



***** UNAPPROVED MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 MINUTES *****
AREA SERVICE ASSEMBLY (ASA) MINUTES

Hosted by District 9
January 8, 2023
Thousand Palms Recreation Center
31189 Robert Road
Thousand Palms CA 92276
and ZOOM conference call

The regularly scheduled meeting of Mid Southern California Area (MSCA) 09 was called to order by Rich W. at 9:05 a.m. Rich welcomed participants and made introductory statements regarding the virtual meeting protocols and led the group in the Serenity Prayer. Total in-person and online participants: 164

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM AREA 05 REGARDING PRAASA

Good morning Area 9, my name is Mark, I'm an alcoholic! Thank you, Mitchell, for inviting me to speak on behalf of the 2023 PRAASA Committee! I am currently serving as your PRAASA 2023 host committee Outreach Chair! PRAASA stands for Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. There are 9 states in the Pacific Region of Alcoholics Anonymous: California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Washington, Hawaii, and Alaska. PRAASA is the largest service assembly of its kind and is open to all members of AA and Friends of AA. The event moves around the Pacific region and is hosted each year by one of the 15 areas in the Pacific Region of AA. On March 3rd, 4th and 5th, Southern California Area 05, your neighbors to the west, will be hosting this year at the LAX Marriott. It is a fantastic venue with over 1000 rooms. It is a city within a city, and it's within walking distance of LAX, with affordable locked-in room-rates, free ground transportation to and from the airport and a special \$18 daily parking rate for everyone driving to the event. This is a major convention and it's hosted right here in our own backyard. Historically, when PRAASA was hosted in Southern California in the past, it drew anywhere between 1,500 to 2,100 attendees from across the Pacific Region. But a large portion of those attendees always came from local groups. So, we want you all to begin speaking to your groups about the upcoming event! Together, we can start building enthusiasm, willing volunteers, and pre-registration for all attendees. I am sure that many of you here today will register and volunteer yourselves. Fliers, forms, and buttons are available for everyone to take back to your meetings. This is a major convention, and there are a lot of moving parts. We need your help in getting the message out and registering to attend. The buzz, excitement, and benefits from attending an in-person PRAASA is a profound spiritual and fellowship experience connecting us all as partners in a common effort that no one should miss. PRAASA provides a valuable exchange of information among our Fellowship that drives us to work together, to fulfill our declaration of responsibility to reach and help the still suffering alcoholic, to strengthen and improve the growth and welfare of our AA groups. Attending PRAASA will greatly encourage service in AA and provide lasting benefits for all our groups in this Area and for AA. So, take as many flyers as possible and buttons back to your meetings, wear them proudly and keep talking to your GSRs and groups about PRAASA. Make yourself available when we call on you to participate in volunteering and thank you for having me today and Happy New Year!

12:00 P.M. ASA BEGINS

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

READINGS

Declaration of Unity read by John in English / Teresa in Spanish.
GSR Preamble read by Heather in English / Aaron in Spanish.
Area Assembly Purpose Alissa / Sonya in Spanish
Membership of Area Assembly read by Julie in English / Julio in Spanish.

INTRODUCTIONS

Past Trustees: None

Past Delegates: Jeryl, Panel 62 Delegate; Cesar, Panel 64 Delegate; Jesus, Panel 68 Delegates; Ed L. Panel 70 Delegate.

New DCMCs/Alt. DCMCs: None

New Alt DCMs & DCMs: None.

New GSRs/Alt. GSRs: Luciano, District 25 GSR; Ursula, Renovation Group – District 20, Alt. GSR; Ken, Sat Speak Easy in Big Bear, CA – Dist 11; CP. 559 Palm Springs Group; Ely, GSR Shipwrecked, District 9; Jerome, GSR 7 am Attitude Adjustment Meeting District 9; Carlos, Bill and Bob Group, GSR District 22; Percy, Bill y Bob from Lake Elsinore, District 23

New District Officers: Elizabeth, Alt Treasurer District 7; Sharon PI Chair, District 8; Larry District 9 Treasurer.

New Area Committee Chairs/Officers: Louis, Accessibilities Chair

Guests: None

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

Rich announced the Hybrid Meeting Housekeeping rules.

Approval of Draft Area Service Assembly Minutes of September 11, 2022

A motion was made by Todd, seconded by Jay, to accept draft minutes from the 11 September 2022 Area Service Assembly. 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 the ASC meeting, on December 11th, I attended the Registrar Quarterly Sharing Session on December 14th, the Area Board meeting on December 18th, District 8 on December 21st and the Area Meeting Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on January 7th. 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. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. Yours in service, Don Smith, Registrar Area09.

