



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

Hosted by District 18

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May 16, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of Mid Southern California Area (MSCA) 09 was called to order by Chair Mitchell B. at 9:00 a.m. Mitchell welcomed participants and made introductory statements regarding the virtual meeting protocols and led the group in the Serenity Prayer. Total participants: 68.

READINGS

Declaration of Unity read by Autumn F. in English /Martin J. in Spanish.

GSR Preamble read by Cyl S. in English /Luis M. in Spanish.

The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Romy. in English /Martin J. in Spanish.

INTRODUCTIONS

Past Trustees: None

Past Delegates: Linda C., Panel 60; Jim C., Panel 42 and Trustee 1998-2002; Sharon G., Panel 63; Jesus, Panel 68.

New DCMCs/Alt. DCMCs: None

New DCMs/Alt. DCMs: None

New GSRs/Alt. GSRs: Ariel R. D6, Leonard L. D9, Carol D. D9, Paul Z. D18, Orla B Alt GSR D2, Russell B.

Guests: Various representatives from other areas.

Officers: Registrar, Treasurer A/R, Alternate Delegate, Delegate, Secretary, and Chair all present.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

A motion was made by Michelle, and seconded by Autumn to accept draft minutes from the 10 January 2021 Assembly.

OFFICERS/DIRECTORS REPORTS

(Submitted in Writing)

Delegate Ed L: MSCA 09 Rocks! Since our March 14 Area Service Committee meeting, I attended the following District meetings: #08 on 3/17; #19 and #09 on 3/21. Then, begin missing meetings in preparation for Conference. • Attended Board meeting on 3/21 where Kris C was unanimously elected by the Board to serve as interim Area 09 Secretary. • On 4/4, I join Jerry and Sharon S of Cooperation with the Elder Community, Francine W of Guidelines and Policy, and Rich W in a Zoom session to talk about the CEC draft guidelines, and specifically, to clarify the functions of “Chairs” and “Co-Chairs.” On 4/5, I sit in on the Electronic Media Subcommittee meeting. • On 3/25, Rozanne T from District 18 lets me know that notes from the 3/20 Boot Camp were being posted on the website under the Delegate’s tab, under Confidential Information. • I attended District 04’s workshop on 3/27, “Spotlight on Service: Standing Committees.” • After an amazing second Conference, I provide following report-backs on the indicated dates: District #06 on 5/4, #04 on 5/5, #12 on 5/6, #07 on 5/10, #1/3 on 5/13, and to the Area on 5/16. **Activities within the Pacific Region:** I counted 142 participants at the Boot Camp, so congratulations to all organizing Districts and thanks to Jeryl T for hosting and Ryan H for chairing the event, which summarized 18 Agenda Items. • On 5/6 the Pacific Region delegates drew Karla Y (Area 93) to serve as the chair of the PDAB = PRAASA Delegate Advisory Board, which provides feedback, as

needed, to Areas hosting PRAASA (Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly). **All Things Conference-Related:** On 3/24, 3/27, 3/29, 4/3, and 4/7 I spend an hour each day with the Conference Literature Committee in three general sharing sessions addressing 20 of the 28 Literature Agenda Items, including Disposition on 3/29 for 10 items, where we decide on Recommendations, Additional Committee Considerations, and Take No Action. • On 3/27, the nine members of the Conference Literature Committee met with the Trustee's Literature Committee including five trustees, two A.A. World Service directors, and the committee Secretary. • On 4/2, I receive email that I am one of three delegates who will present a 7-minute talk on Remote Communities on 4/17, the day before the Conference, with a 600-word essay entitled: "Do Conference Members Comprise a Remote Community?" located at the following link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/njckjel8prcj4hx/Do%20Conference%20Members%20Comprise%20a%20Remote%20Community.docx?dl=0> • On 4/6, about 55 members of the Conference attend a Mock Conference to cover voting, floor actions, and various other aspects of the Conference that is only 12 days away! • From April 16 to 26, I was in Oceanside for the 71st Conference, which was April 18-24. **News from New York:** On 3/22, I receive the link from Kathi F (https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/videos-and-audios#) for the 13-minute video introducing the General Service Office to the Fellowship. On 4/2 we receive the long-awaited Regional Forum video: <https://regionalforums.cmail19.com/t/y-l-obkklk-ijuhldltul-j/>. **Miscellaneous.:** On 5/15/2021, I attended the first North/South Connections Forum with participation from North America and South America, with 300 participants at 8:30, 30 minutes after it started.

