



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

Hosted by District 25
October 9, 2022
AESC- West Side
15576 Main St
Hesperia CA 92345
and ZOOM conference call

The regularly scheduled meeting of Mid Southern California Area (MSCA) 09 was called to order by Rich W. at 9:19 a.m. Rich welcomed participants and made introductory statements regarding the virtual meeting protocols and led the group in the Serenity Prayer. Total participants: 115

DELEGATE SHARE

Communication is a Reciprocal Responsibility. At the Pacific Region Forum in Salt Lake City UT on September 17, 2022, I facilitated a workshop entitled "Building the Informed Group Conscience." What Is a Group Conscience? Concept Twelve explains that the World Service Conference determine the group conscience "by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity." For practical purposes, "substantial unanimity" means that 2/3 of the delegates vote in favor the motion. From the 2021-2023 Service Manual, "Bill came up with a bold solution. The early leadership of A.A. would be succeeded not by new *people*, but by the collective conscience of the groups in A.A. Bill proposed a plan to create a "service structure" to facilitate Twelfth Step work across the country and around the world. This structure would bring to bear the collective conscience of the groups on matters affecting "A.A. as a whole." At the heart of this structure would be the A.A. groups themselves, providing both the conscience and financial support for A.A. services throughout the Fellowship. It would be a structure to take the place of government in A.A., ensuring that the full voice of A.A. would be heard." The workshop looked at communication and participation as means to build awareness in A.A. members and help to understand how to reach an informed group conscience. The session had two main questions. First, "How do we share the information?" There was great discussion on how the different districts in the Areas prepare and share information that comes from GSO, the Delegate, and the Area. How to inform members on Conference Agenda Items was the example discussed. A.A. members have shared that they do not get the agenda background material soon enough. District officers may not receive the material and groups do not have enough time to arrive at an informed Group Conscience on items. There were some great solutions by have members ready and willing to prepare summaries and get the information out as soon as it comes in. A member suggested presenting Area sharing sessions or workshops to speed up the process for Area sharing. The second workshop question "How can we make changes in the future?" dealt with "Unity". There was great discussion on how the different Districts within Areas would come together and develop different plans to prepare the information from GSO. Having the ideas in place, if there is a gap in communication between groups and the Area, the Districts can help in gather the information to share with groups. Another great point from the discussion was if you do not seek or investigate the information when it becomes available then you are not only doing a disservice to yourself, but also to the group you represent. Having a willingness is key to extending the thoughts of the group conscience. Also, staying excited and motivated were helpful points that are key and essential in all Service work done by the members. Ultimate responsibility for being informed remains with the A.A. members. Kathy R., Area 03 Delegate, gave a presentation at the Pacific Region Forum entitled "Reciprocal Responsibility". Kathy said "tools like the Delegates Report, the Conference Report, and the service sponsor are some of the tools available to help inform me. My reciprocal responsibility is to utilize these tools. If I'm reluctant, then, the negative

consequences apply, like being unpleasantly surprised. If I don't want that negative consequence, then I must take responsibility to use the tools - that's my reciprocal responsibility. The consequence of that action, taking that responsibility, is freedom, for me.”

A Second Flying Blind Period. Southwest Region Trustee Jimmy D. spoke at the 24th national A.A. Archives Workshop in Little Rock AR last week, Friday Afternoon. The phrase “flying blind” is a term Bill W. used to describe the period between Bill meeting Bob in 1935 and writing the Big Book, published in 1939. “That was the end of the flying blind period, next we needed to discover whether we could hold together as groups. We had learned that we might survive as individuals, but could this movement hold together and grow. On a thousand anvils and after a million heartbreaks the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous was also forged out of our experience and what had been a tiny chip, launched in the flying blind time on a sea of alcoholism now became a mighty armada spreading over the world, touching foreign beach heads.” Bill W. speaks at a memorial service for Dr. Bob, on Nov.15, 1952.

The second flying blind period Jimmy spoke about was the period following Bill W.’s death in 1971. As a conference how does A.A. continue without the co-founder? Will there be direction for A.A. based on informed conscience of groups in their role at the top of the inverted A.A. triangle of service? Here is where Concept 4 comes in – *“Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge. “The ‘right of participation’ is the responsibility of all A.A. members when they raise questions but there is also a reciprocal responsibility of A.A. members to be involved with awareness of agenda topics, concerns of groups, districts, and areas, and concerns for A.A. members.*

We may be in a ‘flying blind’ period for the COiv-19 period 2020 to present, a period when we may not understand where we are heading and what the future may hold. But A.A. has encountered these periods of disillusion in our past. In periods of direction Bill W. used the word “providence” to describe the unique result of relieve and grace that comes with spiritual growth. But this spiritual change is not without difficulties. Bill wrote in a 1961 conference talk “A True and High and Constant Purpose”, one of the very great aspects of spiritual growth had to do with dealing with disillusionment about yourself and about other people. It’s one of the most ungodly, painful experiences that humankind can go through, and one of the most beneficial. And it is surely ordained by God, because the only cure for disillusion is forgiveness – first of oneself, knowing that God’s forgiveness is with us always. It is also forgiveness of others; and, little by little, by very slow progress... you come to look upon the weaknesses of other people. Those you like most to look at are those you fancy you don’t have yourself. And you come never to fear these weaknesses. You look at them and say, “Were I in their place, could I have done even so well as that?” I remember what the Good Book says: “judge not, lest ye be judged.” And then, maybe, little by little, falteringly, stumbling, you will say, by God’s grace and lots of pain and exertion, “I ain’t disillusioned anymore, I can love the best in all men and never fear their worst.” P. 120. The answer to “Disillusion is forgiveness”. Bill said in the same 1961 talk, speaking about the conference members at the 1955 GSC “You will remember that in St. Louis, a huge transference took place. We old-timers, realizing that we couldn’t last forever, also realized that a linkage had to be made between you and this vital beacon of service right here. We realized that this Conference had to be established firmly and that you had to be given the opportunity to look after your own affairs worldwide. We had to apply Tradition Two to ourselves, formally passing the ultimate authority and responsibility over to you and to the generations that will follow you. This powerful experiment had to be tried.” P.121. What service has shown me is that despite my weakness, and the weakness of others, we were going to pass A.A. to the members who will come next and A.A. continues to succeed.

