

# MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09

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## Conference-Approved (& Unapproved) Actions

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.



## Upcoming Events 2023

[June 4, 3-4 pm: Concepts Workshop Dist. 09](#)

[June 11, 9-3: Area Service Committee \(ASC\)](#)

[June 15, 6-8 pm: Class A Trustees Workshop](#)

[June 18, 3-4 pm: Concepts Workshop Dist. 09](#)

[June 22, 7-745 pm: Treatment Committee Zoom](#)

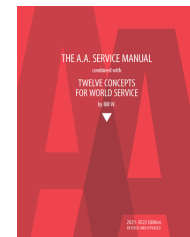
[June 26, 6-7 pm: Remote Communities](#)

[View 2023 Calendar](#)

## June Hosting District

### District 04

## AA Service Manual



## MSCA Area Map



[MSCA website](#)



## Conference Actions in a Nutshell

Mitchell B., Panel 72 Delegate, attended the 73rd annual General Service Conference (GSC) from April 23-29, 2023 in Brooklyn, NY. He was quite prompt in preparing his Conference Report, which is dated May 3, 2023, only days after returning from the GSC. Following are the resources he has provided concerning all things Conference-related:

1. In the following link, Mitchell provides the images and feelings he experienced in New York during the 73rd GSC:

**[127 slides of GSC images with Mitchell's background notes](#)**

2. In the following link, Mitchell provides the quick, at-a-glance, synopsis of Conference actions, including Advisory Actions, those actions that failed (Took No Action), Additional Committee Considerations:

**[6 pages of GSC Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations](#)**

3. In the following link, there are 164 line items in an Excel spread sheet that provide extensive information on the GSC's decisions, including the voting results of the GSC members:

**[Detailed results of all Agenda Items, those that passed, those that failed](#)**

4. Synopsis of GSC Advisory Actions, Recommendations Passed by Simple Majority, Recommendations Not Resulting in Conference Action, Floor Actions Not Resulting in Advisory Actions, and Conference Committee Considerations:

**[30-page Synopsis of all Conference Decisions](#)**

5. Floor Actions may be introduced by any of the 135 GSC members during the Conference, to be voted on at the end of the Conference:

**[Nine Floor Actions introduced at the 73rd GSC](#)**

6. During the GSC, on April 28, there were ad hoc committee discussions concerning "Participation of Online Groups" and subcommittee discussions on development of the "Plain Language Big Book," which are included in the following link:

**[Minutes of the ad hoc committee on "Participation of Online Groups" and subcommittee on "Plain Language Big Book"](#)**



## What Is A Delegate “Shareback?”

*(Now that Mitchell is back from the Conference, he will be sharing his thoughts to anyone who will listen. In 2020 and 2021, I shared 23 times each year with Groups, Districts, and the Area. So, for a third month in a row, I'm sharing Jay R.'s great description of what this entails. Ed L., editor)*

By Jay R., District Committee Member Chair, District 18

The 2021 – 2023 Edition of The A.A. Service Manual outlines the awesome responsibilities of our elected Area Delegates:

“Delegates are charged with understanding the experiences, viewpoints and group conscience of their areas, while assuming responsibility for the U.S./Canada Conference as a whole.” (p 32)

There are currently 93 Area Delegates, each elected into their service positions by their respective Areas, in the North American (U.S./Canada) A.A. service structure.

Among their many responsibilities, the Area Delegates represent their Areas at the annual General Service Conference (GSC) in New York. In preparation for the annual GSC, each Delegate must become familiar with the long list of Conference agenda items. They must also interact with Groups and members to gather the “group conscience” of their Area. A well informed Delegate will be better prepared to participate in the Conference, and carry the Area’s group conscience in matters affecting A.A. as a whole.

Once the General Service Conference is finished, the Delegates are then tasked with reporting back to their respective Areas the outcomes of the Conference. Some refer to this as a “report-back” or “shareback.”

Mid Southern California Area 9 covers a large geographical portion of Southern California, represents 24 Districts and more than 2,000 A.A. Groups. In order to more efficiently carry GSC information, it is common for Districts and Groups to organize joint meetings or events at which our Delegate is invited to present a “shareback” from the Conference.

