many as we get. So please be involved in that. It was my pleasure on November 16-17-18 to go to the Southeast Regional Forum. Similar to the Pacific Regional Forum, the Southeast Regional Forum covers the southeast United States. Virginia is as far north as they go. It goes down to Louisiana, and over to the Caribbean. It includes eight or nine states. The one thing that really came out of that. I want to give you a visual. Last April when I was in New York I had dinner with Grapevine folks and that was when I was introduced the Meeting Guide app. Now, if you look at that app as it was explained by Sharon. So, it is a blue background with a white circle. On the next page it lets you know just how far you are from the next meeting. So, say we are at 1 o'clock, in fifteen minutes there will be a meeting two miles from us. It gives you a map to the meeting location. I was excited about this. So, I traveled all the way back from New York to California. When I got to the high desert and found out that it is not available in the Victorville area. We have a Central Office guy who

is suspicious about this sort of thing. So, I would really encourage you to let them know that this meeting guide app is now actually endorsed by Alcoholics Anonymous, that it is not an external thing. It's a wonderful, wonderful guide to allow you get to meetings. So, please take advantage of that. The app can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple Store. I also had the privilege while I was at the Southeast Regional Forum

Also excited to serve as secretary at SURF at the Southeast Regional Forum, for Grapevine and La Viña. Yourenia, who is the editor for La Viña asked if we could publish in La Viña the Grapevine Do's- and Don'ts document that we produced a couple of years ago. The Do's and Don'ts of writing for the magazines for Grapevine articles. That is pretty exciting that they will be translating it and publishing in Spanish. Finally, what I want share is, to me, sobriety is something that happens out of left field. We intentionally go to meetings and then it is revealed to us these little things that enrich our lives and keep us sober. So a number of years ago, when you have an organized religion was kind of like a wagon wheel. You have these spokes that go out from the central hub. Each place where that spoke hits the wagon rim, that's where you have Buddhism, Christianity, and all the different sects of different organized religions. But God is the hub, God is the middle. As long as we stay focused on the hub, on the middle, on the wagon wheel, then we are fine. Where we get into trouble is that we look left and right and start saying, "Hey, you should be dunked and not sprinkled." Or, actually I came out of an A.A. meeting and a local church had put flyers on our windshield that said if we didn't worship Jesus then you wouldn't stay sober. All of us have something that happens. But the point is if we stay focused on God, then every organized religion in the world works for the people it serves. So when I was at the Southeast Regional Forum I looked up and throughout that large meeting hall there were these large lights that had a central area, and spokes that came out exactly like that wagon wheel. Whenever I go to conferences, there is always some theme that comes back with me. The thing that happened there is when I looked at this light, it was very much like what I just described to you about organized religion, that I apply on a personal level. When I go to a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous many of them are in circles. If I hear someone from the right say something I don't like, someone talking about drugs or someone talking about this or about that, as long as I stay focused on God then everyone in that circle is a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. I don't have to have any discrepancies or judgements about the people for the people to my right or my left. When I'm always in Virginia that is the thing occurred to me. Apply that wagon wheel analogy at a personal level and accept everyone at the table is someone you want to be sober. With that, Happy Holidays to everybody. Thanks you for letting me share.

Registrar Sharon K: My name is Sharon and I'm an alcoholic. It is my privilege to serve as your Area Registrar. It's good to be back. I wasn't feeling well at the last area meeting. I received an email from our records department that some of the submissions I have been sending are for groups that are already listed. When you fill out a new group form. Also, the records department will not enroll a new group if the same name in that city already exists. When you are filling out the GSR change forms, please make sure that you have the last name as they do mail information

and we want to make sure it gets to you. Finally, as Jesus mentioned we received a letter from GSO about the licensing of AAWS for the Meeting Guide technology. If you are not familiar with this it is an app where it tracks the closest AA meeting to you based on your location. Several Central offices already participate in this and it has helped me find some great meetings in my travels. The meeting information is going to be on aa.org in the future. How this relates to the Fellowship New Vision program that I use to enter group information is that it is not integrated it is independent of the meetings listed in our database. Also as Jesus mentioned we are getting a new database soon. This is going to be more relationship management based kind of like Salesforce which I'm excited about and am sure it will be much easier to use. That's all I have for now. Thank you.

