



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

September 11, 2022 - Hybrid Meeting

In-person meeting hosted by Districts 17
Murrieta Community Center
41810 Juniper St
Murrieta CA 92562

The regularly scheduled meeting of Mid Southern California Area (MSCA) 09 was called to order by Chair, Rich W., at 9:19 a.m. Rich welcomed participants and made introductory statements regarding meeting protocols for both in person and on zoom and led the group in the Serenity Prayer. Attendance: 165 total.

DELEGATE'S SHARING SESSION*:

*This report is also found on the [MSCA website "Delegate's Corner" here](#)

Updates for September 2022: July Trustee Meeting [July 30-August 1, 2022] – New York City. Technology / Communications / Services (TCS): The Committee discussed the inclusion of QR codes that refer to www.aa.org on all pamphlets and agreed to continue the discussion at the October 2022 meeting. The Technology team has made great progress and is using NetSuite's native Support Case functionality to support translation and license requests (four complete for A.A. India, five in process for A.A. Japan).

AAWS Publishing: Publication Operations: Printing updates Back in Stock:

Big Book hardcover, English (B-1); Big Book, French hardcover (FB-1)

Big Book, Spanish softcover (SB-30)

Big Book, large print, abridged English (B-24)

Big Book large print, English (B-16)

Big Book, large print, Spanish (SB-16)

Big Book, large print, abridged French (FB-24)

As Bill Sees It, Spanish (SB-18)

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, French (FB-14)

A. in Prison: A Message of Hope (B-13) [Retitled edition]

Living Sober, French (FB-7)

Came to Believe, French (FB-6)

Backorders and Estimated in-Warehouse Dates:

Big Book, abridged pocket softcover English (B-35) – October

Big Book, pocket edition Spanish (SB-35) – February 2023

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, large print English (B-14) – December

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, large print Spanish (SB-14) – September

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, softcover French (FB-15) – August

Daily Reflections, English (B-12) – early August

Daily Reflections, large print English (B-19) – early August

Daily Reflections, Spanish (SB-12) – mid-January 2023

As Bill Sees It, English (B-5) – August

As Bill Sees It, large print English (B-27) – September

Came to Believe, large print English (B-26) – September

Living Sober, large print English (B-25) – August

Pass it On, hardcover English (B-9) – November

Bob and the Good Oldtimers, hardcover English (B-8) – January 2023

Group Services: The topic of developing a policy and procedure surrounding A.A. Group names as it relates to listing Groups is being discussed at the Staff and Board level.

AA Grapevine Upcoming Magazine Topics through 2022:

August: Sober Travel,

September: Young and Sober,

October: Relapse (prevention), and

November Gratitude and Fun in Sobriety.

Upcoming Grapevine Books, Currently Available:

Fun in Sobriety.

The A.A. Grapevine Board considered a 73rd General Service Conference proposed agenda item PAI8 from the Easy Does it Group, Area 23: "Motion is made that the revision to the A.A. Preamble replacing the words "Men and Women" with the word "People" at the 71st General Service Conference by advisory action, be rescinded and the original wording restored." The Board tabled this discussion until October 2022.

AA La Viña Upcoming Magazine Topics (2022):

July – Aug.: Prison Issue,

– Oct.: No Matter What, and

– Dec.: La Viña Short Stories.

Instagram Update, thru June 30, 2022:

AA Grapevine has 7,868 "followers" and La Viña has 936 "followers."

Grapevine Podcasts: Come check us out, Mondays, at: <https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast>

General Service Board Working Retreat was held on Friday (July 31) with all Trustees in attendance. The working retreat allowed new and continuing GSB members to have a shared opportunity to develop an understanding of various items based on information shared by all of us. This is part of the effort to utilize the information from the "strategic planning" in January which highlighted the need to improve communication generally and then, especially among Board members. Public Information (PI): The Committee reviewed current reports for "Sobriety in A.A.: My Drinking Built a Wall" and "Sobriety in A.A.: When Drinking Is No Longer a Party." There have been approximately 34,833 English TV airings and 16,956 Spanish TV airings. As of this report the Canadian PSAs aired an additional 1,209 times, bringing total airings to 4,078. See also: <https://www.aa.org/downloadable-videos> .

