



***** APPROVED MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 MINUTES *****
AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC) MINUTES
Hosted by District 5
March 13, 2022

Newport Beach Civic Center 100 Civic Center Dr.,
Newport Beach, CA 92660
ZOOM conference call

The regularly scheduled meeting of Mid Southern California Area (MSCA) 09 was called to order by Rich W. at 9:06 a.m. Rich welcomed participants and made introductory statements regarding the virtual meeting protocols and led the group in the Serenity Prayer. Total participants: 168

Before the delegate's share, Mitchell iterated that this venue change was a result of the Walton School needing the space at the last minute. Area 09, however, is grateful to District 05 and Mariah of District 06 for securing this Newport Beach venue on short notice. We will also be using this venue for the Pre-Conference in April, so we will be back here next month.

DELEGATE SHARE

My name is Mitchell, and I am an alcoholic. A.A. is based on a Program of Principles. What are our AA Principles? A General Service Board member Dennis E. in 2004 gave a presentation on Principles in A.A. at a Regional Forum that is included in the background material on discussion of a 5th edition Big Book. He referred to a Random House dictionary definition of the word Principle, in brief – “a fundamental, primary or general law or truth from which others are derived – a guiding sense of the requirements and obligations of right conduct.” Principles can be found in our 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts for World Service. In his presentation he described the foundation of A.A. as based on the principles found in the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. In reading the essay, in discussions with other A.A. members, and hearing speakers at PRAASA this year, I have been reflecting on the program of recovery in the Big Book. My recovery comes from the action of working the Twelve Steps and living the Twelve Traditions and not the book by itself. This original thought is from David E., but I agree. I am sober and happy today because I work a program based on the principles of actions resulting from working the steps. The literature and Big Book are integral to that process, but it is the program of action and engagement where I receive results. The literature is intended to carry the message of hope to new and current people in need. In his essay on Tradition 1 in the Twelve and Twelve, Bill W. says that “the unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our Society has. Our lives. the lives all to come depend squarely upon it. We stay whole, or A.A. dies. Without unity, the heart of A.A. would cease to beat; our world arteries would no longer carry the life-giving grace of God; his gift to us would be spent aimlessly.” Dennis E. described in his 2004 presentation that all the principles contained in the Traditions and Concepts are designed to help our Fellowship achieve and maintain Unity. Fundamental to my own sobriety and well-being is maintaining unity within A.A., because without unity I am vulnerable to a program based on self-interest and self-absorption. I have ample evidence from my past to know that did not work and is not a substitute for a program based on unity, recovery, and service. As we explore the agenda items for the upcoming General Service Conference, please keep in mind that the Traditions and Concepts allow for “Right of Decision”, “Right of Appeal”, and warranties that counsel against personal punishment by A.A. and reaching decisions based on substantial unanimity. Overall, the primary purpose to carry the message of A.A. to those who need it requires unity. The discussions we have can be loving and respectful. A fellow Delegate shared during PRAASA that as a member I can ask questions, but I will not “break

A.A.” How we treat each other as we find a path forward on topics in A.A. is as important as what we agree to do or not do.

As part of service, I attended PRAASA, the Pacific Region Area Service Assembly, which was held online March 4-6, 2022. The theme this year was "A.A. 2.0: Unified in Love and Service". This is the theme of the 72nd General Service Conference. Planning for each PRAASA begins two years earlier with selection of a host Area and arrangements for a hotel for in-person functions. Unfortunately, planning had to change due to health restrictions and PRAASA was converted to an online-only event for 2022. PRAASA 2023 will be hosted by Area 05 and PRAASA Chair Thomas B. announced it will be held at a major conference hotel adjacent to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The location is a large hotel with ample day parking available and close to the airport. The conference was held online and the panel session, business meeting, A.A. Speaker Meeting, Pacific Trustee Report, and Delegate Ask-It Basket were recorded. Some roundtables were recorded but not all. I have heard members talk about the sessions as being scripted and lacking spontaneity. One reason is the time allotted for each session is strictly enforced. If any presentation were to run long there would not be extra time for the remaining presenters. That is why there are limits and when time is up you will need to stop, either through polite applause or the sound is turned off. The other reason for talking slowly is for the ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters. For my presentation I was asked to send the written talk two weeks prior to the PRAASA planning committee so they could translate for the moderators and Spanish interpreters. That means in the PRAASA archives are the written talks for all presentations along with the audio recordings. When the sound recordings are available, they will be accessible through the MSCA 09 website, under "Delegate-Confidential Resources". Here are my thoughts on my PRAASA experience. **Panel 1- Area Highlights:** Each delegate from the fifteen A.A. areas in the Pacific region, plus honorary member BC/Yukon, are asked to give a two-minute area highlight. Two minutes with translation is not a lot of time for a highlight and I am admitting that I did not get through my highlights under two minutes. I got within three sentences when I ran out of time. **Panel 2- Carrying this Message in Challenging Times.** Brian P., Area 05, was able to join the online PRAASA presentation even though during a power blackout. His topic was "How Do AA's Go to Any Lengths to Recover, Unify and Serve", which was appropriate. Area 03 Delegate Kathy R. spoke on "Concept III -The Right of Decision and Tradition Two – The Principle of Mutual Trust" and did a great job as the first delegate speaker. Gabriel K. Area 58 gave a moving presentation on "Concept V. – Right of Appeal vs. Refusal to Accept Group Conscience" as an important statement on the principle of unity in A.A. and the value of tolerance. **Panel 3- Sharing Our Message Through Our Literature.** Ramon R., Area 09 was moderator. Congratulations and thank you for starting off Saturday morning with the first panel session. Area 07 Delegate Jenn D. spoke on "Should the Chapter Titled, "The Doctor's Opinion" Be Returned to Page One". I was caught up in her personal story and how the program of recovery through action of working the Twelve Steps and living the Twelve Traditions. By working the Steps, the text comes to life. I was pleased Amalia C. GSO was available to present in Spanish on "The Proposed 4th Edition to Alcoholicos Anonimos". Watch for announcements in April-June for calls for writing your story for the 4th Edition. Vera G. AAWS Nontrusted Director and former Delegate spoke on the "The Proposed Revision to the Pamphlet for the Black and African American Alcoholic". The Literature committee is looking for stories and yours might be part of the new pamphlet. The announcement is on the MSCA 09 website under "General Service Office (GSO) – GSO Announcements". **Panel 4- Our Primary Purpose.** Area 08 Delegate Monty C. spoke on "Our Primary Purpose- Is It Changing in a Changing World". The need to carry the message that recovery alcohol, and for me fear as well, is possible even when the world changes around us. Yes, people got sober and stayed sober before me. Yes, it is still possible to get sober and stay sober even in today's circumstances. That is a message of hope. **Panel 5- Carrying This Message in Changing Times.** Alejandro G., Area 09 moderated the session and Ariel R. gave a presentation on Online/Virtual Groups- Finding a Path for Their Voice. Thanks to both for participating in PRAASA. Area 92 Delegate Ben N. spoke on "Paying for Placement of PSAs on Streaming Platforms". The Public Information background material on the PSA agenda items has links to view the recent public service

