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Mid-Southern California Delegate Area 09
Area Service Committee Minutes
March 12, 2006 - Silverado Park, Long Beach CA

Delegate Sharing Session on the Stage - 9:30 a.m.

General Service Representative School - 9:30 a.m...

For all GSRs wanting more information on Alcoholics Anonymous General Service

Standing Committee Meetings - 10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

For all District Committee members, Home Group Representatives to exchange information on committee needs and events and activities to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

LUNCH!!! Hosted by Dist 21, Suggested donation \$5 - 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon - also collected donations for

Quorum count - 145

GSR - 39
DCM(C) 41
Dist Officers - 70
Past Delegates - 5

Area Officers (Chair for tie only) - 4
Standing Committee Chairs - 23
Coordinate Committee Chairs - 2

Craig opened the meeting 12:09 p.m. Thanks to District 23 for the meal.

Readers:

Declaration of Unity
English - Craig S.
Spanish - Jose
Tradition 3
English - Tami
Spanish - Armando
Concept 3
English - Gary

Spanish - Santiago
GSR Preamble
English - Brian
Spanish - Fermin
ASC Statement of Purpose
English - Phil
Spanish - Salvador

December Area Service Committee Minutes - No discussion. MSP

Officer Reports:

Delegate, Bruce H. - I would like to thank D21 for hosting. Well has everyone recovered from PRAASA I am still trying to catch up on my sleep. I would first like to give all of a big round of applause for the turnout from Area 09, 220 drunks from MSCA was second only to the Area 93 the host Area. I thought we all were well behaved for the fact that we are people that normally would not mix. The presentations I thought were excellent from all the presenters, especially our Area Treasurer Mike M. I had lots of fun and I hope lots of fun and I hope that you did and I can hardly wait till next year in Portland. The best part was renewing old friendships and

acquiring new friendships. The love and support I personally got was something that I will never forget and try to pass on to those that think we are a glum lot. The 3 bids to be presented to host PRAASA in 2009 are Oakland (Area 06,), Seattle Bellevue, (Area 72) and last but not least Honolulu (Area 17), this decision will be made at the GSC, and any questions feel free to ask me between now and the GSC. For those who may have forgotten the date for the GSC I April 23-29 in NYC. Now for some words in regards to the Pre-Conference Workshop I hope I was helpful by answering some questions at some of your standing committee meetings> Any questions about this event will be covered by Joe B. our Alt. Delegate. Now for some news from GSO, they have a new website Designer for aa.org his name is Daniel B. The new GSO Archivist is Amy F, she joined the GSO staff in mid-feb. From the corrections desk the staff has responded to an average of 654 inmate letters monthly, and 512 inmates were set up for CCS. From the international desk Doug R, and Bob P. attended a convention in Tahiti to celebrate the 27th Anniversary of AA in French Polynesia. The GSB approved for AAWS to put the Pamphlet Understanding anonymity, calendar of GSB and AAWS events and the Archives CD, History of Service on the AAWS web site. Translations the Latvian Daily Reflections and the service Information on AA in Czech and Korean have been completed. Very important the GSB approved GSO's management request to enter talks with the Interchurch center for a new 10yr lease. From Box 459 we have always heard that Bill said "if AA ever fails it will be from within" well I am sorry to report it was not Bill but Bob H the GSO manager in the 1970,s who said that at the closing of the 1977 GSC. Reminder that the deadline for submission of the stories for consideration in Spanish language 3rd Edition Big Book is still June 1st. Feel free to read the rest of the great sharing and information in the Feb-March glad to announce that the 2007 ACYPAA conference will be held in Torrance in either Feb or March of next year. The planning committee is doing their best to adjust their dates so as to not conflict with PRAASA, congrats to Chris U and the YP committee for getting the bid. Reminders to keep working on the joint delegate report backs when I return from the GSC. In closing the most important thing I had from PRAASA was from Jim E who said that we need to working with the wet drunk we have a whole generation of AA's who do not have experience with working with the wet drunk. So if you are not on your local Central Office 12 step list get off your seat and do it lets not forget that drunks are dying everyday at our doorstep. Lastly I would like to thank the groups in Area 09 for sending me to PRAASA and paying a 12 call on me. Love thru Service Bruce H.

Alt. Delegate, Joe B. -

There is a lot of reading involved at this level of service. We have secured a meeting place for the pre-conference workshop in Buena Park. We have printed flyers in English and Spanish and have placed them in the back of the room on the literature table. Please take them back to your districts, groups and please feel free to invite any and all alcoholics to attend this event. I have also brought some declassified background summaries that I will be passing out to all District DCMC's that are in attendances today.