Membership Survey: The work of the survey is progress and will be sent out mid-September. Finance and Budget Contributions – Unaudited: The board accepted the Finance department reports in March, June and July, highlighting the following information: Year-to-date contributions (six months ending June 30, 2022) are \$5,011,648. This represents 50% of the 2022 budget of \$10,000,000 (with 50% of the year elapsed) and is \$35,332 more than last year. Year to date, 22% of contributions have been received online. On average, a contribution made online costs \$2.67 less to process than a contribution made by check. Literature – Unaudited: • Year to June 30 gross literature sales are a little over \$5.8 million (rounded). This represents 52% of the 2022 budget of \$11,000,000. But there's more to the story – our "cost of goods sold" continues to rise because of the increased cost of paper, postage, publishing, and other supply chain-related expenses. Expense – Unaudited: Year to June 30 payroll and benefits expense (for our valued GSO employees) is a little over \$4.7 million, which is 47% of the budget amount with 50% of the year elapsed (so, we're pretty much on budget). Total operating expense year to June 30 is around \$8.2 million (a little more, actually) which is also 47% of the budget amount with 50% of the year elapsed. Overall Deficit or Surplus: Our overall operating deficit year to June 30 is around \$114,000 compared to a budgeted deficit of \$797,000. All things considered, we're ahead of budget. Reserve Fund – Unaudited: As detailed by Kevin Prior, our non-alcoholic Treasurer of the General Service Board, our Reserve Fund continues to hover at just under 8 months (7.65 to be more specific) and we'll be reforecasting our General Service Board, A.A. World Service Board, and A.A. Grapevine Board budgets, respectively. Early estimates are that our Prudent Reserve will decline slightly due to overall increased expenses (which all of us, on Trustees' Finance and Budget, are tracking). Trustees' Committee on General Service Conference: The planning and implementation phases of the second year of Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) process is underway. The committee reviewed all the Conference feedback noting what worked well along with those and practices that will benefit from improvement. The Subcommittee on Process Improvements (SPI) was requested to give particular attention to developing an approach to accommodate Conference member participation in the event of a Covid breakout, and other possible situations, which might result in members not being present in meeting rooms during Conference week. Review Draft 2023 Conference Week Schedule: The Committee reviewed the 2023 Conference Week schedule, which includes the reinstatement of the Area Highlights in alignment with a 1961 Advisory Action. Although it is customary to

alternate annual visits to our GSO/Grapevine Office and Stepping Stones, the Committee agreed to schedule the Tuesday GSO trip – during the 2023 Conference week – while deferring the Stepping Stones trip to 2024. The committee discussed three requests for representatives from general service structures outside of the U.S./Canada structure to attend the 2023 GSC as observers and recommended Daniel Gutarra, trustee member of the Peru General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, or their substitute, and Gonzalo Teodoro Montaña, General Custodian of the Southern Territory for Central Mexico General Services of Alcoholics Anonymous, or their substitute, and an International Delegate, on behalf of the Poland General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, be approved to attend the 2023 U.S./Canada General Service Conference as an observer. Trustees' Committee on Literature. The Literature Desk has been working with the GSO Technology Services department to create a dedicated story submission page for the Fourth Edition of the Spanish Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*, and the "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic" pamphlet update. The submission tool features easy-to-find writing guidelines and a story upload function, and is available in English, French and Spanish on the aa.org website. <https://www.aa.org/submit-bigbook-spanish-4th>. Submission of personal stories for the Fifth Edition (Due October 31st) – An announcement was widely shared through Box 4-5-9 and through Conference communication channels that story submissions are being accepted. We are delighted to invite A.A. members to contribute your stories of recovery to the Fifth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous. The trustees' Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. experience, strength and hope from the Fellowship. The deadline for story submissions is October 31st. <https://www.aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th>. Big Book: An order for jacketed (with the "dust cover") English-language Big Books (B-1) is currently in process and scheduled to ship August through October. After the board's approval, implementation has begun on the new jacket-less format for the next printings of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous. The first printing of the new cover format English-language Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, is scheduled to start printing in mid-October, to be completed November/December 2022. Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions: The next print run for the "Twelve and Twelve," in English-language and French-language editions, to receive this same jacketless format switchover. • The first printing of the new format is expected in November or December 2022. Trustees' Committee Nominating Foreshadowing April 2023, the positions of Northeast Regional Trustee, Southwest Regional Trustee, and Trustee-at-Large Canada will be up for rotation. Trustees Committee on International Convention/ Regional Forums: Regional Forums: See: www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_rf_calendar-poster.pdf. Updates were given on the two successful in-person Regional Forums have taken place in Canada already: Charlottetown, PEI, in May and Winnipeg, Manitoba, in June. We look forward to the Pacific Regional Forum slated for Salt Lake City in September and the Southeast Regional Forum planned for New Orleans in December. International Convention: The first dispatch of the 2025 International Convention Member Engagement Survey (Survey to help us to better plan for the International Convention.) proceeded Friday, July 29, with a Fellowship-wide distribution including, but not limited to, Conference members, Intergroup/Central Offices and International GSOs. Originally, it was understood that the question regarding closing the "Big Meeting" with the Lord's Prayer would be added to the 2025 International Convention Membership Engagement Survey. However, it was decided after the General Service Conference to launch a separate survey dedicated to this specific question. It was also reported that the Metro Vancouver Convention; Visitors Bureau created a special video highlighting Vancouver as a destination and tailored for the 2025 IC. The video will be added to the IC 2025 portal on aa.org website. Trustees' Committee Treatment Facilities / Accessibilities/Loners and Internationalists. In response to a Conference Committee consideration, work has also begun on gathering more stories for the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic" with a goal to have a broader, more diverse representation of A.A. experience. Online Groups: Virtual Groups continue to grow – currently we have 718 virtual Groups that have listed with GSO and are participating in the US/Canada General Service Structure. Out of those 718 virtual Groups, there are 558 GSRs and 143 alternate GSRs. There are, as of now, 371 meetings in "Area 95" (i.e., miscellaneous file). Group Services, the International Desk, and the Staff Coordinator are communicating with these Online meetings to ascertain whether they would like to be listed as Groups and if they would like to participate in the US/Canada General Service Structure. The Conference Committee discussed the request for a progress report from the General Service Board's Ad Hoc Committee on the Participation of Online Groups in the US and Canada service structure be included as background for the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions in advance of the 73rd General Service Conference. As such, the chair of the Ad Hoc Committee confirmed that this request will be met. Trustees' Committee Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): The LinkedIn page now has 2,036 followers. Several new posts were shared, which can be seen at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/aaworldservicesinc>. Trustees' Committee Archives: A newly revised Archives Workbook (M-44i), encompassing about three years of changes, was printed (English version, so far) in July. The