Alternate Delegate Jose A: Jose, I am an alcoholic. I have a report to this meeting on May 1st already doing the service of Alternate Delegate, at an online Alternate Delegate meeting at the national level. It was from 5-6 pm. Also, District 6 and District 23 are the organizers of the July 11 FORO on Zoom. I need one speaker from each district. The meeting theme and the logo are complete. I did some work to see if the Service event could be done as a hybrid meeting, but they don't give facility administrators in Wilmington and Hawaii Gardens said the venues were not available to rent in July. The forum would be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. I have also tried to accompany the delegate in his reporting to Districts. I was present in District 4, District 1, District 3. The other district, perhaps district 12, and tomorrow Monday, District 20. On Tuesday, District 24. I will try to be there. I think that's all there is to it. I also talked to Ed L., but that would be it. thank you for letting me be of service.

Registrar Don S.: Don; I am an alcoholic. On April 25, I met with the Board and they decided to present my name to this group. So I've serving as the acting Registrar right now. I hope to be adopted today. As I was working to try to make Emma's transition to myself as smooth as possible, I had the opportunity to attend an exchange session for all registrars, across the nation. I did it last Tuesday May 11, I found it quite instructive. I'm looking forward to today to jump with both feet, thank you all.

Treasurer Accounts Receivable Rich W.: I'm happy to be sober one more day and grateful to be of service. I have submitted the March and April P&L report. Our gross income was \$12,651.14 and our expenses were \$4,080.04; which left us with a net income of \$8,571.10. We received Group Contributions of \$12,009.05, District contributions of \$300.00, Convention contributions of \$80.66 and Individual Contributions of \$260.58. As of Sunday, May 23, 2021, we have \$49,180.32 in the checking account, \$10001.85 in our Prudent Reserve account and \$1,429.72 in the Pay Pal account. Congratulations to Don and Kris for officially being accepted to serve Area 09 as Registrar and Secretary. Since the April Eboard meeting I attended the May Assembly. Thank you, Ed, for an outstanding report-back. What an amazing Conference! This is a big step forward in making AA more accessible and inclusive. I had the 2020 tax

returns prepared and efiled. I made 2 trips to the PO Box, made several bank deposits and paid some bills. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service.

Secretary - Kris C.: Kris, I am an alcoholic secretary and your acting secretary. Like Don, I hope to be voted on today by you. So, thank you for leaving me the service area up to this point, just do things. I'm still learning a lot of ropes, I think that's obvious. I'm happy to add Mail Chimp to my skills list, it's very important to me that emails come out in both English and Spanish, so I've been working on that the unfortunate side is that I'm not bilingual. Therefore, I have to rely on translation sites, so I'm trying to work things out in a way that's easy to translate. I'm also trying to figure out the best format and make it easy to read, for everyone, so I'm still working on that and hope it will soon come into a format that works for everyone. Therefore, I apologize to anyone, to our Spanish-speaking members, if the emails do not look good or do not read well. I can use could help someone help me, only it's a time issue, so the feedback is great, you can email me at the Area 09 Secretary's email. I'm working on e-mails, trying to do my best there and then also if you're here today, but you haven't received the E blast email from May 7th and May 14th, please let me know by sending an email I'll put you on the mailing list. I get angry again for letting me serve.

