

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

Hosted by District 8

January 10, 2021

ZOOM conference call at <https://zoom.us/j/99209813727>

Password: service

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mitchell B. at 9:03 a.m. There were 93 members who logged in for the meeting.

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by David B. in English / Roman in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Juanita in English / Martin J. in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by J.D. in English / Martin G. 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 to accept draft minutes from the 13 September 2020 ASA. Minutes were passed.

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

Delegate Ed L.: Most of my recent activities were reported at the Assembly last Sunday, so these reflections are relative to new activities and plans. There was a conference call with the PRAASA Delegate's Advisory Board (PDAB) on 1/13/2020, which I currently serve as their secretary. I'm also putting together a list of volunteers for PRAASA five volunteers and two back-ups, and have filled four of the five volunteer positions. I made recent contact with Coty Q, outgoing Grapevine Chair, to get the display materials to Scott R, incoming GV Chair. Talk to Sandi S in Lucerne Valley about a member at a speaker meeting who complained about introducing Al-Anon members at their AA group, as violating Traditions 3 and 5. Agree to attend meeting on February 5th to address this issue and speak afterwards. I've been assigned to the Conference Literature Committee and have been reading those materials and preparing for my first Conference call this Thursday, 1/23/2020 so that Literature Committee Conference Chair can take our concerns to the Quarterly AAWS Board Meeting on 1/30/2020. Rozanne T offered to prepare a table of contents for the background information, which Ed confirmed in a text message to her on 1/19/2020. I've posted two messages to the new "Delegate's Bulletin Board," including an introductory posting on 1/9/2020, and a second one welcoming and identifying newly-elected chairs on 1/12/2020. I will continue to use this as one means of communicating to the MSCA 09 Fellowship. Blessed to be of service. Ed L.

Alternate Delegate Hiro S.: Morning everybody. My name is Hiro, and I am an alcoholic. I'm grateful to be serving as your MSCA Panel 70 Alternate Delegate from in Southern California areas there are nine. What a fantastic area. I'm so grateful for this board. I'm so grateful that that our Delegate. It seems like he's everywhere and this is perfect, at a time when it probably seems like your Alternate Delegate is nowhere. I found in 2020 in the first 11 weeks of Covid from March on that I'm one of the small percentage of people who get Zoom fatigue. It is so bad that in the first 11 weeks of Covid I was puking every week and was losing like 1-2-3 days of work. You may have noticed that for the for the Area meetings for most of 2020 I was coming in the morning and having to leave before the business meeting because my Zoom maxes at about three hours and the board, very gently suggested that I that I do the opposite. I'm really, really excited to do exactly what Ed was doing in the, in the previous years in terms of getting the getting all the agenda topics. Once they're official is getting all the background materials and putting all of that together along with all of you all's help in order to prepare for the General Service Conference, which will be virtual this April. I'm really looking forward to doing that. Thank you all so much. I love you.

Registrar Emma P.: I am an alcoholic. I have been serving as acting registrar. I've been keeping attendance and updating the Area. I'm sorry about the District Board members and GSR is not updated at GSO. I am going back through the area registrar email, seeing what I can update. I did get access to the fellowship connection as Ed said The GSO database where we keep everything updated. Unfortunately, GSO is having major technical difficulties. So even though I have a login, I'm not able to do anything. So supposedly they're working on fixing that. We'll see how long it takes them. I did attend the area meeting on December 13 and the area board meeting on December 20, 2020. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Treasurer Accounts Payable – Jose A.: Jose, Alcoholic. Report for January 10, 2021 on Zoom. I've only had five checks. For MSCA headquarters rent and utilities. There was a check for one area officer. If you heard the Delegate report, we have a new webmaster, and I paid that check and the copier lease. Remember that whenever we get a contribution for a group, whether or not they have a group number, if they sent to the Area or GSO, we would always give credit to the group. What we are trying to do with our Register, is that the group will register because everything they send a contribution, we give them a temporary number. Sometimes the same group will have many numbers. So, any group that does not want to register with GSO to please use the temporary number for there won't be any confusion, with so many numbers for the Treasurers. I also must write a check for CPC. Each committee chair is responsible for their own expenses. To pay anyone else, they need to send me the receipts or an invoice. Also, for the Spanish-Speaking committees I will be your liaison and any expenses, any question you may have with regards to your money. Is it enough? Is it not enough? Please let me know. If we cannot understand each other, we have interpreters with Alicia and Jesus. I still have a lot to learn as the Area Treasurer-AP. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Jose A., Treasurer-AP.

