

*** APPROVED MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 MINUTES *** AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC) MINUTES Hosted by District 18 February 13, 2022

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ZOOM conference call at https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkf-ypqj0vE9UHAHHt5_H36apA-C8z406u

The regularly scheduled meeting of Mid Southern California Area (MSCA) 09 was called to order by Rich Rich W. at 9:02 a.m. Rich welcomed participants and made introductory statements regarding the virtual meeting protocols and led the group in the Serenity Prayer. Total participants: 177

DELEGATE SHARE

My name is Mitchell, and I am an alcoholic. For this report, I will be discussing the 72nd General Service Conference Agenda Items. The Final items distributed February 6. On the MSCA 09 website under 'General Service Office (GSO)", "Conference Material". * Total of 81 agenda items (95 with agenda topics with multiple parts)* Following the September 15, 2021 deadline the Trustees received 178 agenda item requests. The Agenda Committee met in December 2021 to Deduce the number and January 7 and 12 saw the Preliminary items, 71 agenda items with 15 EDW (15 topics). * What about those 178 agenda items. Prior to Covid 2020, the process for agenda items used District discussions, that went to the Area and then on to GSO. During Covid most of the submissions came from members(s) and fewer from District/Areas: Plain language Big Book – 4; Changes to Twelve and Twelve (i.e. changes to page 66 and 117) – 3; Change to Preamble in *Grapevine* – 37; most where request to change the language back; Additions to Twelve and Twelve – 23 Of these topics, they account for 60 of the 178 submissions. * Some are collaborative responses, an intentional effort of members to gather responses from other members, most using the same language of the requests. *Proposed agenda items agreed to be forwarded to the 72nd G.S.C., details pending the "Equitable Distribution of Work" process. *72nd GSC Theme: "A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service" Presentations/Discussions Topics. 1. How do A.A.'s go to any lengths to recover, Unify, and Serve? 2. Going Beyond Fear. 3. How to Reach Anyone, Anywhere Workshop topic for 2022 GSC: "The Warranties – Our Promise to the Fellowship and the World." *A.A.W.S.: The new www.aa.org site is live and has a total of 4000 individual files are embedded on the website. The financials are currently in the process of closing the year-end adjustments to ensure expenses that should be in 2021 are logged as such and 2022 are as well. We work on an accrual meaning when things are done, we paid and put it in for the year that when. An audit will be held next with the final financial report to be presented at the 72nd GSC 2021 contributions totaled \$10,782,983 which exceeds the budget by 8% (\$526,000) from last year. This breaks last year's record. Literature gross sales were \$11,700,254 which shows a continued comeback from the effects of the pandemic. 24% of literature sales were the Big Book in all formats (5 million+). The 2022 budget does have a deficit primarily due to travel returning and the in person 72nd GSC. The overage from 2021 combined with the deficit for the 2022 budget is expected to bring us to break even financially. In response to fellowship feedback on the Safety information published, revision was requested by the A.A.W.S. Board. Review of this revision was delivered and the next meeting to occur this month (February). Finance: AAWS financial results unaudited 2021 revenue information. Gross literature sales for 2021 were. * \$11,700,254. This exceeds the 2021 budget of \$11,400,000 by \$300,254 (3%) and is \$2,538,846 more than last year. *This is the highest annual gross literature sales since 2019. However, this is still about 3 million less than 2019. December gross sales were \$1,211,891. Gross sales averaged