Treasurer AP, Carmen M: Good afternoon, my name is Carmen I'm an Alcoholic and the Treasurer AP. I'm glad to be here and so happy to be doing better. For January I was able to attend Area meeting the January 8th, attended the e-Board meeting on January 15th and also the Spanish Interdistrict on January 29th. I was also able to meet with Bob and reviewed our books we are still learning and we will meet again to make sure are reports are accurate. Thank you so much for continuing to send your expense forms and receipts to treasureap@msca09aa.org. Thank you 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. I started collecting contributions at the December ASC on the 11th. I collected \$1,231 (including the food kitty) and entered them into our QuickBooks account and deposited them into our account at Bank of America. I went and collected the mail at our PO box in Irvine on 12/15/22 and entered

all the contributions into our QuickBooks for a total of \$2,318.21 and deposited those funds into the bank account. I again visited the PO box in Irvine on 1/3/23 and entered all contributions into QuickBooks for a total of \$2,265.39 then deposited those funds into the bank account. I also entered all our December PayPal contributions into QuickBooks for a total of \$1,309.53 and transferred those funds to our bank account. I also helped District 8 host the Archives Heritage Day on 12/17/22 in Riverside at the Area Headquarters/Archives. On 12/18/22 I attended the Area e-board meeting also in Riverside. I also attended the district 8 meeting on 12/21/22 in Riverside. Thank you for trusting me to serve! **Clarification that Bob goes to the PO /box monthly.**

Secretary, Manya W: Hi, my name is Manya, and I am an alcoholic, and it has been a true honor and privilege to serve as your Panel 72 Secretary this past year. I really did mean it in my last eblast when I mentioned that you all are a lively and vibrant area. I appreciate all of your patience and understanding in receiving my emails, and I look forward to continuing on with you in 2023! We have so much in store for you all, and if you have not been receiving the e-blasts, please let me know and I will make sure you are on our mailing list. If you are new to the area, or you are not receiving emails, you can also subscribe at the bottom of our home page at msca09aa.org, as well, and you will get a nice Welcome email in return! Since the December ASC, I attended the December e-board meetings and took notes for both meetings. Furthermore, I prepared/sent the January ASA eblast 6 days before the event and a reminder Saturday morning. I am excited because I will be attending and helping with a panel at ACYPAAL (February 2 to 5th) with a few other area members – thank you to Alex for inviting us! Along with the meeting information, the eblast included buttons that are links to the RECAP of Actions from last month, agenda, minutes, motions (if documents are provided), and important GSO/area announcements. For example, this month's e-blast includes information on how to register for PRAASA! We will also be having an area 09 dinner (pasta on Friday night), so make sure to register for the dinner, as well. Furthermore, I included a new flyer and information for the 2023 service study that is hosted by our lovely alternate delegate, Alex! There are some great speakers and discussions on the horizon, which she will be discussing in further detail! (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. For any district officers or area committee chairs, I am happy to receive your reports and announcements via email or in-person. Please see red and green folders up front. Remember that the DCMC and Committee Reports are also fillable, which you can also complete and send to msca09secretary@gmail.com. However, probably the easiest way to get your report to me is through 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, introductions, birthdays, announcements 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. Welcome to 2023 and the 2nd year of Panel 72. This is the first of the 3 Area Assemblies, we have a lot of work to do to serve our Area's groups and members. Thanks to Michael W and District 9 for hosting today's meeting. Thank you to everyone in the fellowship that has brought feedback and suggestions to improve our Area. The Executive Board is doing its best to address issues with the Zoom and in-person hybrid functionality, and using the time available for our Area meetings to the best possible purpose. We have instituted an "Ask-it Basket" to allow members to submit questions to the Board and get answers to them in a timely fashion. We are going to limit our Board members reports at the microphone to 2 minutes with full written reports included in the

minutes. We have the Ad Hoc Committee beginning to do its work reviewing how the Area does its business and looking for alternatives that may serve the membership better. Since the December ASC I attended the December Eboard meeting and the District 18 meeting/holiday party. I completed contracts with our Webmaster and our Interpreter, Maria. Thank you, Maria for your outstanding work for the Area. I had our insurance agent prepare COI statements for 2 upcoming events. In love and service, Rich W.
MSCA09 Panel 72 Chairperson.

Alt Delegate (Alex): Hello my name is Alex Wheatley I am an alcoholic. My home group is the shut up and crosstalk meeting on Tuesday nights at 8pm. I have the honor and privilege of serving y'all as your MSCA 09 panel 72 alt delegate. Of course things are underway for this year and we are very excited for what's to come. This last month, I attended the following events, the all alternate delegate meeting on the first our board meeting, Acypaa workshop and main speaker meeting. I have stepped down from planning the H&I confrence as I have been given a lack of guidance. . The pre confrence agenda. And guest have been confirmed. The pre conference workgroups have been assigned and books will be complete once the background is given out. This third Thursday is concepts 4-6 where we have past delegate current staff members and a current class b trustee. The hour prior to our service workshop at 6-7 is for the committees if you are a committee chair, please ensure you are there as I will be answering any questions you may have in regards to the mock conference process. I have been tasked with the hybrid elections for this year. I am activity working with members of area 5 and tech 12 to achieve this Goal. I am so amazed and proud of all the committees and their hard work. I'm grateful our chair is ensuring you all will have an opportunity to tell us about what your doing. Thank you for taking care of our área. Please let Mitchell or myself know if you want us to come out. Pre and post. I have read in length all the proposed items and Mitchell has appraised me of any and all information should I god forbid have to go to NY thank you Mitchell for being an amazing leader and delegate. I am ready to go as soon as background is available Please look out for the pre-conference flyer that will have access to the QR code to submit feedback. . It's an honor and privilege to serve you, thank you for my life and my sobriety. I'm always reachable unless there is no service. We will see you at praasa , conference season has commenced.