Bill W. urged that archives are needed “so that myth doesn’t prevail over fact.” A.A. Guidelines – Archives MG-17 6/2022

Billy N., former Class B Trustee and Chair of NAAAWS spoke at a workshop on Online Archives Anonymity at the National A.A. Archives Workshop, September 24, 2022. In his presentation on

anonymity and personal responsibility, he said “I’m a person who believes the steps are our message, we don’t have any other message. It’s just the steps. And I’m a person who believes that the traditions protect our message. And there’s nothing wrong with protecting it. And I’m a person who believes the concepts perpetuate our message. And one of the things that I’m so grateful for what sponsorship and I think A.A. is going to have a lot of tough choices. The next however long it is 10 or 20 years is to just to decide who we are... A.A. Comes of Age, Language of the Heart, and the *Traditions Illustrated*, will always give you the answer you’re looking for. Always, even if it’s about a technology that didn’t exist in 1948, the same problem existed somewhere.” Questions about how we proceed with hybrid versus in-person meetings, online only events, and the participation of online groups in service are all topics that have been addressed in broad terms in our literature and the history of A.A. But the key remains the responsibility of the A.A. member to be informed and share their experience with their groups, districts, and areas in order to reach an informed group conscience.

Speaking about learning from challenges in our past, Bill W. gave a conference talk to the 1958 General Service Conference, entitled “Constructive Use of Trouble.” Bill described the opportunity for growth, and progress, to be found in time of trouble. Bill said “I think that this particular conference of ours bespeaks more promise and more progress for A.A. than any that have gone before. It holds promise and has been filled with progress because it has the trouble.” p. 125. The challenges of the 1958 GSC produced heated discussion on topics “including vigorous debates over the wisdom of increasing the number of area delegates, as well as lengthening their terms from two to three years; whether or not there should be a paperback version of the Big Book; the pros and cons of the use of chips and emblems. (A fifth California delegate (Area 09) would be seated at future Conferences, but otherwise delegate terms were not increased; no paperback reprint was authorized, since it was felt that a cheap edition would cannibalize hardcover Big Book sales; and. As usual with chips, tokens, and emblems: some people loved them, others did not. In any event, it was considered a matter for focal groups to decide. “ p.131.

At the National A.A. Archives workshop were A.A. members from across the U.S. and Canada who were there to support the mission of A.A. Archivists to save facts to make sure the message is not diluted or wrong. “We owe it to future A.A. members, as well as to historians, scholars and researchers, to maintain as complete a record as we can of this society at all times, so its message, meaning, and contributions, not only to alcoholics but in other problem areas, can be recalled and assessed for whatever future purpose, fully and accurately.”

— NELL WING (NONALCOHOLIC), G.S.O.’S FIRST ARCHIVIST

My sobriety is based on continued work with a sponsor and working the steps, in order to carry the message that changing my life is possible. Maybe there is hope for you? The Traditions protect that message, and the Concepts preserve and protect that message. I cannot break A.A.; the Warranties in Concept 12 are a protection against that. What I can do is accept my role in Reciprocal Responsibility to acknowledge the process of the Conference and support the work of our fellowship when a decision has been made. The tyranny of a minority is not the history of A.A. Concept Five provides for the minority opinion to be heard and “that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.” But Tradition One also calls for unity within the fellowship – “This we owe to A.A.’s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend on our lives, And the lives of those to come.” It is my responsibility to acknowledge that if I am disillusioned, I need to turn to forgiveness. Otherwise, I will become consumed with fear and that is harmful to unity of the fellowship and a threat to my own sobriety.

October Trustees Meeting. Trustees will meet October 29 – 31, 2022 in the General Service Board Weekend, NYC, to discuss preliminary Agenda Items and the progress of A.A.W.S. and Grapevine/La Vina projects. The final Conference Agenda will be discussed to proceed with preparing background material for the 73 GSC Conference. As Agenda Committee Chairs, I will be attending the January 27-30 General Service Board Weekend where Trustees and Conference Committee Chairs meet to the conference agenda.

An updated Preliminary Agenda Items (90.28.2022) in English and Spanish are posted to the MSA 09 website under “General Service Conference (GSO) – Conference Materials.”

Updates for MSCA09!

- 2025 International Convention member engagement survey. As many of you may know, planning is already underway for the 2025 International Convention that will be held July 3-6, 2025, in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. (All responses are anonymous.) Please respond by October 31, 2022, <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/UhCs6p>
- The 72nd GSC Final Report 2022 (English and Spanish) is available on the MSCA 09 website. Print copies may be available to mail/ship the three print versions of “2022 Final Conference Report” the end of October.
- A.A.W.S. is looking for your stories for the 4th Spanish and 5th English Big Book editions and you can submit them online through aagrapevine.org and emails. Details are on flyers linked from the area website under GSO Announcements (04/08/2022).

Honored to be of Service! Mitchell B., MSCA 09 Panel 72 delegate Cell: (949) 278-8263
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12:00 P.M. ASC BEGINS

Call to order with the Serenity Prayer (Rich W.)