\$975,021 per month compared to a budget of \$950,000 per month. *Contributions for 2021 were \$10,782,983. This exceeds the 2021 budget of \$10,000,000 by \$782,983 (8%) and is \$526,296 more than last year. This is the highest annual contributions total in GSB history, breaking last year's record of \$10,256,687. Online contributions of 23% for the year is also a record. December contributions were \$1,365,912. Contributions averaged \$898,582 per month compared to a budget of \$833,333 per month. *2022 Budget: The committee recommended that the General Service Board approve the amended 2022 AAWS budget, which reflects total revenues of \$16,741,400, total expenses of \$18,111,969 and a bottomline deficit of \$1,350,569. Surplus from 2020 will cover the 2021 deficit. *Grapevine financial results: Average paid circulation of the Grapevine magazine was 56,081. This compared with a budget of 60,970 and 2020 actual of 63,397. *Total income for the year was \$1,738,097 which is \$274,463 more than budgeted and \$122,337 more than the \$1,615,760 achieved in 2020. This amount includes an insurance payment of \$180,000 for the International Convention. *Total costs and expenses of the magazine for the year were \$1,712,588, which were \$105,270 lower than budgeted and \$201,871 less than the \$1,914,459 in 2020. *After adding interest earned, there was a net income for the period ending December 31, 2021, of \$25,509 compared to a budgeted net loss of \$354,225. *The committee recommended that the General Service Board approve the 2022 Grapevine budget, which reflects total revenues of \$1,706,208 and a bottom-line income of \$19,234. *La Viña results: For the unaudited results for December 31, 2021, average paid subscriptions for La Viña were 6,312 compared to 5,597 budgeted and 7,205 in December 2020. *Income from magazine sales was \$41,163 compared with a budget of \$24,813. After deducting the costs and expenses of \$429,810, a shortfall between revenue and expenses of \$388,646 resulted for this service activity. This compares with a budgeted shortfall of \$401,970 and a shortfall of \$385,772 for 2020. *The shortfall for the La Viña service activity has been funded by a transfer from the General Fund of the GSB. *La Viña Budget: The 2022 budget for La Viña projects gross profit on the magazine of \$2,248 and content related items of \$22,740, totaling \$24,988. After deducting costs and expenses of \$427,055, the 2022 budget reflects a shortfall of \$402.067. *Reserve Fund report: As of September 30, 2021, the Reserve Fund balance net of Grapevine subscription liability is \$12,806,277, which represents 8.48 months of G.S.O. and Grapevine expenses. This was based on 2021 Expenses. Based on the 2022 budgeted expenses this falls to 7.5 months (Target is 9-12 months.) The balance includes the \$250,000 the G.S.B. voted in July to transfer to the Reserve Fund. **GSO:** The assignment has resumed work on the Military audio interview project. Two retired military consultants were selected from Canada and the U.S. The consultants will work with the TCPC/TA Subcommittee on Armed Forces audio interviews. Accessibilities/Treatment: The assignment has resumed work on the Military audio interview project. Two retired military consultants were selected from Canada and the U.S. The consultants will work with the TCPC/TA Subcommittee on Armed Forces audio interviews. Grapevine: 2021 subscription/literature sales totaled \$1,740,000 which is a surplus of \$24,000 for the \$1,710,000 budgeted – Good News! There is a positive upward growth in online subscriptions Note: There is a higher rate of decrease in print subscriptions which is out pacing the increase in the digital platform The books "Prayer and Meditation", "Free on the Inside" and "Hispanic Women in A.A." did very well in sales. **New Books coming soon!** "Fun in Sobriety" coming in April and "Emotional Sobriety" in Spanish is coming in the fall of this year. LaVina subscriptions are up 8% from last year; subscriptions had decreased 36.6% from 2019 to 2020. If you have had problems trying to order from the Grapevine store and one item was backordered, it would stop your entire order from proceeding online. A software patch was applied which should hopefully resolve things. **Technology Services:** Progress report on Meeting Guide App: The App team launched the fourth major application upgrade since App development was handed over to Foster Made. The App team has received positive feedback regarding this latest release, which included features requested by our users and entities. The number of connected entities continues to increase. Version upgrade, App v.3.9.0, includes: The attend option allows users to display only in-person or online meetings. Hybrid meetings will show up under both attend options. The ability to change the distance radius of the location search. The inclusion of online notes on Meeting Details provides a specific area to display such information as online platform meeting IDs and passwords. **Publishing:**

Mixed-Title Volume Discount Test Pilot: A six-month test pilot will run: March 31 - September 30, 2022. Orders will receive a quantity discount based on the quantity ordered for all titles combined --as opposed to purchasing a quantity of one specific title. Literature: Call For Stories Coming Soon! If you would like to submit your story on any of the following literature items, be sure to keep watch your email. Requests for stories will come from A.A.W.S Publishing through the delegates for the following literature items: 5th Edition Alcoholics Anonymous (Big Book) Note: Any stories submitted for the 4th Edition that were not published will automatically be submitted for this 5th Edition. 4th Edition Alcohólicos Anónimos (Spanish translation of the Big Book) "A.A. for the Native North American" pamphlet (P-21). Translation of the 4th Edition into Plain and Simple English: Four major translators were researched by the committee along with A.A.W.S. Publishing. Submissions of examples of translations on How It Works will be included in background material for the 72nd GSC. Fellowship review and feedback is wanted. Translation will be at a 5th Grade reading level. **Update on request to develop study guide workbooks for AA:** The committee came up with three options. No action as suggested by 1985 advisory action. Use GV already created material – use future podcasts. Create a GSC study guide workbook to aid in the studying of the 12 steps – possible 12T and 12C. It was unanimous to forward to the options GSC Committee on Literature and will be included in the background material for the 72nd GSC. New content released on Mondays, at: https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast. Grapevine/La Vina: Fun in Sobriety (due our April 23, 2022). Production has begun on *Emotional Sobriety* in time for a Fall release. AA Grapevine has developed a pilot podcast program. Group Services: Newly completed New Group Form. New features include the option to list a meeting as in-person or virtual per the advisory action. Updated "G.S.O. Group Information Change Form." The D.C.M./D.C.M.C. form update. **Public Information:** Phase one of the public information project "Alcoholics Anonymous 2021 English and Spanish TV PSA Distribution" was completed on December 1, 2021. Links to the videos will be in the background materials. **Regional Forums:** All Regional Forums in 2022 will be held in person except for the Special Forum. The Regional Forums assignment is coordinating plans for four in-person 2022 Regional Forums: May 13-15 ... Eastern Canada ... Charlottetown, P.E.I. June 3-5 ... Western Canada ... Winnipeg, MB. Sept 16-18 ... Pacific ... Salt Lake City, UT. Dec. 2-4 ... Southeast ... New Orleans, LA. The Special Forum (referred to North/South Forum) will be held virtually in July 2022. The event is hosted by the General Service Board of the U.S. and Canada service structure. Thank you.

Area member had a question about the Plain Language Big Book. Mitchell explained the purpose of the Plain Language translation.

READINGS

Declaration of Unity read by Julie. in English / Hector in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Candy in English / Mauricio in Spanish.

The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Michelle in English / Blanca in Spanish.