workbook contains new shared experience from local archivists, revised policies, and other miscellaneous updates. The Spanish and French translations are already in progress. The Committee discussed the section “Conducting Interviews of A.A. members in American Sign Language (ASL)” in the draft “Archives Guidelines for Conducting Oral Histories.” Considering concerns expressed around anonymity and filming full faces when working with A.A. members who are Deaf, the Committee requested that Michelle Mirza, our non-alcoholic Archivist, provide more information on this topic from nationally recognized ASL associations. 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.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). A reminder. The General Service Board is implementing the second year of equitable distribution of the Conference workload, all proposed Agenda Items must be submitted by September 15, 2022 and the form has been posted on the website under GSO-Conference Materials. Activities within the Pacific Region The 2022 National A.A. Technology Workshop is wrapping up today. It was held September 9-11, 2022 as hybrid with in-person in Tukwila, WA and I attended the online portions. I will be presenting on Digital Archiving at the National A.A. Archives Workshop in Little Rock AR on September 22-25, 2022. Also attending will be Area 09 Archivist, Gerry W., and Archives Committee member Raul C. Bridging the Gap Conference – San Diego CA – Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, 2022 News from New York: The Pacific Regional Forum will be held on September 16-18, 2022 in Salt Lake City UT hosted by Area 69. There is no registration fee for the event that will be held at the Marriott Downtown @ City Creek 75 W Temple St., Salt Lake City, Utah. Honored to be of Service! Mitchell B., MSCA 09 Panel 72 delegate Cell: (949) 278-8263 Email: msca09delegate@gmail.com.

READINGS

Declaration of Unity read by Grant in English / Mireya. in Spanish.
GSR Preamble read by Heather. in English / Jose R. in Spanish.
The Statement of Purpose for Membership (Area Assembly Purpose) read by Elizabeth in English / Fernando in Spanish.

INTRODUCTIONS

Past Delegates: Jesus O., Panel 68;
New Alt DCMCs & DCMCs: None
New Alt DCMs & DCMs: None
New Alt GSRs and GSRs; Donna, Hemet meeting; Sean, Hemet; Erica, GSR for OC H&I.
New District Officers; None
Guests and Visitors: Horacio (visitor); Michael Unity Hall Menifee volunteer
Officers: Registrar; Treasurer, A/R; Secretary, Alternate Delegate, Delegate, and Chair all present in-person; Treasurer A/P absent (sick).

APPROVAL OF MAY 15, 2022 ASA MINUTES

Approval of Draft Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes of 15 May 2022. Jay R. (in person) made a motion to approve minutes, Bob M.. (on Zoom) seconded. All in favor to approve minutes. May Minutes approved.

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 August 14th, Area ASC, I attended the August 28th Area EBoard meetings and the August 17th District 8 meeting. I will be attending the Registrar Sharing Session, later this evening. My work continues on the Fellowship Connection, GSO database, and the Area database. I have started 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. As of August 28th, Registrar Office Hours were cancelled. When registering, please provide complete information and write clearly. As of this time, GSO is back ordered on GSR Kits in both English and Spanish.

Digital kits are available. Please contact me, if you need the link for the digital kits. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. Yours in service, Don Smith Registrar Area09.

Treasurer Accounts Payable – 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 she 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 Accounts Receivable – Bob H.: My name is Bob and I'm an alcoholic. Thank you for trusting me as your AR Treasurer. I started collecting contributions for August at the ASC on 8/14/2022. I collected a total of \$1,197.00. those funds were entered into our QuickBooks account and deposited into our Bank of America account on 8/15/22. I went to our PO Box in Irvine and collected the mail. Contributions totaling \$5,066.86 were entered into QuickBooks account. On 8/31/2022 I went back to Irvine and collected the mail and contributions totaling \$1,453.38 were entered into QuickBooks. I also entered our PayPal contributions for August into QuickBooks for a total of \$1,777.40 and transferred those funds into our Bank of America account. We are in a transition of our QuickBooks account from desk top version to online. This has had its challenges. We need to figure out a few things and receipts for August might take a little longer to mail to groups. Please let your groups know. Also on 8/17/22 I attended the District 8/11 meeting in Riverside and on 8/28/22 I attended the Area E-Board meeting via zoom. Thank You, Bob H.