Treasurer Accounts Payable Rich W.: My name is Rich, and I am an alcoholic. I am happy to be here sober one more day. It's been two months since my last report to the Area and there has been a lot of activity to keep me out of trouble. In October I participated with Gregory J. and Leslie A. of Finance Committee in the Area Capital Inventory, with the assistance of Mitchell, the Area 09 Archivist, we were able to get on paper all the assets located at the Archives Repository. Continuing to work with Finance Committee on the budget. I submitted a report as our 2018 budget status today, so that if we need to make any adjustments we are able to do that. As of this morning, our checking balance was \$31,935.94. The savings account is \$9,379.11. Over last two months participated with other members of Area 09, 08, 05, and 93. In October we assisted Area 05 and November Area 93 with their Election Assemblies. It is always great to participate in a Third Legacy procedure and appreciate the different vides in the two areas. The love in service in those Areas just as in ours. It is always a privilege to serve. I attended the Servathon in Thousand Palms, and able to participate in one of the roundtables, addressing Accessibility, We had some great discussion. Overall, the turnout for the Servathon was great; I thought it was a big success. In closing, I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year. I want to share with you one of Long Beach old-timers, Rocky with 41 years sober. He is definitely an old-school guy. He wants you remind all of you, "Holidays don't get you drunk - alcohol gets you drunk." Thank you for letting me be of service.

Treasurer Accounts Payable Jose A.: Report for December. Received 26 contribution for a total \$621.00 I've hadn't had enough sleep. Thank you.

Secretary Mitchell B. : Hi, my name is Mitchell and I am an alcoholic. Since the last Area event I attended the Area 09 Servathon on November 11, 2018 in Thousand Palms. The event had 88 members sign-in. * I added 24 new email addresses to the MailChimp account. * I had the Area 09 Webmaster upload final September 2018 ASC minutes to the website. * On December 6 I attended the district 12 Grapevine Writer's workshop, where I wrote a draft story for submission. * On December 4 I attended the District 6 Presentation by Archives Committee member Mary G. on Pioneer Women in A.A. I estimated there were approximated 117 people in attendance. * Today I distributed the Area 09 Panel 68 roster. Please review your District contact

information and send changes to me via email or on the enclosed blank update forms. * I will be scheduling a meeting ad hoc committee on ASC locations. I am in the process of compiling documentation from previous Area review of ASC/ASA locations. * I gathered the Area 09 contributions Saturday, December 8, to deliver to Jose A., Treasurer-AR, at the December ASC. * Thank you for letting me be of service.

Area Chair Hiro S: I am Hiro and I have the honor to serve as the Mid-Southern California Area 09 Chair. On Sunday following the ASC in garden grove I enjoyed participating in the District 01 Spiritual Principles Workshop in Torrance on Saturday, October 20. That was amazing! There were people to tell you were to go, they had the name badges out like a conference. It was rad! The process of welcoming. My favorite part, because I am selfish, was getting a new sponsee, a guy in the Area who has been sober for a decade but wanted a new experience, to experience the Concepts and all three legacies together. So that's rad! We are at the halfway point of this panel. This is December; we are halfway through. This coming October, in ten months, we will have another election. If some of you have never been to a third Legacy election, it is bizarre, and wonderful. We vote up to five times for the same person. And if we can't decide we go to the hat – we let God decide and pull the name out the hat. What's cool is that I booked with Pacific Regional Trustee Kathy F. to chair our elections in October. If you have not had an opportunity to meet her you will at the Pacific Regional Forum. 28:59 On September 21, I participated in the Third Legacy Area 05 Election. I was impressed with them. They have committees for translation, a committee for website, a committee for the area newsletter. So that really rad. Their newsletter is great! I want to congratulate Thomas S., the Panel 69 Southern California Area 05 Delegate-elect. On October 28 and November 22 I chaired the Area Executive Board meetings the MSCA 09 Headquarters and Archives in Riverside. On Sunday December 11, I participated in the Servathon in Thousand Palms and had a wonder time. I chaired the Gossip Roundtable, the one that everyone is talking about. Our own Alternate Delegate Ed L. planned a truly memorable event. On December 19 I joined the other Area Board members for the Area 93 elections. Again, congratulations to Jeff F., new Delegate for Central California Area 93. Those of you who were not able to go to the Pacific Regional Forum, the final report is out with all the presentations. You can read about them on the Area website. And those of you who were there will remember that I was interpreting for three Japanese people, one who was Hiro K. from Tokyo (YPPA in Tokyo), he contacted me last we would he and some Class B Trustees, and none of them had been to a PRAASA. And they were showing up at PRAASA in Irvine, coming up in 2019. So if you see me hanging out with some Asian looking people, it's because I am interpreting. Please come up and say hello. It will be rad! There is a YPAA event the night before, on Thursday before the official start of PRAASA. So he is flying in Thursday afternoon, so he will be all jet lagged and ready to party all night with the YPAAs. I'm so honored to host them and provide any translation as needed. An speaking of then, Nancy mentioned about being able to volunteer for PRAASA on the Area website under "Other Events." At the SoCal elections for Area 05, the outgoing delegate who is also named Thomas (Thomas B.), he gave his last talk as Delegate. I was almost in tears. He included a Guideline on how to read the final report. I have turned it into a written document, like a tour guide for reading the GSC report. This is basically everything except the pinholes and the hallway talk, the our Delegate Jesus experienced. This is the first time we have "everything" verbatim; everything he heard is in here. That's why it is so much thicker than before. If you want an overview of what General Service is, read summary on pages 3-5. There is an amazing keynote