INTRODUCTIONS

Past Trustees: None

Past Delegates: Ed L, Panel 70

New DCMCs/Alt. DCMCs: Maurice, District 23 DCM; District 25, Alt DCM

New Alt DCMs & DCMs — Jose Saddleback MCD

New GSRs/Alt. GSRs: Jack Men's Stag; Group Serenity Corona, District 23; Eric G, Jodi, Dist. 9, Just the Black print; Kim, GSR; Linda, GSR Speaker Meeting in Redlands; Cyl Manhattan Beach Sat night GSR; San Bernardino GSR; Hannah, GSR at Costa Mesa Alano Club; GSR for District 22 (Riverside); District 20 GSR; Living the Life Group GSR, District 24; Rosa Santa Ana Group GSR; Francisco GSR Coachella Group.

New District Officers: Eric G. District 1/3, Tech Chair; Matthew L, District 04 Registrar. New Alt DCMs & DCMs; Jose Saddleback MCD

Guests: NONE

Officers: Rich W., Chair; Don S., Registrar; Carmen., Treasurer AR, Bob H. Ed L, Delegate; Jose A., Alt

Delegate; Carmen M., Treasurer AP; Manya W., Secretary.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2021 MINUTES

A motion was made by Alex W., seconded by Jose., to accept draft minutes from the 12 December 2021 Area Service Committee. None opposed. Motion was passed unanimously.

OFFICERS/DIRECTORS REPORTS

(Submitted in Writing)

Registrar, Don S.; I am Don, I am an alcoholic, currently serving as the Area 09 Registrar. I am continuing to enter information into the A.A. data base, Fellowship Connection. In addition, I am creating a spreadsheet, which can be used to create an AirTable data base. The new data base would give us the flexibility to print mailing lists, sign-in sheets, rosters and search reports which are not available from Fellowship Connection. Please forward information to me at registrar@msca09aa.org.Since my report, at the January 16th EBoard meeting, I have continued Registrar Office Hours on Thursday afternoons and Sunday mornings, attended the January 9th Area Assembly, the District 8 meeting on February 16th, Registrar Sharing Session on February 6th and Officer Orientation on February 12th. Thank you, Manya, for including information on the Registrar Office Hours in the latest email blast. New Registration forms have been created. These were forwarded to you in the latest email blast. The web site continues to offer the old forms. These can certainly be used, but please forward all completed forms to me at registrar@msca09aa.org. I am hopeful I can coordinate with Rich and Faith to place these forms on the website and make them interactive. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. Yours in service, Don Smith Registrar Area09.

Treasurer AP, Carmen: I spent time yesterday and researched Quicbooks online. I was having issues. I need to have the main email to upgrade issues. I am having issues logging into products. I didn't get very far. I updated bill pays. I worked on my list on what to do every month. I paid utilities. That is all I have to report. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Treasurer AR, Bob. H.: My name is Bob and I'm an alcoholic. Thank you for trusting me as your area accounts receivable treasurer. I officially became Treasurer AR on Jan. 9 th at the ASA and immediately started collecting contributions and entering them into our QuickBooks account. I collected \$780 in group contributions and \$423 from the food kitty for a total of \$1,203.00. On Jan. 10 th I deposited that amount into our bank account at B of A. On Jan. 15th I went to the PO box in Irvine And picked up the mail. I started entering contributions into our QuickBooks account. I experienced some difficulties but with help of Rich and Carmen I think I work them out. I again went to the PO box on Jan. 31 st and collected the mail. I started entering contributions into QuickBooks. I made 3 separate deposits of \$2,307.83, 2,936.46, and 1,742.04 for a total of \$6,986.33. On February 7 th I deposited that into our bank account at B of A. For our PayPal account we collected contributions of \$1,158.74 for the month of Jan. 2022. I entered those contributions into QuickBooks. I attended the Eboard meeting on Jan. 16th and the District 8 meeting on Jan. 19 th . Thank you for the opportunity to serve, Bob H.

Secretary, Manya W.; Hello everyone. My name is Manya, and I am an alcoholic. It is an honor and privilege to serve as the Mid-Southern California Area 09, Panel 72 Secretary. Since the last area meeting, I attended the Area 09 executive board meeting in January 16 and took minutes for that meeting. Part of my role as an area Secretary is to disseminate executive board meeting minutes to DCMCs and maintain an accurate record of the area 09 roster. So, If you are a new DCMC for this panel, please make sure you have updated your information with Don our registrar, and I will coordinate with him to send out those eboard minutes. I have also met with the planning committee for the Panel 72 orientation and was invited by Alex W. to share during the DCMC/DCM Orientation yesterday; it was a great experience. Alex did an excellent