Secretary – Manya W.: Hi, my name is Manya, and I am an alcoholic. Since the August ASC, I attended the monthly service study and the Committee/DCMCs Sharing sessions hosted by Alex W. I also attended the August e-board meetings and took notes for both meetings. I did attend two District 6 meetings in-person and had the priviledge of hearing our Pacific Region Trustee Kathy the importance of committee work at the group, district, and area level. Who is excited for the September Regional Forum in Utah? Very excited to be attending next week with one of my fellow former district 6 compadre and supporting our delegate and alternate delegate in their wo their workshop discussion! Furthermore, I prepared/sent the September ASA eblast 7 days before the event and a reminder Saturday morning. If you are not receiving my emails, please make sure you are registered/subscribed at [Register for Area 09 Emails \(mailchi.mp\)](#). Thank you to our wonderful translators for doing on amazing job on the translated May ASA 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 links to our new Area 09 Newsletter (also found on the home page of the website), the various call for stories that Mitchell mentioned in his delegate's report, information on the Bridging the GAP workshop in San Diego at the end of this month, and updated information on registering for the regional forum happening next week. 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 reminder of our monthly service study and Committee/DCMC Sharing session via Zoom this Thursday, September 15. 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 at 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!

Area Chair – Rich W.: Thank you, District 17, for hosting today's Assembly. Julie and her team did a great job, despite some of the additional challenges (like a hurricane?!). Today we all remember the tragedy of September 11 on the 21st anniversary. I am grateful for Alcoholics Anonymous as it provided me with a safe space to go when I was in a state of shock and grief. May we all do our part in keeping that safe space available for all alcoholics. It is time to prepare our 2023 MSCA budget and I hope all the Standing Committees have prepared their budget request forms. If you haven't, please check in with John R., the Finance Chair to get your request in before the first draft is prepared. I am excited that the Pacific Regional Forum is next week and I hope to see lots of Area 09 folks participating. Our Area Delegate and Alternate Delegate are going to host workshops which I'm sure will be very informative. The full program is available online on the Pacific Regional Forum website. I prepared the Agenda for the today's Assembly, I updated the 2023 MSCA09 calendar which will be on the Agenda today for approval by the body. I attended the Eboard meeting for August, the Area Service Workshop on zoom, and communicated with several DCMCs regarding hosting Area meetings. I also was given the opportunity to share on the 12 Concepts with the 12 by 12 group in Long Beach. I am available to any District, Committee, or Group to be of service in any way I can. Thank you for allowing me to serve. In love and service, Rich W. MSCA09 Panel 72 Chair.

Alternate Delegate Alex W.: Many are here today because of the general service work performed decades ago. Many will get and be sober because of the work being done today. To those who've I've gotten to spend time with this month, in the trenches I say thank you for being a part of this profound awakening I am in the middle of. Tim Ayers our convention liaison thanks you for showing up having a group of people inform those curious about area what general service is. District 12 and Jeryl going to the picnic on Labor Day was everything general service is. Fun free and invigorating. At the South Bay round up, when asked what I do for our area I danced because what were faced with is serious what we are doing here is serious. But I don't have to be so serious. District 17 thank you for hosting and bringing aa to your area. There are two types of people in aa those that are showing up saving face then those who are focused on our primary purpose. We had two pre release inquires in our area, thank you Chris in district 1/3 for not asking any questions just saying I got this. Brian our new treatment chair is on fire, and I look forward to working together this next year as a member of their committee. To the Spanish inter district meeting thank you for allowing me to be a part of and having such wonderful conversations. Our Spanish community goes to any lengths to be United, and I am inspired. I will be at the Pacific regional forum this weekend; I have been asked to speak and host a workshop on concepts 3_5 I think plus on Saturday night if your free it should be a good time. I am helping host all SoCal H&I meeting at the end of the month, but I will be attending that meeting and our board meeting from 7000 feet as I will be flying to Canada for work. I am working on a big project with treatment corrections bridging the gap and all the H&Is in area 9. We are hoping to host a meeting in late January as a meet and great to hopefully start working together and helping more alcoholics. This Wednesday I will be at Orange County central office meeting. I encourage anyone who is curious and wants to learn more to attend. Our area committees sharing session. It is hosted on the Third Thursday of every month from 6-7pm on zoom prior to our service manual study. This month we will have a guest speaker speaking on corrections I mentioned last month I do two traditions studies a year and concept studies. If you would like to join us spring 2023 please let me know. Additionally, we are putting together a document for top 5 ideas to get committees started to please send any successful things your committee has done to us so we can print and have a available- we have yet to get any

comments. We have the zoom videos under confidentiality on the alt delegate page from the past meetings to refer to. Events I attended, the H& sept. central office meeting, District 1/3 meeting the FORO, So Cal convention planning meeting and will be District 20our September board meeting, the All alt-delegate meeting in which I will be sharing in October. Mitchell sent out the trustees' report, board weekend and preliminary agenda items I have read them all in its entirety. LASTLY, the Servathon is coming up ,,,, if you are a committee chair, we are asking for you to attend with a booth we 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. It's an honor and privilege to serve you, thank you for my life and my sobriety truly.