address on page 6-7 from Richard B., our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee. There are highlights from Eastern Canada. There are Advisory Actions of decisions made at the conference and thirteen committees. The Committee Considerations are on page 45-55, the items we voted on and how they were discussed. They got summarized in the Delegate's Report. What's really cool is that on page 55 there is "Recommendations Not Resulting in Advisory Actions." That a really cool thing to look at around this month because coming soon we will be getting all the Agenda items. If we get into this crazy manic marathon session of summarizing something like 650 pages this year, or more. So if you want to see what will be on there again this year. A "knee-jerk" reaction in Alcoholics Anonymous takes something like five years to cycle through, over and over and over. First in San Diego and voting in again the simple language translation. Another recommendation with No Action, was to create a 12x12x12 edition, not to replace the current two texts, but a companion volume that includes all 36 of our Spiritual Principles, it's the phone call plus the Twelve Concepts. You read all about that on pages 36-37. There is talk about nothing but the manuscript litigation. In 2017, the year before they talked about contribution from groups up 33.4% , compared with 29% the year before. So whatever we are doing lets keep doing it. While our Delegate was talking about it I wasn't actually tweeting on it. I actually went to the GSO website and made my birthday contribution and made sure that the monthly contributions coming out of checking account are still active, and they are. So here is what he says, I'm quoting Thomas B., "What should we do with all this information? In the end, when it comes the challenges our A.A. group faces, the need for our collective actions, always exceeds the limits of what we can do at the General Service Conference. While is it plain that there is much the General Service Conference can do, there is much that it cannot do. And that is where A.A.'s trusted servants. The GSR is the vital link. If the information starts and stops with the GSR, not reported or delegated to our fellowship. Our success as a movement has always depended on engaging all our A.A. groups and members in this work. We are stronger when our communications connect us, when we are partners in a common effort. To fulfill our primary purpose, reaching and helping suffering alcoholics. Everyone here today is a part of that story." He's a good speech writer. It gives me shivers up and done my spine. If you want to be active and be a card carrying service nerd, these (GSC Reports) are available from your DCMC. Jesus still had a ton of them in his car, in his garage. They are also available on the Area website, where you can get the anonymized version to download for your phone or your computer. So thank you so much.

OLD BUSINESS

- Servathon Experiences
- Bringing a Motion to the Area
- Motion to increase Corrections budget by \$1k to cover travel/lodging for one to the National Corrections Conference Nov 1-4 in Portland, Maine
 - Motion was placed on the agenda in error. Motion removed.
- Continue discussion about 2019 Budget (Gregory)
 - Addition: Addition of \$1,500 to
 - Gregory: Seconded Robert.
 - Nancy: For Corrections Committee 2018 budget was \$400. For 2019 \$2016 increase for involvement with H&I. Contact with prisoners and treatment community by Corrections Committee.