job coordinating and all the panelists were fantastic and informative—thank you to everyone who came! I have also crafted the February eblast this month that included the agenda, minutes, and announcements that will be discussed today. Please note the table of contents appears first before the meeting information, agenda, and announcements. This past week, you should have received the February eblast with a reminder on Friday. Sometimes if there is additional information, I highlight it in the eblast. If you are new to Area 09, or you are not on the email list/not receiving my emails, please make sure to subscribe by clicking the link on the home page of msca09aa.org). Please note that I attempt to send the emails 7 to 10 days in advance of the next area meeting. (Note: I do my best to build a readable email via MailChimp, and I am still acclimating to the program, so if you have any questions or suggestions, I am happy to talk with you sometime during the meeting! For any district officers or area committee chairs, I am happy to receive your reports and announcements via email, in-person, or through the webservant portal (probably the easiest way). If you are here in person, leave your written reports with me. Otherwise, you can email your reports to msca09secretary@gmail.com or UPLOAD your report to the Area 09 website using the Submit Files to Webservant widget on the MSCA 09 website homepage (below the link to subscribe). You can find that information in the last two eblast emails by scrolling down to the bottom of the email. Please submit your reports 10 days in advance of the next area meeting. Only written reports will be included in the meeting minutes. If you are not sure how to access the webservant portal, I am also happy to show you after the meeting. If you have any other questions, I am happy to help. Thank you for letting me be of service! Chair (Rich): My name is Rich and I am an alcoholic, sober today by grace, love, and service. Welcome to everyone attending both on Zoom and here in-person, thank you for participating in General Service today. Thanks to everyone on the Board for keeping this ship afloat. I am in a bit of shock as I realize the responsibility of this job, and because of your support I can relax and do the work. I am going to do everything in my power to make the hybrid meetings work as well for the Standing Committees as the main business meeting. Please, Committee chairs and members let me know of any issues you are having with the hybrid part of your meeting so I can find a solution for you. (Thanks, Justin, Technology Committee, I am continuing to service-sponsor Bob and Carmen as AP and AR Treasurers. They deserve a big thank you as they are not familiar with accounting and it's so much to learn in a short time. I attended a planning session for the New Panel Orientation and was a presenter at the event vesterday. Let's all thank Alex for hosting, it was great! I attended the first Panel 72 Executive Board meeting. I connected with District 18 and District 5 regarding obtaining the sites for the ASCs in February. Thanks everyone for your support and service to Mid-Southern California Area 09. In love and service, Rich W., MSCA09 Panel 72 Chairperson. Alt Delegate (Alex): Greetings to my fellow panel 72 members of Area 09 Thank you so much for allowing me to serve y'all for the next two years. I also want to thank you all for showing up on this eventful weekend. I attended as my position requires, the board meeting, the last assembly, the h&i meeting, the planning, the Alt delegate meeting, and our planning meeting. I want to thank the presenters and attendees for helping ensure an extremely successful orientation for area 09. For anyone who was not able to attend we have packets available that will be distributed today and the recording will be available online under the Alt delegate page. If you are not in person please email, call or text me so I can ship or deliver to you. I want to Congratulate Jerry on all his progress in combing districts 8&11. I assisted with what I could at that meeting. I participated in the d1&3 meeting and am open to coming to anyone's district when invited. Happy to help breakdown background information once it's released with Mitchell. Anything you need please let me know I'm happy to help. Text or call me. As the Alt delegate, I am also responsible for being the liaison for the Committee Chairs, so like Maurcio did today, and Rozanne asked me to help, present order information ect. If you want to create an app for your committee or district let me know if there is enough interest, I will host a workshop. I plan on hosting a quarterly workshop or check in for the area 09 committee chairs Commencing in April. Will send out a poll to see what time and day works best for the most members to attend. Mitchell asked me to put together the google forms, and they are complete and under review right now. There is a flier that will go in conjunction to this that is also complete and will be distributed in conjunction with the google forms once Mitchell approves. As things come out, from

GSO and Mitchell shares it I read everything and am ver4y informed if god forbid something happens to Mitchell. The wonderful districts of 1&3, 6, 7, 8, 18 and 12 have been planning the bootcamp and alongside I am working on the pre-conference. The bootcamp information will be advised of later on. The pre-conference will be a Mock general service conference with more details to come. After attending the Alt delegate meeting and seeing how successful many areas are in hosting in this way, I hope we have the same experience. If you have any questions, wait, we will answer them ahead of time. The Service study is held on the Third Thursday of every month at 7:00pm Hosted by Billy N .We will be touching on the 6-12 at then commencing the service manual. I will not be here next month as I am hosting my best friends baby shower in Ohio. I will zoom in to give my report. Thank you so much for my life and my sobriety. There have been hard days and I know if i didn't have this position I would not still be here. Service does keep you sober if you allow it. We are the guardians of Area 09 Alcoholics Anonymous. It's a true honor and privilege. - Love and Service Alex W Alcoholic.

