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Mid-Southern CA- Delegate Area 09
Service Committee Meeting
December 11, 2005 – hosted by District 06

Meeting was called to order by Bruce H., his last time as Area 09 Panel 54 Chair.
Readings and introductions.

November 2005 ASC minutes. MSP with corrections:

Drop the word Facility from Corrections Facility Committee. They were renamed by vote of the Area in the September Assembly.

Delegate Report: Nancy J. Panel 54 Delegate – Final report of her commitment
Oct. AAWS Highlights, reported on Trustee Archives Committee; **Literature** Romanian translation completed big book. **Website report** from GSO: 287,245 visits in October 9,266 /day. Suspect not documented, hits due to hurricane activity in the gulf coast. **New assessment desk** created at GSO - Special needs desk. **PI Committee** Trustees are replacing 1 PSA / yr. Agreed to add section on press releases p21 speaking at non-AA meetings, will be added to the next printing of the workbook.

Irene Congee, **CPC** is communicating with Area Chairs in SE NY area 49 and Colorado Area 10 re: their contact with medical schools. Contact CPC desk at GSO if you are interested in more information. www.AA.org. Good information for Districts too.

Literature committee: Asked to review criminal justice center in conjunction to educate the professionals in the criminal justice system, penal institutions.

3rd Ed Spanish language review by trustee 130 stories submitted 10/29/05 deadline for submissions 6/1/06 new deadline for stories 3500 words max. 5 from MSCA 09 have submitted their stories. Spanish 3rd Ed should appear on the outside of the envelope and top of pg 1. Also, full name and address, anonymity is assured.

Great Falls MT, report of the **West Central Regional Forum 2005** copies avail from Nancy. and the Pacific Regional Trustee's report of November is available from Nancy by copy or e-mail.

From the Delegate sharing session this morning: This meeting will culminate 15 years of service, significant thing that's happened in my life. including a marriage and birth of two children. I was by myself when I moved to CA 16 years ago. My sponsor said I needed to get into service to stay sober. Johnny C., late DCMC, would hook his finger in my belt loop and reminded me to let the process happen, it'll start making sense. GSRs your job is the greatest in AA and the most simple. Carry the message from your group and to your group. Let the process happen. Be responsible to be the messenger. Fasten your seatbelt; you're in for the ride of your life. This is an infectious community it's the super glue that holds AA together. Look around at all the people here, we're just a bunch of ex-drunks working together. All you in here have had an impact on my life. It's been a privilege to know you and meet you and be helped by you to stay sober. Visit you in your home groups, districts and even your homes. I walk away from here with you in my heart. Please call if there is anything I can do, what I can do. Not my intention to become an elder statesman. I now enter the only permanent job in AA and that's past delegate. Standing o

Secretary report – Cesar F.

Not much to report. Already turned everything over to Melissa. When I took this position 2 years ago in this place. I will rotate now and thank you for letting me be of

service and all your support and encouragement. I will be around and be involved; trying to do my best as before. Thanks.

Registrar report - Linda H.

Honor and privilege of serving you at your Panel 54 Registrar. Not be at this table next year thanks to district registrars help me blessed with the help, the Hispanic districts were really helpful cleaning up records. Thanks to Henry for being a great chair of the Registrar committee. Thanks for listening.

Treasurer report - Joe B.

Privilege to serve as panel 54 treasurer. Wish happiest the season can bring. Memo from special officers meeting. Area officers panel 54 special minutes Tustin ca open w/ reading Dr Bob and the Good Old Timers.

15% override to delegate for December service from delegate. 10 minute of discussion 3 for 1 against Transfer alt delegate budget to cover expenses. Joe B. contacted the Alt Delegate, Carlos M. who agreed to allow the transfer of funds. **3 for 1 against.**

Total amount of budget override to the delegate was 9%. Carlos discussion suggested she could use remaining funds in his budget. Will absorb the service manual costs.

Please see me and I will discuss what transpired.

GSO Quarterly reports on group contributions are available. Rec'd letter contribution statements 9/30/05: groups contributing 2004 38% in 2005 39%. We're up by one whole percent.