Our Area 9 Delegate, Mitchell B, will no doubt be busy from now until the end of the year reporting back to our Groups and Districts. He will be giving “sharebacks” both in person and via Zoom. If you would like to schedule him to speak to your Group or District, please contact him at [msca09delegate@gmail.com](mailto:msca09delegate@gmail.com).





## Information about Public Information!

By Stacey J, Public Information Chair MSCA09

Have you ever wondered about the role of Public Information (PI) Committees in our fellowship? The purpose of these committees is to help carry the message of A.A. to the public, media, and professionals, and to inform them about what A.A. is, what it does, and what it does not do.

The primary function of a PI Committee is to create awareness of A.A.'s existence and to offer information about the program of recovery. The PI Committee seeks to provide accurate information about the A.A. program to those who may be seeking help for themselves or someone they know. The committee may also reach out to professionals who work with people who may need the help of A.A.

One of the most critical roles of the PI Committee is to dispel myths and misconceptions about A.A. Many people have false beliefs about what A.A. is and what it does. These misunderstandings can be a barrier to those who may benefit from our program. The PI Committee seeks to clarify what A.A. is and what it is not so that those who are seeking help can make informed decisions.

As a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, you can play an essential role in the PI Committee. Attending your local District's General Service meeting and joining the PI Committee can help ensure that accurate information about A.A. is available to those who need it. Additionally, the Mid Southern California Area 09 Business meeting holds a monthly meeting, both in-person and on Zoom, where you can learn more about the PI Committee's work and how you can help.

Participation in the PI Committee is an excellent way to carry the message of A.A. to the public. By doing so, you help to ensure that A.A. continues to be available to those who may need it. If you are interested in joining the PI Committee or learning more about it, please visit <https://msca09aa.org/public-information/>.

The PI Committee is also an excellent way to get involved in service work within A.A. Service work is an essential part of the recovery process, and by participating in the PI Committee, you can help carry the message of AA to those who need it while also strengthening your own recovery.

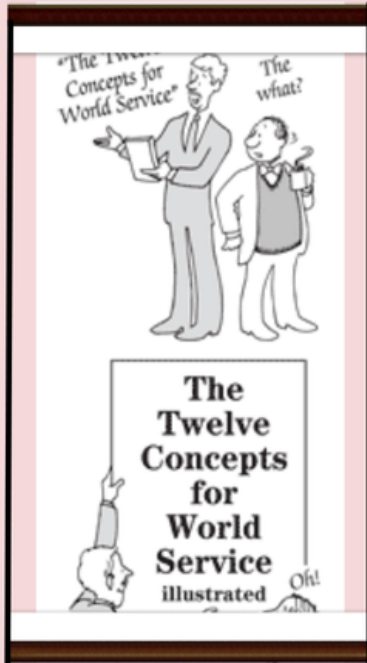
In conclusion, the role of the Public Information Committee in Alcoholics Anonymous is to carry the message of AA to the public, media, and professionals accurately. As members of AA, we can help by participating in our local PI Committees and attending Mid Southern California Area 09 Business meetings. We encourage you to learn more about the PI Committee and get involved in service work to help carry the message of AA to those who need it.

Thank you for all you do to carry the message of A.A., and we hope to see you at the next PI Committee meeting!

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Are you a tad bit confused by the  
**12 Concepts for World Service?**



If so, join our  
District 09 in-depth  
discussion



1st & 3rd Sundays starting  
April 2, 2023  
from 3-4pmPT

facilitated by

**Francine W., D-09 PI Chair**

Come prepared with the  
current issue of the  
AA Service Manual

Meeting ID: 928 8170 4093

PW: 642408

Direct Link





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HOSTED BY DISTRICT 04

## AREA 09 SERVICE COMMITTEE

**11**  
JUNE

**LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE  
LIBERAL ARTS CAMPUS**

**4901 EAST CARSON STREET  
LONG BEACH, CA 90808**



HYBRID EVENT

**9A.M-3 P.M**

**MEETING ID: 893 4546 3165**

**PASSCODE: 516818**



- **DELEGATE SHARING**
- **DELEGATE Q & A**
- **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
- **PARKING INCLUDED**
- **TACO MEAL** *with suggested \$10 contribution*



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## COMMITTEE PAGE LINKS

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## 2023 Committee Sharing Sessions

The schedule for the 2023 Committee Sharing Sessions is now available (below). Among the presenters are current and past trustees, delegates, alternate delegates, and other General Servants. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!