READINGS

Declaration of Unity read by Grant. in English / Teresa in Spanish.

GSR Preamble read by Heather in English / Tialli in Spanish.

The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Jay in English / Hector in Spanish.

INTRODUCTIONS

Past Trustees: None

Past Delegates: Ed L., Panel 70 Delegate.

New DCMCs/Alt. DCMCs: None

New Alt DCMs & DCMs: None.

New GSRs/Alt. GSRs: Justin, GSR for Laguna Beach Canyon Club; New GSR for Stars of the Desert

New District Officers: None

Guests: Elisabeth, Guest of District 7

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

APPROVAL OF August 2022 MINUTES

A motion was made by Jay., seconded by Heather., to accept draft minutes from the 14 August 2022 Area Service Committee. All in Favor. None opposed. Minutes approved unanimously.

OFFICERS/DIRECTORS REPORTS

(Submitted in Writing)

Registrar, Don S.: I am Don, I am an alcoholic, currently serving as the Area 09 Registrar. Since my report, at the September 25th, Area EBoard, I attended the October 19th District 8 meeting, the October 2nd Registrar Sharing Session and the October 9th ASC. My work continues on the Fellowship Connection, GSO database, and the Area database. I am continuing to work on the report designs for the Area database. When this work is completed, I will be working with the Technology Committee to create the database and report formats. I am hopeful the first Area Meeting Ad Hoc Committee meeting will be scheduled in the upcoming week. I have been provided the information on the Area Zoom account, but I am having issues connecting with the

translator. Since translation is a major issue, I am determined to work out the details, before our first Meeting. Yours in service, Don Smith. Registrar Area09

Treasurer AP, Carmen M: Hi, my name is Carmen M. and I am an Alcoholic. First of all, I want to thank Bob for covering for me in September while I was recovering from the flu. Since the August Area Service Committee, I was able to meet with Bob and we believe we have the Online QuickBooks all set. I'm familiarizing myself where to find the reports I need to create every month for you all as well as updating the budget. I was able to pay all the expense reports with receipts I received from Bob from the September ASC. And thank you all for submitting your expense reports with copies of your receipts. I also attended the Regional Forum in September which went really well and very exciting, especially hearing the different topics regarding inclusion. I also enjoyed the fellowship one in particular was a newcomer with a little over a year had found the flier and decided to attend without any knowledge of the forum. She was able to meet the delegate of her Area which he made a request for more women to participate in service. I also attend the e-board meeting in August and September. Thank you all for letting me be of service.

Treasurer AR, Bob. H.: My name is Bob and I'm an alcoholic. Thank you for trusting me to serve as your AR Treasurer. Since we last met on 9-25-22 I went to the PO Box in Irvine on 9-30-22 and collected the mail. I finished up processing all the contributions for the month of September totaling \$8,31747 and deposited funds into our bank account. On 10-9-22 I attended the ASC in Hesperia. I collected contributions for a total of \$806.00 and processed them into QuickBooks account and deposited those funds into our bank account. On 10-15-22 I went and collected the mail in Irvine. Also swung by Mitchell's and picked up some toner for the copier machine that he ordered. I'm still processing the contributions I collected. On 10-19-22 I attended the District 8 meeting in Riverside at the Area headquarters/Archives. I was able to finally mail out all the September receipts last week and am still in the process of putting together the August receipts for mailing. Thank you for letting serve! Bob H.

Secretary, Manya W: Hi, my name is Manya, and I am an alcoholic. Since the June ASC, I attended two monthly service studies and the Committee/DCMCs Sharing sessions hosted by Alex W. I also attended the June and July e-board meetings and took notes for both meetings. I also went/participated in the FORO in July –what a fun event. Thank you Districts 2 and 24! Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend yesterday's 4-area DCM Sharing session because of work, but I hear great experiences today at the DCM School – thank you to everyone who attended. I did attend two District 6 meetings in-person (July and August). I also registered for the September Regional Forum in Utah, as well as booked flight and air b n b, so I now committed to going to this awesome event! Furthermore, I prepared/sent the August ASC eblast 7 days before the event and a reminder Friday evening. If you are not receiving my emails, please make sure you are registered/subscribed at [Register for Area 09 Emails \(mailchi.mp\)](mailto:msca09secretary@gmail.com). Thank you to our wonderful translators for doing an amazing job on the translated June ASC minutes. Remember that along with the meeting information, the eblasts include buttons that are links to the agenda, minutes, motions (if documents are provided), and important GSO/area announcements. For example, this month's eblast included updated information on registering for the regional forum, as well as hotel information. You will also notice a link and QR codes to the 2025 International Convention Member Engagement Survey – please take some time to take the survey! I also sent a mid-month email that includes a RE-CAP of actions for the June ASC, as well as the reminder of our monthly service study and other events. I will be sending these emails shortly after the last 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/after the meeting!) If you are a new DCMC or Committee Chair, please email me at msca09secretary@gmail.com, so I can make sure your name is added to the area roster, Moreover, 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. For any district officers or area committee chairs, I am happy to receive your reports and announcements via email or in-person. If you review the latest Reminder e-blast, the DCMC and Committee Reports are now fillable. Thank you, Mitchell for your help on that. You can also complete and send the district and Area 09 committee reports to msca09secretary@gmail.com. Probably the easiest way

to get your report to me is through the WebServant. The Webservant portal will post your report online to our websites, and I will be able to retrieve it for the meeting minutes. 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). Please submit your reports by the first of the month, so I can make sure they are entered in the meeting minutes for the corresponding 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. Also, one last note: I would really appreciate it if you are one who has done any of the readings or introductions for this meeting that you speak slowly and clearly into the microphone because I cannot catch all names via audio for my meeting minutes. If you have any other questions, I am happy to help. Thank you for letting me be of service!