Delegate (Mitchell B.): Hi, my name is Mitchell, and I am an alcoholic. Since the January 9 Area 09 Assembly in Buena Park I attended the last Panel 70 Eboard meeting on January 16 in Riverside and Zoom. * I participated in the District 2 elections on January 27 with Treasurer-AP Carmen M. in Paramount. * On Feb. 5 I attended a Portuguese language online meeting hosted by Area 72 where Area 72 Delegate and members discussed the history and process for forming a virtual District, one of three in the US/Canada structure. * On Feb. 10 I had an online conference call with the Pacific Region Trustees to review the January 2022 Trustees Meeting held in New York. On Feb. 8-9 the General Service Board Committee Chairs and Panel 71-72 Delegates held on online Zoom meeting to introduce ourselves and to share about Pre-Conference planning. * Final agenda items were sent by GSO on February 3, 7, and 9 and I had Faith, the webmaster, to the MSCA 09 website under "General Service Office (GSO)", under "Conference Materials". * Background material for the 72nd GSC is expected after February 15 in English and by March 1 for Spanish. Those documents will be added to the MSCA 09 website under the Delegate link, "Confidential Records". With the start of the new panel the password will change to the confidential link. * Alex and I are working on a worksheet and Google Form to gather GSR and individual member feedback on the 72nd GSC Agenda items. Those links will be sent out when the background material is available. * I attended the Panel 72 Orientation sessions for DCMs and Committee chairs yesterday and want to thank Alternate Delegate Alex W. for planning a great event. * I will be attending the District 4 meeting tomorrow, Feb. 14. * I reached out to several Area 09 members and sent their names and contact information to the PRAASA planning committee to participate in the upcoming March 4-6 online conference. Registration is open and is \$15. * On Feb. 15 I have a Pacific Regional Delegate Meeting for PRAASA. I have received a speaking topic and will be presenting on "Service Rotation – The Key to Our Future". * I have been invited on Feb. 20 to meet with District 19 on Zoom to discuss 72nd GSC agenda items and answer questions from members. * I am looking forward to Panel 72 and being of service to the Area and members of A.A. * Thank you for letting me be of service.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Open Standing Committee Chair positions (Rich). Rich identified open area committee chair positions.
- 2. 2020 Audit Committee report (Jim B.)— MSCA 09 2020 Financial Audit Report Members of the 2020 audit committee --- Jim B. and Charles A. Purposes of the audit (from Mid-Southern California Area 09 Financial Audit Procedure and worksheet, revised 12-19-2018) 1. Verify AP and AR clear, accurate, and traceable records. 2. Area 09 funds were, in actual fact, in the bank as stated on the Annual Balance Sheet end of year report. 3. Financial bank statements for the current fiscal year are comparable to the previous year. 4. Any expenditures and/or income in the current year that amounts to over 15 percent in comparable areas in the previous year are substantiated. The audit committee found that all required records were available and accurate, except as noted. The funds were in the bank as stated. Financial bank statements for the current year are comparable to the previous year. Per Panel 70 AR Treasurer, the savings account type was changed, resulting in some historical documents of that

account being no longer accessible after the change. Expenditures and Income in 2020 are not directly comparable to 2019 because of the effects of the COVID pandemic. Contributions were lower because, among other reasons, there were fewer meetings able to collect and contribute 7th Tradition funds to Area 9. Online contributions to virtual meetings, districts and the Area took time to set up, be publicized and be utilized. Expenses were lower since there was much less travel than in 2019, less meeting expenses since they were mostly virtual meetings, and less in GSC expenses for the Area delegate. Submitted in service, Jim B. Charles A. (*Report submitted in writing*).

- **3. Appointment of Panel 72 Liaison to 4-Area DCM Sharing Session (2-year commitment)**—Spanish (Rich). Rolando confirmed (via Zoom) that he will be able to serve as the Spanish liaison.
- **4. Updated Guidelines & Bylaws** (**GAP**)— The English Guidelines and Bylaws, as well as Spanish Guidelines and Bylaws were presented in December. Guidelines and Bylaws moved to the March ASC because the documents presented need to be updated per Maryka, GAP Chair. The GAP Committee will send the updated guidelines to reflect changes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of 2021 Audit Committee (Rich)

Rich will be appointing a new committee, so anyone with a finance background who would like to serve on the committee, please.

2. Pre-Conference Committee Assignments (Alex W.):

Special Announcement from Alex W. regarding the Pre-Conference Committee Assignments and the meeting format for the Pre-Conference in April. MSCA 09 will be conducting its FIRST EVER Mock General Service Conference at the April 10th Pre-Conference Assembly. We will begin our Mock Conference by having each of the six Mock Conference Committee Workgroups meet, elect both a chair and a secretary, and discuss/vote on selected committee agenda items. The six Mock Conference Committees consist of a combination of the 13 actual General Service Conference (GSC) Committees! Area Officers, Committee Chairs, DCMCs (and their Alternates), and Past Delegates are assigned to the Mock Conference Committee Workgroups to consider the GSC agenda items before their committees. This year's Mock Conference Committee assignments are listed in the eblast sent to you all this month. Alternate DCMCs attend the Workgroup in which their D.C.M.Cs are assigned. You can all start meeting now to discuss your agenda items. All GSRs and guests in attendance will be assigned a Committee Workgroup on the day of the Pre-Conference. Assembly GSRS will still have the opportunity to share their group's voice at the microphone, as well as submit their group's conscience to Mitchell (Google form coming soon)! This Pre-Conference will give our area the opportunity to provide our delegate with a balanced area conscience for all agenda items—just like the General Service Conference in New York!

FROM THE FLOOR

1. Nothing from the floor.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Submitted in Writing)

Accessibility English/OPEN Accessibility Spanish/OPEN

Archives/Kevin R,. On January 22 we had a meeting 11 am at 7111 Arlington Ave. Suite B; Riverside, CA.. 8 members were present. Elections were held for the officers of the Archives Committee. Raul C is the Alternate Chair; Bob H is the Secretary. Archivist. Our new archivist for this panel is Gerry W from Harbor Area. We want to welcome him for stepping up to this important position. Displays from the

Archives committee and the history of AA and Area 9 will be reappearing at the Area Meetings thanks to Bob and Dario!! We have changed the lobby posters to they now show the Long Beach International Convention of 1960!! Which was the subject of our Open House presentation. Thanks Mary G!! The committee will be attending the Inland Empire Young People's workshop with a display and historical artifacts in Temecula. The next Committee Meeting will be held on February 19, 2022 at 11:00 am. Anyone interested in the history of AA is welcome and encouraged to attend. Thanks