Area Chair Mitchell B.: Hi, my name is Mitchell, and I am an alcoholic. Since the Area Pre-Conference meeting on April 11, I attended Executive Board meeting on April 25 on Zoom. * I prepared the Agenda for today's ASA Meeting. * At the April Eboard meeting Emma P. stepped down from the Area Registrar position. The Eboard discussed with Don S. his willingness to serve as Area Registrar for the remainder of Panel 70. At today's Assembly the members will have the opportunity to approve Kris C. as Area 09 Secretary and Don S. as Area 09 Registrar. * I attend an online Area Chair Session on April 24, 31 and May 1, 8, and 15 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. The topics have included planning for hybrid meetings, experience of Area Delegates sharing about the 71st GSC, encouraging greater GSR/DCM participation in General Service, and topics of interest to Area Chairs or those whose wish to attend. * I have been invited to speak on General Service in Area 09 at the District 20 36th Anniversary on May 23. * On May 4, I attended the District 6 meeting, District 4 on May 5, and on May 10 the District 7 meeting to hear the Delegates GSC Reportback. * Thank you for letting me be of service.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion to approve DCM School Guidelines** — DCM School Guidelines for English were introduced at February and March ASCs and approved in March to be voted on in today's assembly. **Curtis R. called for a vote, Jay D Seconded.** Voting results: 47 in favor, 2 opposed. Minority vote discussion: none. **Motion passed.**
2. **Motion to Increase Area 09 Prudent Reserve** — Rich presented motion to increase Prudent Reserve by \$2500 to provide a buffer and prepare for increased spending once Covid restrictions ease up. **Motion to approve the prudent reserve increase made by Francine, Seconded by Maryka.** Voting results: 64 in favor, 9 opposed. Minority opinion discussion: none. **Motion passed.**
3. **Motion to Create Technology Committee** — **Motion to create Technology Committee was presented by Justin, seconded by Francine W.** Voting Results: 74 in favor, 2 opposed. Minority opinion discussion: none. **Motion passed.**

4. **Motion to Create Remote Communities Committee —Motion to create a Remote Communities standing committee was introduced by Maryka d’O, Seconded by Michelle L.** Voting results: **70 in favor, 3 opposed.** Minority opinion discussion: Marco R: if we could travel no matter what for alcohol and drugs, why can’t we do for Area meetings? No one wished to change their original vote. **Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Vote to approve Area Secretary – Kris C.** Voting results: Unanimous vote approves Kris C. as the new Panel 70 Area 09 Secretary.
2. **Vote to approved Area Registrar – Don S.** Voting results: Unanimous vote approves Don S. as the new Panel 70 Area 09 Secretary.
3. **Fill committee chair for La Viña – Erika.** Voting results: 38 in favor, 1 opposed. Erika is the new Panel 70 Area 09 La Viña Chair.
4. **Fill Committee Chair for Accessibility – Andrea C.** Voting results: 55 in favor, 2 opposed. Andrea C. is the new Panel 70 Area 09 Accessibilities Chair.
5. **Fill Committee Chair for Young People – Kevin M.** Kevin did not appear on the call today. Vote for this position will be held for another meeting.
6. **Appoint Liaison for 2021 Hispanic Women’s Workshop Planning Committee – Hypathia.** Mitchell B. already appointed Hypathia to the position and she has already attended a meeting. No vote necessary for this position.

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: (May) 2021: This past month we were joined by 3 new GSRs from within both districts. We commenced our monthly service manual study presented by Billy N Past Trustee referring to the conference charter. We had a breakout room to host both the new GSRs in our GSR orientation. After our monthly reports we hosted Ed and heard back from him on how the conference went. The meeting went past nine PM. We are grateful and in debt to our amazing delegate for his commitment to service.

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: May 2021 @ 7:00PM. Total Attendance: 31.

District Highlights: (May) 2021 * Ron W. volunteered to serve as Treasurer and was elected. Area 09 Delegate, Ed L., presented his Report Back from the General Service Conference. * Committee Chair Reports: Archives: Joseph—attended the “First” Pacific Regional Archives

Workshop, Intergroup Liaison: Sharon S.—The annual picnic fundraiser is now planned for 10/17/2021 at Sylvan Park in Redlands, CA. Convention planning also continues and the committee meets 2nd Thursdays at 7pm on zoom-ID 88077876291 PW 367078. You can now register to attend at www.IEAAC.org. * Upcoming/Future District Events: Next Meeting: June 16, 2021 7pm

District 9 - No report.

