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PRAASA in San Francisco!

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 2024

Feb. 11	9 am - 3 pm	MSCA09 February ASC, Long Beach
Feb. 11	10:15 - 10:45 am	MSCA 09 Panel 74 Officer Orientations - Standing Committees, DCMC
Feb. 15	6:00 - 8:15 pm	Service Study and Sharing
Feb. 27	11 am - 1 pm	MSCA 09 Archivist Workshop
Mar. 1-3, 2024		PRAASA - San Francisco, CA
Mar. 6	7 to 8:30 pm	Review Agenda Items Per Committee

AA Service Manual



MSCA Area Map



View 2024 Calendar

March Hosting District

District 9

Mizell Center 480 South Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262

MSCA website

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Short History of PRAASA



First Western General Service Assembly

The first Western General Service Assembly was held in Fresno, California, January 26, 27 and 28, 1968.

As early as 1955, Stan W., then Conference Delegate from California Northern Coastal Area, spoke to the other three California delegates about holding a statewide conference of some sort, but no agreement could be reached among the four California delegates, and the plan was abandoned at that time.

In 1967, Mrs. Pat S. of Watsonville, California, was elected as California Northern Coastal Area (CNCA) delegate. During the annual meeting in New York in April of that year, she spoke to the other four California delegates (San Diego-Imperial had been added by that time), but the only delegate to express interest in a statewide conference was Ken K. from California Northern Interior Area (CNIA). However, in further discussions, Paul R., Arizona delegate, and Les E., Nevada delegate, expressed interest in holding a three-state conference to discuss General Service matters.

Upon her return to California, Pat Sims immediately contacted Stan W. in Fairfax, California. Stan had served as secretary of the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous (NCC) for several terms and was thoroughly familiar with putting on special conferences, assemblies and other special events. Pat asked Stan if he would act as general chairman and put together a three-state conference, including Arizona, Nevada, CNCA and CNIA. Pat S. and Ken K. volunteered to act as co-host for such an event. While this conversation was going on, Edward D., delegate from the State of Oregon, wrote to ask if his state could be included in such a conference.

Stan W. agreed to act as general chairman and was enthusiastic about putting together a special assembly in early 1968; however, he suggested it should include all states and/or areas within the Pacific Region. He contacted all delegates within the Pacific Region, with the exception of the delegate from the State of Idaho (Stan later admitted this was a clear and inadvertent oversight on his part and apologized for his actions at a later date). He received an immediate reply from Ralph B., delegate from the State of Washington, in acceptance; and gradually received word from all delegates within the region, including Alaska and Hawaii, expressing some interest in participating. Stan thereupon set out to produce the first Regional AA Service Assembly.

From his past experience with NCC, Stan determined that the best location, geographically and for all concerned, would be Fresno, California, and he contacted the Fresno Convention Bureau and tentatively arranged to reserve the Convention Center located at 700 M Street, for the dates January 26-28, 1968. He sent a questionnaire to all Pacific Region Area delegates and committee chairmen, requesting particulars to go forward with planning a program for this assembly. Eric B., State of Washington, had just been elected Pacific Regional Trustee, and Stan got in touch with him at once to request his presence. Eric so agreed, and was to be featured as the Friday night speaker. Stan determined the name of this assembly would be the "Western General Service Assembly." A chronological diary of Stan's actions, entitled "Story of the First Western General Service Assembly," is part of the PRAASA history documents and CNIA formally agreed to be co-host for this assembly. In addition, North Coastal volunteered an advance of \$500 as expense money to carry this action forward. This sum later was repaid to the CNCA treasury. The first Western General Service Assembly was held as scheduled with some 300 paid registrants (an actual count taken at the Saturday night meeting showed 500 people present). Transcribed by Mitchell B. from Dean Kirkham interview with Stan W., January 1984.

LIST OF PRAASAS

Host Areas (Shown in Order of Scheduled Automatic Rotation Starting in 2017)

07	CNI	Fresno	1968	Sacramento	1987	Fresno	2002	Sacramento	2017				
42	NV	Reno	1969	Las Vegas	1973	Reno	1979	Las Vegas	1986	Reno	2003	Sparks	2018
09	MSC	Anaheim	1980	Torrance	1993	Irvine	2004	Irvine	2019				
03	AZ	Phoenix	1970	Tucson	1976	Tucson	1991	Tucson	2005	Tucson	2020		
93	CC	Woodland Hills	2006	online	2021								
58	OR	Portland	1982	Portland	1992	Portland	2007	Online	2022				
02	AK	Anchorage	1981	Juneau	1994	Anchorage	2008		2025				
06	CNC	Santa Clara	1983	San Jose	1996	Oakland	2009						
05	SC	Santa Maria	1971	Bakersfield	1990	Los Angeles	2010	Los Angeles	2023				
17	HI	Honolulu	1978	Honolulu	1989	Kailua-Kona	1999	Honolulu	2011		2026		
72	WW	Pasco	1972	Seattle	1977	Tacoma	1995	Bellevue	2012				
18	ID	Boise	1974	Pocatello	1985	Boise	1998	Boise	2013				
08	SDI	San Diego	1984	San Diego	1997	San Diego	2014						
69	UT	Salt Lake City	1975	Salt Lake City	1988	Ogden	2000	Layton	2015				
92	WSE	Spokane	2001	Spokane	2016								