Treasurer Accounts Receivable – Rich W.: Rich, Alcoholic. Very relieved to survived 2020, sober over through it all. Hope everybody celebrated a safe and sober New Year's Eve. I closed the books for 2020 and submitted the income and expense report for December.

Also updated the budget proposal to reflect the final numbers as well as the amendments approved at the ASC. I had the pleasure of working with our new webmaster Faith, getting the PayPal account transferred to the new website. PayPal contributions through the website will generate an email receipt. When you make the contribution, if you provide an email, you will get a receipt email to you. In addition to having the ability to print your own receipt out. Group contributions should include the GSO number for the group's to receive a receipt. District Treasurers can contact the Emma, Area 09 Registrar, to check on group number. For groups without GSO numbers a temporary number is assigned that begins with the letter "X". Since the December ASC I attended the board meeting and the Western Virtual Forum. Met with the Treasurer-AP to work on the books picked, up mail at the P. O. Box, made several bank deposits. I actually went to the archives to make sure everything was clear there and drop off some paperwork that needs to be found on the premises. Today I attended to Finance Committee meeting. So, for the month of December, we received group contributions of \$5,437.81 district contributions \$267.67 and individual contributions of \$165.30. As of this morning we have \$49,323.84 in the checking account, \$7,501.60 cents in the prudent reserve account, and \$924.44 in the PayPal account. Those are the contributions made in January. So, thank you for the opportunity to service in A.A.

Secretary Ryan W.: Ryan, alcoholic. you are a Spanish speaking district or Spanish speaking with standing committee, please send your monthly report. So, if it's just a few sentences or whatever you want to share so that we can include it on the website. That would be awesome. I know helped me with this last time, our treasurer, one of our treasurers. So, say I'm so if you need help, we can also work with Jose A., Treasure-AP, to help get the report from Spanish Districts and Standing Committees. Thank you.

Area Chair Mitchell B.: Hi, my name is Mitchell, and I am an alcoholic. Since the Area Service Committee meeting on December 13, I attended Executive Board meeting on December 20 on Zoom. * I prepared the Agenda for today's Assembly Meeting. * On December 19, I attended the Wester UC/Canada Virtual forum via Zoom and participated in two session: Fostering Participation in A.A: Who's Not in the Room? and Our Great Responsibility. * I attend an online Area Chair Session on December 19,26 and January 2, 9 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. The topics have included outreach to remote communities, the role of technology committees, and how to plan for updates to websites. * December 7 and January 7, I met with the Communications Electronic Media Services Committee for updates on the new MSCA 09 website which went live on January 8, 2021. I congratulate the EMS Committee and new webmaster Faith B. on her work to create ethe new website. * On January 5, I attended the District 6 meeting and January 6 District 4. * Thank you for letting me be of service.

OLD BUSINESS

- VOTE:

- Vote on Registrar Position. Emma P. was appointed to fill a vacant Secretary position by the Area Chair with the approval of the Executive Board. Emma P. was approved unanimously by the Assembly.
 - Vote on 2021 MSCA 09 calendar. The Area 09 calendar was approved unanimously by the Assembly.
 - Vote on MSCA 09 2021 Budget
 - Budget adjusted from the version in December ASC with the 2020 year-end figures.
 - Checking balance at end of 2020 - \$48,604. This represents committee doing work. Contributions over the projected. Expenses from district meetings down for 2020.
 - Change to Communications Committee allotment from \$400 to \$1,500.
 - Interpreters from \$3,500 to \$10,000.
- Vote on budget 68-2. No minority opinion spoke. Budget approved.
- Motion to contribute to GSO.
 - The amount of the donation was set at \$5,000 after review of Finance Committee.
- Vote to contribute to GSO 63 – 12. Minority opinion heard and motion to reconsider 31 - 42. Motion to reconsider failed. Motion to contribute to GSO approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Vote on new Finance Committee chair. John R. was selected by the Finance Committee to serve as Chair. John R. was voted as committee chair unanimously by the Assembly.
- Volunteers for Audit Committee. Three volunteers were appointed to the Audit Committee 20201 – Todd W., Michell L, and Chelsea P.
- Volunteers for Area 09 members to 4-Area DCM Sharing planning (hosted by Area 08). Several members volunteered to serve as the Area 09 liaison to the 4-Area Planning meetings. Many W. and Roland T. were appointed as liaison and the additional volunteer members contact information were shared with the Area 09 liaisons.