Delegate (Mitchell B.): Hi, my name is Mitchell, and I am an alcoholic. Since the December ASC on December 11 I attended the Executive Board Meeting in Riverside on December 18. * On Saturday, December 17, I gave my final Delegate Shareback at District 02 at the Imperial Alano Club in Paramount. I brought 72nd GSC Final Reports and summary documents for the members. * I am preparing for the January Trustee Meeting. Committee Chairs are invited to the weekend January 27-30 (Thursday-Monday) for discussion of Final Agenda Items and updates on status of AAWS/GVLV workplans. There will be discussions to assign preliminary agenda topics to committees in preparation of the final Agenda Items for 73rd GSC. Approval of the final Agenda Items and background material. * I distributed English 72nd GSC Final Reports at the December 11 ASC. There are more printed reports for DCMs and GSRs that did not get a copy in December. * As the Conference Agenda Committee Chair, I received the roster of incoming delegates and contact all Panel 73 members. * On December 13 I contacted the incoming Panel 73 Agenda Committee members * On or about January 10 the Agenda Committee will meet with the Conference Secretary and Trustee for the Conference Committee to discuss the process for committee meetings, voting, and process for selecting new chair and alternate chair. * On January 20 will be the Delegate Onboarding Conference Call to invite the new Panel 73 and Panel 72 Delegates to meeting and ask questions of the conference agenda planning and conference week timeline. * Thank you for letting me be of service.

OLD BUSINESS

Open Standing Committee Chair positions (Rich W).

- 1) Rich identified open area committee chair positions: Accessibilities, Communications, Literature.
 - a. Louis stood for Accessibilities Chair and shared his service history. Rich called for affirmation. No objections. Louis had been affirmed by the body as the new Accessibilities Chair.

- b. Ed stood for Communications Chair and shared that he is happy to step in as chair but doesn't think a past delegate should be a chair. He further discussed the Chair's duties (after a question from Cindy on Zoom). Rich called for affirmation. 2/3 majority in favor. Two Objections. Ed had been affirmed by the body as the new Communications Chair.
- c. Francine stood for Literature Chair and shared her service history. 2/3 majority Two opposed. Francine had been affirmed by the body as the new Literature Chair.

2023 MSCA Calendar Motion to change date of Pre-Conference Workshop to April 16, 2023.

- 1) Jay, District 18, made a motion that the Pre-Conference Workshop is on April 16, 2023;
- 2) Discussion: Jay asked to move to amend the motion to have the Pre-Conference workshop to Saturday, April 15th. Debra Seconded the motion as amended. Reasons for the motion:
 - a. The venue I chose is unavailable on Sundays;
 - b. Discussion/Question: What is so special about this motion? Jay answered (tentatively) the Norma Herzog Community – Jay is a resident and because of that he gets a good rate. It is a new facility, good A/V, tons of room, good venue—especially for pre-conference workshop.
- i) Discussion ensued:
 - (1) A DCMC had an issue that the date was already changed from April 9th to the 16th and now the 15th, and our district had already been advertising for it. Please give us an exact date – that would be great. Another area member discussed how this venue will be a good place.
- ii) Chair: All in favor to allow motion maker to change the date from April 16, 2023 to April 15, 2023
 - (1) For: 2/3 majority; Against: 15; Motion passed (simple majority)
- iii) New Motion name: **2023 MSCA Calendar Motion to change date of Pre-Conference Workshop to Saturday, April 15, 2023.**
 - (1) Discussion ensued for and against April 9 and April 16 dates. Call to Question; Seconded.
 - (a) Chair: All in favor to end discussion? All (simple majority)
 - (2) Vote For: 28 +13 = **41** Vote Against: 8 + 18 = **26**
 - (3) **Minority opinion:** Not enough time for delegate to obtain information. Another member said the purpose is to acquire information and to take it to our groups. Other members discussed just looking into another venue if this one is unavailable on Sunday.
 - (a) Chair: Hearing minority opinion, one person changed their mind. Does this person want to make a motion to reconsider?
 - (b) Motion to reconsider the motion; Dario seconded: Vote to reopen the discussion of 2023 MSCA Calendar Motion to change date of Pre-Conference Workshop to Saturday, April 15, 2023 (simple majority)
 - (i) For: 21; opposed: 36
 - (ii) Motion to reconsider fails.
 - (iii) Original motion passes: Pre-Conference workshop has been changed to Saturday, April 15, 2023.

