

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

**Hosted by District 24**

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**March 14, 2021**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mitchell B. at 9:02 a.m. There were 97 members who signed in for the meeting.

**Readings:** Declaration of Unity read by J.D. in English / Raul in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Grant T. in English / Martin in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Kris C. in English / Albelardo 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 and seconded and unanimously approved to accept draft minutes from the 13 December 2020 and 14 February 2021

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

**Delegate Ed L:**

**Alternate Delegate Hiro S:** Hiro stated he had recently spoken with each of the Board members and then read a letter submitting his resignation as Alternate Delegate.

**Registrar Emma P.:** Emma stated that she posted the attendance link in chat; she attended the Area 04 February ASC and the MSCA 09 board meeting and is updating the Area 09 roster; she is working to manage the area's Fellowship Connection info and to update it with information she receives from the districts.

**Treasurer Accounts Payable Jose A.:** Payments of 6 checks, \$2200.60 which paid for archives offices, etc. There is vacancy for the Area La Vina chair.

**Treasurer Accounts Receivable Rich W.:** I'm happy to be sober one more day and grateful to be of service. I have submitted the Income and Expense report for February. Our gross income was \$5270.21 and our expenses were \$1,334.13; which left us with a net income of \$3,936.08 We received Group Contributions of \$5,145.59, District contributions of \$20.00, and Individual Contributions of \$104.62. As of Sunday, March 14, 2021, we have \$45989.93 in the checking account, \$7501.73 in our Prudent Reserve account and \$537.61 in the Pay Pal account. I experienced my first virtual format PRAASA last week. While I missed soaking up all the

positive energy of 1500 alcoholics dedicated to service and the loss of making those face to face contacts that make PRAASA so special, I thought the host committee did an outstanding job putting on the event and there were many great panels. Thanks to Romy S. for doing that wonderful Grapevine/La Viña panel. Since the February ASC I attended the February Eboard meeting and the Finance Committee meeting this morning. I made 2 trips to the PO Box, made several bank deposits and met with the AP Treasurer to update the books. I am disappointed that I will be working and not be able to attend the Boot Camp next Saturday but I believe it will be very helpful for our Delegate to have a better understanding of the Area conscience. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service. Rich W. MSCA 09 Panel 70. AR Treasurer

**Secretary - OPEN:** No report

**Area Chair Mitchell B.:** Hi, my name is Mitchell, and I am an alcoholic. Since the Area Service Committee meeting on February 14, I attended Executive Board meeting on February 21 on Zoom. \* I prepared the Agenda for today's ASC Meeting. \* At the February Eboard meeting Ryan W. stepped down from the Area Secretary position. In the absence of the Secretary, I edited December ASC minutes and prepared the February ASC minutes for today's ASC. \* I attend an online Area Chair Session on February 20, 27 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. The topics have included motion for language translation (Interpretation and documentation) for Area communications, encouraging greater GSR/DCM participation in General Service, and topics of interest to Area Chairs or those whose wish to attend. \* I attended NERAASA Feb.26-29, 2021 (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly) on Zoom. NERAASA is like PRAASA with presentations by General Service board Trustees, Area delegate reports, and roundtables. I attended the roundtables for Area Chairs/Alternate Chairs and found the topics for other Areas interesting and useful. \* On February 25 and March 4, I met with the Communications Electronic Media Services Committee for updates on the new MSCA 09 website and work on crating Google Forms for the 71st GSC Agenda Item feedback. I want to thank Alex W. for her work to create the structure and entered the English Google Form. I used the same structure for the Spanish Forms that are now available to gather your individual and group conscience on GSC Agenda items. \* On March 2, I attended the District 6 meeting, District 7 on March 8, and District 5 on March 11. \* Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Area Delegate: Ed L. (●)** Attend following nine District meetings on indicated dates: #08 and #14 on 2/17; #04 and #10 on 3/3; #07 on 3/8; #17 on 3/9; and #01/03 and #05 on 3/11.  
(●) I met with the Electronic Media Subcommittee (EMSC) on 2/15; District 05 Concepts V, VI, VII, and VIII workshop on 2/20; and District Committee Member (DCM) School on 2/26.  
(●) I continue to work in person with Hispanic Districts, visiting #20 on 2/22, and with the six Hispanic Districts for a presentation on how to gather data on 2/28, where I hand-deliver the Agenda Item summary tables and record the presentation for posting and independent viewing.  
(●) On 2/16, Zoom with 13 of 15 Pacific Region delegates for general sharing, and on 2/28 for a discussion of Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (PRAASA) delegate's round table, where we decide to keep it in the region. I also attend Area 05 Delegate's Sharing Session on 3/13.