Chair (Rich): Grateful to be sober and honored to serve MSCA09 as your Chair. We are moving into the 2023 Budget process and hopefully the Board members have submitted their budget request forms to assist the Finance Committee in preparing the first draft of the budget. I submitted my budget request form to the AR Treasurer. I was privileged to attend the Pacific Regional Forum September 16-18, 2022. It was so inspiring to be present in one big room with the several hundred AA members in attendance. I attended all the presentations and 2 workshops. Congratulations to our Delegate, Mitchell, and our Alternate Delegate, Alex, for their work conducting workshops. I also attended a breakfast meeting with the Trustee Treasurer of AAWS. He shared some his story about how he got involved with AA as a Class A Trustee, and his experience working on the General Service Board. I attended the September Assembly, the August Eboard meeting, and the Service workshop on zoom. I am working with the DCMCs regarding upcoming Area events to make sure they have information regarding hosting Area meetings and any documentation required by the facilities involved.

Alt Delegate (Alex): When I say Serva you say thon .. Serva thon Serva thon. We will be hosting our area servthon on November 12th so far we have confirmations from almost all our committee chairs/ inland empire central office, H&i area 5 8 and 93 members. And over 80 RSVPS. You do not need to rsvp to attend, but we strongly encourage you to so we can ensure there is food available. This is an area hosted event so it is free and open to all. Cindy and Jerry special thank you for all the hard works you've put in. if you cannot meet us in person, we will be hosting an observation via zoom. Unfortunately, due to the activities taking place it will be nearly impossible to host both. You will be able to hear the room but not interact more than that. If you have any questions or concerns reach out to me and I am happy to help you understand the decision that was made as a committee. The event will have a cocktail hour at 6 and followed by a double speaker meeting and banquet style dinner, I hope you all will come. Our very own servants will be playing music to wrap up the night. This is a strongly suggested dress up event. Roaring 20s or great Gatsby! Have fun with it!!! I attended and hosted a concepts workshop at the pacific regional forum this weekend. It was to all accounts an experience I am grateful to have had. The room was packed, we danced we learned, and we got told to be quiet. Who knew a concept workshop could be so fun!!! The Orange County central office meeting is bringing back the faithful 5 program. They are struggling with contributions, and I invite those who live in the area to check out their local central office. I am apart of the technology committee and treatment committee. I attended both and I encourage those who want to get more involved to please join us, Justin and I up until this month we're a committee of 2 putting on the hybrid meetings and taking care of the website. If you find yourself frustrated and complaining your perfect to help us find solutions!!! Events I attended this past month, I was not able to attend the H&i meeting I was on a plane. Orange County central office meeting, District 1/3 meeting, social convention planning meeting, October board meeting, the All alt delegate meeting in which I hosted October. Two committee meetings, but the most important thing is my home group, meetings in Canada and my business meeting. Its an honor and privilege to serve you, thank you for my life and my sobriety I'm always reachable unless there is no service.

Delegate (Mitchell B.): Hi, my name is Mitchell, and I am an alcoholic. Since the September 11 Assembly in Murrieta, I have been traveling to Pacific Region Forum in Salt Lake City and the 25th

National A.A. Archives Workshop in Little Rock AR. * I have been working with Area 09 groups selected to participate in the 2022 A.A. Membership Survey beginning September 16. GSO has contact me as Area 09 Delegate with a list of meetings to contact to verify there are still active and willingness to participate. I received electronic survey links and print survey forms and have contacted groups with the survey forms they requested. * On September 16, I received the final Proposed Items for the Agenda of the 2023 General Service Conference. This list is up on the MSCA 09 website on September 16 under “General Service Office (GSO) – Conference Materials.” For groups wanting to know what agenda items will be discussed at the October Trustee Meeting when the final Agenda Items List will be discussed and assigned to GSO staff to prepare background information. * GSO has a membership engagement survey for members to respond to planning is already underway for the 2025 International Convention that will be held July 3-6, 2025, in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Given the impact and uncertainty of the Covid-19 virus, it is vital that we obtain feedback from the Fellowship as it relates to domestic and international travel, attendance at large events, and thoughts regarding an in-person event with a partial, limited virtual component, and incorporate the feedback in our planning. * The Pacific Region Delegates hold a monthly call the first Thursday of each month on October 6. * I attended Pacific Region Forum in Salt Lake City UT Sept. 16-18. I facilitated a workshop on Building the Informed Group Conscience. I thank Ryan H. District 05 for his help as scribe for the session. The final report of the Forum will include summaries of all delegate presentations and workshops. * I attended the National A.A. Archives Workshop in Little Rock AR September 22-25, 2022. I gave a presentation on “Digital Archives” on Saturday morning. Archivist Gerry W. and Archives Committee member Raul C. also attended. * A reminder that English stories for the 5th Edition Big Book are due to GSO by October 31. Spanish language stories are due December 31. * 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:
 - a) **Literature:** Francine W., who stepped down as Communications Chair, has asked to step in as Literature Chair. There was not anyone else who stood for chair, so Rich named Francine as interim chair until we are able to vote in December.
 - b) **Communications:** Ed (current newsletter editor) is willing to step in as Communications Chair and Rich named him as interim chair until December.
- 2). **2023 MSCA Calendar:**
 - a). The current calendar shows that the April meeting is on Easter Sunday. However, Mitchell claimed that if we move it to April 16, the conference begins on April 22 and would need to receive materials by April 20. Moving it to the 16th will not be an impediment to Mitchell, but there will not be a lot of time for a group conscience, so the final materials will need to be provided.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion to dissolve the Communication Committee (Francine W)**—Francine explained the motion and showed the motion on the Zoom meeting. She primarily wants it to be discussed.
 - o Questions: Gregory. Since Communications and Tech together maybe communications can be a sub-committee to technology? Can we restructure it to Comm/Technology might be best for the area and in concept 10 have them separated in a way that we are communicating with each other and incorporating the website, etc.? Francine answered: Yes, it is possible.
 - o Ed has five pages of notes submitted to Francine, Chair in August and Vicy the other committee chair. Is it appropriate or can I have permission to submit to the body for the next e-blast? Rich answered that he can submit Ed’s responses and questions that were presented to the next e-blast in November so the body can review the notes, so they are available, and Francine can respond as well.