Communications English/OPEN

Communications Spanish/OPEN

Cooperation with the Elderly Community/Grant T.—Present In Person: Anthony D., Hannah B., Michelle L., Niko B., and Grant T. Present Virtual: Sharon S., Melody. Discussion: 1. Grant T. Introduced himself as the incoming CEC Chair, gave a brief history of the CEC, emphasized the CEC committee's desire to ensure accessibility to all seniors and all persons wanting help with alcohol, handed out a one-page document identifying CEC Tasks completed and/or ongoing and CEC Tasks underway and/or to be pursued. Grant shared the mailings made to the 165 senior centers on 12/20/21 including the cover letter and AA pamphlets, shared documents CEC had created (i.e. CEC flyer, Our Elders Need Your Help and the Accessibilities Checklist). 2. Grant T. summarized how the CEC had created documents on helping seniors with technology to join zoom meetings, hybrid meetings and how to use their phones, iPads and computers. 3. Michelle L. suggested pursuing in person meetings and workshops with various Area 09 Districts, clubs, groups, and senior facilities. 4. Michelle L. suggested ADA vehicles for senior persons getting to live meetings. 5. The group discussed providing standard literature racks to senior facilities. 6. The group discussed creating and providing a local list of hybrid and virtual meetings. 7. Sharon S. mentioned the senior facility outreach mailings sent on 12/20/21 and suggesting circling back for follow-up with those facilities in the near future. 8. Grant T. and the live participants exchanged contact information, and all were encourage to share ideas, recommendations and questions. 9. Grant T. thanked all who attended for their service, participation and interest and look forward to meeting at the next ASC meeting scheduled for March 13, 2022. Thanks to everyone for their service!! Grant T.

Cooperation with the Professional Community English/Andrea C. — no report.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish/OPEN

Convention Liaison English/Tim A. — Committee formation is well underway. Our first assignment is IEAAC at Soboba. In love and service, Tim

Convention Liaison Spanish/Hector — no report.

Corrections and Correspondence/Jennifer L — no report.

DCM School English/Rozanne T. — Meeting on Sunday, 2/13/22, 10 to 11:15 am at Walton Middle School. There were 25 members present. All members introduced themselves and we exchanged contact information. Informed members that we need to elect an alternate chair and secretary. Two people stood for alt. chair—no decision made. Alt Delegate and Secretary gave out DCM Took kit from orientation yesterday—the kit was discussed briefly. Discussed the General Service Conference agenda topics, the process for the GSRs to talk to their groups. The Alt. Delegate discussed the Pre-Conference to be a Mock General Service Conference in April. Upcoming event is the preparation for the Mock General Service Conference.

DCM School Spanish/Mele— We had out our first meeting as DCMs. Some dropped by the service table of area 09 panel 72 DCM School to read the service manual edition 2021-2023. We reviewed content of materials that with work of our area 09 friends; the latter is half in English and we needed it in Spanish. In this first meeting were 9 in total 6 DCMS—from the Spanish peaking districts Hispania 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 plus a visit from a DCM related to inventory of group. We read the concept #1 and share

information related to reading concept of 1. That is s all for the moment Thank you for letting me be of service. Mele V.

Finance/John R. — Meeting on Sunday—Feb 13—10:00 am to 1:15 am. @ Walton School in Garden Grove. There were 7 members and 1 guest present. Agenda: A). We welcomed new committee members. B). A/R Report: Bob H.; C). A/P Report: Carmen M. D). January 31, 2022 Profit and Loss Report (Preliminary). E). Committee Liaisons: 1). Spanish Speaking Carmen/Jose A); Accessibility, Archives, Communication, Tech (Ron W); Conventions, Corrections, Grapevine, YPAA (Bob H); GAP, Literature, PI, Remote (Jim P); CPC, CEC, Treatment, GSR School, DCM School (John R). F). 2020 Audit—Jim B presented report. G). QuickBooks issues: Finance Chair (John R). Treasurer A/R (Bob H) and Treasurer A/P (Carmen) met to discuss the ongoing Quickbooks and concerns. Respectfully submitted, Joh R. Finance Committee Chair, 2/12/2022.

Guidelines and Policies (GAP)/ Maryka D.— no report.

Grapevine/ Debra L.. — no report.

GSR School English/Ryan H. — We met at 10:30 a.m. at the Sunday 2/13 Area meeting and had 18 members present (10 online; 8 in person). The agenda: 1. Introductions; 2. What is a GSR?; 3. Safety in AA: Our Common Welfare SMF-209. The meeting had a great discussion on safety in an AA group. Also, what does a GSR do? Great discussion from this group on answering each other's questions. Future events: We will continue to discuss the Safety in AA: Our Common Welfare pamphlet (SMF-209).

GSR School Spanish/ Ruben S. — no report.

Hispanic Women's Workshop Planning Meeting (2022). —

La Viña/Erika R. — Good afternoon my name is Erika, and I'm alcoholic. To start, I am making visitations to the districts and past the meetings that invite me. I have invited to put the display on for the La Vina anniversary. Three is a e state convention that will take the days 27, 28, 29 May. That is all for now and thank you for letting me serve. Erika R. Upcoming: May 27, 28, 29 / state convention

Literature English/Todd W. — Committee met on Sunday, 2/13/22, at the Walton Intermediate School. 2 people attended. We had trouble connecting to Zoom; I had trouble finding the ID #. Ed (past delegate) was helpful going over the final agenda items for Literature. We are looking forward to the "bootcamp" and the pre-conference.

Literature Spanish/Benigno M. —.no report.

Public Information English/Harry C. — no report.

Public Information Spanish/OPEN — no report.

Registration/Martin J. — no report.