Registrar, Jason S. -

Thank you for your support at PRAASA. MSCA09 does a very good job of supporting Registrar work compared to many other Areas.

Group Update forms were mailed 4 weeks ago. Please send them to Jason by April 15th, so that I can send them in to GSO by May 1st, which is the deadline for getting your meeting's information into the Western States Directory.

Please see me if you have any questions regarding Registration activities.

Secretary, Melissa B. -

Thank you for sending me to PRAASA. Attended Secretary Workshops both nights. Other Areas in the Pacific Region have guidelines of getting Minutes out within 2-10 days of the Area mtg. They also have Minutes that are up to 18 pages long and others keep a separate document for Motions.

Have listened to November tapes for Inventory recording. Dec. Minutes have been completed and February has been submitted for translation.

Treasurer, Mike M. -

Thank you for sending me to PRAASA. Finance committee is auditing Area Treasurer. Quarterly Contribution Reports from GSO are available, as well as Group Contribution forms

Area Chair - Craig

Re-read the motion re: identifying the shortcomings from the Area Inventory. Read shortcomings, 8,

- 1 principles before personalities not being respected
- 2 general lack of general service structure
- 3 lack of group representation, missing the group's conscience
- 4 finance processes, budget process, fiscal responsibility
- 5 service sponsorship
- 6 past delegate responsibility
- 7 lack understanding of Area meeting processes
- 8 not a good cross section of the community represented.

Allocation of time on every agenda open mike 10 minutes one item a meeting, summarize capture information take to Wednesday Area Officers what can we do with that feedback, report back discussion and then talk about that, procedurally. 10 minutes discussion: concern about principles before personalities, and the lack of respect at the area level.

Area Inventory Comments

In past area meetings, so many of the proposals made by various committees and various servants, discussion as an attack on the committee and the people involved. This attitude does not allow our servants the right of decision, we 2nd guess and focus on the personalities, what we would like to see. Our delegate in the last panel wanted to be funded for certain events. We need to be aware to be personally responsible.

Anonymity is the spiritual tradition 12. If we don't practice anonymity, how do we?

Sunday morning subject of my sharing reminded attracted to AA and like the drunk looking down at everybody, the fact you were getting along, with care and respect, not sure we can do anything about that tangibly, but what we can do personally, foremost in our minds.

We forget about principles, personalities because I am so involved with the discussion can't see the forest for the trees. Chair remind people to place principals before personal Chair does have the authority to call someone out of order. The chair has some responsibility to

Put it on the agenda, it is the best thing for the area. Not looked at the principle. Swing back,

We do not honor the responsibilities we want to make our marks, we do not seek guidance for what is the right way to do a proposal because everybody should know this is the best way for the Area. We need to detach and give it some thought what is the best thing for the area and AA as a whole. We insert our own personalities.

New Business:

Electronic Media Sub-Committee guidelines - discussion, Nick,

That the Mid-Southern California Area institute a web-based forum on a trial basis for a trial period running from May 15, 2006 through January 13th, 2007. The forum will be governed by a new section of the Newsletter Guidelines headed VIII.E.3 c. If the proposal for a trial period for the web-based Forum passes, the EMSC will put forward a second proposal for the October 2006 ASC agenda proposing that section VIII.E.3.c be made a permanent section of the Newsletter Committee Guidelines and that the Trial period

VIII.E.3.c.

- c. The EMSC is authorized by the Area Assembly to host an Online Discussion Forum with the topics approved by the EMSC. All trusted servants and Standing committees are encouraged to suggest topics for discussion. In the time frame leading up to the Annual General Service Conference, the EMSC will customarily post topics regarding items on the General Service Conference agenda. The forum will be governed by the content guidelines outlined in that section of this document headed VIII.E.3 - Web Page Content. All forum entries will be reviewed by the EMSC for content prior to posting to the forum. Additionally, the following points of decorum will be observed:
- i. no names will be posted
 - ii. no entries which attack or criticize another person will be posted
 - iii. no entries mentioning outside issues in a controversial or provocative manner will be posted
 - iv. no entries containing profanity will be posted
 - v. entries found objectionable by 2/3 of the EMSC will not be posted

The time frame for which a topic is open for posting will be determined by vote of the EMSC. All discussion topics and the postings will be archived and available for viewing on the EMSC webpage postings will be archived and available for viewing on the EMSC webpage for a period not less than one year.

Vote: 58 (Y), 9 (N)

Minority opinion, the forum is not a bad idea, content not going to be specifically general service topics. PI committee at GSO is the liaison to the AA website and is open to the public

Standing Committee Reports:

Archives - Pete B

apologies for missing PRAASA. Archives will hold it's annual Open House April 2nd in Riverside - starts at 9am to 4pm. The Archives Repository will be given a 1st Edition Big Book at the event. Need assistance with inventory and cataloguing. Still looking for Group Histories, forms available today. Asking each District to elect an Archivist.