- Ed had question for Francine and the body. One of responsibilities is to keep inventory of audio, translation, computers, etc. In the absence of this committee, who is going to be responsible for this equipment, seeking best price for replacements, etc.? Francine said that the communications guidelines are not clear about the communications chair duties, but if there is an alternative. Are you willing to amend the motion or withdraw the motion? Francine thinks it is only fair for the body to hear the entire discussion of the motion before anything is withdrawn or amended.
- Jennifer: clarity of motion. In the bylaws there were duties, but they weren't being filled or delegated out? Is that what happened is it possible that we can make sure duties are provided and given back to the chair? Rich clarified that it is guidelines not bylaws. Francine answered no because Tech should be its only committee and should be taken out. Francine said there is a line item in facilities and equipment is a separate line item, along with translation, but why are these separate and not part of communications.
- Vicky question: Is it possible to keep the chair and rework the guidelines as necessary without actually dissolving the committee? Francine said that is why it is bifurcated, so either we dissolve it or restructure it appropriately, so it is clear.
- Tim A: Form of the motion. If I am in favor of restructuring, how will my vote be counting? Can you get an accurate vote count if one votes of dissolution or are you in favor of dissolution? Francine is willing to make it two separate motions, so it is clear that there are two motions.
- Francine said she would delete the first part and rewrite motion to state: "be it resolved that the communications chair be restructured..." She will rewrite motion and Manya will post it to the November eblast for December ASC.

2. Motion to designate time at Area meetings to allow questions and concerns to be brought to the body for discussion (Katherine C., GSR)

- Don question: Friendly amendment? Katherine accepted. Reads Don will send to me and Katherine asked if Don can please provide Katherine with her phone number and email so she can look at the friendly amendment and make that decision.
- Kevin had a question every two month session instead?
- Jessie can a specific amount of time be designated.
- Vicky question: Are meetings going to be extended or will other reports be shortened? Katherine responded. Larry asked a question.
- RECAP ACTION: December will be discussion on the motion.

3. 2023 MSCA09 Budget (John R., Finance Chair).

- John presented budget. Markya had a question. Jay wanted to know where and when it will be posted. Manya said she will send a mid-monthly eblast email and will post budget then. Rozanne had a question. Actual spending was is not correct for me, but I will get with Carmen about that. Francine had a question. If I want to increase the literature budget, John said send to Finance committee chair or A/P treasurer. If you want more than \$600 need to request a formal budget and it can be sent to finance committee chair and we will get it in the next revision. Vicky: Why does area elections not have a budget? Yes, we need to have a budget line item for October 2023 elections. Budget has been moved forward

4. THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL BID FOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

- **Manya W presented the bid in Alex's stead**
- **Manya W made a motion to turn this October ASC into an assembly for the purposes of this motion only**
 - FOR: 19 on Zoom; 25 in person

- **OPPOSED: 2. Minority Opinion:** Concern that we have not enough time to consider this motion so I am opposing. Brian on Zoom is this to turn into assembly for this motion only? Noone changed
 - **Gregory made a Motion** to have our Delegate Mitchell submit the bid questionnaire to host the International convention in 2035. (AAs 100th birthday). Kevin R. seconded.
 - Mitchell explained what we are doing regarding the bid. Kevin explained his experience about the International and supports the motion. Tim supports the motion and said all we are doing is qualifying to be in the running. Jessie brought this to the group and they were enthusiastic. Francine stands in supports in the motion and it has been brought up and we had the international in San Diego and if we are worried about facilities in SD and LA and we are well equipped if we make this decision and are accepted. Ivan supports the motion for the bid; I think of the GSRs who are going to be in the panel; it was a great experience. Isaac in supports the motion and Alex made this information available and a lot of groups I spoke to are in favor of the motion.
 - All in favor for submitting bid: 32; and 25 on Zoom;
 - opposed: 6; minority opinion: Phil L I did not feel like I heard any opinions from GSRs. I feel like we did not get a good consensus of GSRs. Rich: anyone who wishes to change their vote as a result of minority opinion. Noone opposes. Motion passes to December ASC.
 - **Assembly changed back to ASC**

NOTHING FROM THE FLOOR

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Submitted in Writing)