District 10 –No report.

District 11 - No report.

District 12 –Romy S. - District Committee Meeting, First Thursday of every month * Day/Time: May 6th, 2021 * 7:00-7:30pm GSR School/Traditions and Concepts Workshop 7:30-9:00pm Business meeting * Place: Zoom Meeting ID: 820 3777 7884 * Passcode (case sensitive): service12 District Info * Number of active meetings/groups registered in District 12: 80 * Number of dark meetings in District 12: 95 * Number present at District Meeting: 68 * Visitors: Ed L, Delegate Area 09 and Jose, Alt. Delegate Area 09 * District Highlights for the month of May: Greetings from District 12! This month we were excited to welcome both our Delegate and Alternate Delegate to our meeting. We covered a bit of new business electing a new Secretary and Accessibilities Chair. Congratulations to Tommy and Dominick! Then the remainder of our meeting was reserved for our Delegate! Ed L. gave us an amazing presentation of all the happenings at the General Service Conference! Our GSRs were glued to the screen as he let us know what decisions were made on the Agenda Items. We are all so grateful to our dedicated, humble and hard-working Delegate who represents us and AA so well! We launched a new GSR Template to help GSRs with their monthly reports. Stephanie was the first GSR to try it out and gave us her sample report using the template. Everyone was so impressed! Looking forward to more engaging and informative reports in the months to come. Our Intergroup and AOCYPAA Liaisons announced upcoming in- person events and we are all so excited to get out there and see each other again! Our Sponsorship Workshop team is hard at work for this exciting virtual event to be held on June 12th, 10:00am- 12:30pm. We will have roundtable discussions based on “Working with others”, 3 speakers and a Q & A session for our panelists! Everyone is welcome to attend. As always, we continue to look for ways to inspire one another and to meet the service needs in our District. * Upcoming/Future District Events: Sponsorship Workshop Virtual Event to be held June 12th, 2021. 10:30am-12:30pm. Zoom ID: 874 2398 2846 Passcode: service12 * District 12 Website: www.msca-district12.org

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

- Motion to approve the 10 January 2021 ASC minutes: PASSED.
- Motion to approve DCM School Guidelines: PASSED.
- Motion to increase Area 09 Prudent Reserve: PASSED.
- Motion to create Technology Committee: PASSED.
- Motion to create Remote Communities Committee: PASSED.
- Vote to confirm Kris C. Area 09 Secretary: APPROVED.
- Vote to confirm Don S. as Area 09 Registrar: APPROVED.
- Vote to confirm Erika as La Viña Committee Chair: APPROVED.
- Vote to confirm Andrea C. as Accessibilities Chair: APPROVED.
- The Chair for Young People Committee was not filled and moves to another meeting.
- Liaison for 2021 Hispanic Women's Workshop Planning Committee: Hypathia L. was appointed.

BIRTHDAYS

Ed L. May 30th 16yrs; Autumn F. May 30th 1yr; Don S. May 7th 22yrs; Curtis R. May 23rd 3yrs.

CLOSING

Motion to adjourn by Many W., seconded by Curtis R. Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next area meeting will be June 13 on Zoom. Regarding questions about meeting in person, we still have restrictions about meeting. One guidance lifts first of June.
- Four Area DCM sharing session date moved to July 31st, 9-12. Faith has updated this on the Area website; flyers are available. More details to come.
- FORO is July 11; planning is still ongoing. No details on in person meeting.
- Rich: Alicia and Jesus – I'm writing checks, please submit expenses. Also all committee chairs please email budget request forms for reimbursement.
- As more details about June July events formalize we will send out information

Upcoming Area 09 Events

- June ASC – June 13, 2021
- 4-Area DCM Sharing Session – June 27, 2021, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- FORO – July 11, 2021

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Kris C., Area 09 Secretary/finalized by Mitchell B. MSCA 09 Chair