Delegate Mitchell B.: Hi, my name is Mitchell, and I am an alcoholic. Since the August 14 ASC in Long Beach I attended the Eboard meeting August 28 on Zoom. * The 2022 A.A. Membership Survey will be rolling out in September 2022. 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 have been working with DCMs and members to reach out to groups to verify their status, as active or inactive, and how they want to receive the survey questions, online or paper. * On August 21, I attended the Area 93 Area Assembly and participated in their Area Inventory as a table moderator, along with Jesus O. as scribe. * Summaries of July FORO Table reports in English and Spanish are posted on the MSCA 09 website under "Area 09 Information – FORO." * 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 September 1. * G.S.O. has a Call for Stories – "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never Too Late" in English and Spanish due September 23, 2022. * G.S.O. has sent our many new documents at the end of August that are on the MSCA 09 website. Proposed Items for the Agenda of the 2023 GSC. * The 72nd GSC Final Report (Anonymity Protected) in English and Spanish available on the website. Print copies will be shipped in mid-October. * I attended the monthly Service Study Meeting online on the third Thursday of the month on August 18. * I received document from GSO and Area 09 and the following documents are added to the Area 09 website: Advisory Actions (1951-2022) [English and Spanish] (anonymity-protected form); GSO Donor Contributions Q1 2022 and GSO Donor Contribution Q2 2022. * I attended the National A.A. Technology Workshop online September 9-11, 2022, except for this morning. * I have registered for the Pacific Regional Forum in Salt Lake City UT September 16-18, 2022, and have arranged my hotel and travel details. * I will be giving a workshop on Digital Archives at the National A.A. Archives Workshop in Little Rock AR September 22-25, 2022. * Thank you for letting me be of service.

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Standing Committee Chair positions— Rich mentioned open positions (from May ASA minutes) Literature, Accessibilities, CPC Spanish, Young People's Chair

Motion to Approve Updated Guidelines==introduced by Maryka O. GAP Chair

- Rich opened for discussion. No discussion.
- Original vote: All; none opposed.
- Original Motion PASSES unanimously

Motion regarding changing Guidelines==introduced by Maryka O. GAP Chair

- Rich opened for discussion. Some members discussed their reasons for opposition to the motion. Mitchell discussed the various updates, but he mentioned that he doesn't think the motion is necessary. He believes it will be an ongoing issue. Don mentioned that motion is unnecessary as GAP is not a regulatory committee. Gregory opposed to motion. Francine mentioned that why this motion is important. We need to potentially think what will happen down the road. If we do not accept motion, the next person in line will have a hard time with upcoming motions.

- Original vote 12: All; none 30. Minority opinion shared their opinions. No one changed vote as result of minority opinion.
- Original Motion FAILS.

Motion to support the Executive Board in attending the Pacific Regional Forum

- Rich opened for discussion. No discussion.
- Original vote all in favor: 30; 4 opposed. Minority opinion shared their opinions.
- Original Motion PASSES unanimously

2023 MSCA Calendar

- Rich opened for discussion. Discussion and questions ensued.
- Original vote all in favor: 44; 1 opposed. Minority opinion shared their opinions.
- Original Motion PASSES unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Floor motion regarding Communication Committee—Francine W. introduced motion that will be discussed at the October ASC regarding dissolving the Communications Committee.

Announcement regarding bid for 2035 International Convention—Alex W. introduced information on submitting the bid and the possibility of turning the ASC into an Assembly at the October ASC. Today is an opportunity to hear the proposed motion and bring it back to the groups before we vote on it in October (deadline is November).

COMMITTEE REPORTS
(submitted in writing):

Accessibilities English - no report
Accessibilities Spanish - no report
Archives Kevin R. - no report
Communication English, Francine W. -
Communication Spanish - no report
CEC Grant R. -- The Cooperation with the Elderly Community (CEC) met on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Murrieta Community Center. There were 5 Committee members in attendance. Committee Highlights: Accessibilities Checklist; Outreach & Follow Up Senior Facilities Packets; Review Draft Letter; Review Literature handouts. County Dept. Aging, DMC other Districts – Presentations, Health Fairs/Professional Groups; Zoom Follow up Meeting before 10/9/22 ASC Meeting Upcoming/Future Committee Events: Send Outreach and Follow Up Packets; Area Presentation
CPC English Andrea -- no report
CPC Spanish -- no report
Convention Liaison English Tim A. Good morning. 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 attended the 38th South Bay Round Up in Redondo Beach. We also attended District 12’s Labor Day Picnic. Our distinctive "We Are Not From Earth/We Are From Area 09" tee shirts were proudly worn by committee members at both events. We are currently scheduled to attend the SoCal Convention in November at the Pacific Palms Resort and Golf Course in the City of Industry. For more information about our committee, please text 949/677-0100 . In love and service, Tim A.
Convention Liaison Spanish Hector R. – Good morning, fellow members; I am Hector, and I am an alcoholic, and I want to inform you that I was present at the August area meeting in Whaley Park 5620