JANUARY 19 7:00PM PST	FEBRUARY 16 7:00PM PST	MARCH 16 7:00PM PST	APRIL 20 7:00PM PST	<b>FEATURING THE 12 CONCEPTS &amp; VARIOUS TOPICS</b>	
<b>CONCEPT 1</b> DOUG DELEGATE <b>CONCEPT 2</b> JIMMY W ALT DEL <b>CONCEPT 3</b> COREY D ALT DEL KENTUCKY	<b>CONCEPT 4</b> PATRICK C AA STAFF <b>CONCEPT 5 -</b> TROY D AA STAFF <b>CONCEPT 6</b> VERA F TRUSTEE	<b>CONCEPT 7</b> RICK W TEXAS DELE <b>CONCEPT 8</b> JOEL PAST TRUSTEE <b>CONCEPT 9</b> CAROLYN TRUSTEE CANADA	<b>CONCEPT 10</b> KATHY F PAST TRUSTEE <b>CONCEPT 11</b> MONICAH CHICAGOLAND PAST DELEGATE <b>CONCEPT 12</b> JENNIFER D NC PAST DELEGATE	<b>GUESTS SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE:</b>	
<b>May 18th</b> - What is the conference actually like ? Hear from our Southern California Panel 72 Delegates, Mitchell Area 09 Delegate & Monty Area 8 Delegate				<b>Current and past Delegates, Alt Delegates, Class A &amp; B Trustees, and AA Staff Members.</b>  <b>Members are from all over the U.S. &amp; Canada</b>  All sessions will be recorded and found on our Area website under the Alt delegate page.	
<b>June 15th</b> - The How, Why and Joy of a Class A trustee life - Michelle G Class A Trustee					
<b>July 20th</b> - How to reach anyone anywhere - Bron Panel 73 Area 15 Secretary					
<b>August 17th</b> - A.A Around the world - Class B Trustees at large US and Canada (Trish & Maritta)					
<b>September 21st</b> - Servant? Leader? or both? - Debbie D AA Member					
<b>October 19th</b> - Service Sponsorship - Jimmy D Past Trustee					
<b>November 16th</b> - Participation - How to get groups involved and keep them engaged - Craig and Matt K Past Delegates from CT					
December - No Meeting enjoy the Holidays we'll see you in Panel 74 :)					
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</b>					
Spanish Translation is available		7:00 PST			
Hosted By		8:00 MTN			
MSCA 09 Alt Delegate & Delegate		9:00 CST			
Contact Info		10:00 EST			
Alex W (954) 654- 3149		Hawaii 5:00			

**WHEN:**

6:00 -7:00 PST MSCA Area 09 Committee Sharing Session  
 7:00 - 8:00pm PST Area 9 Service Workshop

**WHERE:**

Meeting ID: 873 6607 8505  
 Passcode: Area09p72



## **New and Older Resources in A.A. and M.S.C.A**

**[What's New in Alcoholics Anonymous?](#)**

**[Free Book on Sponsorship with Grapevine Subscription](#)**

**["The Home Group - Heartbeat of A.A." - New, Revised version](#)**

**[Every Conference-Approved Advisory Action 1951 to 2022](#)**

**[Panel 73 General Service Conference Agenda Items](#)**

**[New Spanish version of Experience, Strength, & Hope](#)**

**[Need a Zoom meeting? Try New York Intergroup!](#)**

**[Need a meeting topic? Try Boozer's Bingo!](#)**

**[GSO Committee Assignments for committee-related questions](#)**

**[Box 4-5-9, Spring 2023](#)**

**[First Quarterly Report 2023 of General Service Board](#)**

## **Area 09 Communications Committee Guidelines Adopted!**

With the adoption of the new [Technologies Committee Guidelines in 2022](#), it is time to reconsider and revise the old [Communications Committee Guidelines from January 2009](#). At the January 2023 Assembly, Ed L. was elected as the new Communications Committee Chair. At the February Area Service Committee Ed presented [background information](#) describing the redundancies between these two committees and presented the new revised guidelines, which are intended to resolve these redundancies, and may be [viewed here](#). In a unanimous vote of support, the revised Guidelines were adopted as final on May 21, 2023 at the May Assembly. If you have comments, questions, or suggestions about these Guidelines, contact Ed ([communicationschair@msca09aa.org](mailto:communicationschair@msca09aa.org)).