announcements that are already playing in some media markets. Tandy W. Area 02 Delegate spoke on “Building Bridges to End Digital Inequality for Remote Communities” and her experience with A.A. in Alaska. Remote is more than just distance, but language, culture, and means of contact. Remote can still happen even in densely populated regions like Area 09. The presentation by Area 18 member P. J. W. on “Preamble Change- Impact to the Fellowship” was moving and I heard discussions throughout texts and during the Delegate Roundtable about P.J.’s presentation. **Panel 6- A.A. Comes of Age 2.0:** Unified in Love & Service had a Spanish presentation by Blas A. Area 03 on “Communication- The Key to an Informed Decision”. This year PRAASA had three Spanish presentations, five moderators and readers, and one ASL presentation. **Panel 7- The Future of AA- Our Responsibility.** This was the panel that I spoke and my presentation was on “Service Rotation- The Key to Our Future” and my colleague Amber N. Area 08 Delegate and PRAASA co-chair spoke on “The Importance of Growing Leadership in A.A.”. I was moved by Amber’s presentation on the future of leadership in our organization. PRAASA is a great place to see new people get involved and those with time share their experience. **Kathi F. Pacific Region Trustee** gave a summary of the January General Service Board meeting with Trustees and Committee Chairs held in Brooklyn in January 2022. You can read the entire report on the MSCA 09 website under “General Service Office (GSO) – Pacific Regional Trustee Reports”. I included the highlights in my February Delegate Sharing Session, which is also on the MSCA 09 website in the Delegate Corner. **PRAASA Business Meeting** was chaired by Joel C., past Pacific Region Trustee, and past Delegate Area 08. The business of PRAASA is done during the event because PRAASA only exists as a n event and not an organized business unit. Money available after expenses from the 2022 event is distributed across the next four PRAASA areas, leaving a balance of zero dollars. **The A.A. Speaker Meeting** at this year’s PRAASA featured Vera F., a past Delegate from Area 58 and current A.A.W.S. non-Trustee Director. Vera shared her experience with the Grapevine and work done on updating the pamphlet for black and African Americans and her involvement with A.A. as delegate and now non-trustee director. Sharing from the Past Trustees Sharing, What’s on Your Mind? and Delegates Ask-It-Basket reminded me that there is still room for growth in A.A., to attract the still-suffering alcoholic but also to grow as members in love and tolerance and, hopefully, find wisdom and compassion. I want to thank the roundtable moderators and scribes for their work in the Friday and Saturday night sessions. Those sessions were not recorded but there may be notes the roundtables prepared for the attendees. PRAASA is an opportunity to meet and engage with members across the Pacific Region and learn from each other. A.A. is alive and well in Southern California but we need to nurture and care for the program to make sure it is available to all who need it, now or in the future.

On another topic, what to know about the getting the delegate ready for the 72nd General Service Conference, April 24-30, 2022, in Brooklyn NY.

Here are the action items:

- Share your feedback with the delegate. The options are available.
- Participate in the Bootcamp and Pre-Conference Workshops.
- Deadline April 10 and April 17 for late submissions.

Background material in English ready to use. Unfortunately, Spanish is still pending (Grrrh).