Atherton St. Long Beach, CA, where I participated in the G.S.R. table, as well as the interdistrict meeting that was held in Tustin in district # 20.
Corrections and Correspondence Jennifer L. -- The Corrections Committee met on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Murrieta Community Center. There were 5 Committee members in attendance. Committee Highlights: Discussed differences + overlap of H&I and Corrections committee. Sent La Viña subscription to inside AA member. Upcoming/Future Committee Events: Goals/tasks: Develop “Contact upon release” list. Please email alcoholicstuff@gmail.com with a name, # and a location (city?) you are in.
DCM School English Rozanne T. -- no report
DCM School Spanish Melequidas -- The Spanish MCD School met on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Murrieta Community Center. 12 were in attendance: 6 MCDs, 5 visitors, and the MCD Chair. Committee Highlights: The meeting began with the serenity prayer and the introduction of the attendees. Continuing with the meeting, a service agenda was presented for review, correction, and approval, being approved by the MCDs and alternates to improve our service table. In another matter, a MCD alternate raised a concern about how to motivate the service groups to send their RSGs. It was prioritized with a lot of information based on the world service manual and the experiences of the MCDs. It was prioritized with a lot of information based on the world service manual and the experiences of the MCDs. At this meeting, we had a speaker to lead and get the best out of this meeting. Upcoming/Future Committee Events: That’s all for the moment; Thanks to God and you for letting me do a service. Sincerely: Coordinator Melquiades G.
Finance John R. -- no report
Guidelines and Policies Maryka O. -- no report
Grapevine Debra L. -- no report
La Vina Erica -- no report
GSR School English Ryan H. -- The GSR School met on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Murrieta Community Center. There were 10 Committee members in attendance. Committee Highlights: There was a lot of excitement for GSRs taking on their new commitments. There was a lot of great questions of duties and responsibilities. Some discussion about the availability of the GSR Packets. I have been in contact with our Delegate who has a willingness to help us with resolving this problem. Upcoming/Future Committee Events: Next month’s meeting
GSR School Spanish Ruben -- The Spanish RSG School met on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Murrieta Community Center. Seventeen members attended and opened with the serenity prayer. We studied the 9th concept with the excellent participation of all those attending, continuing to learn the concepts to take better information to our groups and motivate the service. To date, we have had good results and attendance at all meetings. Thank you for letting me be of service. Ruben Z. We finished at 11:20 a.m. with the responsibility statement.
Literature English -- no report
Literature Spanish Benigno -- no report
Public Information English, Stacey A. – the chair attended district 5 meeting on September 5 th (in-person) and gave a PI presentation to GSRS/engaged participation. Had 4 sign-ups. Plan to attend the Pacific Regional Forum in September in Salt Lake City, Utah. Upcoming/future committee events: PI committee meets once a month on Zoom. Call or text Stacey at 714-727-8935 for Zoom information or visit Public Information - Mid-Southern California Area 09 (myftpupload.com) to scan the QR code for sign-up list.
Public Information Spanish -- no report
Registration Martin -- no report
Remote Communities Ariel R. -- no report
Technology Justin V. -- no report
Treatment Facilities English, Brian W. – The treatment committee met at the ASA and there were 8 members present, plus one guest. We discussed the Treatment Committee: What it is our objectives, and agenda. We discussed roles and responsibilities for the committee, chair, secretary, literature, H&I Central Offices, District coordinator, technology, and facility coordinator. We then had the committee members volunteer for said roles. We discussed the upcoming Briding the Gap workshop in San Diego, CA on 9/30. Upcoming/future committee events: Friday, 9/22/22 – Treatment Facilities Committee Meeting; Friday, 9/30 – 10/2: BTGWW Workshop – San Diego, CA
Treatment Facilities Spanish Mauricio -- no report

Young Peoples AA Jenny H. -- no report
Hispanic Women's Workshop Tlalli H.: - no report

COORDINATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

(submitted in writing):

AOCYPAA – no report.
SLACYPAA – no report.
TRICPAA – no report.
DCYPAA – no report.
HASBYPAA – no report.
SOCALYPAA – no report.
INTERGROUPS – no report.
CENTRAL OFFICES – no report.
H&I COMMITTEES – no report.

DISTRICT REPORTS

(submitted in writing):

District 1 and 3 – no report.
District 2 – no report.
District 4 = no report.
District 5 – no report.
District 6, Kevin R. – Meets on the 1 st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm via ZOOM and at 6652 Heil Ave. HB, CA. 48 present during the meeting. District 6 is a fun and lively District that includes the Coastal Cities of Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, Sunset Beach and Fountain Valley. Our District includes Alano Clubs such as the Newport Club, Thursdays in Sunset, Fountain Valley Alano Club and HOW Hall. We operate a hybrid meeting to be inclusive and accommodate all. This month in addition to our normal board reports we had early meetings of our GSR school for new GSRs; a meeting with the DCMs and Committee Chairs which is hosted by Chelsea P our Alt DCMC and new this month was the re-start of our Service Manual Study Group hosted/moderated by Skip one of more active GSRs. Thanks Skip. The highlight of our meeting was our guest speaker Kathy F. speaking on the subject of the "Importance of Committee Work at All Levels, District, Area and GSO. Kathy is the past Delegate from Tucson, AZ and most recently was our very own past Pacific Regional Trustee. Kathy rotated off in just thus last May as our Trustee!!!! Kathy appeared by zoom and gave a wonderful talk on this topic and her experience in service in Alcoholics Anonymous. We had an opportunity to elect new chairs and fill changes to our committee chairs. Finally we have appointed and Ad Hoc Committee co-chaired by Chelsea and Mariah, our Registrar to look into and reach out to the unrepresented meetings in our district. Shout out to all my board members for their hard work and support; Thanks Chelsea, Rob, Whitney, Ariel and Mariah. You're the greatest!!
District 7 – no report.
Districts 8 and 11, Jerry S. District 8 & 11 District Committee Meeting September 21, 2022. ZOOM MEETING: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81358831671 . IN-PERSON: MSCA 09 Area 09 Archives building: 7111 Arlington Avenue. Suite B, Riverside California 92503. Total Attendance – 28 (On site 15 + Zoom 13). District Highlights: Happy Birthdays Dave T. 25 years today, September 21! District 8/11 now has a“PayPal button” (for contributions) in the District 8 area, on the MSCA website. Committee Chair Reports: Archives: Joseph H September 4, 2022, I attended the Pacific Regional Archivist Forum along with Mitchell B.. MSCA 09 Delegate and Gerry W., MSCA 09 Archivist September 17, 2022, MSCA 09-Archives Committee meeting Discussion of the upcoming "HERITAGE DAY," being hosted by District 8/11 in November 2022 follow-up with Kevin R. (Archies Chair) Gerry W. (MSCA 09-Archivist), possibly with Bob H on the Archives Committee The MSCA 09-Archives publication of "WOMEN PIONEER OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS," is available for purchase from the MSCA 09-Archives Committee (both English & Spanish) for the purchase cost of\$ 5.00 at the MSCA 09/Archives Repository. Alyce E. stepped down from CPC Chair and this is now an open position. Public Information (PI): Sharon K. is the new chair Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC): Grant T. Stressed importance of groups and meetings taking the SMF-208 Accessibilities Checklist to their meetings to check for