- Gregory: CC Chair has attended every H&I Intergroup over southern California as liaison to H&I for SoCal H&I. As a direct result .
- Add Line 83: Write in “Other Meetings” about the role of HWW, equipment
- Desmond: Great to see actuals 2016, 2017 for comparison. Request a document that shows comparison for past years and comment on increases.
- Gregory: When budget is 2019 in budget. Don’t go back further than one year. All budget items presented to Finance Committee by Committee Chairs. Line items for each increase from submission documents.
- Rich W.: Prepared a budget 2018 actual vs. budget submitted to Finance Committee today. Mitchell will email to Mailchimp for member. As of November \$81,200 contribution \$13,047.00 Actual \$77,872 (not December). Started year with \$27,065.40. Surplus 9682 over 2018 budget
- Increase a budget on a Committee, hard to compare year to year when some budgets “dark” or represented but not active.
- Looking at projected income 2019 looking positive. Rich apologizes for not having the information today.
- Rich: When budget presented to Area will include actual vs. budget for 2019 ASA.
- Nancy: Both CPC and PI have substantial increases. Interested in details requests from Committee Chairs.
 - PI Chair ; Copies \$70; Mileage \$70; \$2,400 for CPC conferences – two conferences in California to attend.
 - Corrections: Printing \$100; Mileage \$960; Other: Conference \$1,000 - \$2,965
- Motion to send to ASA: 58-6-2. No minority opinion. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Updating the Area Roster
 - Secretary distributes print roster to DCMCs.
- Motion to amend calendar: Motion Cheryl, Seconded Connor. Move Pre-Conference meeting date to May 5.
 - Motion to move ASC to Assembly. Scott, Cheryl. Majority vote: to move to ASA.
 - Motion to move altered calendar entry to January Assembly.
 - Motion to move Assembly to ASC: Bob, Scott. Return to ASC.
- Preparing for the 2019 Agenda Item summary process
 - Volunteers to help Delegate summarize 2019 agenda topics.
- Preparing for PRAASA 2019 in Irvine
 - No additional update.
- Preparing for the 4-Area DCM Sharing Session hosted by MSCA09 in Buena Park
 - Location secured for February event.

- Motion to increase Hispanic Women’s Workshop budget to \$1500, as we will be hosting in 2019
 - Motion removed from agenda.
- Motion to offer ACYPAA letter of support to OCYPAA
 - Albert: Submitted motion to request a letter of support. Vote to forward motion to Area for vote. Minority opinion. Motion passed.
 - Motion from DYCYPAA to host conference. Written copy from Chair. Motion to forward, Nancy, Albert. Motion passed.
- District Officer and GSR registration updates
 - Removed from agenda.
- Floor motion: For Area 09 to hold an Area Inventory to happen “right now.” (Jeryl T.) Motion seconded. To be placed on agenda.
 - Motion: “I move that Area 09 created strategies and perform an inventory of the Area as soon as possible, in conjunction with the Districts contained and the Committee that serve in it.”
 - Motion tabled.

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Accessibility - Patrick S. - No report.

Archives - Ryan R. - No report.

Communications English Don S. – no report.

Communications Spanish Andrew A.: no report.

Cooperation with the Elderly Community - Gene H. – The Committee met today with four members in attendance. They discussed where to put four-tier literature racks. Explained the Loners International forms. Save out nine four-tier racks and literature. Great start and pass out collected sharing with Cooperation with the Elder Community Committees from G.S.O.

Cooperation with the Professional Community - English – Mindy R. – The Committee met with seven members. Discussed continuing to look for conferences in the Area that we can attend. Get banner for committee to display. Discussed what kind of professionals we could reach out to and considered the possibility of local unions as a good place to research professionals.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish (open) – no report.

Convention Liaison - Jim B. – During the weekend of November 9-11, 2018, we represented General Service Area 09 as the Inland Empire A.A. Convention, held at the Doubletree Hotel, San Bernardino. Our next convention is the Orange County A.A. Convention at Hilton Hotel in Costa Mesa. Upcoming/Future Committee Events: Orange County A.A. Convention, Costa Mesa Hilton Hotel, April 19-21, 2019.

Corrections and Correspondence – Josie F.

1. Attended Second National Corrections Conference on my own expense.
 - a. Discussion: Making “poster board” history, H&I Corrections for Area 09.
2. Objectives for 2019
 - a. Grown committee membership
 - i. Carmen agreed to help co-chair; 20-25 members
 - ii. Only have two members today
 - b. Outreach to all 30 Districts on correspondence and Pre-release efforts

- c. Supports H&I's correspondence and Pre-release efforts
- d. Need to determine printing methods for Corrections pamphlets and flyers (est. 6000/year)
- e. Update Area 09 Guidelines for Corrections Committee
- f. Create Corrections Story Board to communicate history and highlights of Corrections in Area 09.

A: Re: Budget – Do get direct contacts from GSO; only this area 15-20

B: No money for copies – paper

Upcoming/Future Committee Events: Attend H&I Area meetings (monthly) * Visit District Meetings (monthly) * Attend California State H7I Corrections Meeting – Ventura (Summer 2019) * Attend National Corrections Conference – Texas – Fall 2019

DCM School - English - Nancy H. – We had a level discussion about cooperating with neighboring Districts on topics like safety, Grapevine, History of Women in A.A., Pre-Pre Conference to explain Agenda Items. We discussed problems concerning elections and holding two service commitments. Upcoming/Future Committee Events: Continue discussions.