The information in the worksheets and review are only summaries of the background. Information presented in the summaries is carefully distilled or extracted to be concise and provide enough information so that all districts and members in MSCA can fully participate. Background information can be access from the MSCA 09 website (<http://msca09aa.org/>) under “Delegate”, “Confidential Resources”. Please do not consider the summaries opinions of the MSCA officers. Only the section on “What the Delegate needs to know” is personally from our Delegate. If, after your review of the Background Information, you think there are strike-out items that deserve feedback, I would appreciate your input at

msca09delegate@gmail.com. 72nd General Service Conference Background

Material: <https://msca09aa.org/confidential-resources> (Password protected – shared on screen at March ASC). The documents for reviewing the Final Agenda Items received from the General Service Conference

on March 10, 2022, are available for GSRs and A.A. members to review and share with their groups. In 2021 General Service Board conducted Equitable Distribution of Work (EDW) to ease the workload for some Committees. In 2022 fifteen agenda items were distributed to six Committees on agenda items that deal with literature topics. For the 2002 GSC there are 81 Agenda Items and a total of 90 total agenda topics. (In comparison, the 71st GSC had 83 agenda items and the 70th GSC had 103- too many to discuss). Some agenda items involve material that is only available to Committee members, so those topics are marked with ~~strike through~~ and not included in the online Google Form, but the summaries and references to Background Information are there for your information. The Google Forms are linked on the MSCA 09 website under “Delegate,” and then “Confidential Resources.” Please remember that the background material on agenda item topics is available for the 72nd General Service Conference, and as such may be a confidential AA document. Distribution is limited to AA members. Placement of this material in a location accessible to the public, including aspects of the Internet, such as Websites (including social media pages) available to the public, may breach the confidentiality of the material and the anonymity of members. I encourage GSRs, District officers, Standing Committee Chairs and Committees, and individual A.A. members to read the background material on the agenda items that interest you the most. Share with your groups and gather their well-informed conscience on items. Use the Google Forms or paper documents for feedback. For paper bring the documents to the district meetings or Pre-Conference on April 10 to get them back to the delegate. You can also share your thoughts with me in-person or email at delegate@msca09aa.org. Thank you for the opportunity to speak this morning and to be of service to the Area and A.A. as a whole.

After the Delegate’s report, Mitchell explained action items on how GSRs can share feedback with the delegate: Attend the March 20 Multi-district bootcamp to receive information about some items and attend the Area 09 April 10th is the pre-conference workshop. Please submit as much material as possible by April 10th (my hard deadline is April 17th). Mitchell answered questions from the body: A member asked about how to reach out to groups that are dark or do not have GSRs; how do we receive their feedback? Mitchell explained that the solution was disseminating the paper documents to the groups as much as possible. A Zoom participant asked about Agenda item topic in Policy/Admissions. Mitchell answered the question to only reflect information, but not his opinion. Background material will really help understand this information. Mitchell explains that he reads to understand what the topic was, but not how or why. If questions are not addressed in the background, he can contact AAWS for more background information

12:00 P.M. ASC BEGINS

Call to order with the Serenity Prayer (Rich W.)
Rich W. read a message from the AA in Ukraine.

READINGS

Declaration of Unity read by Carol. in English / None in Spanish.
GSR Preamble read by Grant in English / Juan in Spanish.
The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Jenny in English / Raul in Spanish.

INTRODUCTIONS

Past Trustees: None
Past Delegates: Sharon G. Area 93, Panel 63 (now a member of area 09).
New DCMCs/Alt. DCMCs: Candy D. DCMC District 2
New Alt DCMs & DCMs — None
New GSRs/Alt. GSRs: Michelle, GSR Paramount Speakers; Lisa, District 17 GSR Women’s Acceptance Group; Tammy, GSR 6 am Attitude Modification Meeting District 5; Eddie GSR Kaiser Friday Night District 8.

New District Officers: None

Guests: None

Officers: Don S., Registrar; Carmen, M, Treasurer AP, Bob H., Treasurer, AR; Manya W., Secretary; Rich W., Chair; Alex W., Alt Delegate; Mitchell B., Delegate.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2022 MINUTES

A motion was made by Tim A., seconded by Char M., to accept draft minutes from the 13 February 2022 Area Service Committee. All in Favor. 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. When you send registration information directly to New York, I don't see it. I can't enter the information in the Area data base. Please forward information to me at registrar@msca09aa.org. I will get it entered into both Fellowship Connection and the Area data base. Since my report, at the February 13th ASC, I have continued Registrar Office Hours on Thursday afternoons and Sunday mornings, attended the February 16th EBoard meeting, Registrar Sharing Sessions on March 6th and March 8th and PRAASA March 4th through March 6th. Now for the exciting news. With the great help of our Delegate, Mitchell, we now have interactive registration forms on the website. Go to the MSCA09 website and select "Area09 Information". Scroll down to the tab labeled, "Registrar" and hit enter. When you get to the Registrar page, you will see "Online Registration Form". Select "Register Groups and Individuals". When you complete entering your information, and hit submit, the information is saved for me to transfer to Area and Fellowship Connection data bases. On the bottom half of the Registrar page, you will see information on Registrar's Office Hours. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please come to my Office Hours. I make myself available on purpose. I refuse to be the speed bump that keeps us from our goal of properly registering every valuable servant in Area 09. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. Yours in service, Don Smith. Registrar Area09.

Treasurer AP, Carmen M: Good afternoon, my name is Carmen M. and I'm an alcoholic, grateful to be here today. I'll be reading the report I made copies for all to see. I was able to attend the eboard meeting on February 20th. I also attended the PRAASA online on March 3rd – 5th, with great diversity and enjoyed it. I also sent out the 1099 tax forms and waited for a correction. We are working on setting up the Quickbooks Online so we can work at the same time on the books. Also make sure to submit your expense report. The forms can be found online if you need to submit your expense report. Please let me know if you have any issue's printing or finding the form online. Thank you for letting me be of service, Carmen.