<p>ADA compliance and accessibility (parking, entrance, lobby, meeting area, restrooms, food and literature areas). Corrections: Teri M. gave information on “Bridging the Gap” workshop coming up in San Diego Teri M. Is leading the effort on the annual IE. Alkathon planning. H&I Liaison: Sharon K. deferred report to Dave T. the H & I chair. District 11 Ad Hoc Committee Meets every 4th Thursday. Grapevine (GV): Don S. stepped in as Chair and states he will continue to conduct GSR school as scheduled. Upcoming/Future District Events: Serve-a-thon Will be at the Ontario Masonic Lodge on November 12 Jerry S Cindy V and Alex W Committee members. Serve-a-thon update, hosted by our District. November 12th Call for volunteers, Submitted by Jerry S. DCMC Panel 72</p>
<p>District 9 – no report.</p>
<p>District 10, Jennifer L, DCMC – District 10 meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. online only (Zoom). 19 are registered in the district and 12 were present. District Highlights: 1. The list of unrepresented meetings was distributed. Attendees agreed to visit/attend one meeting and make an introduction announcement/promote involvement. 2. Information regarding additional opportunities for service (committee chairs at district level, etc.). 3. Encouragement for members to attend Area 09 meeting. 4. Promoted informed group conscience. 5. Discussed details for upcoming (11/13) workshop. Pamphlets chosen: Circles of Love and Service; the AA Group; Q&A on Sponsorship; Young People in AA (and one other). Upcoming/future District events: 11/13, pamphlet workshop, roundtable discussion format, venue and time TBD.</p>
<p>District 12, Bob M., DCMC – District 12 met on Thursday, 9/1/22, at 7:30 p.m. at Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church. Over 100 are registered with the district and 50 were in attendance. District Highlights: 1. Our Labor Day picnic was a great success—with about 300 AAs and their families. Thanks to Beth N. and her committee for organizing a great event. 2. New Alt DCMC elected (Tara). 3. Planning for our Annual Traditions Day in November. 4. 3 new GSRs. 5. We continue to work to bring more groups back to general service. Upcoming/future District events: Traditions Day and the next district meeting is 10/6/22.</p>
<p>District 14 – no report</p>
<p>District 15 – no report</p>
<p>District 17 DCMC – District 17 met on 8/9/22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Springs Community Church in Temecula. 32 committee members were present. District Highlights: 1. Planning to host the Area 09 Area Service Assembly and working with volunteers. 2. Presentation of re request to fund the District 17 DCMC and Alt DCMC to attend the Pacific Regional Forum. 3. General Housekeeping matters with committees. Upcoming/future District events: We will be planning one more service event before the end of the year. More information to come.</p>
<p>District 18 – no report</p>
<p>District 19 – no report</p>
<p>District 20 – – Alex, MCD - By this report, I inform you that district 20 continues to meet every Monday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and visit two groups per week, and attend the invitations of the groups to the district on the occasion of their anniversaries on September 8. The group “The Language of the Heart” invited us to their planned meetings with the theme “The Three Legacies.” Also, in August, the Santa Ana group sent their alternate to the group’s GSR. It was received and given information about the functions of district 20. On the other hand, the district is ready to attend the Pacific regional forum with 12 fellow members. On October 2nd, District 20 will hold a writing workshop for the fourth edition of the A.A. Big Book from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., to which everyone is invited. Thanks for letting us be of service, Alex M.C.D.</p>
<p>District 21, Roberto MCD – District 21 is located at 1604 ½ New Hampshire Ave. Gardena, CA. 90247. I am Mauricio, Area 09 committee member and an alcoholic. District 21 sends you a warm greeting. We continue to hold sessions 4 times a month, 1st for reports, 2nd for items, 3rd for study, and 4th internal from 8:00 to 9:30 pm. We are visiting 2 groups per week, motivating those who do not have their G.S.R. The district 21 guidelines have been completed and approved by the G.S.R.s. The district will attend the Pacific Regional Forum on September 16, 17, and 18 in Salk Lake City, Utah. On September 25, we will host an interdistrict meeting at the Intercity Fellow Ship Hall, 5881 Cherry Ave. Long Beach, CA. 90805. Roberto D.C.M., Mauricio D.C.M. Alternate</p>
<p>District 22 – The district continues with its activities, visiting two weekly per week and meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm with a study and work meeting. 9 people were in attendance at each meeting. District Highlights: The La Viña [Grapevine] committee will be visiting 1 group per week on Saturdays to motivate the (Intelligible) service. The Coachella Valley Local Forum Committee is presenting for the groups. In addition, we also motivate, and the event will be held on October 16. The group continues at 68.743 Perez Rd. Suite</p>