- (●) When I checked my computer at 0700 on 2/16, there was no Background Information, which was there at 08:00 and sent to Faith for posting and Ryan for eblasting by 08:45, so all 1,371 pages are now on the website under “Delegate” and “Confidential Information.”
- (●) I “left Dodge” on 2/16 and sequestered myself in an Oceanside condo at the beach for eight days, until 2/24, where I proceeded to review Background Information for all 13 Conference Committees over the period of 44 hours. On 2/25, I tabulated all the summary information in about 10 hours.
- (●) Scheduled report-backs: Area 09 on May 16th; #1/3 on May 11th; #04 on May 5th; #05 on June 10; #06 on May 4th; #07 on May 10th; #08 on May 19; #09 on June 20th; #12 on May 6th; #18 on July 13; #19 on June 12; #20 on May 17; and #24 on May 18.
- (●) On 2/28, I release the Agenda Item Summary Tables for distribution, and produce “Gathering Area 09 Group Conscience” Power Points in English and Spanish for posting. On 3/6, thanks to data input by the Electronic Media Subcommittee, the Google Forms are posted. Summary Tables and, particularly, Google Forms are the main way you get your feedback to me so I’m informed by the Area’s group conscience when I attend the General Service Conference in April 2021. The deadline for comment submittal is April 5th.
- (●) On 3/1, I spend an hour with the Conference Literature Committee discussing our upcoming schedule and processes for addressing 37 of the 110 Agenda Items pertaining to Literature. I will be meeting with them on 3/24, 3/27, and 3/29 so my literature work is heating up!
- (●) On 3/5, I receive Background Information in Spanish for 10 of the 13 Committees, which I forward to Faith for posting and Mitchell for eblasting on 3/7, during the PRAASA business meeting.
- (●) On 3/10 and 3/12, I receive Background information in Spanish for the final three committees: Literature, Public Information, and Policy & Admissions, which I immediately provide to Hispanic DCMCs and Faith for posting.
- (●) On 3/5, I receive a link from General Service Office enabling me to access the Fellowship Connection, so our Registrar, Emma P, and me have this access if you need assistance.
- (●) On 3/12, I receive the 117-page combined 2021 First Quarter General Service Board (GSB) Minutes & Committee Reports for the GSB weekend of January 30, 31 and February 1, 2021, which I send to Faith to be posted under Confidential Resources under the Delegate’s tab.
- (●) On weekend of 2/26, I bounce back and forth between NERASSA, the northeastern version of PRAASA, and WRAASA, western Canada’s PRAASA, and have a great time! In Love with Service, Ed L, Panel 70, Area 09 delegate

**Presentation:** Ed made a presentation *The Group Conscience in Preparation for the 2021 General Service Conference* he prepared to assist MSCA Area 09 members and groups with understanding the process for soliciting input on the agenda items for the 71st General Service Conference. He encouraged members to use the Google Forms on the website stating it was the preferable way for him to receive input/responses. He also suggested using the Google Forms for the Boot Camp. He promised to make himself available to the Hispanic community as much as possible to be sure to receive their input. Access to the presentation can be found [here](#).