Treasurer AR, Bob. H.: Hello my name is Bob and I'm a alcoholic. Thank you for trusting me to serve as your AR treasurer. I'll start with my March report. I started collecting contributions for March at the ASC on 3-13-22. I collected a total of \$1,095.00(this includes the food kitty). I deposited those funds into our account at Bank of America on 3-16-22. I went to the PO box in Irvine on 3-15 -22 and started entering contributions into our QuickBooks account for a total of \$3,176.39. I deposited those funds into our Bank account on 3-29-22. On 3-31-22 I went to the PO box and collected the mail and started entering the contributions into QuickBooks for a total \$2,328.78 and deposited those funds into our bank account on 4-11-22. I also entered or March PayPal contributions into QuickBooks for a total of \$1,922.78 and transferred those funds into our bank account. All receipts were mailed out.

Secretary, Manya W.; Hello everyone. My name is Manya, and I am an alcoholic. Super grateful to serve as your MSCA California Area 09, Panel 72 Secretary. Since the last area meeting, I attended the Area 09

executive board meeting on February 20 and took minutes for that meeting. Part of my role as an area Secretary is to disseminate information to DCMCs (ie executive board meetings) 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; I have coordinated with Don to EMAIL INFORMATION TO DCMCS. I recently emailed DCMCs and MCDs with the confidential resources password and access to the Confidential Resources. If you are a new GSR, please contact your DCMC for that information. Mitchell also posted the Confidential Resources password during his Delegate Report this morning. I also attended PRAASA last week and attended the Secretary's roundtable. We exchanged contact information, and I heard a lot of great information that I hope to apply to my role. The March eblast this month includes 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 March eblast with a reminder on Saturday. Since we also had a venue change, I sent an eblast with that information, as well. Sometimes if there is additional information, I highlight it in the reminder 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, 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). Thanks to Alex W. I now have QR codes for the Spanish and English District and Area 09 Committee Reports. If you are here in person, you find the QR code in the back or up front near my station. You can scan the new QR code and complete and send the district and area 09 committee reports msca09secretary@gmail.com. You can also 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 also leave your written reports with me here. I will also be emailing a fillable form to all DCMC and Area committee chairs after area meetings, so if you don't submit your report here, please submit your reports by the first of the month. 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 and especially the members of Districts 5 and 6 for the last minute efforts to secure the location for today's meeting. Thanks to your efforts we have this great meeting space. The Pre Conference Workshop will also be held here as well. I was pleased to make a brief presentation at the New Panel Orientation. Thank you Alex, and all the other presenters and participants that made it a great event. I attended PRAASA 2022 on Zoom and was impressed and inspired by the presentations and while I miss the personal interaction of an in-person meeting, there was a lot of love and service on display. Thanks to Mitchell and Ariel for their fantastic panel presentations. I also participated at the Area Chair workshops and will have a connection with some shared experience as I learn my position. I attended the Executive Board meeting on February 20. I connected with members of Districts 6, 5, and 4 regarding obtaining the sites for future Area meetings. 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): On Sunday March 6th I received a text after attending PRAASA 2022. In the middle of PRAASA, I was flying on a plane trying to get to ATL for a work conference. The text was received Sunday morning, this was after listening to Vera F and her inspirational story of perseverance and dedication. The text was from an identified number. All I want to share from this message is this; Craig O from Area 6, Your enthusiasm for general service is why i'm a new GSR different group". You have NO idea who is watching you, so please remember why you are here. We turn lights on and keep them shining bright. I want to thank everyone for all that they do, I don't think we do that enough. As we prepare everyone in the midst of this

years conference season, let us be reminded that we are the guardians of AA. In addition to attending all my responsibilities, The Feb board meeting , H&I meeting, Bootcamp planning (which awesome job alllll of you and thank you for allowing me to be of service, PRAASA - amazing job to the volunteers, ALL Alt Delegate Meeting and many phone calls/ messages. There are two major takeaways a). Southern California H&I conference is called Return to recovery memorial day weekend may 27th- 29th. Doug area 5 alt delaget panel 71 and I are the program chairs. We have booked out our very own OCYPAA for the YPP panel and dance. But we are looking for members to speak on panels and be the main speaker. If you or anyone you know has experience in the professional arena with Alcoholics please reach out to me. I am selling raffel tickets 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10. The second major piece of info is the pre conference on April 10th. It will be held at this location in Newport it will be hybrid. thank you Mariah and Kevin for being on top of this. An email was sent out to ONLY the committee chairs and district chairs in regards to the workgroups that have been selected. Please stay tuned to later on in this meeting I will be going over documents and how to use them. I have spoken with the board about having a paid translator translate these documents into spanish so please be patient with me! Faith has done a wonderful job with the alternate delegates page. Any information in reference to my position, events such as the Service manual workshop that will commence this upcoming Third Thursday at 7 will be located there. I have read the background and am following Mitchells lead with the conference information. There is a google drive that contains all the background summaries, flyer and agenda items that has been organized per committee. Please use this at your discretion. If you need QR codes made, or literature ordered. Help with any questions please know I am here. I have been assisting many with communication, and will continue to. I am busy working for this area always. But today I am busy showing up for my best friend as she has her first baby. Service gives us a life - its not our life. I forget that often. Its an honor and privilege. Alex wheatley YOUR alternate delegate.