Motion to restructure the Communication Committee

1. Francine read/explained the motion and showed the motion via Zoom.
2. Discussion: Area member concerned about the phrasing of the motion (re: spinning off into sub-committees). Rich clarified that the motion is about the committee updating guidelines; Another

member doesn't think the motion is needed.

- i) Another member thinks we should move to table the motion. Per Rich, a motion to table is at the discretion of the chair and is out of order. Motion to restructure the Communications Committee is back on table.

Another member does not think the motion will work. Another member mentioned that the main reason for the motion was to change from dissolve to restructure. Per Ed, this motion may not matter after next month when the Guidelines are presented in February. Furthermore, as past delegate, Ed is anxious to turn both the Communications chair and newsletter editor positions over to another Area 09 member. He is assuming these positions only to ensure they resume their functionality, as they have been dysfunctional for a while now.

- a. Jeryl: Move to table the motion until a date in the future once we can determine its relevance at that time.
- b. Simple majority: 51; opposed: 12; no minority opinion.
- c. MOTION TABLED!

Motion to designate time at Area meetings to allow questions and concerns to be brought to the body for discussion with friendly amendments (Katherine C).

1. Rich W. read/explained the motion and friendly amendments.
2. Discussion by motion and area members ensued: Don't think that 30 minutes is enough time, and I don't always get my questions answered by board members. Another area member said the agenda is set by the chair and not the body. Another member stated that we do have an ask-it basket that has also been added, which is an improvement. Another member mentioned that some questions have already been answered if people pay attention to the meetings. Another person asked what the ask-it-basket means. Rich clarified. Another member spoke against the motion; the main issue is that it might turn into a discussion rather than a Q and A. Another member said that "at the chair's discretion," which means the chair still has the right to make it longer or shorter. Another member is opposed to the motion because people who have questions can get a service sponsor and ask them. Another member mentioned that the concepts and traditions give us the right to ask and answer questions. Another member is not in favor of the motion because there are many other ways to ask questions. Katherine: I see that the board is responding to us, not us responding to the board. AA is about sharing, and service is about giving your time.
3. No more discussion
4. For: 34 Against: 32. Motion passed.
 - a. Minority opinion discussed. One member mentioned that with good service sponsorship the service sponsor can get questions answered, and it is up to the chair to set the tone and agenda. Question about substantial unanimity. Rich mentioned this motion doesn't warrant one.
 - b. Having heard the minority opinion, three people want to change their vote. Jay requested a motion to reconsider; second: inaudible.
All in favor to reopen discussion:
 - i. For: 25; opposed: 36;
 - ii. Motion to reconsider fails.
 - c. Original motion passes.

2023 MSCA09 Budget (John R.)

1. John R. presented 2023 budget that was sent on January 8, 2023 to secretary.
2. Discussion/questions: Can the budget be tabled until the next ASC, so GSRs can have a chance to review? Another member asked why is there a 20 K discrepancy between new budget that was just presented at the area and the other one sent out in the e-blast; John R. explained the discrepancy.
 - a. Don S: Motion to postpone/table the motion to February ASC so we can convert the ASC into an Assembly; Rozanne seconded.
 - (1) Kevin clarified that it should be a “postponement.”
 - b. For: all (simple majority) Against: none;
 - c. Motion to postpone/table until February ASC passed.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NOTHING FROM THE FLOOR

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Submitted in Writing)

Accessibility English/Louis—Date and Time: 1/8/23; Place: Area Assembly, Palm Desert; Number of Committee Members in Attendance: 2; **Committee Highlights** : We read portions of the accessibility’s workbook. We agreed to put on an accessibilities workshop sometime in 2023, tentatively October. Issues to be addressed: 1) Making tech easy; 2) Reaching the elderly; 3) Reaching the military; 4) Eliminating barriers to a) Physically handicapped; b) Mentally challenged; c) Single parents; d) Indian reservations. **Upcoming/Future Committee Events**: We will recruit members for the committee over the next several months

Accessibility Spanish/OPEN—no written report.

Archives/Kevin R. – no written report.

Communications English/ Ed L.— Since November 2022, I have served in the interim position of Communications Chair. This means that Rich W, Panel 72 Chair, has appointed me to this position, but it will not be finalized until there is a vote at the January Assembly to confirm me in that position. Given the responsibilities of the new Technologies Committee, whose guidelines were published on 1/9/2022¹, much of what the Communications Committee once did is now assumed by this relatively new committee. In response to Francine W’s motion that the Communications Committee be restructured, I’ve revised the guidelines in English², and with help from Ivan G and Raul C, we also have versions translated into Spanish³. The draft guidelines will be submitted at the February Area Service Committee (ASC) as a proposed motion to revise the original guidelines⁴, which are dated 1/11/2009. I continue to serve as the newsletter editor, producing the December 2022 newsletter with a Christmas message from our Grapevine Representative and the January 2023 newsletter with a message from Carmen M, Panel 72 Accounts Payable Treasurer. Ryan H has provided me with a story on the function of GSR School, which will be featured in the February 2023 newsletter. I received a call from past delegate, Cesar F, a few days ago saying that he has moved back to Costa Mesa and that he will help me communicate with the Hispanic