Remote Communities Committee/Ariel R.— no report.

Treatment Facilities English/OPEN—no report.

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COMMITTEE COORDINATE REPORTS

(Submitted in Writing)

AOCYPAA-- no report.
OCYPAA — no report.
HASBYPAA—no report.
DCYPAA — no report.
SOCALYPAA—no report.
INTERGROUPS—no report.

CENTRAL OFFICES—no report. **H&I COMMITTEES**—no report.

DISTRICT REPORTS

(Submitted in Writing)

Districts 1 and 3 — no report.

District 2 — no report.

District 4 — Markya D., DCMC. On February D04 voted in several DCMs for our nine subdistricts and filled one more empty service committee position. District 04 also voted to accept virtual groups and their respective GSRs with parameters agreed upon by the district body. We already have several virtual groups in our District and now can officially welcome them. District 04 and it's CPC Committee will join with the Area09 Remote Communities Committee to serve remote still suffering alcoholics in the Long Beach Area. District 04 members voted to allot &400.00 of district funds for this joint project. As it is a joint venture, expenses will be split between District 04 and the Area09 Remote Communities Committee in the service of Long Beach Remote alcoholics. We are proud to report there is cooperation between the new District 04 LGBTQ service committee and the Area09 Remote Communities committee. District 04, through their service committees and cooperation with Area 09 service committees, is hard at work carrying the message of AA to suffering alcoholics throughout Long Beach!!. Our Delegate, Mitchell B. Will visit district 04 virtually on Wednesday May 4 th to give his Conference Share back!!! We will be the first district in Area09 to receive Mitchell after the conference and are so excited and grateful that he is coming!! Lastly, District 04 is busy preparing for its own Pre Conference Workshop- the first Wednesday in April at 7 pm via Zoom. Mitchell will be attending virtually our March business meeting to give a preliminary overview of the Conference agenda items. he busy Conference Season is upon us!! Warm greetings from District 04 to all of Area 09! If any Area members wish to visit one of our business meetings- please reach out to me -Maryka de Orla- at dcmc@longbeachaa.org.In Gratitude and Service, Maryka D. DCMC D04

District 5 — Isaac M, DCMC. We meet on the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Hybrid: Zoom ID 3930371755 PW: 06101935. In-person Church of the Foothills: 19211 Dodge Ave. 92705. We have 200 registered and average of 30 who attend the meeting. We provide members with updated information on the agenda items for the 72nd GSC. We are planning to host the ASC on 3-13-22. We are working on creating emails for all new officers, as well as creating a website. We ask group within district 5 to submit feedback suggestions on what kind of workshops or events they would like to see this upcoming year so planning can begin. We remind the upcoming monthly service event on the 3rd Thursday of each month. We purchase 25 new service manuals for current GSRs present. We discussed reimbursements for GSRs in our district regarding PRAASA 2022 registration.

District 6 — no report.

District 7 — Char, DCMC. We had 5 district members who attended the Area Mtg today: Char M, Candy L, Erin B, Mariana R, Scott R. Our district currently has approx. 13 active members. We are planning a workshop for June 11, 2022; the topic is Service and more details to follow. Respectfully submitted, Char DCMC, District 7

District 8 — no report.

District 9 — no report.

District 10 — no report.

District 11 — no report.

District 12 — no report.

District 14— no report.

District 15 — no report.

District 17 — no report,

District 18 — Jay R., DCMC. Meeting Day: Thursday, February 11, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. via Zoom. 22 members present. We introduced 4 new GSRs. We elected a new Intergroup Chair. We unanimously approved a motion to ask AAWS to translate (into Farsi) the book, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. We

assigned GSRS to report back on future events. We discussed Concept 2 and Tradition 2. We are currently hosting the February ASC!

District 19 — no report.

District 20 — Alejandro G., DCM and Erica, Alt. DCM. Report of the district 20 a on January 02 for panel 72 of general service. On Friday, January 7, the group visited Latinas unidos con assitances de 9 service. On Sunday 09 January 2022 we saw our first area meeting with the assistance of 13 members from District 20. On January 13 our first interim meeting with 8 people. on Friday, January 14, we visited the the librutad group with the assistance of 9 people. On January 18th day we had another service meeting in district 20. We also visited new groups in January. On January 30 was the first interdistrict meeting where we had 13 service the board. We continue to be motivated by events like PRAASA that help motivate the GSR. Thank you for letting us be of service. Alejandro, G. DCM. Erica Alt DCM.

District 21—no report.

District 22 — Miguel, Secretary. Meeting is Mondays 7 to 9 pm at 34116 Date Palm Dr. #17. 20 are registered and 7 were present. The district #22 is meeting is a studio board and a work board. On January 4, work began on the new panel #72 with its alternates and with a registrar. The outgoing panel of panel #70 made a distribution in the amount of \$613 with 60% GSO 30% to the AREA 10% to the Intergroup. The local forum also made a distribution in the amount of \$237 with 60% GSO 30% to AREA 10% D#22. The district will begin working in conjunction with the intergroup office on the following events/March/20/22 information to the public. Reading workshop organized by the district and the intergroup office in May. La Vina Writer's workshop organized by the district and supported by the intergroup office / in July. Seminar of the intergroup office / in September. SINCERELY EL DISTRIO #22 AND THANK YOU FOR LETTING US SERVE. Miguel, Secretary.