DCM School - Jose F. - Spanish: Number of Members of the Committee presents: 10. My Good Morning Mate is Jose F. and I am alcoholics from the following day's report today I will finish the MCD Meeting. The meeting was opened with the prayer of serenity and continued 6 MCD, 2 lat., I visit with a presentation. And the DCMs raised me to be questions as and when the committee of the Women's Workshop was formed because they already appeared with budget in Area 09. X We read the 12th concept and we shared it. ATT. Coordinated by Jose F. MDC.

Finance – Gregory – The Committee met with five members and three guests.

- Discussed the Audit Committee documents in preparation for the 2019 audit.
- Discussed the function of the Capital Equipment Inventory, its function and the role of the Finance Committee in doing anything more than counting stuff.
- Discussed revisions made to the Finance Committee Guidelines document.
- Discussed proposed 2019 budget.

Upcoming/Future Events: Prudent Reserve * Secure Savings * PayPal online payment option for the Area * Users of Capital Inventory – When? Where? Why? How?

Guidelines and Policies (GAP) – Bob L. – No report

Grapevine – Coty Q. – No report

GSR School (English) – Six members attended the Committee Meeting. Enthusiastic participation and great questions. We had two members that came back.

GSR School (Spanish) - We took as theme the Concepts. We work with 3 paragraphs.

1. That the 12 Concept informs us We report the 12 articles. You can amend the first 12 articles through the conference.
 - a. Concept 12 refers to Article 12 of the Constituent Charter of the conference so that no member of the conference is Colorado in a position of Authenticity.
2. How many articles we have in this concept
 - a. We have 12 articles to the first 11 Concepts can make amendments by means of a conference except the 12th AA
 - b. Article 12 contains the 6 guaranties of Article 12. They form a series of commitments to assure that the conference will always be in accordance with the 12 traditions of A.A.
3. Actual language can not be changed. Concept 12

Soto can make changes to the collective consciousness of $\frac{3}{4}$ parts of all groups to the global members of A.A. Through a writing and have a minimum process of 6 months for their decision and approval.

We were 20 RSGs. Thanks for letting me server. Blanca Alternate RSG, District # 20.

Hispanic Women's Workshop Planning Meeting (2018) – Ryan – 180 members attending, including Area 6, 5, 8 and 42 (Nevada) and talked about meetings started in California. Progress. New pamphlet forthcoming. 17 women from Area 09, 15 in Area 5 Pasadena. First Saturday in December 7 next HWW in Area 09.

La Viña - Martin – Martin alcoholic. This day we met 10 members of the different districts and spoke of the idea of having some working guides for the committees of the vineyard of the Spanish speaking districts is intended to develop a service workshop of the vineyard with the cooperation of committees of area 06 and the participation of the Spanish-speaking districts of area 09. Recently the interest in the members on how to work in the committees of the vineyard of the best possible mansion has increased. The committee for the 23rd Anniversary of the Vineyard already has date will be on July 26, 27 and 28 of 2019 and the deadline to choose the motto and emblem is Dec. 23, 2018. Attend the writing workshop on 10-21-18 in District 20, 03-17-18 District 19 Celebration of the month of the Traditions.

GSR School English Phil G. – No report.

Literature English - Carlos I. – The committee met with seven members. New literature was discussed. Discussed the role of the District and Group Literature Liaison. Discussed the importance of A.A. Literature to A.A.'s revenue stream. Discussed "Plain Language" Big Book. Chair was present at District 7 Sponsorship Workshop. Discussed ordered literature from local Central Offices. Discussed A.A. online website orders still not sanely. Shifted confirmation e-mail. Even though your order may be filled you may let a notice status your online hasn't shifted.

Literature Spanish - Paco G. – No report.

Public Information - English – Joanne A. – Five people. Opened with Serenity Prayer and P.I. description. Discussed in great length the plan that district 17 has in place to bring presentation to High School kids – 2000+ expected in 2019. Also exchanged information of active I.P. members within other areas. Upcoming events planning. Workshop about recruitment and training for OC Fair (Planning for March). Upcoming/Future Events: Perris H.S. P.I./A./A. presentation.

Public Information (Spanish) - open – No report.

Registration – Tammy – No report.

Treatment Facilities (English) – Lynn – No report.

Treatment Facilities (Spanish) – No report.

Young People – Albert – Seven members attended the Committee meeting. Reviewed Guidelines draft to be presented to GAP committee. * Discussed how we will be show up to PRAASA and how we can be of service. * Asked "If there is representation of a YPAAA chair at District since there is one at Area?" * Discussed a process at Area on how to streamline process for letters of support. * Discussed duties on what the Chair and Alternate Chair will do for the Standing Committee. Upcoming/Future Events: Attending Area 09 YPAA's business meetings. * Send Guidelines to the GAP Committee. * Elect a new chair and alternate chair at the next ASA.