Accessibility English/OPEN —no report.
Accessibility Spanish/OPEN —no report.
Archives/Kevin R. —We meet on the 3 rd Saturday of each month at the MSCA 09 Archives: 9111 Arlington Ave.; Riverside, CA; 6 people were present. We held our regular meeting this month in September. We discussed budget matters; the help the archives can provide to district 4’s Heritage Day. We confirmed participation in NAAAW in Little Rock, AR. We continue to purchase and sell the “Women in Pioneers of AA,” which has been utilized by some of the districts for panel discussions. <u>Upcoming/future Committee events:</u> Heritage Day in November hosted by Districts 8 and 11! Thank you. The Archives Committee is always available to bring a display of historical books, documents, and pictures of fascinating AA History to your convention, conference, and district meetings! Thank you!! Kevin R., Chair.
Communications English/ Francine W. — no report.
Communications Spanish/OPEN —no report.
Cooperation with the Elderly Community/Grant T. — no report.
Cooperation with the Professional Community English/Andrea C. —no report.
Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish/OPEN —no report.
Convention Liaison English/Tim A. — I am pleased to report that our committee continues to be actively engaged in performing its intended area service work. Our committee’s purpose is to staff an information table at AA conventions in and around Area 09. In essence, we remind AA group members how important it is to have a GSR so they are able to participate in AA as a whole, to answer general questions about GSO, and to make free AA literature available for distribution. Since my last report, our committee has been making plans for our participation in the upcoming Southern California Convention at the Pacific Palms Resort and Golf Course in the City of Industry. We are developing our shift schedule

<p>and reaching out to potential volunteers to staff our information table. Join us 11/04/2022 through 11/06/2022 for meetings, panels sporting events and more. Also, I was asked to, and did, attend the September District 19 meeting where I made a presentation on the nature of our committee, it's purpose, and the service opportunity it presents to district members who attend AA conventions in Area 09. Finally, we have ordered several more of our distinctive "We Are Not From Earth/We Are From Area 09" tee shirts so that they will be available to new committee participants at upcoming events. For more information about our committee, please text <u>949/677-0100</u>. In love and service, Tim A.</p>
<p>Convention Liaison Spanish/Hector — no report.</p>
<p>Corrections and Correspondence/Jennifer L —no report.</p>
<p>DCM School English/Rozanne T. —no report.</p>
<p>DCM School Spanish/Melequiades V.— We met in Hesperia— 15574 Calle Principal Hesperia CA 92345—on October 9, and there were 8 attendees. Committee Highlights At the Spanish DCM table, 8 DCMs from districts 20, 22, 23, 24 and 25 were present and a concern was presented based on the DCM brochure to which the DCMs present shared their experiences and the DCM brochure was read to learn more related to the concern of this service. The meeting was very interesting, there were suggestions and good feedback to improve our service. That's all for now, thank you for letting us be of service.</p>
<p>Finance/John R. —no report.</p>
<p>Guidelines and Policies (GAP)/ Maryka O.— no report.</p>
<p>Grapevine/ Debra L. — no report.</p>
<p>GSR School English/Ryan H. — no report.</p>
<p>GSR School Spanish/ Ruben Z. —1). Opening with the Serenity Prayer; 2). Presentation of the GSRs and alternate GSRs and visits; 3). Reading of previous minutes; 4). Concerns or questions regarding the GSRs service o groups; 5). Study of the common agreement among those present 6 Report (end of the session). It opened at 10:10 a.m. with the serenity prayer. 20 members attended including the coordinator and students. On September 9th and October 10th concepts and we had new GSR and veteran members with good participation from all attendees. The meeting was adjourned with a statement of responsibility at 11:15 a.m. Thank you for letting me be of service. Ruben Z.</p>
<p>Hispanic Women's Workshop Planning Meeting (2022). —no report.</p>
<p>La Viña/Erika R. — We met in Hesperia on October 10. Committee Highlights Good morning, fellow A.A. members, my name is Erika, and I am an alcoholic and I attend all the invitations I get as an anniversary and group to give you information. I ordered the books I need for the area display and that's all for now, thank you for letting me be of service. Upcoming/Future Committee Events: There is an invitation for a Hesperia group.</p>
<p>Literature English/OPEN -- no report.</p>
<p>Literature Spanish/Benigno M. — no report.</p>
<p>Public Information English/Stacey A.— no report.</p>
<p>Public Information Spanish/Rolando T.— We met in Hesperia on October 10. Committee Highlights: Good morning, fellow members my name is Rolando, and I am an alcoholic where this meeting started at 10:00 a.m. with the serenity prayer with 5 fellow members and among those who were there we shared how to form worktables and meetings to be able to bring more information to the public since the district 20 committee is planning to hold a workshop very soon. I also received a letter from district 24 to join them on Tuesday, November 1 and I continue to encourage the other districts or DCMs to continue to encourage their committees to come to these meetings so that we can exchange more information and that's all. Thank you for letting me be of service. Rolando T.</p>
<p>Registration/Martin J. — no report.</p>
<p>Remote Communities Committee/Ariel R.— no report.</p>
<p>Treatment Facilities English/Brian – We met on 10/9/22 at the ASC in Hesperia. There were 11 people present at the meeting. Since the last Area meeting in September I have attended the Bridging the Gap</p>

<p>Workshop Weekend held in San Diego. That event was very informative and we gathered ideas and information from other Areas across the U.S. and Canada. Also in attendance was one of our committee coordinators. Brenda B, Treatment Facilities desk from GSO in NY was one of the Guest Speakers. Our committee held it's bimonthly meeting on 9/22 where we had 9 in attendance and had discussions regarding the development of our committee to reach short term goals. Today we had our meeting and there were 11 in attendance. We had three new members join our committee. We also had a visitor, Joseph from Archives. Currently our committee is working on creating Area specific literature for the Bridging the Gap program and Treatment Facilities. Our coordinators are reaching out to all districts DCMC's to get participation at a district level. We have and are updating list of all treatment centers that reside in our Area 9. We have updated our website www.area9btg.org, created QR code and forms to gather Temporary Contact Volunteers for the Bridging the Gap program. We are constantly looking to add to our list Temporary Contacts for Bridging the Gap. There is a signup form at www.area9btg.org. We are also looking for Committee Members, please email our TFC Chair at treatmentfacilitieschair@msca09aa.org. Upcoming/future Committee events: Oct 20 MSCA 09 Service Workshop October 22 - Denver Area Central Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous BTG Workshop - Zoom event. October 27 bi-monthly committee meeting Nov 4-6 70th Annual Southern CA AA Convention Nov 12 Servathon - Committee participation</p>
<p>Treatment Facilities Spanish/Mauricio T. – Met in Hesperia on Sunday, October 10. 2 members present. Committee Highlights: The committee continues to be active and is attending meetings in Garden Grove Alano Club (illegible) where English-speaking committees meet, where various information was shared about the activities of various Treatment Centers, Hospitals and Institutions. Thank you for giving me the opportunity. Sincerely Mauricio D.</p>
<p>Young People/ OPEN—</p>