Nov 2005 income: group donations: \$3,589.43. 3rd qty 5.26 int. Food kitty 188 + today's income. Total November income: \$3,783.52. Expenses: \$4,806.84 Net \$-123.32. Year-to-date income: Home Group Donations: \$49,244.76; personal donations: \$35; Convention Donations: \$1,850.70; Savings Interest: \$15.86; Food kitty: \$2,540.87; tax refund \$22.36. Total income \$53,381.37. Expenses: \$47,959.00 Net \$5,422.37. The Home Groups are still supporting us. Prudent reserve - not included in totals \$4500.00

Area Chair report - Bruce

February - ASC meets in Sun City, Dist 17 is the host. Nancy will get a copy to post on the website. **March** El Dorado Park, Long Beach. Dist 23.

Thanks to the Districts for completing elections 1st time ever, in English speaking district 11 female DCMCs Looking forward to serving as Delegate. It's been a tough job to say: "Your minutes are done, you gotta sit down." It's been nothing personal. Will be meeting with the new person next Tues. to go over things. Thanks for being tolerant as any group I've ever been associated with.

Business:

(For the new GSRs: Great lesson in loving discussion, patience and passion with a dose of Bleeding Deacon for seasoning. Not politically driven at all. Tape available on request.)

1. Archives - Mike M. (incoming Treasurer) outgoing Finance Chair presented the motion: Archives Committee signed a 3yr lease up as of 12/31/05 rent increases to \$800 from \$550.

Nancy j. Amend the lease time from 6 months to year. Financial impact calculated? Budget projection is for one year. **Amendment seconded, vote, MSP.** Pete, Archives thanks you very much. Motion: Finance comm. Motion to modify the proposed 2006 budget to change the following: Archives rent to be 9600 op 1700 total exp. To accommodate rent increase. Area still to vote in January on the 2006 budget. Second

Jim c. established that this vote will be the Area Service Committee acting as the Area Assembly. GSRs get a chance to vote. **MSP 1 against**, not wish to speak as the minority. Take this back to the group. If they ask why this body acted as the Area Assembly: This is a timely issue that cannot wait.

2. Mike M. Finance Chair – Proposed Area 2006 budget. Only changes to take into effect the Archives rent increase. Total Expenses \$67,450 with the cash flow at - \$13,450 and an ending balance of \$6,550. Total Net Worth \$10,710. Archives budget line item: Rent \$9,600.00 and Operating Expenses \$1,700.00. Proposed budget to go to the January assembly **with the amendments discussed MSP**
3. DCM Visitation Kit – Phil L. DCM School chair, help for DCM prepare to visit the Home Group. Linda H. offered a friendly amendment. Item #9 updates GSR registration information. Change area to district and area registrar. Accepted. **MSP 1 against**. Minority opinion did not want to speak.
4. Michael M. – Committee Chair CEC, , guideline first. Incorporated all suggestions from last service committee. Second Ernesto. **MSP opposed 7** minority spoke. Motion to reconsider 2nd, simple majority required: **19 for 30 against**. Motion to reconsider failed. Original motion passes.
5. Propose approval by the body “Alcoholism and the Elder Citizen” – Count. **For 44 against 11** The minority opinion spoke. Motion to reconsider. 2nd simple majority, **for 11 opposed 29 failed**. Original motion passes
6. Nick m. – Electronic Media Sub-Committee Chair Proposal to Modify Sec VIII ,D.2.a of the newsletter committee guidelines to read as follows: a. The term of office for the EMSC Chairperson shall be two years. The position of EMSC Coordinator is a non-rotating position. The EMSC Coordinator is elected by and serves at the convenience of the Area Assembly.

Vote. Substantial unanimity requires a 2/3rd vote to go to Assembly. **For 43 Against 11** minority opinion. No one goes to the mike.

7. Jim B. Proposa: That the Area Secretary compile a list of all shortcomings expressed during the inventory, and that the Area Chir allocate time every ASC and Assembly to specifically address one or two of these shortcomings in depth at the Area level until all have been covered. Vote **for 32 against 11** . The minority opinion spoke. Reconsider 2nd, vote **for 9 against much more than 9**. Motion to reconsider fails.

Standing Committee Reports – optional report at mike. Written report submittal.