Coordinate Committee Reports:

HASBYPAA - No Report

OCYPAA – No Report

DCYPAA – The committee meets every Sunday at the Fellowship hall at 6 pm. The last meeting had 35 members attend. We are still in the process of filling positions. So far we have about 40 filled! Plan to continue elections in our next meeting, and continue our work in our bid for the International conference of young People in A.A. this month we have started two new H7I panels and focused our efforts on connecting with all local treatment centers/sober living facilities. Upcoming/Future District Events: Our next event is titled ‘Good Tidings, Good Cheer!’ It is a trivia day in the park with an ugly sweater contest! December 15, 2018 starting at 12 noon in the Palm Desert Civic Center Park.

Inland Empire H&I - No Report

Harbor Area Central Office – No Report

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 1 - Ethan C. – The District meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month at the Kiwanis Club. There were about forty members present. We had a great Spiritual Principles Workshop in December. The upcoming Holiday Party is on Thursday, December 13 at 7 p.m. “Internal Affairs” running smoothly, budget process and Finance Chair elections were successful. Planning for the second Workshop of “A.A. Unity series” to begin soon.

District 2 – No report.

District 3 – No report.

District 4 – No report.

District 5 – No report.

District 6 - Ryan W. – the District meeting on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m., with GSR school at 6:30 p.m., at 6652 Heil Avenue, Huntington Beach and had 95 members. The December meeting was a potluck and special presentation by Mary G. on “Pioneer Women of A.A.” There was an outpouring of participation. It was exciting and went very well. There was a participation from Districts 18, 12, 6, meetings, Mitchell B. (Area 09 Secretary and MSCA 09 Archivist), former District 6 Board and a former delegate. The board is meeting later this month to discuss plans and goals for 2019. Upcoming/ Future District events: January district meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, January 8, 2019. This is because the first Tuesday is January 1.

District 7 – Cheryl M. – District Committee Meeting held on second Monday of the month, with Orientation at 6:00 p.m. and Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m., at the Alanon Club of Garden Grove. The meeting begins with orientation and Traditions/Concepts Discussion. District 7 has 75 groups registered and the meeting had 8 members present. District 7 hosted a workshop on Saturday, November 10, 2018. It was a great success! The theme was ‘Sponsorship: A Work in Progress.’ We focused on ways a sponsor can encourage sponsees to serve A.A. members, groups, and A.A. as a whole. We are beginning the planning process for hosting the MSCA 9 Assembly in June 2019. We are currently working on budget for 2019.

District 8 – Bob H. – District 8 met on November 21 at 7 p.m. at 5770 Arlington Avenue, Riverside with seventeen members present. A workshop ad hoc committee decided to host a “Safety in A.A.” workshop on Saturday, February 13 at the Archives repository from 12 – 3:00 p.m. Roundtables, guest speaker, lunch and door prizes. Budget ad hoc committee to meet to put together a 2019 budget at the December meeting. Upcoming/ Future District events: 53rd Annual Christmas Alkathon December 24-25 at Knights of Columbus in San Bernardino.

District 9 - No report.

District 10 – No report.

District 11 - No report.

District 12 – Nancy H. – The District meets on the first Thursday of the month, November 2 and December 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church. The December meeting had an attendance of 80. We had a contentious meeting in November over the issue of reimbursing a member for gasoline expense for carrying the message to several meetings, a maximum security prison located outside our District. After a discussion that lasted the whole meeting, the District could not come to a substantial unanimity. So the motion was tabled. For our December meeting we had a Grapevine Writing Workshop It was really good and we heard many good stories. Upcoming/ Future District events: Pre-Pre Conference Presentation, memorial Day Picnic.

District 14 – No report.

District 15 – Jeff N. – District 15 meets in the first Thursday of the month in Brea, December 6, at Christ Lutheran Church with eight members. The District provided a letter of support to OCYPAA to host ACYPAA in 2019. * District 15 Guidelines are available on MSCA 09 website, under District 15 information. * Officers two year terms are up; Registrar and Treasurer. * Special – DCMC position will need to be extended to a full two years. This will be addressed at the January 2019 meeting.

District 17 – No report.