CEC - Mimi (standing in for Michael M.)

8 in attendance from 6 Districts. PRAASA was a great success (18 attended Friday Workshop/ 30 on Saturday). Asking GSRs if they want a "Sr." designation next to their meetings in the Directory.

CPC - Steve

6 attendance today. Will be meeting with AARP in October. Fill the co chair position today, Thank you Gilberto.

Convention Liaison - Gary

No conventions as of yet. Have gotten all of the supplies from Jason and I am looking forward to starting this commitment.

Corrections - Alex

4 in attendance. Have a group project, shove letters into envelopes, lick them and put stamps on them. New York sent out a letter for the corrections writers program. Asking if they still want to write some one so if you get one of these letters fill them out and send them back in. if you changed any information on the corrections roster please let me know.

DCM School - Jim

Met with Registrar Committee and discussed Group Update forms. We are concentrating on using Principles to solve group problems. Need better attendance, so please encourage your DCMs and GSRs to attend.

Finance - Diedre

6 in attendance. Discussed annual Finance Audit and Native North American Gathering, as well as few finance-related Conference topics.

Grapevine - Linda

Attended PRAASA and Grapevine Roundtables. Attended GVR Lunch as well at PRAASA. Had 2 GVR's today in attendance and one visitor, met separately and then together with La Vina. Made a motion (and passed) to spend \$100 to buy display materials. Agreed that we should have subscription forms available and on-hand (500). I'm glad to visit any District. Grapevine posters are available, please see me for details.

La Vina - Francisco

6 in attendance. Discussed La Vina issues, how to resolve them - such as delivery issues. Met with Linda and Grapevine Committee to learn how we can best work together.

GSR School Spanish - Jesus

Good turnout today. Thanks to Jim for sharing on Concepts.

GSR Schools English - Scott R.

Discussing how to better serve each other's Districts. Discussed the perception of General Service and the importance of Sponsorship

Literature - Patrick

1) AA For You"; 2) AA for Me" - Discussed 2 pamphlets and asked Literature reps to take them back to their Districts for feedback. Talked about 5 different kinds of AA Literature. Discussed September Workshop idea. Would have 2 Spanish speaking panel speakers. Targeting AA Members - not just General Service people. Discussed buying 2 Literature racks, one for English / 1 for Spanish.

Literature Spanish - Cesar

No report

Newsletter - Russ

Nick (substituting for Russ). Still having translation issues. Raul and Oscar are helping! Do not have Spanish co-chair. Alt Delegate Joe attended and we have some great ideas for 2007. Working on this month's Spanish translation. We are looking for PRAASA reports to put in Newsletter. Send them to Russ or Nancy. Looking at special PRAASA Newsletter for 2007 focusing on PRAASA experience. Talked about website appearance, also how to find meetings from the site.

Public Information - Linda H.

Gave a report for Tom A. who visited Cox Cable. Discussed how Districts can serve by visiting Libraries. Discussed anonymity breaks in Orange County. Also discussed tentative CPC/PI Workshop in October. 7 attended PRAASA. I visited Districts 1,3,4. Need Spanish P.I. participation.

Public Information Spanish - Damien (to be confirmed in May) - No report

Registration - Ray

4th PRAASA I've attended - it was great. Served as the Secretary for the Registration Roundtable on Friday/Sat. Had more at PRAASA (12) than we do at Area (5 today). Combined meeting today with GSR Schools and Registration Committees - discussed Group Update forms. Reminder to get them in by April 15th so they can be submitted to NY by May 1st. Registration Committee was asked by Jason to fill out ASC/Assembly attendance forms to get an accurate meeting count for voting purposes. This would help hosting districts.

Special Needs - Pat

Substituting for Rich W. 7 in attendance from 4 Districts. Shared about PRAASA. Discussed how to coordinate with CPC and H&I and how to refer folks to the right committee.

Treatment Facilities - Phil L.

9 in attendance. Discussed Treatment Facilities Workbook and Pre-Conference topics; will try to have election in May, as we are seeking volunteers to server on TF committee. Visited Harbor Are Intergroup (H&I) meetings - they have changed their guidelines lately and added that their intention to work more closely with General Service. Area 93 & 5 are also represented. Went to PRAASA T.F. Workshops and will be contacting CPC and PI to liaison with them.

Translation Ad-hoc Committee - Oscar

11 in attendance. Translated December and February Minutes - working on past Newsletters. Invited to assist with Translating at Pre-Conference Workshop. Provided 1 interpreter for Grapevine committee. Received translation software purchased for \$65. We need more interpreters and we are available to assist committees with translation.