Delegate (Mitchell B.): Hi, my name is Mitchell, and I am an alcoholic. Since the February 13 Area Service Committee meeting in Garden Grove, I attended the Area 09 Eboard meeting February 20 in Riverside and Zoom. * On February 20 I met with District 19 and gave a Delegate Share-Forward on the Agenda Items. The final review and worksheet documents were completed on February 25. * On February 28 I met with District 25 in San Bernardino and talked about the Agenda Items and shared a print worksheet for feedback for sharing responses. * On March 2 I District 4 meeting on to present on the agenda items and on March 10 presented on the agenda items and worksheet for feedback to District 5 in person in Tustin. * Beginning February 4-9 I received English background material for the 72nd General Service Conference and worked with our Area 09 webmaster Faith to load the documents to the Delegate section, under a password link. Spanish background material is still pending. * With the help of Alternate Delegate Alex W. and consultation with past-delegate Ed L. I prepared documents to help review agenda items and worksheets for members to use to record their group conscience. These documents were completed February 25 and are linked form the Delegate section of the MSCA09 website. * With the help of Alex W. Google forms to help members to share their group conscience with the Delegate are now linked form the area website under the delegate password-protected section, in English and Spanish. * In preparation for PRAASA I prepared my presentation “Service Rotation - the Key to our Future” for Panel 7 and attended pre-conference meetings with PRAASA planners as orientation for the panel presenters. * Congratulations to the Area 09 members who participated on panels and as roundtable moderators: Ramon R., - Panel 3 moderator, Alejandro G. – Panel 5 moderator, Ariel G. presented on Panel 5 on Online/Virtual Groups-Finding a Path for Their Voice, and Alex W. was the moderator for the Alternate Delegate Roundtables. attended PRAASA 2022 on Zoom and met with the Delegate’s Roundtable on Friday and Saturday nights. The raw estimate for attendance at PRAASA 2022 was 1,923 registered with participation from across the US. And international members. * PRAASA 2023 will be hosted by Area 05 and will be held at a hotel near LAX. * I have a conference call on March 15 with Pacific

region delegates to share how we are soliciting feedback from area members on Agenda Items and preparation for the conference in April. * I encourage members to use the various methods for gathering feedback on the agenda topics and use the Google forms if you like or the print worksheets. Feedback can be shared at the March 20 Bootcamp and April 20 Pre-Conference Workshops. * Thank you for letting me be of service.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Open Standing Committee Chair positions (Rich W.).** Rich identified open area committee chair positions.
- 2. Updated MSCA Guidelines and Bylaws (Rich W.)—** This item has been removed from today’s agenda until further notice (possibly by the pre-conference workshop, so we can vote on the items at the assembly in May). We need to get the updated versions sent out in English and Spanish. Comment from Francine: I need to submit a clean copy for Maryka. Jesus needs two weeks to translate; Many needs 10 days to upload docs, and I am not ready to submit. This will not be ready for May. Comment from Maryka: A Clear directive to the body: We need to know from the body if they require the markings before more work is put in. We can disseminate in April.
- 3. Appointment of 2021 Audit Committee (Rich W.).** Rich W, confirmed that Vicki R. and Carlos G. have committed to serving on the 2021 Audit Committee.

Pre-Conference Committee Assignments (Alex W.). Alex W. presented this information via Loom video. 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!

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Motion to request GSO translate the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions into Farsi (Julia B, Secretary from District 18).** Rozanne T: Seconded. Julie explained why this motion is being made: A GSR who represents a Farsi speaking meeting came to the district meeting said his group had a desire to have the 12x12 to translate it in Farsi. Right now, a BB and 3 pamphlets in Farsi “This is AA” and Brief Guide to AA”. District 18 made a motion and it passed unanimously. Mitchell discussed background information: He received an email (before and during PRAASA) and asked question to Kathy F. Mitchell was told that a motion not necessary for a translation or a motion from the floor. Mitchell contacted literature/AAWS publications desk and international desk. GSO in Iran holds copyright, and they already have the 12x12 in process. Question Mitchell had: Do we want this and how many do we want. We hope to have a conversation today to submit an email to Iran office (Farsi and English), so we can get information from them. No mention of 12 and 12 on our website, but depending upon presence of different countries

GSO, it may not be available. The next step: formal letter process to the GSO in Iran, but it is up to the group decide to continue to the motion. **Questions from the body:** Do you need someone speaks Farsi to help contact the GSO in Iran? Mitchell answered: We need someone to help me with a draft of Farsi. We want to understand that since they have licensing, do they have the Traditions translated, and if so, can we get copies? Question about literature information and access to different literature from different countries. Mitchell answered the question and reiterated that countries with their own GSOs hold copyright to that literature. From Chair, Rich W: Our Area 09 body can decide and forward the item to the May assembly as an advisory action.

Kevin R: Call to Vote. All in favor. No opposition. Motion forwarded to the May Assembly as an Advisory Action as an expression from Area 09 that we desire a 12x12 Farsi translation.

FROM THE FLOOR

1. Request to increase the budget 2022 ASC meetings to \$2,000 per meeting (John R. Finance Committee Chair, Panel 72). John explained background. Respectfully submitted, John R. Kevin R seconded. Friendly amendment from area member to state Area meetings instead of ASCs Questions from the body: The What is the current budget for each meeting? John R explained that annual budget will go up no more than 3000 dollars. Discussion: None. Rich W.: This motion did not go through two ASCs, but it is an emergency, and we do not put the burden on the districts to pick up balance of these costs (FACTS not opinion). Call to vote to May assembly: No opposition; forwarded to May assembly.