¹ <https://www.dropbox.com/s/ybc2ylr68wzssvj/Guidelines-Technology-Committee-English-2022.01.09.pdf?dl=0>

² <https://www.dropbox.com/s/1wnrf5iw6rt2wey/Communications%20Committee%20Revised%20Guidelines.English.10-31-2022.pdf?dl=0>

³ <https://www.dropbox.com/s/xf4syq4v7ihrrou/Communications%20Committee%20Revised%20Guidelines.Spanish.1-5-2022.pdf?dl=0>

⁴ <https://www.dropbox.com/s/flfbivdkjhh46i8/Communications%20Committee%20Guidelines.1-11-2009.pdf?dl=0>

<p>community to ensure that ALL materials are translated from English to Spanish as accurately and quickly as possible. Again, I'd like to thank Ivan G for translating all newsletters since September 2022. Rich W has scheduled a conference Zoom meeting with Area 09 Board members on 1/15/2023 to discuss the function of the Communications Committee. (Note: As past delegate, I am anxious to turn both the Communications chair and newsletter editor positions over to another Area 09 member. I am assuming these positions only as a means to ensure they resume their functionality, as they have been dysfunctional for a while now. If you are interested in either position, please contact me at msca09delegate70@yahoo.com). Ed L., Communications Committee Chair</p>
<p>Communications Spanish/OPEN</p>
<p>Cooperation with the Elderly Community/Grant T. — no written report.</p>
<p>Cooperation with the Professional Community English/Andrea C.— no written report.</p>
<p>Cooperation with the Professional Community Spanish/OPEN</p>
<p>Convention Liaison English/Tim A. – no written report.</p>
<p>Convention Liaison Spanish/Hector R. — no written report.</p>
<p>Corrections and Correspondence/Jennifer L — no written report.</p>
<p>DCM School English/Rozanne T. — Standing Committee Name: DCM School. Date & Time: Sunday 1/8/23; Place: Thousand Palms, CA. Number of Committee Members in Attendance: Approx 15 people online/in person; Committee Highlights: Began GSO agenda topic (Intelligible) – “How to” discussed: GSO to looking for suggestions on how to integrate online/hybrid groups. PRAASA - Scholarships (Intelligible) flyer to DCMCs to give to their districts/GSRs. Reviewed topics to discuss @ upcoming meetings (i.e.: motions, keep meetings focused, what to do, voted to have an extra meeting/month to discuss some topics not discussed in area meeting). Upcoming/Future Committee Events: Prepping districts to discuss and vote on General Service agenda topics.</p>
<p>DCM School Spanish/Melequiades V.— Date and Time: 1/8/23 Time: 10 am Number of Committee Members in Attendance: 13 (members and visitors) Committee Highlights: The meeting started with 13 members, Alejandro DCM #20, Teresa DCM #24, José G. DCM #23, Leopoldo DCM #22, María Alt. DCM #22, José M. visit, Jubenal visit, Úrsula RSG visit, Gildardo visit, César former delegate visit, Ronaldo visit and Melquiades coordinator plus one. Our meeting was interesting and we exchanged experiences related to three concerns raised by the DCMs, the most important of which is where the DCMs suggest how they can receive the topics for the next conference in advance, stating that they are received with very little time to share them with the groups. There was a lot of participation from the DCMs and previous visits showing their interest in improving their service as DCMs, as well as the other two service-related concerns.</p>
<p>Finance/John R. — no written report.</p>
<p>Guidelines and Policies (GAP)/ Maryka O.— no written report.</p>
<p>Grapevine/ Debra L. — no written report.</p>
<p>GSR School English/Ryan H. — Date & Time: Jan 8, 2023 ASA. Place: Palm Springs, CA Number of Committee Members present: 5 (Todd, Temp Chair). Committee Highlights: We had a total of five in attendance Todd W. (Alt. DCMC 14) stood in for Ryan at the “in person” meeting. Had three GSRs in attendance. Went over what a GSR does, discussed a little in the conference and finally talked about PRAASA 2023. Thank you, Todd W. Upcoming/future Committee events: Next Area Service Committee Meeting in Hesperia.</p>
<p>GSR School Spanish/ Ruben H. —1).. Opening with the Serenity Prayer; 2). Presentation of GSRs. Alt. GSRs and guests; 3). Reading of previous minutes; 4). Concerns or questions regarding the GSR service or groups; 5). Study of the common agreement among those present; 6 Report (end of the session). Happy new year to all, 23 members attended including the chairperson. We reviewed concepts 11 and 12 for new GSRs. and read the importance and responsibilities with good participation of all attendees</p>

supported by the experience of some fellow members who have more time in the service. Thank you for letting me be of service. Ruben. We ended with the statement of responsibility at 11:10.