### OLD BUSINESS

1. **PRAASA - March 5-7, 2021** –Chair Mitchell asked for participants to raise hands if they wished to share their experiences at 2021 PRAASA. MSCA 09 participants who were recognized for their specific role at PRAASA 2021 included, Ed, Romy and Michele K. Members remarked how exceptionally well they performed and that they made MSCA 09 proud. Participants who shared their experiences: Ryan H., Francine W., Sarah S., Vicki R., Rosendo C., Deborah A., Dolly C., Lynn S., Jeryl T.
  
2. **DISCUSSION of the Motion to Approve the Revised CEC Committee Guidelines – 2<sup>nd</sup> ASC:** Jerry reported that changes proposed were to have a bilingual co-chair so that the committee could be more inclusive; guidelines were updated to include the technology. Chair Mitchell asked that members pose any questions that they might have about the guidelines only. Kevin R. asked what bilingual meant – Jerry responded Spanish; Debra A. asked if area bylaws would have to be changed to add a co-chair - there would have to be a motion to form a Spanish CEC Committee. Rich W. suggested not using the term co-chair; perhaps the GAP Committee could suggest a better term; Tammy made a motion to refer to it as Spanish Chair but withdrew the motion; GAP Chair will be presenting a motion at the June meeting proposing changes to the area’s guidelines and bylaws; Rozanne stated that several years ago the discussion was had and the area agreed to use English and Spanish Chair.  
**Point of order** by Jeryl: Isn’t this the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASC for these guidelines and today we will be voting to forward the guidelines to the assembly.  
Rich W. suggested that these not be forwarded to the assembly given there are still questions; Francine W. stressed that the committees should run what they are doing by GAP Committee first so that the GAP Committee (which meets the first Sunday of each month) could support the actions.  
**Point of Clarification:** Would Jerry be amenable to discuss with GAP the changes that are proposed.  
**Point of Order:** Jeryl stated that we vote to table the motion and postpone until the next ASC.  
**MOTION:** *To table the CEC Guidelines motion until the next ASC.*  
**VOTE:** Yes 23 No 2  
**MINORITY OPINION:** No opinion.  
**The Motion Passes**
  
3. **DISCUSSION of the Motion to Approve the Revised Literature Committee Guidelines – the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASC:** Jim B, Chair of the Literature Committee stated that Mitchell sent out a version of the guidelines that were presented at the last ASC. However, other changes were made as a result of the input from the GAP Committee and from input from the 1<sup>st</sup> ASC. Jim shared his screen and identified those specific changes. Rich W. asked if these guidelines have gone to the GAP Committee – Jim: yes except for the last two changes as which he sent to GAP last night. Francine stated that the question of who is a member of the literature committee should be discussed; she requested that this motion also be tabled. Jim asked if there was going to be a membership requirement/language applicable to all committees.

**Point of Order:** Rich W. that is actually in our guidelines that each change to committee guidelines have to go through the GAP Committee. Jim stated that these guidelines did go through the committee that he thought he was making the changes based upon the GAP and ASC input. Francine reiterated that she had not seen the final changes.

Rozanne stated that because what we are seeing today is not the same as what we saw at the last ASC and that none of her district members/groups have seen this version she was not supportive of moving it forward; she also stated that the language that had been added about the GAP Committee “approving” the guidelines was a little strong.

Jim stated no objection to table

**MOTION:** *A motion was duly made by Michele K. and seconded by Michelle L. to table the Literature Guidelines motion until the next ASC.*

**VOTE:** Yes 25 No 0

**The Motion passes**

#### **4. DCM School Guidelines**

##### **DISCUSSION of the Motion to Approve the Revised DCM School Committee**

**Guidelines– the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASC:** Committee Chair Manya stated she sent the revisions to the GAP Committee and was asked to send them to the chair’s personal email; upon hearing no response, she assumed it was ok. The original guidelines were approved in 2004 and changes included changing to Spanish chair rather than co-chair; added information on the officers; added links and addition of the google app. Ed L. asked for clarification between the English and Spanish DCMs schools - Mayna stated that the Spanish DCM School has the opportunity to adopt the English (revised) guidelines; she has submitted them to the Spanish DCM School Chair, Ruben and is awaiting a response. A question from a Hispanic member (didn’t get name) asked if that as we (English and Spanish groups) share the concepts and the traditions and they state the same thing for both, why is it necessary for the guidelines to be different? Rozanne stated the committee had discussed this topic at length and had concluded that the Spanish DC School should have the option to do as they prefer such as how many times a year they plan to meet.