District 23 — District 23, MCD Jose G. District Report #23 our district #23 continues to work with the motivation to serve. We meet 2 per week on the 4th Friday of each month our inter district boards we are attending from 22 to 140 members, We are planned boards that invite us. And panel will be motivated the committees CCP, etc., Bulletin in this new panel. 10 new GRS arrived. At the moment that is all.. DCM Jose G and my alternate Luis Thank you for letting us server that have to gain many 24 hours of sobriety. **District 24** --- District 24: Teresa F. DCM. Tuesday from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm. 330 N State College Blvd. Fullerton, CA 92831. Registered: 27. Number present: 12-GSRs. Our meetings continue every Tuesday at the 330 N State College Blvd. Fullerton, CA 92831. We also continue with group visits, mainly to those that do not have GSRS, so that in their next meeting they can choose a representative for this service. We also reviewed 2nd traditions and concept. The former delegate from this Area 09, Cesar, visited us and shared his request of this District to discuss the Theme: "Function of the Conference" on January 30 we met in district # 25 in San Bernardino for our monthly meeting of District of Hispania speaks. Thank you for your service, Thank you, Teresa F.

District 25 — Adrian G, DCM. Sunday, February 13, 2022. Dear friends of Area 09, We hope that you are enjoying these blessed 24 hours of sobriety, I gladly present the following report: Panel 72 of District #25 began on Monday, January 3, 2022 with all the board members present: DCM, Secretary and Treasurer, and their corresponding Alternates. We started with 3 GSRs already registered, 2 new GSRs to Register: Modesto R. GSR of the Estrella de Desierto group and Felipe O. GSR of the Vivir Sobrio group. In the District Boards we are present an average of 12 people between GSRs, the board and its Alternates, + A Higher Power. We will continue to meet every 4th Monday of the month from 7-9PM, First Monday of Reports, Second of Compartment, the third Monday of Points and Fourth Monday of Study. We continue to follow up on the Visiting Roll starting on Wednesday, January 5, visiting 2 groups per week Wednesday and Friday. From January 5 to February 10, 2022, we fulfilled our visit Roll, I was present in the 10 Groups that corresponded to visit ("Light and Esperanza", "Renacimiento", "Amor y Libertad", "10 de Junio", "Nueva Generacion", "Fontana", "Luz del Sur", "Vision Para Ti", "Volver a Nacer" and "Vive y Deja Vivir"). Most of the board and GSRs were present during the roll, an average of 15 to 20 attendance among district peers, group membership plus a higher power. Planned to which we

were invited by the groups: "New Generation" January 13, "La Mission" January 21 and "Live and Let Live" January 26. -I attended my first face-to-face meeting in the Area as an DCM on Sunday, January 9, a very pleasant experience with a lot of information that I shared in District #25 on Monday 10 with the companions present. -On Sunday, January 30, the First InterDistrial Meeting was successfully held, which we hosted, thank God and thanks to the unconditional support of all of you everything went satisfactorily, we have an attendance of 54 registered persons plus + A Higher Power, a seventh of \$230 that was divided \$115 for the organizing committee and \$115 for the District. -In our first study meeting 4th Monday we started with the new edition of the Service Manual Version 2021-2023 and we counted the participation of 2 previous DCMs as a visit, friend Benigno of "Luz Y Esperanza" and companion Pedro of "Por Fin Llegue". -In our Minutes # 5 First Monday of Reports dated February 7, 2022: an already registered GSR is reincorporated into Panel 72: the companion Dulce of the Luz Del Sur Group, a New RSG to be registered: Rudy of the La Mission Group and 2 Alternate RSG to be registered: Alejandro from the "Por Fin Llegue" Group and Manuel from the "Luz de Sur" Group. Also incorporated is a new liaison from the SB Intergroup Office to District 25, comrade Pedro L. In this meeting we went up present 17 of assistance among members of the District, Links and 3 Visits + A Higher Power. I can share that there is great camaraderie among all of the members of District 25 with whom I start this Panel 72 and that we have been very active, participatory and full. of renewed enthusiasm during our District, Visit Roll, ASA and InterDistrict meetings. The following friends have been present at most of the events mentioned: Agueda, Patricia, Estanislao, Felipe, Modesto, Fransico, Roberto, Jose M, Santana and Zarik. So far my report, thank you for the opportunity and privilege I have been given to serve only I ask God to lend me health and many 24 hours of sobriety for to stand United and In Action together with you. Att. DCM Adrian G. / Alt. Philip O **District 30** — no report.

RECAP OF ACTIONS

ACTION: The English Guidelines and Bylaws, Spanish Guidelines and Bylaws move to the March ASC for discussion and May assembly for a vote.

ANNOUCEMENTS

- Caitlin R announcement regarding need for ACYPAA contributions for March event. Will provide info in chat.
- The next ASC is March 13 at the Hosted by District 5 (Location to be determined).
- PRAASA 2022 March 4-6, 2022 Portland, OR http://www.praasa.org/ (virtual only)

BIRTHDAYS

February Birthdays: Arleen, 14 years; Isaac, 7 years; ? 7 years; Ariel, 3 years; Mel, 36 years; Marucio, 48 years

CLOSING

Motion to close by Isaac; seconded by Debra.

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

UPCOMING AREA 09 EVENTS

- March 13 ASC Walton Intermediate School 12181 Buaro St. Garden Grove CA 92840
- April Pre-Conference Workshop District 6 host tbd

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Manya W., Area 09 Secretary / finalized by Rich W. MSCA 09 Chair.