PRAASA Discussion:

Area 09 members shared their experiences at PRAASA on Zoom (March 4 to March 6, 2022)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Submitted in Writing)

Accessibility English/OPEN
Accessibility Spanish/OPEN
Archives/Kevin R.-- no report.
Communications English/ OPEN
Communications Spanish/OPEN
Cooperation with the Elderly Community/Grant T.: Five people attended live and nobody virtual. Purpose is to assist with providing access to senior and any person with a disability or challenge wanting to get help with an alcohol problem. Continue to partner with the Technology, Accessibilities and Bridge the Gap Committees. Reviewed history of the CEC committee. Reviewed the CEC Workbook, a great tool kit. Write an article for the Central Office/Intergroup Newsletter. Provided AA Accessibility Checklist, requesting members take to their groups and meetings and use the checklist for accessibility standards for parking, entrance, restroom and meeting area, provide findings to CEC Chair so we can have Central Office/Intergroup identify accessible meetings. Follow up with 165 mailings (including cover letter and literature) to senior facilities on 12/20/2021. Pursue presentations/workshops with districts, clubs, groups and senior facilities. Request 10 minutes for future presentation at an ASC meeting. Thank you for trusting me with this commitment and allowing me to be of service. Grant T. CEC Chair
Cooperation with the Professional Community English/Andrea C. —The committee met on Sunday, March 13, 2022 via Zoom. There were 4 present at the committee meeting. Committee Chair Report: Discussed the items/motions for the Panel 72 Conference and Committee suggestions for working with the professional community (e.g., Sheriff’s office). Participate in the “Mock Conference” Pre-Conference Workshop with PI Committee April 10 th and review the items for consideration such as the “AA in Your

Community” Pamphlet, the progress of AAWS LinkedIn page, mental health pamphlets, and possible new pamphlet for doctors.
Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish/OPEN
Convention Liaison English/Tim A. — no report.
Convention Liaison Spanish/Hector — no report.
Corrections and Correspondence/Jennifer L — no report.
DCM School English/Rozanne T. — no report.
DCM School Spanish/Melequiades V. - The committee met on Sunday, March 13, 2022 via Zoom. There were 6 members present; 1 visitor and 1 chair person. Two outstanding concerns were raised by the MCD’s of District 20 and District 21. How to work with RSG’s and groups? There was an exchange of ideas and suggestions based on the service manual, such as service workshops. The RSG learns about his service in the same way for the MCD and does not interfere with each other's services; How to manage the unit as a District Committee Member? We have to be more attractive to our RSG’s and to the groups that do not have RSG’s, as a table of each District work in our internal meetings to function in harmony. Finally, concept #3 was read. Where we learned the traditional right of decision. That's all for now; thank you for letting us be of service. Sincerely:Chair Melquiades V.
Finance/John R. — no report.
Guidelines and Policies (GAP)/ Maryka D. — no report.
Grapevine/ Debra L. — no report.
GSR School English/Ryan H. — The committee met on Sunday, March 13, 2022 in person. There were 6 present at the committee meeting. Our committee talked about what the duties of GSRs our. Great discussion on how and why we need to share our opinion to the delegate, so he can take it to the conference. We are having trouble conducting a hybrid committee meeting. Still working out all the bugs. But everyone is giving me a break, thanks to all for allowing me to figure this out. Upcoming/Future District Events: At the next ASC meeting for Area 09.
GSR School Spanish/ Ruben S. — RSGs School Meeting Agenda # "2" 1).. Opening with the Serenity Prayer. 2). Presentation of GSRs. Alt. GSRs. and visits. 3). Reading of previous minutes 4). Concerns or questions regarding the RSGs service o groups 5). Study of the common agreement among those present 6. Report (end of the session). There were 12 members in attendance, with the short reading of the 1st and 2nd concepts, questions that may arise from the groups for the RSGs. and the 3rd Concept, according to the month of March, tells us about the right of "Decision." "Ruben Zamudio" Thank you for letting me be of service.
Hispanic Women’s Workshop Planning Meeting (2022). — no report.
La Viña/Erika R. — Good morning: my name is Erika, and I am an alcoholic. I have been in attendance in the 21st district and will be in attendance in the 25th district on March 28. I also went to a Vineyard meeting in Las Vegas since it was an invitation on March 6. So, I will be attending all the anniversaries to set up my display starting on March 19, and I bought a display board. Upcoming/future Committee events: Las Vegas Meeting 6/03/22. District 21 on 2-09-22. Set the display on 3-19-22. Go to district 25 on 3-28-22. I went to the 23rd district on 3-19-22. I also bought some boards for the display.
Literature English/Todd W. — The committee met on Sunday, March 13, 2022, in person, but only one in attendance (Todd W., Chair). Committee Highlights: Todd W. is looking forward to attending the Inland Empire Convention March 17-19 at the Soboba Casino Resort in San Jacinto. Planning to attend the pre-conference bootcamp on March 20. In Garden Grove. Thank you. Todd W., Chairperson.
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.
Treatment Facilities Spanish/Mauricio. — The committee met on Sunday, March 13, 2022 in person. There were 4 present at the committee meeting. Today there was different information regarding this committee. Likewise, District # 22 of Indio sent a letter to this Committee to inform them of their activities - within this Committee. There were 6 members from 3 Hispanic districts in attendance. Thank you for giving me the opportunity. Sincerely: Mauricio T.
Young People/ Jenny H. —no report.