Rich W. asked if there was going to be a budgetary impact -Manya stated that she understood that each school/committee has its own budget; that it was proposed to maintain each of the school’s budgets as they were approved and the committee could take expenses from the those budgets.

**MOTION:** *A motion was duly made by Kevin and seconded by Rozanne to pass the motion to approve the DCM School Guidelines to the Area assembly in May.*

**VOTE:** Yes 28 No 0

**The Motion passes**

#### **5. DISCUSSION of the Motion to Approve an increase to the prudent reserve– the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASC: Introduced at the last ASC**

Finance Chair John R. presented a recap of the motion to increase the prudent reserve to \$10k from \$2500.

Kevin R. asked if there is an understanding of how other areas maintain the prudent reserve. Maryka d. stated that for an area as large as Area 09, she believes we should raise our prudent reserve and that the \$10k is, to her, conservative.

Kathy L. stated she is in support of the motion, and feels that only 10% of annual expenses is not enough and perhaps it should be closer to two- or three-months' expenses

Rich W. stated that he attended the Finance workshop at PRAASA and he queried the group about this topic – none of the areas that were represented had a prudent reserve that was larger than \$10k – he stated that Area 09's contracted expenses are closer to \$2,000 to \$2,500 per month.

Sarah S. stated that the meeting she represents provided feedback when asked about this action; she shared their feedback - that a prudent reserve should be decided with an understanding of monthly expenses, which they did not have.

**MOTION: A motion was duly made by Kevin R. and seconded by Marika d. to advance the motion to increase the prudent reserve to \$10,000 to the next assembly.**

**VOTE: Yes 32 No 0**

***The Motion passes***

**6. DISCUSSION of the Motion to Create a Technology Committee – the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASC:  
Introduced at the last ASC**

Chair Alex W. stated that the motion was made to make the Communications, Electronic Media sub-committee a standing committee.

Kevin, and Vicki both stated their support of the motion; Bob asked if there are guidelines prepared - Alex stated that the 2009 guidelines are available on the website (previous guidelines) and they will be updated by whomever rotates into the role; she stated that the committee is currently adhering to the 2009 guidelines. A question was raised about budget for the committee – Alex stated that the budget had already been approved; however, each standing committee is provided with an initial budget of \$400 and they do not see that they would need additional budget during this panel.

Jeryl T. stated that if any additional funding is needed this year they will be able to ask for an override and that next year the committee would have its own budget and that he supported the motion.

**MOTION: A motion was duly made by Marika d. and seconded by Rozanne to advance the motion to make the Technology Committee a Standing Committee to the next Assembly.**

**VOTE: Yes 24 No 2**

**MINORITY OPINION:**

***The Motion passes***

**7. DISCUSSION of the Motion to Create a Remote Communities Committee as a Standing Committee - 2<sup>nd</sup> ASC: Introduced at the last ASC**

Maryka stated that a question at the last ASC posed that there might be overlap between the Accessibilities Committee and the Remote Communities Committee. She stated that overlap between committees is not necessarily a bad thing; that she had reviewed the Accessibilities Committee role and felt that there were differences between the two; she stated that a workshop at PRAASA focused on Remote Community efforts gave her even more enthusiasm and reinforced the need for the standing committee .

Rich W. stated that he felt the committee would be an amazing possibility for cooperation with other committees and that there have been remote community efforts in the past but they were not sustained and that is why he supports the motion.

**MOTION:** *A motion was duly made by Jerry and seconded by Manya to advance the motion to create a Remote Communities Standing Committee to the next Assembly.*

**VOTE:** Yes 31 No 4

**MINORITY OPINION:** Mary (Past Accessibilities Committee Chair) stated that she feels that the scope of this committee falls under Accessibilities Committee; that part of that committee's role is to capture the needs of the remote committees; that she wished that this committee would work with the Accessibilities Chair.