Hispanic Women’s Workshop Planning Meeting (2022) —7th Annual Hispanic Women's Workshop Report Chair, Tlalli H. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your liaison to the Hispanics Women’s Workshop. The event started on December 2, 2022 at a San Diego local group Point Loma 3045 Rosecrans St. Suite 309 San Diego CA 92110 where they hosted a meeting for the women attending the workshop, a count was taken of the attendees that night to averaging 75 women in attendance that night. The women were in good spirits and shared their stories of strength and hope to the alcoholic women present. On the following day December 3, 2022, I attended the 7th annual Hispanic Women’s Workshop. At the door there was a contributions basket and registration that was done at the door. The event started with a brief history of the previous workshops followed by the liaison’s experience with this year’s event. As this year’s area 09 liaison I was overwhelmed with emotion of gratitude unlike never to have experienced fellowship with other Hispanic women alcoholics that shred in my path to another year of recovery by the grace of my high power. The event had speakers from the different participating areas which were 05,06,07,08,09 and 93. According to the host area 08 each year the HWW continues to grow in attendance from Hispanic women around the U.S. and some from Mexico. The event was both in person and via Zoom where approximately close to 300 women attended the meeting and interpretation was provided in English. The workshop had an interactive discussion of several topics regarding the three legacies of AA. The 2023 host committee was present to inform the attendees of next year’s event being held in Los Angeles County. The 2024 host area was also selected by a draw of the hat and lucky area 06 will be hosting it in the San Francisco area. The area 09 Hispanic women present were very motivated to host the next workshop and a committee was formed that day but we were not selected. I was very nervous after I said yes to hosting this size of event but there was other alcoholic woman with experience with this type of event so I knew it would have been a great experience. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. I learned that I could experience love through unity with other alcoholic women. Thank you, Tlalli H.

La Viña/Erika R. — Committee Highlights: Good morning, my name is Érika and I am an alcoholic. I was present at the election of the emblem for the 27th anniversary of The Grapevine [La Viña] that was held in Oregon on December 10th where areas 06, 07, 08, 09, 42 and 58 attended, where 35 drawings were presented. I also attended the congress in Palms Springs on November 19, as well as the interdistrict meetings, where I handed out registrations and voluntary contributions. I will be visiting the Hispanic districts, on January 10th to the 22nd district and then the rest of the districts. Thank you for letting me be of service

Literature English/Francine W. – In Attendance: Rebecca E.; Lori L.; Heidi F.; Melody H.; Francine W., Chair; Kris C., Secretary. [See here for complete Literature report.](#) **Committee Highlights:** Francine reviewed the goal of this year’s committee which is to update the committee guidelines. Members are tasked with each annotating a copy of the document for discussion next month. The top priority is to clarify that where there is a chair for a committee in both English and Spanish, there will be a committee for each language; Spanish is not included with or subordinate to the English committee. New regular members: Rebecca E., graciousmonkey@icloud.com; Lori L., lalersch@gmail.com; Melody H. New literature item on the AA website: SB-20 Experience, Strength and Hope. Info at <https://www.aa.org/news-and-announcements>; The date for the reviewed guidelines to be completed and to go to vote is the September 10 Assembly. March 4 meeting date may be better to change to before PRAASA. This would make the March meeting Feb 28 or Mar 1. Kris: Tues/Wed after 3:30; Rebecca: Tues anytime late afternoon; Lori: anytime is ok; Mel: either date/time is good. **March meeting tentatively schedule for Feb 28 at 4pm via Zoom.** Submitted in loving service by Kris C. MSCA Area 09 Literature Committee Secretary

Literature Spanish/Benigno M. — no written report.

<p>Public Information English/Stacey A.— Date and Time: Sunday, January 8, 2023 Place: Area Assembly; Number of Committee Members in Attendance: 4 Committee Highlights: D20 + 28 PI chairs attended, along with Stacey, PL chain and Rolando, Spanish PI chain on Zoom. D8 is handling big books with stamps with information about Inland Empire central office. 20 libraries scheduled to deliver. D20 has a Facebook page running along with contact number info for OC central office. They visit new meetings in the district every Thursday and are planning a workshop in June with CPC to have city + police department as guests. Had info table at church in December. D20 is looking for ideas on how to get more literature for June workshop. Upcoming/Future Committee Events. PI committee meets 2nd Tuesday on Zoom at 6pm to 7pm</p>
<p>Public Information Spanish/Rolando T.— no written report.</p>
<p>Registration/Martin J. — no written report.</p>
<p>Remote Communities Committee/Ariel R.— no written report.</p>
<p>Treatment Facilities English/Brian – no written report.</p>
<p>Treatment Facilities Spanish/Mauricio T. – no written report.</p>
<p>Young People/ open— no written report.</p>

COMMITTEE COORDINATE REPORTS

(Submitted in Writing)