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, Ramon R. — The district meets on the 2 nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Kiwanis Club: 2515 Valley Dr. Hermosa Beach, CA. 40 were in attendance at the Marc meeting. District Highlights: We are preparing our GSR warriors for the 72 nd General Service Conference Season. The last district meet we had past delegate, Jeryl, speak about the importance of the General service conference and GSR roles. Also, we are hosting (along with Districts 6, 7, 8/11, and 18), the pre-conference bootcamp. Our very own districts 1 and 3 will be hosting the delegate share back on May 18. We are also building our technology committee and purchasing to items to ensure that folks on Zoom get a clear and concise meeting experience. PRAASA was amazing. Upcoming/future district events: Pre-Conference bootcamp on March 20. Delegate share back on May 15.
District 2, Ruben Z. —
District 4 — no report.
District 5 — The district meets on the 2 nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for GSR orientation. Hybrid ID: 8970371755 and the Church of the Foothills 19211 Dodge Ave. Santa Ana, CA 92705. We have 92 registered and 30 in attendance. The delegate came to our March meeting, walked our district through ways to provide feedback on agenda items; he also answered questions from body members. We also discussed hosting March 13 ASC and shared PRAASA highlights. Upcoming/future events: 6/9/22 Delegate report back.
District 6 — no report.
District 7, Char M. — We have about 10 active GSRs in our district. We do a concept/tradition study prior to our regular meeting time of 6:30pm on the 2 nd Monday of the month. In addition, we also do a pamphlet presentation each month. We are currently working on our workshop for June 11 th to be held at

<p>the Alano Club of Garden Grove. The workshop topic is: HOW IS SERVICE A PART OF YOUR RECOVERY? Thanks, Char. DCMC District 7.</p>
<p>District 8 — no report.</p>
<p>District 9, Michael W., DCMC — Meetings are still on zoom. Meeting minutes and job descriptions of positions are being posted on our district website: District Minutes — District 9 General Services (district9gs.com). Plans to discuss sending contributions to AA Grapevine if allowed. Sponsorship workshop uploaded to our website: Workshops — District 9 General Services (district9gs.com). Thanks. Michael W.</p>
<p>District 10 — no report.</p>
<p>District 11 — no report.</p>
<p>District 12, Bob M. DCMC — District 12 meets on the first Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church. There is over 100 registered in our district and over 35 were present at the district meeting. District highlights: March 3 was our first live meeting We discussed the bootcamp, pre-conference, and PRAASA. We also had one new GSR. We also filled our last remaining subdistrict DCM. Upcoming/future District highlights: Joint share back in June with Districts 18 and 6 (tentative). We are co-hosting bootcamp with Districts 1/3, 6, 7, 8/11, and 18.</p>
<p>District 14 — no report.</p>
<p>District 15 — no report.</p>
<p>District 17, Heather B. Alt. DCM — District 17 met on March 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at The Springs Community Church in Temecula. 24 members were present. District Highlights: The District hosted 4 PRAASA viewing sessions for fellowship during the virtual event. The district has filled our board positions and is close to filling committee positions. The district has voted to update and modernize its accounting software. Upcoming/future District events: The district is hosting the area assembly on September 11, 2022. Additional service events are in the works!</p>
<p>District 18 — no report.</p>
<p>District 19 — no report.</p>
<p>District 20 — no report.</p>
<p>District 21, Roberto MCD; Mauricio, Alt MCD — We meet every Wednesday from 8:00 to 9:30 P.M. Place: 16407 ½ New Hampshire Ave. Gardena, CA 90247. Committee Highlights: Fellow Area 09 members meet on Wednesdays 4 times a month. 1st Wednesday Report Meeting, 2nd Meeting of Items, 3rd Board of Study, 4th Internal Meeting. We continue to visit 2 groups per week, Tuesday, and Thursday. We are working on guidelines for the better functioning of District 21. This month we will be hosting an inter-district meeting in the district, March 27, 2022, from 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. at Intercity Fellowship Hall, 5881 Cherry Ave. Long Beach ca, 90805 Sincerely: Roberto, MCD., Mauricio-Alternate, MCD. Happy 24 Hours of Blessed Sobriety.</p>

District 22 - Good afternoon to all the peers who are with us. Please be advised that district #22 meets every Tuesday with a study and a business meeting. We are also sending the information of the questionnaire of the conference points to the groups, focusing more on the groups that do not have a general service representative, and we are waiting for their responses. We are also working on the information of the committees, which we will be working with on April 10. The district continues to work, visiting two groups per week on Mondays and Thursdays and meeting every Tuesday for a study and work meeting. The groups were provided with the form of the agenda items for the conference. As a district, we also worked on these items. On Tuesday, March 22, the district had as a guest fellow member Mauricio from the Treatment and Facilities committee to obtain information from this committee. We are also working on April 24, which will be the date of the inter-district meeting. In its district #22, which also celebrates its 32nd anniversary on the same date. We will have fellow member Héctor as a speaker on the theme: love and service. And Rubén as an alternate. It will be held at the group's premises at 68743 Perez rd Cathedral City CA 92234. Thank you in advance for letting us be of service.