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 – no report.
District 5, Isaac M., DCMC — We meet on the 2 nd Thursdays of each month at 7:00 pm at the Church of the Foothills in Santa Ana (Hybrid). 61 members are registered with our meeting and 24-32 were in attendance. Our website is district5msca09.com . The PI Chair from Area 09 did a presentation at last month's meeting in September, 9/8/22.

<p><u>Upcoming/future District events:</u> Discussing the implementation of a webmaster position at our district, as well as Treatment Facilities Chair at the district level.</p>
<p>District 6, Kevin R., DCMC—We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6652 Heil Ave. Huntington Beach, CA. 60 are registered in the district and 48 were present in-person and on Zoom. District 6 has a great board this panel. We are all passionate for service to Alcoholics Anonymous and our district. This month we had a fantastic guest speaker, Rozanne, Chair of the Area 09 DCM School, who spoke about her experience at the Pacific Regional Forum. Our committee chairs met in roundtables to discuss events, workshops, and ways to carry the message in our district. Meanwhile, the DCMs met in roundtables with their subdistricts to discuss reaching out to meetings for GSR participants.</p>
<p><u>Upcoming/future District events:</u> The November meeting is being held on November 1, 2022. December is our putluck/catered dinner with a presentation by Mary G. of “Women Pioneers of AA” All are welcome!</p>
<p>District 7— no report.</p>
<p>Districts 8 and 11 — no report.</p>
<p>District 9— no report.</p>
<p>District 10 — Jennifer, DCMC. We meet on the 1st Wednesday at 7:30 pm via Zoom only. 20 are registered and 13 were present. We discussed the 10th Tradition and the 10th Concept. The 10th Tradition inspired a lot of discussion and members were emailed the notes from the previous district workshop. Rich W. attended the meeting and gave an awesome presentation on the concepts in action and the responsibility we all have as GSR representatives. GSRs were encouraged to attend the Area Service Committee meeting. <u>Upcoming/future District events:</u> On November 20th, 1pm-4:30pm, our district's annual workshop will be a roundtable discussion on pamphlets. 2370 E. Orangethorpe Ave, Anaheim, CA, 92806. Introduction, discussions, trivia and prizes! Please attend and share and learn!</p>
<p>District 12— Bob M., DCMC. We meet on the 1st Thursday at 7:30 pm at the Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church. 100+ are registered in the district and 48 attended this month’s meeting. We continue to grow our district meetings with both new GSRs and more attendees from existing groups. We had 5 new GSRs this month, Our Alt-DCMC resigned due to school/work conflicts. Tara F is our new Alt-DCMC. She brings commitment and enthusiasm to our district. Our next district meeting will be 11/3 at 30071 Ivey Glen Drive, Laguna Niguel, at 7:00 pm w/ GSR School/Traditions Concepts Study and 7:30 pm our regular meeting begins.</p>
<p><u>Upcoming/future District events:</u> Traditions Day is November 5 from 2 to 5 pm at the Canyon Club in Laguna Beach.</p>
<p>District 14 — no report.</p>
<p>District 15 — no report.</p>
<p>District 17— Heather B, DCMC. We will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., 10/11/22, at The Springs Community Church: 41735 Winchester Rd. Unit C; Temecula, CA 92590. We are currently working to confirm active groups and our meeting is next week. We are currently working on updating the district website to provide additional links and to incorporate district officer emails, in particular, email accounts for the DCMC and Alt-DCMC. These emails will transfer to the new office holders as the rotation of service occurs. The DCMC and Alt-DCMC were supported in their request by District members to attend the Pacific Regional Forum, and they are so grateful. Both DCMC and Alt-DCMC participated in the forum and attended all opportunities for participation on various subjects during the event. We plan on reporting the experience at our District Business meeting coming up next week.</p> <p>We have also had the great joy of voting in a Spanish-language district liaison who has reached out to our local Spanish language district, District 23, to bridge the gap between the two entities. 3 representatives from District 23 attended our last district meeting and we intend on joining together to have combined service events in both Spanish and English with the goal of carrying the message to the greatest numbers of alcoholics still suffering in this area. We are very excited about the future!</p>

We intend to put together a service vent before the end of the year and will report soon and invite all to attend the function. Our registrar is currently working to clean up the groups, group numbers, and participant rolls of our district so we can accurately report the number of registered groups.

We are looking forward to a great holiday season and have many local activities taking place, which our DCMC may share at the next district meeting if time allows. In the interim, we are hopeful to post future events on our website as we actively update it in the coming weeks.

Upcoming/future District events: We are planning a concepts study with participation by Alt/ Delegate, Alex, in November or early December-TBA soon.

District 18 — no report.

District 19 — no report.

District 20, Erika R. Alt. DCMC – District 20 met on 10/9/22 in Hesperia. 22 were in attendance. Good morning, my name is Erika and I am an alcoholic serving as DCM alternate, the district continues to meet as usual every Monday and their roll call is on Tuesdays and Fridays, we are already working with the groups on the point of the international convention and on October 2 we had a writing workshop for the book of the 4th edition where 13 histories were sent and we are present at the interdistrict meetings. Thank you for letting me be of service. Sincerely Alternate MCD Erika R.