District 18 – Phil G. – The District meets on the second Tuesday each month at 7 p.m., with new GSR orientation starting at 6:30 p.m. the meeting is held at the Mesa Verde United Methodist Church. The district has 60 groups registered and 30 members were in attendance. We held a District Inventory in November. Participation and feedback was great! We came to the conclusion that we can all be doing more work in service. Filling our standing committee positions will be our first task, then let the committees get to work! We are trying new ways to change our agenda to designate time each month for roundtables and discussion. We are planning to reimburse EVERY trusted servant in our district to attend PRAASA 2019! Upcoming/ Future District events: We are planning a “GSR School” workshop in February. We hope to have our neighboring Districts participate together. We want to give our GSRs time for questions and discussion, as I hear fairly often that people are lost and confused in general Service.

District 19 – Leslie A. – District meetings are held on the third Sunday at the Alano Club Apply Valley Club with fifteen members attending. District 19 hosted a Grapevine / La Viña presentation on November 17, 2018 from 10 am. – 2 p.m. at the apply Valley Alano Club. Coty Q. and martin J. did a great job helping us understand how these publications work and can be used. Attendance was very low but those who attended had a great time. Not exactly a highlight. Our District 19 treasurer stole our money. We contacted women’s groups in the district and they came up with \$50 in one day to cover overdraft costa and costs for the Grapevine and la Viña event. Suggestion to District and meetings. Make sure to reset account alarms and alerts with each new treasurer. Also, consider making treasurer commitments at the District level two years to match the length of the panel. Upcoming/ Future District events: We are looking forward to hosting the Area in March 2019.

District 20 - Melquiades V. – The district is fulfilling all its routine activities and in everything related to service that until today is completed; as a service table we have made the unity to the meetings to the pro-PRAASA 2019 committee where several of us have volunteered to serve in

this event; In our meeting of points a contribution to the "GSO" of \$ 300.00 and a contribution to the area 09 of \$ 300.00 was approved. Also in another of our matters a change was made in our service table covering the need of an Alt. To the treasurer giving of Volunteer Comrade Raul of the Nueva Luz group elected by majority vote, leaving our full service desk. Next / Future District Events: Our next event will be on Monday, December 17, 2018, a concert that will take place every year from 7:00 p.m. in Forward in the direction of our district # 20 Let me take a moment to thank to God and you as a dedicated servant. Alt. MCD Gildardo B. Att. District table MCD Melquiades V.

District 21 – Rudy C. – Decide an appointment on behalf of District 21. We continue to work visiting 2 groups per week and we meet every 4 Wednesdays of the month at the local district and we encourage all groups to give themselves the opportunity to attend PRAASA since we will have it around the corner is everything for the moment continue enjoying many 24 hours of sobriety. Rudy C. MCD - Hector GM Alternate MCD

District 22 - Ruben O. - District Committee Meeting Day first Tuesday at 7-9 p.m. Number of Registered Groups in the District - 10; Number of Presents at the District Meeting - 9. There is just a new group in Yucca Valley called, a Hope of Faith we visited 2 groups per week to motivate the service, and we used Invitations that we give to groups with special themes, I am also passionate about the workshop of Hispanic Women in AA for now it's all, thanks for letting me serve, Ruben today we are attending 5 people from the districts P.S. is motivating for the PRAASA events.

District 23 – Teresa – Dear Partners in A.A. Blessing you 24 hours of Sobriety. I inform them that we continue to motivate our groups to send their RSG and the District Connection since we are needed from time to time for the committees that in any way continue to work. Our District continues to grow since on Oct. 5, 2018 the group # 25 had its doors to the community "At last arrive" Address: 5115 Jurupa Avenue, Riverside CA 92504. Also preparing for January 13, 2018 when we will host the next Area Board at the following address: Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District, 4810 Pedley Road, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509. This information may already be obtained on the Area's website. Thanks for letting me serve, Teresa MCD

District 24 – Sergio F.: Day and Time: Tuesday 8: 30-9: 30 p.m. Location: 330 State College Blvd, Suite C, Anaheim CA. Groups-Number of Registered in the District - 24; Number of Presents at the District Meeting - 18. Comrades receive benefits from district 24. We meet every Tuesday from 8:00 - 9:30 in the month the meeting of the Report of 2 Study References, 1 point meeting. We go to the groups to inform the activities of the Area District, Twice a week. We are preparing to host the inter-district meeting Dec. 30, 2018. We are working on locating the venue to host the Area 09 meeting Feb. 10. Next / District Events: Inter-District Board Meeting Dec. 30, 2018 8:00 - 12:00 pm

District 25 – Ruben Z.: The # 25 District will meet on the four Mondays of each month and will visit two groups per week, on Wednesdays and Fridays to inform and motivate the service. In the actualidad we have twelve GSRs and with four committees more or less, therefore the assistance has improved and we have approximately twelve or fourteen members in each session. I want to thank my colleagues in Districts 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 for attending the invitation of our Anniversary on December 2; where we had an attendance of at least 80 alcoholics. We continue working to improve the service to the 19 groups that make up the District, and we have the new roll of views for the next year and we are also organizing for the month of January where First God will host the Interdistrict Board. Thanks for letting us server; Sincerely, Ruben Z. MCD and alternate Sergio V.