Pete B. – **Archives**, remind we are still looking for group histories, form on website. Looking for each and every one to tape long timers, over 25 yrs sobriety. Request each district elect an archivist. Archives created a Spanish collections sub committee manual a first chair looking for librarian to index books, develop presentations and displays. June newsletter 6 questions, answers, a 1958 area 9 formed by conference jack white served 1 yr, 8 districts, original name was Southern Coastal Area and hosted the 1960 International Convention Area 9. Remember there are 14 more shopping days until Christmas.

CEC Michael M, Chair. Made presentations to 9 districts, sent letters to CSOs to pull out elderly meetings from the directory, and developed an elderly newcomer pamphlet. 5

district CEC committees. CEC is willing to substitute "is AA for you?" pamphlet questions for Johns Hopkins questions.

Convention Liaison, Jason S. looking for person who would like to assume position chair, one of the finest commitments in the area, one of the finest I have enjoyed. Contact me if you have questions. 12/11/34 bill w entered towns hospital, took his last drink. Bruce, that's my ending.

DCM School - Phil L. 16 attendance, configurations reconfigurations districts, encourage to stand for elections. It was a privilege to serve. The DCM Committee webpage is updated including links to updated Spanish translations. 4 Area DCM Sharing Session will take place 2/11 in Lakewood.

Finance Mike M. Great privilege to serve as finance comm. Chair. Inordinate amount of people at finance comm. Today, 16 people. Discussed archives. District Treasurer, come on in and see us.

Grapevine, 2 people in attendance. Register as a Grapevine Rep and receive a free subscription. It's a great service because no one knows about it.

GSR School, come to the committee meeting at the next area meeting. Commitment you have to be there for every area meeting. Important to be there.

La Viña - Raul new DCMs giving a package so the new reps can have what they need. The old servants do not pass it forward.

GSR School Spanish, Felipe, GSR school 9:30 a.m. serenity prayer introductions, 20 members present. Study Concept 12 question and answers also asked for volunteer for GSR chair in Spanish, no one volunteered, closed with the Responsibility Statement. La Junta de los RSG. La junta empezo a los 9:15 a.m. con la oracion de la Serenidad y luego con la presentacion de miembros presentes. Tema de hoy concepto 12. Selo deo lectura y se hicieron preguntas sobre el respecto. Se anuncio y s? hoy un voluntario pro el cordonoder de la escuela de RSGs ya la junto se cerro con lo oracion de la responsabilidad.

Literature workbooks distributed. Please see Craig for the 2006 workbook, pass it on to your predecessor (sic). Reviewed budget, Exp \$958 against \$1,000 budgeted. 2006 Literature Committee projects. In Service, Craig S.

Newsletter Nick, Nancy asked he give the report. Nancy just completed her rotation as newsletter chair, please help to distribute central offices copies of the newsletter. Web site capacity near infinity. \$60 paid to increase capacity. Website News 80 copies in English, 20 in Spanish, 17,000 accesses last month. Available on the website.

Newsletter Spanish, Jesus. Thank you for letting me be of service, learned a lot, if anyone is bilingual please encourage them to be of service. I will be available to help out, and Nancy I'm sure.

Registration, Henry B., "It has been my pleasure to serve as Chair the past two years. Thank you for your confidence in me." Desperate to put together a list of district registrars to send agendas for the January meeting. Will DCMCs to relay information to new District Registrars to attend the January Assembly?

Special Needs, Rich W. 5 in attendance. Discussed some of the issues we hope to work on in the next couple of years, identifying areas where we might assist alcoholics to get their way to the message, get to a meeting or understanding what is going on. Braille computer screens that can take text and read the screen, hearing vision impairments not overwhelming individual groups. Appreciate Spanish participation.

Treatment Facilities - written report, 4 members in attendance from Dist 7, 11, 18. Interest expressed w/ TF simply as an attestation of grateful opportunity to go there in lieu of possible incarceration. Question: What defines the differences between facilities court ordered as opposed to not court ordered? Will a treatment facility workbook be available to members soon? - Sandi R. for Patrick S. Chair.

District Roll Call. No written report, come to the mike.