MSCA 09 ARCHIVIST WORKSHOP

Hosted by Mid-Southern California Area 09 Archives Committee

WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE:

- ⇒ I am an Archivist, now what?
- ⇒ What to collect and what not to collect
- ⇒ Simple preservation, conservation and transport techniques
- ⇒ How to do oral histories
- ⇒ Tracing a Group history
- ⇒ Questions and Answers



Workshop is open to all District, Intergroup, Group Archivists, and Historians.
Come and learn what you can do to help preserve the history of A.A.,
MSCA 09, your District, and your Group.

WHEN:

Saturday, February 24th, 2024

11:00am - 1:00pm

LOCATION:

MSCA 09 Headquarters
7111 Arlington Ave., Suite B
Riverside, CA 92503

(951) 785-0845

'or'

archives@msca09aa.org

Directions:

- Exit the 91 FWY onto Adams St.
- Proceed North on Adams to Arlington Ave.
- Turn Left on Arlington.
- Turn Right just past the Riverside Airport at the first row of businesses. Continue north along the businesses next to the airport runway to the second building.
- The headquarters will be marked by a sign outside the entrance.
- Parking is available in the front and rear of the building.

Website:

<https://msca09aa-archives.org>





PRAASA 2024 IS IN SAN FRANCISCO

(Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 3, 2024)

The PRAASA 2024 website is open for conference registration and booked hotel reservations. Click the to access [registration forms](#) and [transportation tips](#) (English and Spanish).

Note: Parking at the conference hotel is limited and expensive (\$100/day), but there is a parking lot down the street for \$10/day.



VOLUNTEER FOR PRAASA 2024 IN SAN FRANCISCO!!!!

(Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 3, 2024)

CLICK THE link or QR Code below to volunteer for PRAASA!!

All information is included here!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XYK5RNZ>

PRAASA Statement of Purpose (1996)

The purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups, and areas of the Pacific Region, to encourage the exchange of ideas and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA. Recovery, Unity, and Service should always be the primary purpose for each assembly. The thought of how we can better serve Alcoholics Anonymous should never be compromised.

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Come join the...

4 SoCal Areas' Information Session on the...

PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK

Hosted by Areas 5, 8, 9, and 93

Presentation by PLBB Sub-Committee Chair

WHEN

**Tuesday,
February 20th, 2024**

TIME

7:00pm-8:00pm PST

ASL / SPANISH
INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE

ONLINE MEETING INFO

Zoom ID:

829 8381 7449

Password:

PLBB58993





Announcing a QR Code to access MSCA 09 Newsletters and Website

Thanks to the work of the Communications Committee and our past webservant, Faith B, we now have a QR Code that will allow people to connect to this newsletter and the website. We will begin making the codes available at Area meetings, targeting members who do not have ready access to computers but can access these materials using their cell phones.



NEW!!
“QR CODES”

MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 WEBSITE
<https://msca09aa.org/>





PLEASE NOTE: At this time, the QR Code will direct you to MSCA09's English version of their website. For the Spanish translation, click on the green "Translate" button located at the bottom of the webpage on the lefthand side.

MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 NEWSLETTERS
<https://msca09aa.org/news/>

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New (and Older) Resources in A.A. and M.S.C.A

- [2025 International Convention - Vancouver, BC, Canada](#)
- [Box 4-5-9, Winter 2023](#)
- [A.A.W.S. Highlights Now Available - Again!](#)
- [General Service Board Quarterly Report - 4rd Quarter, December](#)
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- [Treatment and Accessibilities Update - June 2023](#)

Item from: Quarterly Report from GSO - 4th Quarter, 2023

International Convention/Regional Forums

The committee reviewed a report from the 2035 International Convention Site Inspection Team. Based on the recommendation of the 2035 Site Inspection Team, the committee recommended to the General Service Board that **Indianapolis,**

Indiana be the site for the 2035 Alcoholics Anonymous International Convention. The General Service Board approved the recommendation.



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SAVE THE DATES

- **2023: Mar. 1-3** [PRAASA, San Francisco, CA](#)
- **2024: Jul. 12-14** [Pacific Regional Form, Las Vegas, NV](#)
- **2025: Jul. 3-6** [2025 International Convention, Vancouver, BC, Canada](#)



Make plans to attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Vancouver will welcome A.A. members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding. The International Convention will take place from July 3 – 6, 2025, at the Vancouver Convention Centre and BC Place Stadium.

[Click here for more information](#)