District 21— no report.

District 22— We meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 pm and 9 people were in attendance. Committee Highlights District #22 are working in the same way visiting 2 groups per week and needing [illegible] from the groups and meeting every Tuesday with a study meeting and a work meeting. The district will be hosting our next Interdistrict meeting on Sunday, October 30th at the Nueva Fe group which is located at 50225. Cesar Chavez St. Louis Suite 105 Coachella P.O. Box 92236 **Upcoming/Future Committee Events:** On Oct. 16, the local Coachella Valley forum will be held at the group’s onward group located at 64743 Perez Rd. Suite D. 40 Cathedral City P.C. 92234. On September 24, the Grapevine committee had a writing workshop where they came up with 2 stories.

District 23, Jose G. MCD—We meet on Friday from 7 to 9 pm at 10935 Hole Ave. Riverside CA 92505. 25 groups are registered and 15 to 20 groups attend the meeting. Committee Highlights: The district continues to work, we visit 2 groups per week Monday and Friday and we attend the invitations that the groups send us for their anniversary and also attend the meeting of the 6 districts the last Sunday of each month to exchange ideas on how to work with the new GSRs and motivate the groups. On Sunday October 23rd we will have our 32nd anniversary of the district where we invited all the groups to join us. **Upcoming/Future Committee Events:** Sunday 23rd our anniversary, all the districts have been invited, we hope to count on your presence, thank you very much in advance for letting me be of service.

District 24, Teresa F., MCD— D.C.M. REPORT Fellow members, we continue to hold GSR meetings every Tuesday from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at District 330 N. State College Blvd GSRs every Tuesday from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at District 330 N. State College Blvd. Anaheim CA. 92806. We also continue to visit the groups, paying special attention to the groups that do not have their General Service representative in the District and to those who invite us with a Theme for their planning. We were motivated to attend the Regional Forum the weekend of Friday, September 16 through Sunday, September 18 and District #24 was present and brought information directly from the Trustees of the A.A. General Service Board. we had the opportunity to participate in 2 schedules of workshops and one of them was “How to create an informed group conscience; and the other “How to do the writing for the new edition of the A.A. book; we heard experiences of the Trustees, we lived together and learned a lot more about them and fellow trustees from other areas. EXCITING EVENT! *On Saturday, September 24, we will hold a Writing Workshop for the 4th Edition of the A.A. Book at the District location at 4:00 pm. *Also today, October 9, we have a very important invitation to the XXII. Forum of Area93 in the worktable #11 with the theme “La Viña”; Thank you for allowing me to serve Teresa F.

District 25, Adrian G, MCD— Hoping that you are enjoying these blessed 24 hours of sobriety, I present with pleasure the following report: District 25 reports 24 active and registered groups, two of these are new: "Grupo Mi Nuevo Atardecer de Yucaipa" located at 13340 CALIFORNIA ST YUCAIPA CA 92399 and "Grupo Manos Unidas de Phelan" located at: 11462 WILSON RANCH RD, PHELAN CA 92371. The district has 16 registered GSRs and one new GSR Jose M., from "Manos Unidas de Phelan" and one link from the SB Intergroup Office to our District. In our District meetings we are present an average of 12 members + One Higher Power. We continue meeting four Mondays a month from 7-9PM: First Monday of Reports, Second Monday of Sharing, Third Monday of Business and Fourth Monday of Study. We continue to visit 2 groups per week, Wednesday and Friday. The visits to the groups have been made regularly until today. District 25 has already visited the two new groups and we have added them to our regular visit calendar. We are present several members of the district during the visits to the groups + one Higher Power. District 25 remind you the invitation for our Fifteenth Anniversary on Saturday December 10th, 2022 from 1pm until 9PM at 1979 SPRING MOUNTAIN TRL SAN BERNARDINO CA 92410. We hope to see you there. I feel privileged as a server. God grant us health and many more 24 hours of sobriety to keep us United and in Action. We are more than happy to be the host and have you all here at this ASC. All the GSRs in our District showed their interest and support, I want to thank each and every one of those present here and by zoom, mainly to this Higher Power that is present today, here. Thank you.

District 30 — no report.

RECAP OF ACTIONS

1. **ACTION:** Francine W. presented Communication Committee motion.
 - Questions presented by the body. Francine will revise wording of the motion.
 - Motion forwarded to December ASC-2 for discussion.
2. **ACTION:** Katherine C. presented Motion to designate time at Area meetings to allow questions and concerns to be brought to the body for discussion
 - Questions presented by the body.
 - Motion forwarded to December ASC-2 for discussion.
5. **ACTION:** Many presented motion re: our Delegate Mitchell submit the bid questionnaire to host the International convention in 2035.
 - Questions presented by the body.
 - Procedural motion by Many W. to change ASC into Assembly, which was voted upon and passed.
 - Original motion was made by Gregory. Body discussed, voted. Vote totals: 44 to 5.
 - Minority opinion presented.
 - Original Motion to submit bid questionnaire passe unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chili Cook Off at El Dorado Park—see Harbor OC for more information.

BIRTHDAYS

Ivan, 10/21 – 7 years; Inaudible, 5 years; Gregory, 10/31 – 27 years; Brian, 10/15, 10 years; Ron, 16 years 10/1; Michele, 10/21, 8 years

CLOSING

Motion to close by Kevin; seconded by Julie.

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

UPCOMING AREA 09 EVENTS

Servathon-Nov 12, 2022, 1025 N Vine Av Ontario CA 91762 Hosted by Districts 8&11

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