<p>D 40 Cathedral City, CA. 42234.</p> <p>District 23, Jose G., MCD – The district meets every Friday of each month from 7 to 9 pm at 10838 Hole Ave. Riverside, CA. We have 26 registered GSRs and 18 attendees at the district meeting. District Highlights: We visit 2 groups per week on Mondays and Wednesdays, and on Fridays, there is a meeting with the G.S.R.s. In addition, we attend the invitations of planned groups, which have been motivating the G.S.R.s to attend area and interdistrict meetings and events such as regional forums or important A.A. events. We are also working on the district anniversary, and on October 23rd will be our 32nd anniversary of serving, thank you very much. Upcoming/Future District Events: On Sunday, October 23rd, we will celebrate our anniversary with four worktables from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You are cordially invited; we hope to count on your presence; thank you.</p>
<p>District 24, Teresa f., MCD – Fellow members: Please be advised that 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. District Highlights: From July 19 to August 15, we visited 8 groups, of which 4 do not have their GSR. The reason for visiting them is to continue to bring information about our service activities and to motivate them to start writing the story that brought us to A.A., which could be chosen to be printed in the 4th edition of the Alcoholics Anonymous book. Also, for planning purposes, we attended 4 more invitations this month on Tuesday, August 23, group one and those that follow with the theme “How the District Works.” The group Only For Today, on Thursday, August 25, with the theme “5th Concept.” The group Back to Basics from Santa Ana, Friday, August 26, with the theme “Emotional Sobriety”; and the group We Are the Ones Who Follow invited us on Wednesday, August 31, with the topic “How it Works.” On August 28th, we gathered all 6 Hispanic districts, with district #20 being the host. Upcoming/Future District Events: *We are gearing up for next weekend, Friday, September 16th, to Sunday, September 18th, at the Pacific Regional Forum in Salt Lake City, Utah. See you there! *September 24 at 4:00 p.m., we have a workshop on writing our history for the opportunity of the new edition of the Alcoholics Anonymous book. Thank you for allowing me to serve Teresa F.</p>
<p>District 25, Adrian G. Hoping that you are enjoying these blessed 24 hours of sobriety, I present with pleasure the following report: District 25 reports 24 active groups, 22 already registered and 2 new groups: "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 15 registered GSRs from 24 Groups, 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. We are present several members of the district during the visits to the groups plus a higher power. Our District 25 will host the October Area Meeting. Sunday October 9,2022. Location: 15576 MAIN ST HESPERIA CA 92345 at the AESC WEST SIDE. We hope to see you all there. We also have the place and date to celebrate our Fifteenth Anniversary, District 25 invites you on Saturday December 10th, 2022 from 1 pm at 1979 SPRING MOUNTAIN TRL SAN BERNARDINO CA 92410. We hope to see you there. -To finish this report I want to share that inside our District there is a great fraternity and participation of all members. I feel privileged as a server. God grant us health and many more 24 hours of sobriety to keep us United and in Action. Love and Service. District 25 /MCD Adrian G. / Alt. Felipe O.</p>
<p>District 30 - no report</p>

RECAP OF ACTIONS

Motion to Approve Updated Guidelines==introduced by Maryka O. GAP Chair

- Rich opened for discussion. No discussion.
- All in favor of the vote; none opposed.
- Original Motion PASSES unanimously

Motion regarding changing Guidelines==introduced by Maryka O. GAP Chair

- Rich opened for discussion. Some members discussed their reasons for opposition to the motion.
- All in favor of the vote 12: All; opposition of vote 30. Minority opinion shared their opinions. No one changed vote as result of minority opinion.
- Original Motion FAILS.

Motion to support the Executive Board in attending the Pacific Regional Forum

- Rich opened for discussion. No discussion.
- Original in favor: 30; 4 opposed. Minority opinion shared their opinions.
- Original Motion PASSES unanimously

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- Rich opened for discussion. Discussion and questions ensued.
- Original vote all in favor: 44; 1 opposed. Minority opinion shared their opinions.
- Original Motion PASSES unanimously

BIRTHDAYS

Larry 14 years; Mitchell 13 years; Chris 19 years; Rozanne 28 years

Additional birthday attendees and number of years may have been announced, but their names may not have been captured due to sound issues. If someone celebrated his/her birthday in September and announced his/her name at this meeting, but it does not appear here, please email the Secretary at msca09secretary@gmail.com to update these minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE.

CLOSING

Motion to adjourn by all area members seconded by all area members. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

UPCOMING AREA 09 EVENTS

Area Service Committee-October 9, 2022, AESC West Side 15576 Main St. Hesperia CA 92345
Hosted by District 25

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