

***** APPROVED MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 MINUTES *****
AREA SERVICE ASSEMBLY (ASA) MINUTES

Hosted by District 20
May 17, 2020
Area Assembly
ZOOM conference call at
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4697354040>

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mitchell B. at 9:00a.m.

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by x in English/ xx in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by x in English/ x in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by x in English/x in Spanish. Reading were skipped for the ASA.

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 Rich, seconded Christina, and unanimously approved to accept draft minutes from the 12 January 2020 Assembly as written.

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

Delegate Ed L. - First, I want to thank everyone for my sobriety and opportunities for General Service. On May 30, 2020, I will celebrate 15 years, so thank you for that!

(●) Thanks, so much, to Mitchell for the summary tables for MSCA 09 input on agenda items. On May 15, the day before the Conference, I spent 11.5 hours getting these tables up to speed, and having them in front of me during the Conference was invaluable.

(●) Of course, the Pandemic Panel 70 COVID 19 Conference on May 16, 17, 18, and 19 was the highlight of this past reporting period. There were as many as 175 people participating, including the 135 Conference members (none was absent), Zoom operators, and invited participants, like past trustees. It was an experience that I will never forget. Between May 15 and 19, I was in front of the computer about 55 hours.

(●) Two days after the Conference I began working on my report-back. I spent about 30 hours between May 21 and 27 completing a draft of the report-back. After presenting it for the first time on May 27, I spent another five hours refining the talk. At this point, I have not given it a second time, and am planning to do that with District 12 on June 4th, and knowing me will likely continue to refine it after each report.

(●) Products that we can post include Grapevine Presentation by Ginger B; Financial Report by GSO Treasurer Leslie Backus; three final reports on Advisory Actions, Committee Considerations, and agenda items that are Forwarded to the 2021 Conference; and completed summary tables, with Conference votes and notes, Area votes, and other useful information.

(●) I met with District 14 on May 20, District 2 on May 27, and District 1 on May 28. The meeting with District 2 was a formal report-back, where I presented 175 slides in an hour, with 15 minutes of question and answer.

(●) So, at this point I have attended District business meetings with the following (red ones are report-backs): 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21. So, have attended 14 English- and 2 Spanish-speaking District business meetings.

Alternate Delegate Hiro S. - No report

Registrar Emily H. - No report

Treasurer Accounts Payable Jose A. No report

Treasurer Accounts Receivable Rich W. - I'm happy to be here sober one more day and grateful to be of service. I am happy to report we are now able to accept contributions online through the Area website into our Area PayPal account. Thanks to everyone that has already taken advantage of this, I asked Jesus to do the Spanish translation to put on the Spanish site and we will eblast to let everyone know. Diane C. our CPA prepared our federal and state tax returns and I mailed them on Friday. I prepared the 1st quarter Financial Report you received in your eblast. We started off the year very strong but due to the coronavirus we have entered unfamiliar territory. Our April contributions were about 50% less than February and March. Of course our expenses have also dropped due to not holding Area Meetings and having many service activities suspended or going virtual. At this point, we are doing fine financially but we will have to watch carefully our spending to adjust to our new reality. Since the last Area meeting I delivered materials to the Audit Committee, met with the CPA to complete the tax filings and the AP Treasurer. I participated in Executive Board Zoom meetings and had conversations with District 4 officers regarding banking regulations and getting tax ID numbers for their groups and/or districts. I also picked up mail at the PO Box and made several bank deposits. As of Sunday April 19, 2020 we have \$32355.70 in the checking and \$7501.09 in the prudent reserve savings. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service

Secretary Ryan W. – no report

Chair Mitchell B. - Hi, my name is Mitchell and I am an alcoholic. Since the April 5 Pre-Conference Workshop on Zoom I attended the Eboard meeting on April 12 on Zoom. * I prepared the Agenda for today's May Assembly. * I helped Ed L. compile the Pre-Conference personal and group conscience comments via the Google Docs and emails. I gave the full comments and an consolidated version to Ed on May 14 for use in the 70th GSC. * I attended the District 6 on April 7 and District 5 Steering Committee April 6 and District meeting on April 9. * I worked with the 2019 Audit Committee members – Tami R., John R., and Sarah S. – on the remainder of work for the audit committee report. The Committee contacted Panel 68 Treasurer Rich W. for electronic records. * I edited and posted the video of Ed's Pre-Conference orientation to Vimeo April 5. Audio recordings of the event are saved to Archives media. * I attend an Area Chair Session on Tuesdays at 4pm and Saturday at 11 am, where chairs from across the US and Canada share their questions about online meetings, voting on Zoom, and outreach to members. * I have attended the Monday Concept Study Zoom hosted by former Trustee Billy N. who has had guests from GSO, Archives, current and past Trustees online to discuss A.A. and operations of the members during the current social distancing. * Thank you for letting me be of service.

OLD BUSINESS

- Chair appoints Christina S. for Accessibility Chair- Spanish. – Area vote to approve was unanimous.
- Motion for increase budget for Spanish Conventions Chair (Carmen M.). Motion introduced by Carmen M. Discussion about need for budget increase due to health advisory restrictions limiting in-person meetings. Motion to increase 2020 budget for Spanish Conference liaison from \$400 to \$1050 approved 59 to 4. Minority opinion spoke. No vote to reconsider. Motion passed.
- Motion for DBA for MSCA09. Motion introduced by Rich W. and seconded. Discussion about the purpose and utility for filing a DBA (Doing Business As). Following May ASC recommendation for business name options associate with bank account in lieu of filing DBA for MSCA09.

NEW BUSINESS

- Scheduling Delegate Ed L. for Shareback from 70th GSC. District DCMCCs should contact the Delegate to schedule a 70th GSC presentation to their meetings.
- Revised Guidelines for Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) (Maryka O.). Motion introduced by Maryka O. Discussion followed. The Guidelines revision will go back to CPC for further editing.
- Appointing Ad hoc Committee on Remote Communities (Mitchell). Area chair appointed ad hoc committee to study needs from remote communities in Area 09. Member of the committee include Maryka O., Jesus O., Carmen M., Cristina S., and Cynthia F.
- PRAASA experiences in Tucson. Sharing from the membership about their experience from PRAASA in Tucson AZ, March 6-8, 2020.

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Coordinate Committee Reports:

District Reports (submitted in writing):

Recap of Actions:

- Chair appoints Christina S. for Accessibility Chair- Spanish.

- Motion for increase budget for Spanish Conventions Chair to a total of \$1,500. The Motion passed.
- Motion for DBA for MSCA09
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Announcements:

- Area meeting to be held using Zoom for the June ASC.

Birthdays:

Three birthdays included Angela – 8 years – April 28, Patsy – 8 years – May 1; Cancellara – 6 years;

Motion made, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 2:48 p.m., with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

Minutes respectfully submitted by your MSCA 09 Panel #70 Chair, Mitchell B.