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Accessibility – no report.

Archives – no report.

Communications English - Stacey A. – Electronic Media Sub-Committee. Jan 7th 6:30pm - 8:00pm. January 18th, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Place: Zoom Meeting:861 4086 6994 Passcode: EMS Number of Committee Members present: 5. Committee Highlights: This month we finalized our motion to become a standing committee. We reviewed the website update from Faith, our wonderful web servant and made the website live. We determined we would like to host our own website preview in Feb with an open Q&A. A plan was determined to help the Jan assembly function efficiently. Stacey is our Zoom Chick and in charge of this. We are reviewing the guidelines and have three more portions to go over as a committee. We are determining how the pages should look and what information should or should not be on the website. We are very

busy and meet twice a month at the committee's discretion. * Upcoming/future Committee events: Next Committee Meeting: Feb 1st 7:30 - 8:30pm
 Zoom Meeting: 861 4086 6994 Passcode: EMS; Feb 15th 6:00 - 7:00pm. Zoom Meeting: 861 4086 6994 Passcode: EMS * Upcoming Events: *February 18 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - MSCA09 Website Presentation: 861 4086 6994 Passcode: EMS. * March 18 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm / How To Make An App – Part 2 / Zoom ID:861 4086 6994 Passcode: EMS
Communications Spanish - OPEN - no report.
Cooperation with the Elderly Community – Jerry S. –
Cooperation with the Professional Community - English – Mary K
Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish (open) – Martin
Convention Liaison – Ryan H. – No report
Corrections and Correspondence – Mauricio – No report
DCM School – Many W. –
Guidelines and Policies (GAP) – Francine W. – no report
Grapevine – Scott R. – no report
GSR School (English) – Todd w. -
GSR School (Spanish) – Martin – no report.
Hispanic Women’s Workshop Planning Meeting (2018) – OPEN – No report.
La Viña - Rigo – no report
Literature English – Jim B. – No report.
Literature Spanish - Jose – no report
Public Information – (English) – Harry C - no report
Public Information (Spanish) - Melquiades V. – No report.
Registration – Tony – no report
Treatment Facilities (English) – Lynne K - no report
Treatment Facilities (Spanish) – OPEN - no report
Young People – Matt B. – no report.

Coordinate Committee Reports:

HASBYPAA - No Report
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 – Alex W. – District: 1 & 3. District Committee Meeting Day & Time: 2nd Thursday of every month 6-9:00pm PST Place: ZOOM Meeting ID: 929 014 8764 Password: panel70 Kiwanis Club - 2515 Valley Dr, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254 Group: Number registered in District: 200 Number Present at District Meeting: 40. * District Highlights: (January) 2020 This past month we were joined by seven new GSRs from within both districts. We hosted our monthly concepts study and GSR orientation. We had a ton of participation from all fronts. This past month was prepping for the next couple months we are anticipating. Currently we are planning “Why we need a conference” share prior to the meeting and a possible separate

workshop for our GSRs to understand how the agenda works. We are currently undergoing a major District 3 outreach. We look forward to assisting the sick and suffering wherever we may. We elected another new DCM and have an outreach program for all our current DCMs to get ready to assist their GSRs. The current motion to send to the conference has been tabled. It's an honor and privilege to serve my community. * Committee Chair Reports: CPC -has provided Books and pamphlets to the Social Work Department at Torrance Memorial Medical Center for their use in their Emergency Room, Employee Assistance Program and wherever else they deem appropriate. On the Area Level, The CPC division is providing two-year Grapevine/La Vina subscriptions throughout the Area as requested by the CPC members. * Website Committee - Under discussion were general topics centered on events posting and integrating information on District 3 into the website. There was also discussion of the District 3 PayPal account to be created and how that would be integrated into the website contributions dialog. * Upcoming/Future District Events: March 20th 10-1:00pm Pre-Conference Bootcamp

District 2 – no report.