Recap of Actions:

OLD BUSINESS

- Motion to increase Corrections budget by \$1k to cover travel/lodging for one to the National Corrections Conference Nov 1-4 in Portland, Maine
 - Motion was placed on the agenda in error. Motion removed.
- Continue discussion about 2019 Budget (Gregory)
 - Addition: Addition of \$1,500 to
 - Gregory: Seconded Robert.
 - Rich W.: Prepared a budget 2018 actual vs. budget submitted to Finance Committee today. Mitchell will email to Mailchimp for member. As of November \$81,200 contribution \$13,047.00 Actual \$77,872 (not December). Started year with \$27,065.40. Surplus 9682 over 2018 budget
 - Motion to send to ASA: 58-6-2. No minority opinion. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Updating the Area Roster
 - Secretary distributes print roster to DCMCs.
- Motion to amend calendar: Motion Cheryl, Seconded Connor. Move Pre-Conference meeting date to May 5.
 - Motion to move ASC to Assembly. Scott, Cheryl. Majority vote: to move to ASA.
 - Motion to move altered calendar entry to January Assembly.
 - Motion to move Assembly to ASC: Bob, Scott. Return to ASC.
- Preparing for the 2019 Agenda Item summary process
 - Volunteers to help Delegate summarize 2019 agenda topics.
- Preparing for PRAASA 2019 in Irvine
 - No additional update.
- Preparing for the 4-Area DCM Sharing Session hosted by MSCA09 in Buena Park
 - Location secured for February event.
- Motion to increase Hispanic Women's Workshop budget to \$1500, as we will be hosting in 2019
 - Motion removed from agenda.
- Motion to offer ACYPAA letter of support to OCYPAA
 - Albert: Submitted motion to request a letter of support. Vote to forward motion to Area for vote. Minority opinion. Motion passed.
 - Motion from DYCYPAA to host conference. Written copy from Chair. Motion to forward, Nancy, Albert. Motion passed.
- District Officer and GSR registration updates
 - Removed from agenda.
- Floor motion: For Area 09 to hold an Area Inventory to happen "right now." (Jeryl T.) Motion seconded. To be placed on agenda.

Motion: “I move that Area 09 created strategies and perform an inventory of the Area as soon as possible, in conjunction with the Districts contained and the Committee that serve in it.”

Motion set aside to be taken up at the next ASC in February 2019.

Announcements:

Corona Serenity Club: On Saturday, December 15, 2018 at Circle City Center on Main Street. Fundraiser and Gratitude Celebration. Two speakers – husband and wife from Carlsbad. Corona Serenity New Year’s Eve Marathon 7 am 12/31 – 7 am 1/1/19 with pancake breakfast to follow. From 2-4 p.m. old-timers meeting with 30 years or more sobriety speaking.

Flyers for YPAA Dr. Bob’s Nightmare available on table.

Birthdays:

Birthdays for Connor - 4 years; Ryan W. - 7 years; Dario - 7 years (2011); Hiro (2007) - 11 years; Ethan - 13 years; Karen - 20 year; Rich W. - 25 yrs.; Kendra -31 years (1987); Jeff N. - 38 years (1981).

Motion made, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 2:43 p.m., with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

Next Meeting:

- Next Area 09 Event: January 2019: Jurupa Valley CA
- October 27, 2018: Bridging the Gap.
- Sunday, September 30, 2018 – 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **[Area 05, District 13]**
Workshop for Safety in A.A., At the Diet Free Living Center, 4517 Market St., Ventura CA 93003
- October 20, 2018: District 1 is hosting a Workshop “Spiritual Principles – Living in Sobriety”, Providence Little Company of Mary Center for Health Education, 4101 Torrance Blvd., Torrance CA 90503
- Saturday, November 10, 2018 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.: District 07 Workshop – *Sponsorship: A Work in Progress*, Garden Grove Alano Club, 9845 Belfast Drive, Garden Grove CA 92844

Minutes respectfully submitted by your MSCA 09 Panel #68 Secretary, Mitchell B.