PRAASA Reports - various reports from the microphone

Coordinate Committee Reports

Orange County Intergroup - Alex

Discussed prudent reserve (currently 9 months) and trying to get PI work going. Open House Chili Cook-off coming up 2nd week of June. Annual Picnic in August.

YCPAA - Rebecca (LACYPPA)

Pamphlets are available today. Read explanation of what LACYPAA is. Discussed LACYPaa's application to host annual conference. See www.LACYPAA.org for more information. Meet on 1st and 3rd Sunday each month at LA Central Office. SLACYPAA elections to be held April 2nd.

District Roll Call:

District 30 - Gerald - need group participation, will be a major focus.

District 24 - Santiago - Visit 2 groups per week and take information to them. Also working on Pre-Conference topics. Take personal responsibility that groups are informed.

District 23 - Francisco - Continue to have business meeting first Friday of each month. Visiting 2 groups each week. 20 District members went to PRAASA. Have new group registration forms and looking into group registration errors. Supporting Native American event in May. Imperial Valley will be having a Roundup in April. Joe B. visited last Saturday. New group in San Bernardino.

District 22 - Damien - Visiting 2 groups each week, 16 groups in District, 7 being represented. We have a LVR and Young People Committees. Meet every Tuesday. We got to groups who invite us as well. Feb 21st we went to a church to speak and 2 of us attended.

District 21 – Antonio – Meet every Wednesday. First Wed is a business meeting and second is a Discussion meeting and the 4th is a step study. Visit 2 groups each week. 16 went to PRAASA. GSRs are being motivated to attend Regional Forum in Seattle. 18 in attendance today.

District 20 – Amador – Meet every Monday at 7:30. 1st, 3rd 4th week is business , 2nd is discussion, visiting 2 groups each week. 18 GSRs at last District meeting out of 25 Groups. We had PRAASA reports at last meeting. Discussing Foro this week.

District 19 – No Report

District 18 – Tina – 7 in attendance at PRAASA. Hosting May Assembly – map posted to website. Invited Committee Chairs to attend. Working with other Districts to combine for Delegates Report-back.

District 17 – No Report

District 15 – Lynn – 6 in attendance today; 3 DCMs are visiting our 48 Groups and collecting registration information to submit to Jason. Discussed questions on Concepts at last Dist meeting. 5-6 new GSRs attended in March.

District 12 – No Report

District 11 – Chris – 5 in attendance today; 8 attended PRAASA. Focused on Conference agenda and informing Groups. Secretary and Registrar positions vacant and working to fill.

District 10 – Donna S. – 6 in attendance today. Planning for Pre-Conference workshop we're hosting in April.

District 9 – Bob – 4 attendees today. Native American Gathering in May. We have approved DCMC to attend Regional Forum. Working on GSR Appreciation Day and GSR attendance is growing.

District 8 – No Report

District 7 – Bill – 5 attendees today. Sheryl (DCMC) broke her leg, she's doing well. New officers are getting up to speed and we're looking forward to hosting an upcoming Area event.

District 6 – MaryAnn – 6 attendees today. Working on Delegate Reportback location. I attended PRAASA and enjoyed DCM Workshop. Free food is key to attendance.

District 5 – Alex – Thanks to Charles K. for Archives presentation. Having a Pre Conference workshop at District. Have an ad-hoc committee working on updating guidelines. Received \$700+ in donations from Groups in February. 3 attended PRAASA. Co-hosting Foro with District 20 in July and 1 new GSR in attendance today.

District 4 – Gregory – voted to host another Treasurer workshop. Voted to approve our second District budget ever. Sarah is a new DCM. 4 attended PRAASA. Challenged to find trusted servants. Thanks to Russ for providing Newsletter copies (March) to take to a dark group. 4 attendees today.

District 3 – No Report

District 2 – Kimberly – 5 attendees today. 4 attended PRAASA. Working with Dist 4 for combined Delegate Report on June 5th. Arranging for Jason S to do a Concepts presentation in August.

District 1 - Chris - 13 in attendance today. Approximately 40 attended last District. 20 attended PRAASA. Had PRAASA reports at last District meeting. Discussing District website. Looking at hosting a special event at the district. CEC coming out next month.

March Birthdays - Diedre - 2 yrs.; Joseph - 15 yrs.; Keith - 2 yrs; Will - 2 yrs; Christina - 1 yr;

Recap of Actions - Website Online Forum proposal forwarded to May Assembly (Vote: 58 yes/ 9 no)

Respectively Submitted,
Melissa B., Panel 56 Secretary