District 3 – included in District 1 report.

District 4 – no report

District 5 – No report.

District 6 – no report

District 7 – no report

District 8 – Deborah - General Service Area 09, District 08. Corona, Jurupa Valley, Mentone, Moreno Valley, Norco, Redlands, Riverside, Yucaipa Correspondence and Donations: P.O. Box 2673, Riverside, CA 92516-2673. Date: January 20, 2021 @ 7:00PM. Total Attendance: 23. Birthdays—Sharon celebrated 20 Years on January 3rd. * Officer Reports: DCMC: Deborah— Attended Area 09 Assembly on January 10th. Area approved budget motions, Including sending \$5,000 to the General Service Office. Standing Committees were encouraged to meet outside of Area meeting dates, to give committees more time to work on their projects. The Pre-Conference Workshop will be held on April 11th. The District Board announced its decision to reimburse all District members their PRAASA registration fee (\$15), so long as they attend PRAASA virtually and submit their receipt. This offer is good, so long as money is available. * Alternate DCMC: Olivia—Attended Area 09 Assembly on January 10th. As the new Area website builds out, it will begin by focusing on Area topics. Attended the Regional Forum on December 19th. Looking forward to the Pre-Pre-Conference Boot Camp, PRAASA and Concepts Workshops. * Secretary: Don S.—Prepared and presented the December Minutes, continues as Zoom Host for Home Group, Fontana Attitude Adjustment. Attended Area 09 Assembly on January 10th and the Regional Forum on December 19th. Registered for PRAASA. There is an error in the December 16, 2020 Minutes--the Tuesday Lake Arrowhead Men's Stag is not a Women's Group. * Grant made a motion to approve the December 16, 2020 Minutes as amended. Sharon seconded the motion. Without discussion or objection, the Minutes were approved, as amended. * Treasurer: Deborah reported that Cindy resigned, as Treasurer, after the December District meeting. Wayne will stay on, until a replacement is found. Wayne will be unable to attend meetings. Current financial reports were sent by Deborah. * Registrar: Sharon— Will be sending Committee Chair information to the Area Registrar. Enjoys the Concepts Workshop. Serves as Zoom Host for her Home Group. * DCM Sub- DCM Sub-District Reports: A: Phil [Redlands, Yucaipa, Mentone]—Attended Area Assembly on January 10th. Has packets for new GSR's. * B: Bob H. [Riverside, Rubidoux, Mira Loma]—Attended Area Assembly on

January 10th and District Business meeting on January 16th. This is a great time of year for GSR's. Lots of interest is created, by the agenda items. * C: Open [Moreno Valley]—No Report D: Dave M. Corona/Norco]—Attended Area Assembly on January 10th and District Business meeting on January 16th. Working on a package for Secretaries, at Virtual meetings, to use. Old Business: 1. Available Service Opportunities: Treasurer, DCM for Sub Districts C (Moreno Valley), Archives Chair and Literature Chair remain "OPEN*" positions. Please announce at your meetings. 2. After some extended discussion, it was agreed to table the motion intended to approve the District 8 2021 Budget. There was concern that the numbers did not add up and the budget numbers did not reflect actual spending opportunities. 3. District 8 is working with Districts 6, 12 and 18 to produce the Pre-Pre-Conference Boot Camp. This will be held virtually on March 20th. All Area Districts have been sent invitations to attend. Presentation assignments and additional information will be forthcoming. 4. PRAASA registration reimbursement is open to all members of District 8, while money is available. If you are a District member and you attend PRAASA, submit your receipt for reimbursement.

District 9 - No report.

District 10 - No report.

District 11 - No report.

District 12 - Romy S. -

District 14 - No report

District 15 - No report

District 17 - No report

District 18 - No report

District 19 - No report

District 20 - No report

District 21 - No report

District 22 - No report

District 23 - No report

District 24 - No report

District 25 - No report

District 30 - No report

Recap of Actions:

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Announcements:

Birthdays:

Motion made, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 1:47 p.m., with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

Next Meeting:

- February 14 – ASC – Hosted by District 30 – via Zoom
- March 5-7, 2021 – PRAASA – <https://www.praasa.org/>
- TBD - 4-Area DCM Sharing Session – Hosted by Area 08 - via Zoom

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