1. Lyle. Incoming District Secretary filling in for Chris: We had our Christmas pot luck. Bruce and Linda H. were our speakers. Two open positions, biggest issue, lack of representation. Out reach to groups.
2. Kay, outgoing DCMC. We held our elections in November. Bruce attended. Our new officers are: Kimberly, DCMC; Hilary, Secretary; Gil, Alt DCMC; Kay, Treasurer; Virginia is the Registrar. Revised guidelines to include CEC was added and Gill is the Chair; Bill, chair, 4 Area DCM Sharing Session is in District 2. The map is on the website.
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4. Rich W, Thank District 4 DCMC this is my last act as DCMC. thanks to Bruce who came and helped with elections. Greg J is our new DCMC. David D, Alt DCMC, John N. Secretary, Glen N Treasurer; Cheryl D Registrar. David M. CPC chair, Rich GSR School Archives Tony M.
5. Garry B., Nov busy ASC host, Traditions Play 50 - 60 in attendance with ice cream, CPC event - 4 professionals on a panel. Welcome in Alex N., DCMC. Thanks to all, this was the best commitment I've had so far.
6. MaryAnn M. - Outgoing / incoming DCMC don't know whether I'm coming or going. Jennie J. Sec; Carol Registrar, Alt DCMC Jeryl. 3 were re-elected to full terms. Grateful for the District support to host this ASC. Thanks for letting District 6 host
7. Cheryl, incoming DCMC. Jennifer Alt DCMC; Bob W Secretary; Bill W Registrar, Shane Treasurer. Dec 5 Open House, Served Pizza Christmas goodies - for fun and for free. We had hoped for a better turn out so looking forward to doing more next year. Merry Christmas everybody, it's been a pleasure to be a part of GSR.
8. Ruth incoming DCMC, no DCMC so they voted I could fill the position for 2006. Working on Calendar and 1st time budget Nick, Nancy, and Craig Joe. All positions filled except for one Alt DCM. Look forward to an exciting Panel 56.
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11. Chris, incoming DCMC, Patrick ill. Bruce and Linda H helped with November Election. Most positions were filled Explore different ways to better communicate with groups and vice versa. Baseline Christmas alcahthon free food for all and he said something else.
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- 15 Peyman, Thanks to Joe and Craig for coming in to help elect our officers. All elected project District newsletter on our website. GSR description and Area events.

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18 Tina, Privilege to serve as Alt DCMC and the mike went down. I was elected DCMC Joan C Alt DCMC; Terry C, Secretary; Gary O, Treasurer; Scott M, Registrar; Bill D. GSR Orientator; October - pizza movie open house Bill's Own Story; DCM and Committee Chair elections in December.

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22 El Distrito 22 sigue visitando 2 grupos por semana motivando al servicio a los 17 grupos. El Panel 54 Tubo su mesa completa y - 9 RSG.

El nuevo Panel 56 en el Distrito 22 MCD Pedro Aguilar, Grupo Nueva Conciencia Alt MCD, Damian Merida Groupo Voluera fi (cannot read) Secretario Ruben. Grupo La Salucion. Tesorero Castor Uscanga Grupo La Solucion Gracias por permitire me estos 2 años maravillosos. José M.

23 Francisco Thank my higher power to serve in this capacity. My district 23 and area 9. I want to let you know that the new district officers are in place and I want to congratulate the area exec committee for their work.

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30. 8 here today. Filled all district offices would like more participation from our groups. Happy ho ho ho merry new year.

Coordinate Committees YPAA - Chris S LA cities YPAA. 2nd Sat., Jan 3rd, quarterly meeting of YPAA discussing issues of YPAA from Santa Barbara to San Diego probably held in Ventura. Will report again on Jan 8. 200 in attendance at event last night. 30 people on the committee. Very strong, very unified, very much here right now.

Native American Outreach see announcements

Translation Interpretation - Oscar, 5 people in our committee this morning. Work Spanish workbook for the area already been distributed. If anyone needs help with translation please let me know. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Birthdays - Michael F. 12-8-03; Nick M 12-2-88; Cheryl 12-11-00; Rich 12-5-93 Greg 12-5-98; Jim B. 12-22-93; **63 years sobriety.**

Announcements

Tina - 4 Area DCM Sharing Session need two moderators, two recorders from each area. Maps on the table

Forum for Native American 5-21-06 fliers on table for Native American Convention 1-6 - 8 - 06

Nancy webservant, new DCMCs and anyone in your district: please give her your e-mail address to add to the Area 09 **distribution lists** for newsletter and new postings on the web site.

Recap by Cesar, moment of silence then the tape woke me up when it snapped off.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa B.

Panel 56 - Area Secretary