**MOTION:** *A motion was duly made by Kevin and seconded by Manya to vote to reconsider.*

**VOTE:** *Yes (to reconsider) 11 No 17*

**The Motion fails**

**The original motion to advance the motion to the Assembly stands.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION:** *A motion was duly made by Jim and seconded by Jay to suspend the ASC and begin the Assembly.*

**VOTE:** Yes 26 No 4

**The Motion passes**

#### Assembly

1. **Filling Area Alternate Delegate position:** Mitchell stated that given that there has been a resignation of the current Alternate Delegate, Hiro, he has proposed that we suspend the ASC and convert to an Assembly in order to elect a new Alternate Delegate. He shared the Area Guidelines and focused on filling vacant position (considered a "Director"). He asked for a motion to suspend the next ASC and hold an Assembly. He referred to the duties of the Alternate Delegate. He clarified who can vote on this motion. A 2/3 majority should be the substantial unanimity.

Ed L. clarified that Hiro announced his resignation on Monday and that he then instituted a Board meeting on Tuesday at which time Jose A. who is currently serving as Treasurer A/P indicated that he was willing to serve as Alternate Delegate. The board voted and all 6 members in attendance voted yes. Jose A. was asked to provide a service resume and expression of interest in serving as the Alternate Delegate for MSCA 09 which he did. Alex W. asked whether or not anyone else would be eligible. Mitchell stated that if we do not proceed with this action, we would have to wait until the May Assembly.

**POINT OF ORDER:** Rich W. stated that the guidelines state that when a position is vacated the Board appoints a person, with the approval of the members; or that the person could be appointed as Acting Alternate Delegate until the May Assembly.

Karen H. asked for clarification about whether or not the person would complete the Panel. Mitchell stated yes, and that individual would have the opportunity to stand for next panel if he/she desired.

Maryka asked how others would be considered – Mitchell said as Chair he has the authority to appoint someone and that he feels that there is a significant amount of work that needs to be done and that an individual has been on the board for 2 panels.

Vicky thanked Jose for his willingness to serve; she would have liked to have seen an email blast so people had an opportunity to be considered.

**MOTION:** A poll was launched providing an opportunity for members to vote on whether or not to approve the appointment of Jose A. as Alternate Delegate for the remainder of Panel 70.

**VOTE:** Yes 52

**The Motion passes by substantial unanimity**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Chris C. and seconded by Deborah to close the Assembly and reconvene the ASC.

**The Motion passes**

1. **Fill Area Secretary Position** – Mitchell stated that the Area is looking for a person who understands the responsibilities and commitment of the position and that they can contact him and/or Ed L if they have questions. He stated he would like to be able to present candidates at the Assembly in May.
2. **Announcing the date for 4-Area DCM Sharing Session**– 6/27/21 1:00-5:00 p.m. via Zoom
3. **Announcing the dates for the Pre Pre-Conference and Pre-Conference** - March 20, and April 11, 2021
4. **Fill Committee Chair for La Viña** –Carmen stated that a member expressed interest (Erica). She introduced Erica, who provided her service resume  
**MOTION:** *A motion was duly made by Many and seconded by Maryka to approve Erica as the Chair for La Vina and to advance it to the Assembly for vote.*  
**The motion passes and will be voted on at the Assembly**
5. **Fill Committee Chair for Accessibility** – Andrea provided her service resume and expressed interest in the position  
**Members were asked to approve Andrea as the Chair for the Area’s Accessibilities Committee**  
**The appointment was approved and will be voted on for final approval at the Assembly.**
6. **Appoint liaison for 2021 Hispanic Women’s Workshop Planning Committee** - this remains an open position; Area 03 is hosting the event; please contact Mitchell if interested.

7. **Appoint an Audit Committee alternates (2 members).** One more member needed. Please contact Mitchell if interested.

**Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)**

**Accessibility –**  
**Archives – Dario D.**  
**Communications English - Stacey A.**  
**Communications Spanish OPEN**  
**Cooperation with the Elderly Community – Jerry S. –**  
**Cooperation with the Professional Community - English – Mary K. –**  
**Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish - Martín**  
**Convention Liaison – Ryan H. –**  
**Corrections and Correspondence – Mauricio –**  
**DCM School – Manya W. –**  
**DCM School - Ruben - Spanish -**  
**Finance – John R. –**  
**Guidelines and Policies (GAP) – Francine W. –**  
**Grapevine – Scott R. –**  
**GSR School (English) – Todd W.**  
**GSR School (Spanish) - Martin. -**  
**Hispanic Women’s Workshop Planning Meeting (2021) – OPEN –**  
**La Viña - OPEN**  
**Literature English – Jim B. –**  
**Literature Spanish - Jose –**  
**Public Information - English – Harry C.**  
**Public Information (Spanish) - Melquiades V.**  
**Registration – Tony –**  
**Treatment Facilities (English) – Lynne K. –**  
**Young People – Matt B. –**

**Coordinate Committee Reports:**

**OCYPAA – No Report**  
**DCYPAA – No report**  
**Inland Empire H&I - No Report**  
**Harbor Area Central Office – No Report**

**District Reports (submitted in writing):**

**District 1 -**  
**District 2 –**  
**District 3 –**  
**District 4 –** Maryka d’O. - District 04 met on the first Wednesday of March. There were approximately 43 people in attendance. We welcomed our Delegate Ed L. Who gave a 15 minute presentation on the Conference Agenda items. District members were reminded to register for PRAASA as the District would be providing reimbursements for all registrations purchased. The District body agreed to use a Google form created by District 04 when seeking and tabulating

data on the Conference Agenda items for 2021. This action is to make simpler the process so as many GSRs and their groups as possible can participate. Lastly, District 04 is presenting a Standing Committee Workshop on March 27 at 2 pm PST. Guests will include a staff member from GSO and a past Trustee. All are welcome. Of note - District 04 will host a modified Pre Conference workshop on the first Wednesday of April at 7 pm.

**District 5 –**

**District 6 -**

**District 7 –**

**District 8 –**

**District 9 -**

**District 10 –**

**District 11 - no report**

**District 12 –**

**District 14 –**

**District 15 –**

**District 17 –**

**District 18 –**

**District 19 –**

**District 20 -**

**District 21 –**

**District 23 -**

**District 24 -**

**District 25 -**

**District 30 -**

### **Recap of Actions:**

- Approved the 13 December 2021 ASC minutes
- Approved the 14 February 2021 ASC minutes
- Tabled the CEC Guidelines motion until the 13 June 2021 ASC.
- Tabled the Literature Committee Guidelines motion until the next 13 June 2021 ASC.
- Moved the Technology Standing Committee motion to the 16 May 2021 Assembly.
- Moved the Remote Communities Standing Committee motion to the next 16 May 2021 Assembly.
  
- Suspend ASC and convert to Assembly (with GSRs voting)
  - Jose approved at Alternate Delegate.
- Convert back to ASC
  
- Appointed Erica as the La Vina Chair. Approval will be at the 16 May 2021 Assembly.
- Appointed Andrea as the Accessibilities Chair. Approval will be at the 16 May 2021 Assembly.

### **Announcements:**

**Birthdays:**

Jim 32 years; Tim A 19 years; Karen 34 years; Karen 24 years

Motion made, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 2:47 p.m., with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

Next Meeting:

- March 20 – Pre-Pre-Conference
- April 3 – MSCA 09 Archives Open House on Zoom, 1:00-3:00 PM PST
- April 11 – MSCA Pre-Conference
- April 17-26, 2021 71<sup>st</sup> GSC on Zoom
- May 16 – Assembly – Delegate Shareback

Thanks to Cynthia F., District 04 for helping with the March 2021 minutes.

Minutes respectfully submitted by your MSCA 09 Panel #70 Secretary,