District 23, José G. MCD. The 4th Fridays of the month. Place: 10838 Hole Ave. Riverside CA. Number of Attendees at the District Meeting: 22. **Committee Highlights:** Our district continues to work with motivation to serve. We visit 8 groups per month and attend the invitations to the different groups that invite us to their planned meetings. We were invited to carry out a group inventory on Saturday the 12th and attended the inventory. The C.C.P., IP. La Viña and projections committees continue to work. That's all for now; thank you for letting us be of service. Sincerely José G. M-C-D Alternate Luis J.

District 24, Teresa F. MCD --- Our RSGs meetings continue every Tuesday at the same location, with an average of 13 groups represented. From February 13 to March 13, we visited 7 groups taking information, giving priority to those that do not have a General Service Representative inviting them to be part of the services. We continued with the study meetings. On March 8, we shared about Praasa, those of us who were present, and on the 15th, we will read together the Agenda Items for the next conference. **Upcoming/future Committee events:** May 22/2022 27th anniversary of District 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the District's premises. Thank you for allowing me to serve. M.C.D. Teresa F. District #24

District 25, Adrian G.. MCD --- Hoping that you are enjoying these blessed 24 hours of sobriety, I gladly present the following brief report: We continue to meet four Mondays a month from 7-9 PM: First Monday for Reports, Second Monday for Sharing, Third Monday for Points and Fourth Monday for Study. We continue with our Visit Roll, visiting 2 groups per week on Wednesdays and Fridays. From Wednesday, February 9th to Friday, March 4th, we visited the 8 corresponding groups (Volviendo A Nacer, Vive y Deja Vivir, Nuevo Amanecer, Yo Soy Un Milagro, Oasis, Estrella del Desierto and La Mission). In addition, we were present during the entire Vista members Roll of the Board, RSGs, Alternates, + A Higher Power. Treasury presented the following approved balances: \$785.06 in Cash on Hand, Zero in Reserve, \$47.44 in ProEventos, \$10.50 in the Newsletter and \$1,003.89 in PRAASA. In the District Boards, we present an average of 15 companions between the Board, RSGs, Alternates and Visitors + A Higher Power. District 25 continues to be blessed with the arrival of new companions; on

February 3, new RSGs and 2 Alternate RSGs were introduced: Dalila from Volviendo a Nacer Group, Rudy from La Mission Group, Luciano from Renacimiento Group, Alejandro Alternate RSG from "Por Fin Llegue" Group and Manuel Alternate RSG from "Luz de Sur" Group, also Dulce was introduced to rejoin again as RSG of "Luz de Sur" Group in this Panel 72. Plus, a new liaison from the SB Intergroup Office to District 25, fellow Pedro L. So, as you can see, your District continues to grow thanks to a Higher Power. We held a Planned Meeting to which we were invited by the group "Viviendo Sobrio" on February 15 on their 16th Anniversary, which they celebrated on February 19, 2022. We attended the Inter-District meeting (Hispanic Inter-Group Meeting) on Feb. 27th, Hosted District #20 and coordinated Table 5 Topic: "The Area," Moderator: Jesus O. past Delegate on Panel 68, with 8 members at the table + A Higher Power. There was excellent information and food. \$180 from the 7th is divided between the organizing committee and the host District \$90 each. The current balance of the Organizing Committee:

\$1117, and a 2nd 7th for the Vineyard Anniversary \$154. Delegate Mitchell B. visited us Monday, February 28th, at our Study meeting. I attended PRAASA 2022, outstanding experience and information. Attendance: 1,923 registered: 1,831 AA's and 92 AI-Anon's. Next Year: PRAASA 2023 March 3-5, not Alaska, not Hawaii but YES, Los Angeles, CA and probably in person, Host: Area 05. I answered the particular items on the Agenda for the Conference and send them via Google Form. I take this opportunity to remind RSGs to do the same either in writing or online via the Area website www.msca09aa.org, GoogleForm or by email to our Delegate: delegate@msca09aa.org. -District 25 reports 22 active groups, 14 in SB and 8 in the High Desert, 10 RGSs + 2 Alternates. It is worth mentioning that the Panel started with 5 GSRs and Zero Alternates. I can comment that our District is feeling a great fellowship and participation of all members. So far, my report is to thank you for the opportunity and privilege I have been given to serve. May God grant us health and many more 24 hours of sobriety to keep us United and in Action. Sincerely MCD Adrian G. / Alt. Felipe O.

District 30 — no report.

RECAP OF ACTIONS

- 1. ACTION:** The English Guidelines and Bylaws, Spanish Guidelines and Bylaws moved May assembly for discussion/vote.
- 2. ACTION:** Motion to request GSO translate the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions into Farsi. Passed unanimously and forwarded to the May assembly as an advisory action.
- 3. FLOOR ACTION:** John R. Finance Committee Chair, Panel 72: Request to increase the budget 2022 ASC meetings to \$2,000 per meeting. Passed unanimously and forwarded to the May assembly for a vote.

ANNOUCEMENTS

Muti-district Bootcamp on March 20, 2022, at Walton Intermediate School

BIRTHDAYS

March Birthdays: Jim B. 33 years; Rolando 15 years

CLOSING

Motion to close by an area member; seconded by an area member.
Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

UPCOMING AREA 09 EVENTS

Pre -Conference Workshop - April 10, 2022, Hosted by District 6. Newport Beach Civic Center 100 Civic Center Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660

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