<p>AOCYPAA-- no report.</p>
<p>OCYPAA — no report.</p>
<p>HASBYPAA—no report.</p>
<p>DCYPAA — no report.</p>
<p>SOCALYPAA—no report.</p>
<p>INTERGROUPS—no report.</p>
<p>CENTRAL OFFICES—no report.</p>
<p>H&I COMMITTEES—no report.</p>

DISTRICT REPORTS

(Submitted in Writing)

<p>Districts 1 and 3 — no written report.</p>
<p>District 2— no written report.</p>
<p>District 4 – no written report.</p>
<p>District 5, Isaac M., DCMC — no written report.</p>
<p>District 6, Kevin R., DCMC. District 6 Committee Meeting is the 1st Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 pm. Place: 6652 Heil, Huntington Beach, CA. Number Present at District Meeting . District Highlights: Upcoming/future Committee events:</p>
<p>District 7— no written report.</p>
<p>Districts 8 and 11 — no written report.</p>
<p>District 9, Michael W.— Date and Time: Every 3rd Sunday 4 PM; Place: Zoom; District Highlights: District 9 is going to purchase (Intelligible) in those need. District 9 will be participating in PRAASA by (Intelligible), to be discussed further.</p>
<p>District 10 — no written report.</p>
<p>District 12— no written report.</p>
<p>District 14 — John Farocharson, DCMC— no written report.</p>
<p>District 15 — no written report.</p>
<p>District 17— Julie F., DCMC. Date & Time: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. Place: Spring community church, Temecula CA. Number Registered in District: 134 meetings. Number Present at District Meeting: 35. District Highlights: Revising our bylaws this year. Having a service event which</p>

<p>alt. delegate aux on the concepts on January 10, 2023, at our regular district meeting (Intelligible). Scheduling several new service events this year as well as a local bootcamp in preparation for (Intelligible) this year. We are also working on a plan to recruit may participation in district service locally. Upcoming/Future District Events: See above. We are excited for the upcoming year. Proposal bingo and recruitment event</p>
<p>District 18 — no written report.</p>
<p>District 19 — Lesilee A. Registered in District: 125; Present at District meeting: 8; Meets on Third Sunday at 3 pm: 15885 Main St. Suite 310; Hesperia, CA. We will not go Dark in 2023. During 2022 our district committee worked diligently to increase participation and encourage the election of GSRs for our registered meetings. There are 2 Umbrella groups that hold about 40% of all meetings in District 19. They choose to have one (1) GSR for all meetings. This has been an ongoing conversation with those umbrella groups to allow the groups under their umbrella to have their own GSRs. So far there is no change in this situation. In spite of this situation, we have seen an increase in GSRs attending the District 19 GSR committee.</p>
<p>District 20, Erika R. Alt. DCMC, Place: Church 12741 Main St, Garden Grove. Committee Highlights: This report is to inform you that district 20 continues to meet every Monday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. with the following district activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First Monday is for group reports to be presented by the groups and also for committee chairs and officers and in light. - The second Monday is a study of the concept of the month. - The third Monday is for reports in case any group did not give a report (Inteligible) or a committee chair. - The fourth Monday is for items or for a plenary motion. - On the fifth Monday of the month, if any, pending or general business items are discussed. - On the other hand, district 20 is already motivating the 2023 conference topics in the groups and encouraging the groups to send their general service representative and motivating the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) 2023 event. <p>Thank you for letting us be of service. Alex G. DCM y Érica DCM Alt</p>
<p>District 21— no written report.</p>
<p>District 22— Date and Time: Tuesday from 7 pm to 9 pm. Place: 3416. Date. Palm. Dr Suite 17. Number of Committee Members in Attendance: 10. Committee Highlights: The 22nd district committee continues to work with two visits per week and every Tuesday with one study meeting and one work meeting. The La Viña committee in the district is working with subscriptions and registrations to La Vina and the 27th anniversary. Thank you for letting us be of service.</p>
<p>District 23, Jose G. MCD— Date and Time: 4 Fridays of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at 10838 Hole Av. Riverside CA. 17 registered in the district and 20 people in attendance. District Highlights. The district continues to motivate groups on Mondays and Wednesdays. This month we visited the E. Riverside Hispanic Sobriety and Salvation group - The Hope of Living Again [La Esperanza de Vivir Nuevo], 24, New Consciousness [Nueva Conciencia], the experience nourishes my awakening. We also attended our interdistrict meeting on Sunday, December 18. We are encouraging alcoholics to attend the PRASSA event and continue to attend groups that invite us to their planned meetings. Thank you for letting us be of service. That is all for the moment. José G. DCM Alternate Luis J.</p>
<p>District 24, Teresa F., MCD—Meeting: 330 N. State College Blvd. Suite 206; Anaheim CA. 92806. Phone 714 956 7243. Committee Highlights: Fellow members first we want to wish you Happy New Year 2023! and let you know that we continue with the GSR meetings every Tuesday from 8:00 to 9:30 at the district office 330 N. State College Blvd. Anaheim, CA. 92806. We also continue to visit the groups, paying special attention to those who have their General Service representative in the District and to those who, due to their planned activities in the month of December, we only visited 4 groups, but we</p>

have started this new year with the right foot and we are visiting 2 groups per week. On Saturday, December 17 we attended the Heritage Day Celebration #34 at the Area 09 Archives location from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the 7111 Arlington Ave. Riverside, CA. 92503 address, it was awesome to hear fellow members with over 51 years of sobriety. On Sunday, December 18, our district #24 hosted the interdistrict meeting (Hispanic Districts). We are starting the registrations for Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) already waiting for the date of the event to arrive. Thanks to our secretary and all the servants in area 09.

District 25, Adrian G, MCD - Upcoming/future Committee events: Hoping that you are enjoying these 24 hours of sobriety, I gladly present the following report: we are in the middle of Panel 72, 49 Minutes held from January 3 to December 26, 2022. We started with 22 Groups, the board complete and 5 GSRs, during the past year 2 groups were born, on May 3: "Mi Nuevo Atardecer de Yucaipa" and on July 12 "Manos Unidas de Phelan", as of today District 25 presents 24 active and registered groups with 16 active and registered GSRs. During 2022, District 25 opened its doors every Monday based on our guidelines and we were present between 12 and 16 members + A Higher Power. We attended the 12 Area Meetings and the and the 12 InterDistrict Meetings, we visited all District groups from Jan 3 to December 30 every Wednesday and Friday, and we attended all the invitations of the groups. During 2022, the following events were successfully hosted: 2 Interdistrict Meetings on January and July, and the Area Meeting on October 9. We attended PRASSA, the FORUM and the Servathon. This past Saturday, December 10, 2022, our XV Anniversary was successfully completed. On Sunday, December 11, 2022, a motion was presented to Area 09: That Area Service Committee and Assembly meetings be conducted only as in-person events and to end online support. We continue to meet four Mondays a month from 7-9PM, the fifth Monday if there is one, no meeting. We continue to visit 2 groups per week Wednesday and Friday. Our elections will be on Monday, October 9, 2023; We will also be the hosts of the InterDistrict Meeting this Sunday January 29 and the FORO 2023 on July 9. Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving, God keep us United and in Action for many more 24 hours. Atte. MCD Adrian G. / Alt. Felipe O.

District 30 — no written report.

RECAP OF ACTIONS

ACTION: Motion that the Pre-Conference Workshop is on April 16, 2023; Rozanne seconded the motion.

- 1) Jay (DCMC of District 18 and host of this event) moved to amend the motion to have the Pre-Conference workshop on Saturday, April 15 2023. Debra Seconded the motion **as amended**.
 - a) Discussion ensued, Vote For: **41** Vote Against: **26**
 - b) Minority opinion discussed. Hearing minority opinion, one person online changed his/her mind. Does this person want to make a motion a reconsider?
 - i) Online member made a motion to reconsider the motion. Dario seconded.
 - c) Vote to reopen the discussion to change date of 2023 Pre-Conference Workshop to Saturday, April 15, 2023 (simple majority)
 - i) For: 21; opposed: 36
 - ii) Motion to reconsider fails
 - d) **Amended motion for Pre-Conference workshop to be changed to April 15 passes.**

ACTION: Motion to restructure the Communication Committee

- 1) Discussion ensued.
- 2) Motion from Jeryl to table the motion until a date in the future once we can determine its relevance at that time.

- a) Simple majority: 51; opposed: 12; no minority opinion.
- b) **Motion to restructure the Communication Committee tabled.**

ACTION: Motion to designate time (at the discretion of the chair not to exceed 30 minutes) at Area meetings to allow questions and concerns to be brought to the body for discussion with 1st and 2nd friendly amendments passes.

- 1) Discussion ensued.
- 2) For: 34 Against: 32. Motion passed.
 - a) Minority opinion discussed. Having heard minority opinion, three people want to change their vote.
 - b) Jay requested a motion to reconsider; seconded by an area member.
 - c) All in favor to reopen discussion;
 - i) For: 25; opposed: 36; Motion to reconsider fails

ACTION: 2023 MSCA09 Budget

- 1). John R. presented the updated budget (as of January 7, 2023).
- 2). Discussion ensued.
- 3). Motion from Don S. to table the motion to February ASC, so we can convert the ASC into an Assembly for discussion and vote; Rozanne seconded. Kevin R. clarified that this motion should be a postponement.
 - a). For: All (simple majority); Against: none.
 - b). **Motion to postpone the 2023 MSCA Area 09 Budget until February ASC, so we can convert the ASC into an Assembly for discussion and vote passes.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE

Ask it basket questions from January will be brought to February ASC

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Alissa, Alex, Cesar, Justin, Alex, and Debra

CLOSING

Motion to close by Kevin; seconded by all.
Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

UPCOMING AREA 09 EVENTS

Area Service Committee- Feb 12, 2023, Hosted by District 19 – Location: Hesperia Unified School District
[15576 Main St., Hesperia, CA 92345](#)

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